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## **Thoughts from the President**

In fielding the many emails expressing interest in the upcoming presentation of Dr. Fred Volkmar on June 4 (see below for details), I was taken by the range and quality of the topics and speakers this year. Though one can expect much of the Yale community, the diversity of presentations was singular and one that I hope we continue to provide.

As many of you know, topics ranged from drones and the evolving law of war, to the impact of public policy on the development and support of biofuels, to the challenges and opportunities presented by the changing demographic of Minneapolis schools, to the upcoming presentation on autism.

I thank many of you who have made these and other YAANW events possible, either through your generous support and/or attendance. I also welcome your suggestions for future speakers and topics ([bweisenfeld@gmail.com](mailto:bweisenfeld@gmail.com)).

Bob Weisenfeld, '71  
President, YAANW

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **Yale Professor Fred Volkmar, speaking on current issues on Autism**

**Tues, June 4, 5:30 PM**, Minneapolis Club.

Fred R. Volkmar, M.D. is the Irving B. Harris Professor of Child Psychiatry, Pediatrics, and Psychology and Director of the Yale University Child Study Center, Yale University School of Medicine. Dr. Volkmar was the primary author of the American Psychiatric Association's DSM-IV autism and pervasive developmental disorders section. He is the author of several hundred scientific papers and chapters as well as a number of books,

including A Practical Guide to Autism (Wiley Press), Asperger's Syndrome (Guilford Press), Health Care for Children on the Autism Spectrum (Woodbine Publishing), and the Handbook of Autism (Wiley Publishing). Cost is \$35, with a reduced cost of \$10 for classes of 2002 to 2012 (Parking at Mpls. Club included). **This is a popular event. Reserve your spot now!** bweisenfeld@gmail.com

### **Yale Day of Service**

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Yale Day of Service on Saturday, May 11, 2013.**

Haven't signed up yet? There's still time.

Just click on this link and choose your site to register with.

<http://www.yaledayofservice.org/2013sitesAKMO/MN>

Then come join everyone at the potluck following the service.

We look forward to seeing you and appreciate your participating in giving back.

### **Yale Alumni Knitting Group**

When: **Sunday May 12, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

**Sunday, June 2, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

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

Preferred but Optional RSVP to: Cynthia Gilbertson at [cfgilbertson@mac.com](mailto: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 Alumni Book Club**

Book: The Meadow by James Galvin

When: **Sunday, May 19, 6:30 p.m.**

Where: to be announced

Phone: 952.807.8715 e-mail: [jan.kleinman@gmail.com](mailto:jan.kleinman@gmail.com).

### **People Serving People**

The next day of service at People Serving People (PSP) is **May 25 at 11:30 am.**

YAANW has a small group volunteering to serve meals at PSP --

<http://www.peopleservingpeople.org/> -- once a month, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at lunchtime (11:30 to 1:00). If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ron Goldser at [rgoldser@hotmail.com](mailto:rgoldser@hotmail.com).

### **French Table**

When: **June 4, 5:30 p.m. NOTE: THIS CONFLICTS WITH THE VOLKMAR EVENT ABOVE AND MAY BE MOVED TO JUNE 5**

Vincent, a restaurant, 1100 Nicollet Ave., 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@hotmail.com](mailto:rgoldser@hotmail.com).

### **YAANW's Environmental Sustainability Program**

The Environmental Sustainability Series will continue in late spring with a three-part series on "Energy, Politics and the Common Good." More information will follow in upcoming e-newsletters.

### **Interested in interviewing applicants to Yale College?**

Each year over 400 high school seniors from our state, western Wisconsin and the Dakotas apply. We need interviewers! We need you!! We will work with you on how to interview and what the admissions office is looking for in extremely outstanding applicants. Please email us with your curiosity, interest, and desire to interview.

Tony Leung has responsibility for Minneapolis and the west metro area. Randy Edson for southern Minnesota, especially Rochester. Malcolm McDonald works Saint Paul, the east metro area, outstate Minnesota, western Wisconsin and along the Dakotas.

Please email Malcolm at [malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net](mailto:malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net), Tony at [TNLeung@mnd.uscourts.gov](mailto:TNLeung@mnd.uscourts.gov). or Randy at [edson.randall@mayo.edu](mailto:edson.randall@mayo.edu).

### **Yale Book Award**

Each spring, YAANW offers an award to outstanding high school juniors for their achievement and academic prowess. This year we are presenting awards to approximately SIXTY outstanding high school students in the greater metropolitan area and outstate. If you wish to sponsor a high school or present the award next year, please contact Ron Goldser at [rgoldser@hotmail.com](mailto:rgoldser@hotmail.com). To ensure its continued success, we encourage you to support this special program. If you have not already made a contribution, please do!

### **Technology**

YAANW needs a video camera and a projector for use at events and other functions. We hope to broadcast meetings and programs via online software at some time in the near future. Do you have a camera or projector that you can contribute? Let us know. [rgoldser@hotmail.com](mailto:rgoldser@hotmail.com)

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### **Twin Cities Alumni Network (TCAN)**

<http://www.twincitiesalumninetwork.org/index.php?m=3&y=2013>

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.)

### **Penn Educational Breakfast Event: "Broader Possibilities for Your Work, Life and Legacy" on Thursday, May 23, 7:30 AM, Byerly's Ridgedale, Minnetonka**

The guest speaker will be Executive Career Transition Consultant George Dow, who will present Broader Possibilities For Your Work, Life and Legacy.

## **Recent events**

As you may have heard, the men's hockey team won the NCAA men's hockey tournament, for the first time ever. There were multiple gatherings of the following in the Twin Cities for the semi-finals and finals. Great fun was had by all, especially since we won!