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President: Bob Weisenfeld, '71  
VP, Young Alumni: Emilie Hitch, '01 (on leave)  
Secretary: Ron Goldser, '75  
Treasurer: Nick Johnson, '74

## **New Board Members!**

Now that the Minnesota Orchestra has resumed, Ken Freed, '83 BA, '87 MM has returned to the Twin Cities, and to the YAANW Board. And we welcome Rudy Hokanson, '74 M.Div, '81 MBA to the Board. Rudy has been instrumental in organizing events for Yale Divinity School alums. Ken continues to organize events around his passion and profession at the Minnesota Orchestra. Both Ken and Rudy have already done great service for Yale and YAANW, and we are excited to have them on the Board.

## **Upcoming Special Programs**

**November 22:** Beat Harvard!! Come cheer the Yale football team in its annual endeavor to beat the Crimson. 11:00 AM at Joe Senser's, 4217 American Blvd. W., Bloomington. For information, contact Rick Luis at 651.483.2583, [luis@luislegal.com](mailto:luis@luislegal.com)

**December:** Holiday event still in the planning stages! Watch for future news.

## **Tour of the Minneapolis Somali Museum**

Our own Sarah Larsson, '12 is Outreach Director at the Somali Museum of Minnesota has arranged a special program for us at the Museum on Wednesday, **October 22 at noon**. Lunch will follow featuring authentic Somali food at Sanaag Restaurant. RSVP to Ron Goldser at [rgoldser@hotmail.com](mailto:rgoldser@hotmail.com).

## **Yale Alumni Knitting Group**

When: **October 26, 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.

### **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](mailto: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. Stay tuned for our next one!

### **Yale Alumni Book Club**

What: *Death and the King's Horseman*, by Wole Soyinka

When: **Sunday October 19, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

Where: Sally and Paul Harris, 346 Sixth St. S., Bayport

RSVP: 651.587.1998

### **People Serving People**

The next day of service at People Serving People (PSP) is **October 25 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: October 7 at 5:30**  
**November 4 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**

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](mailto: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](mailto:rgoldser@hotmail.com) with your ideas.

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

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

### **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 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>

**Event:** 3M Innovation Center and Cindy Kent

**Date:** **Wednesday, October 8, 2014**

**Time:** 5:00: Tour, 6:00 - 8:00 Reception and Presentation

**Location:** 3M Innovation Center and Cindy Kent, President/GM of 3M Drug Delivery

**Sponsored by:** Harvard Club of MN

**Cost:** \$20

**RSVP:** [www.harvardmn.org](http://www.harvardmn.org), or Deb at 612-871-2914

**Contact us:** [imboulware@aol.com](mailto:imboulware@aol.com)

**Details:**

Cindy Kent, President and General Manager of 3M Drug Delivery will host us for a tour of the 3M Innovation Center. After the tour, Cindy will talk about her business and share some groundbreaking research on leadership that she is conducting as a Henry Crown fellow at the Aspen Institute.

**Event:** Artist Evening at The Grand Hand Gallery

**Date:** **Wednesday, October 15, 2014**

**Time:** 6:00 p.m

**Location:** The Grand Hand Gallery

**Sponsored by:** JHU Twin Cities Alumni Community & Smith College Club of Minnesota

**Cost:** \$15

**RSVP:** <http://alumni.jhu.edu/event/grndhnd>

**Contact us:** Denise at [daa@sitinvest.com](mailto:daa@sitinvest.com)

**Details:**

Join your fellow TCAN alumni for an artist evening at The Grand Hand Gallery! Owner Ann Pifer, Johns Hopkins MA '89 and Smith BA '87 grad is opening her gallery to alumni and guests to enjoy an evening with Michael Schmidt (painter) and Melody Tudisco (jewelry maker) as they do demos and discuss their work. Both artists, natives of St. Paul, are among the most popular artists in the gallery. Light hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be provided.