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Yale Day of Service

7th Annual Yale Day of Service on Saturday, May 9, 2015.

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.



Register for any of the six sites at this link:

They are:

- Eagan: Feed My Starving Children (9-11am)
- Minneapolis: Cedar Lake Park Association (9am-noon)
- Minneapolis: People Serving People Homeless Shelter (10am-12pm)
- Minneapolis: Open Arms (9-11am)
- St. Anthony: Wingspan residential homes (9am-noon)
- St. Paul: Open Arms Urban Farms (9 to noon)

Questions contact Vicky Stoneman 507.339.2897 or vstoneman@s-sm.org

Thoughts from the President

First, thanks to all who attended and supported the visit of Yale President Peter Salovey. Judging from the feedback I received, attendees had a very enjoyable time and were impressed with President Salovey's charm, grasp of the issues, and candor about the difficulties faced not only by Yale, but by many higher education institutions. We will have some pictures up on www.yaanw.org.

It was, and is, clear that Yale participates in so many lives, in so many ways, in so many places around the world. As alumni, we have been given a great gift to be associated with the Yale community. We have an obligation—"for God, for country and for Yale"—to give back.

The Yale Day of Service is one such way. In May, 2014, Day of Service happened on the same day in 20 countries, 42 US states, at 251 service sites, with over 4,000 participants. In Minnesota, we served six sites (we have 2.4% of the world!!), with 68 total volunteers. We have established on-going relationships with many of the sites we serve (we work in the cafeteria at People Serving People once every month).

But we can do more. If you participated last year—do it again! If you have not yet participated, I challenge and invite you to join us this year. The sense of service is powerful. And the camaraderie with fellow alums is wonderful. Register by clicking the link above.

See you on May 9!!

Ron Goldser, '75
President, YAANW

New Board Member!!

Welcome our new Board member: Denise Levitan, '06 BS Yale (Geology and Geophysics), '14 PhD Va. Tech. (Geosciences). Denise works for Barr Engineering. She has already made her presence felt in our community by presenting at the Environmental Sustainability program this past March. She will be joining Max Musicant in running the YAANW Young Alumni group.

If you have an interest in serving our Yale community in a leadership role, contact Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com

Upcoming Special Programs

June 17 (joint with Brown): Krista Tippet!!! (SPACE IS LIMITED TO 50)
Join the Brown and Yale communities in Minnesota in welcoming Krista Tippet Brown '83, Yale '94 M.Div., host of *On Being*, and 2014 recipient of a National Humanities

Medal from President Barack Obama. This will be a **very** special evening and we hope you can attend.

When: Wednesday, June 17, 2015

5:30pm -6:15pm Reception with refreshments

6:15pm -8:00pm Dinner & Talk

Where: Town and Country Club, 300 N. Mississippi River Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55104

RSVP: Click here by June 12:



Questions: Ron Goldser, rgoldser@gmail.com,

PRICE: \$45

July 10 7:00 pm (tentative) Twins Game v. Detroit Tigers

We are planning a Twins game outing jointly with TCAN. We need a group of 25 or more. Anticipating the ticket cost to be in the \$55-\$75 range. Please indicate whether you are interested (no commitment). Email to Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com

August 1 Family Fun at the Minnesota Zoo

Join in our second YAANW Family Zoo Event. Private tour with behind-the-scenes stops, live animal presentation, yummy treats and delicious hors d'oeuvres, with gathering room that looks right out into the Grizzly Coast exhibit. Optional free time to explore the zoo on your own afterwards. All are welcome to attend whether a family or just those young at heart with a passion for animals.

Location: Minnesota Zoo. Questions: Vicky Stoneman Vicky.Stoneman@s-sm.org

August 3 or 4 5:00 pm Speed social networking.

Ok, this should be fun. You have no doubt seen or heard of speed dating. Well, this is an opportunity to make new friends, not only within YAANW, but all across TCAN. The location will be determined shortly. The idea is NOT to find a new significant other, to find a job or to sell cell phones or insurance. The idea IS to find new friends who share your social interests. Questions or comments to Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com

August 18 Annual summer dinner with golf and tennis. We are scheduled to be at Somerset Country Club, Mendota Heights, this year for our annual summer event. Tune up your golf and tennis games! For further information contact the office of Dr. Larry Schuster at SchusterClinic@aol.com 952.920.8386.

Yale Alumni Knitting Group

When: **May and June dates to be determined (email Cynthia for details)**

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

May 31 2:00-5:00 pm Anita Bradshaw leads on Common Good, Hopkins Center for the Arts, 1111 Mainstreet, Hopkins, MN (reading material available) RSVP rhokanson@gmail.com

Sunday, July 19 with Chris Thomforde, a discussion of the future of theological education (reading material available)

Saturday, October 3 with Derek Larson, a visit and tour to St. John's in Collegeville. A very special day of touring exhibits (the St. John Bible, pottery, and more), facilities and visiting with the Benedictines who reside there.

More details and materials on all of these are available. Please save the dates. RSVP rhokanson@gmail.com

The focus of the group is networking and sharing. The group is open to spouses and friends and other Yale alums who have interest in YDS and the subjects we focus on.

Young Alumni Happy Hour

Tuesday, May 19, 6:00 pm, at the Coup d'etat, Uptown, Minneapolis WE ARE GOING TO ADVERTISE THIS EVENT TO TCAN.

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 or Denise Levitan denise.levitan@gmail.com

Yale Alumni Book Club

After over 10 years of fascinating reading, **the Book Group needs your input!!!** Regular participation is down and we wonder how the Group can re-invent itself to better serve our Yale alumni community. If you have interest in books and reading, please write to jan.kleinman@gmail.com with your thoughts on any/all of the following topics:

- how you would like to interact with fellow alumni on the topic of books

- when you are available to interact with fellow book-loving alumni (day of week, time of day)
- topics of books that interest you
- frequency with which you are available to interact with fellow book-loving alumni
- suggestions/ideas?

People Serving People

The next day of service at People Serving People (PSP) is **May 23 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. 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: May 5 and June 2 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

For our second quarter meeting, we attended Solicitor General Donald Verrilli's presentation at the U of Minnesota law school on April 9 and then went out for drinks and discussion afterwards. Our third quarter meeting tentatively will take place **sometime in July**. Stay tuned for date, venue, and time.

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

Forestry School Alums and Environmental Scientists!

If you are an FES grad, have an environmental degree, or are otherwise interested or engaged in work connected with those fields, keep your eyes on this page for the next gathering of the FES Midwest Alums Group! If you have an entrepreneurial idea in the energy or environmental arena, this is the place to come. Questions or comments to Victoria Thompson victoria.thompson@outlook.com

Yale Alums in the Arts

The Nightingale Trio (featuring Sarah Larsson, '12) is back!!

Saturday, May 16 - Featured Concert, with Sara Pajunen

In the Heart of the Beast Theater (1500 E Lake Street, Minneapolis 55407); 2:00 pm, free admission/goodwill donation

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday May 15-17 - "Mountain Memories", with Ethnic Dance Theater

E.M. Pearson Theater, Concordia University (312 Hamline Avenue North, Saint Paul 55104); Friday/Saturday: 7:30 pm, Sunday: 2:00 pm. \$25 adults/\$22 students and seniors

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

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: Spring Theater Night: Dinner, Drinks & Jericho on Thursday, May 7

Join us for a special night of great food and theater! We will start with dinner and drinks at Chatterbox Pub, followed by the *New York Times*-acclaimed play *Jericho*, examining "four thirty-something New Yorkers as they navigate the emotional aftermath of September 11, 2001." The show and actors are piling up praise from numerous outlets. Director Warren C. Bowles has graciously agreed to visit with our group before the show.

Time & Location: Food, cocktails and director's discussion at **5:30 pm** at [Chatterbox Pub](#) in Highland Park. Then walk across the street to the new [Highland Park Community Center](#) at **7:30 pm** for the Minnesota Jewish Theatre Company play.

Sponsor: Amherst and Penn clubs

Price: \$28, includes both dinner and discounted theater ticket.

RSVP: Amherst club's Bobak Razavi at BRazavi@alumni.amherst.edu.

Payment: After you RSVP to Bobak, please:

a) Submit \$28 via Paypal to Dan_Rutman@alumni.upenn.edu, **OR**

b) Send check to Dan Rutman, Penn Club MN, 6728 Rosemary Lane, Edina, MN 55439. Please make check payable to Dan Rutman, and write "Alumni Event" in memo.

Event: Bioengineering Approaches for Visualizing and Treating Cancer

Date: **Friday, May 8, 2015**

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Bakken Museum, 3537 Zenith Ave S, Minneapolis 55416

Sponsored by: Stanford Club of Minnesota

Cost: \$25

RSVP: By May 4

Contact us: Rick Pike, rick_pike@stanfordalumni.org

Details: Join fellow TCAN members and guests when Stanford professor Jennifer Cochran visits Minneapolis and delivers a talk to share how her laboratory uses interdisciplinary techniques in chemistry, biology and engineering to create tailor-made proteins for cancer imaging and therapy. She will share how several of her lab's designer proteins are under various stages of development, with the ultimate goal of translation into human patients.

PRICE

\$25 per person

Includes hors d'oeuvres, and touring and access to the museum and exhibits

Cash bar available