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Thoughts from the President

Dear Yale Alumni, Parents and Friends,

I would like to share with you two strategic and successful YAANW programs, each made possible by you in very different ways.

Thanks to the hundreds of Yale alumni who have served or are serving as interviewers of prospective Yale students, YAANW reaches over 500 applicants each year – from throughout the state and other areas we serve (i.e. Western Wisconsin, and North and South Dakota). Thanks to the number of applicants we reach and interviewers who serve us in this way, our program is highly regarded as one of the most successful in the country. The results of our efforts are evident in a number of ways:

- we seek to reach every student who applies to Yale;
- our acceptance rate is about 6%;
- we strive for at least an 80% acceptance on offers; and
- about 20 students from the area enter Yale each, a larger number of students for a state our size (and often larger states).

Our success in reaching students depends on the continuing — and increasing — involvement and participation of many of you. To continue reaching all applicants as we do, we are now looking for an additional 150 interviewers, a number that speaks to our commitment to serve applicants well. Please contact malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net if you are in joining fellow alumni as interviewers.

YAAW sponsors a wide range of events and activities – as many of you know firsthand. Some are modest in cost, such as the student interview program and community service opportunities, some are more costly and depend on the contributions of the

many alumni, parents and friends in our region. They include the 130th Anniversary celebration of YAANW, and talks such as those on autism, the evolving law of war, environmental sustainability, and Ethiopian economic development in Minnesota. Some are individuals or groups we wish to bring to the Twin Cities (e.g., the Whiffenpoofs). We seek as well to host events that encourage entering and current Yale students to meet fellow area students, their parents and summer Yale interns from around the country.

Without the financial support of Yale or the Alumni Association of Yale, we depend on your generosity. You have enabled us in the past to serve you and others in our broader community. We now ask for your support to continue and grow our programming and events. Please send your contributions to Nick Johnson, 1818 Kenwood Parkway, Minneapolis 55404. If you have any questions about how your support impacts how we serve you, please don't hesitate to contact me bweisenfeld@gmail.com.

Bob Weisenfeld, '71

New Board Members!

Welcome Dorothy Whelan, '81 to the YAANW Board. Dorothy is currently a principal at Fish and Richardson specializing in intellectual property law. To date, her involvement with YAANW includes interviewing prospective students, volunteering at PSP and participating in French table. One of her interests as a board member is organizing a Yale lawyers group. She also hopes to encourage and support student interest in science and engineering, and recruit promising candidates to Yale.

We invite those who want more involvement in YAANW to apply for board membership.

Upcoming Special Programs

November 17 from 5:30-7:30pm: Triclosan in Minnesota Lakes: From detection to legislation.

YAANW and the MIT and Johns Hopkins Clubs are co-sponsoring Professor William Arnold (Dept. of Civil, Environmental, and Geo- Engineering, U of MN). He will talk about his research that found triclosan (the antibacterial ingredient in anti-bacterial handsoaps) and dioxins derived from triclosan in lakes around Minnesota. This work showed that the products we use in our homes wind up in unexpected places. The work was the catalyst that led to MN banning triclosan in this past legislative session.

Tour of St. Anthony Falls Laboratory (starting at 5:30): SAFL has just completed a major renovation of its facilities. It is a world-class interdisciplinary fluid mechanics research and educational facility. The research focuses on sustainable engineering solutions to major environmental, water, ecosystem, health, and energy-related problems. Facilities include a wind tunnel, the outdoor stream laboratory, and facilities to build scale models of river systems.

Cost: \$15

Please see <http://alumni.jhu.edu/event/sflarnld> for details

November 22: Beat Harvard!! Come cheer the Yale football team in its annual endeavor to beat the Crimson. 11:30 am kickoff (\$5 charge; kids free) at Joe Senser's, 4217 American Blvd. W., Bloomington. For information, contact Rick Luis at 651.483.2583, luis@luislegal.com

December 17: (Note the new date!) Join us at noon at the Minneapolis Club for our annual financial panel. Reservations or questions: Dr. Larry Schuster at SchusterClinic@aol.com or 952.920.8386

December 31: New Year's Eve at Orchestra Hall

Festivities begin at 5pm in the Cunningham Green Room off of the lobby of Orchestra Hall. The concert begins at 7.

Minnesota Orchestra Violist Ken Freed, Yale '83, will speak on the subject "Whither the Minnesota Orchestra" and perhaps perform some little known (or heard) Strauss Waltz viola parts over a light supper provided by Vincent's before suiting up and joining his colleagues in a rousing New Years concert of light classics (Gershwin, Bernstein, Strauss) conducted by the brilliant Maestro Osmo Vanska and featuring the glittering soprano, Sylvia McNair.

Price: \$55.00

Email reservations to kenfreed007@gmail.com, and send checks to Ken Freed, PO Box 3831, Minneapolis 55403

Questions, call Ken at 952-457-6508. This is THE hottest ticket in town so make your reservations quickly as this event promises to sell out. We only have 37 tickets.

Yale Alumni Knitting Group

When: **November date TBD**

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

November 23: Pre Holiday Gathering

When: Doors open at 2:00 and close at 5:00 p.m.

Where: Home of Rudy Hokanson and Susan Miller, 1622 Harbour Point, Eagan, MN 55122

RSVP to rhokanson@gmail.com

Refreshments will be served. Spouses, partners and friends are welcome. Discussion will center on gratitude. In preparation for that, consider this exercise (either daily or weekly) What are you most grateful for? What are you least grateful for?

Young Alumni Happy Hour

Thanks so much for everyone who gathered for the first recent graduates (within 10 or so years) happy hour at Butcher and the Board. We had great conversation and community among folks from across the Yale community.

Let's do it again: **November 18, 6:00-7:30 pm** at Icehouse, 26th and Nicollet. RSVP and questions to Max Musicant, max.musicant@gmail.com

Yale Alumni Book Club

What: *Inferno*, by Dante Alighieri – OR –reader's choice--and tell us about it!
(Let's compile a new list of suggested readings for future!)

When: **Sunday November 16, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

Where: TBD

RSVP: Jan Kleinman jan_kleinman@hotmail.com

People Serving People

The next day of service at People Serving People (PSP) is **November 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: **December 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.

Alumni Schools Committee

School's back in session!!!

We NEED 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 or call 651.387.7050.

YAANW Book Award

Each spring, YAANW awards a deserving high school junior the Yale Book Award, in recognition of superior academic achievement and promise. Do you have a high school that you would like to support and promote for the Book Award? Contact Ron Goldser at rgoldser@hotmail.com with your ideas.

Yale Alums in the Arts:

Have an art/music/theatre event you wish to promote? Let us know!!

Nicky Leingang (Saybrook, '13) and two other recent Yale graduates (Katharine Seggerman, Morse '13; Dan Hansen, Berkeley '12) play in a band called [White Boyfriend](#). They have a residency coming up at the Kitty Cat Klub in Dinkytown. **Every Tuesday in November**, they will be playing a set with other local bands, starting at 9:00pm, and it's free!

Calling All Lawyers

Interested in joining a special interest group of Yale-affiliated lawyers in the area? Several people have expressed an interest in 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 Dorothy Whelan at whelan@fr.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>

Event: Economist Editor Rosemarie Ward Speaks about the State of the U.S. Justice System

Date: **Thursday, November 20, 2014**

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Dorsey & Whitney, LLC, 50 S. Sixth Street, Minneapolis 55402

Sponsored by: Harvard Club of Minnesota

Cost: \$15

RSVP: www.harvardmn.org, or Deb at 612-871-2914

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