

Yale Alumni Association of Central Pennsylvania

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Newsletter – (Fall-Winter 2017)

The Yale Alumni Association of Central PA continues to thrive thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of countless dedicated local Yale alumni. Thus far this year, under Club President Mike Kline '71, the Club has either hosted or participated in broad array of social gatherings and service-oriented activities 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 recent years, we also gained a Facebook page (courtesy of Rod Diaz '87) and a new website (courtesy Ben Slotznick '70). ... Moreover, Club members are becoming more active in national Yale alumni activities.

Today, our regional alumni association continues to be 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. The year began with **TWO** holiday luncheons for alumni sponsored by the Association. 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 hope it marks the start of a new tradition.

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.

A holiday luncheon is in the works for late December 2017 or early January 2018. We will update you on the time and place once plans are more definite.

Feb Club Emeritus. This year we again held **FOUR** Feb Club Emeritus events: in

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Lebanon hosted by Ben Slotznick '70, '73 Dra and Bob Hoffman '68, '73 M.Arch; in **Lancaster** hosted by Henry Yaeger '99 MBA and Trexler Proffitt '89; in **State College** hosted by Roger Herman '63 PhD and Rebecca Vollmer '92; and in **Hershey** hosted by Mike Sokolow '70 and Rebecca Vollmer '92. For photos see the Club website.

We are already looking for members to host Feb Club Emeritus events in 2018. If you are interested in doing so, please email Mike Kline '71 at mikline@pa.gov (or call his cell: 717-215-6799) or Ben Slotznick '70 at bslotznick@aya.yale.edu. Regardless of whether you're a veteran at hosting Feb Club Emeritus events or have never hosted, we encourage your participation.

There are sizeable clusters of Yalies across Central PA. There are clumpings near State College, Lancaster, Lewisburg, Harrisburg (East Shore), Harrisburg (West Shore), Hershey, 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. Unlike 2016, when weather forced us to cancel the event, this year the Club participated in the Yale Day of Service at the historic Harrisburg Cemetery. Peter Hickok '73 and Edwin "Win" Green '79, M.Div. '83 made the arrangements for our participation. We assisted the cemetery maintenance staff in righting tombstones that had gotten knocked over through vandalism or fallen over from the elements. (See photo on website.)

We intend to organize another Day of Service event in 2018. The date for the "official" Yale Day of Service is Saturday, May 12, 2018; however, we are not locked into holding it on that date. Furthermore, we would love to schedule more than one event, preferably in the spring. If you are interested in leading a Day of Service event, email Mike Kline.

Additional information about the Day of Service will follow as May draws closer.

Another Yale-related project in which Club members have participated over the years is the Yale University Book Award. This year Hugh Smith, PhD (B.A. '86) sponsored a Book Award and presented it in June to Nicholas Fafel, a junior at Penn Manor High School in Millersville. (See photo on website.) The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding high school juniors with the presentation of a book published by the Yale University Press. Among the purposes of the award is to broaden the horizons of students who previously had not considered themselves likely candidates for Yale or similar institutions. If you are interested in sponsoring a Book Award at your local high school, please contact Rod Diaz, '87, who has sponsored the award at high schools in the Chambersburg area, or visit the Association of Yale Alumni website, www.aya.yale.edu/content/book-award.

Another service opportunity in which the Club was involved was "500 Men Reading," in March 2017. This is a program in the Harrisburg School District and other school districts in the Harrisburg vicinity in which men read to youth and young adults at the elementary, middle, and

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high school levels. In addition, they talk about their careers, the importance of literacy in the workplace and the pleasures of reading as a hobby. Mike Kline read to three classes of middle schoolers at the Marshall School in Harrisburg. He regarded it as one of the best community service endeavors in which he ever participated. He is eager to participate again next year and hopes other Club members will join him. (See photo on website.)

In October, at the request of the Yale President's Office at Yale, Mike represented the University in his capacity as Club President at the inauguration of Jonathan Green as president of Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove. Wearing academic regalia, Mike marched in the inaugural procession.

Summer Party – Camp Yale Emeritus. The Club, along with other Yale alumni groups around the country, continued a new Yale Club tradition inaugurated last summer, Camp Yale Emeritus – *Feb Club summer session*, with **THREE** summer get-togethers in August and September. In **State College**, George Downsborough '73 and his wife Tamara hosted a picnic/barbeque at their home for the third year in a row, with about a dozen attendees. Thanks again, George and Tamara! In **Wrightsville** (York County), Don Mann '94 and Trex Proffitt '89 again hosted a get-together at the John Wright Restaurant on the Susquehanna River. As an added treat, Nick Moehlmann '60 brought a hot air balloon to the event. Closing out the summer session, Sam Cooper '71 and Mike Kline hosted a happy hour at the Devon Seafood Restaurant in **Hershey**. (You'll find photos of all three gatherings on the website.) As with the Feb Club Emeritus gatherings, we want you to host summer events. Please let Mike Kline know you're interested. It's never too early to start planning. Hats off to our own Ben Slotznick, who was the moving force behind this new Yale tradition!

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. Because our membership is relatively small and geographically scattered, piggy-backing onto activities of other organizations can be a useful vehicle for achieving alumni participation.

Regardless whether you are a long-time member of the Central PA Club, a recent Yale graduate or a newcomer to the area, we welcome and encourage your participation in Club events and hope you will step forward to organize or sponsor one or two in the coming year.

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

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The Assembly of the Association Yale Alumni (AYA). The AYA is the umbrella organization through which 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. Our Club may send one additional voting delegate to attend the Assembly. Mike, in his *ex officio* capacity, and Rebecca Vollmer '92, our new voting delegate, will represent the Club at the 2017 Assembly in New Haven in mid-November. As a result of the reorganization of the AYA office, we have a new regional liaison, Diane Morrissey. Mike has had contact with her over the summer by phone and email, but the Assembly will be the first opportunity to meet her in person.

The subject of the 2017 Assembly is "Creating Communities at Yale." The Assembly will examine the many ways that communities are fostered and supported at Yale, from living environments to campus organizations. An introduction to the two new residential colleges will be part of the program.

Many thanks to Win Green '79, M.Div. '83, for his service as our voting delegate over the past three years.