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Thoughts from the President

It is fund raising time! We need to raise \$15,000 to fund our ongoing operations.

We are fortunate to be a very special group in Minnesota, tending not only to our own educational and social events, but more importantly to improving the community in which we live. To that end, we value our Yale heritage, but also operate independently from the University. We receive very little financial support from Yale.

While many of our events are ticketed, we price them at a breakeven level. At that rate, the club regularly contributes small amounts to cost overruns for these events.

More importantly, the student-related events which YAANW undertakes are entirely financed by the club. These include contributions to the local **Bulldogs** summer internship (Bulldogs is a separate entity which does its own financing; YAANW contributes only a small portion to Bulldogs' operations); the annual **book award** to promising high school juniors; and multiple recruiting, new and returning student events. We also have various other administrative and operational costs.

And, as you know, we have undertaken to write a history of the contributions of Minnesota Yalies to the growth and development of our state. This solicitation is not designed to address that project. I am proud to say YAANW has received a grant from the **Minnesota History Center** to cover our initial costs. We will work on a budget to finance the rest of this project. We will certainly apply for grants to cover these costs.

I hope you will consider making a donation to help finance our operations for the coming year. We are a 501(c)3 organization.

Please make checks payable to "YAANW" and mail to 774

 Google Calendar

 Donate

Elrene Court, Eagan, MN 55123. Alternatively, [contribute online](#) by clicking the donate button at www.yaanw.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ron Goldser '75



Handsome Dan XVIII's first birthday / [Yale Facebook](#)

News and Announcements

You're on our mailing list

YAANW receives periodic updates from the Association of Yale Alumni with contact information for alumni and current students from our territory, and we merge the information they send us into our email distribution database. We understand that not everyone wants to receive these emails or that you may prefer to receive them at a different email address. If that is the case, please note that there are links to update your information or unsubscribe at the bottom of each email. You can also contact social@yaanw.org to update your information.

Seeking Alumni Interviewers

We need interviewers for the estimated over 400 applicants to the Yale College class of 2022!

Please also attend our [Workshop for Interviewers of Yale College Applicants](#) on the evening of October 12 at the University Club of St. Paul. See the newsletter special events section for details. Questions and RSVP to Malcolm McDonald '58 at malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net or 651-387-7050.

Our regional ASC coordinators:

- St. Paul/Outstate: Malcolm McDonald, malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net, 651-387-7050
- Minneapolis: Tony Leung, TNLeung@mnd.uscourts.gov
- Rochester: Jon Tilburt, Tilburt.Jon@mayo.edu
- Dakotas: Dominique Fenton, dominique.a.fenton@gmail.com

Send us your news!

If you know of local events involving Yale alumni, students, or faculty, please feel free to [send us information](#) for inclusion in the newsletter or on social media (like our [Facebook events page](#) or [Twitter](#)). You can also share Yale-related news and events in our [Facebook group](#). If you have any photos of YAANW or Yale events to share, please send them to social@yaanw.org.

Recent Events

Foodies!!! Camp Yale Brunch at Barbette



Knitting Group at Nothfield Yarn



Upcoming Events

Click on an event to learn more!

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Special Events

Yale vs. Dartmouth Football

Oct 7
12:30 pm
Joe Senser's

The Dartmouth Club of the Midwest has invited us to join them in watching the Yale vs. Dartmouth football game at [Joe Senser's](#) in Bloomington. The game starts at 12:30, and we will begin gathering at noon. Contact [Margaret Vergeyle](#) from DCMW with questions.

ASC Interviewing Workshop

Oct 12
5:30-8:00 pm
University Club

On October 12th from 5:30 to 8 PM at the [University Club](#) in Saint Paul, we are holding a workshop on [alumni interviewing](#) with Deb Johns, senior staff member in the Admissions Department.

Especially timely for your use as an interviewer and for prospective interviewers of Yale College applicants.

Deb Johns will update us on all new aspects of our interviewing process with special emphasis on the steps we now follow to give the Admissions Staff what they want to know about the applicant that we can find out in the interview and pass on to them.

She will discuss:

- High priority applicants as identified by the staff and what in particular is most important to find out about them and emphasize in our write-ups.
- How the computer process now works and how we fit in to it and how we use it
- Early Action candidates, why they have a higher percentage rate of acceptance and how we can learn more about why they have a preference for Yale and how we can incorporate that in our reports.

We will meet at the [University Club](#) in Saint Paul, located at Summit and Ramsey. Valet parking! Buffet food, cash bar. A good time to get to know each other.

Come on October 12th from 5:30 to 8 PM. Cost is \$30 per person and \$15 for those who graduated in the past ten years.

RSVP to Malcolm McDonald '58:

malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net or 651-387-7050

Habitat for Humanity

Nov 4
8:30 am-4:30 pm
South Minneapolis

Come build houses! We are looking for 10-13 volunteers on Saturday, November 4th from 8:30 to 4:30. We will be doing new home construction. This is our third **Habitat for Humanity** event, and the first two were really fun and productive.

Contact **Vicky Stoneman** to sign up.



YAANW volunteering with Habitat for Humanity in October 2016

The Game

Nov 18
11:30 am
Joe Senser's

Yale beat Harvard last year! Will there be a repeat? Come find out on November 18th at **Joe Senser's** in Bloomington. The Game starts at 11:30 AM our time.

Cover charge of \$5 per adult. Food and drink specials are available.

This year, there are three Minnesotans on the team - Lee, Lager and Westafer, all from St. Paul.

Email [Malcolm McDonald](#) with questions.

Annual Financial Panel

Our annual financial panel will be held November 29. Details to come.

Nov 29

"Rigoletto" at the Minnesota Opera

We'll be doing another [Minnesota Opera](#) event next spring. Stay tuned!

March 2018

Regular Events and Special Interest Groups

French Table

Wednesday, Oct 3
6:00 pm
Cave Vin

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. We will be meeting at our regular spot, [Cave Vin](#), 5555 Xerxes Ave. S., Minneapolis.

People Serving People

Oct 28
11:30 am
PSP

[People Serving People](#) (PSP) is a homeless shelter in downtown Minneapolis, serving children and their families. YAANW has a small group volunteering to serve meals at PSP. We volunteer on the fourth Saturday of every month from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com.

Yale Alumni Knitting Group

Oct 29
2:00-4:00 pm
Northfield Yarn

Come join us for great knitting and fun conversation. Bring your current project(s) or start a new one. Get advice, opinions or ask questions. Total beginners through advanced are welcome. Come whenever it works for you or attend on a regular basis!

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.

FOODIES!!!

Nov 2
6:00 pm
Dong Yang

Our last FOODIES!!! was a blast (see photo above). Our next event will be dinner at Dong Yang Oriental Food, 725 45th Ave NE, Hilltop. Join us for your favorite Korean dishes on Thursday, November 2!

RSVP: Paula Bentabol, bentabol@gmail.com

The Yale Foodies group meets periodically to explore the Twin Cities' wide variety of interesting restaurants featuring food from around the world. We 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 in the Arts and Community

Lynn Novick '83 comes to Minnesota

Oct 18
5:30-8:30 pm
Kagin Commons
(Macalester College)

Minnesota author and Vietnam veteran Tim O'Brien (*The Things They Carried*) and filmmaker Lynn Novick (Yale '83) ([THE VIETNAM WAR](#)) discuss the power of storytelling with regards to the epic topic of the Vietnam War.

Admission includes refreshments, cash bar, an opportunity to share your story for inclusion on the Story Wall, clips from THE VIETNAM WAR, audience Q+A, and book-signing. This program is part of the MINNESOTA REMEMBERS

VIETNAM initiative. This collaboration among the Minnesota PBS stations features an online Story Wall, various documentaries, and a series of public screenings and commemorative events to remember, honor, and understand this tumultuous time in history. [Learn more about the initiative here.](#)

To order tickets go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tim-obrien-lynn-novick-on-the-power-of-storytelling-tickets-37709865222>

Location:

Kagin Commons at Macalester College
21 Snelling Avenue South
Saint Paul, MN 55105

"We felt it was important to take a look at the story of the war, what happened and why. And perhaps most important – why is it such a difficult subject for us to talk about as a country? Mission one for us was to honor the service and sacrifice of the people who served and died. Give them their due respect as part of the larger story of what our country went through and also what this experience meant for the Vietnamese people."

– Lynn Novick, excerpted from PBS filmmaker interview

"Stories are for joining the past to the future. Stories are for those late hours in the night when you can't remember how you got from where you were to where you are. Stories are for eternity, when memory is erased, when there is nothing to remember except the story."

– Tim O'Brien, author of *The Things They Carried*

4th Annual Somali Museum Anniversary Celebration

**Oct 21
7:00 pm
Bethel University**

Sarah Larsson '12 is the [Somali Museum of Minnesota's](#) Outreach and Development Director. The Somali Museum's 4th Anniversary Celebration is October 21, 2017 at Bethel University's Great Hall. Doors open at 6:00 pm, and the show starts at 7:00 pm. The Somali Museum's Anniversary is an annual event bringing together the Twin Cities' vibrant Somali-American community for a massive cultural-focused celebration. The event commemorates the 2013 opening of the Somali Museum's public gallery, and will include performances by international and local Somali stars in music, theater and comedy. Tickets are available online at

<https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/8033088/4th-annual-somali-museum-anniversary-celebration-stpaul-bethel-university-great-hall>.

St. Paul Civic Symphony

Oct 22
Dec 3

Saint Paul Civic Symphony ~ "Your 'Capital' Symphony!"
Jeffrey Stirling, Music Director (Yale College, Class of '81)

Sunday, October 22 ~ "An Autumn Journey"
1:00 pm ~ Landmark Center, Saint Paul

- Brahms - Symphony No. 3
- Takemitsu - Night Signal
- Sibelius - Swan of Tuonela
- Adams - Tromba Lontana
- Rimsky-Korsakoff - Capriccio espagnol

Sunday, December 3 ~ "Potions & Passions"
3:00 pm ~ King of Kings Lutheran Church, Woodbury

- Rautavaara - Isle of Bliss ("Lintukoto")
Marking the 100th Anniversary of Finnish Independence
- Wagner - Prelude & Liebestod from "Tristan and Isolde"
- Nielsen - Symphony No. 2, "The Four Temperaments"

All Concerts Free of Charge. For more info visit spcsmusic.org

Programs from Yale and AYA

Yale Science and Engineering Association

Founded in 1914, The [Yale Science & Engineering Association](#) is one of the oldest university alumni organizations in the world with a focus on issues in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Our mission is to connect alumni with students, the University, and each other to strengthen the Yale science and engineering community.

While approximately half of our members hold science degrees, and a similar number hold engineering degrees,

some of our members are musicians, writers, or other humanities graduates. We're interdisciplinary: science, engineering, and society all influence each other, and our members care about how the pieces fit together.

Join [YSEA](#) today!

Twin Cities Alumni Network (TCAN)

Join alumni from other local alumni clubs at various events hosted by their clubs. Check the TCAN website for upcoming events: <http://www.twincitiesalumninetwork.org>

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

Like the TCAN Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TwinCitiesAlumniNetwork>

Join the Young Alumni Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TCANYA>

Meet the Gubernatorial Candidates

Oct 20

7:00-9:30 pm

**Community Room at the
Churchill Apartments**

111 Marquette Ave S, Mpls

Sponsored by: UC Berkeley Alumni Club

RSVP: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1840381119607808/>

Cost: Free

Contact us: ashley.silverio@gmail.com

Location: Community Room at the Churchill Apartments, 111 Marquette Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55401

The UC Berkeley Alumni Group in Minnesota (the "Frozen Bears") invite you to join us for an informal forum aimed at understanding the views of our aspiring gubernatorial candidates. Two candidates will speak and share the reasons as to why he or she is best suited to meet the challenging needs facing us in this state. Candidates will share their views during the first 90 minutes while speaking to current issues and their qualifications. The second half will be Q and A with questions solicited from the audience. Light appetizers will be served. The event is closed to the public and will only be open to UC Berkeley Students/Alums and TCAN Members family and friends.

Eyewitness Views Exhibition Tour

Sponsored by: Harvard Club of Minnesota

RSVP: <http://hcmnnesota.clubs.harvard.edu/article.html>

at Mia

Oct 29
1:00 pm
Minneapolis Institute of
Art

[?aid=440](#)

Cost: \$20

Contact us: admin@harvardmn.org

Location: [Minneapolis Institute of Art](#), 2400 Third Avenue
South, Minneapolis

A private tour of this limited-time exhibition. Our guide will be
Boyd Ratchye, Harvard AB 1960, JD 1963, and Mia docent.
Limited to 15.

Please arrive early to make your way to the tour launch point,
find the group, and get your headset.

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