



*ANNUAL MEETING SUPPORTS
CONTINUATION OF PRESENT PROGRAM*

Our Club's members and directors at the annual meeting, which was held as part of the luncheon meeting on April 13th, supported the Nominating Committee's recommendations that current directors and officers continue serving for another year.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Brian Kelly, Chair, Nick Gladding and Frank Samponaro, recommended re-election of the following as Directors:

**Daniel C. Conway '60G
Mark H. Hamilton '53E
Roland A Kopp '59E
Dyer S. Wadsworth '59.**



President Oliver Janney

At its meeting immediately following the luncheon, the Board of Directors re-elected all of the officers, except that Brian Kelly '61 will become AYA Representative as of July 1st. Dyer S. Wadsworth '59 has held that position with distinction for the current three-year term.

With the May 11th luncheon and two special events, the Ringling Museum event on May 13th and the Yale Glee Club concert on May 27th, we will conclude the regular season and move into the summer season of drop-in luncheons at Marina Jack on the second Tuesday of each month through October.

For those who are heading northward, we wish you a safe, healthy and pleasant summer and look forward to seeing you next fall.

Oliver Janney

PROVOST SALOVEY DISCUSSED THE GREAT STATE OF YALE

Provost Peter Salovey addressed a well-attended luncheon of the Yale Club of the Suncoast at Marina Jack's, Sarasota, on March 9 with his views on the state of Yale University. He covered Yale's financial and intellectual resources, and provided us with a long-range vision of Yale's future, as well as numerous items of current news.

Club President Oliver Janney introduced Dr. Salovey, noting that—following an undergraduate and a masters degree from Stanford—he came to Yale for his doctorate, earned in 1986, and has remained at Yale ever since.

He became Provost in 2006, having served at different times as Chair of the Psychology Department, Dean of Yale College, and Dean of Yale's Graduate School. He has remained the Chris Argyris Professor of Psychology, professor of Epidemiology and Public Health, and director of the Department of Psychology's Health, Emotion and Behavior Laboratory. He also holds faculty appointments in the Schools of Management and Public Health and the Institution for Social and Policy studies.

Dr. Salovey's course on Psychology and the Law had the largest attendance of any course in Yale's history. He has also written or edited 13 books and hundreds of journal articles focused primarily on human emotion and health behavior. He co-authored the theory of "Emotional Intelligence," which measures skills, additional to intellectual abilities, that guide thinking and action. (See Woods, Tiger.)

As Provost, Dr. Salovey coordinates planning and allocation of resources to promote academic excellence throughout all of Yale University. The Provost also oversees design and implementation of policies affecting faculty and students.

Dr. Salovey devoted the first part of his remarks to the effect of "The Great Recession" on Yale. Regarding the endowment, Yale had a \$6.5 billion, or 25%, drop in its last fiscal (June 30) year, leaving \$19.5 billion. (Harvard, according to its alumni magazine, had \$26 billion at June 30, 2009, an \$11 billion, or 29.5%, drop from the prior June 30.)

A recent U.S. News & World Report shows Yale's endowment at \$22.7 billion, about 16% above

June 30, 2009. Yale's endowment typically provides 45% of its annual budget, or about 5 ½% of its endowment. (The annual average rate of Yale's endowment return over the past decade is 11.8 %; Harvard's is 8.9%; and Princeton's is 9.7%) Dr. Salovey is confident that Yale's endowment is in fair shape—back to the 2006 level, which is not bad. He expects the endowment to grow more slowly than stocks in the near future, especially direct investments in real estate and also other real assets including oil.

But now what? What plans and policies are to be kept intact and what are to be delayed or cut?



Yale Provost Peter Salovey

Fiduciary responsibility requires a program-by-program review.

- Financial aid remains sacrosanct. It now goes to 57% of entering freshmen, up from 40% five years ago. The average annual assistance is \$30,000, compared to costs that Dr. Salovey states amount to \$49,000 (USN&WR says Yale's 2009-2010 tuition and fees are \$36,500; apparently the rest is routinely forgiven by Yale, even for students who pay full tuition and fees.) The budget for financial assistance is higher than for faculty salaries. (Club members wishing the services of a devil's advocate might turn to Andrew Manshel's essay in the Friday, April 9, Wall St. Journal, p. W11, "Why Top Colleges

Squeeze You Dry.” Mr. Manshel, an attorney who claims recent experience as the vice president for finance and administration “at a prominent college,” claims that at top colleges, “tuition and fees were not set by analyzing budget projections.” Instead they were set by examining their peers’ charges and then adjusting their own charges to keep the “yield” of students in the same position relative to peers as in prior years—a market demand approach unrelated to costs. The same process is used to calibrate financial aid, according to Mr. Manshel. He also makes the related claim that the very richest institutions could charge no tuition and fees and could operate only from endowment funds, if they chose to, but demand is so great that they don’t. He calls for reexamination of the purposes and responsibilities of our universities, particularly with regard to endowment spending.)

- Building projects are being slowed down. None are being commenced except those that are donor-funded. Yale is not taking on more debt. (Princeton has.) Refurbishment of all the residential colleges is being completed on schedule. The Smilow Cancer Hospital is also going forward. Dr. Salovey delicately mentioned that another university to which Yale is sometimes compared has had to suspend a huge project and now has a big hole in the ground covered by a tarp. (That would be Harvard. Compared to the prior year’s plan, its president has announced that Harvard’s capital spending “has been cut in half for the next several years.” Major assumptions about its campus development in Allston “are completely revised”.) Obviously, though not dwelled upon by Dr. Salovey, such disruptions are punishingly wasteful, even though such losses do not appear in the investment accounts. Yale’s two new residential colleges and a “shovel-ready” science building are on hold, without any construction funds disbursed.
- Yale’s 137-acre West Campus and science laboratories were acquired a couple of years ago for \$109 million, one-tenth of their actual

cost to Bayer, the prior owner. The science buildings are now populated for molecular research. Several eminent scientists are coming to Yale because of the attractiveness of this campus environment.

Dr. Salovey next addressed how Yale may be and remain the best undergraduate college in a research university setting. Yale’s leadership has identified 8 factors—foreign study and 7 others. Three examples: (1) Interdisciplinary majors where new programs attract faculty from different academic departments. (2) Intensive training to improve writing skills; 400 students now participate, a large recent increase. (3) Quantitative science and reasoning—oriented to students without a science background. 80% of those who tried one of these courses then took another. Regarding foreign study, Yalies always complained about New Haven but never wanted to leave it. Now there have been summer programs in 17 interesting countries taught by Yale faculty, and the number is being increased to 30 countries. Another factor is extracurricular life (always has been). There are 350 extracurricular organizations at Yale training 1,300 men and women to be leaders at the same time that they get a liberal education.

In conclusion, Dr. Salovey noted that a student at Yale today would not notice any hardship from the recent financial decline, though budgets are pinching Yale’s middle managers. There are some early retirements and less bureaucracy. Support by alumni is the greatest of any university. “The Yale that you remember will be the greatest university.”

Questions followed:

- Non-science at the West Campus? Lots of warehousing of collections; more on display. Also sculpture, nature walks for children, conservation of books and objects.
- What science at West Campus that cannot be done at the regular campus? Cancer research—lab to hospital coordination, large-scale bio-fuel project to turn scum into octane gasoline, other space-using projects to turn plastic back into water and petroleum components.

- How to use technology to teach Yale courses? Anyone can access 30 open Yale courses on the web, taught by eminent faculty. Primarily for alumni and high school students. But there cannot be a monetary charge unless the course is part of a degree program, and Yale wants its students to come to the campus to earn their degrees. The group experience is critical to educational success. The average class is 12 students; there are not very many huge lectures. 20% of classes have 5 students or fewer.
- What connections between undergraduates and graduates? Some “mezzanine” joint classes; many dual graduate and undergraduate faculty appointments; social centers open to both undergraduates and graduate students.
- That West Campus again: how to manage communications and travel between it and the rest of Yale? The Obama Stimulus Plan omitted a monorail system to join them. But video-conferences help avoid travel.
- Yale had the largest library acquisitions budget for years. How is it now? Some slowing in 2010 and 2011, then a return to pre-eminence.



Dr. Henry Porter and his guests, Kelly Markham and Gregory Liston come to hear Peter Salovey.

- Yale’s last two Provosts and a College dean have been lured to other jobs. What are your plans? Headhunters call, but the challenge and intellectual wealth at Yale is superb. I meet with Rick Levin and another top officer for 2 or 3 hours every Tuesday afternoon and we talk through every issue on the horizon.

Here are some recent (April 4) statistics on Yale College admissions:

- Applications at Dec. 31: 2008 26,003; 2009 25,869 (a decline of 134, the only decline in the Ivy League)
- Offers of admission: 2009 1,951; 2010 1,940 (both years: 7.5%) (Harvard 2009: 7.0%; 2010: 6.9%)
- Size of Freshman class, Fall 2009: 1,325 (67.9% of offers)



Dyer S. Wadsworth, '59

A Ghana Fond Farewell

On Easter Sunday morning, I took my last early walk around the campus. The University was closed for the long weekend. No choral singing from the four campus chapels or services in other campus buildings as students had gone home to their villages and homes for Easter services. It was a quiet stroll down to the main gate and back to reflect on all the good things that have happened over the past eighteen months.

The project was finished. All the reports were written, briefing papers submitted and the teaching manual completed. The materials comprise a record of hundreds of hours spent with Ghanaian colleagues who have become friends over the course of a year and a half as a great collective effort reshaped undergraduate education for the class of “freshers” who will enter in August.



Peter French in discussion with the Vice Chancellor and the dean of the Business School Takyi Asiedu.

On the last day of March, Vice-Chancellor Tagoe convened a meeting in the Great Hall for Deans, Heads of Department, Senior Administrators, faculty and a cluster of graduate students. Pro Vice-Chancellor Yankah reviewed the Project and the Final Report was handed over to the Vice-Chancellor

who expressed his thanks on behalf of the University. Various Deans and others made remarks about the contributions this “Yalie” had provided to the campus. We then adjourned to the courtyard of the Great Hall for dinner and music under the stars. A grand finale to a very satisfying adventure!

Late on Easter Monday, Grace and I lifted off from Kotoka Airport on the daily BA flight to Heathrow, ending what may well be the last of our Africa safaris spaced over nearly forty years when this Brooklyn gal first accepted and then embraced the Africa that has been so much of our lives together. It was a great way to end, although we have both developed a little collective itch to see South Africa.

Now we are home and Ghanaian things are missed already. There were the morning walks and meetings Kofi Saah, chair of linguistics, and Kofi Baku, LLB and Ph.D in African history who walk together. There was the



Dean of Agriculture Kwame Offei, Doreen Nandu, my administrative assistant; Eccles Ofori, Registrar's Office and Teddy Konu, former Registrar and very good friend.

ever growing cluster of security guards for the house who were rotated monthly so we got to know many. Samwel our driver, who is Accra-born, was up to every assignment and able to shorten any trip by maneuvers on rough streets difficult to describe. Fortunately, the Accra Mall where the “Game” store was a version of Target and the Shoprite that provided all the food we needed was close to campus. In the mind’s eye, I can still manage to drive there. And we miss the immersion in Ghanaian culture at the Wild Gecko, with James the basket weaver and his daughter Gloria, and with Oblade Glover and his staff at the Artist’s Alliance. And there are so many academic colleagues who shared time and commitment to bring about change at the University. To quote the Vice-Chancellor at our last meeting, “We have gotten so used to Peter being here, we consider him one of us!”

In the days to come, we will wonder about how change is progressing. Will all the new “freshers” really have no class

Peter at dinner with Professor Kwesi Yankah, Pro Vice Chancellor.



larger than 300 (a great improvement on some classes as large as 1200)? Will faculty members use the Teaching Manual and amend their syllabi so they engage in more “continuous assessment” during the semester and move away from grades solely based on a final examination? Will Benjamin, one of the security guards, gain admission to the University? Will the exceptional young dancer at the Buduburam Refugee Camp, Abibatu Kamara, have that audition we were working on and possibly gain a place in the performing arts program at the University? Will the Harmony Collective for Disabled at the Refugee Camp continue to produce new crafts to better assist those in need? Will the University make a wise choice in selecting a new Vice-Chancellor who will assume office in August? All these questions are reasons to keep in touch.

Now has come the adjustment to America where notable rhetorical acrimony contrasts with the gracious diplomacy of our Ghanaian friends and colleagues! America on the BBC is different from America up close and personal although the first three persons encountered at the hotel in New York when we arrived were from



Elizabeth Deddeh and her assistant. Elizabeth runs the Harmony disability center.



above: **The Dancer**



left:
Peter and Gavivina Tamakloe, Manager of the Refugee Camp; notr sign on wall: U N High Commission for Refugees.

Ghana. For just a few moments of conversation it seemed we had yet to depart from West Africa.

As with all such adventures, our horizons are broadened and our appreciation for peoples and cultural ways deepened. We are better for this. Some of this will be shared with fellow members of the Yale Club at our monthly gatherings. Much will be kept to savor as we contemplate mornings and sunsets thinking of friends far away.

Dr. Peter L. French



Kofi Siabi-Mensah, Project Coordinator, Professor Yaa Ntimoa-Basidu, Dean for Research and Graduate Studies and Teddy Konu, former Registrar

A GREAT YEAR FOR LOCAL YALE APPLICANTS

This year 37 students from Sarasota, Manatee and Charlotte Counties applied to Yale. Four were accepted to the Yale Class of 2014. Two students from Pine View School, one from St. Stephen's Episcopal School in Bradenton, and one from Lakewood Ranch High School. Students have until Mat 1st to make their decisions, but at least three of the four have indicated they are going to Yale..

We had applications from seventeen local schools, which may be a record for this area and a good sign of our successful recruiting efforts. Eight of our applicants had been Yale Book Award recipients.

This year was a particularly difficult year for Yale admissions. The overall acceptance rate was 7.5% Locally, our percentage was 10.8.

Twelve members of the Alumni Schools Committee conducted interviews: Dan Conway, Wes Finer, Lew Hamilton, Oliver Janney, Brian Kelly, Mike Lasche, Sean Lynch, Mark Magenheimer, Frank Samponaro, Zaid Smith, Patrick Whelan and Ed Williams.

In April and May, The Alumni Schools Committee will present Yale Book Awards at 25 local high schools in order to recognize juniors who show outstanding personal character and intellectual promise. Winners will be invited to a reception at the Stonybrook Country Club on June 12th.

The Alumni Schools Committee is always in need of new members for interviewing, college night recruiting, and book award presenting. If you are interested, contact Patrick Whelan at 749-8564.

Patrick Whelan

The Yale Club of the Suncoast recently received news from the four underclassmen from our area who are now at Yale:

Konrad Coutinho, Yale Class of 2013. Graduate of Cardinal Mooney High School

I'd just like to say I'm having a wonderful time here at Yale. I'm in Timothy Dwight College, and I'm likely to be an economics major, although I'm considering a few other options. I am a staff reporter for the Yale Daily News and a staff writer for the Yale Economic Review. I also tutor children at New Haven Reads.

Kevin Peterson, Yale Class of 2013. Graduate of Saint Stephen's Episcopal School belong to Saybrook College and I am still undecided in terms of my major. That said, I will most likely be majoring in economics or architecture. Lastly, I did earn some playing time in several Varsity soccer games, which was a great experience.

Colin Kruger, Yale Class of 2012. Graduate of Riverview High School am a sophomore in Ezra Stiles College, and I have declared myself as a history major. I play football here at Yale as well as being in Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and I am a part of the non profit organization run by Yale students known as ReadySetLaunch that helps inner-city high school seniors through the college application process.

Dacie Thompson, Yale Class of 2012. Graduate of Saint Stephen's Episcopal School

I am having an amazing experience at Yale right now! I am in Davenport, and I am working for my B.S. in Environmental Engineering. I work on the Yale Farm and am a member of the Student Volunteer Coalition for the Yale Sustainable Food Project. I also do environmental education in New Haven public schools for the Yale Student Environmental Coalition. I am a Science Hill tour guide. I attend the Episcopal Church at Yale, and I have been lucky enough to get quite involved with the group. Finally, I am very invested in the Yale Chapter of Engineers Without Borders. I traveled to Cameroon with the group over winter break to work on our ongoing water distribution project there. My summers have also been packed with fun things, as I studied abroad in Madrid last summer and served as a FOOT leader. I am hoping to spend this summer working for a nonprofit agricultural group in Guatemala.

Patrick Whelan

JOHN McCARTHY, SARASOTA PARKS CZAR TO ADDRESS MAY 11TH LUNCHEON

In what might become a tradition of ending our luncheon speaker program with environmental leaders, we will feature at our May 11th luncheon John McCarthy, the General Manager of Sarasota Parks & Recreation since November 2000.

McCarthy is a native Floridian with 30 years of experience working with the Sarasota County Government. He began his career in Historical Resources, where he served as County Historian. He transferred to Natural Resources to pursue his life-long interest in environmental protection as an Environmental Specialist. He then transferred to Parks and Recreation to blend his knowledge while developing the splendid park at the Carlton Reserve. Carlton Reserve provides 24,000 acres of trails and other recreational activities.

Sarasota Parks and Recreation operates over 130 parks and recreational sites and sponsors over 250 special events each year, including beach runs, summer camps, concerts in the parks and sand sculpture contests. It also operates paw parks for dogs and Dog Beach. As the only Florida county in which all city and county parks are administered by the county, we enjoy an extraordinary system of parks and recreation facilities and at a much lower cost per resident than in other communities.

One county park, the Legacy Trail, was deemed sufficiently important to merit approval for stimulus funds. The construction of two bridges, which will link Palmer Ranch with Venice and Caspersson Beach should be completed in early summer. Another recently opened park, Rothenbach Park boasts hiking, biking and jogging trails on the site of the former solid waste landfill at the southeast end of Bee Ridge Road.

I have heard John McCarthy speak a couple of times and can assure you that we are in for a great treat.

Oliver Janney

RINGLING PRESENTS TURKOMEN JEWELRY, GIFT OF OUR OWN STEVE WILBERDING



*Hair ornament, Yomud Tribe Asyk, 1880-1920
Gift of S.V.C Wilberding, 2009*

Yale Club of the Sun Coast members will be receiving an invitation from Marshall Rousseau, Interim Director of the Ringling Museum of Art, to attend a VIP Members' reception on Thursday May 13th at 5:00 pm, celebrating the opening of Heyday: Photographs of Frederick W. Glazier and Splendid Treasures of the Turkomen Tribes from Central Asia. The Turkomen jewelry, the only collection of its type in the United States, was donated to the Ringling Museum by our Yale Club member Steve Wilberding in 2009, and is part of their permanent Asian collection. Some 69 pieces, the collection was formed when Steve was working in

Saudi Arabia 1984-1989 as Senior Advisor to the Saudi Central Bank. Afghani traders and pilgrims to Mecca were bringing the 100 year old pieces of jewelry into the Kingdom to raise money for their hadj travel or to take home to buy food and armaments during the period of Russian occupation of Afghanistan.

Like many things from the Muslim world, the jewelry is a curious combination of Islamic and pagan influences, but is essentially silver based with silver overwork and gold brushing and semi-precious stones, particularly carnelians. The jewelry, like the herds of cattle and sheep, were a store of value as well as family heirlooms passed down from generation to generation. The nomadic tribes had to carry everything with them as they migrated seasonally to better pastures.

Steve and the Curator of the collection at the Museum will be in the gallery to answer any questions you may have.

The larger exhibition, Heyday, is some 60 photographs of the circus at the beginning of the 20th century. The photographs are part of the permanent collection of the Museum. Our Yale Club members are invited to take their time in viewing both collections.

Steve Wilberding

**Pair of bracelets, Teke Tribe, 1880-1920
Gift of S . V. C. Wilberding, 2009**



DO NOT MISS YALE GLEE CLUB

Our Club will co-host a concert to be given by approximately 70 members of the Yale Glee Club on Thursday May 27th at 7:30 p.m. at Church of the Redeemer. 222 South Palm Avenue on the Sarasota Bayfront. There will be no charge for the concert, but a voluntary thank offering will be collected.

This is the Glee Club's first concert in Sarasota in over 20 years.

The Yale Glee Club is Yale University's principal undergraduate mixed chorus and oldest musical organization, currently celebrating its 149th year. From its earliest days as a group of thirteen men from the Class of 1863 to its current incarnation as an eighty-voice chorus of women and men, the Yale Glee Club has represented the best in collegiate singing for

nearly a century and a half. The students who sing in the Yale Glee Club might be majors in music or engineering, English or philosophy, art or mathematics. They are drawn together by a love of singing and a common understanding that raising one's voice with others to create something beautiful is one of the noblest human pursuits.

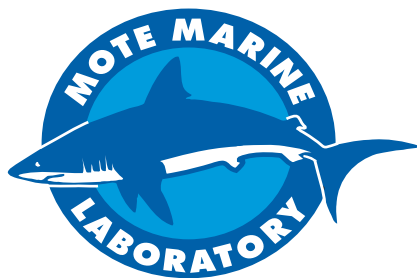
The Glee Club's repertoire embraces a broad spectrum of choral music from the 16th century to the present, including Renaissance motets, contemporary choral works, world folk music, and traditional Yale songs. Committed to the creation of new music, the Glee Club presents frequent premieres of newly commissioned works and sponsors an annual competition for young composers. The great choral masterworks are also an important part of the Glee

Club's repertoire; recent performances have included Orff Carmina Burana, Mozart Requiem, Britten War Requiem, Rossini Stabat Mater, Fauré Requiem, Haydn Missa in Tempore Belli and Creation, Brahms Nanie, Mendelssohn Elijah, Penderecki Credo, and choral symphonies of Mahler and Beethoven. Highlights in 2009-2010 include Verdi Requiem, the East Coast premiere of Aaron Jay Kernis Symphony of Meditations, and a concert of new music with Dale Warland.

Their 2010 tour program will feature works by Victoria, Bruckner, Rheinberger, Thompson, and Paulus, newly commissioned works by Eric Banks and Ryan Harper, traditional folks, spirituals, and Yale songs.

One of the most traveled choruses in the world, the Yale Glee Club has performed in every major city in the United States and embarked on its first overseas tour in 1928. It has since appeared before enthusiastic audiences throughout North and South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa. In the summer of 2005, the Glee Club made its first trip to Australia and New Zealand. This season, the Glee Club will travel to the Pacific Northwest and South America. Historically a leading advocate of international choral exchange, the Glee Club has hosted countless guest ensembles at Yale and at New York's Lincoln Center in conjunction with its own International Choral Festivals.

Oliver Janney



Highly Successful Mote Aquaculture Tour Leaves Elis Feeling Fond of Fish

Eli demand for the YCS Special Event tour of Mote Marine's Aquaculture Park was such that it required two events. Both tours were led by Mote's Director of Aquaculture, Dr Kevan Main. Her efforts for the two 90 minute tours were even more impactful and informative than her address at the YCS December luncheon. Between these three YCS events, Dr Main has shown tremendous dedication to our Eli members. She was properly thanked for her efforts on behalf of YCS by President Oliver Janney at the April 7 tour and by Brian Kelly, Event Coordinator, on the April 16 tour.

Dr Main explained that the overarching goal for Mote's Aquaculture program was to design, construct and operate a revenue generating fish farming system with zero pollution. This is a stark departure from the many and varied fish farm systems located throughout the world which have a common denominator of heavy pollutant discharges.



Zaid Smith listens carefully to Dr. Main's

This writer recently witnessed the sad state of world aquaculture with Chilean fish farms now being relocated further and further south, even into the far reaches of the Straits of Magellan, as the resulting pollution forces the farms to move.

Main explained that Mote's aquaculture program has achieved nearly zero effluent in its fresh water fish farming while the more difficult salt water programs range from 10 to 15 percent discharge. These results are significantly better than current competitive technology, but she will not rest until they approach zero. Traditional methods of aquaculture have used the "flow-through" system to flush fish tanks, resulting in excessive release of solid waste, ammonia and lost water. Mote's patented system reduces or eliminates solid wastes, recaptures and recycles all water and follows with a de-nitrification process.

Main noted the Mote system was fast approaching the point where farmers in any part of the country could establish fish farming with minimal land requirements. In fact, as in the Mote Aquaculture Park example, it is

not at all necessary to be located near any form of water. Mote is just at the point of proving the economics of their technologies, demonstrating to farmers and potential capital investors the revenue potential of closed-circuit, large-scale, inland aquaculture.

Dr Main impressed her Eli audience with a "non-stop" stream of aquaculture achievements, but none was more impressive than her statement that everything that we saw in the tour of the 200 acre facility was designed by her Mote team except the walls and roof of the individual structures. This

meant that the vast array of pipes, pumps, filters, tanks, lighting, feeders, etc., etc. was the result of a small but fiercely dedicated group of marine scientists, interns and volunteers. There was plenty of evidence in the form of signage attesting to the many donors who also backed this enterprise.

With cutbacks due to the current economic malaise the Mote Aquaculture staff numbers 15 while, its normal number should be significantly higher. Obviously a



Young, but mighty, the still juvenile sturgeons begin to crowd the enormous tanks before being placed into even larger growth tanks

reduction of donations is putting pressure on the Aquaculture Park's efforts to achieve its goal. Dr Main was quite open in her appeal for the public's assistance to assure fulfillment of goals.

Dr Main led the tour from sturgeon hatchlings to "grow out" tanks holding 8,000 to 16,000 gallons of water and thousands of sturgeon at various growth stages. She also showed and discussed other buildings containing tanks of snook and redfish, which are other active projects with significant commercial effects for Florida's recreational fishing programs. The tour members were captivated by her explanation of how manipulations of light and temperature to stimulate seasonal conditions can increase the spawn of the various fish broodstock.



Members of the Yale Club second tour were fortunate to be able to see the harvesting of sturgeon roe for caviar, an event that does not occur on a schedule.

One of the tour highlights was visiting the immaculate, bacteria free sturgeon processing building. We had occasion to view sturgeon being harvested and

prepared for distribution. This is also where the sturgeon eggs are carefully collected, graded, packaged and then sold to purveyors of caviar such as the world's largest distributor Petrossian. Dr Main remarked that Mote sturgeon fillets and caviar are frequently available at Sarasota's Captain Brian's Restaurant located on Rte.41 near the Sarasota/ Bradenton Airport.

The Elis who toured Mote Aquaculture Park were most impressed with the scientific accomplishments and the expertise and dedication of its people. Thank you, Dr Main, and your entire Mote team!

Brian Thomas Kelly

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to the new members who have joined our Yale Club of the Suncoast: Kenneth Schneiier, '74 and his wife, Cynthia Craig; John Suess, '63 Phd, and his wife Jennie-Ray, and David Weltman, '54 and his wife Andrea. We also have a former member who rejoined the Club, Robert Gray, '59, and his wife Betsy.

Beverley Wadsworth

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