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Thoughts from the President

Thank you! Thank you! To the many of you who attended the 130th anniversary celebration on May 15. It was an extraordinary event in many ways, one befitting this special day, our 130 years, and the many alumni and friends who have contributed to our record of success. Thank you!

I wish to dedicate this month's e-newsletter to our 130th anniversary. Many of you know of this special year – because of your participation on May 15th, reading of it in this publication, or otherwise. It is special for reasons that go far beyond a particular "birthday." It celebrates our 130 years of what I would call community-building, manifested, in part, by the leadership of Yale alumni in all walks of life and in the ways we have served our various constituencies.

It is a record we can be proud of and build upon for today's YAANW and the ways we will grow and develop in the future. As noted below, we have a record of inviting and supporting hundreds of aspiring Yale students each year, and an enviable record of engaging alumni from the region in leading this effort. We continue to regularly present events that draw and reach an increasing cross section of alumni. We are connecting in new and important ways with the various communities in which we live.

And we seek to encourage your continued input, suggestions and participation. We thank you for enabling the success we have enjoyed.

Indeed, it is a time to celebrate.

Bob Weisenfeld, '71
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130th Anniversary Celebration

The celebration of YAANW's 130th anniversary took place in grand style on May 15th at the 50th Floor of the IDS Tower.

Master of Ceremonies and former YAANW President Rick Luis (Class of '67) began this special evening by recognizing all past presidents in attendance. Moving into the formal program, we heard a letter of commendation from Governor Mark Dayton (Class of '69). Whitney MacMillan (Class of '51) then spoke of some of the memorabilia available from the Club's early days in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Our main speaker was Professor Charles Hill, Yale Jackson Institute for Global Affairs Expert, International and Middle East Studies, and past Advisor to Secretaries of State Henry Kissinger and Charles Schultz. Hill spoke of the increasing role of security in today's world and in so many aspects of our daily lives.

After a hearty exchange of views between the attendees and the speaker, we all rose in the best Yale tradition to sing "Bright College Years", ending the formal part of the evening. Pictures are available at

<http://share.shutterfly.com/share/received/welcome.sfly?fid=3b93739d52da820f&sid=3AbOGrVo3ZuyA>

Yale Day of Service

The Sixth Annual Yale Day of Service was another great success at the five sites in Minnesota and over 250 participating sites around the world. Sixty local volunteers participated in a wide range of activities on May 10th, including: packing food for hungry children around the world; cleaning and providing maintenance to a multifaceted shelter for the homeless; transporting meals to the seriously ill; cleaning up and making the yard usable for a home of developmentally disabled adults; and pulling out invasive plants and taking down dead trees to improve a public park. The five sites were very pleased with and grateful for the work performed. The resounding sentiment among volunteers was that it was a productive and rewarding time. In addition, it was great fun to catch up with old friends and meet new people with ties to New Haven.

After the site work, about 20 people gathered for a potluck lunch at the home of YAANW board member, Nick Johnson, for more camaraderie and some delicious food.

We are already looking forward to the Yale Day of Service for next year already. Mark it on your calendar (May 9, 2015) and come join us for another great day!

For pictures of the day, please visit <http://yaanw.org/activities/yale-day-of-service/>

Class of 2018

The decisions are in! A total of 1,935 students were admitted to the Class of 2018, representing an admission rate of 6.3%. Of the admitted students, 71.7% chose to attend Yale. And, if you recall, there was one student who was admitted to all eight Ivy League schools. He chose Yale!

For the incoming Freshmen Class of 2018 we will have 21 students from the region attending Yale College. These students come from Blake, Minnetonka, Edina, Benilde St. Margaret, Orono, Providence Academy, Wayzata, Duluth East, North High (Fargo), Park Christian (Moorhead), Mounds Park (St. Paul), St. Paul Academy, and Century High (Rochester). Our 80% matriculation rate was higher than the national average. This excellent rate of success has continued over the decades because of the record of achievement of our applicants, in and out of the classroom, and because of our efforts in encouraging them to attend Yale.

Our three Alumni Schools Committees covering all of Minnesota, western Wisconsin and the eastern Dakota Minnesota borders had close to 450 applicants this school year.

With so many students now applying, we encourage alumni from all Yale schools to interview prospective students. Please write Malcolm McDonald at malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net for more information. Malcolm works closely with Tony Leung for Minneapolis and the western suburban region and with Jon Tilburt for Rochester and greater southeastern Minnesota. Malcolm covers Saint Paul, the eastern suburban region, outstate Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

YAANW Summer Outing

Save the date--**August 19** at Woodhill Country Club! This is the Club's annual summer dinner. Our guest speaker will be Charles Zelle, (SOM, '83) Secretary of Transportation for the State of Minnesota. Transportation will be a big issue at Super Bowl, 2018, as well as throughout the State of Minnesota, so the discussion should be interesting and timely.

Do you want to play golf (optional)? Tennis (optional)? Golf and tennis chair persons will be announced. For other information contact the office of Dr. Larry Schuster at SchusterClinic@aol.com 952.920.8386.

Yale Alumni Knitting Group

When: **TBD The group will meet once over the summer, so stayed tuned**

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 Divinity School (YDS) Alums

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

Where: Lund's Community Room, 1450 W. Lake Street, Minneapolis

Issue: go to <http://reflections.yale.edu>; read the Spring Quarterly Reflections on "nones"

RSVP: Rudy Hokanson (MDiv '74, MBA '81) at rhokanson@gmail.com

The focus of the group is networking and sharing. The group is open to spouses and friends who have interest in YDS.

Yale Alumni Book Club

What: The Man Who Loved Children, by Christina Stead

When: **Sunday June 15, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

Where: Arne Sovik, 1201 Yale Place, Minneapolis, 612.338.2981

RSVP: Arne Sovik

People Serving People

The next day of service at People Serving People (PSP) is **June 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: **July 1 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.

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

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.twincitiesalumninetwork.org/groups.php?m=3&y=2014>

“Professional Development - Networking and Beyond” on Wednesday, June 18

This event will provide opportunities to network with other young professionals, meet and learn from three influential and inspiring panelists, and identify new ways to approach your professional development plan.

Panelists include: **Julie Owen**, COO, Innovative Office Solutions; **Penny Meier**, Vice President - Lean Deployment, Ameriprise Financial; **Kris Petersen**, President - Product Development and Marketing, think2perform.

Appetizers will be provided; cash bar available.

Limited spaces available; please register early to ensure your spot.

Hosting Clubs: Penn Club in partnership with the GenYWCA young professionals group of the YWCA of Minneapolis

Time:

5:00 pm – Networking, socializing, and registration

6:30-7:30 pm – Program and panel discussion

Location: Honey, 205 E. Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis, 55414

Price: \$10

Questions: Please contact NYU Club / GenYWCA member Sara Spiess, skspiess@gmail.com

Registration: [Buy Your Ticket Now](#)