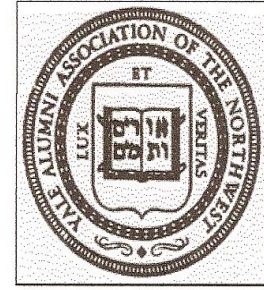


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Dear Yale Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

*Note: This letter is also being sent via email.*

First, let me invite you to **November events** of the Yale Alumni Association of the Northwest (YAANW):

“The Game” Yale and Harvard alumni, parents and friends will gather to view a live broadcast of the Yale vs. Harvard football game on Saturday, November 19, 11 a.m. at Joe Senser’s Restaurant and Sports Bar, 4217 American Blvd. West, Bloomington, MN 55437. The cover charge is \$5, children are free.

Yale Book Group Come and discuss *Last Call: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition* by Daniel Okrent on Sunday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Jan Kleinman for information on location ([jan\\_kleinman@hotmail.com](mailto:jan_kleinman@hotmail.com)).

Annual Meeting and Alumni Panel on “Economics and Investment Perspectives for 2012” Join us for lunch and hear the perspectives of local experts on Wednesday, November 30 at 12:00 at the Minneapolis Club, 729 Second Ave., Minneapolis. Cost including lunch is \$35. Contact Dr. Larry Schuster (952 920-8386) with questions and to RSVP or register online at the YAANW website.

What a wonderful YAANW community! It has been great fun meeting so many of you at **2011 events**, such as:

Architecture - a fascinating presentation on “Architectural History of the Twin Cities” by Alexander Purves, Professor Emeritus and Former Associate Dean of the Yale School of Architecture,

History - two book signings with commentary by Vice-President Walter Mondale and alumnus David Hage for their book *The Good Fight: A Life in Liberal Politics* and by Lori Sturdevant and George Pillsbury for their book *The Pillsburys of Minnesota*,

Sustainability - informative presentations on the issue of sustainability by alumni Professor Hari Osofsky, University of Minnesota Law School and Terry Gips, CEO of Sustainability Associates,

Service - 45 volunteers giving back to our community as part of the international Yale Day of Service,

The Arts - a personalized tour of “Conversations with Wood” with alumnus Dave and Ruth Waterbury providing commentary on their collection at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts; and a Minnesota Orchestra performance of *Der Rosenkavalier* with post-concert comments by Maestro Litton and alumnus and violist Ken Freed,

Monthly Groups - steadfast monthly gatherings of our Yale Book Club, French Table and Yale Knitting Group.

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**Suggested General Contribution**

Recent grad ('07-'11)	\$10	_____
Basic	50	_____
Patron	75	_____
Benefactor	150	_____
Other		_____

**Special Program Donation:**

Bulldogs on the Lake Program	_____
Yale Book Award	_____
Total Contribution	\$_____

Please make check payable to "YAANW" or, to contribute online, go to <http://alumninet.yale.edu/clubs/mn01/dues.htm>

Thank you for your interest in these activities and for your volunteer participation and financial support that made it possible to present 60 Yale Book Awards to outstanding high school juniors; interview 300 prospective students from this region; and host receptions for accepted and current students and their parents.

Your annual tax-deductible contributions are the critical support for these activities. The YAANW does not receive financial assistance from Yale University. Any gift, large or small, is appreciated. We also invite you to remember the YAANW in your will. Contact us at [yaanwclub@gmail.com](mailto:yaanwclub@gmail.com) if you would like more information.

I am pleased to announce that the YAANW received a special gift this year. Mr. Fred Primoli, Vice President of Marketing for AVI-SPL, a company specializing in audiovisual technologies, has generously contributed a portable PA system to the YAANW. Hopefully, attendees straining to hear a speaker will be a thing of the past. Matt Byers, '06 Graduate School of Architecture, facilitated this donation. We are grateful to Mr. Primoli and to Matt, whom we welcomed this year as a new member of the Board of Directors.

Another new development is that alumni groups located in the Twin Cities that represent a handful of colleges and universities have organized to publicize and share events of interest. The YAANW will decide which events to open to other groups. When other alumni groups invite us to their events, it expands the pool of activities available to the Yale community. Watch for more information and for links to this group, TCAN – Twin Cities Alumni Network.

To learn about past and upcoming events, read through the YAANW e-newsletters and postcard mailings or check the calendar of events on our website: [alumninet.yale.edu/clubs/mn01/calendar.htm](http://alumninet.yale.edu/clubs/mn01/calendar.htm) and YAANW Facebook page. If you have an idea for an event, drop us a line at [yaanwclub@gmail.com](mailto:yaanwclub@gmail.com). We love to hear from you. To get more involved, see the enclosed description of YAANW activities. They are great ways to connect with some fine folks in this region and to support Yale students.

At the end of December I will complete my term as YAANW president. Thanks to all of you for the opportunity to serve and a special thanks to the dedicated members of the Board of Directors with whom it has been a pleasure to work. I hope to see you at a YAANW event soon.

Sincerely,



Camilla R. Madson, SOM '85  
YAANW President

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YAANW INVOLVEMENT

Contact the person listed or send an email to [yaanwclub@gmail.com](mailto:yaanwclub@gmail.com) to suggest an idea, for more information, or to participate in one of these activities.

**Coordinate an Activity Not Listed Here** We would love to hear your ideas for activities not included in this list.

**Coordinate a Speaker, Lecture, Arts, or Social Event** Do you know someone (including yourself) with ideas, a performance, or an event to share that would be of interest to the Yale community? These events can be held around the region, day or evening, for a large or small audience. In the past these have included luncheon and evening speakers, musical and theatrical performances, sports events, and a gathering at the Minnesota Zoo.

### **Participate in a Monthly Group**

- **Book Club** People from a range of ages, majors, fields and interests gather to share impressions of and appreciation for literature. Usually meets Sundays in homes. Fun, informal, low key. All welcome to attend one time, from time-to-time, or on a regular basis. For more information contact Jan Kleinman ([jan\\_kleinman@hotmail.com](mailto:jan_kleinman@hotmail.com)).
- **French Table** Practice your French in an informal atmosphere with others interested in doing the same. Usually meets downtown the first Thursday of the month at lunch or happy hour. For more information contact Ron Goldser ([rgoldser@hotmail.com](mailto:rgoldser@hotmail.com) or 612-590-6323).
- **Knitting Group** Meet others interested in fibercrafts. No experience necessary – all levels are welcome. Usually meets on a Saturday or Sunday in Northfield or Apple Valley. For more information contact Cynthia Gilbertson ([cfgilbertson@mac.com](mailto:cfgilbertson@mac.com) or 507-645-4327).

**Interview Prospective Students** From late fall until March, alumni interview high school seniors from this region who are applying to Yale. Interviewers are needed in major communities and we invite your help. You will have the pleasure of meeting three or four interesting, outstanding young people. Once you receive names and contact information, you contact the student and arrange a time to meet for about an hour and then complete a brief write-up for the Yale Admissions Office. Depending upon your location, Tony Leung, Randall Edson, or Malcolm McDonald will contact you and review how to proceed. For more information contact Malcolm McDonald ([malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net](mailto:malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net)).

**Present a Yale Book Award** Each spring the YAANW presents books to regional high school juniors identified by their teachers as outstanding. Books and a suggested script are provided to presenters who are matched with a school in their area. The presenter contacts the school to arrange a time for the presentation which may occur during an individual class or as part of a larger school assembly. For more information, contact Milt Liu ([milt\\_liu@hotmail.com](mailto:milt_liu@hotmail.com)).

**Coordinate or Volunteer for the Yale Day of Service** On May 12, 2012, volunteers from this area will participate in the fourth international Yale Day of Service. In recent years, volunteers have prepared and packed food for distribution locally and overseas, done yard work for a group residence, and pulled invasive plants from a local park. For more information contact Vicky Stoneman ([Vicky.Stoneman@s-sm.org](mailto:Vicky.Stoneman@s-sm.org)).

**Mentor a Summer Intern / Assist with the Bulldogs on the Lakes Program** The Bulldogs Program brings Yale students to the Twin Cities to intern in local organizations and businesses during the summer. They live in group housing and participate in local arts, sporting and community events. The students are paired with alumni mentors who provide insights on life in the Twin Cities and life after Yale. In addition to mentors, the program needs people to help coordinate activities for the students.

**Assist with the YAANW Website, Database or Communications** Help the YAANW with website maintenance or development, database management, or communications.

**Serve on the YAANW Board of Directors** The YAANW Board is a working board. Let us know if you might be interested and would like to find out more about specific responsibilities. Positions open from time to time.