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President: Bob Weisenfeld, '71
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Thoughts from the President

We wish you a happy and healthy new year!

As many of you know, 2013 has been an extraordinary year for YAANW. Among other things, we celebrated our 130th anniversary, and the fact that we are one of the oldest, most established and most recognized Yale clubs. The Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) honored this record and YAANW by awarding YAANW the AYA Board Excellence Award for the most outstanding club for mid-size cities. The award affirmed the diverse ways we serve our constituency and the broader community. Noted were the range and quality of our educational programming, our robust and extensive program for interviewing students applying to Yale, and our ongoing commitment to enhancing all aspects of our operations.

Speaking to this last point, we look back to 2013 both to celebrate what we have done and to serve as a foundation for these next years. As previously noted we are engaged in a comprehensive strategic planning process to assist us in our efforts. We look forward to sharing our progress, enlisting your help, and providing additional ways you can contribute to our activities.

In the meantime I wish to thank you for the many ways you support YAANW.

Sincerely,
Bob Weisenfeld, '71
President, YAANW

Environmental Sustainability Series

Dr. Ford Runge (Yale parent), Distinguished McKnight Professor of Applied Economics and Law at the University of Minnesota, and Institute on the Environment Fellow, will make the next presentation of the Environmental Sustainability Series, speaking 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 as 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.

Bulldogs on the Lake

Employers Needed for Yale Summer Internship Program

Bulldogs on the Lakes is a summer internship program for Yale undergraduate students founded by Bill Messinger and from the Twin Cities, and provides challenging paid internships, introductions to the community and its leaders, alumni mentorships, and interesting events. It is a meaningful summer for the Yale student and a great networking source for the employer. Internship dates are May 27 – August 1, 2014. We are also always looking for Yale alumni to serve as mentors for our interns. It is a great experience for both the mentor and student.

For more information on how to post a job or mentoring, please contact Jennifer Knutson at 651-209-760 or jen@BillMessinger.com.

Yale Alumni Knitting Group

When: **Saturday January 25, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm**
Saturday, February 8, from 3:00 to 5:00 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: Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel

When: **Sunday, January 19, 6:30 pm.**

Where: TBA—watch your email!

People Serving People

The next day of service at People Serving People (PSP) is **January 25 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: **February 11 at 5:30 (note this is the SECOND Tuesday, since the prior week is precinct caucuses!!)**

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 ***March***, we are trying to arrange a tour of the Matisse exhibit at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, followed by a French Table meeting/conversation. Look for more information in coming newsletters.

Feb Club!!!

Minneapolis Feb Club Emeritus Happy Hour

Tentative date: **Friday, February 28th, 2014**

6:30-9:30pm

Gluek's in Downtown Minneapolis

16 North Sixth Street

What is Feb Club Emeritus?

Nothing complicated. An international series of multi-generational parties every night from February 1-28, in cities, towns, and incorporated entities around the world where Yale alums, significant others, friends, relatives, and random party-crashers where attendees answer the question "what college were you in?" with "business" get together in a relaxed, informal setting just..... to have fun with a group of people who share something in common. The inaugural Feb Club Emeritus, in 2008, was a worldwide affair where thousands of alums from the classes of 1945 through 2007 got together in cities from Seattle to Shanghai, from Paris to Philadelphia. Nothing formal, no fundraising, no speeches, just.... casual, laid-back parties hosted by random alums of all ages, shapes and sizes. And Twin Cities alumni and friends are getting in on the fun again this year! We had close to 40 people at last year's soiree and look forward to seeing you and more out again this February!

We will be greeting you at Gluek's in Downtown Minneapolis in the back room from 630-930pm. Whatever are your Friday plans, come join us to start the night with Yalies! Conveniently located in the heart of the Warehouse District, Gluek's is walking distance from the Target Center, the Theatre District, Convention Center and Nicollet Mall. Go to <http://www.febclubemeritus.com/> for more information and click on Minneapolis on the far left to RSVP.

Alumni Schools Committee

Wanted! Able-bodied alumni from any Yale school interested in interviewing prospective Yale College students.

Need - interview 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 as circumstances and your interest suggest!

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

Yale MBA for Executives

The Yale School of Management is expanding its MBA for Executives Program by offering students the ability to focus their studies in asset management or sustainability. The program is enrolling students who aspire to lead in these areas for fall 2014. . The program delivers a rigorous foundation in business skills, as well as in-depth study of a particular industry or sector. The expanded EMBA program reflects Yale SOM's focus on addressing the most complex business challenges in an increasingly global world. Healthcare, asset management, and sustainability are areas in which the school also

has deep faculty expertise and the ability to draw on the resources of Yale University to give students a unique understanding of these fields.

For more information, please contact Vani Nadarajah, the Director of Admissions for this program, at Vani.Nadarajah@yale.edu.

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

Contact Bob Weisenfeld (bweis@gustavus.edu) or Ron Goldser (rgoldser@hotmail.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.)

Upcoming Events Include:

Theater Event, Including Private Reception with Playwright, on Friday, February 7

Where: Penumbra Theatre

When: **February 7 at 6:00 pm** (reception)

What: The Ballad of Emmett Till by Ifa Bayeza, directed by Talvin Wilks

Tickets: www.harvardmn.org

Information: lboulware@aol.com (612-670-9347) or admin@harvardmn.org (612-871-2914)