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## **Thoughts from the President**

The Yale Alumni Association of the Northwest is a growing, evolving organization that seeks to well serve you and the various communities in which we live, work and contribute. I say “evolving” because organizations of all types must regularly evaluate and respond to new opportunities and challenges to stay vibrant and relevant. YAANW has begun to re-visit where we, as an organization, have been, where we now are, and where we wish to go in the coming years. That is, we are in the very early stages of developing a new strategic plan. I will be reporting to you on our efforts and, as we progress, inviting you to participate in this important endeavor.

Bob Weisenfeld, '71  
President, YAANW

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **Space is still available for the next event of the Environmental Series:**

**“From Oil to Algae Biofuels: Does Public Policy Make a Difference”**

**Presenters:** Bob Ames, VP Fuels, Solazyme (<http://solazyme.com/>), and Michael McAdams, President, Advanced Biofuels Association (<http://www.advancedbiofuelsassociation.com/>)

**When: Monday, April 8, at 5:30 pm**

**Where:** Minneapolis Club 729 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis

**Cost:** \$35 dinner, with cash bar; \$10 for graduates from 2003 – 2013

**RSVP:** Bob Weisenfeld ([bweisenfeld@gmail.com](mailto:bweisenfeld@gmail.com))

With checks payable to YAANW, and sent to Bob Weisenfeld, 217 W. College Ave., St. Peter, MN 56082

## **"The Opportunities and Challenges of the Changing Face of Minneapolis Schools, and Community Economic Development in Minnesota"**

**Presenter:** Hussein Samatar, Founder and Executive Director of the African Development Center (<http://www.adcminnesota.org/>)

**When: Friday, April 19, at noon**

**Where:** Minneapolis Club 729 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis

**Cost:** \$35 for lunch and parking; \$10 for graduates from 2003 - 2013

**RSVP:** Bob Weisenfeld ([bweisenfeld@gmail.com](mailto:bweisenfeld@gmail.com))

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## **Yale Professor Fred Volkmar, speaking on current issues on Autism**

**Tues, June 4, 5:30 PM**, Minneapolis Club.

Fred R. Volkmar, M.D. is the Irving B. Harris Professor of Child Psychiatry, Pediatrics, and Psychology and Director of the Yale University Child Study Center, Yale University School of Medicine. Dr. Volkmar was the primary author of the American Psychiatric Association's DSM-IV autism and pervasive developmental disorders section. He is the author of several hundred scientific papers and chapters as well as a number of books including A Practical Guide to Autism (Wiley Press), Asperger's Syndrome (Guilford Press), Health Care for Children on the Autism Spectrum (Woodbine Publishing), and the Handbook of Autism (Wiley Publishing). Cost is \$35, with a reduced cost for classes of 2002 to 2012 (Parking at Mpls. Club included). **This is a popular event. Reserve your spot now!** [rgoldser@hotmail.com](mailto:rgoldser@hotmail.com)

## **Yale Book Award**

Each spring, YAANW offers an award to outstanding high school juniors for their achievement and academic prowess. We reach out to many guidance counselors in schools, both in the greater metropolitan area and outstate, to seek out such outstanding students. Often, the award is given at a special program in the school. If you wish to sponsor a high school, present the award and/or contribute to this program, please contact Ron Goldser at [rgoldser@hotmail.com](mailto:rgoldser@hotmail.com).

## **Alumni Happy Hour**

Yalies! Feb Club was such a great success, we're getting together again on **April 11<sup>th</sup>**. **New location: The Bulldog NE, 401 East Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis from 3:30 til ???**. We are gathering to watch the AWESOME Yale Men's hockey team in the Final Frozen Four. Bring friends, Yale and non-Yale, to cheer and, oh yeah, to network and socialize!

## **Yale Day of Service**

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Yale Day of Service on Saturday, May 11, 2013.**

Bring yourself, family and/or friends and join Yale Alumni around the world in providing service to others in our local communities. Projects involve a commitment of 2-3 hours, and there will be a potluck lunch following at the home of one of the YAANW board members for all to join in who can.

Currently our choice of 4 volunteer sites is in the larger Twin City metro area. If anyone in a **non-metro area** would be interested in helping coordinate a site in your region, please let Vicky Stoneman know. She would be happy to help you get it set up. Vicky's email is [vstoneman@s-sm.org](mailto:vstoneman@s-sm.org) or phone 507/333-1646.

You can register for any of the four sites at this link:  
<http://www.yaledayofservice.org/2013sitesAKMO/MN>

They are briefly:

- Eagan: Feed My Starving Children (9-11am) Hand-pack meals designed especially for undernourished children in developing countries.
- Minneapolis: Cedar Lake Park Association (9am-noon) Clean up and clear out a park so it can be used for recreational and educational purposes.
- Minneapolis: People Serving People Homeless Shelter (9am-12pm) Assist with general upkeep and maintenance of the shelter.
- Minneapolis: Open Arms (9:30-11:30am) Drive and deliver free meals tailored to meet the needs of people living with serious and life-threatening diseases.

Come give back, meet new people and have fun!!

### **YAANW's Environmental Sustainability Program**

In addition to the event described above, the Environmental Sustainability Series will then in late spring with the first of three presentations on "Energy, Politics and the Common Good." More information will follow in upcoming e-newsletters.

### **Yale Applications from YAANW region**

We had over 450 applicants to Yale from the high schools in the YAANW territory. We are proud to say that 24 of these applicants were admitted! Congratulations to all these students. We welcome them into the Yale family. It is very exciting to interview prospective applicants for Yale. If you are interested in participating next year, contact Malcolm McDonald at [malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net](mailto:malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net).

### **Yale Global Scholars Program**

The Yale Young Global Scholars Program is an intensive two-week pre-collegiate academic program at Yale for rising high school juniors and seniors. Each year, over 300 students from around the world come to Yale to attend the program and take courses in politics, law, and international relations.

Our two summer programs – Politics, Law, and Economics (PLE) and Studies in Grand Strategy (GS) – are interdisciplinary in scope. During the programs, students read primary source materials, articles, and books on a wide variety of issues, participate in lively team exercises and simulations, and gain invaluable instruction in university-level writing.

As an official Yale University program that is administered by University officials, high school students can expect a first-rate summer experience studying in Yale's lecture halls and classrooms, living in a residential college, engaging with world-renowned professors, and interacting with extraordinary visiting practitioners. The Yale Young Global Scholars Program brings the best of the academic and policy communities together in a scholarly learning environment. The program's instructional staff teach the same material and in the same manner as in undergraduate courses here at Yale, and focus on helping students increase their critical thinking skills, communication skills, and leadership skills.

Need based financial aid is available. Application deadlines are April 18 and May 3, 2013. For more information, please visit [globalscholars.yale.edu](http://globalscholars.yale.edu).

### **Calling All Entrepreneurs**

From time to time, YAANW seeks to convene fellow alumni with common interests. The first such gathering is directed to entrepreneurs. Questions to be addressed include: Did you recently start a business? Do you plan to? Do you need advice on what to do? Would you be interested in participating in a panel to discuss entrepreneurship? Write Malcolm McDonald at [malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net](mailto:malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net).

### **Regular Events**

#### **Yale Alumni Knitting Group**

When: **April 14, 3:00 pm—5:00 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 Alumni Book Club**

Book: Nature Wars by Jim Sterba

When: **Sunday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.**

Where: to be announced

Phone: 952.807.8715 e-mail: [jan.kleinman@gmail.com](mailto:jan.kleinman@gmail.com).

#### **People Serving People**

The next day of service at People Serving People (PSP) is **April 27 at 11:30 am**. YAANW has a small group volunteering to serve meals at PSP -- <http://www.peopleservingpeople.org/> -- once a month, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at lunchtime (11:30 to 1:00). If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ron Goldser at [rgoldser@hotmail.com](mailto:rgoldser@hotmail.com).

#### **French Table**

When: **May 7, 5:30 p.m.**

Vincent, a restaurant, 1100 Nicollet Ave., 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@hotmail.com](mailto:rgoldser@hotmail.com).

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### **Twin Cities Alumni Network (TCAN)**

<http://www.twincitiesalumninetwork.org/index.php?m=3&y=2013>

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.)

### **Medical Device Innovation**

**Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2013**

**Location:** Mayo Memorial Building, 420 Delaware Street SE, Minneapolis

**Contact us:** Denise Anderson at [daa@sitinvest.com](mailto:daa@sitinvest.com)

Interested in medical device innovation? Ever wonder how a clinical need transforms into a medical device solution? Then come to the University of Minnesota Medical Devices Center Happy Hour and Mingling Event on Thursday, April 25th beginning at 5:30pm!

### **Penn Theater Event: "Handle With Care" on Thursday, May 2**

An amazing night of socializing, food and theater awaits us on **Thursday, May 2**. Minnesota Jewish Theatre Company will host us at their presentation of "Handle With Care", a sweet and touching comedy that gently explores faith, friendship, family, intergenerational relationships and the eternal question of destiny. For more information, contact Dan Rutman, Penn Club MN, 6728 Rosemary Lane, Edina MN 55439, [danrutman@comcast.net](mailto:danrutman@comcast.net)