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Thoughts from the President

One of the strengths of YAANW is its diversity—diversity of cultures, diversity of interests. But we don't avail ourselves of one significant area of diversity in the club—undergraduate versus graduate students.

Yale graduate students have so many special skills and memories to offer. We have graduate special interest groups in law, divinity, management and forestry/environmental studies. If you fit into one of those groups, I encourage you to seek out those of like mind and share your skills, abilities—and even job opportunities.

YAANW is what you make of it. We are here to serve. Looking forward to helping!

Ron Goldser, '75
President, YAANW

PS Yale was voted top college in the country for 2016. <http://college.usatoday.com/2015/09/08/best-us-college-2016-yale-penn/> But we already knew that.....

WEBSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Our relationship with Webster Elementary School is off to a strong start! However, WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!! Come join the fun:

- Reading hour in the morning
- Assisting students at family style lunch
- Teachers' aides
- Children's Garden
- Helping the art, music and computer geography programs

Webster is starting as a K through Grade 2 school, adding a new grade each year up to Grade 5. School hours will roughly be 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday; we will learn more about when the volunteer programs are most needed throughout the school day. In addition, teachers will likely need assistance outside of regular school hours. They anticipate having a broadly diverse student body, with up to 70% receiving assistance with the lunch program.

Volunteers must sign up through the Minneapolis School District. http://volmps.mpls.k12.mn.us/vol_info

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

Upcoming Special Programs

We have arranged for a special event at the **Penumbra Theater on October 10, Saturday, at 7:30 p.m.** The acclaimed one-man show, **Rodney King** will be performed by Yale Drama Alum **Roger Smith**. **YAANW members are invited to join Roger afterwards for a talk for about 30-45 minutes in the theater to discuss the play. Rohan Preston, another Yale alum and Star Tribune Drama Critic, will lead the discussion.**

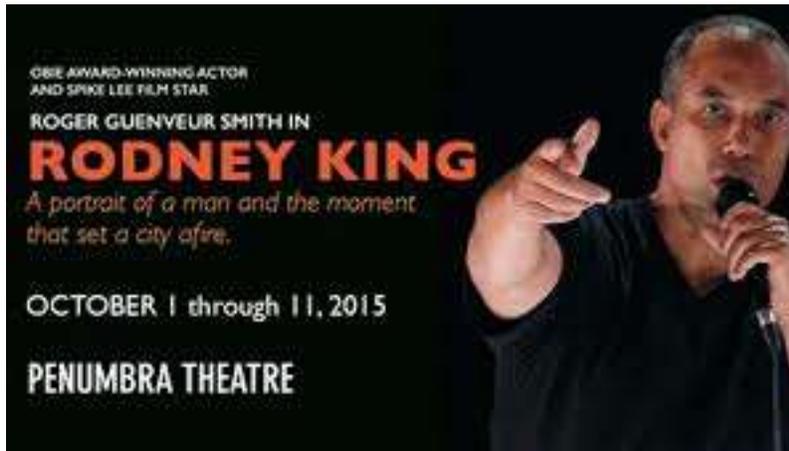
We have reserved 20 tickets for YAANW members at a cost of \$25 that can be paid for through PayPal (see our link). You will be able to pick up your tickets at the Will Call office at 7 p.m. under "Yale Club." Post the show, please gather by the box office in the lobby. You will be escorted to meet Roger and Rohan. Amy Thomas of Penumbra is arranging this.

Here is a brief description of the play: "Roger Guenveur Smith paints an achingly beautiful portrait of a man and the moment that set a city afire. This powerful one-man show goes behind the brutalized face plastered on newspapers and the video footage of a savage beating. Through rich poetry and compelling research, Rodney King emerges as an unlikely but unforgettable celebrity. Twenty years later, his gentle plea for peace echoes beyond his lonely death. In the wake of recent violence, this gripping story

spotlights police brutality, offering empathy and clarity as the press moves further from objectivity toward entertainment.”

Details: <https://penumbraheater.org/event/rodney-king>

Please go to PayPal and reserve your seat now to be apart of this special YAANW event! <http://alumninet.yale.edu/clubs/mn01/rodneking.html>



November 18: Annual meeting and financial panel, details in November newsletter.

November 20 and 21 Yale women's hockey

Yale's women play Gophers at Ridder Arena November 20 at 6:00 and November 21 at 7:00. For more information, contact Rick Luis at luis@luislegal.com

November 21 Yale vs. that other school football game

Note that the time has been moved back to 1:30 to allow for national TV coverage. Harvard Yale game set up for Joe Senger's with a 1:30 Central Standard Time kickoff and the chance for lunch ahead of kickoff. Doors open by noon.

December 3 Dr. Peter Schulam, who was recently appointed Interim Director, Yale Cancer Center, Physician-in-Chief at Smilow (https://medicine.yale.edu/cancer/patient/people/peter_schulam.profile) will be visiting our club. Details on his visit will be forthcoming

Yale Alumni Knitting Group

When: **October 31 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

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

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), facilities and visiting with the Benedictines who reside there. This is an example of some of the special events of the group during the year—always open to members of YAANW.

Sunday, November 8 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Discussion: “**Divine Radiance: Keeping Faith with Beauty**” (The 2015 Spring Edition of Reflections); leader will be **Ken Freed**, Yale '83 M.M '87 Ken plays viola with the Minnesota Orchestra and may bring his instruments. **Where: Lunds, West Lake Street (612-825-2440), Community Room (tentative) RSVP to rhokanson@gmail.com**

In February or March, Howard Bell will lead a discussion on The Righteous Mind by Jonathan Haidt More details and materials will be e-mailed this winter.

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.

Young Alumni Happy Hour

YAANW and TCAN Young Alumni Board Game Happy Hour

Wednesday, September 30 7:00 pm

Chatterbox Pub (Linden Hills location), 4501 France Ave. S

RSVP and questions to Denise Levitan, denise.levitan@gmail.com

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.

KEEP UP WITH THE YOUNG ALUMS ON FACEBOOK!!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TCANYA>

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 **October 24 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.

French Table

When: October 13 at 5:30 pm

Where: Vincent, a Restaurant, 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.

FOODIES!!!!

When: October 30, Friday, at 6:30 pm

Where: Tinto Cocina and Cantina, 901 W. Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408

RSVP: Oct. 23 (we'll do our best to expand to accept those who don't RSVP in time, but it may be harder on a Friday night) to Hari Osofsky: hosofsky@umn.edu

Please join us for the second event of a 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. Our first event was such a fun cross-section of our Yale community, with 35 people from many different classes in attendance. Our second event will be at a fantastic new Latin restaurant, Tinto, <http://tintompls.com/>, which in addition to amazing food has terrific cocktails, wine, and beer (so no need to bring this time). Like last time, Hari will work with the owner to put together an interesting meal that will feature a wide range of dishes and can accommodate dietary restrictions--please let Hari know if you

are vegetarian or have any other restrictions so that the menu can be planned accordingly.

Calling All Lawyers

October 20, 4:00 PM, Northrop Auditorium, University of Minnesota, Justice Antonin Scalia will deliver the U's Stein Lecture. Whether you are conservative or progressive in your views, this is a must see!! Registration information yet to come.

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

Saint Paul Civic Symphony!!!

Sunday, October 18, 2015 - 1:00 pm

The Landmark Center

Free admission

Saint Paul Civic Symphony

Jeffrey Stirling, Music Director (Class of '81)

"From Darkness to Light: A Journey toward Peace & Reconciliation"

The Saint Paul Civic Symphony, along with vocal soloist and chorus, celebrates the 60th Anniversary of the Saint Paul - Nagasaki Sister City partnership with a special performance of the "Ode to Joy" from Beethoven's Symphony No. 9. Additional musical selections by Holst, Mahler, Ravel and Toyama. There are strong Yale ties with the Saint Paul - Nagasaki Sister City Committee (SPNSCC).

Visit the orchestra's web site: www.spcsmusic.org for more information.

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

Alumni Schools Committee

We NEED alumni from any Yale school interested in interviewing prospective Yale College students from all parts of Minnesota, western Wisconsin and along the Dakota and Iowa borders.

Interviewing has proven to be an excellent way to connect with the next generation of Yale students. We hope you can join us and the many other alumni interviewers. Resource and training materials are available.

Time commitment – on average, four applicants per year. For more information, please email Malcolm McDonald at malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net or call 651.387.7050.

Yale Career Network

Yale has started a new career network!! You can find information here: https://yalecareer-csm.symplcity.com/attachments/191/Yale_Career_Network_FAQ_-_Alumni.pdf If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Yale at career.network@yale.edu or by calling 203-432-0805 and asking for Stephanie Glover.

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.

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: Theater Event at Mixed Blood Theater

Date: **Wednesday, October 21, 2015**

Sponsored by: Penn Club

Details coming soon!