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## **Thoughts from the President**

In the August newsletter I asked you to join us in our work. Many of you did -- we enjoyed the biggest spike in those who friended us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/119151861450316/>) -- and I thank you for doing so. I hope this is the beginning of a trend that further increases the number of alumni who participate in and engage with YAANW. Whether you are considering being more involved or not, please do contact me (at [bweisenfeld@gmail.com](mailto:bweisenfeld@gmail.com)) with any questions, suggestions or comments you might have.

Sincerely,  
Bob Weisenfeld '71  
President, YAANW

## **Upcoming Special Programs**

**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.

**December 3:** Save the Date! Special Holiday Program. Details will be forthcoming in the next newsletter

## **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: **September 28 and 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.

### **Happy Hour for Young Alumni**

Come join recent Yale alums (define that however you wish!) for a social happy hour! **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: When America first met China: an exotic history of tea, drugs, and money in the Age of Sail by Eric Jay Dolin

When: **Sunday September 21, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

Where: Ann Cohen, 1831 Ashland Avenue, St. Paul.

RSVP: 651.645.2753

## **People Serving People**

The next day of service at People Serving People (PSP) is **September 27 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: September 2 and October 7 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.

## **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? 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>

**Event:** Smith Day 2014: 80 Years and Going Strong

**Date:** **Saturday, September 6, 2014**

**Time:** 9 a.m. - Noon , 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Location:** Hopkins Art Center - 1111 Mainstreet, Hopkins, MN

**Sponsored by:** Smith College Club of MN

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** Not Required

**Contact us:** Barbara Klaas ([baklaas@gmail.com](mailto:baklaas@gmail.com))

Now in its 80th year, Smith Day is an annual sale of high-quality, gently-used and inexpensively priced clothing and household goods sponsored by the Smith College Club of Minnesota.