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Thoughts from the President

In recent years, the Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) has encouraged alumni to engage with each other and with Yale in a very successful program based on common interests (such as those suggested or noted in this e-newsletter). These Shared Interest Groups (SIGs) complement the work of clubs such as YAANW, class associations, and other more formal groupings. A partial listing of current SIGs around the country reflects the range of represented common interests. They include: Yale Daily News Alumni, Yale Dramat Alumni Associates, Friends of Yale Rugby, the Yale Latino Alumni Association, the Yale Life Sciences Alumni Association, Yale Russian Chorus, Yale Veterans Association, and Yale Women.

There is already growing interest in establishing SIGs in our region. We are in various stages of development of such groups based on the alumni of the School of Management, Law School, and School of Divinity. We welcome those interested in joining those efforts as well as other interest-based affinities. As you could tell from the range of noted SIGs, there are multiple ways of identifying colleagues, large or small in number, with whom we shared some connection while at Yale.

Please contact Ron Goldser at rgoldser@hotmail.com or me at bweisenfeld@gmail.com for more information.

Sincerely,
Bob Weisenfeld, '71
President, YAANW

Do you want to connect with alumni who have similar interests, be they as graduates of a particular graduate school (e.g., law, forestry); as volunteers in the community (eg., with K-12 students); or as theatre, dance or museum patrons?

As many of you know, we have already established such affinity groups via the French Table, Knitting Group, Book Club, and volunteerism at the homeless shelter People Serving People (<http://peopleservingpeople.org/>). Please join us in pursuing your own interests-and sharing them with other Yale grads.

Please send an email to Ron Goldser, who is serving as coordinator of these efforts, if you have an interest you would like to share. rgoldser@hotmail.com

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 or other high school, or want to present the award this spring, contact Ron Goldser at rgoldser@hotmail.com. In addition to volunteering to present an award, we welcome your contribution of \$50 to support this important program. If interested, please **send a check to: YAANW c/o Nick Johnson, Treasurer, 1818 Kenwood Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55405**

Bulldogs on the Lake

Employers Needed for Yale Summer Internship Program

Bulldogs on the Lakes is a summer internship program for Yale undergraduate students from this and other countries founded by Bill Messinger of the Twin Cities. It provides paid internships at a range of non-profit organizations; introductions to the community and its leaders; alumni mentorships; and cultural and other activities and events. It is a meaningful summer for the Yale student and a great networking opportunity for the employer. The internship program dates are May 27 – August 1, 2014.

We are now looking for organizations interested in serving as a work site for the interns as well as alumni interested in serving as mentors. For more information on how to post a job or participate in the program as a mentor, please contact Jennifer Knutson at 651-209-760 or jen@BillMessinger.com.

Yale Alumni Knitting Group

When: **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: *The March of Folly...from Troy to Vietnam* by Barbara Tuchman

When: **Sunday February 23, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

Where: TBA

People Serving People

The next day of service at People Serving People (PSP) is **February 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 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 have scheduled a tour of the Matisse exhibit at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, followed by a French Table meeting/conversation. The visit to MIA is scheduled for **March 6 at 6:00 pm**. Limited openings remain.

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

Feb Club Emeritus is an international series of multi-generational parties 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 event 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. In the Twin Cities alumni and friends are getting in on the fun again this year, on February 28! 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 6:30-9:30pm. 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. Or write to Max Musicant at max.musicant@gmail.com

Alumni Schools Committee

Wanted! Alumni from any Yale school interested in interviewing prospective Yale College students.

Needed! Help fellow alumni interview applicants from all parts of Minnesota, western Wisconsin and along the Dakota and Iowa borders.

Experience! Wonderful way to reconnect with the next generation of Yale students. Resource and training materials are available

Time commitment – Up to four applicants per year, or as circumstances and your interest suggest.

For more information, please email Malcolm McDonald at malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net or call 651.387.7050.

Yale Day of Service

One of Yale's key events, the Day of Service (DOS) is coming up on **Saturday, May 10**. While we will be returning to many or all of the sites we previously assisted, this year Yale is encouraging us to place an emphasis on sites that provide service to veterans. We would like to do so, and we need an interested person to help organize the site/ (May 10). The site could be an organization assisting veterans (VA or PTSD clinic) or organizing assistance with resume writing, job counseling etc... There are a number of possibilities for you to explore and develop. If you are interested, please contact Vicky Stoneman 507/339-2897 or vstoneman@s-sm.org

130th Anniversary Celebration!

Come join us to celebrate YAANW's 130th Anniversary. On **May 15**, at a location to be determined, we will be featuring Professor Charles Hill, Yale Distinguished Fellow in International Security Studies, and other presenters of note. Look for more information in future e-newsletters and emails

Twin Cities Alumni Network (TCAN)

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.)

Check the TCAN website for upcoming events:

<http://www.twincitiesalumninetwork.org/groups.php?m=3&y=2014>