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## Thoughts from the President

Dear Bulldogs,

I am preparing for my 35th reunion this Spring (huh?). We recently received a digital reunion guest book on Facebook. And with it a comment that gave pause.

*I just received Mark and Jim's email about the digital reunion book. It sounds like a great idea - and thank you for organizing this! However, I found the experience of leafing through the example personal pages, which are the heart of such a project, a bit off-putting. It was page after page of brochure-perfect lives, everyone married, with safe yet impressive careers, wonderful and amazing children, Ivy-pedigreed spouses.*

*I'm concerned that this may discourage those of us whose lives have moved in alternate directions -- who never did find Mr/Ms Right, or whose job is just for pay and who'd much rather write about what they've been reading. Or for all of us, it is perhaps not encompassing what we want to know about each other.*

*In the examples, even non-professional activities (including child raising) often seemed to be spoken of as accomplishments - answers to the question of "what makes you great?" or "why should I hire you?"*

*I think we can come up with some additional writing prompts that could make for a more inclusive, well-rounded and interesting book. And/or some more varied "life after Yale" examples.*

*What are some prompts that would be useful to you -- either to create the opportunity to write about the things you would like to, or to elicit the thoughts you'd like to read from others?*

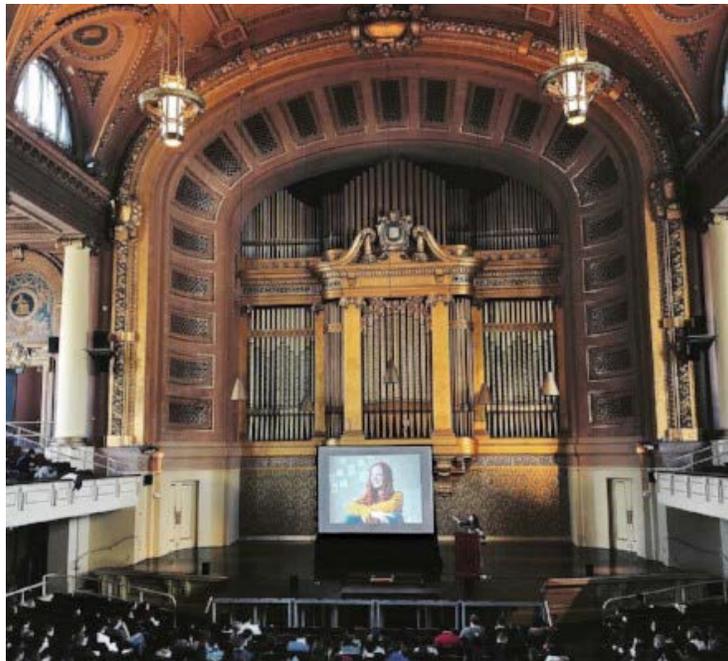
I would love to turn those thoughts to you out there. To invite you to our events. To volunteer. Or just enjoy dinner. Or beer. It's amazing how pizza and beer collapse those pretensions of what we are and take us to who we really are. I hobnobbed at the Foodies-Feb Club event at Black Sheep Pizza the other night and found that all kinds of wonderful people stepped out of their daily lives to share a piece of themselves. And had fun!

As I comb the 3 hairs I have left in preparation for my reunion, and I look back at the callow youth who arrived in New Haven in 1979, I wonder what today I would tell him if I could.

Isn't that a conversation we all have to some extent? Isn't this about hope and possibility, about learning from each other? Light and Truth are about as good guides as any, aren't they? Please let me know.

Peace,  
Ken

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



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## News and Announcements

### Webster Elementary Volunteering

**Many opportunities!**  
**425 5th St NE, Mpls**

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

Minneapolis.

Reading to kids is one of the most important things they need—and WE CAN DO! See [this article](#) in the Star Tribune!

Come join the Webster Elementary (Mpls) volunteer team.

Contact: Ron Goldser at [rgoldser@gmail.com](mailto:rgoldser@gmail.com).

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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

**Thanks to everyone who came out for our annual Feb Club gatherings in Rochester (2/4) and Minneapolis (2/12)!**





## Upcoming Events

Click on an event to learn more!

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## Special Events

**West Side Story**

**March 10**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Verizon Center Grand Hall, Mankato**

The Mankato Symphony Orchestra will present [West Side Story](#) on Saturday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at the Verizon Center Grand Hall. After the show, join Music Director Ken Freed, BA '83 and MM '87, for a meet and greet at Olive's in the Hilton Garden Inn down the street! RSVP Ken at [kenfreed007@gmail.com](mailto:kenfreed007@gmail.com).

To purchase tickets to the show (\$30-35 for adults, \$5 for students, under 12 free), go to [www.mankatosymphony.com](http://www.mankatosymphony.com).

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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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## Class of 1968 Pre-Reunion Dinner

**March 29**  
**Minneapolis Club**

A heads-up to the members of the Yale College Class of 1968. There will be a pre-reunion dinner at the Minneapolis Club on the evening of Thursday, March 29, 2018. This will be sponsored by Yale University and paid for by a Yale Alumnus. Wives are included. There will be no fundraising. Hosts are Lawrence Schuster, Conley Brooks, Jr. and Robin Johnson. Further communications to follow.

Questions to Dr. Schuster's office: (952) 920-8386 or [yale@schusterclinic.com](mailto:yale@schusterclinic.com).

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## "Rigoletto" at the Minnesota Opera

**March 31**

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

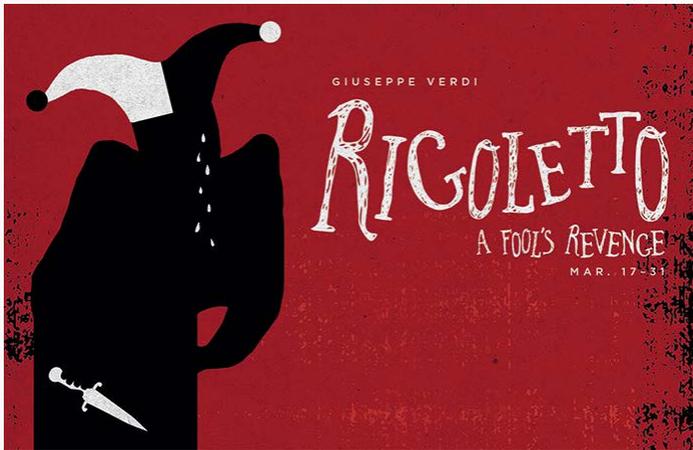
**Performance at 7:30**  
[Ordway Center](#)

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**

The TENTH Annual **Yale Day of Service** is on Saturday, May 12, 2018.

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. Children are welcome although a couple of the sites have age restrictions. The [registration website](#) will be live in early March, and you can sign up then. For now, you can ponder your site choices.

There are 5 sites (6 tasks) to choose from to volunteer. They are briefly:

- Eagan: Feed My Starving Children (9-11am) Hand-pack meals designed especially for undernourished children in developing countries.(Children 5 and older welcome, younger children will need adult supervision)
- Minneapolis: Cedar Lake Park Association (9am-noon) Clean up and clear out a park so it can be used for recreational and educational purposes. (All ages welcome, younger children will need adult supervision)
- Minneapolis: People Serving People Homeless Shelter (10am-12pm) Assist with general upkeep and maintenance of the shelter. (Children 12 and older welcome)
- Mounds View: Wingspan residential homes (9-11am) Assist with yardwork for homes for adults with developmental disabilities.(All ages welcome, younger children will need adult supervision)
- Minneapolis: Open Arms (10am-12pm) Decorate the brown grocery bags that free meals tailored to meet the needs of people living with serious and life-threatening diseases are delivered in. (All ages welcome, younger children will need adult supervision)
- Minneapolis: Open Arms (10am-12pm) Help chefs prepare free delivered meals tailored to meet the needs of people living with serious and life-threatening diseases. Kitchen tasks include chopping veggies, packaging soups, scooping dough and assembling meals. (Children 8 and older welcome, younger children will need adult supervision)

Come give back, meet new people and have fun!!

Hope to see you May 12th!!

For questions, contact Vicky Stoneman at 507.339.2897 or [vstoneman@s-sm.org](mailto:vstoneman@s-sm.org)

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Regular Events and Shared Interest Groups

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## French Table

**Mar 6**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Cave Vin**

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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## People Serving People

**Mar 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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## 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](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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## Alumni Interviewing

This year's interviews are done--thanks to all who volunteered! If you are interested in interviewing applicants starting in the fall, 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, 651-387-7050, [malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net](mailto:malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net)

- 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)

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## Yale Alumni in the Arts and Community

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### Minnesota Host Home Network

Check out Jacqueline White (TC '83)'s recent [Star-Tribune op-ed](#).

Jacqueline founded the [Minnesota Host Home Network](#) to champion the transformative power of ongoing relationships with caring adults for youth facing homelessness. She is the adoptive mother of Amy Perez who, 20 years ago, had been staying in a homeless youth shelter when Jacqueline first met her. Amy now works on the executive team of an agency that provides housing for vulnerable adults. She and her wife, Alyssa, are foster care parents, which means Jacqueline gets to grandma an adorable toddler!

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## Programs from Yale and AYA

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### Yale Day of Service

The [Yale Day of Service](#) is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year! Last year, 3500 Yale alumni, students, and friends in 20 countries and 40 states volunteered. [See above](#) for information on 2018 service opportunities in the Twin Cities.

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## 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>

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## **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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