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Come One Come All to the Social Event of the Season

YALE CLUB SUNSET DINNER CRUISE
MARINA JACK II - Sunday, April 17



the MARINA JACK II
SIGHTSEEING CRUISES

Your Yale Club of the Suncoast has organized a sunset dinner cruise on Sunday, April 17, 2016 aboard The Marina Jack II. We will board the MJ II at 6:30 pm, depart at 7:00 pm and return to the MJ restaurant dock at 9:00 pm. This cruise promises a most delicious buffet dinner, an

exclusive reservation for Yale Club folk on the air conditioned upper "Captain's Deck" and its outside deck and bar area - all for our Yale Club! The "reinvigorated" YCS Glee Club - that includes you - will conclude the cruise with lusty Eli songs on our aft deck! This should be a YCS evening for all times! The total cost is \$56 per person. Attached are photos of The MJ II's Captain's Deck and the dinner menu.

Because we are reserving the exclusive use of Marina Jack II's upper deck we ask you to please send your reservations and a check for \$56 pp payable to Yale Club of the Suncoast as soon as possible. To assure our Captain Deck reservation we must receive the minimum number of YCS reservations by February 21. Let us enjoy this fabulous Yale dinner cruise and all of its precious moments of Eli cameraderie.

Please send your reservations/checks to:

Yale Club of the Suncoast
Attention: Cruise
P. O. Box 753
Sarasota, FL 34230

Looking forward to joining all you Yale mates on board The Marina Jack II on April 17. Please call me if you have questions at 941-926-2942 and see the link at www.marinajacks.com/sightseeing-cruises/the-marina-jack-ii.html . Boola Boola from your Captain,

Brian T Kelly, Y'61

AYA ASSEMBLY CELEBRATES PUBLIC HEALTH



Suzanne and I spent a stimulating couple of days in late November at the Association of Yale Alumni annual Assembly in New Haven. This was my third Assembly as the club's AYA representative.

On Wednesday evening we dined at Mory's with three of the eight students from our area: Andrew Grass, Alexander Strzalkowski and Dianne Kaiyoorawongs. All three were enthusiastic about their Yale experiences. Aiste

Zalepuga had planned to join us, but she had a last-minute schedule change for a seminar that was extended to include dinner with the speaker.

We spent Thursday on the campus of the Medical School. The program was devoted to the centennial of the School of Public Health. Peter Singer '90 MPH, who is the Chief Executive Officer of Grand Challenges Canada, opened with a presentation on "Solving Grand Challenges in Public Health." He noted that all of the Global Goals for Sustainable Development (which replace the UN's Millennium Goals, which expired at the end of the year) are touched by public health. He posited that innovation in public health accelerates attainment of the goals and demonstrated how innovation can help us achieve the global goals. He reported that Grand Challenge Canada has supported 700 innovations with \$350 million, which provides 50% of needed funding through grants, with the remaining 50% of the funding expected to be achieved through financing or debt. He explained that the organization has a global agenda for the next 15 years. He noted that our system of government grants and our health care delivery system resist bringing back low cost health innovations developed under the program from the Third World, to the detriment of the public health systems of the U.S. and Canada.

Paul Cleary, the Dean of the School of Public Health, then addressed "Innovation through Collaboration." He noted that the school has over 5,000 alumni in every state and 70 countries. The school currently has 375 students, 250 faculty (full-time and part-time), and 11 joint degree programs. 28% of the student body are international students. The school has research alliances in Russia, China, Brazil, Greece and Liberia. The school sends students around the world to work on health care challenges. For example, several students worked in Liberia

last year to help map the extent of the Ebola virus. The school is also expanding the global health program with a program of grants of \$25,000 for social entrepreneurship. He emphasized the importance of collaboration, both internationally and with the City of New Haven. He claimed that the School of Public Health also offers some of the most popular graduate school programs for undergraduates.



In the afternoon I attended a session on “What is New about Aging, Health and Society – the Longevity Revolution.” Anthropology Professor Claudia Valeggia

spoke about variations in aging between cities and rural areas. She described her study of the way women experience menopause and post-menopause in Northern Argentina. Richard Martolli, Professor of Medicine (Geriatrics), then discussed his research on driving and transportation for the elderly. His research includes assessing how older individuals will interface with automated vehicles, rider and vehicle sharing and development of improved forms of detection and treatment of dementia and other memory disorders. Jack Kupferman, the President of Gray Panthers of New York City, described his efforts to have the concerns of the aging recognized in the new Improving Sustainable Development Goals. He reported that there are 900 million people in the world over 60. He then discussed the Gray Panthers' efforts to protect the rights of aging people globally.

That afternoon Suzanne attended a session on “The Global Refugee Crisis: How Should We Respond?” with Chris George, Executive Director of Connecticut’s Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services, who had just accepted a Syrian refugee family denied by Indiana. The attendees heard all the latest media frenzy and a substantive report from Kr. Katherine McKenzie, the Director of the Yale Center for Asylum Medicine.

Friday we moved to the AYA business session. The day began with “A Conversation with the Deputy Provost for Health and Academic Integrity, Stephanie Spangler, and Assistant Dean Melanie Boyd. The Deputy Provost reported that a 2011 investigation by the Justice Department found no misconduct by the university. Nevertheless, Yale entered into a Voluntary Resolution Agreement in 2014. She noted that 240 institutions of higher learning are currently being investigated for violations of Title IX. She described the Campus Committee

Program, in which a committee of 50 students assist in conditioning attitudes of their fellow students. The committee is the primary investigative body of complaints of sexual discrimination or harassment and has third-party investigative support. The committee issues a semi-annual report to the President and the deans. She then discussed the report for the period ending December 31, 2013, which described 70 reported incidents. She noted that there have been 450-500 complaints since the program was initiated but cautioned that there are many incidents that go unreported. She reported that Yale has a high rate of assault and harassment, but the data indicate that students are paying attention to these issues. I found some of the figures surprising: among undergraduates over 28% of women students have encountered forced sexual assault, and 74% of women students, 58% of men and 84% of students of “nonconforming genders” reported sexual harassment. In the graduate and professional schools 54% of women, 38% of men and 78% of students of other genders reported sexual harassment. In some cases there were allegations of faculty involvement. Many students have expressed reluctance to report harassment by faculty members, because they feared an adverse effect on their ability to obtain jobs after graduate school. Dean Boyd reported that President Salovey has directed her group to scour the world for effective responses to the situation.

In the next session, Nori Babbitt, Senior Director of Club and Association Relations, discussed operation of regional clubs. She reported that President Salovey had recently developed a revised vision for Yale: to be the world’s most student-centered research university, a preeminent institution unified, innovative and accessible across all schools, departments and programs.

She then discussed the changing demographics of alumni. There are now more alumni from the graduate and professional schools than from Yale College. 60% of the alumni of Yale College have graduated since 1980. This group accounts for 80% of Yale Club presidents. Since more than 80% of Yale Clubs have more graduate and professional schools alumni than Yale College alumni, she advised that clubs need to adjust their programming to reflect their changed constituencies. She noted that more alumni of the graduate and professional schools are now involved as club presidents and on club boards. She stated that clubs have to engage alumni and ascertain what they are looking for. She then described the goals of graduates from the various periods, from Baby Boomers to Millennials. She explained that alumni in Gen X (born 1965-80) don't have time for board meetings or lengthy events and consider weekends as time for their families. They like activities that are electronic or involve their families. Millennials (born 1981-2000) are not interested in meetings, but warm up to be given a team and a problem to solve. They don't read emails but rather primarily use texting. Clubs have to make activities personal for them, but they are interested in networking. A lot of them serve on Alumni Schools Committees. They want to support current students and are very involved in the Yale Day of Service and the Yale Service Corps.

Returning to more general issues, she noted that fewer and fewer clubs have dues as an entrance point but rather seek to have events self-sustaining. Both a club that reduced dues and asked for a contribution and one that eliminated dues but asked for a contribution had experienced increases in both memberships and revenues. Several club presidents described special activities. The Portland

Oregon club organized a conference on Healthcare beyond ObamaCare that lasted from breakfast through dinner on a Saturday, included 20 participants and attracted 137 registered attendees. The Yale Club of Central New Jersey attracted 45 students to a career exploration day; the high school students were most interested in speaking to the Yale College students to find out what college life was like.



Solovey – Holloway Conversation

At the end of Friday morning, President Salovey and Dean Jonathan Holloway addressed a full house in Battell Chapel. President Salovey stated that the events of recent weeks offered Yale an opportunity to take a leadership position on the issue of “safe space” at colleges. He stated that two important issues have been banging into each other: the need for students to feel comfortable at Yale and free expression. He stated that the two ideas are not necessarily in conflict despite the media’s having framed issues differently from the way it looks on campus. He reaffirmed the statement in the C. Vann Woodward Report in 1774 as Yale’s

bedrock policy: No speaker should ever not be allowed to speak on campus. There should be no exception for controversial issues. It is fundamental to education that students be able to be exposed to new ideas that they find objectionable. Dean Holloway described the Monday morning March for Resilience that included undergraduates, graduate students, faculty and staff as “beautiful civic articulation” expressing “This is our Yale; we belong to Yale also.” He also described the Wednesday teach-in at Battell Chapel involving 1,100 students – 1/5 of the student body – at which students and faculty discussed ways to move forward. He stated that students across the country are expressing frustration, and Yale needs to address their issues. President Salovey then noted that a national conversation is breaking out on university campuses and that 50 campuses have had incidents. While it has been triggered in different ways on different campuses, it is all about the same thing: underrepresented groups saying that they are discriminated against. They want the same education as everyone else. They don’t feel they belong. He gave an example of denigration: “J., as a black man, what is your position on the Emancipation Proclamation.” He described the opportunity for Yale to take a leadership position, to help lead the conversation in a respectful, thoughtful way.

Questions then ensued. In response to a question about naming of the new residential colleges, President Salovey suggested that the college perhaps keep the name “Calhoun.” He mentioned that he and Dean Holloway had used the issue in their address to freshmen at the beginning of the semester, in order to move students to a different kind of conversation. In response to a question about heavy use of mental health facilities, President Salovey explained that he would like to move such support to residential colleges and cultural centers, in order to help students develop social skills, partly to fill the void by students’ no longer having their parents at hand to turn to whenever they have problems. In response to a question about underreporting of sexual harassment, Dean Holloway, noted that, despite the existence of institutions, people don’t come forward, because they think it’s not important enough to report. In response to a question about first-generation students, President Salovey stated that the issue is not about keeping up

academically, but rather tacit ways in which you do things. He offered an example of a student's responding to a bad grade on a paper: Instead of discussing it with the professor or going to a writing tutor, he tries to fix it himself. One of the resources that the college offers is the Bridge the Gap Program during the summer before freshman year. The program provides information for new students about how to do things and how to access resources.

The three-year term as AYA Delegate has given me wonderful opportunities to understand better the strengths of Yale today, to discuss with local students their Yale experiences and to strengthen relationships with other classmates involved in the Assemblies. I will be delighted to pass these opportunities forward in April.
Submitted by Oliver Janney

2016 YALE DAY OF SERVICE

Please join fellow members of the Yale Club of the Suncoast for the 2016 Yale Day of Service at the Sarasota County Stand Down on Saturday morning, April 16, 2016.

The Stand Down is an annual event where volunteers distribute clothing, supplies, and equipment from the Department of Defense to homeless veterans in Sarasota County. Seated assignments are available if needed at the Stand Down.

In addition, because the government does not provide a sufficient number of boots in larger sizes (a much-needed item), the Yale Club has established a fund for local purchases of supplementary boots in larger sizes for distribution to veterans.

I encourage your participation as a Yale-Day-of-Service volunteer at the Stand Down on April 16 and your contribution to the club's fund for boots. A pair of boots costs around \$50.00

To sign on as a volunteer, you may enter your name and e-mail address on the blue form at the Yale Club's name-tag table at the Yale-Harvard-Princeton luncheon at

Michael's-on-East, on Friday, February 12, or contact Ed Williams at vinson10@earthlink.net. To make a contribution to the boots fund, please mail your check, payable to The Yale Club of the Suncoast, to:

Dr. Mark Magenheim
4571 Robinhood Trail West
Sarasota, FL 34232-2640

Thank you for your generosity in volunteering for Yale's Day of Service at the 2016 Stand Down and in contributing to the boots fund.

I look forward to seeing you at the Yale-Harvard-Princeton luncheon on February 12th.

Ken Schneier, President

SCHOOLS COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Members of the Alumni Schools Committee have interviewed 68 applicants to Yale from 18 high schools in our area. Last year 55 students applied.

This year ten local students applied early. One was accepted, and the applications of five were deferred for consideration with the regular applicant pool. The results of the regular applicant admissions are usually announced during the first week of April.

**MEET
ALUMNI
REPS FROM
ALL OF THESE
SCHOOLS...**

BROWN
COLUMBIA
CORNELL
DARTMOUTH
GEORGETOWN
HARVARD
MOUNT HOLYOKE
NEW COLLEGE OF
FLORIDA
PENN
PRINCETON
SMITH
VASSAR
WELLESLEY
YALE



REVP Travel

On Sunday January 31st, Ken Schneier, Ed Williams, Oliver Janney and Elaine Gustafson manned the Yale table at the tenth annual Ivy League College Fair at New College. The fair offers students selected by their guidance counselors, an opportunity to explore the advantages of a college experience outside Florida, at some of the highest ranked private academic institutions. Invitations are issued to approximately 500 students, primarily those juniors and sophomores who are most likely to consider and to qualify for the Ivy League schools and top tier colleges. Approximately 200 students attended the invitation-only event, many with parents and/or siblings. The fair is an excellent opportunity to answer in depth questions from potential applicants to Yale and their families.

Andrea Larsen – Mote Marine Laboratory



Dr. Andrea Larsen addressed our Club at the December 8 luncheon at the Sarasota Yacht Club. She is a member of the Immunology Department at Mote Marine Laboratories and holds a B.S. in Biology summa cum laude from Middle Tennessee State University and a PhD in Fisheries and Aquatic Science from Auburn.

Dr. Larsen's work involves the study of bacteria in a variety of fish species and includes catching and testing fish along the Gulf Coast from here to Louisiana. She explained that bacteria are the most prevalent microbes in many organisms,

including humans, and perform many useful functions if a proper balance of probiotics and antibiotics is maintained. Her studies help reveal to what extent and at what levels microbial communities exist in certain species as a function of location, diet, genetics and other factors. The results can have a major effect on immunology, resistance to disease and the ability of those species to reproduce and thrive.

While some of these efforts may ultimately translate into treatments for human conditions, their current use is focused on improved aquaculture. As Dr. Larsen pointed out, an increasing majority of the fish consumed throughout the world is produced through aquaculture, such as the park operated by Mote in eastern Sarasota County. At that facility, sturgeon, pompano, snook and redfish are bred for table and re-stocking of habitats by sustainable environmental means in which all waste and other byproducts are recycled for productive use. Dr. Larsen's studies have already contributed to the efficiency of the Aquaculture Park by blocking conditions favorable to bacteria that reduce fish yield and growth.

Dr. Larsen's presentation was animated and illustrated and another example of the good works performed by the dedicated scientists at Mote.

Ken Schneier

SPECIAL EXHIBIT TOUR AT THE RINGLING MUSEUM

Over the past eleven years the Yale Club of the Suncoast has annually sponsored a private tour of a special exhibition at the John and Mabel Ringling Museum. This season's tour took place on the morning of December 14, 2015, when 35 members and their guests arrived to view the exhibit entitled "Royal Taste: The Art of Princely Courts in Fifteenth Century China". We were greeted in the Visitor's Center by Deborah Serbusek, The Ringling's admissions manager. She provided us with a very informative introduction to the more than 140 works of pictorial, sculptural and decorative arts from the Ming Dynasty that we were about to see. She explained that the majority of these objects had been selected from collections in China and were on view in the United States for the first time. After spending about an hour at this exhibit, we were treated to a very special bonus by Carl Abbott, 62ARCH. While at Yale, Carl studied under Paul Rudolph, head of the Yale school of Architecture. Rudolph, who designed many renowned buildings around the world, did some of his most important work here in Sarasota.

After giving us a brief overview of the history of architecture in the twentieth century, Carl talked about Rudolph's famous guest house. He did so as we stood in the front of a replica at full scale that had been erected on the Ringling's grounds by the Sarasota Architectural Foundation. Upon the conclusion of his remarks, we went through the structure to see for ourselves one of the fruits of Rudolph's genius.

Paul Rudolph Guest House



The final event of our excursion to the Ringling was lunch at the Museum's Muse Restaurant. Because the weather was unseasonably warm, we were able to sit outside on the terrace and enjoy some good, relaxed conversation before departing for home.

Frank Samponaro, '62