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Thoughts from the President

Ron Goldser '75

Our first year at **Webster Elementary** in Northeast Minneapolis was very rewarding. As a new school, with new staff, it took a while for the schedule to come into focus. Ultimately, we had Yale volunteers reading to kindergartners for an hour each morning, serving lunch in a family style setting, and participating in project hour on Wednesday afternoons. It was amazing to see the children develop over the year. I think of one little boy who barely knew the letters in his name when the year started, and now he is reading simple books. He also blossomed socially. This is not an isolated story. I also know, from my personal experience, that volunteers bonded well with the children. I, for one, will miss my little friends as they move on to first grade.

Next year, Webster will expand from two to three kindergartens, from one to two first grades, and will add pre-K and third grade. So the need for volunteers will grow significantly. I hope you can find a way to join this little community in Northeast Minneapolis. It is well worth your time and effort. Thanks to those who were there this year—I do hope you'll come back!

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Join the YAANW LinkedIn Group! 

Upcoming Events

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Every Thursday, May
through October:
FARMING!!!

June 7: **French table**

June 20: **YANA (come
meet the summer
Bulldogs Interns)**

June 25: **People Serving
People**

June 26: **New Voyages
(YDS)**

June 29: **The Arts in the
Twin Cities with
Rohan Preston**

July 25: **St. Paul Saints
game**

Aug 14: **Richard Carter
(YDS)**

Aug 30: **Summer outing**

Oct 2: **Jim Hackney (YDS)**

Oct. 22: **Habitat for
Humanity**

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Secretary: Rudy Hokanson, '74 M.Div., '81 MBA

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Rohan Preston, "The Arts in the Twin Cities"

June 29

noon

Minneapolis Club

Our own Ro Preston ('89), theatre critic for the Star Tribune, will give you a verbal tour of the arts in our fair cities. Join us at the Minneapolis Club for lunch. Tickets are \$40. Questions or reservations to Larry Schuster, at SchusterClinic@aol.com or 952.920.8386.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

ST PAUL SAINTS

July 25

7:00 pm

CHS Field St. Paul

TCAN is having a group outing to the Saints game against the Sioux City Explorers. The date is Monday, July 25 at 7:00 pm, at CHS Field in St. Paul. We have a block of 25 tickets, at \$20 each. First come, first served. RSVP at <http://alumninet.yale.edu/clubs/mn01/saints2016.html>. Questions to Ron Goldser, yaanw@yaanw.org

Summer Outing

Aug 30

Woodhill Country Club

Save the date for our annual summer outing at Woodhill. Opportunity to play golf or tennis. Questions to Larry Schuster at SchusterClinic@aol.com or 952.920.8386.

Habitat for Humanity

Oct 22

8:30-4:30

North Minneapolis

Come build houses! We are looking for 10-13 volunteers on Saturday, October 22 from 8:30 to 4:30. We will be doing new home construction. North Minneapolis homes are towards the middle of the builds, so the work will be very exciting—we can really watch progress being made. Check out all the work Habitat is doing in the Jordan Neighborhood of North Minneapolis [here!](#)

Questions to Vicky Stoneman, Vicky.Stoneman@s-sm.org or Mark Capaldini, mark.capaldini@gmail.com

REGULAR EVENTS

French Table

June 7

6:00 pm

Meritage, St. Paul

When: June 7 at 6:00 pm (Meritage, 410 St. Peter St., St. Paul)

NOTE THE LOCATION AND TIME!! The tentative plan for the rest of the year is to alternate between Cave Vin (odd months) and Meritage (even months). Your feedback on this plan is invited. All levels of French are encouraged and welcome. RSVP to Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com.

Young Alumni

Watch for the next event coming soon!

YAANW has a special focus on the needs and interests of young alumni in our territory. Whether this is simply social, networking, or about meeting other Yalies when you are new in town, we hope to reach out and connect with younger Yale grads (college or any professional school) and them with each other. Join the Twin Cities Alumni Network Young Alumni Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TCANYA>

If you are interested in participating in another gathering or event, or have any questions or suggestions, please contact Max Musicant, max.musicant@gmail.com or Denise Levitan, denise.levitan@gmail.com

Yale Alumni NonProfit Alliance (YANA)

June 20

6:00 PM

The Knoll in Dinkytown

YANA has decided to meet regularly with this format: a) an informal “social hour” for purposes of individual or small group conversation and networking; b) a presentation by a group member on his or her non-profit, describing strengths and struggles of his/her program, and c) an opportunity for announcements or special interests raised by others

For the June 20 meeting, our special guests will be the summer Bulldogs interns. They will be discussing their experiences to date working for various non-profit groups in the Twin Cities. We will meet in common room at The Knoll, 1101 University Ave SE, Minneapolis.

<https://theknolldinkytown.com/> Food will be provided; cost is \$20. Please RSVP to Ron Goldser at yaanw@yaanw.org

YANA is a SIG (Special Interest Group) of the AYA focused on bringing alumni together who volunteer or work in the non-profit and public sector. The YANA website is <http://yalenonprofitalliance.org/> and their newsletter can be found at: <http://yalenonprofitalliance.org/media-events/newsletter/>

People Serving People

June 25

11:30 am

The next day of service at People Serving People (PSP) is **June 25 at 11:30 am**. YAANW has a small group volunteering to serve meals at PSP (11:30 to 1:00). If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com.

PSP is a homeless shelter in downtown Minneapolis, serving children and their families.

Yale Divinity School (YDS) Alums

June 26, August 14 and October 2

The YDS Alumni Group will be meeting **Sunday June 26th** at Lund's from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., West Lake Street (612-825-2440), Community Room.

RSVP to rhokanson@gmail.com

The topic of discussion will include a review of the Fall 2015 edition of Reflections "New Voyages: Church Today and Tomorrow" A few key passages from Yale Divinity School's Dean Gregory Sterling from his preface to the Reflections articles will set the tone: "Christianity is fundamentally not an institution but a relationship," "People have not lost their need or appetite for spirituality, they have lost their confidence in institutions," and Christians "are called to serve people." The question of what the Church is Today and Tomorrow is always a good discussion. Watch for more details.

The YDS Alumni Group will tentatively be meeting **Sunday August 14th** at Lund's ("tentative" until we secure the space) from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., West Lake Street (612-825-2440), Community Room. RSVP to rhokanson@gmail.com

Richard Carter ('81 STM) Professor/Teacher/Lecturer who is currently stationed in Hong Kong will add a global perspective from his experiences. "Hong Kong is a Graduate Course in New Testament Exegesis." He wrote me, "The more we learn of Christians here and their context, the more I am driven to study and to understand Acts and the Epistles." This should be a fascinating topic.

On **Sunday October 2**, we will be meeting with a special guest, Jim Hackney '79 MAR, Senior Director of Development for YDS. Jim is traveling here from New Haven to be with us and will discuss the details of the YDS Strategic Plan. He will tell us about the many exciting programs, faculty, merger with Andover Newton Seminary and resources of Yale Divinity School we can take advantage of and that today's students are benefiting from. There is much that is happening. While all of our meetings are meant to be rich in value, this is a special opportunity for those of us in YAANW to learn more about today's YDS.

The focus of the group is networking and sharing. The group is open to spouses and friends and other Yale alums that have interest in YDS and the subjects we focus on. Any questions can be directed to [Rudy Hokanson](mailto:rhokanson@gmail.com).

Yale Alumni Knitting Group

Next date: TBD

Northfield Yarn

When: Next date TBD

Where: Northfield Yarn, 314 Division St., Northfield, MN 55057

Preferred but Optional RSVP to: Cynthia Gilbertson at cfgilbertson@mac.com or 507.645.4327

The group meets at the creative fiber-crafts store of Yale alumna Cynthia Gilbertson, called Northfield Yarn, in Northfield, MN. Join other alumni and friends, experienced or otherwise, who share an interest in fiber-crafts. Interested persons are welcome at any time.

Wanna work on a farm this summer?

The Hmong American Farmers Association, run by Pakou Hang (Yale, '99) was formed in the fall of 2011, on the premise that family farming could be a way of the future for Hmong immigrant farmers, as well as a way of the past. Conceived of and governed by Hmong farmers themselves, HAFA is dedicated to advancing the prosperity of Hmong farmers through cooperative endeavors, capacity building and advocacy.

They have decided to create ongoing Thursday volunteer opportunities available at the farm. Folks can sign up for a slot on Thursdays 9-12 and 1-3, May-October. There will be various types of work like landscaping, gardening in our demonstration high tunnels, maintaining the compost or picking rocks to improve the soil. If anyone has special skills like carpentry they have some special projects available.

An online registration form is being created. In the meantime, to volunteer, contact Winnie Zwick at winnie@hmongfarmers.com

Alumni Schools Committee

Thanks to all the volunteers who interviewed hundreds of applications to Yale for the class of 2020. We have 17 students who have accepted offers of admission to Yale for that class. The competition for admission was, as always, very great. But this year, the competition to have students choose to matriculate to Yale after being admitted was even stiffer. Next year, not only will our interviewers need to sell the qualifications of the applicants to the admissions committee, but we will also have to sell the benefits of Yale to the students! This is a great opportunity for outstate, North and South Dakota and Wisconsin alumni to serve the Yale community!! Questions to Malcolm McDonald (St. Paul) malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net, Tony Leung (Mpls.) TNLeung@mnd.uscourts.gov, or Jon Tilburt (Rochester) Tilburt.Jon@mayo.edu

Yale Book Award

Each year, we ask high schools throughout our territory to nominate an outstanding rising senior for the Yale Book Award. The criteria allow high school teachers and counselors to identify the student whose academic prowess, community involvement, school service and personality single out those students for recognition. This year, we gave awards to 76 high schools, with a number of volunteers attending the individual ceremonies to present the award in person. As always, we can use additional volunteers to present these awards. This is a good opportunity for out state alumni to be of service to Yale and YAANW. Questions, Ron Goldser, yaanw@yaanw.org

Below is a picture of Cleo Rank, the award winner from South High School. According to the school, Cleo "has an extremely high GPA, and is functionally bilingual English/Spanish, not only from "school learning," but also from her immersion in community service at the CLUES center on East Lake Street."



Twin Cities Alumni Network (TCAN)

Join alumni from other local alumni clubs at various events hosted by their clubs. (Amherst, Brown, Chicago, Columbia, Cornell, Duke, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Michigan, MIT, Northwestern, NYU, Penn, Princeton, Smith, Stanford, Virginia, Wharton, Williams, Yale, Interclub and IvyLife.) Check the TCAN website for upcoming events.

<http://www.twincitiesalumninetwork.org/>