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Thoughts from the President

It's volunteer season!

Welcome back to the school year. Lots of opportunities to volunteer through YAANW and give back to your community.

We will likely have over 400 applicants to Yale from our territory this fall. Because of the huge applicant pool, the admissions office cannot devote as much time as they would like to evaluating applications. The time you spend with applicants is incredibly valuable for the committee -- and for the student. For those frustrated by the low acceptance rate, note this: a substantially higher rate of early action applicants is admitted. So take the time, especially early in the fall, to **interview** student applicants to Yale.

Want to start earlier in the education cycle? Come read to kindergarteners. Our relationship with **Webster Elementary** in northeast Minneapolis remains strong. There is nothing like the wonderment on a small person's face when you read *Cat in the Hat* out loud.

Or build a house. We are once again partnering with **Habitat for Humanity** on November 4. There is incredible satisfaction driving by a house you have helped build, knowing a family in need now lives there.

Or serve lunch at the homeless shelter, **People Serving People**. When someone down on his/her luck sees your Yale hat while you are serving behind the counter and

says, "I'm going to go there," you know you have reached someone.

Have another service opportunity? Let YAANW be your platform.

Ron Goldser '75



@Yale

News and Announcements

Seeking Alumni Interviewers

Attention one and all!

Interviewing prospective students!

We - Tony Leung, Jon Tilburt and I, Malcolm McDonald, need interviewers for the estimated over 400 applicants to the Yale College class of 2022! Welcome your emailing me at malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net of your interest in interviewing.

On October 12th from 5:30 to 8 PM at the University Club on Summit Avenue and Ramsey in Saint Paul, we are holding a workshop on interviewing with Deb Johns, senior staff member in the Admissions Department here to tell us all about how Yale College works with applicants and with

those accepted under both Early Action and Regular Admissions. Do join us. We will have valet parking, good buffet food, a cash bar and excellent conversation. Price is \$30 per person but \$15 for those who graduated in the past ten years. Please email your attendance to malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net

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

Annual Summer Outing, August 22





Upcoming Events

Click on an event to learn more!

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Special Events

ASC Interviewing Workshop

Oct 12

5:30-8

University Club

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Please RSVP to malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net

Habitat for Humanity

Nov 4
8:30-4:30
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

Annual Financial Panel

Nov 29

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

"Rigoletto" at the Minnesota Opera

March 2018

We'll be doing another **Minnesota Opera** event next spring. Stay tuned!

Regular Events and Special Interest Groups

French Table

Wednesday, Sept 5
6 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.

Hmong American Farmers Association Volunteer Days

Sep 10
11 am

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.

HAFA is looking for volunteers for the Harvest Fest on September 10th from 11 am to 2 pm. The theme is "Planting, Growing and Sharing Community."

To volunteer for Harvest Fest or at other times, contact Mee Thor at mee@hmongfarmers.com or 651-493-8091.

People Serving People

Sept 23
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.

FOODIES!!! and Camp Yale

Our next FOODIES!!! event will be a French-themed brunch at **Barbette** in Uptown.

September 24
11:30 am
Barbette

As part of **Camp Yale Emeritus**, we're offering a *free drink* of your choosing to any Bulldog of the Last Decade (BOLD). If you graduated from Yale College between 2008 and 2017, please include your college and class year in your RSVP email. If you graduated earlier, you also get a free drink--water!

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.



YAANW **Camp Yale** 2016

Yale Alumni Knitting Group

TBD

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.

Programs from Yale and AYA

Yale Alumni Art League

The **Yale Alumni Art League** seeks to promote and support Yale alumni in the visual arts by building a community that values the positive impact that art brings to our society.

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>

CEO Series: Carla Harris, Vice Chairman at Morgan Stanley, on Maximizing Career Success

Sept 13

7:30-9:30 am

Dorsey & Whitney

50 S. 6th St. Ste. 1500, Mpls

Sponsored by: Harvard Club

RSVP: <http://bit.ly/2verTwM>

Cost: No charge, but you must register

Contact us: admin@harvardmn.org

Location: Dorsey & Whitney, 50 South 6th St. Suite 1500, Minneapolis, MN 55402

Carla Harris, Vice Chairman of Morgan Stanley, gospel recording artist, and author of Expect to Win and Strategize to Win will use her signature, "Carla's Pearls" to discuss the components of positioning yourself to maximize your success as a leader in your current career environment or the environment that you want. She will explore the concepts of performance currency vs. relationship currency, managing through and creating change and how to be an impactful and influential leader.

This event is sponsored by Morgan Stanley. Breakfast will be served. There is no charge to attend but you must register.

TCAN Tuttle's Bowling Takeover

**Sept 23
2:30-4:00 pm
Tuttle's, Hopkins**

Sponsored by: Brown Club of Minnesota and UChicago Alumni Club of the Twin Cities

RSVP: <http://bit.ly/TCANbowl2017> by Sept. 20

Cost: \$15 per person, \$7 for children under 5

Contact us: Miluska Novota, mlnovota@icloud.com

Location: **Tuttle's**, 107 Shady Oak Road, Hopkins, MN 55343

Join fellow TCAN alumni at Tuttle's bowling alley in Hopkins for an afternoon of bowling, food, and fun! Sponsored by the Brown University and University of Chicago alumni clubs. Registration includes bowling shoes, reserved lanes, pizza, and salad.

Families welcome! Booster lanes are available for tiny bowlers.

For registration and full event details, visit our [online event page](#) by September 20th

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