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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.

Be an angel! (\$500) or a sponsor! (\$250). This is an opportunity to support the activities of your club. Register and donate online (click here: ) or send checks to YAANW c/o Nick Johnson, 1818 Kenwood Parkway, Minneapolis 55404.

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## **Thoughts from the President**

How do YOU want to become involved in YAANW?

What is your passion? Are you looking for a professional outlet? Do you want to serve the community? Chances are, we have—or can create—an opportunity for you.

At present, we would like to expand our leadership on the YAANW Board of Directors. We meet monthly to discuss the various activities and enterprises in which we are engaged—and how we can better serve the local and national Yale community, as well as our community of interest in the upper midwest. We would like to expand our reach,

geographically, demographically, and in terms of areas of interest and expertise. There is a place for you, and we welcome your participation.

Let me know at [rgoldser@hotmail.com](mailto:rgoldser@hotmail.com) if this interests you.

Ron Goldser, '75  
President, YAANW

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### **Upcoming Special Programs**

#### **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>

#### **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 Divinity Professor coming to St. John's University in Collegeville!!**

Harry Attridge, PhD, Sterling Professor of Divinity, Yale Divinity School  
Speaking at St. John's University, 2850 Abbey Plaza, Collegeville, MN 56321

**Thursday, March 19, 7:30 pm**

"Reading Scripture in the Wake of Vatican II"

RSVP requested.


(320) 363-2622

[theo@csbsju.edu](mailto:theo@csbsju.edu)

[www.collegevilleMN.com](http://www.collegevilleMN.com)

### **Environmental sustainability series**

**March 25, 6:00 pm, Pool and Yacht Club, Lilydale:** Come hear Denise Levitan, '06 BS Yale (Geology and Geophysics), '14 PhD Va. Tech. (Geosciences), discussing "The Intersection of Geology, Water Chemistry and the Environment."

Cost is \$35. Checks can be mailed to Bob Weisenfeld, 217 W College Ave, St Peter, MN 56082, payable to YAANW, or register online here: . Questions to Bob Weisenfeld. [bweisenfeld@gmail.com](mailto:bweisenfeld@gmail.com)

### **Yale Day of Service**

Coming, to a location near you, is the annual Yale Day of Service!

The Yale Day of Service will take place **May 9<sup>th</sup>**, and we hope you can participate whether or not you have been involved in the past. Bring yourself, family and/or friends and join Yale Alumni around the world in providing service to others in our local communities. Projects involve a commitment of 2-3 hours, and there will be a potluck lunch following at the home of one of the YAANW board members for all to join in who can. We have five volunteer sites in the larger Twin City metro area. More info on the sites to come.

**Outstaters!!!** If you would be interested in setting up a site outside the metro area, please contact Vicky (see below for contact info).

Many thanks. Vicky Stoneman 507.339.2897 or [vstoneman@s-sm.org](mailto:vstoneman@s-sm.org)

### **Yale Alumni Knitting Group**

When: **February 21, 3:00 to 5:00 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**

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>

#### **Regular meeting:**

**When: March 22, 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 Future of Theological Education; leader will be Chris Thomforde.**

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: *A Very Long Engagement*, by Sebastien Japrisot

When: **Sunday, February 15 25, 2015, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Where: TBD

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 **February 28 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: Feb 3 and March 3 at 5:30**

**Where:** Vincent, a Restaurant, 11<sup>th</sup> and Nicollet, 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).

### **Calling All Lawyers**

**Next meeting will be in April, probably for breakfast**

Location: TBD

The first meeting of YAANW Lawyers occurred January 14. It was well attended at BANK, in Minneapolis. Good camaraderie and socializing! (And wine and food).

The group will continue meeting quarterly, at varying times and locations, so stay tuned. The next meeting will be a breakfast meeting. Several members will share thoughts and stories, of five to ten minute duration, to spark conversation.

For more information, contact Dorothy Whelan at [whelan@fr.com](mailto:whelan@fr.com)

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

**THEATRE NOVI MOST PRESENTS A GENRE-BENDING NEW WORK:**

***Rehearsing Failure* Now through February 22**

**Where:** The Southern Theater is located at 1420 S. Washington Ave., Minneapolis  
Equal parts physical theatre, music concert, and psychological drama,

*Rehearsing Failure* reveals the untold story of the women behind Bertolt Brecht.

For information see <http://theatrenovimost.org/> or contact Lisa Channer (Yale Drama, '00) at [Lisa@theatrenovimost.org](mailto:Lisa@theatrenovimost.org)

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 Lakes, 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:** HBS CEO Series presents Roger Ferguson, President & CEO, TIAA-CREF

**Date:** **Friday, February 20**

**Time:** noon to 1:30 PM

**Location:** Minneapolis Club

**Sponsored by:** Harvard Club of MN

**Cost:** \$40

**RSVP:** [www.harvardmn.org](http://www.harvardmn.org)

**Contact us:** [admin@harvardmn.org](mailto:admin@harvardmn.org)

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