



# YALE CLUB of THE SUNCOAST

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### NEW DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS ELECTED

At the Annual Meeting of the Club held on April 14 during the monthly luncheon, Harry Riley presented the Report of the Nominating Committee whose members, in addition to Harry as Chairman, were Peter French, Frank Samponaro, Denis Tippo, and Dyer Wadsworth. The candidates for nomination as Directors were submitted to the Membership for a vote that resulted in the unanimous election as follows:

**Director for a one-year term ending in 2006** to fill a vacancy: Betty F. Griggs '50MFA

**Director for a three-year term ending in 2008:** William A. Doyle '44, Brian Thomas Kelly '61, Ronald Levin '58, and Henry (Harry) C. Riley '54

In addition to these newly elected Directors, Harry pointed out that seven other Directors are continuing to serve out their terms of office, namely: **For the term ending in 2006:** Frank N. Samponaro '62, Elizabeth Troutman Hon., and Arnold H. Wolk '52. **For the Term ending in 2007:** Peter L. French, '61MA, '69PhD, Roland A. Kopp '59E, Denis R. Tippo '66, and Dyer S. Wadsworth '59.

At their meeting held immediately after the April luncheon, the Directors elected the following Officers for a one-year term and in several cases, if the person is not already a

**Vice President:** Denis R. Tippo '66  
**Secretary and ex-officio Director:** Oliver J. Janney '67  
**Treasurer and ex-officio Director:** Michael G. Milton '03MA



Newly elected President Dr. Peter L. French addresses the Club

Director, Harry noted that the office carries with it the position of ex-officio Director in accordance with the By-Laws of the Club. These ex-officio positions have the same power as any other Director.

### OFFICERS

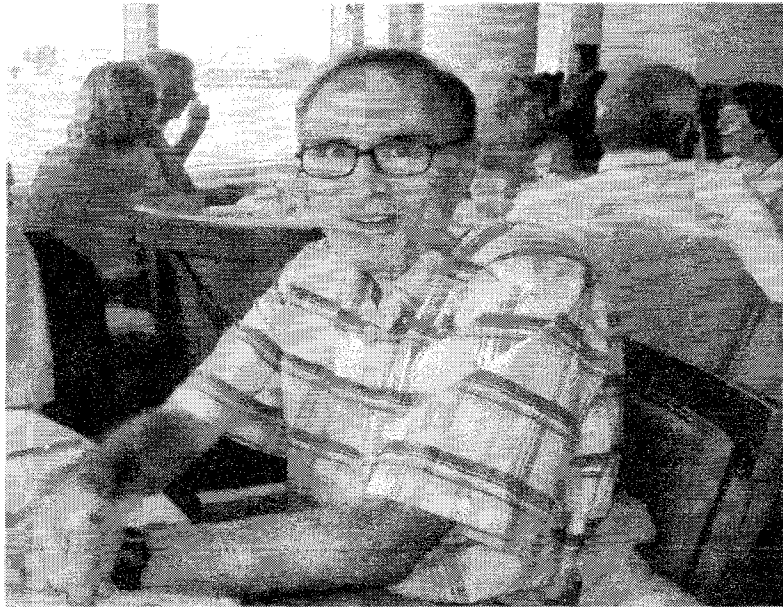
**President:** Peter L. French '61MA, '69PhD

**AYA Representative** (to fulfill the second year of a three year commitment): Frank N. Samponaro '62

**Chair, Alumni Schools Committee and ex-officio Director:** Steven J. Wasserman MD '73BS

**Assistant Treasurer and ex-officio Director:** Ernest (Mike) Lasche III '91MBA

Harry Riley



## **OUTGOING PRESIDENT FRANK Samponaro SAYS THANK YOU**

Outgoing President Frank Samponaro expressed his thanks at the Annual Meeting for the past service of Directors Elizabeth Pitts '86 and Professor David Bird Ralston '52. Both Roland Kopp '59E and Zaid Smith '74 were singled out for special recognition. Frank expressed the appreciation of the Club to Roland Kopp for the terrific job he has done as Treasurer, and he thanked Zaid Smith for his exemplary service as Chairman of the Alumni Schools Committee. Frank acknowledged Zaid's leadership of the interview process for Yale applicants, his efforts to reward the achievements of local school graduates through the Book Award program, and his work as webmaster of the Club's internet site. Reflecting on the long service of Wes Finer '52, Frank referred to him as the "heart and soul" of the

Club and expressed gratitude to Wes for his many years of service as he steps down as a member of the Alumni Schools Committee. Frank also thanked outgoing Vice President Harry Riley '54 for his contributions to the Club over the past year.

Harry Riley

## **Getting to Know Our New President**

Dr. Peter French is the Associate Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs as well as Professor of Africana Studies at the University of South Florida's Sarasota/Manatee Regional Campus, a position he has held since the summer of 2000.

In the Sarasota/Manatee community, Dr. French is a member of the Board of Directors of Manatee Educational TV, the Sun Coast

Workforce Board, and the Yale Club of the Suncoast. He is also a member of the Sarasota Rotary.

Dr. French has extensive experience outside of the university setting including international service with foreign governments, United Nations agencies, the World Bank, the United States Agency for International Development, and the U.S. Peace Corps. He has worked for the Duke Endowment, the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation, the Phelps Stokes Fund, The Council of Independent Colleges and the U.S. Department of Education.

Dr. French is married to Grace M. French, and they now reside in Lakewood Ranch in Bradenton.

## **VIETNAM: NEW PERSPECTIVES 30 YEARS LATER**

At our luncheon on April 14, Professor Harvey Meyerson presented a very thoughtful talk on Vietnam: Thirty Years after the War. His speech marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War in 1975. Dr. Meyerson, adjunct professor of history at the University of South Florida's Sarasota campus, discussed new perspectives on the war opened up by access to archives in Vietnam and declassified materials in the U.S. since the end of the war. His topics

included the role of foreign policy in Communist strategy (including complex relations with China and the Soviet Union); policy disputes with the Vietnamese Communist hierarchy; the integration of political and military tactics in Communist strategy; differing views of U.S. civilian and military policyholders; and the Tet offensive and its aftermath. Dr. Meyerson wrote a prizewinning book on the war based on his experiences there as a correspondent, which he currently is revising. He will teach a course on the war at USF/Sarasota next fall.

Harry Riley

## **PROFESSOR MINH LUONG OF YALE AT THE YALE- HARVARD- PRINCETON LUNCHEON**

Minh Luong, the Assistant Director of International Securities Studies and the Forrest Mars, Senior Visiting Professor in the Ethics, Politics and Economics Program at Yale, presented a bleak picture of the economic espionage front at the annual Yale-Harvard-Princeton luncheon on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

After a personal experience of his father's having serious theft of intellectual property from two companies he had organized in Silicon Valley, Professor Luong has spent the last ten years trying to create an

awareness of economic espionage. He reported that the National Counterintelligence Executive recently estimated that the cost of economic espionage in the United States in 2003 exceeded \$300 billion, a figure that Professor Luong considered far lower than the likely total.

Professor Luong explained that, when countries that have been subjected to "brain drain" or backwardness from years of corruption feel that they cannot wait to grow technology they steal it. He asserted that economic espionage is reducing incentives of American companies to innovate, is leading to reduction of business and competitiveness for American companies and is reducing the incentives for cooperation between the developed and developing countries. On a brighter note, he reported that President Bush is expected to announce a new proactive strategy for counterintelligence.

Oliver Janney

## **LOBSTER BAKE SURVIVES THE RAIN STORM**

On Sunday, February 27, 2005, almost 70 hearty souls came to the Club's Lobster Bake at the Bath Club on Casey Key. Braving Torrential downpours of rain, Yalies and their spouses and friends came to enjoy an authentic Maine lobster bake. We all managed to be seated either inside the Bath Club or on its porch and were grateful that, at arrival time, the

downpour of rain stopped. The lobsters, cooked outside on an open pit, along with mussels, corn on the cob, and baked potatoes were delicious. The dinner was topped off with a sumptuous strawberry shortcake. A group of singers organized by Charlie Alexander entertained all of us, and later Denis Tippo and Gil Collingwood led the singing of "Bright College Years". A special thanks to Steve and Stevie Wilberding for sponsoring this lively evening at the Bath Club.

The Lobster Bake will be held again in 2006, on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars now to reserve this date for another authentic Maine dinner at the Bath Club

Beverley Wadsworth

## **EMAIL ADDRESS UP TO DATE???**

In order to keep our email address file up to date, Roland Kopp will send out several emails before our May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you do not receive anything and want to receive email announcements from the Club, please send Roland an email at [rolandkopp@yahoo.com](mailto:rolandkopp@yahoo.com) so he can update our address file.

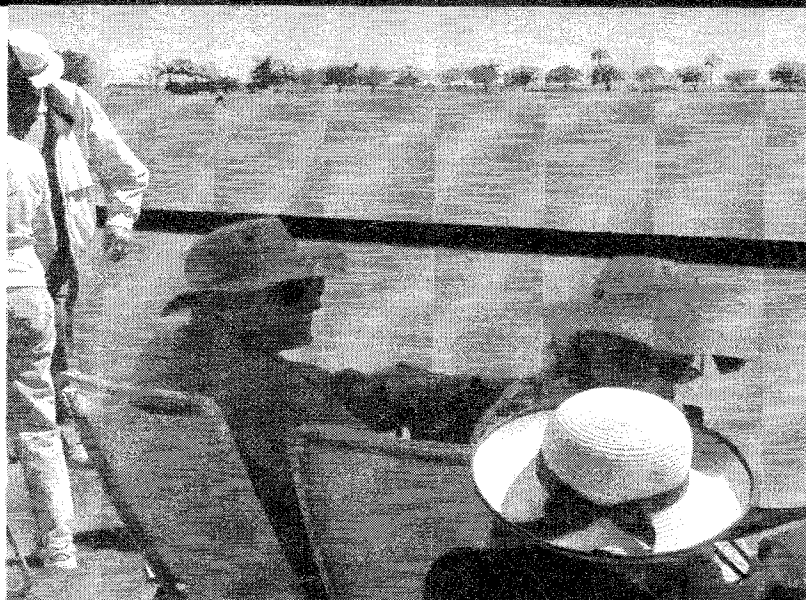


Yale Women's Crew

### **CREW EVENT**

A reception took place in the schoolhouse at Historic Spanish Point in Osprey on March 9 for the Yale Women's Varsity Crew and their coaches. The event was hosted by the directors and executive staff of The Historic Spanish Point Heritage Association. About 25 Yale members and guests attended and had an opportunity to chat with the visitors from New Haven. Both crew members and coaches indicated that they were enjoying their week of training in the waters off Historic Spanish Point during Yale's spring break and expressed an interest in returning in March of 2006

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Bev and Dyer Wadsworth at Young Alums' Polo Match



GINNA RIDDIFORD AND KAREN KOPP AT LOBSTER BAKE