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## Thoughts from the President

Dear Bulldogs,

Thank you for your enthusiastic and immediate response to our request for interviewers. Cynthia Lee and Malcom McDonald are especially grateful for your help.

My next request is that you all come to our Feb Club gathering this month (see announcement below). For those of you who may not know or remember, February in New Haven was endless and dreary.

An ad hoc group would show up at a different college every night of February and somehow there would be a keg and other assorted libations. The key was to figure out where and when the party was going to be. Needless to say, weekend parties were better attended than weeknight ones, but no less fun. To commemorate this bit of silliness, there is now a world-wide Feb Club and all over the globe there are Feb Club parties. Now that we are adults (perhaps in name only?), the parties are planned, scheduled, and advertised (so please RSVP). There will be Feb Club gatherings in [Minneapolis](#) (2/12) and [Rochester](#) (2/4). I hope to be at the Minneapolis one and I hope to see you all there!

I still am looking forward to hearing from you ([kenfreed007@gmail.com](mailto:kenfreed007@gmail.com)) about how YOU would like to see us carry on the traditions of light and truth here in Minnesota.

Stay warm and stay tuned,  
Ken

**Ken Freed '83, MM '87**



The main courtyard of Benjamin Franklin College has a new permanent resident. The college scarf is just for the winter, though. / [Yale Alumni Magazine](#)

## News and Announcements

### Seeking Alumni Interviewers

The interview season is winding down, but we still need a few more interviewers, especially outstate. If you can help, please sign up by joining the [Yale Alumni Schools Committee](#) or contact one of the coordinators below.

Our regional coordinators:

- St. Paul, east metro, outstate, and western Wisconsin: Malcolm McDonald, [malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net](mailto:malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net), 651-387-7050
- Minneapolis/west metro: Cynthia Lee, [cynthiaylee@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiaylee@gmail.com)
- Rochester: Jon Tilburt, [Tilburt.Jon@mayo.edu](mailto:Tilburt.Jon@mayo.edu)
- Dakotas: Dominique Fenton, [dominique.a.fenton@gmail.com](mailto:dominique.a.fenton@gmail.com)

**Feb Club: Hang out with fellow alumni in Mpls AND Rochester!**



**Feb Club Rochester: Sunday, Feb 4, 2-5 pm, Forager Brewing**  
**Feb Club Minneapolis: Monday, Feb 12, 6-9 pm, Black Sheep North Loop**

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### **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](mailto:social@yaanw.org).

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### Recent Events

**We received a thank-you note from [People Serving People](#), where our members volunteer on the fourth Saturday of every month. See info on how to [get involved below!](#)**

# Happy Holidays

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season  
and a joyous New Year.

Yale Alumni!

Your commitment to volunteering  
at People Serving People helps  
turn crisis situations into  
positive opportunities.

Thank you!  
Mallery



People **Serving** People

## Upcoming Events

Click on an event to learn more!

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## Special Events

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### Feb Club Emeritus

**Feb 4**

**2-5 pm**

**Forager Brewery**

**Rochester**

**Feb 12**

**6-9 pm**

**Black Sheep North Loop**

**Minneapolis**

Every year, Yale alumni and their friends gather around the world every night of February, in small groups and large, in cities, towns, hamlets and villages, on every continent. [Feb Club](#) is simply a way for Yalies the world over to get together for a happy hour, dinner, or other social gathering.

This year, our area will host two Feb Club events!

#### **Rochester**

Enjoy a brew, pizza, new and old friends at [Forager Brewery](#) (1005 6th Street NW, Rochester). This is a family friendly event. You'll find us in the library!

Please RSVP at <https://goo.gl/forms/N2oQD0RkGnJuct7F3>

Questions? Contact [Megan.Enyeart@aya.yale.edu](mailto:Megan.Enyeart@aya.yale.edu)

#### **Minneapolis**

Join us for a drink and coal-fired pizza (New Haven style!) at the North Loop [Black Sheep](#) (600 Washington Ave N., Minneapolis). Show up for dinner or just drop in to say hi!

Please RSVP at <https://goo.gl/forms/4gMIEZvnbqxtRJut2>

Questions? Contact [social@yaanw.org](mailto:social@yaanw.org)

Outstaters, Wisconsinites, and Dakotans: If you are interested in hosting an event in your area, we are happy to help coordinate! Please contact [social@yaanw.org](mailto:social@yaanw.org).

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## Yale-Harvard Hockey

**Feb 24**  
**7:00 pm**  
**University Club**

Yale Men's Ice Hockey beat Harvard 5-2 in November. Join us to watch the February rematch. We'll meet at the [University Club](#), St. Paul. Cash bar, order from the menu. Small donation to cover rental costs. RSVP to Malcolm McDonald, [malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net](mailto:malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net).

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## Tree Tapping

**March 24**  
**1:00 pm**  
**Dodge Nature Center**

Come tap trees and make maple syrup this spring at [Dodge Nature Center](#). Celebrate the return of spring by observing the age-old process of turning tree sap into syrup. Observe a tree tapping demonstration, collect sap, visit the evaporator, and sample some delicious maple syrup.

Cost: \$7 per person or \$20 family rate

Location: Dodge Nature Center, Farm Education Entrance 3  
1701 Charlton St., West St. Paul

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## "Rigoletto" at the Minnesota Opera

**March 31**

**Dinner at 5:15**  
[Sakura](#)

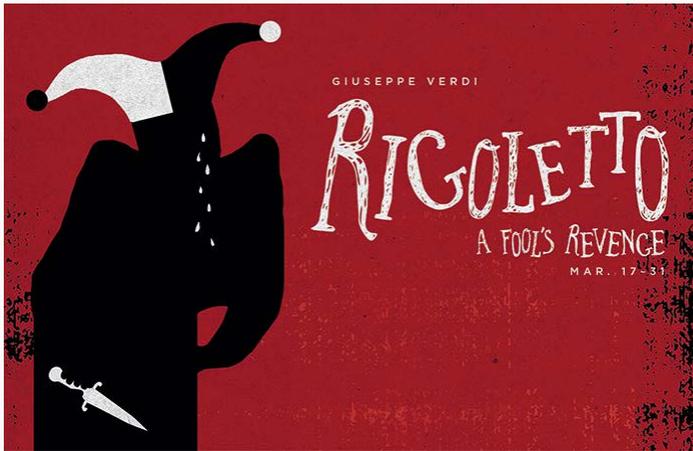
**Performance at 7:30**  
[Ordway Center](#)

We'll be doing another [Minnesota Opera](#) event this year. You can purchase discount tickets and join other Yale and Harvard alumni for dinner and a short presentation from a member of the Opera before the show.

Purchase tickets directly from the box office (612-333-6669) by March 16. Receive a discount by mentioning the Yale-Harvard event.

Sign up for a pre-show dinner and presentation at Sakura by emailing [Jim Richardson](#) by March 27.

[Full details](#) via the Harvard Club.



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## Yale SPH Dean Sten Vermund

**May 8**  
**5:00 pm**

*Public Health: opioids, obesity or other? The biggest challenges in public health.*

[Dean Sten Vermund](#), Dean of Yale's School of Public Health will speak on this topic May 8, 2018, starting at 5:00 pm.

Dean Vermund, a Minneapolis native, is a pediatrician and infectious disease epidemiologist focused on diseases of low and middle income countries. His work on HIV-HPV interactions among women in Bronx methadone programs motivated a change in the 1993 CDC AIDS case surveillance definition and inspired cervical cancer screening programs launched within HIV/AIDS programs around the world. The thrust of his research has focused on health care access, adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights, and prevention of HIV transmission among general and key populations, including mother-to-child.

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## Yale Day of Service

**May 12**

Mark your calendars for the tenth annual [Yale Day of Service](#)! Launched in 2009, the global Yale Day of Service is one of a number of service opportunities for Yale alumni to lead by sharing their time and talents to make a difference. The Yale Day of Service is a wonderful way for members of the Yale community to meet and reconnect with alumni who share this commitment to giving back.

Further details will be announced next month.

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## Regular Events and Shared Interest Groups

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### French Table

**Wednesday, Feb 7**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Cave Vin**

Bonne année! Join us for French Table in 2018.

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](mailto:rgoldser@gmail.com). We usually meet at [Cave Vin](#), 5555 Xerxes Ave. S., Minneapolis.

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### Yale Alumni Knitting Group

**Feb 17**  
**2-4 pm**  
**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](mailto: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.

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### People Serving People

**Feb 24**  
**11:30 am**  
**PSP**

[People Serving People](#) (PSP) is a homeless shelter in downtown Minneapolis that serves 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](mailto:rgoldser@gmail.com).

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## 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](mailto:rgoldser@gmail.com).

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## Yale Alumni in the Arts and Community

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## Cultivate International Happy Hour

**Feb 19**  
**6-9 pm**  
**Surly Brewery**

Cultivate International (<https://cultivateinternational.org/>) is a nonprofit organization that, through training and mentoring, empowers immigrant, minority, and indigenous leaders to fight poverty and injustice in their own communities. Jennifer Freeman (DIV'09) is on the board of this organization.

For more information on their happy hour fundraiser, see <https://cultivateinternational.org/events>.

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## Programs from Yale and AYA

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## AYA Website Survey

The Association of Yale Alumni is seeking input for a website redesign. After about a decade with

its current design, the [AYA website](#) will be redesigned in the coming year.

Your input is key to the success of this project. To that end, we wanted to invite you to complete a short survey on what you find most important when visiting your alma mater on the web. Are you looking for events? Contact information for alumni leaders? Online directory searches? Let us know!

The link to the survey is [aya.yale.edu/redesign](http://aya.yale.edu/redesign). Please take the time to complete the survey yourself, and please also share this link with your fellow alumni. We welcome all feedback!

Our goal is to create a dynamic, online engagement vehicle for all alumni. Working together, we're excited about what we can accomplish. Thank you very much for your help and support.

## Twin Cities Alumni Network (TCAN)

Join alumni from other local alumni clubs at various events hosted by their clubs. Check the (newly redesigned!) 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>

## Pink Martini at Orchestra Hall

**Mar 9**  
**8:00 pm**  
**Orchestra Hall**

**Sponsored by:** Harvard Club

**RSVP:** <http://hcmnnesota.clubs.harvard.edu/article.html?aid=465>

**Cost:** \$5-70

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

**Location:** Orchestra Hall, 1111 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis

Enjoy an evening of lively, multilingual music by Pink Martini, featuring Harvard grads Grant Lauderdale (bandleader), China Forbes (vocalist), and Sarah Hicks (conductor), followed by a reception with the artists. Purchase tickets by February 8.

Drawing inspiration from music from all over the world, Pink Martini has released eleven albums and toured widely in North America, Europe, and beyond since its founding in 1994.

We are able to offer main-floor tickets and a post-performance reception with the artists at no additional charge. You must purchase your tickets through the Harvard Club of Minnesota by February 8. Tickets are at four price levels:

\$70 – Includes center section  
\$55 – Center section, a little farther back  
\$45 – Left and right sections of the main floor  
\$5 – Reception only, for those who already have tickets to the performance

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