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Thoughts from the President

We need interviewers!

There are over 400 applicants to Yale from our area. Every student deserves the best shot at admission.

Several things to note: early action applicants have a much higher rate of admission than regular applicants. The deadline for early action application is November 1, and the Admissions Office will notify students on December 15. Interviews in this window are particularly important. They can be done in person, or remotely by Skype, FaceTime and other technology.

Your purpose in interviewing a student is to determine what motivates them. So it does not matter if you are a graduate school alum. It does not matter if you are a recent or remote graduate.

Many people express frustration over outstanding students not being accepted. Understandable. So increase your own odds by interviewing early action applicants!

Next, our work on the [ASC](#) is good public relations for Yale. Admitted students often have an unbelievable choice of which college to attend. I have heard it said frequently that the enthusiasm of YAANW members has been the deciding factor in a student choosing to attend Yale over other colleges. And even for students not admitted, it is good for those students and their families to know that Yale is a real place with good people who went there.

Finally, I find it rewarding to know that there are so many talented students coming along to take our country and the world into the future. Whether or not these applicants become Yalies or otherwise, they will go far. I enjoy these conversations for their own sake.

So, PLEASE interview! Contact Malcolm McDonald

at malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net. And if you are already an interviewer, please update your information at the [Yale ASC portal](#).

Ron Goldser '75



Founders Day (Oct. 11) / news.yale.edu

News and Announcements

Seeking Alumni Interviewers

We need interviewers for the estimated over 400 applicants to the Yale College class of 2022!

Our regional [ASC](#) coordinators:

- St. Paul/Outstate: Malcolm McDonald, malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net, 651-387-7050
- Minneapolis: Cynthia Lee, cynthiale@gmail.com
- Rochester: Jon Tilburt, Tilburt.Jon@mayo.edu
- Dakotas: Dominique Fenton, dominique.a.fenton@gmail.com

Send us your news!

If you know of local events involving Yale alumni, students, or faculty, please feel free to [send us information](#) for inclusion in the newsletter or on social media (like our [Facebook events page](#) or [Twitter](#)). You can also share Yale-related news and events in our [Facebook group](#). If you have any photos of YAANW or Yale events to share, please send them to social@yaanw.org.

Recent Events

Ken Freed, incoming YAANW President, teaches the kindergartners at Webster Elementary about music



Deb Johns from the Yale Admissions Office gave a presentation at the University Club in St. Paul



Upcoming Events

Click on an event to learn more!

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Special Events

Habitat for Humanity

Nov 4
8:30 am-4:30 pm
South Minneapolis

Come build houses! If you signed up, we look forward to seeing you on Saturday, November 4th from 8:30 to 4:30. We will be doing new home construction. This is our third **Habitat for Humanity** event, and the first two were really fun and productive.

Contact **Vicky Stoneman** with questions.

The Game

Nov 18
11:30 am
Joe Senser's

Yale beat Harvard last year! Will there be a repeat? Come find out on November 18th at **Joe Senser's** in Bloomington. The Game starts at 11:30 AM our time.

Cover charge of \$5 per adult. Food and drink specials are available.

This year, there are three Minnesotans on the team - Lee, Lager and Westafer, all from St. Paul.

Email **Malcolm McDonald** with questions.

Annual Financial Panel

Nov 29
noon
Minneapolis Club

Come to the annual YAANW Financial Panel. Our speakers are: Jim Lawrence '74, Frank Fairman '79, John Taft '77, MPPM '81, and Steve Wellington '71. Please make reservations with Dr. Larry Schuster's office at yale@schusterclinic.com or 952.920.8386. Cost is \$40.

"Rigoletto" at the Minnesota Opera

March 2018

We'll be doing another **Minnesota Opera** event next spring. Stay tuned!

FOODIES!!!

Nov 2
6:00 pm
Dong Yang

Our next event will be dinner at Dong Yang Oriental Food, 725 45th Ave NE, Hilltop. Join us for your favorite Korean dishes on Thursday, November 2!

RSVP: Paula Bentabol, bentabol@gmail.com

The Yale Foodies group meets periodically to explore the Twin Cities' wide variety of interesting restaurants featuring food from around the world. We focus on restaurants at which people will pay no more than \$20-\$30 per person--and sometimes less!--and rotate around different parts of the Twin Cities.

French Table

Wednesday, Nov 14
6:00 pm
Penny Snow's house

November: We will be meeting the SECOND Tuesday (November 14) at Penny Snow's house for a potluck. Penny has been wonderfully kind and generous to open her house to us the last few years, and it is a fun environment. **RSVP** to Ron for directions.

Tuesday, Dec 5
6:00 pm
Cave Vin

December: Christmas party!! Tuesday December 5 at Cave Vin. We will exchange small (\$10) presents as we have in recent years by drawing names. Gifts must have a French theme of course!

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@gmail.com. We usually meet at **Cave Vin**, 5555 Xerxes Ave. S., Minneapolis.

People Serving People

Nov 25
11:30 am
PSP

People Serving People (PSP) is a homeless shelter in downtown Minneapolis, serving children and their families. YAANW has a small group volunteering to serve meals at PSP. We volunteer on the fourth Saturday of every month from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com.

Yale Lawyers Happy

Attention Yale lawyers: **YLS Prof. James Forman** will be in

Hour with Prof. James Forman

Dec 7
6:30 pm
TBD

town for a [presentation](#) at the U of MN law school. We have scheduled a happy hour with him the evening before his talk. More details to come. Contact [Dorothy Whelan](#) with questions.

Yale Alumni Knitting Group

TBD
Northfield Yarn

Come join us for great knitting and fun conversation. Bring your current project(s) or start a new one. Get advice, opinions or ask questions. Total beginners through advanced are welcome. Come whenever it works for you or attend on a regular basis!

Contact: Cynthia Gilbertson at cfgilbertson@mac.com or 507-645-4327

The group typically 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.

Webster Elementary Volunteering

Many opportunities!
425 5th St NE, Mpls

YAANW has developed a volunteer relationship with [Webster Elementary School](#) in Northeast Minneapolis.

Come volunteer at Webster. Read to kindergartners. Work in classrooms with teachers. Help with special projects. Teach robotics. A hands-on opportunity to shape the world, one kid at a time!

Contact: Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com.

Yale Alumni in the Arts and Community

St. Paul Civic Symphony

Saint Paul Civic Symphony ~ "Your 'Capital' Symphony!"
Jeffrey Stirling, Music Director (Yale College, Class of '81)

**Dec 3
3 pm
King of Kings Church,
Woodbury**

Sunday, December 3 ~ "Potions & Passions"
3:00 pm ~ King of Kings Lutheran Church, Woodbury

- Rautavaara - Isle of Bliss ("Lintukoto")
Marking the 100th Anniversary of Finnish Independence
- Wagner - Prelude & Liebestod from "Tristan and Isolde"
- Nielsen - Symphony No. 2, "The Four Temperaments"

All Concerts Free of Charge. For more info visit spcsmusic.org

Impossible Salt presents "Wise One"

**Nov 6, 11, 15
Dec 5, 7, 10, 13, 21
Turnblad Mansion**

Wise One follows a young woman seeking welcome on the darkest night of the year, inspired by the Norwegian folk tale "The Seventh Father of the House." Her journey will introduce her to Nordic and Romanian folk characters and customs--nisser, tomté, fierce animals, and maybe even trolls! Impossible Salt's wild, inimitable style blends drama and with beloved folk songs sung in their original language, as well as new music composed for the production by Minneapolis Music Company artistic director, Mischa Santora.

YAANW President Ron Goldser '75 is on the board of Impossible Salt. Click [here](#) for performance information.

Programs from Yale and AYA

The Game CXXXIV

The 134th playing of the Yale-Harvard Football Game will occur in New Haven on Saturday, November 18, 2017 with a kickoff time of 12:30 pm EST (11:30 am CST). The Game will air nationally on NBC Sports Network. If you're not in New Haven or able to join us in [Bloomington](#), AYA prepares a [list of watch parties](#) around the world.

Twin Cities Alumni Network (TCAN)

Join alumni from other local alumni clubs at various events hosted by their clubs. Check the TCAN website for upcoming events: <http://www.twincitiesalumninetwork.org>
Join the TCAN LinkedIn group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4075580>
Like the TCAN Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TwinCitiesAlumniNetwork>
Join the Young Alumni Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TCANYA>

Quarterly Nonprofit Ecosystem Discovery

Nov 29
5:30-7:30 pm
Impact Hub MPLS

Sponsored by: Stanford Club
RSVP/Contact: Derek.weatherford@ustrust.com
Cost: \$10
Location: Impact Hub MPLS, 250 3rd Ave N #550, Minneapolis

Details: Every quarter, come and get to know amazing, grassroots organizations who want to know you! Learn why the Twin Cities is one of the most vibrant and philanthropic communities in the country.

Are you interested in "giving back" with your time, expertise, energy and/or financial support but not sure what's out there or how to get started? We'll take care of that and introduce you to 5 nonprofits that are making a difference!

***Eyewitness Views* Exhibition Tour at Mia**

Dec 3
1:00 pm
Minneapolis Institute of Art

Sponsored by: Harvard Club of Minnesota
RSVP: <http://hcmnnesota.clubs.harvard.edu/article.html?aid=446>
Cost: \$20
Contact us: admin@harvardmn.org
Location: **Minneapolis Institute of Art**, 2400 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis

A second tour due to popular demand! A private tour of this limited-time exhibition. Our guide will be Boyd Ratchye, Harvard AB 1960, JD 1963, and Mia docent. Limited to 15.

Please arrive early to make your way to the tour launch point, find the group, and get your headset.

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