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Thoughts from the President

Some time ago, I mentioned that YAANW is committed to serving the greater community in a number of ways. One has been to build upon and develop ongoing relationships with non-profits served on the annual Day of Service (DOS). One such relationship, now in its second year and described below, has been with People Serving People, an innovative organization serving the homeless. We see this relationship as a model for taking advantage of existing collaborations that extend well beyond the one day of service on DOS.

You will read below about Open Arms, a DOS site that seeks to develop a similar relationship with YAANW. I encourage you to gain more information below about this special organization and the opportunity for YAANW members.

We are looking as well to extend the number and nature of community-based partnerships, ones that go well beyond the DOS model. I encourage YAANW members and others to identify possible long-term collaborations, and to forward those suggestions to me at bweisenfeld@gmail.com.

In the meantime, I wish to thank you for your many contributions to support our various constituencies, both within and outside of YAANW.

Sincerely,
Bob Weisenfeld, '71
President, YAANW

Summer family outing with details to follow

Many people have already asked, "what's the next YAANW event?" Of course, you should plan on the annual summer outing in August (with golf available if you like). We have a number of ideas pending, and are always interested in yours.

Yale Alumni Knitting Group

When: **July date TBD**

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

Preferred but Optional RSVP to: Cynthia Gilbertson at 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: Mystic River by Dennis Lehane

When: **Sunday, June 16, 6:30 p.m.**

Where: Arne Sovik, 707 Yale Place, Minneapolis

Phone: 612-338-2981

e-mail: jan.kleinman@gmail.com.

Directions:

From south: leave 35W on 11th St, go west to Hennepin, left to 12th St, left two blocks, cross Yale Place on right, then driveway to guest parking of Loring Green East (brown brick bldg). Register car and go up to Apt.707.

From west: get off 394 on 12th St., straight east 3 blocks to Yale Place, etc.

From east: leave 94 at 11th St., west several blocks to Hennepin, left to 12th St., etc.

People Serving People

The next day of service at People Serving People (PSP) is **June 22 at 11:30 am**. YAANW has a small group volunteering to serve meals at PSP -- <http://www.peopleservingpeople.org/> -- once a month, on the 4th Saturday at lunchtime (11:30 to 1:00). If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ron Goldser at rgoldser@hotmail.com.

In addition, PSP offers tutoring opportunities with children. We have not yet started this, but would like to. Let us know if you are interested.

French Table

When: **July, 2, 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.

YALE Day of Service Recap

The Fifth Annual Yale Day of Service in Minnesota was again a great success, engaging 48 people serving at four sites - Feed My Starving Children, People Serving People Shelter, Open Arms, and Cedar Lake Park. Participants spent several hours on May 11th packing food for hungry children around the world; cleaning and providing maintenance at a multifaceted shelter for the homeless, transporting meals to the seriously ill; and pulling out invasive plants and taking down dead trees to improve a park.

An important follow-up to the Day of Service in Minnesota has been to continue the one day of activity with more a sustained relationship with a Day of Service organization. We have already done so with People Serving People, based on its serving as a site in 2012.

For pictures of the day, click on this link:

<http://yaanw.org/activities/yale-day-of-service/#>

We are already looking forward to the Yale Day of Service for next year already. Mark it on your calendar (May 10, 2014) and come join us for another great day!

Volunteer Opportunity at Open Arms

One of the Yale Day of Service sites, Open Arms, is interested in developing an ongoing relationship similar to our experience with People Serving People, ideally serving on a monthly or quarterly basis. Open Arms delivers healthy meals to seriously ill persons who cannot prepare food on their own. Volunteers spend approximately one or two hours delivering meals in the Metro area. Open Arms is looking for a person to organize these monthly or quarterly services. If you are interested, please contact Vicky Stoneman at vstoneman@s-sm.org or 507-339-2897.

YAANW's Environmental Sustainability Program

The Environmental Sustainability Series will continue in mid-summer with a three-part series on "Energy, Politics and the Common Good." More information will follow in upcoming e-newsletters.

Yale Global Alumni Leadership Exchange

Through the Association of Yale Alumni, YaleGALE travels abroad to exchange best practices with international non-profit organizations and universities. This past February, YaleGALE went to Paris. To get a flavor of this group and its mission, see www.yalegale.org/newsletter/paris-2013. Rumor has it that the 2014 trip will be to India.

Interested in Interviewing Applicants to Yale College?

Each year over 400 high school seniors from our state, western Wisconsin and the Dakotas apply. We are looking for additional interviewers to respond to an increasing number of applicants. We will work with you on how to interview and what the

admissions office is looking for in extremely outstanding applicants. Please email us with your curiosity, interest, and desire to interview.

Please email Malcolm at malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net, Tony at TNLeung@mnd.uscourts.gov. or Randy at edson.randall@mayo.edu.

Yale Book Award

Each spring, YAANW offers an award to outstanding high school juniors for their achievement and academic prowess. This year we presented awards to approximately SIXTY outstanding high school students in the greater metropolitan area and outstate. If you wish to sponsor a high school or present the award next year, please contact Ron Goldser at rgoldser@hotmail.com. We encourage you to support this important program. Contact Ron Goldser (rgoldser@hotmail.com) for more information,

Technology

We hope to broadcast meetings and programs via online software in the near future. If you have experience with this technology, let us know. rgoldser@htomail.com

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.)

Event: Embrace Failure and Get to Fabulous!

Date: **Wednesday, June 12, 2013**

Time: 5:00 Socializing/Dinner; 6:30 Program

Location: Seven Ultralounge and Skybar, 700 Hennepin Ave S, Minneapolis

Sponsored by: Penn and Columbia Clubs

Cost: \$20, includes dinner

RSVP: Anabel Wirt: anabel@umn.edu

Details:

Why do we all want to be so perfect? Perfect is BORING! Why do we fear failure when most people agree that resilience is one of the keys to success? Beth St. John, Wharton alumnus and owner of One Eleven Coaching, will talk about fabulous catastrophes that, in the end, make us stronger and more successful . . . or at least much more interesting! Come embrace fear, overcome failure and get to fabulous.

Recent events

On June 4, YAANW hosted Dr. Fred Volkmar, world renowned Yale professor and expert in the area of autism. We had over 100 people in attendance. Dr. Volkmar's presentation discussed both fundamental, as well as cutting edge, issues in the area, followed by extensive group and individual questions. AYA regularly makes Yale faculty available for such events, and we anticipate have additional programs in the future.