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## Thoughts from the President

Education—at all levels—is one of the most valuable things we can provide our children. That is true, whether the children are ours, our grandchildren, or the children in our community. Our volunteer program started at Webster Elementary this week (thanks to the Yalies who have already come forward to volunteer!!), to great energy, excitement and enthusiasm. There are approximately 100 children in Kindergarten, first and second grades. They come at all levels of physical and educational proficiency. Some read; some don't. But they all share one thing: love. I have rarely seen such an outpouring of joy.

Very few, if any, of these children will go to Yale. But they are the future of our society and our planet. We, as Yalies, owe it to them and to their future, to give them all we have.

I look forward to hearing from more of you interested in our little endeavor.

Ron Goldser, '75  
President, YAANW

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## 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](http://volmps.mpls.k12.mn.us/vol_info)

For more information, and to volunteer, contact Ron Goldser at [rgoldser@gmail.com](mailto:rgoldser@gmail.com).

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### Upcoming Special Programs

**November 18:** Annual meeting and financial panel

**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](mailto: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. Details of our gathering will be forthcoming later.

### Yale Alumni Knitting Group

When: **September 27 2:00 to 4:00 pm**

Where: Northfield Yarn, 314 Division St., Northfield, MN 55057

Preferred but Optional RSVP to: Cynthia Gilbertson at [cfgilbertson@mac.com](mailto: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, pottery, and more), facilities and visiting with the Benedictines who reside there. Please respond by September 19<sup>th</sup> **RSVP to [rhokanson@gmail.com](mailto:rhokanson@gmail.com)**

**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](mailto: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 pm**

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

RSVP and questions to Denise Levitan, [denise.levitan@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:max.musicant@gmail.com) or Denise Levitan [denise.levitan@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 **September 26 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](mailto:rgoldser@gmail.com).

PSP is a homeless shelter in downtown Minneapolis, serving children and their families.

### **French Table**

**When: September 8 at 6:30 (note the time change)**

**Where:** See the FOODIES group below

Note!! We are joining forces with the new Foodie Group for this month. Should be fun!

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](mailto:rgoldser@gmail.com).

### **FOODIES!!!!**

**When: Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 6:30 pm**

**Where:** Cheng Heng, 448 University Ave W, Saint Paul, MN 55103

**RSVP:** Sept. 1 (though we'll do our best to expand to accept those who don't RSVP in time) to Hari Osofsky: [hosofsky@umn.edu](mailto:hosofsky@umn.edu)

Please join us for the inaugural event of a Yale Foodies group. We will meet 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 will be held at Cheng Heng, <http://www.yelp.com/biz/cheng-heng-restaurant-saint-paul>, a wonderful family-owned Cambodian restaurant in St. Paul. It does not have a liquor license, so please bring a bottle of wine to share with the group. The meal will feature a wide range of dishes that 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.

**October meeting: Date to be announced, 6:30 pm,** Maya (Mexican) 1840 Central Ave. NE, Minneapolis <http://www.yelp.com/biz/maya-cuisine-minneapolis>

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:victoria.thompson@outlook.com)

### **Yale Alums in the Arts**

#### **Nightingale Trio!!!**

**Friday, September 18 / 2:30 pm**

**Pop-Up Concert and Q&A:** Dunwoody College of Technology, Holden Center. 818 Dunwoody Blvd, Minneapolis  
free show [www.dunwoody.edu](http://www.dunwoody.edu)

**Saturday, September 19 / 12:00 pm**

**Pop-Up Concert:** American Swedish Institute, Ballroom. 2600 Park Avenue, Minneapolis  
free with museum admission. [www.asimn.org](http://www.asimn.org)

**Saturday, September 19 / 7:00 pm (doors at 6:00)**

**with the Prairie Fire Lady Choir:** Woman's Club of Minneapolis, Assembly Hall. 410 Oak Grove Street, Minneapolis  
ticket link: <http://www.etix.com/ticket/p/2462187/prairie-fire-lady-choir-the-nightingale-trio-minneapolis-womans-club-assembly>

**Sunday, September 20 / 3:00 pm**

**Tour Finale:** St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral. 519 Oak Grove Street, Minneapolis  
free, with suggested donation. [www.ourcathedral.org](http://www.ourcathedral.org)

## **Saint Paul Civic Symphony!!!**

**Sunday, October 18, 2015 - 1:00pm**

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](http://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](mailto: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.symplicity.com/attachments/191/Yale\\_Career\\_Network\\_FAQ\\_-\\_Alumni.pdf](https://yalecareer-csm.symplicity.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](mailto: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>

**Thursday, September 03, 2015**

#### **Meet World Press Institute Fellows**

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** University of St. Thomas Room 341 Anderson Student Center 2115 Summit Ave St. Paul, MN 55105

**Sponsored by:** Dick Weinrib (NYU & Stern Clubs); Jack Hoeschler and Dave McDonald (NYU Law Alumni)

**RSVP:** [jghoeschler@gmail.com](mailto:jghoeschler@gmail.com) by Tuesday, September 1, 2015.

**Contact us:** [jghoeschler@gmail.com](mailto:jghoeschler@gmail.com)

**Details:** The NYU Club of Minnesota invites all TCAN clubs to meet the World Press Institute Fellows on September 3, 2015 at the University of St. Thomas. The World Press Institute (WPI) has for over 50 years brought young and emerging foreign reporters to the US for an intensive 9 week introduction to learn about the United States of America and American journalism practices and techniques. This has consistently proven to be a life-changing experience for the fellows. Through a partnership with University of St. Thomas, the WPI fellows spend a month based in St. Paul before they head out to visit media centers and entities throughout the country. They return to Minnesota for one week in October before heading home. Previous fellows have finished their careers as editors and publishers of major news outlets and significant authors and opinion leaders in their own countries. This year's fellows come from Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Finland, Germany, India, Kenya, and Ukraine and have worked in all types of print and electronic media. More about them can be found on the WPI homepage <http://www.worldpressinstitute.org/fellowship> The event will allow plenty of time to speak with individual fellows who might interest you but the event will lead off with 10 minute TED-type talks by two of the fellows to provide a deeper understanding of their interests and previous work. We would like to provide an opportunity for these young reporters to meet contemporaries in the Twin Cities business community and vice versa and we are testing this format to facilitate such an exchange. The event will be held in the wonderful, new Anderson Student Center at the University of St. Thomas, and is worth a visit on its own right.

**Saturday, September 12, 2015**

**Smith Day**

**Time:** 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

**Location:** Hopkins Center for the Arts, 1111 Mainstreet, Hopkins, MN

**Sponsored by:** Smith College Club of Minnesota

**Cost:** Admission and shopping are free!

**RSVP:** not required

**Contact us:** Helen Leslie, co-chair, [651.456.0368](tel:651.456.0368), [helenleslie@comcast.net](mailto:helenleslie@comcast.net)

**Is this event open to all TCAN member schools?** Yes

**Details:** For more than 80 years, Smith women and friends have gathered for our annual fundraising event – Smith Day. The Smith College Club of Minnesota proudly hosts this event, proceeds from which provide scholarships for outstanding young Minnesota women to help finance their education. Funds are also used to support PRAXIS summer internships that enable students to gain practical experience in an area of special interest. Schedule Doors open at 9:00 a.m. for shopping. Shopping from 9:00 to noon. Silent Auction from 9:00 to noon and 1:00 -2:00. Half-Price Sale from 1:00-2:30