

Yale Alumni Association of Central Pennsylvania

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Newsletter – (Fall-Winter 2018)

The Yale Alumni Association of Central PA continues to thrive thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of countless dedicated local Yale alumni. In the final year with Mike Kline '71 as Club President, the Club has hosted and participated in broad array of social gatherings and service-oriented activities in communities across the region. Mike's done such a great job these past three years, that it will take three incoming co-Presidents to replace him!

There has been enough Club activity in Central Pennsylvania over the past 3 years of Mike's term, in State College, Harrisburg, and Lancaster-York, that this autumn the Club will have three co-Presidents, one for each area. The co-President for the State College area is Charles Dumas '70 JD. The co-President for the Harrisburg area is Mike Sokolow '70, '72 MFS. And the co-President for the Lancaster-York area is Trexler Proffitt '89. Congratulations!

Club members continue to not only be active in national Yale alumni activities, but take the lead!

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

Yale Glee Club. The Yale Glee Club performed in State college on January 12, 2018 as part of their winter tour. Mahima Kumara '20 (co-manager of the winter tour) hails from State College! Photos on the Club website.

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, 2018; the other took place at the Federal Tap House in **State College** on January 13, 2018. For photos see the Club website.

For 2019, a holiday luncheon is planned for January 3, at noon at the Federal Taphouse in Camp Hill. **Save the date!**

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 Jennifer Mascola '98 MPPM and Rebecca Vollmer '92. For photos see the Club website.

We are already looking for members to host Feb Club Emeritus events in 2019. If you are interested in doing so, please contact 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://www.febclubemeritus.com>.

Service Projects and Yale Day of Service. This year the Club again participated in the Yale Day of Service at the historic Harrisburg Cemetery. Peter Hickok '73 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 photos on website.)

We intend to organize another Day of Service event in 2019. The date for the "official" Yale Day of Service is Saturday, May 11, 2019; 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, let us know.

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) again sponsored a Book Award and presented it in June to Sameeha Hossain, 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.

Summer Party – Camp Yale Emeritus. The Club, along with other Yale alumni groups around the country, continued a new Yale Club tradition inaugurated in 2016, Camp Yale Emeritus – *Feb Club summer session*. We held **TWO** summer get-togethers in June and August. In **Harrisburg**, Charlie Hickok '70 and his wife Maaike hosted a lovely get-together at their

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home with over a dozen attendees. This was one of the ten @70 gatherings held across the country for those alums turning seventy. Thanks again, Charlie and Maaike. In **Wrightsville** (York County), Don Mann '94 braved torrential rains to host a get-together at the John Wright Restaurant on the Susquehanna River. (Trex Proffitt '89 helped plan and promote it.) You'll find photos of the June gathering on the website. As with the Feb Club Emeritus gatherings, we want you to host summer events. Please let us know you're interested. It's never too early to start planning.

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 us. 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 mikeandjuliet@gmail.com.

The Assembly of the Yale Alumni Association (YAA). The YAA (formerly AYA) is the umbrella organization through which alumni to stay connected with Yale. In the fall of each year, the YAA holds an Assembly at Yale to discuss various topics germane to the school. Under the YAA by-laws, our co-Presidents are *ex officio* delegates. Rebecca Vollmer '92 serves as appointed delegate.

YAA Awards. This year the @70 project and Camp Yale Emeritus project – two programs in which the Yale Club of Central Pennsylvania participated – won Excellence in Programming Awards. Both projects originated here in Central Pa through our own Ben Slotznick. For his work on these projects Ben also won a Leadership Award and next year will begin serving a term on the YAA Board of Governors.