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## **Thoughts from the President**

Dear Yale Alumni, Parents and Friends,

The celebration of YAANW's 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is on Thursday, May 15, as many of you know from previous correspondence. I hope you can join us for this very special event. (For contact information, please see below.)

We are celebrating our 130th year by presenting Governor Mark Dayton; Professor Charles Hill, Distinguished Fellow, International Security Studies, Yale Jackson Institute for Global Affairs; and Cargill Chairman Emeritus Whitney MacMillan. Because of the legislative session, we are still awaiting confirmation from the Governor.

Why has Professor Hill reproached the Obama administration for "sleep walking" through the Arab Spring, bemoaned the fact that there is no grand strategy today, and considered a literary education necessary to understand world order?

Professor Hill will speak on his book "Grand Strategies: Literature, Statecraft and World Order." Considered "the sage of American diplomacy," Professor Hill played varying roles in the major events of the Cold War, during China's Cultural Revolution, and in the Congressional investigations of the Iran-Contra scandal. He has also worked with Secretaries of State Henry Kissinger (speechwriter and policy analyst) and George Shultz (executive aide).

Governor Dayton and Chairman MacMillan will make special presentations, speaking, in part, on Yale's influence in the Minnesota area.

Hope you join us.

Sincerely,

Bob Weisenfeld, '71  
President, YAANW (bweis@bweisenfeld.gmail)

PS Prof. Hill is frequently quoted in the media, often extensively, as evidenced last on Monday, April 28, in a *NY Times* article by op-ed columnist David Brooks ([http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/29/opinion/when-wolves-attack.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/29/opinion/when-wolves-attack.html?_r=0)).

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### **130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!**

Come join us to celebrate the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of YOUR Yale Club on **May 15 at 5:00 pm**, at Windows on Minnesota, 50<sup>th</sup> Floor of the IDS Center in Minneapolis. As noted in Bob's comments above, we will have several presenters, including Professor Charles Hill, Yale Distinguished Fellow in International Security Studies. Professor Hill is a diplomat in residence and lecturer in International Studies at Yale University. For more information, see Bob's comments above. Please visit Prof. Hill's web site at <http://jackson.yale.edu/hill-0> to learn more specific information. If you would like to learn more about the event or help with planning, please contact Bill Opsahl [billyo18@att.net](mailto:billyo18@att.net)

To provide some perspective on our 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary, our club's founding coincides with the opening of the Brooklyn Bridge!

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### **Yale Day of Service – MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Yale Day of Service on Saturday, May 10, 2014.**

Bring family and/or friends to join Yale Alumni around the world in providing service to others in their local communities.

You can learn more about and register for any of the five sites at this link, each of which involves about 2-3 hours of your time: [http://yaledayofservice.org/find-site-results?keys=&field\\_service\\_type\\_tid=All&field\\_state\\_value=MN&field\\_country\\_value=All&=Go](http://yaledayofservice.org/find-site-results?keys=&field_service_type_tid=All&field_state_value=MN&field_country_value=All&=Go)

They are briefly:

- Eagan: *Feed My Starving Children* (9-11am) Hand-pack meals designed especially for undernourished children in developing countries.
- Minneapolis: *Cedar Lake Park Association* (9am-noon) Clean up and clear out a park so it can be used for recreational and educational purposes.
- Minneapolis: *People Serving People Homeless Shelter* (9:30am-12pm) Assist with general upkeep and maintenance of the shelter.
- Minneapolis: *Open Arms* (9-11am) Drive and deliver free meals tailored to meet the needs of people living with serious and life-threatening diseases.

- Roseville: *Wingspan Residential Services* (9am-noon) Assist with spring cleanup of yards of homes for adults with developmental disabilities.

Following participation in our various activities, there will be a potluck lunch for us all at the home of one of the YAANW board members.

Hope you can join us! Questions, contact Vicky Stoneman. [Vicky.Stoneman@s-sm.org](mailto:Vicky.Stoneman@s-sm.org)

### **Bulldogs on the Lakes**

#### **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 Malcolm McDonald from the Twin Cities. It provides challenging paid internships, introductions to the community and its leaders, alumni mentors and events of interest. It is a meaningful summer for the Yale student participants and a great networking source for the employer. Internship dates are May 27 – August 1, 2014. A key element of the program is the interaction and support of students through internships. We are always looking for Yale alumni to serve as mentors for our interns.

Current employers include:

United Strategies  
Headwaters Foundation  
Grassroots Solutions  
Microgrants  
National Youth Recovery Foundation  
Community Reinvestment Fund  
Hmong College Prep Academy  
Council on Crime and Justice  
Advocates for Human Rights  
KFAI Radio Station  
Juxtaposition Arts

For more information on how to post a job or serve as a mentor, please contact Jennifer Knutson at 651.209.7670 or [jen@BillMessinger.com](mailto:jen@BillMessinger.com).

### **Yale Alumni Knitting Group**

When: **Sunday, May 11, 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](mailto: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 Divinity School (YDS) Alums**

When: **May 18, 2:30 to 4:30**

Where: Chris Thomforde, 467 Sibley St., St. Paul, 651.224.6481

At each of the YDS alumni meetings, there is a focus on an issue or topic.

Issue to be discussed on May 18: Hospitality

When: **July 27, 2:30 to 4:30**

Where: Lund's Community Room, Lake Street, Minneapolis

Issue: TBA

RSVP: Rudy Hokanson at [rhokanson@gmail.com](mailto:rhokanson@gmail.com)

### **Yale Alumni Book Club**

What: Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of Injustice and Redemption by Jennifer Thompson-Cannino and Robert Cotton, with Erin Torneo

When: **Sunday May 18, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

Where: TBA

### **People Serving People**

The next day of service at People Serving People (PSP) is **May 24 at 11:30 am**. YAANW has a small group volunteering to serve meals at PSP -- <http://www.peopleservingpeople.org/> -- once a month, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at lunchtime (11:30 to 1:00). If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ron Goldser at [rgoldser@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:rgoldser@hotmail.com)).

### **French Table**

When: **June 3 at 5:30**

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](mailto:rgoldser@hotmail.com).

### **Yale Alums in the Arts:**

We will try to alert you to various artistic endeavors in our community by Yale alums. If you have such a program, and wish to publicize it in the newsletter, contact Ron Goldser [rgoldser@hotmail.com](mailto:rgoldser@hotmail.com)

### **Take the Field**

**June 14, 9:00 PM**

#### **Yale Alum: Janaki Ranpura**

Take the Field expands the participatory nature of sports by creating a giant art event for the athletic field. Corners of the city beckon, encouraging us to remember the land as it might have been before our ancestors arrived. Intimate audio whispers transport Take the Fielders across scales of time and space. Careening lights and reflectors transform Kix Field on the Greenway into an ephemeral boundary between present and past, demanding a frontiersman's dual capacity for athleticism and meditative vision. The Phillips neighborhood has always used manufacturing, the work of the hand, to create itself. Looping, human actions will manifest a new urban vision on the playing field for one special night.

<http://2014.northernspark.org/project/ranpura-mangalvedhekar>

### **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, such as those noted below:

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

### **Johns Hopkins and Columbia Healthcare Event: "Get Inside Your Doctor's Head"**

Join fellow Ivy/TCAN alumni and guests for a reading and discussion from Dr. Phillip K. Peterson, M.D. as he speaks from his Johns Hopkins Press book, "Get Inside Your Doctor's Head".

With so many medical tests and treatments, so much scientific and medical information, and some of it contradictory, how can people make the best medical decisions? In his short and easy-to-read book, Dr. Peterson explains the Ten Rules of Internal Medicine. The book provides commonsense advice about such questions as when to seek treatment, when to get another opinion and when to let time take its course. Turn to the Ten Rules when you are weighing your doctor's recommendations about diagnostic tests and treatments, and use them to communicate more effectively with your doctor.

**Hosting Clubs:** Johns Hopkins and Columbia Clubs of Minnesota

**Date:** **Wednesday, May 22**

**Time:** 5:00pm – Light dinner, optional book signing and socializing  
6:30pm – Presentation

**Location:** University Hall – McNamara Alumni Center (University of Minnesota)  
200 Oak St. SE  
Minneapolis, MN

**Price:** \$20 per person; \$10 for a copy of the book (optional)