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Thoughts from the President

Ron Goldser '75

Time for school! YAANW has several significant, ongoing school related projects: interviewing prospective students applying to Yale and volunteering at Webster Elementary. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As we have done for decades, Yale alums—both undergraduate and graduate—interview high school applicants to Yale. Many of us participate. The ones who don't voice common concerns: my student didn't get accepted; I am a graduate student, what do I know. We provide a very important community relations service by our interviews—making Yale real to students, their families and the school counselors. And, our purpose is to evaluate students' individual passion and motivation, not to sell the specifics of undergraduate life.

This is our second year of volunteering at Webster. Perhaps we are grooming that future Yale applicant. More importantly, we are giving back to a community that needs our view of the world. Webster is a diverse population; it cannot be gainsaid how important nurturing is in such a community.

Please let me know if you are interested in participating in either—or BOTH—of these wonderful opportunities

Keep up with news at Yale: <http://news.yale.edu>

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Make your contribution to YAANW today! 

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President: Ron Goldser, '75

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

Treasurer: Nick Johnson, '74

Upcoming Events

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Sept 6: **French Table**

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(TCAN)**

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discusses portfolio
management**

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(TCAN/Young Alums)**

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Oct 19: **Lawyers Group**

Oct 22: **Habitat for
Humanity**

Nov 30: Annual Financial
Panel

May 23, 2017: **Dean
Gregory Sterling
from the Yale Divinity
School**



Hmong American Farm Fall Harvest Celebration

September 11

1:00 pm

Hastings, MN

Come celebrate the fall harvest at HAFA: The HAFA Farm is located at 20385 Coates Blvd., Hastings, MN 55033 ([Google Map](#)). HAFA can use help setting up, running the event, and cleaning up. Or just come and celebrate!

The HAFA Open House is our annual fall harvest celebration. Here are the details about the event: <http://www.hmongfarmers.com/event/3rd-annual-hafa-farm-fest/>

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.

To volunteer, contact Hua Vang at hua@hmongfarmers.com

Habitat for Humanity

Oct 22

8:30-4:30

North Minneapolis

Come build houses! We are looking for 10-13 volunteers on Saturday, October 22 from 8:30 to 4:30. We will be doing new home construction. North Minneapolis homes are towards the middle of the builds, so the work will be very exciting—we can really watch progress being made. Check out all the work Habitat is doing in the Jordan Neighborhood of North Minneapolis [here!](#)

Questions to Vicky Stoneman, Vicky.Stoneman@s-sm.org or Mark Capaldini, mark.capaldini@gmail.com

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 <http://divinity.yale.edu/faculty-and-research/yds-faculty/gregory-e-sterling> and <https://yalealumnimagazine.com/articles/3431/new-div-school-dean-is-a-preacher-scholar>.

Yale Alumni in the Arts

Nightingale Trio, featuring Sarah Larsson (Yale, '12) is celebrating the release of their new album "Izvora" on September 10 at 7:00 pm at Bedlam, Lowertown, St. Paul. Tickets are \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door. For more information contact Sarah Larsson sbdlarsson@gmail.com

Yale Speaker in the Community

September 14

5:00 pm

Minneapolis Club

Distinguished Speaker Series with James Steiner

Portfolio Construction: Examining Four Radically Different Models in Search of After-Tax Alpha

Wednesday, September 14, 5-7 pm

Minneapolis Club

Join us for a Distinguished Speaker Event with Jim Steiner's presentation, "Portfolio Construction: Examining Four Radically Different Models in Search of After-Tax Alpha." Steiner, president of Abbot Downing, will explore the relative risks and rewards of an active vs. passive investment strategy and why some investments may appear attractive but lose their appeal when viewed on a true after-tax basis. [Learn more here.](#)



French Table
September 6 6:00 pm Cave Vin, Minneapolis

When: September 6 at 6:00 pm (Cave Vin, 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!!!!
September 7 7:00 pm Maya Cuisine

Where: Maya Cuisine, 1840 Central Ave. NE, Minneapolis <http://www.mayacuisineusa.com/>
RSVP: Hari Osofsky, hosofsky@umn.edu Please make your reservation by September 4!
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.

People Serving People
September 24 11:30 am

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

Young Alumni

September 29

6:00 pm

Minnesota Science Museum

TCAN presents Destination MSP, Thursday, September 29, 6:00 p.m.

Location: Minnesota Science Museum

Destination MSP is an event targeted at enhancing the professional and social lives of recent and long-time residents of the Twin Cities, held in partnership with **Greater MSP**, the regional economic development entity and their effort to recruit talent (and business) to the Twin Cities, **Make It MSP**. We have a large and beautiful venue booked at the Science Museum in the Elements Café. We have what we hope is an exciting agenda planned, including:

- Keynote Speaker from Make It MSP
- Information from/about other social and professional networking groups and resources
- Appetizers from Elements Café and Cash Bar
- General Museum Admission
- Museum Scavenger Hunt with Prizes(!)
- Socializing and Networking

All of the above for only \$15 entry fee

Questions: Hugh Williams hughwilliams@williamsglobalmarketing.com

RSVPs and payment through Eventbrite

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 Divinity School (YDS) Alums

October 2

2-5 p.m.

Lund's

On **Sunday October 2**, we will be meeting with a special guest, Jim Hackney '79 MAR, Senior Director of Development for YDS. Time is **2:00 – 5:00 pm** at Lunds, West Lake Street (612-825-2440), Community Room

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.

Questions and RSVP to [Rudy Hokanson rhokanson@gmail.com](mailto:Rudy.Hokanson@gmail.com)

Calling All Lawyers

October 19 6:00 pm

We will be gathering on October 19 at 6:00 pm at a location on Seven Corners, Minneapolis. This will be a discussion group on topics of current events in the law. Questions and RSVP to Dorothy Whelan at whelan@fr.com

Yale Alumni Knitting Group

TBD

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.

Alumni Schools Committee

Also, thanks to all the volunteers who interviewed hundreds of applications to Yale for the class of 2020. We have 17 students who have accepted offers of admission to Yale for that class. The competition for admission was, as always, very great. But this year, the competition to have students choose to matriculate to Yale after being admitted was even stiffer. Next year, not only will our interviewers need to sell the qualifications of the applicants to the admissions committee, but we will also have to sell the benefits of Yale to the students! This is a great opportunity for outstate, North and South Dakota and Wisconsin alumni to serve the Yale community!! Questions to Malcolm McDonald (St. Paul) malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net, Tony Leung (Mpls.) TNLeung@mnd.uscourts.gov, or Jon Tilburt (Rochester) Tilburt.Jon@mayo.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/>

Thursday, September 8, 5:15 pm

Sizzling Salsa Dancing and Appetizers Evening!

Location: The Women's Club of Minneapolis, 410 Oak Grove Street

Sponsored by: The Penn Club

Cost: 25.00

RSVP: Julia julialeighmccreight@gmail.com

Details: Join us for an exciting and beautiful evening at the Women's Club in Minneapolis for a Sizzling Salsa Night! - Lesson taught by Barnard College, Columbia University graduate Julia Leigh McCreight who is a Latin dance professional. The Salsa lesson is a beginning level and no partners or dance experience are needed!! We will dance group style and also learn simple partner techniques. Enjoy the fabulous appetizers of the Women's Club and we will also have a cash bar for the entire evening. All you need is comfy shoes and be prepared to have a blast!