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## Notes from the President: Ken's Community Corner

Over the next year I will yield my monthly message real estate to feature the extraordinary work that Yalies are doing in the non-profit world to make Minnesota a great place to live. If you run or work for or with a non-profit, please contact me at [president@yaanw.org](mailto:president@yaanw.org).

Terry Gips (Yale SOM '80) and I have been connected for several decades through the YAANW, Temple Israel and the classical music world. I have long appreciated Terry's important work with the [Alliance for Sustainability](#), which he co-founded in 1983 and now volunteers with as its President.

Best wishes,  
Ken Freed '83, '87 MM

The mission of the [Alliance for Sustainability](#) is to bring about sustainability on a personal, organizational and planetary level through projects that are ecologically sound, economically viable, socially just and humane, embodying our highest values in terms of how we treat people, animals and the earth. The Alliance has a free membership and welcomes volunteers and interns. Some of its accomplishments over 35 years include defining the concept of sustainability, getting all 179 nations attending the U.N. Earth Summit to adopt sustainable agriculture as their goal, developing the CERES Principles for corporate environmental responsibility adopted by more than 40 corporations, and helping to pass nation's most rigorous organic standards, laws banning hazardous pesticides and cutting-edge groundwater legislation.

For the past ten years the Alliance has worked with 50 Metro area cities to create sustainable communities through its work with government, businesses, congregations, schools and nonprofits. In 2019, it will launch the [Resilient Cities Coalition](#) (RCC) to support cities, their citizens and institutions to become fully

resilient through impactful collaboration, innovative programs, community engagement, and policy advocacy. The RCC will be a non-partisan group focusing on collaborative, win-win-win solutions addressing health, equity, sustainability, and resiliency on a city and state level. It will support cities in becoming successful, inspiring models for cities throughout Minnesota and the United States.

**Terry Gips '80 MPPM, Alliance for Sustainability Board President**



## News and Announcements

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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 [news@yaanw.org](mailto:news@yaanw.org).

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## Recent Events

Dozens (!) of Yalies braved the snow for our annual Feb Club event at Black Sheep in North Loop on February 7.



## Upcoming Events

Click on an event to learn more!

Mar 2: ["Egypt's Sunken Cities" Tour \(T\)](#)

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## Special Events

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## Habitat for Humanity

**Mar 16**  
**8:30 am-4:00 pm**  
**St. Paul**

Come help rehab a house for a family that needs a home! We are looking for 10-13 volunteers on Saturday, March 16th, to work from 8:30am to 4pm. We will be working on a home in St. Paul and may be indoors or outdoors depending on need and weather. We will be helping to rehab a home Habitat has purchased to make it livable for a family by late summer!! This is YAANW's 5th **Habitat for Humanity** event, and the first 4 were really fun and productive. We got a lot of work done on the houses, as well as enjoyed our terrific Habitat site supervisor and the camaraderie among the volunteers. Some of us even picked up a few building skills!! Email RSVP to Vicky Stoneman at [vstoneman@s-sm.org](mailto:vstoneman@s-sm.org) is required. Upon confirmation of your participation, she will send you more information including the location. Hope to see you there!

The crew from our last event:



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## Akhil Reed Amar

**Mar 28**  
**5:00 pm cocktail hour**  
**6:00 pm lecture**

**Minneapolis Club**

Prof. Akhil Reed Amar: "The Constitution Today"

Thursday, March 28, 5 PM, Minneapolis Club

We are honored to welcome **Prof. Akhil Reed Amar**, Sterling Professor of Law at Yale Law School and expert on constitutional law and criminal procedure. Prof. Amar will be presenting a lecture entitled "The Constitution Today." The topic is timely and will be of interest to many. There will be a cocktail hour from 5 pm to 6 pm, where attendees will have the opportunity to meet Prof. Amar. The lecture itself will

begin at 6 PM.

\$15 for recent graduates (last 5 years)

\$25 for all others

Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres

Pay at the door

RSVP to Dorothy Whelan (whelan@fr.com)

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## Day of Service

**May 11**

**Multiple locations/times**

Come join in the fun!

The Eleventh Annual Yale Day of Service is on Saturday, May 11, 2019.

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 toward the middle to end of March and we will provide you the link at that time. 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)
- **Saint Anthony Village/Roseville:** 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 11th!! Contact Rudy Hokanson at [rhokanson@gmail.com](mailto:rhokanson@gmail.com) with any questions.

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## Regular Events and Shared Interest Groups

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### French Table

**Mar 5**  
**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).

### People Serving People

**Mar 23**  
**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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## Knitting Group

**March Date 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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## Yale Divinity School Alumni Discussion Group

**May 19**  
**3:00 - 5:00pm**  
**Carondelet Village**

The next YAANW Yale Divinity School alumni discussion group is May 19, Sunday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The tentative location will be at Carondelet Village, which is located at 525 Fairview Ave in St. Paul.

We will be discussing the Spring 2019 edition of **Reflections**, which is expected to be issued April 22. The Spring issue will focus on environmental crisis -- how do we stir churches to action, what to do next in everyday life (in politics and spiritual life too), how to move beyond denial or despair to a more hopeful course of action. Address questions to Rudy Hokanson and please RSVP to [Rhokanson@gmail.com](mailto:Rhokanson@gmail.com)

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## Webster Elementary Volunteering

Many opportunities!  
425 5th St NE, Mpls

Come read! Dr. Seuss! Elephant and Piggy! Make a difference in a child's life. Really—your time matters. One (or more) days per week, from 8 am to 9 am at [Webster Elementary School](#), northeast Minneapolis. Contact [Ron Goldser](#) for further information.

## News from the Yale Alumni Association in New Haven

### Yale for Life

[Yale for Life](#) brings alumni “back to Yale” for an intellectual experience characterized by depth, challenge, excellence, and joy. Alumni profoundly reconnect with the University by engaging in Yale’s core mission of learning – at the “Yale level” – and thus leave a Yale for Life program with a new, stronger bond – with the University, and with each other. Learn more at [yaleforlife.org](#).

## Twin Cities Alumni Network (TCAN)

Join alumni from other local alumni clubs at various events hosted by their clubs. Alumni from all TCAN schools (including Yale) are welcome at these events!

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>

### Tour of "Egypt's Sunken Cities" Exhibition at Mia

Mar 2  
1:30-2:30 pm  
Minneapolis Institute of  
Art

Sponsored by: Harvard Club

RSVP: <http://hcmnnesota.clubs.harvard.edu/article.html?aid=525>

Cost: \$20

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

Location: [Minneapolis Institute of Art](#), 2400 Third Ave S, Minneapolis

Jan-Lodewijk Grootaers, Curator of African Art, will lead a tour of this exhibition of recently-recovered artifacts from

cities important to Egyptian commerce and religion. Limited to 15.

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**CEO Series:  
Carlson Chair Diana  
Nelson**

**Mar 6  
6:00-8:00 pm  
Dorsey & Whitney**

**Sponsored by:** Harvard Club

**RSVP:** <http://hcmnnesota.clubs.harvard.edu/article.html?aid=528> (contact deadline: Sunday, March 3)

**Cost:** \$20

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

**Location:** Dorsey & Whitney, 50 South 6th St, Suite 1500, Minneapolis, MN

Carlson Chair Diana Nelson, Harvard AB 1984 and former Overseer, will speak about managing her family business in the face of industry changes.

Nelson will focus on the accelerating pace of change in the hospitality and travel industry, how change affects Carlson's business, the operational and strategic moves she's taking, and the leadership needed to change the employees' behavior to adapt to the new world.

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