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Thoughts from the President

Ron Goldser '75

May 7 is the annual international Yale Day of Service. I am very proud that our club's service to the community is steadily growing. We have a number of service sites for Day of Service. But beyond that, we serve lunch at People Serving People once each month. We have multiple volunteers reading to kindergartners at Webster

ways to serve in the educational world. As I have travelled our community, listening to educators and organizers, I am overwhelmed by the private (non-governmental) sector involvement in education in our community. There are so many programs. But so many seem to operate separately

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Elementary School in Northeast Minneapolis. And, starting in May, we have the opportunity to volunteer at the farm run by the Hmong American Farmers.

With the local Harvard Alumni Club, we are exploring other

from all the rest.

If you have an interest in joining any of these service programs, I would love to hear from you.

President: Ron Goldser, '75

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

Treasurer: Nick Johnson, '74

Upcoming Events

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Every Thursday, May through October: **FARMING!!!**

May 3: **French Table**

May 5: **Young Alumni Bowling**

May 7: **Day of Service**

May 8: **St. Paul Civic Symphony**

May 12: **Dr. Peter Schulam**

May 17: **FOODIES!!!!!!**

May 20: **Inside the Classics: Evolution of the Opera**

May 23: **YANA**

May 28: **PSP**

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

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

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

Aug 30: **Summer outing**

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

Message from Peter Salovey

Be sure to read the transcript of a conference call with President Salovey about the status of current issues at Yale at yaanw.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

Day of Service

May 7

Coming to a location near you, the annual Yale Day of Service!
8th Annual Yale Day of Service on Saturday, May 7, 2016.

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. There are 4 sites to choose from to volunteer. They are, briefly:

- **Eagan: Feed My Starving Children** (9-11am)
Hand-pack meals designed especially for undernourished children in developing countries.
- **Minneapolis: Cedar Lake Park Association** (9am-noon)
Clean up and clear out a park so it can be used for recreational and educational purposes.
- **Minneapolis: Open Arms** (9:30-11:30am)
Drive and deliver free meals tailored to meet the needs of people living with serious illness
- **Roseville/Shoreview: Wingspan residential homes** (9am-noon)
Assist with yardwork for homes for adults with developmental disabilities.

Come give back, meet new people and have fun!!

Hope to see you May 7th!!

Many thanks,

Vicky Stoneman 507.339.2897 or vstoneman@s-sm.org

Register at: http://yaledayofservice.org/find-site-results?keys=&field_service_type_tid=All&field_state_value=MN&field_country_value=All&=Go

Dr. Peter Schulam

May 12 5:00 – 7:00 pm Minneapolis Club

Dr. Peter Schulam, who was recently appointed Interim Director, Smilow Cancer Center at Yale New Haven Hospital <https://medicine.yale.edu/cancer/about/director.aspx> will be visiting our club. Dr. Schulam plans to discuss the Yale Cancer Center and provide an update on accomplishments of the last year. He will also talk about their initiatives and goals for the coming year.

We will have a reception at 5:00 (light hors d'oeuvres and cash bar) and presentation at 6:00 pm at the Minneapolis Club, Minneapolis. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at <http://alumninet.yale.edu/clubs/mn01/schulam.html>. For more information, contact Malcolm McDonald at malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net or 651.387.7050.

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.

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.

REGULAR EVENTS

French Table

May 3 6:00 pm Cave Vin

When: May 3 at 6:00 pm (Cave Vin, 5555 Xerxes Ave. S. Minneapolis)

NOTE THE LOCATION AND TIME!! We will be trying different locations in the Twin Cities for French table throughout 2016, so if you have suggestions, please make them!

All levels of French are encouraged and welcome. RSVP to Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com.

Young Alumni Bowling Party

May 5 6:00 PM Elsie's

Come join your fellow young alums, from Yale and other TCAN schools, for a social night of bowling! We are gathering at [Elsie's](#), 729 Marshall St. NE in Minneapolis. Please RSVP to Suzannah at sfs26@cornell.edu.

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

FOODIES!!!!!!

May 17 6:30 pm The Rabbit Hole

If you missed the last FOODIES!!! event, don't miss this one.

Where: Rabbit Hole, 920 E. Lake St., Minneapolis <http://www.eatdrinkrabbit.com/>

RSVP: Hari Osofsky, hosofsky@umn.edu Please make your reservation by May 10!

Please join us for the Yale Foodies group. We are meeting monthly to explore the Twin Cities' wide variety of interesting restaurants featuring food from around the world. We will 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 NonProfit Alliance (YANA)

May 23 6:00 PM Lake Street Lund's

After the initial, well attended meeting of YANA, we have 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

We will meet in the upstairs conference room at the Lake Street Lund's. Outside food may not be brought in, but you can bring in anything you buy at the store.

Our speaker for May is Jacqueline White (TC '83). She is the founder and director of the Minnesota Host Home Network, a think tank and research hub that is inspiring and equipping communities to facilitate lasting connections between youth who lack housing and stable community adults. As a host in the Twin Cities GLBT Host Home program, Jacqueline and her former partner made a commitment to provide a room and a caring presence for six months to a year for a youth experiencing homelessness. Jacqueline later legally adopted Amy, the young woman they had hosted. From that experience, she came to understand that youth who have endured trauma heal and thrive when they have deep ongoing connections with caring adults, which inspired her to found the Network.

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/>

Please RSVP to Ron Goldser, at yaanw@yaanw.org with questions or to reserve for this evening.

People Serving People

May 28

11:30 am

The next day of service at People Serving People (PSP) is **May 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. 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](#).

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.

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

Calling All Lawyers

We hold meetings quarterly. Please send suggestions for topics and venues to Dorothy Whelan at whelan@fr.com

Yale Alums in the Arts

Sunday, May 8, 2016 - 1:00 p.m.

Saint Paul Civic Symphony

Jeffrey Stirling, Music Director (Yale, '81)

Annual Mother's Day Concert

Landmark Center, downtown St. Paul

"A Slavic Bouquet"

Chabrier - Slavic Dance

Suk - A Fairy Tale

Tchaikovsky - Violin Concerto

featuring Helen Chang Haerten of the Minnesota Orchestra, guest violin soloist

Free Admission - Families Welcome!

(Take Mom to brunch at the St. Paul Hotel then come across the street for the free concert!)

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

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/>

Event: Inside the Classics: Evolution of the Opera

When: May 20, 8:00 pm

Where: Orchestra Hall

Tickets: \$25

RSVP: <http://alumninet.yale.edu/clubs/mn01/opera2016.html>

Sarah Hicks (Harvard) conducts the Minnesota Orchestra and fabulous singers in this exploration of the magic of opera. Here's the whole history in one delightful evening: how opera began centuries ago as an entertainment for a few royals, using just a handful singers and players, and how we arrived at today—when huge opera houses are packed with rabid fans from across the social spectrum, aficionados who can't get enough of this dramatic combination of singers, players, stage and story. <http://www.minnesotaorchestra.org/buy/tickets/browse-calendar/eventdetail/596/-/#.Vv1Hc0dV3M9>

Post event gathering: We will meet at the Mezzanine after the performance for a discussion with Sarah Hicks and violist Ken Freed (Yale, '83, '87 MM)