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President: Bob Weisenfeld, '71
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Thoughts from the President

Last month, I noted that the Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) had recognized YAANW as the Outstanding Mid-Size City club in the country. That award was based on its "superior accomplishments in creating events, programs, and best practices in alumni relations..." It spoke, in part, of our extensive interview program for prospective students applying to Yale, our innovative summer internship program, and the wide range of high-quality programming we provide for Yale alumni, parents and friends, and for members of the communities in which we live. None of the cited activities would be possible without your commitment of time, interest and financial support. For this we are most grateful. (For a picture of the award, go to the end of the newsletter!)

Sincerely,
Bob Weisenfeld, '71
President, YAANW

Environmental Sustainability Series

Dr. Ford Runge (Yale parent) will make the the next presentation of the Environmental Sustainability Series and speak on "Meeting Future Food Demands Without Carbon Compromise."

When: Wednesday, January 15, 6:00 PM (new date)

Where: Pool & Yacht Club, Lilydale ([http://www.poolandyachtclub.com/About-Us-\(1\)/Contact---Directions.aspx](http://www.poolandyachtclub.com/About-Us-(1)/Contact---Directions.aspx))

Cost: \$35, with cash bar and dinner; reduced cost of \$15 for classes of 2003 to 2013

RSVP: with checks payable to YAANW, c/o Bob Weisenfeld, 217 W. College Ave, St. Peter, MN 56082.

Questions: Bob Weisenfeld at bweisenfeld@gmail.com

Meeting the world's demand for food will require nearly doubling food output by 2050. Doing so will inevitably mean bringing more land into production. This will stress global carbon stores and aggravate global climate impacts such floods and droughts. This will, in turn, reduce agricultural productivity. Join Dr. Runge in his analysis of which lands can be cultivated in ways that preserve carbon stores while meeting global food needs.

Yale Book Award

Do you have a favorite high school in the YAANW territory? Each year, YAANW honors a top student at many high schools with the YAANW book award. If you are interested in sponsoring a book at your favorite high school, or want to present the award this spring, contact Ron Goldser at rgoldser@hotmail.com.

Global Scholars Program Informational Meeting

YAANW is hosting an informational meeting about the Yale Young Global Scholars Program, a very selective leadership-development program for high school students from around the world. The program offers three intensive, interdisciplinary summer pre-collegiate experiences for 2014: *Science, Policy, and Innovation*; *Politics, Law, and Economics*; and *Studies in Grand Strategy*. There . All three sessions give high school student leaders opportunities to recognize and understand contemporary global issues, strategize responses, and develop innovative solutions while learning from renowned practitioners and Yale faculty members in a range of fields.

Where: Ridgedale Public Library, 12601 Ridgedale Dr., Minnetonka

When: **Thursday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.**

For more information about the meeting, contact Bob Weisenfeld at bweisenfeld@gmail.com; for more information about the Program, please visit <http://globalscholars.yale.edu/>.

Yale Alumni Knitting Group

When: **Sunday, December 8, from 2:00 to 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.

Yale Alumni Book Club

What: Holiday Book Exchange! Bring one previously read and enjoyed title, wrapped.

When: **Sunday, December 15, 2013, 6:30 pm.**

Where: Bev Anderson's house

5616 Mt. Normandale Dr., Bloomington 952 844-0920

Directions: Very close to the intersection of I-494 and Hwy 100.

From 494 take the Normandale exit. (Normandale is the southern continuation of Hwy100.) Go through the light @ 84th & the next right is Mt. Normandale.

Future readings:

January, 2014: Wolf Hall, by Hilary Mantel

People Serving People

The next day of service at People Serving People (PSP) is **December 28 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 aspect of our developing relationship with PSP, but would like to. Let us know if you are interested (contact Ron Goldser at rgoldser@hotmail.com).

French Table

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

February date and place to be announced

Where: 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.

In February, we are trying to arrange a tour of the Matisse exhibit at the Minneapolis Art Institute, and then adjourn somewhere nearby for French table. There may be limits on the number of attendees!

Alumni Schools Committee

Wanted! Able bodied alumni from any Yale school willing to interview prospective Yale College students.

Need - expect over 400 applicants from all parts of Minnesota, western Wisconsin and along the Dakota and Iowa borders.

Experience- gained from doing.

Time commitment - typically up to four applicants per year, occasionally five per interviewer, or the number you would like!

Please email -
malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net
or call 651.387.7050

Minneapolis and western Twin City suburbs - Tony Leung
Saint Paul and eastern suburbs, outstate and western Wisconsin - Malcolm McDonald
Southeastern Minnesota – John Tliburt

Historic Yale Harvard Programs

The program from the 130th Game, coinciding with the 130th Anniversary of YAANW, is now available for \$10.

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DO YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROMOTE THROUGH YAANW?

YAANW Award!

President Bob, Ron and Rick receiving the AYA Award for Best Mid-Size Cities Club

