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Secretary: Ron Goldser, '75
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Thoughts from the President

Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends,

As I end my three-year tenure as president, I am able to look back as well as forward to thank you for supporting our work, engaging with the increasing number of alumni, parents and friends who participate in our activities, and laying the foundation for continued service.

There is much to be thankful for. I note two:

- The development of a strategic plan, that, thanks to your input, will help determine what we do and how we do it. As we complete that plan, we will be highlighting it and otherwise talking with you about it.
- I would like to express our gratitude to the exemplary work of the key implementers of all aspects of the strategic planning process – Board members Ann Wordelman, Vicky Stoneman, and Matt Byers. Their commitment, creativity, and work are much appreciated and to be applauded.

In addition to acknowledging their good work, I note their involvement as an example of the ways in which more and more of you can be involved, be it through committee leadership and participation; Board membership; advocacy on behalf a particular event or activity; or community engagement. We are grateful for those already involved in one or more of these ways, and look forward to others participating. If you are interested, have questions, or would like more information, please contact me at bweisenfeld@gmail.com.

As suggested above, in the strategic plan, and in my initial comments to you three years ago, we are being intentional in expanding the range of activities we present and the diversity of attendees and participants in events, committees, and event leadership. I thank you for your contribution to our success.

Some of you have asked if YAANW gets funding from Yale University or the Association of Yale Alumni. We do not. It is only with your financial support that we do what we do and look to future priorities, events and service to this and our broader community. I seek to follow up on the letter you just received asking for your investment in YAANW. I do hope you support us in this way. Please forward a check, made out to YAANW, in the envelope provided with the letter (and addressed to Yale Alumni Association of the Northwest, 818 Kenwood Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55405-2217).

I thank you once again,

Bob Weisenfeld, '71

Keep up with news at Yale: <http://news.yale.edu/>
Tweet with your friends at YAANW: #YAANW
And get on the YAANW Facebook page!!

Upcoming Special Programs

December 17, noon: Join us at noon at the Minneapolis Club for our annual panel of financial experts and annual club meeting. Come hear Frank Fairman, '79 (Piper Jaffray), James Steiner, '82 (Abbott Downing), John Taft, '77 (RBC Wealth Management), and Dan Schmechel, '82 (Ecolab) discuss "Economic and Investment Perspectives for 2015." Reservations or questions: Dr. Larry Schuster at SchusterClinic@aol.com or 952.920.8386.

December 31: New Year's Eve at Orchestra Hall

The evening will begin at 5pm in the Cunningham Green Room. The concert begins at 7pm.

Prior to the concert, Minnesota Orchestra Violist Ken Freed, Yale '83, will speak on the subject "Whither the Minnesota Orchestra" and perform some little known (or heard) Strauss Waltz viola parts over a light supper provided by Vincent, a Restaurant. The concert will consist of light classics (Gershwin, Bernstein, Strauss), conducted by Maestro Osmo Vanska and featuring soprano Sylvia McNair.

Price: \$55.00

Email reservations to kenfreed007@gmail.com, and send checks (payable to "YAANW") 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.

January 10: Rivalry on Ice. Come watch Yale beat Harvard (again!) in men's ice hockey. This game, played at Madison Square Garden in New York, is becoming a regular national event. Location is likely to be Joe Senser's in Bloomington, where we meet for The Game. Questions, write Ron Goldser at rgoldser@hotmail.com

Feb Club!!!

Minneapolis Feb Club Emeritus Happy Hour

February, 2015 (exact date yet to be determined)

What is Feb Club Emeritus?

Nothing complicated. An international series of multi-generational parties every night from February 1-28, in cities, towns, and incorporated entities around the world where Yale alums, significant others, friends, relatives, and random party-crashers answer the question "what college were you in?" in a relaxed, informal setting just..... to have fun with a group of people who share something in common. The inaugural Feb Club Emeritus, in 2008, was a worldwide affair where thousands of alums from the classes of 1945 through 2007 got together in cities from Seattle to Shanghai, from Paris to Philadelphia. Nothing formal, no fundraising, no speeches, just.... casual, laid-back parties hosted by random alums of all ages, shapes and sizes. Twin Cities alumni and friends are getting in on the fun again this year! We had close to 40 people at last year's soiree and look forward to seeing you and more again this February!

Yale Alumni Knitting Group

When: **December 14, 2-4 pm**

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: **January 25, 2015, Sunday** 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Where: Lunds, West Lake Street (612-825-2440), Community Room

RSVP to rhokanson@gmail.com

Discussion: The Fall 2014 issue of Reflections. <http://reflections.yale.edu> Fall 2014 | At Risk: Our Food, Our Water, Ourselves.

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

Young Alumni

Young Alumni Happy Hour: **December 16, from 6:00 – 7:30**

Where: Moto-I, Lake and Lyndale in Minneapolis

RSVP: Max Musicant, max.musicant@gmail.com

YAANW has a special focus on the needs and interests of young alumni in our territory. Whether this is simply social, networking, or about meeting other Yalies when you are new in town, we hope to reach out and connect with younger Yale grads (college or any professional school) and them with each other.

If you are interested in participating in another gathering or event, or have any questions, please contact Max Musicant.

Yale Alumni Book Club

What: Holiday Book Exchange! Bring one previously read and enjoyed title, wrapped.

When: Sunday, December 21, 2014, 6:30 pm

Where: Ann Cohen, host

651 645-2753

1831 Ashland Avenue, St. Paul.

Kindly call Ann to let us know you are coming!

Directions: The general vicinity is near St. Thomas University. From Minneapolis, exit 94 at Cretin/Vandalia, go south (right) on Cretin. The first stoplight is Marshall Avenue. Go east (left) on Marshall. Pass two stoplights -- third stoplight is Fairview Avenue. Go south (right) on Fairview. Pass a 'mini' stoplight at Selby. Look for Ashland Avenue. Turn west (right) on Ashland and park. House is grey with big front porch on north side of the street. If you hit Summit Avenue, you have gone too far.

From St. Paul, exit 94 at Snelling and head south from exit (left). Marshall is the first light. Head west (right) on Marshall. Fairview is the next light. Go south (left) on Fairview to Ashland. West/right on Ashland and park. House is grey with big front porch on north side of the street. If you hit Summit Avenue, you have gone too far.

People Serving People

The next day of service at People Serving People (PSP) is **December 27 at 11:30 am**. YAANW has a small group volunteering to serve meals at PSP (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).

PSP is a homeless shelter in downtown Minneapolis, serving children and their families.

French Table

When: January 6 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

What: Sharon Louden in conversation with Hyperallergic Editor-In-Chief Hrag Vartanian
Where: Burnet Art Gallery, Le Meridien Chambers Hotel, 901 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403

When: February 4 at 5:30 pm

RSVP: Sharon Louden at sharon.louden@gmail.com

Come for refreshments and conversation between Sharon Louden ('91) and Hyperallergic's Editor-in-Chief Hrag Vartanian who will talk about issues in the contemporary art world. Be surrounded by contemporary art which will be on display at the Burnet Art Gallery, and feel free to mingle through the art collection of the Chambers Hotel. Also in the hotel is the fantastic Marin Restaurant & Bar for drinks and eats afterwards. The talk and exhibition is free and open to the public.

Sharon M. Louden graduated with a BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and an MFA from Yale University, School of Art. Louden's work is held in major public and private collections including the Neuberger Museum of Art, Whitney Museum of American Art, National Gallery of Art, Arkansas Arts Center, Yale University Art Gallery, Weatherspoon Art Museum, and the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, among others.

For more information, please call (612) 767-6824, or visit <http://burnetgallery.com/home.html>

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

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.

AYA Meeting in New Haven

Each year, the Association of Yale Alumni conducts an Assembly with representatives from clubs around the world. This year's Assembly occurred the weekend of the Princeton game. Each annual gathering features some aspect of Yale (e.g., research at Yale). The theme this year was "Entrepreneurship at Yale." The Yale Entrepreneurial Institute, <http://yei.yale.edu/>, gathers students and faculty to explore the subject of entrepreneurship—both intellectually and practically. The Institute is now a department that "serves as a portal for entrepreneurship on campus." Over the last seven years, over 79 student ventures raised more than \$119 million in outside venture capital and created over 380 jobs.

Can you guess which of the below is our own Rick Luis?



YAANW Book Award

Each spring, YAANW awards a deserving high school junior the Yale Book Award, in recognition of superior academic achievement and promise. Last year, we gave awards to over 70 high schools, and hope to reach out to more schools this year. Schools often like to have an alumnus/a present the award at their spring ceremony. 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.

Calling All Lawyers

First meeting in January!! Interested in joining a special interest group of Yale-affiliated lawyers in the area? The purpose of the group is sharing stories, debating hot legal issues, networking. Several people have expressed an interest in starting this 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

Yale for Life

The Yale Alumni Association in New Haven offers the opportunity to return to student life in Connecticut for a week. In 2015, they will be offering two programs: The Renaissance (May 31-June 6); Revisiting 1914-1945 (June 14-June 21). For more information, see <http://aya.yale.edu/content/yale-life>

Courses & Lectures Direct from the Yale Campus

Did you know that you can access a plethora of outstanding lectures and symposia by Yale faculty? Just visit [Yale's YouTube](#) channel and you will see a listing of offerings. While most are from the archives, occasionally there are live productions from the campus in New Haven. Subscribe to stay informed!

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 the one noted below:
<http://www.twincitiesalumnetwork.org/groups.php?m=3&y=2014>

Event: CEO Series Luncheon Featuring Ben Fowke, Chairman of the Board, President & CEO, Xcel Energy

Date: **Wednesday, January 21, 2015**

Time: 12:00-1:30 PM

Location: Minneapolis Club, 729 S 2nd Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55402

Sponsored by: Harvard Club of MN, HBS Chapter

Cost: \$40

RSVP: www.harvardmn.org

Contact us: 501-412-9144, Ann Marie Hortillosa or Deb at 612-871-2914

Details:

The Harvard Business School Chapter of the Harvard Club of Minnesota is delighted to present Ben Fowke as the inaugural speaker of the 2015 CEO Series on January 21, 2015. Please join us as Ben speaks about the opportunities and challenges facing our current power infrastructure, state of our electric-grid, role of renewables, and Xcel's place within the industry.