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Thoughts from the President

November is Thanksgiving, of course. Don't know about you, but, among other things, I am very grateful for my connections to Yale and its alumni. While it took a long time before I became active in the local club, I have found my relationships with local Yalies to be incredibly rewarding. Our events provide intellectual stimulation and camaraderie that are hard to find elsewhere—and certainly not in such easy abundance. And our increasing community service is a real opportunity to give back.

It has been particularly rewarding to see individuals step forward to propose, develop and lead events. Most of what we do currently is the result of one person's idea and initiative.

One of our most recent events has been a day with Habitat for Humanity. The weather was stunning, the people particularly fun, and the task very fulfilling. Congratulations particularly to Vicky Stoneman and Mark Capalini for making this happen. And be sure to check out our pictures at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/119151861450316/>



But if you look at all the events listed in this newsletter, you will see a broad range of individuals behind them all.

I am grateful for all of you.

Ron Goldser '75

Upcoming Events

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Nov 1: **French Table**

Nov 4: **Liam Callanan Reading**

Nov 12: **Knitting**

Nov 16: **Environmental Sustainability**

Nov 19: **The Game**

Nov 26: **Ratatouille, MN Orchestra**

Nov 26: **People Serving People**

Nov 30: **Annual Financial Panel**

Dec 4: **SPCS Concert**

Dec 9: **Protector of Osmir 2017**

Jan 8: **PinKU Japanese**

Feb 18: **Habitat for Humanity**

May 20: **La Boheme, MN Opera**

May 23: **Dean Gregory Sterling, YDS**

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Environmental Sustainability

Nov 16

6:00 pm

Pool and Yacht Club

Can We Feed the World Without Destroying the Planet?

Speaker: Ford Runge, Distinguished McKnight Professor of Applied Economics and Law at the University of Minnesota, and Institute on the Environment Fellow

When: Wednesday, November 16, 6:00 PM

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

Cost: \$40, with cash bar and dinner; reduced cost of \$20 for classes of 2006 to 2016

RSVP: <http://alumninet.yale.edu/clubs/mn01/sustainnov2016.html> by Thursday, November 10

Questions: Bob Weisenfeld at bweisenfeld@gmail.com

How are we going to meet the food demands of a population that will grow to over 9 billion by 2050? Do we increase the land dedicated to agriculture, often at the expense of forests and other habitats. Do we increase the yield of crops, i.e. agricultural productivity, of existing farm land, with greater use of fertilizer, and nitrogen? Do either have implications for carbon emissions and climate change? Join Dr. Ford Runge as he responds to each of these questions, and suggests how we can expand food production while minimizing the impact on climate change.

The Game: Yale vs. Harvard

Nov 19

11:30 am

Joe Sensor's

The 133rd playing of the Yale Harvard Football Game will occur in Cambridge on Saturday, November 19 with a kickoff time of 11:30 am CST. The Game will air nationally on NBC Sports Network. We will join with the Harvard Club to watch at Joe Sensor's, 4217 American Blvd. W., Bloomington. There will be a \$5 cover, and food and drinks can be purchased from the menu. RSVP to Malcolm McDonald at malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net

MN Orchestra presents Ratatouille

Nov 26

2:00 pm

Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis

Bring the kids to Ratatouille with the Minnesota Orchestra. Sunday matinee, 2 pm, with brunch before at 11:30 at the News Room, 990 Nicollet Mall. Tickets are \$64 and \$55 for adults and \$54 and \$47 for children. Tickets: <http://alumninet.yale.edu/clubs/mn01/ratat2016.html> Questions to Ken Freed at kenfreed007@gmail.com

Annual Financial Panel

Nov 30

noon

Minneapolis Club

Annual meeting and financial panel. Panelists will include Jim Steiner '82, Jim Lawrence '74, Frank Fairman '79, John Taft '77, MPPM '81, and Steve Wellington '71. Please make reservations with Dr. Larry Schuster at SchusterClinic@aol.com or 952.920.8386.

PinKU Japanese Street Food

Jan 8, 2017

4:00 – 6:00 pm

NE MPLS

Xiaoteng Huang (Cornell '11) and John Sugimura opened PinKU Japanese Street Food in Northeast Minneapolis this summer to rave reviews. Join us (and other TCAN schools) for a sampler of their most popular dishes. X and John will talk about their concept, food, decor, and the process of opening a new restaurant in the Twin Cities.

When: January 8, 4-6 pm

Location: [PinKU](#), 20 University Ave. NE, Minneapolis

Cost: \$25 (includes Jumbo crispy shrimp on rice, Potstickers, and Spicy Tuna on Crispy Rice; additional items and drinks available for purchase off the regular menu)

RSVP: <http://tcan-pinku.brownpapertickets.com/> by December 8

Questions: denise.levitan@aya.yale.edu

MN Opera: La Boheme

May 20, 2017

7:30 pm

Ordway Theater

Come hear the Minnesota Opera in one of opera's premier events—La Boheme. We will attend the matinee on Saturday, May 20 at the Ordway in St. Paul, with dinner and a presentation to follow. Watch this space for more details.

Dean Gregory Sterling, Yale Divinity School

May 23, 2017

TBD

Dean [Gregory Sterling](#) of the Yale Divinity School will be coming May 23, 2017 to speak to our Yale alumni and the larger community. Dean Sterling will come for an evening event that will be hosted by YAANW. Details are still being developed. Dean Sterling is highly regarded and is very involved in interfaith discussions domestically and around the world as well as issues as broad as faith and sustainability. We are very pleased we have received such a commitment so far in advance from the dean of one of Yale's oldest and most established professional schools. See <https://yalealumnimagazine.com/articles/3431/new-div-school-dean-is-a-preacher-scholar>.



French Table

Nov 1

6:00 pm

Potluck at Penny Snow's House!!

When: November 1 at 6:00 pm. Penny Snow has agreed to host us for a potluck at her house! 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.

Yale Alumni Knitting Group

Nov 12

3:00 to 5:00 pm

Northfield Yarn

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.

People Serving People

Nov 26

11:30 am

People Serving People (PSP) is a homeless shelter in downtown Minneapolis, serving children and their families. The next day of service at PSP is **November 26 22 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.

Please note! Our November and December service dates fall on Thanksgiving and Christmas weekends. It would be an excellent time to provide service to those who may be wanting on these special days.

YALE ALUMS IN THE ARTS

NOVEMBER 4, 7:00 PM

Liam Callanan – Y '90 – is a fantastic writer and will be doing a reading in the Twin Cities on Nov 4th at Magers & Quinn Bookstore (3038 Hennepin Ave). The reading will be from his latest book, *Listen & Other Stories*. Another author, poet Paul Otremba, will be there that evening also.

Here's a link to the event: <http://bit.ly/liaminminn>

DECEMBER 4, 3:00 PM

Saint Paul Civic Symphony, with Music Director Jeffrey Stirling (Yale '81), presents a FREE CONCERT featuring soloists from the Minnesota Opera's Resident Artist Program singing extended excerpts from Puccini's, "La Bohème." The orchestra also performs music from Poulenc's ballet "Les Biches" (The Does).

Sunday, December 4 at 3:00 p.m. at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Woodbury. (spcsmusic.org)

DECEMBER 8-12

THE PROTECTOR OF OSMIR

December 8-12, 2016 @ Nautilus Music-Theater, 308 Prince Street #190, St. Paul

Impossible Salt (Ron Goldser is on the Advisory Board) returns to the stage this December with a brand new work! *The Protector of Osmir*, created in collaboration with the Minneapolis Music Company, explores the nexus of power, ego, and fear.

The town of Osmir is thriving. Business is booming and the locals are contented. So why would the town's Protector abruptly relinquish her power? And why are the citizens of Osmir so reluctant to take her place? With one brave young woman at his side, the skeptical new Protector must grapple with the town's startling secret: a wolf terrorizes the town. As the Protector and his deputy unravel the mystery of the monthly attacks, they discover that the problem might be closer to home than they believed possible.

December 9: Director Emilia Allen will speak at a dinner gathering. For details, contact Ron at yaanw@yaanw.org.

FOODIES!!!!

TBD

Our next FOODIES!!!! Event will be a holiday fest in early December. Stay tuned for an email with details on our next event.

See also the upcoming TCAN event at [PinKU Japanese](#).

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.

Young Alumni

See you at [The Game!](#)

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@aya.yale.edu.

Yale Book Award

Each year, we ask high schools throughout our territory to nominate an outstanding rising senior for the Yale Book Award. The criteria allow high school teachers and counselors to identify the student whose academic prowess, community involvement, school service and personality single out those students for recognition. This year, we gave awards to 76 high schools, with a number of volunteers attending the individual ceremonies to present the award in person. As always, we can use additional volunteers to present these awards. This is a good opportunity for out-state alumni to be of service to Yale and YAANW. Questions, Ron Goldser, yaanw@yaanw.org

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/>

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