

Yale Alumni Association of Central Pennsylvania

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Newsletter – (Winter 2016-2017)

The Newsletter has a new look! It's to celebrate all the energy and enthusiasm that local Yale alumni have been bringing to the Yale Club of Central PA in the past 5 years. This past year, under Club President Mike Kline '71, the Yale Club held **TEN** events in communities across the region. (In contrast, since its founding in 1898, and certainly in the beginning of the 21st century, for most years the Club planned only one or two functions!) In the past five years, we also gained a Facebook page (courtesy of Rod Diaz '87) and a new website (courtesy Ben Slotznick '70). ... And Club members are becoming more active in national Yale alumni activities.

Today, our regional alumni association is more active than ever, thanks to you, its members.

NOTE: Dues are voluntary. You do not have to pay dues to attend Yale Club events. But they do help us keep going – and we thank everyone who sends them.

Dues are again \$15.00 for those alumni who have been out for ten years or more (Class of 2006 or earlier) and free for those who are more recent graduates. The purpose of dues is to cover the expenses the club incurs in running activities. Please make your check out to "Yale Alumni Association of Central Pennsylvania," and mail it to:

Yale Alumni Association of Central Pennsylvania c/o Rodrigo Diaz
704 Sutton Drive
Carlisle, Pennsylvania, 17013

Please use the same address when prepaying any club activity.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES OVER THE PAST YEAR

Winter Luncheons. This year the Association sponsored **TWO** holiday luncheons for alumni. One was held at Susquehanna Harvest in **Harrisburg** on January 4, 2017; the other took place at The Tavern in **State College** on January 6, 2017. This may have been the first Winter Luncheon held in State College, certainly the first in a long time!

We were fortunate to have Bob Bonds, '71, the Assistant Director for Associations and Clubs at the Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) attend both luncheons in conjunction with a visit to clubs in Pennsylvania and report on what's occurring on campus. For photos see the Club website.

Feb Club Emeritus. Last year we held **FOUR** Feb Club Emeritus events: in **Harrisburg** hosted by Mike Kline '71 as prelude to a Whiffenpoofs concert, in **Lebanon** hosted by Ben Slotznick '70, '73 Dra & Bob Hoffman '68, '73 M.Arch, in **State College** hosted by Charles Dumas '79 JD after a gallery tour, and in **Wrightsville** (York Co.) hosted by Trexler Proffitt '89 and Don Mann '94. For photos see the Club website.

We have already enlisted several members to host Feb Club Emeritus events in 2017. If we

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haven't recruited you to host and you are interested in doing so or co-hosting an event that's already planned, email Mike Kline '71 at mikline@pa.gov (or call his cell: 717-215-6799) or Ben Slotznick '70 at bslotznick@aya.yale.edu.

There are sizeable clusters of Yalies across Central PA. There are clumpings near State College, Lancaster, Lewisburg, Harrisburg (East Shore), Harrisburg (West Shore), Shippensburg-Chambersburg, York, and Lebanon. If you'd like to meet and greet Yalies in your area, a Feb Club Emeritus event can be a fun, low cost and low commitment way to do so. For more about Feb Club Emeritus see <http://febclub.webs.com>.

Service Projects and Yale Day of Service. The Club planned to participate in the Yale Day of Service at the historic Harrisburg Cemetery in May 2016, as it had done the year before. Peter Hickok '73 and Edwin "Win" Green '79, M.Div. '83 made the arrangements for our participation. Unfortunately, the event had to be cancelled on account of weather, because heavy rains earlier that week made the ground too soggy for gardening activities.

The Club availed itself of another service opportunity by having members take part in a program called "100 Men Greeting" in August 2016, to welcome students in the Harrisburg School District on the first day of the new school year. Robert Shaffer '77, Win Green and Mike Kline each went to one of the schools in the district to greet the students and, at the elementary schools, their parents as well. (Photos on the website.)

We will be trying for another Day of Service event this year; the date for the "official" Yale Day of Service is May 13. Furthermore, we would love to schedule more than one. If you are interested in leading a Day of Service event, email Mike Kline.

Information will follow as May draws closer.

Summer Party – Camp Yale Emeritus. Last August and September the Club held **THREE** summer get-togethers – joining other Yale Clubs around the country as part of the inauguration of a new Yale Club tradition: Camp Yale Emeritus – *Feb Club summer session*. Mike Kline and his wife, Hava Pell, hosted a picnic/barbeque at their home in **Camp Hill**, with about four dozen attendees. Princeton and Penn alumni in the area were also invited and attended. In **State College**, George Downsborough '73 and his wife Tamara hosted a picnic/barbeque at their home for the second year in a row, with about two dozen attendees. Thanks again, George and Tamara! And in **Wrightsville**, Don Mann '94 and Trex Proffitt '89 hosted a get-together at the John Wright Restaurant on the Susquehanna River. More about upcoming summer gatherings will follow in the summer. However, if you are interested in hosting a summer event, please let Mike Kline know.

THE CLUB IS ALWAYS OPEN TO EXPANDING THE REACH OF THESE EVENTS OR PLANNING ADDITIONAL ONES. If you've got an idea, or want to invite Yalies to an event you are already planning for another organization, just contact Mike.

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ONGOING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROGRAMS

Interviewing student applicants to Yale - the Alumni Schools Committee. The Alumni Schools Committee is the organization that interviews prospective Yale students. It works directly with Yale's Department of Admissions for undergraduate students. No special skills are necessary in order to interview students other than a willingness to do so, and an undergraduate degree from Yale. Mike and Juliet Shin (both class of '94) assign interviews to those alumni who are willing to perform this valuable service. If you are interested in interviewing prospective students, please contact Mike and Juliet at mikeandjuliet@gmail.com.

The Assembly of the Association Yale Alumni (AYA). Three members of the Club attended the annual AYA Assembly in New Haven in November 2016 - Mike Kline in his *ex officio* capacity as President, Ben Slotznick on behalf of the Yale Global Leadership Exchange (YaleGALE) and Charles Dumas as our alternate delegate.

The subject of the 2016 Assembly was Yale's schools of the fine arts: art, architecture, drama and music. In addition to presentations by the deans of each of the schools, delegates heard students and faculty from each school speak passionately about current projects and areas of interest. The program included interactive sessions and tours at the schools led by faculty and students. This outstanding program exposed many of the delegates to aspects of Yale with which they probably were not that familiar and which contribute significantly to Yale's preeminence as a world-class institution. Another valuable feature of the Assembly was the opportunity to socialize and converse with delegates from diverse clubs (in terms of geography and size) and the ever-helpful AYA staff and to exchange ideas about activities and projects.

AYA Delegate. The Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) is the umbrella organization for alumni to stay connected with Yale. In the fall of each year, the AYA holds an Assembly at Yale to discuss various topics germane to the school. Under the AYA by-laws, our President, Mike Kline, is an *ex officio* delegate. Also our Club may send one additional voting delegate to attend the Assembly. Delegates serve three year terms. The term of our current delegate, Win Green, expires this year; hence, the Club is looking for a new individual to assume the position this year. If you are interested in serving as a delegate or alternate and are willing to attend a once-a-year assembly, please let Mike Kline know at mikline@pa.gov.

CENTRAL PA PARTICIPATION IN GLOBAL YALE ALUMNI PROGRAMS

You don't have to live in a major metropolitan area (like New York, Philly, or Los Angeles) in order to help shape and even introduce important Alumni Association initiatives. Often the inspiration begins with participation in a local Yale Alumni Association event or a return to New Haven for a reunion, but there are many entry points. Here are some current pursuits.

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Yale Global Alumni Leadership Exchange (YaleGALE). Since 2008, YaleGALE has created opportunities of Yale alumni volunteers (leaders of classes, clubs, shared interest groups, and service initiatives) to share their experiences as alumni volunteers with alumni and professionals from universities in other countries, where the notion of alumni and volunteer involvement is a relatively “new” thing. (NB: Yale alumni pioneered alumni engagement starting in 1792.) Last summer Ben Slotznick produced a trip to South Africa for YaleGALE in which Charles Dumas also participated. For more about that trip see www.yalegale.org/newsletter.

YaleGALE @Yale. This year was the fourth annual Yale Global Alumni Leadership Forum (YaleGALE @Yale). It is a small international conference on alumni relations patterned on YaleGALE trips broad but produced in New Haven in coordination with the AYA Assembly. Ben Slotznick founded this initiative and produced the first three of these Forums. In 2015, Charles Dumas also participated.

The YaleGALE Guide to Alumni Relations and Volunteer Engagement. Over the past 6 years, Ben had been archiving for YaleGALE the experiences and insights of the many Yale alumni who participated in YaleGALE. This past year Ben edited and published *The YaleGALE Guide to Alumni Relations and Volunteer Engagement*. It’s available at Amazon.com in both paperback and Kindle versions: <http://bit.ly/yGaleGuide2bydgHr>. For this effort, YaleGALE won the AYA Excellence Award for Best Marketing, Branding, and Communications Effort.

Yale Black Alumni Association. After the first Yale Club picnic in State College (thanks again George), Charles Dumas became interested in reconnecting with Yale in many ways. He has not only hosted local Yale Club events, made presentations at YaleGALE @Yale and YaleGALE in South Africa, and served as the Club’s alternate delegate to Assembly, but is now on the national board of the Yale Black Alumni Association: <http://ybaaonline.org/about-us/>. Way to go Charles!

Camp Yale Emeritus – Feb Club Summer Session. After hosting summer parties for our Yale Club in Mt. Gretna – and experiencing George Downsbrough’s splendid first one in State College – Ben Slotznick thought other Yale regional associations might enjoy holding these events as well. So he contacted a bunch of Yalies he had met through our Yale Club, YaleGALE, and AYA. This past year they together held a series of seven summer Yale alumni parties across the country: three in Pennsylvania (thanks to Mike Kline and Hava Pell, George and Tamara Downsbrough, and Trex Proffitt and Don Mann), but others in Maine, Minnesota, New Mexico and North Carolina. This year we hope to do more. See our website: campyale.net.

If you’re interested in hosting a summer party in Central PA, or helping with one, contact Mike Kline. If you’re interested in helping spread Camp Yale to other Yale Clubs, contact Ben.

There are many ways to pursue a passion or chase a dream. The Yale Alumni Association can help you do so. If there’s a path you want to follow – or a trail you want to blaze – fellow Yale alumni and Yale’s alumni associations provide places to start.