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THE PRESIDENT IS COMING!!! THE TIME TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION IS NOW!!!

Yale President Peter Salovey is coming to visit our club on **April 28, 2015**. We will greet him at the IDS Center, Minneapolis. The event starts at 5:00 pm. A world renowned quartet of local Yale musicians will entertain. Tickets are \$25.

Be an angel! (\$500) or a sponsor! (\$250) This is an opportunity to support the activities

of your club. Register and donate online (click here: ) or send checks to YAANW c/o Nick Johnson, 1818 Kenwood Parkway, Minneapolis 55405.

Thoughts from the President

We have a very diverse group of alumni in our Association. Connecting our alumni with each other is one of the most important functions of YAANW. To that end, we are trying to use all forms of communication, particularly electronic and social media. We have a Facebook page, where we advertise all our events. Indeed, I have heard from some members that they get so much email, they ONLY look at our Facebook page for club information. I have heard from some members that we should have a Jobs Board. To that end, we have created a LinkedIn Group. We can communicate on Twitter with the hashtag #YAANW. We are working on a SmartPhone app. We hope occasionally to

record our programs so outstate alumni can watch on YouTube. Of course, email remains a primary communications tool. And, occasionally, we even use snail mail—although that is comparatively cumbersome and expensive.

One of our goals is to provide opportunities for alumni to talk with each other, about whatever personal, professional or social interests they have. Current electronic tools can facilitate this. But there is little better than meeting in person. We are trying to vary and diversify the locations of our events—some downtown Minneapolis or St. Paul, but also some in the suburbs, and also some in outstate communities. And we are trying to gather groups of alumni based on their education and interests.

So—if you want to connect with other Yale alums (undergraduate or graduate), it is increasingly possible to do so. Post on Facebook, LinkedIn or Twitter. Create a special interest group.

We have much to share with each other. LLAP.

Ron Goldser, '75
President, YAANW

Upcoming Special Programs

Thursday, March 19, 7:30 pm Yale Divinity Professor coming to St. John's University in Collegeville!!

Harry Attridge, PhD, Sterling Professor of Divinity, Yale Divinity School
Speaking at St. John's University, 2850 Abbey Plaza, Collegeville, MN 56321

"Reading Scripture in the Wake of Vatican II"

RSVP requested.

(320) 363-2622

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www.collegevilleMN.com

Environmental sustainability series

March 25, 6:00 pm, Pool and Yacht Club, Lilydale: Come hear Denise Levitan, '06 BS Yale (Geology and Geophysics), '14 PhD Va. Tech. (Geosciences), discussing "The Intersection of Geology, Water Chemistry and the Environment."

Cost is \$35. Checks can be mailed to Bob Weisenfeld, 217 W College Ave, St Peter, MN 56082, payable to YAANW, or register online: . Questions to Bob Weisenfeld. bweisenfeld@gmail.com

June 16 (joint with Brown): Krista Tippett!!! (Brown and Yale Divinity School). Mark your calendars. If you have an interest (no commitment), please write Ron Goldser, rgoldser@gmail.com, so we can plan for appropriate attendance

September 16 (joint with Stanford and Dartmouth): Lt. Gov. Tina Smith!!!!

Yale Day of Service

Coming, to a location near you, is the annual Yale Day of Service!

The Yale Day of Service will take place **May 9th**, and we hope you can participate whether or not you have been involved in the past. Bring yourself, family and/or friends and join Yale Alumni around the world in providing service to others in our local communities. Projects involve a commitment of 2-3 hours, and there will be a potluck lunch following at the home of one of the YAANW board members for all to join in who can. We have five volunteer sites in the larger Twin City metro area. More info on the sites to come.

Outstater!!! If you would be interested in setting up a site outside the metro area, please contact Vicky Stoneman 507.339.2897 or vstoneman@s-sm.org

Yale Alumni Knitting Group

When: **March date and time 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.

Yale Divinity School (YDS) Alums

When: **March 22, 2015, Sunday 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

Where: Lunds, West Lake Street (612-825-2440), Community Room

RSVP to rhokanson@gmail.com

Discussion: **The Future of Theological Education; leader will be Chris Thomforde.**

May 31 2:00-5:00 pm Anita Bradshaw leads on Common Good, Hopkins Center for the Arts, 1111 Mainstreet, Hopkins, MN

Summer outing at St. John's TBA

The focus of the group is networking and sharing. The group is open to spouses and friends who have interest in YDS.

Young Alumni Happy Hour

April 16, 5:30-7:00, at the Muddy Pig, Selby and Dale, St. Paul

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.

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

Yale Alumni Book Club

What: *A Very Long Engagement*, by Sebastien Japrisot

When: **Sunday, March 15 25, 2015, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Where: TBD

For information, contact Jan Kleinman, jan_kleinman@hotmail.com

People Serving People

The next day of service at People Serving People (PSP) is **March 28 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.

In addition, PSP offers tutoring opportunities with children. We have not yet started this aspect of our developing relationship with PSP, but would like to. Let us know if you are interested (contact Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com).

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

French Table

When: April 7 at 5:30

Where: Vincent, a Restaurant, 11th and Nicollet, Minneapolis 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.

Calling All Lawyers

April 8, breakfast meeting, time and place TBD

The group meets quarterly, at varying times and locations, so stay tuned. Several members will share thoughts and stories, of five to ten minute duration, to spark conversation.

For more information, contact Dorothy Whelan at whelan@fr.com

Yale Alums in the Arts

April 10, 6:00 pm American Craft Council show. A member of that board is Jim Hackney, a YDS graduate and who is YDS Senior Director of Development. Jim has offered to give a background tour of show. It is held at the St. Paul River Centre. There will be a better overview of it closer to the date. Click [here](#) for more information.

Two tickets available per Yale alumnus/na at no charge. Other tickets will be available for the public that night for only \$5 per person so feel free to bring others that would be great. There will be food and drink available to purchase. To make a reservation, contact Rudy Hokanson at rhokanson@gmail.com.

Have an art/music/theatre event you wish to promote? Let us know!!

YAANW Book Award

Each spring, YAANW awards a deserving high school junior the Yale Book Award, in recognition of superior academic achievement and promise. Last year, we gave awards to over 70 high schools, and hope to reach out to more schools this year. Schools often like to have an alumnus/a present the award at their spring ceremony. Do you have a high school that you would like to support and promote for the Book Award? Contact Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com with your ideas.

Mentoring Undergraduate Yale Students

There are several opportunities for Yale alums to mentor current Yale students. First, YAANW is working with the Yale Entrepreneurial Institute to connect with students at YEI to assist in start up business opportunities. Second, Yale is starting its own undergraduate mentoring program, which you can access via https://yalesurvey.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_07cIRcNAnqvAJcp

For more information, contact Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com

YAANW LinkedIn Group

YAANW now has a LinkedIn Group! Join the group! Have a job you are trying to fill? Looking for a job? Communicate with fellow alums and use LinkedIn for all it is worth.

Yale for Life

The Yale Alumni Association in New Haven offers the opportunity to return to student life in Connecticut for a week. In 2015, they will be offering two programs: The Renaissance (May 31-June 6); Revisiting 1914-1945 (June 14-June 21). For more information, see <http://aya.yale.edu/content/yale-life>

Courses & Lectures Direct from the Yale Campus

Did you know that you can access a plethora of outstanding lectures and symposia by Yale faculty? Just visit [Yale's YouTube](#) channel and you will see a listing of offerings. While most are from the archives, occasionally there are live productions from the campus in New Haven. Subscribe to stay informed!

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, such as the one noted below:

<http://www.twincitiesalumninetwork.org/groups.php?m=3&y=2014>

Event: HBS CEO Series presents Kathryn Correia, CEO and Cathy Barr, SVP of HealthEast Care System

Date: **Wednesday, March 18, 2015**

Time: 5:30-7:30 PM

Location: St. Joseph's Hospital 3M AB Conference, 45 West 10th, St. Paul

Sponsored by: Harvard Club of MN

Cost: \$25

RSVP: www.harvardmn.org

Contact us: admin@harvardmn.org

Details:

The HBS Chapter of the Harvard Club of Minnesota is delighted to present Kathryn Correia, President and CEO of HealthEast Care System and Cathy Barr SVP, Community Services and President Bethesda Hospital as speakers of the 2015 CEO Series. Correia and Barr will discuss the three Cs of success in today's ever-evolving healthcare environment: courage, creativity and openness to change.