

YALE CLUB of THE SUNCOAST





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Nick Gladding's Farewell Letter as President of the Yale Club of the Suncoast



Dear Ladies and Gentleman, Members of the Yale Club of the Suncoast:

I pen this letter to you just one week before the end of my term serving as your President of our beloved Yale Club of the Suncoast. It has been my high honor and distinct privilege to serve as your President for the past two seasons and I will miss many things about it. However, as I was proceded and mentored by the kind and thoughtful words and actions of my fellow Yale classmate, Oliver Janney, I leave the

office knowing our Yale Club is in great hands with Dr. Mark Magenheim coming in as our new President. It has been a fun, informative time serving in this office over the last two years. I have enjoyed the collegiality of a remarkable group of dedicated folks who have served with me as your Yale Club officers and Directors. I simply could not have done the job without their kind and dedicated service on your behalf. I will thank each one of them presonally again, but I want to acknowledge them here so you could join me in thanking them on your behalf. They are: Mark Magenheim, Dan Conway, Ken Schneier, Ed Williams, Ron Levin, Brian Kelly, Beverley Wadsworth, Betty Griggs, Patrick Whelan, Elaine Gustafson, Dick Smith and Zaid Smith serving as your Oficers; and Dan Conway, Mark Hamilton, Roland Kopp, Mark Magenheim, Dyer Wadsworth, Art Englehard, Brian Kelly, Peter French, Elaine Gustafson, Betty Griggs, Steve Wilberding, Oliver Janney, Frank Samponaro, Dick Smith, Ron Levin, Ken Schneier, Patrick Whelan, Ed Williams and myself serving on your Board of Directors. In addition, I would like to thank my wife, Danielle Gladding for her untiring support and help during my two years as President. She has contributed in so many ways, to support our Yale Club of the Suncoast.

Please join me in congratulating them all on a job well done. I leave the Yale Club of the Suncoast knowing that our Club is stronger then ever, growing in size and helping to spread Yale's good name throughout the community. I have a strong conviction that our Club will flourish and remain one of the best clubs in the world. Thanks for all your support and I will see you at the Sarasota Yacht Club soon.

Kind regards,

Nick Gladding '67

YALE CLUB OF THE SUNCOAST Nominees

Slate of Proposed Officers, 2013-2014

President
Vice President and Administrative Officer
Secretary
Assistant Secretary
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Assistant Treasurer
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Mark J. Magenheim '71 MPH Kenneth Schneier '74 Bruce Ballard '60 Edward V. Williams '66MA/'68PhD Daniel C. Conway "60G John D. Bullock '72 HS Oliver J. Janney '67 Chair, Membership Assistant Chair, Membership Chair, Alumni Schools Committee Newsletter, Editor, Publisher Manager, Luncheon Coordinators Webmaster Beverley Wadsworth Betty F. Griggs, '50MFA Patrick B. Whelan '88 Elaine M. Gustafson 86 'MSN D. Richard Smith '54 Zaid James Smith '74

Ex Officio Directors, 2013-2014 Bruce Ballard '60 John D. Bullock '72 MPH Daniel C. Conway '60G Patrick B. Whelan '88 Edward V. Williams '66MA/'68PhD

Submitted by the Nominations Committee:
Nicholas C. Gladding '67
Brian Thomas Kelly '61
Oliver J. Janney '67
Frank N. Samponaro '62, Chair
Dyer S. Wadsworth '59

Board of Directors, Term Ending in 2014

Arthur W. Engelhard '52G Brian Thomas Kelly '61 Peter L. French "61MA/'69PhD Nicholas C. Gladding '67 Elaine M. Gustafson '86 MSN

Board of Directors, Term ending in 2015
Oliver J. Janney '67
Frank N. Samponaro '62
D. Richard Smith '54
Van C. Wilberding '63
Board of Directors, Term Ending in 2016
Mark H. Hamilton '53E
Roland A. Kopp '59E
Mark J. Magenheim '71MPH
Kenneth Schneier '74
Dyer S. Wadsworth '59

Enjoying the delicious fare at the Annual Lobster Bake March 24, 2013



Left: Juergen Ludendorf, Bev Wadsworth, Nathan Speck-Ewer Right: Dyer Wadsworth, April Speck-Ewer, Cecily Sharp-Whitehill



Left to right: Pat Kuelper, Penny Washburn, Darwin and Ava Gillett

The Yale Club attendees enjoyed a lobster bake with the kind sponsorship of Pat Kuelper at the Bath Club on south Casey Key on Sunday, March $24^{\rm th}$. The weather created excitement at the 5 p.m. arrival time, as the skies darkened, the winds whipped up and rain started to pour down.

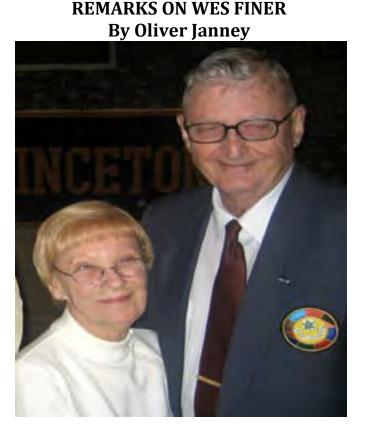
Our caterer had nicely prepared the outside picnic tables at the Bath Club for the lobster bake, but when the rain started they adapted quickly by removing everything from the outside tables and setting up enough tables and chairs in the clubhouse and the porch to seat 60 people for dinner, not an easy task. Everyone was very understanding about any inconvenience that the weather caused, which

we very much appreciated. The caterer did a wonderful job of preparing the dinner in their pit outside on the sand, despite the downpour of rain. They are truly hearty Maine people.

We all had a complete dinner of clam chowder, lobster (steak or chicken), mussels, clams, corn on the cob, cole slaw, hardboiled egg, rolls with butter and a sumptuous strawberry shortcake to top it all off. By the time we had started our dinners, the rain let up, and many of us were able to sit on the porch where we could see the skies start to clear as the thunderstorms passed on to the east. After dinner, some of us enjoyed walking down to the beach where the surf was higher than usual due to the winds of the thunderstorm. It was a lovely evening with lively company and delicious food.

In addition to Pat Kuelper, we want to thank Steve Wilberding for the assistance he provided and for Penny Washburn, also a Bath Club member, for attending our event and offering to help out if needed. Thanks to all of you!

By Beverley Wadsworth



Wes Finer set a very special standard for those of us who have followed in his footsteps.

Wes devoted his career to the service of our country in the same agency as my father and two of my uncles did. In retirement, he was far from retiring.

Wes served as a director of the Yale Club of the Suncoast for many years and as President for four years. He also served as Chair of the Yale Club's Alumni Schools Committee. The Committee interviews all students from our area who apply to Yale. This involves chatting for about an hour with the student to get an idea of him or her and then write a brief report of impressions for Yale's Admissions Office. Wes ensured that the students who were admitted were invited to attend the April or March speaker luncheon as guests of the Club. He enjoyed introducing the students to alumni and making them feel comfortable. As an extension of Wes' efforts, our Board of Directors recently extended membership in the Yale Club to all local students while they attend Yale. He made every effort to help the students feel positive about their choice of Yale. Wes also coordinated the book award program in which each spring members of the Club would award a book prize to juniors at each of 25 area high schools. The guidance counselors at each school chose a junior who had top academic rankings and laudable community service. The program eventually added a reception for in June for all of the students who had received Yale book awards and their families. This provided an excellent opportunity for local alumni to discuss the benefits of a Yale education with students and their families. In fact it has led to a number of students applying to Yale who had not seriously considered it before the reception.

As have several other former presidents of the Yale Club, Wes was active in the local Ivy League Club. He served on the Board of Governors for many years and as President in 2000. He also served for many years on the nominating committee and the Scholarship Committee. As a trustee of the Ivy League Scholarship Fund with his friend, Peter Reinheimer, Wes initiated the 1957 Society, which raised over \$50,000 for scholarships to local students who attend Ivy League colleges and universities. He also developed close relationships with the financial aid offices of the Ivy League colleges and universities in order to ensure that the scholarships would go to needy students in a way that would not reduce their other scholarship benefits.

Wes' indefatigable efforts for education set an enviable example for future retirees in our area. Indeed, the contributions of retirees like Wes are what make our community so special.

CLUB MEMBER PARTICIPATES IN FRANCO-AMERICAN ALUMNI CONFERENCE



Oliver Janney at NGO Meeting

My daughter, Elizabeth, and I spent a week in Paris with the Yale Global Alumni Leadership Exchange (Yale GALE) in mid-February.

The Yale GALE program provides for exchanges of views between Yale's alumni leaders and alumni leaders of foreign universities with which Yale has or wants to develop a strategic relationship. Suzanne and I attended the Yale GALE meetings in the UK last summer, and Mark Magenheim attended similar sessions in Turkey three years ago.

After we had walked the streets of Paris for a day and a half, our Yale GALE schedule began on Tuesday with a reception given by Margerie Safir '77 PhD, a professor at the American University in Paris and Director of the Paris Art Center. At her historic house, we were treated to an explanation of the European and French political scenes by Neil Gordon '91 PhD, Vice President and Dean of the American University in Paris. This was followed by an elegant dinner in the French Quarter.

On Wednesday we participated in a day-long conference on NGOs sponsored by the American Embassy. The conference was held at the George C. Marshall Center (the former Hôtel de Talleyrand), which was the headquarters for the administration of the Marshall Plan. The participants came from all over France and included educators and representatives of various other types of nonprofit organizations. The U.S. Ambassador, Charles Rivkin '82, opened the event with

remarks in French and English, and Yale Vice President Linda Lorimer '77 JD gave the opening address. Then we spent the rest of the day with panels on leadership, motivation and fundraising.

On Thursday Steve Scher '56, '66 PhD gave us a guided tour of Chartres Cathedral by Steve Scher, Yale '56, '66 PhD. A retired professor of History of Art at Brown, Steve is now heavily involved with the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

Then we had two evenings of friendship dinners with professors and faculty of École Normale Superieure (unofficially referred to a Norm Sup) and Paris 2 (Abbas-Pantheon University) followed by mornings of discussions and debates on use of alumni to promote educational institutions and inspire more extensive funding by alumni.

After tours of the Musée de Cluny, Paris' Museum of the Middle Ages, with an address by the museum's director, and of the Pantheon, we ended the trip with a dinner overlooking Paris from the top of the Pompidou Centre.



A Debate at Paris

Oliver Janney '67

YCS MARKETS YALE EDUCATION AT 7TH IVY LEAGUE COLLEGE FAIR

Our club's contingent, comprising Patrick Whelan, Chair of our Alumni Schools Committee, Mark Magenheim, Ed Williams and Oliver Janney, manned the Yale table at the seventh annual Ivy League College Fair held at New College's Sudakoff Center. During the two-hour event on the afternoon of Saturday, January 12th, our team fielded questions about a Yale education from 120 students from 17 schools and two home-schooled students.

The local high school guidance counselors invite only top students to the event. Most of those who attend have considerable interest in an excellent education. This annual event is a particularly useful opportunity to describe the advantages of a Yale education to our region's brightest students.

Yale School of Nursing and Yale Alumni Service Corps Nicaragua 2013



For the second year, Yale Alumni Service Corps has had the honor of collaborating with the Yale School of Nursing (YSN). YSN introduced YASC to Nicaragua, where they have been working for the last six years at "La Escuelita," a school for children who live in the poorest and most dangerous section of Managua.

In March 2013, I was fortunate to join a group of YSN nurses and the YASC program in the remote community of Trohillo to do provide medical care and education.

This was my fifth trip to Nicaragua to work with YSN students to provide care for Nicaraguan families. For months before the trip I practiced up on my Spanish and it felt great to finally arrive at the airport in Managua along with colleagues and students and bags full of treasures from books for children to medical supplies needed in the clinic. As the doors of the airport opened to the city streets, a warm blast of Nicaraguan air enveloped us and was a preview of what was to come.

On Sunday the YSN contingent gathered with the Yale Alumni Service Corps to travel to Trohillo to set up the medical clinic. A school was to be repurposed as a clinic for the week. After traveling through the city of Leon and miles of sugar cane fields, we arrived at the site. We pulled into a dry and dusty area with a few scattered buildings.

In spite of a few minor issues, it wasn't long before the school was transformed into a clinic and ready to receive patients the next morning.

Arriving on Monday, we were greeted by community leaders and welcomed to the village. Immediately after we began our clinic and other groups went to their various programs. There was an education group, sports team, construction team, business support team, and a music education team.

For the Health Clinic, adults and children lined up along a fence waiting patiently to be seen by the many providers and a busy clinic ensued. In pediatrics there was little down time during the week. We sometimes got to lunch but not always and the crush at the end of the day was a challenge as often we were the last on the buses as the final children were seen and necessary medications arranged.

A particular challenge was the mid day heat. It was a bit dizzying at times as the temperatures reached 100+ degrees. Everyone drank copious amounts of water and managed to survive with good humor.

For me, it was a pleasure to work with YSN students and to provide care for Nicaraguan children. We were able to collaborate with the nurse and doctor in the village often during the week and were able to discuss and leave with them reports of children who need follow up during the coming year.

Lastly, I just want to express what a privilege it is to be a part of this YSN/YASC endeavor. I feel enriched by knowing the Nicaraguan people and doing my small part to help to empower them to care for themselves, their children and their community.

Elaine Gustafson YSN '86



Above: Caring for an infant at Clinic, Child uses nebulizer donated to Clinic by YSN Student weighs an infant, Student checks child's vision