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**SAVE THE DATE!!!  
THE PRESIDENT IS COMING!!!**

Yale President Peter Salovey is coming to visit our club on **April 28, 2015**. We will greet him at the IDS Center, Minneapolis.

Let's show President Salovey that Yale is alive and well in the MidWest!

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## **Thoughts from the President**

I am honored to serve as the next President of YAANW. I have large shoes to fill.

First, let me thank and commend Bob Weisenfeld for his three years of service to our Association. Under Bob's leadership, we grew in many ways; but the best testimony to Bob is our receipt of the Best Yale Alumni Club for mid-sized cities.

I have one main goal going forward: to include as many of our diverse alumni as possible in a wide variety of Association activities. While we will certainly continue the traditions we have developed: meeting and assisting outstanding young students in their Yale careers, education seminars at the Minneapolis Club and Pool and Yacht Club, I hope to expand our reach into the various special interests our broad membership represents. To that end, we already have interest groups based on hobbies (books, knitting, French), and professional endeavors (Divinity school, lawyers, energy and environmentalists), and we already reach out into the community with the Day of

Service and our on-going relationship with People Serving People. However, I hope to begin working more closely with schools in our community. And I also hope to begin a project which relates local alumni to Yale's Entrepreneurial Institute. <http://yei.yale.edu/>

Happily, most of our events are ticket-based, so they pay for themselves. But the cost of some of our activities is borne by the Association—returning student gatherings, the Yale Book Award. Membership in the Association is free; we will always welcome you. But we also need your financial support in making some of these activities go forward. Please take a moment and make a contribution by clicking on the link above. And, thank you.

I hope we can serve your interests and needs—and I hope you will get involved!

Ron Goldser, '75  
President, YAANW

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### **Upcoming Special Programs**

**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. We will meet at the University Club, on Summit Avenue in St. Paul, starting at 5:30 (gametime is 6:00). There will be a \$5 cover charge, and light snacks will be provided. Cash bar and ordering from the menu will be available. RSVP or questions, write Ron Goldser at [rgoldser@hotmail.com](mailto:rgoldser@hotmail.com)

**March, with date and location TBD:** Environmental sustainability series, featuring Denise Levitan, '06 BS Yale (Geology and Geophysics), '14 PhD Va. Tech. (Geosciences), discussing "The Intersection of Geology, Water Chemistry and the Environment." More information to follow by email and in the February newsletter. Questions to Bob Weisenfeld. [bweisenfeld@gmail.com](mailto:bweisenfeld@gmail.com)

### **Feb Club!!!**

Minneapolis Feb Club Emeritus Happy Hour

**February 20, 2015, 6:00 to 8:00 pm**

Gluek's Brewing, Minneapolis

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! Questions or RSVP to Max Musicant, [max.musicant@gmail.com](mailto:max.musicant@gmail.com)

### **Yale Alumni Knitting Group**

When: **Date and time TBD**

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**

When: **January 25, 2015, Sunday** 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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

RSVP to [rhokanson@gmail.com](mailto:rhokanson@gmail.com)

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

On **February 22** at 2:00 p.m. there is a YDS alums theatre outing to see “God Girl” at the History Theatre in St Paul. Email Jo Clare Hartsig at [JCHartsig@gmail.com](mailto:JCHartsig@gmail.com) if interested in joining the group as soon as possible. <http://www.historytheatre.com/2014-2015/god-girl>

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: **next Happy Hour to be scheduled, probably in March**; in the meantime, be sure to attend Feb Club!!

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, [max.musicant@gmail.com](mailto:max.musicant@gmail.com).

## **Yale Alumni Book Club**

What: *The Broken Road: from the Iron Gates to Mount Athos*, by Patrick Leigh Fermor

When: **Sunday, January 25, 2015, 6:30 - 8:30 pm** (NOTE: this is a rare 4th Sunday meeting, thanks to Martin Luther King holiday.)

Where: TBD

Future readings: February, 2015 -- *A Very Long Engagement*, by Sebastien Japrisot

For information, contact Jan Kleinman, [jan\\_kleinman@hotmail.com](mailto:jan_kleinman@hotmail.com)

## **People Serving People**

The next day of service at People Serving People (PSP) is **January 24 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](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)).

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

## **French Table**

**When: January 6 at 5:30 (February 3)**

**Where:** Café Levain, 48<sup>th</sup> St. at Chicago, Minneapolis (February meeting will be at Vincent)

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).

## **Calling All Lawyers**

**First meeting on January 14, 6:00 pm!!**

Location: BANK restaurant, Minneapolis

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](mailto:whelan@fr.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](mailto: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**

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

## **Bulldogs on the Lake**

Each summer, our sister organization, Bulldogs on the Lake, sponsors internships in the Twin Cities for approximately 15 students. Bulldogs on the Lakes brings Yalies together for lifelong friendships, connects students to the local Yale community and provides community networking with all the best that the Twin Cities has to offer. Check out their website: <http://bulldogsonthelakes.org/> If you are interested in sponsoring an internship, contact Bill Messinger at [bill@billmessinger.com](mailto:bill@billmessinger.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.twincitiesalumninetwork.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](http://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.