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## **Thoughts from the President**

For some, the new year begins on January 1. For others, it is the beginning of the school year. As we look to the beginning of our year of activities, our opportunities and possibilities are limited only by our imagination.

In part, they benefit from a record of accomplishment that positions us well for the future, a history that includes a robust, ongoing record of interviewing students interested in Yale; increasing engagement with our communities through service and in other ways; and the quality and range of our events.

In part, they also benefit from the skills, commitment, time and other key support many of you provide, for which we are most grateful. On this, the beginning of our year, we hope even more of you can join us in our work, efforts and, hopefully, accomplishments. We look to your ideas, suggestions, and active engagement with YAANW, be it as a board member, committee member, or in other ways. I do hope to hear from you and ask that you contact me at [bweisenfeld@gmail.com](mailto:bweisenfeld@gmail.com).

Sincerely,  
Bob Weisenfeld '71  
President, YAANW

## **YAANW Summer Outing August 19!!**

Come join us on **August 19** at Woodhill Country Club! This is the Club's annual summer dinner. Cocktail hour begins at **6:00 pm**. Our guest speaker will be Charles Zelle, (SOM, '83) Secretary of Transportation for the State of Minnesota. Transportation is a big issue throughout the State of Minnesota, so the discussion should be interesting and timely.

Do you want to play golf? Tennis? For golf, contact David Crosby, '62 at [dcros@msn.com](mailto:dcros@msn.com) or 612.303.6300. For tennis, contact Edwin (Wint) Ritchie, '67 at [winritchie@gmail.com](mailto:winritchie@gmail.com) or 612.720.7027. For dinner reservations or other information contact the office of Dr. Larry Schuster at [SchusterClinic@aol.com](mailto:SchusterClinic@aol.com) 952.920.8386.

### **Upcoming Special Luncheon Program**

**September 24, noon, Minneapolis Club:** Jack Morrison, '67 will speak on his experience on the "Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board" under President George W. Bush. For reservations or further information contact the office of Dr. Larry Schuster at [SchusterClinic@aol.com](mailto:SchusterClinic@aol.com) 952.920.8386.

### **Special Commendations to Krista Tippett!!**

As noted by the Star Tribune, Krista Tippett, YDS '94, is one of 10 recipients of the 2013 National Endowment for the Humanities Medal. Tippett's Twin Cities-based public radio show "On Being" scrutinizes "the mysteries of human existence." Her listeners range from faith adherents to atheists. She received her medal from President Obama in the East Room of the White House on July 28. Congratulations, Krista!

### **Yale Alumni Knitting Group**

When: **August 10, 2:00 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.

### **Recent Alumni Happy Hour (tentative)**

Come join recent Yale alums (define that however you wish!) for a social happy hour! Tentatively scheduled for **September 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm** at Butcher and the Boar, 12<sup>th</sup> and Hennepin, Minneapolis. For further information, contact Max Musicant at [max.musicant@gmail.com](mailto:max.musicant@gmail.com)

### **Yale Divinity School (YDS) Alums**

When: **September 28, 2:30 to 4:30**

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

Issue: Peter Harrits, Yale M Div, Director of Bega Kwa Bega, works in consultation with the Iringa Committee to provide administrative and programmatic oversight and

coordination of the Bega Kwa Bega partnership between the Saint Paul Area Synod and the Iringa Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

RSVP: Rudy Hokanson (MDiv '74, MBA '81) at [rhokanson@gmail.com](mailto: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: Fathers and Sons, by Ivan Turgenev

When: **Sunday August 17, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

Where: Golden Lilving Center, lobby, 3201 Virginia Ave. S., St. Louis Park

RSVP: 952.935.0333

### **People Serving People**

The next day of service at People Serving People (PSP) is **August 23 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: **August 12 at 5:30 (Note: this is the SECOND Tuesday, since Aug 5 is National Neighborhood Night Out)**  
**September 2 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).

### **Alumni Schools Committee**

We are interested in alumni from any Yale school interested in interviewing prospective Yale College students from all parts of Minnesota, western Wisconsin and along the Dakota and Iowa borders.

Interviewing has proven to be an excellent way to connect with the next generation of Yale students. We hope you can join us and the many other alumni interviewers. Resource and training materials are available

Time commitment – on average, four applicants per year. For more information, please email Malcolm McDonald at [malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net](mailto:malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net) or call 651.387.7050.

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

Our own Ken Freed is back in town. Ken plays with the Minnesota Orchestra, and has returned to the Twin Cities now that the Orchestra is again playing.

Ken is running a small music festival in Stillwater, on August 25, 26 and 28. See <http://www.stillwatermusicfestival.com/schedule/> He would love to see as many old friends (and new ones) as are interested.

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)

### **Professor Catherine Panter-Brick**

Yale Professor Catherine Panter-Brick, Professor of Anthropology, Health and Global Affairs, <http://jackson.yale.edu/panter-brick-0>, joined us for lunch on July 30. She spoke on Children and Violence, and her research on the chronic effects of family violence on children. <http://www.yale.edu/macmillan/crh/children2014.html> She will be taking the evidence on effective parenting programs to the United Nations General Assembly in September. We were very thrilled and honored to have her. You can see an example of her work in action at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-1opY4JUB4&feature=youtu.be>

### **Calling All Lawyers**

Interested in joining a special interest group of Yale-affiliated lawyers in the area? We are contemplating starting a group. Kick off will probably be a social hour with a discussion of the kinds of programs local lawyers would like to see. You can talk shop—or studiously avoid talking shop—with your fellow barristers and solicitors. If interested, contact Ron Goldser at [rgoldser@hotmail.com](mailto: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>

**“Transforming Audacious Ideas into Successful Programs” on Wednesday, August 20**

Conceptualizing a novel idea that seems audacious may come easy for some, but transforming those ideas into successful programs is no easy task. Our guest speaker, Andres Hortillosa, lives by the idiom, "Fortune Favors the Bold". On August 20 Andres will share the lessons learned from great thinkers such as Roger Bannister, Elon Musk and the like as well as share his personal experiences on how to go about transforming audacious ideas into successful programs. To read more about Andres Hortillosa, please visit [www.andres63b.com](http://www.andres63b.com).

**Hosting Club:** Penn Club of Minnesota

**Date:** Wednesday, August 20

**Time:**

5:00 - 6:00 pm: Networking, socializing and great food

6:00 - 6:30 pm: Program

6:30 - 8:00 pm: More socializing and food

**Location:** Union Depot Place Christos, 214 Fourth St E in St Paul

**Price:** Dinner and ice tea are compliments of Penn Club. Cash bar will be available.

**RSVP:** Please contact Harvard Club's Ann Marie at [annh02@yahoo.com](mailto:annh02@yahoo.com) or 501-412-9144