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Thoughts from the President

The best thing every organization can do is to grow and evolve its leadership. Such change brings new energy, ideas and direction to the organization.

We currently have a great Board of Directors for YAANW: Kenneth Freed '83, '87 MM (Vice President and incoming President), Denise Levitan '06 (Vice President), Rudy Hokanson '74 MDiv, '81 MBA (Secretary), Nick Johnson '74 (Treasurer), Rick Luis '67, Malcolm McDonald '58, Rohan Preston '89, Larry Schuster '68, Vicky Stoneman '88 SOM, Bob Weisenfeld '71 and Dorothy Whelan '81. Each director brings particular expertise to YAANW, and is therefore in charge of various parts of our events and programs. This division of labor generates some really wonderful opportunities for alumni of all kinds—undergraduate and graduate, young and less young, people with varying interests and ethnicity.

But we are ALWAYS looking for new Board members.

We meet monthly (third Wednesday of every month) and access to meetings by telephone is possible. There is no financial obligation by being on the Board: we are a volunteer donation organization, and every alum participates financially to whatever degree he or she wants. And, I have found, being on the Board gives people an opportunity to exercise a particular passion that needs a forum for expression.

Alternatively, if you have a particular project or passion and are looking for a way to connect with our Yale community, let us know. We are happy to

expand our reach to interesting and valuable experiences.

Our books and records are open for inspection, so if you would like to see what we discuss at our meetings, please let me know. We would love to have you join!

Ron Goldser '75



Commencement 2017 (Yale / Michael Marstrand)

News and Announcements

New Features!

We'll be including [photos of recent events](#) in the newsletter. This month, we're featuring the [Day of Service](#), which was May 13. If you have any photos of YAANW or Yale events (anyone headed to a reunion this year?) to share, please send them to social@yaanw.org.

If you know of local events involving Yale alumni, students, or faculty, please feel free to [send us information](#) for inclusion in the newsletter or on social media (like our [Facebook events page](#) or [Twitter](#)). You can also share Yale-related news and events in our [Facebook group](#).

Yale Book Award

This year, YAANW gave 75 [book awards](#) to juniors from 70 high schools in Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Thanks to our donors and volunteer presenters: Ron Goldser, Tom Heiman, Lori Johnson, Janelle Jones, Jan Kleinman, Derek Larson, Denise Levitan, Rick Luis, Malcolm McDonald, Tim Nelson, Diane Pike, Rill Reuter (right, with Winona HS book award recipient), Aida Schaefer, Michael Sher, Marta Snow, and Sarah Taylor.

Want to sponsor a book award for a rising senior at your favorite high school? Send \$50 to our treasurer Nick Johnson (1818 Kenwood Parkway, Mpls 55405 or [online](#)) and the name of the high school to Denise Levitan denise.levitan@aya.yale.edu.



Bulldogs on the Lakes

Many of you are aware of our summer internship program, [Bulldogs on the Lakes \(BOTL\)](#). We host approximately 15-17 students each summer, providing them world class internship experiences, and housing them together for an enjoyable bonding experience. Occasionally, we will feature some of their comments from the program. Most students come from outside Minnesota, and all are paired with alums as mentors. BOTL is one of the best Bulldogs internship program in the country! [We would love to have more mentors for the summer of 2017!](#) Kudos to Bill Messinger '67, Bob Sidenberg '69, and Malcolm McDonald '58 for all they do to make this program possible.

Recent Events

2017 Day of Service





Upcoming Events

Click on an event to learn more!

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Special Events

Children's Theatre: A Year With Frog and Toad

Jun 4
2:00

[A Year With Frog and Toad](#) tickets are SOLD OUT!

Questions about tickets you purchased?
Contact vstoneman@s-sm.org.

Control of Water Pollution in Minnesota: Most of What We "Know" is Wrong

An Environmental
Sustainability Series
Event with Paula
Maccabee

Jun 7
6 pm
Pool & Yacht Club,
Lilydale

Do you believe that overbearing state agencies are killing jobs with regulation, particularly in northern Minnesota's Iron Range? Or do you see Minnesota's regulatory agencies as heroic protectors of the public interest in clean water? Either way, you would be wrong. Using in-depth experience as WaterLegacy's Counsel and Advocacy Director, Paula Maccabee will explain how the federal Clean Water Act was envisioned and how it works in practice. Finally, she will propose a role that science, judicial review and new alliances can play in holding regulators accountable to protect clean water.

Paula Maccabee is a graduate of Amherst College (1977) and Yale University Law School (1981) with 36 years of experience in public interest law. Paula has served on the St. Paul City Council and as a Special Assistant Attorney General. In her private practice, she has represented non-profit organizations, local governments, businesses and diverse citizens' groups seeking environmental protection.

Paula was named as one of Minnesota Lawyer's 2010 "Attorneys of the Year" for her public interest work and received the 2015 Harvey G. Rogers Environmental Health Leadership Award from the Minnesota Public Health Association for her lifetime of work to protect environmental health.

For the past eight years, Paula has served as Counsel and Advocacy Director for WaterLegacy, a much-awarded Minnesota environmental non-profit. Some of her recent publications include [Pipelines, Power Lines & Organic Farms](#), [Mercury, Mining and the Clean Water Act](#), and [Tribal Authority to Protect Water Resources and Reserved Rights under Clean Water Act Section 401](#).

Where: [Pool & Yacht Club, Lilydale](#).

Cost: \$40, with cash bar and dinner; reduced cost of \$20 for classes of 2007 to 2017. Please [RSVP](#) by June 1. For more information, contact Bob Weisenfeld at bweisenfeld@gmail.com

Minnesota Orchestra Sommerfest

8 pm
Aug 5

Salome by Richard Strauss

This is the annual Minnesota Orchestra opera presentation. It is also the final celebratory performance as Sommerfest Artistic Director by Andrew Litton. Tickets are \$32.50. [More details](#), or questions to Ken Freed: kenfreed007@gmail.com.

Summer Outing

Aug 22

No details yet - but mark your calendar for our annual summer outing and dinner!

Habitat for Humanity

Nov 4 (Tentative)

We had such a fun time last October and again in February, that we are planning a third Habitat for Humanity build event for the coming fall. We are aiming tentatively for the first Saturday in November but have not secured a date as Habitat does not have its fall schedule set yet. Just wanted to get your minds percolating on this fun and rewarding opportunity and will provide details as we get them. You will be helping those in need of permanent housing while having a good time (and maybe even developing some building skills) in the process. Hope to see you there!



YAANW volunteering with Habitat for Humanity in February 2017

French Table

Jun 6
6 pm
Cave Vin

Once a month, fellow Francophiles meet for a fun evening of talk. All levels of French are encouraged and welcome. RSVP to Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com. We will be meeting at our regular spot, **Cave Vin**, 5555 Xerxes Ave. S., Minneapolis.

People Serving People

Jun 24
11:30 am
PSP

People Serving People (PSP) is a homeless shelter in downtown Minneapolis, serving children and their families. YAANW has a small group volunteering to serve meals at PSP. We volunteer on the fourth Saturday of every month from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com.

FOODIES!!!

July 9
Obento-Ya

Where: **Obento-Ya**

RSVP: Paula Bentabol: bentabol@gmail.com

The Yale Foodies group meets periodically to explore the Twin Cities' wide variety of interesting restaurants featuring food from around the world. We focus on restaurants at which people will pay no more than \$20-\$30 per person--and sometimes less!--and rotate around different parts of the Twin Cities.

Yale Alumni Knitting Group

Jun 11
2-4 pm
Northfield Yarn

Come join us for great knitting and fun conversation. Bring your current project(s) or start a new one. Get advice, opinions or ask questions. Total beginners through advanced are welcome. Come whenever it works for you or attend on a regular basis!

Contact: Cynthia Gilbertson at cfgilbertson@mac.com or 507-645-4327

The group typically 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.

Yale Alumni in the

Free Fourth of July concert with Fireworks and the Mankato

**Hmong American
Farmers
Association
Volunteer Days**

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 Mee Thor at mee@hmongfarmers.com.

Programs from Yale and AYA**AYA Alumni Survey**

The [Association of Yale Alumni](#) is conducting an [all-alumni survey](#). You should have received an email with a survey link in late May.

Twin Cities Alumni Network (TCAN)

Join alumni from other local alumni clubs at various events hosted by their clubs. Check the TCAN website for upcoming events: <http://www.twincitiesalumninetwork.org>

Join the TCAN LinkedIn group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4075580>

Like the TCAN Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TwinCitiesAlumniNetwork>

Join the Young Alumni Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TCANYA>

**The Power of
Introverts**

Sponsored by: Penn Club

Cost: \$15, includes dinner and presentation.

RSVP: Lauren Tsai, lauren_tsai@alumni.brown.edu

Jun 6
5 pm
Cambria Gallery
625 2nd Avenue South,
Suite 101, Minneapolis

After you RSVP to Lauren, please:

(1) Submit \$15 via Paypal to dan_rutman@alumni.upenn.edu or (2) Send check payable to Dan Rutman with "Alumni Event" written in memo to Dan Rutman, Penn Club MN, 6728 Rosemary Lane, Edina MN 55439

Details: Lynette Crane, Certified Life Coach and nationally-acclaimed speaker, addresses the challenge introverts face in gaining visibility, respect for their ideas, and leadership roles in an extrovert culture. She will discuss how she partners with smart organizations to unlock the revenue-boosting potential of these "quietly brilliant" subject matter experts while helping introverts thrive in our extrovert world – without becoming extroverts.

5:00 - 6:30 Dinner/Socializing

6:30 Lynette's Presentation

**Georgetown Prof.
Patterson on
Slavery's Legacies:
Race and Racism in
Contemporary
Culture and Politics**

Sponsored by: Georgetown Club

Cost: Hosted by Greene Espel

RSVP: johnpaulpestano@gmail.com

Details: Dr. Patterson is an Associate Professor of English and African American Studies, and Director of the African American Studies Program at Georgetown University. His talk will be based on research and writing from his co-edited volume, *The Psychic Hold of Slavery: Legacies in American Expressive Culture*, and his first book, *Exodus Politics: Civil Rights and Leadership in African American Literature and Culture*.

Jun 8
5:30-7:30 pm
Greene Espel
222 S 9th St, 22nd Floor
Suite #2200, Minneapolis

Tour de TCAN

Annual TCAN bike ride and social event. More details to come!

Jul 19
6 pm

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