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Thoughts from the President

In past issues I have spoken of our commitment to regularly re-visit how YAANW can best serve our constituency. We have sought to do so with a strategic planning process that includes a number of key components. I write now to alert you to a forthcoming survey that is central to our efforts. It seeks to provide us with information that, in part, includes the following:

- more data about the diverse constituency YAANW serves;
- the extent of our constituency's familiarity with YAANW;
- assessment of participation in YAANW activities and events; and
- Insights to assist the YAANW Board in critically assessing its current mission statements and goals.

The success of our efforts depends on you and the information you will be providing. I therefore strongly encourage you to participate in this aspect of our strategic planning process by completing this survey.

Sincerely,
Bob Weisenfeld, '71
President, YAANW

SUMMER OUTING!!!

YAANW's annual calendar of events would be incomplete without the YAANW Summer Outing and Dinner. This year's event is of special interest for a number of reasons -- It

helps us continue our celebration of YAANW's 130th anniversary; it continues our series on environmental and conservation issues; and it presents Sir Peter Crane, Dean, the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. I hope you can join us for this special event:

DATE: **TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2013**
PLACE: **THE SOMERSET COUNTRY CLUB**
1416 Dodd Road
Mendota Heights, Minnesota 55118
(651) 457-1416

GOLF: Beginning at **1:30 p.m.** (cost TBD)
(Optional)

TENNIS: Beginning at **4:00 p.m.** (cost TBD)
(Optional)

COCKTAILS: **6:00 P.M.** (cash bar)

DINNER: **7:00 p.m.** (cost TBD)

PROGRAM: **8:00 p.m.**
I. Introductory Remarks
Bob Weisenfeld/ '71 YAANW President

II. Presentation
Sir Peter Crane
Dean, The Yale School Of Forestry & Environmental Studies

III. Reunion Reports. Write **Ron Goldser** to volunteer at
rgoldser@hotmail.com

SINGING OLD YALE SONGS AROUND THE PIANO: **Don Leavenworth, '52,** on the piano

Registration and checks prior to the event: ldschustermdphd@aol.com

Yale SOM Happy Hour

When: **July 17, 5:30 p.m.**
Where: Butcher and the Boar, 1121 Hennepin Ave.
Host: Max Musicant, 612-670-6717. Max.musicant@gmail.com
Evite: <http://www.evite.com/event/01CECIYT2I2JAACHKEPC3W6SJTS66I>

Yale Alumni Book Club

Book: The President's Club, by Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy
When: **Sunday, July 21, 6:30 p.m.**
Where: Bev Anderson, 5616 Mt. Normandale Dr., Bloomington
Phone: 952-844-0920
e-mail: jan.kleinman@gmail.com.

Yale Alumni Knitting Group

When: **July 27, 3:00-5:00 PM**
August 18, 2:00-4:00 PM

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.

People Serving People

The next day of service at People Serving People (PSP) is **July 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 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: **August 6, 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.

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 with a three-part series on "Energy, Politics and the Common Good." More information will follow in upcoming e-newsletters.

Incoming Yale students

Yale has admitted 19 students to the class of 2017 from the YAANW territory. We had a wonderful opportunity to meet 11 of them, and their parents, at a brunch hosted by Senator Amy Klobuchar ('82) on Saturday, June 29. The energy and enthusiasm of the students was remarkable, and fun to share.

If you want to join the team interviewing prospective students, contact Malcolm McDonald at malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net

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.)

Hosting Clubs: Penn and Columbia Clubs of Minnesota

Date: **Wednesday, July 31**

Time:

5:00 pm Socializing, Dining and Art Viewing
6:30 pm Discussion with Gallery Artists

Location: Kolman & Pryor Gallery, Studio 395, Northrup King Building, 1500 Jackson Street NE, Minneapolis MN 55413.

Cost: \$15, includes dinner.

RSVP: Please contact Mt. Holyoke Club's Ann Schneider at ann.schneider@gmail.com

Payment Options: After you RSVP to Ann please:

- a.) Submit \$15 via Paypal to dan.rutman@alumni.upenn.edu or
- b.) Send check to Dan Rutman, Penn Club MN, 6728 Rosemary Lane, Edina MN 55439 (please make check payable to Dan Rutman and write "Alumni Event" in memo).