An Evening with the Minnesota Orchestra Performing Carmina Burana

Saturday August 6, 2005

Buy your tickets now for a delightful evening at Orchestra Hall. Carmina Burana will be conducted by Andrew Litton as part of the Sommerfest series. Join us for a light supper, the concert and a champagne reception afterwards with fellow alumni and their guests, Yale members of the Orchestra, and Maestro Litton. Yale graduates Matt Young, Kenneth Freed, Pinary Shin, John Snow, David Wright, Chouhei Min, Milana Reiche and Bill Opsahl (chorus) will be performing. Tickets are $42/person. Reservations: Office of Dr. Lawrence Schuster, 952-920-8386; 6545 France Ave. South, Suite 363, Edina, MN 55435. Or see the YAANW website for a link to PayPal.

For more information and to purchase tickets, go to the YAANW website at http://www2.aya.yale.edu/clubs/mn01

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YAAPW Summer Outing is For All - Young, Old, Singles, Couples, Groups!

You don’t need to know other Yalies to have a great time and join us for cocktails, dinner and a superb program on Tuesday, August 23 at the Somerset Country Club, in Mendota Heights. Last year we piloted the "Bulldog Tables" for alumni who want to meet new people. It was a resounding success and enabled alumni from the 1940's to the 2000's to meet each other and enjoy warm and interesting conversation.

Creating More Well-Rounded Yale Graduates will be the subject of a talk by Jeff Brenzel (’75) Executive Director of the Association of Yale Alumni, and Rowan Claypool (’80), Yale Medalist of 2005 and creator of "Bulldogs in the Bluegrass". "Bulldogs" is a summer internship program started in Louisville, Kentucky that has revolutionized how the University views summer internship programs and their importance in the education of Yale students. As a result, the University has committed itself to finding hundreds of international and domestic summer internships. As we've seen among YAANW interns, these jobs often help students find and define their professional careers.

Golf and tennis are available in the afternoon. Check the YAANW web site and watch your mail for more details and to register, or contact David Weyerhaeuser, 612-252-8189.

Where: Somerset Country Club, 1416 Dodd Road, Mendota Heights, MN 55118-2899, (651) 457-1416

Time: 5:30 p.m.-Cash Bar; 6:30 p.m.-Dinner; 7:30 p.m.-Program and Reunion Reports

Dinner Cost: $55/person ($10/person for graduates ’01-’05, $25.00/person for graduates ’96-’00)

Reservations by August 17: Office of Dr. Lawrence Schuster, 952-920-8386; 6545 France Ave. South, Suite 363, Edina, MN 55435. Or see the YAANW website for a link to PayPal.
Early 2005 was light on blockbuster member events as the YAANW Board spent that time streamlining operations so that we can better meet the club’s mission and goals.

In order to make best use of current computer and database technology, a Database Committee, led by board members Clare LaFond and Nick Johnson implemented new procedures to facilitate club communications.

The Reason? Maintaining an updated database and sending mailings to our 1800 alumni in the region is an ongoing challenge and expense for a volunteer run organization like the YAANW.

The Results? Our recent database update brought more than 400 new members to our attention! If this is your first missive from us - WELCOME! Join us at an upcoming event and introduce yourself.

Read On! While seemingly mundane, these database procedure changes could affect your receipt of YAANW event notices. Effective immediately, the YAANW is using mailing addresses provided to us electronically by the AYA. If the AYA does not have a current address for an alumnus or alumna we won’t either. If we receive notice that someone has moved, we will forward that notice to the AYA. The AYA’s database, which is maintained on a more ongoing, intensive basis than our own, is now the source for our semi-annual electronic updates. Please inform AYA if your address changes.

Important Note: You have an option, when registering with or modifying your AYA information to opt out of mailings from either the AYA or your local alumni club (the YAANW). So, if you want to be accessible to one community, but not the other, or neither - you have the ability to set your preferences.

E-mail: While we know that some members prefer hard copy notices, long term, email will be the YAANW’s preferred mode of communication about upcoming events. It is quick, inexpensive and less time intensive. For this reason, we continue to seek email addresses for alumni in our region. If you have not yet sent us your email address, or have a new email address, please notify Nick Johnson (nick.johnson@aexp.com). Confidentiality Policy: The YAANW will not use your contact information for any purpose other than YAANW business and updating AYA files.

Streamlining club logistics helps us meet YAANW’s mission to advance the mutual interests of Yale University, its alumni and friends in our region. We accomplish this through recruitment of promising students and activities promoting education, intellectual inquiry, collegiality and public service.

Over the past six months we’ve sought to meet the YAANW’s specific goals with the following activities:

- Promote and enhance the reputation of Yale University in our region.
  - Yale Book Awards to 65 area high school students.
  - Yale College summer interns at two nonprofits in the region.

- Provide opportunities for members to stay connected with Yale University.
  - Opportunities to meet current Yale students (Summer interns, Habitat cyclists); potential Yale students (college interviews); Faculty (Professor Alexander Garvin); and Staff (Jeff Brenzel - Executive Director of AYA, Dan O’Neill - Admissions Office representative).

- Promote education, intellectual inquiry and collegiality among members.
  - Monthly book group
  - Luncheon and special lectures and events

- Assist Yale in identifying, attracting, interviewing and matriculating highly qualified applicants.
  - Nearly 100 volunteers (THANK YOU!!) assisted in interviewing over 200 candidates for Yale this past year.
  - 18 students from the area were admitted to Yale College for next year. With close to 20,000 applicants, an increasing number are from outside the US. (close to 7%), and a smaller percentage are legacies. The bar is rising and those who make it have outstanding promise! If you know of a strong candidate, encourage him or her to apply early decision.

- Highlight the contributions of members to the vibrancy of our region.
  - Luncheon meetings (including Amy Klobuchar ’82, Hennepin County Attorney; and Katherine Kersten ’75, Star Tribune columnist)
  - Special events (including Regina Sullivan ’83, Sr. Assoc. Dir. of Athletics at the UMN; MN Orchestra event with Music School and Yale College graduates)

The Board and member volunteers work hard to organize a range of activities to appeal to our diverse constituency. We invite you to contact any Board member to recommend and help coordinate events which you think would interest fellow alumni. Most of all, we encourage you to join us as dues paying members and attendees at upcoming events. Thank you for your financial support, engagement, and current email address.
25 Habitat for Humanity Bicyclists Hosted

Greg Bancroft

On 22nd and 23rd June, YAANW played host to twenty-five college-aged bicycle riders. All were engaged in the largest student fundraising effort to date, raising more than $400,000 for Habitat for Humanity. The Northern Route, which came to the Twin Cities, was one of three groups riding this year. Two-thirds of the students were from Yale, others attended Rice, Harvard and the University of New Hampshire. Among the group was former summer intern Lindsay Page.

As they have in recent years, the group stayed at the Uptown YWCA in Minneapolis. Arriving hot and hungry, they were greeted with pizzas donated by Old Chicago Pizza, and much appreciated showers, a hot tub and swimming pool at the YWCA.

The visit provided cyclists a very welcome break in their 3000+ mile trek. YAANW treated the riders to a buffet dinner at Famous Dave’s on Wednesday night. Area businesses also provided hospitality: they attended a Twins game on Thursday afternoon; had bagels from Einstein Brothers; and had a chance to tune up their bikes at Penn Cycle. Thanks go to Jan Kleinman, Rick Luis and Kate Sandweiss who shared in the hospitality of our riders.

The cyclists’ time among us was clouded by a tragic event. On the Southern Route, Yale student Rachel Speight was hit by a car and killed. Part of the time riders were in Minneapolis was spent writing notes and cards to the young woman’s family and arranging a memorial service.

YAANW Awards Books to 65 Local High School Students

Cam Hoang

This spring a dedicated corps of YAANW volunteers delivered book awards to rising high school juniors throughout Minnesota and in Western Wisconsin.

YAANW awarded books to 65 Minnesota high school juniors chosen by their principals and counselors for outstanding character and intellectual promise. This year’s book award was How Democratic is the American Constitution?, by Robert Dahl, Sterling Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Yale. In addition to the book, YAANW volunteers delivered a prospectus on Yale College to each student.

Many counselors expressed their enthusiasm for the project and YAANW received several thank you letters from recipients. At awards ceremonies and informal presentations this year, YAANW volunteers personally delivered book awards to students, distinguishing our program from those of many other colleges and enhancing Yale’s prominence in communities across the region.

YAANW would like to thank the following volunteers for their service to the book award program: Don Duncan, Randy Edson, Marie Failinger, Ken Freed, David Griffith, Nick Harris, Bill Kelley, Jan Kleinman, Cynthia Lee, Cris and Erik Lien, Cal Litsey, Rick Luis, Malcolm McLean, Kate Sandweiss, Elizabeth Schiltz, Bob Sidenberg, Jacqueline White and Joan Wrabetz.

YAANW plans to expand the program next year, particularly in southern Minnesota and western Wisconsin. If you are interested in introducing the book award program to a high school or helping with the program next year, please don’t hesitate to contact Cam Hoang at (612) 752-7305.
Summer Interns Make Lasting Contributions to the Community

Jan Kleinman

The Community Service Summer Fellowship program is a program sponsored by the AYA in New Haven and area alumni clubs to provide Yale students non-profit work opportunities and homestays with Yale alumni. Since 1994, the Yale Alumni Association of the Northwest has sponsored eighteen Yale students to work in our region. These students have contributed substantially to regional non-profits by bringing their energy, eagerness and intellect to area organizations. The internships have also introduced many of the Yale students to professional opportunities that have influenced their career decisions.

This summer, Jennifer Goldman ’07 is working at the Council on Crime and Justice to help develop an Expungement Clinic. Allison Spitzer ’07 is working at the Project for Pride in Living with City Explorers, a youth program.

We thank our two host families Meryl (’73) and Chris Page, and Emily Duke (’88) and Daniel Sogin for their enormous generosity and hospitality this summer! Our thanks also to George S. Pillsbury (’43) for supporting Jennifer’s internship position and board member Bob Sidenberg for coordinating the program.

Each fall, the YAANW solicits internship ideas from area nonprofits. If you are involved with a non-profit that you think could provide a meaningful 8 week summer project, contact Bob Sidenberg (612-339-8925, silkmountainbob@hotmail.com) or another YAANW Board member.

Jennifer Goldman (’07), Edward Lief (’01) and Allison Spitzer (’07) attending reception welcoming interns.
Area Athletes Help Hockey and Rowing Success
Rick Luis

Sophomore Kelsey Johnson (Wayzata/Blake) and Senior Andrew Towne (Grand Forks, ND) mad solid contributions to successful Yale sports teams this winter and spring -- Johnson as a hockey forward (4 goals, 9 assists) and Towne (#4 seat) on Yale's national champion Men's Lightweight Crew.

In other action, four Minnesotans played varsity Men's Hockey this year. Freshmen defensemen Robert Page (2 goals, 9 assists) and Will Engasser (2 goals), both from Blake, Junior Mike Grobe (Benilde St. Margaret's) and Senior C.J. Nibbe (Breck). Page played in all 32 games and led the team in penalty minutes (68).

Freshman Katharine Bader (Fargo South) was a sprinter on the Women's Track squad that whipped Harvard 99-64 on April 23. Yale's men completed the sweep, 101-61. The Yale teams had paired with their Harvard rivals to defeat a combined Oxford-Cambridge squad at Harvard on April 13.

The Lightweight Men's Crew defeated Cornell, Penn and Harvard in the Grand Finals of the IRA Regatta to capture the national title on June 8. Yale Coach Andy Card singled out Towne, who walked on, took a year off to work in Africa and climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro for a Yale-based charity, as the man in the boat with the most interesting story.

Johnson and her hockey teammates set Yale records for most total wins (16) and most conference wins (12), and finished fourth in the 12-team ECAC -- best ever. Yale also won its first playoff series ever (vs. Princeton) and lost 2-1 in overtime to Harvard in a single elimination league semifinal. Their 3-2 win over Harvard, who finished as NCAA runner-up to the Minnesota Gopher women on November 12, was the first win over the Crimson women in 20 years. Johnson notched a goal and an assist that night, and earned a spot on the league "Honor Role" that week and the week of January 10. Ms. Johnson also was named to the All-ECAC Conference Academic team. The YAANW congratulates her.

Fans can follow Yale Sports at the "Bulldog Bytes" link on the YAANW website.

Yale Alumni Book Group
Jan Kleinman

A monthly informal gathering, the Yale Alumni Book Group welcomes Yalies of all generations. It has benefited from the varied life experiences of each participant. Each reader gains friendship with fellow readers, broadened social contacts outside their work and neighborhood, and an expanded reading list. We take turns hosting. We choose readings as a group. We have no tests or trick questions! All are welcome, regularly or occasionally. Contact organizer Ann Cohen ('81) if you'd like more information at: Anncohen77@hotmail.com or 651-645-2753.

Ivy Cup Golf: Dartmouth, Harvard, Princeton, Yale and Brown

Monday August 15 2004
12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start
5:30 p.m. Social, Dinner, Awards

Join friends and colleagues from Harvard, Princeton and Brown alumni clubs in a golf scramble designed to promote fellowship, competition and raise money for respective Club Scholarship Funds. Yale is the defending champion.

Host: Tom O'Brien '90
Where: Chaska Town Course Chaska, MN
Register: www.dartmouth.org/clubs/midwest/register_golf.htm
Cost: $150 Profits go to the YAANW Scholarship Fund.
HOW TO PAY YOUR DUES

ABOUT MEMBERSHIP
We’re an all-volunteer group. Dues go to support mailing costs, member events, and special initiatives such as hosting the Habitat for Humanity bicyclists, supporting Yale interns, interviewing and recruiting students for Yale College and awarding books to outstanding local high school students.

HOW TO PAY DUES
Rates:  $35 Member
        $60 Patron (suggested)
        $100 Benefactor
Send your tax deductible check to:
    David Weyerhaeuser, Treasurer
    YAANW
    1540 Fox Street
    Wayzata, MN  55391

OTHER WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE
Got an idea for an event? Know someone we’d like to hear speak? Want to share a good Bulldog story in the next newsletter? Contact any board member.

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