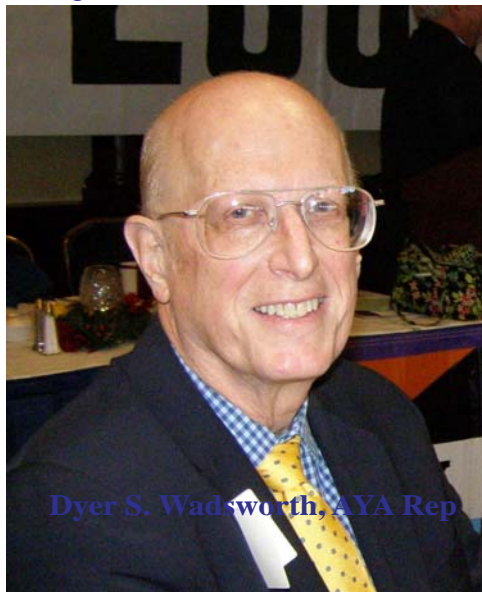


## ASSOCIATION OF YALE ALUMNI—2007 ASSEMBLY

**Y***ale in a Green World: Meeting the Challenge of Sustainability* was the theme of the 2007 AYA Assembly and Leadership Convocation held in New Haven, November 15-17, 2007. Attendance, including guests, approximated 500. Beverly and I attended for our Club.

**J**ames Gustave (“Gus”) Speth (B.A. ’64, J.D. ’69), Dean of Yale’s School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, gave the keynote address. Among numerous honors and achievements, he was co-founder of the Natural Resources Defense Council, a leading plaintiff in many successful lawsuits seeking to prod U.S. governmental administrators into more aggressive environmental protection.

**D**ean Speth declared with evangelical certitude that to ruin the world by the late 21<sup>st</sup> Century, we need only to keep doing what we are doing today. The world’s economic output will double in only 14 years; half of the tropical forests are already gone, along with 90% of large predator fish and 20% of corals. Nitrogen fixation by industry has caused 200 “dead” zones in the earth’s waters. The rate of species extinction is 100 times the “normal” rate. Each of us is already loaded with toxic industrial chemicals. Ozone in the upper atmosphere is depleted, thereby exposing life on earth to harmful solar radiation. Numerous major rivers no longer reach the ocean during the dry season, including the Colorado, the Yellow, the Ganges and the Nile.



Dyer S. Wadsworth, AYA Rep

**D**ean Speth stated that to make effective changes in our behavior, we need to understand, first, the fundamentals of destructive environmental changes and, second, the cultural values that shape human behavior. He also asserted that the United States must be the leader in changing the “operating instructions” of modern life. Today, we adhere to growth at any cost, old-style technologies, corporate profit measurements that fail to recognize environmental costs, governments subservient to

business, and rampant consumer materialism. So far, our remedies have been activist non-governmental organizations, litigation, and international treaties.

**N**ow near the end of his career, Speth is unhappy with the results: battles have been won, but we are losing the war to save the planet. The 2006 Federal elections and Al Gore’s “wonderful” film documentary, *An Inconvenient Truth*, may have brought us past

the tipping point. Climate is finally on the corporate and financial agenda, but many other environmental issues are not. A heritage of scarcity and the need to subdue nature forged our society and created our wealth. We must turn towards being, not having; needs, not wants; connectedness, not independence; and ecology, not economy: lest we hollow out and end the natural world as we have known it. (“The world is too much with us; late and soon, / Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers: / Little we see in Nature that is ours”. William Wordsworth, 1806.) We must embrace the hope that a better

world is possible. Dean Speth concluded by quoting George Bernard Shaw, “All progress depends on not being reasonable.”

Other ecology-oriented information imparted at the Assembly included the tidbit that Yale’s official college color prior to 1894 was NOT BLUE but GREEN!

Yale’s own role in achieving Sustainability was explained at length. “Sustainability” was defined as embracing economic viability, ecosystem health, and human health. Yale has a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 2020 to a level 10% below the 1995 level. More recently, emissions have been cut by 17% below the level of two years ago, an impressive achievement. Another 17% reduction is expected to result from current projects—mostly centered on the operation systems in 90 buildings. Yale also has a one-acre demonstration farm up near Science Hill that supplies organic food to Berkeley College. And, showing leadership, Yale is also spreading the gospel of Sustainability to other universities and public forums. More details appear in the Nov./Dec. 2007 Yale Alumni Magazine.

Yale’s new “West Campus” was described by Provost Andrew Hamilton. Last June, the university purchased 136 acres from the Bayer company near the Oyster River and Route I-95. It has 600,000 square feet of useful science-oriented buildings, plus 30 acres of nature trails and landscape scenery. It should anchor the next 100 years of Yale’s development. President Levin, now 14 years in office, is resolved to steer Yale to a first ranking in the sciences and engineering, across the board and not just in isolated pockets of excellence.

As part of a new AYA strategic plan, Dwight Hall and the AYA are creating a service initiative for Yale alumni, family and friends—in essence, Yale’s own version of the Peace Corps. The first “Yale Alumni Service Tour” will visit remote areas of the Dominican Republic from March 9 to March 17. The mission will rebuild housing, stage visiting medical clinics, and teach arts to schoolchildren. The deadline for this program is immediate, December 17, but there

will be future similar programs. The AYA seeks to assist Yale’s 110,000 alumni in their service to others.

Our fellow Club members Bill West ’59 and Jack Embersits ’58 were in evidence on the field and in the program on Saturday afternoon. Even President Levin, a rarity at Yale football games, came to officiate in receiving the refurbished Class of 1954 Field. (The whereabouts of our previously undefeated football team was another story.)

Yale’s morale seems to be high. At a fall sunbathing gathering, according to a highly-placed source, one undergraduate of unreported gender was spotted with the chest tattoo “Lux et Veritas”.

**Dyer S. Wadsworth**



**Oliver and Suzanne Janney; David Phillips**

## **Summer Drop-ins**

Once again this summer, the stalwart members who stayed behind while the rest migrated elsewhere were treated to the opportunity to participate in four informal lunches at Marina Jack’s. We are the only university club in the area to continue activities in the summer and the lunches have proven popular as a way to make new friends and keep and deepen existing friendships. The informal setting, around small tables with a fine view over the harbor, is conducive to lots of good conversation and sharing of ideas. The eating arrangements, where each participant orders from the regular lunch menu and pays individually, have turned out to be very practical. The food choices are ample and the quality is superior. The restaurant staff does a fine job of keeping track of each order and its cost. We expect to continue this very successful program next summer and hope that all who are in town will join us.

**Ron Levin**



*President's  
Holiday  
Cheer!!!*

*On behalf of your Yale Club of the Suncoast Board of Directors, and all fellow members, I send you my best wishes for a spirited Holiday season full of family joy and warm remembrances for loved ones no longer with us. And, may we all welcome the New Year with all of the Boola Boola Eli spirit possible while hoping for a safer, healthier, more peaceful world. May we look forward to ever more rewarding encounters through the Club calendar of events as previously outlined. Warmest regards, your Prez, Brian Thomas Kelly Y'61.*



**Brian T. Kelly**

## **PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**S**ons, Daughters and loved ones of Eli Yale! Most importantly, may I offer each and every member of the Yale Club of the Suncoast a splendid and joyous holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year! As we approach the apex of our 2007-2008 Yale Club season, it is a good time to call your attention to several important upcoming Club events and developments requiring your support which include:

- December 13 – Luncheon at Sarasota Yacht Club featuring Sarasota County Commissioner Jon Thaxton – “A Plan to Save Sarasota’s Environment and How You Elis Can Help”
- January 17 – Luncheon at Sarasota Yacht Club featuring Dr. Sara Munson Deats, Distinguished University Professor at USF – “Shakespeare, Our Contemporary”
- February 8 – Luncheon at Michael’s On East; the annual Yale-Harvard-Princeton luncheon featuring Yale Associate Professor of Political Science Dr. Gregory Huber – “Presidential Election Analysis – 3 Days after Super Tuesday”
- **New Special Event February 26** – Tour of Ritz Carlton hotel’s splendid art works,

interior decorations and guest rooms conducted by Pamela Hughes, Interior Decorator for the Ritz.

- March 20 – Luncheon at Sarasota Yacht Club featuring Teri Hansen, President of Gulfcoast Community Foundation of Venice – “Building Communities in Changing Times”
- **March 29 – Special Event** – “Sunset on the Bay” Hosted by and Coordinated by Dyer and Beverley Wadsworth at their home on Sarasota Bay
- April 17 – Luncheon at Sarasota Yacht Club featuring Mr. Robert Semple, Y’59, Editorial Board, The New York Times – “Election Musings”
- May 15 – Luncheon at Sarasota Yacht Club featuring Mr. Ed Hukheiser, Manatee County Executive – “Financing a County in a Time of Constraint”

## **YCS Special Request for Help: Treasurer Needed**

**Y**our Club’s treasury responsibilities are temporarily being ministered to by Oliver Janney, who also fills the roles of Vice President and Secretary. While we are enormously indebted to Oliver, the time has come for one or more of us to “step up to the plate” and volunteer to assume the role of Treasurer. Beginning last year your Board committed to reducing the original duties of the Treasurer by assigning the roles of luncheon coordinator to the Vice President and that of administration to a new position of Administrative Officer, now in the able hands of David Phillips. Thus the treasurer’s responsibilities have been severely reduced from the past. Your Board would like each of you to consider joining the Board as Treasurer under the tutelage of current and past Treasurers. If you are able to help please contact either myself ([bt1000@aol.com](mailto:bt1000@aol.com)) or Oliver Janney ([OliverJanney@aol.com](mailto:OliverJanney@aol.com)) to discuss this opportunity. Many thanks in advance for your assistance.

## ASC/YALE BOOK AWARD PROGRAM REPORT

A special thanks to those members who have supported our appeal for our Alumni Schools Committee and Yale Book Award Program. To date we have received donations from 62% of our paid members with an average gift of \$32. This is both a tremendous increase in actual dollar donation as well as percent participation. Thank you for a job well done! This Program is the heart and soul of our support for area students of merit. There will be further reporting on these activities as well as a plan for future student support.

### OVERVIEW: MEMBERS SURVEY

Since our last edition of *bluELines* we have summarized the input provided by a quite satisfying number of survey participants who responded to the one-page, five point/question inquiry.

- In answer to time of attending YCS events the overwhelming majority continue to prefer luncheons. A distant second mentioned dinners – but it should be remembered the answer could be multiple choice.
- In answer to preference of type of event – an even greater majority prefer the luncheon with speaker over the

second choice of social event.

- Preference of speakers was provided by slightly more than 1/3 of the respondents with the majority mentioning international/local politics, key issues, and the environment. Actually the number one observation expressed a desire for variety of subjects and encouragement to continue our current path.
- The request for suggestions to improve the Yale Club experience was met with reiteration of a desire to maintain the current standards. There were several comments on the difficulty of hearing the speaker. We will attempt to remedy this situation.
- Finally, in response to a request for participation in Club activities there was a gracious number of volunteers – many who have already taken on Club responsibilities. We are most grateful for all your kindness in preserving our Eli spirit through your volunteering, and we thank you for your input.

This simple, straightforward survey was what is often called a “disaster check,” and it was gratifying to re-discover that we have a basically satisfied membership with a willingness to share ideas and suggestions and

volunteer to further the Club. You have the undivided dedication of yours truly and your Board.

Brian T. Kelly



Jack C Kahn

### YALIE ADDRESSES PENN CLUB

Jack Kahn, '58, one of our own Yale Club members and member of the Ivy League Club, addressed the members of the University of Pennsylvania Alumni Club at its November 17<sup>th</sup> luncheon at the Sarabay Club. Also present at that meeting were some of Jack's close friends and supporters who choose to show up wherever he speaks.

Jack's reminiscences of his many years as owner and manager of the award-winning Far Horizons resort hotel on Longboat Key were the basis of his stories that covered a span of years from 1957 to 1984. His audience was enthralled as were the members of the Sertoma Club whom he addressed earlier this year and those of our own members who heard him speak on the Sarasota Bay Cruise last February. His stories approach legendary status.



*Left: Liz Pitts returns, bringing her dad, John Pitts as a new member. Here they chat with Betty Griggs during our November meeting*

*Right: President Brian Kelly welcomes new member Jay Wilson at October Yale Club meeting*



*Left: New Club member Jack Embersits smiles as he is welcomed by many of the members attending the November meeting. Since the past summer, fourteen new members have joined our club and we wish to give each of them a very enthusiastic welcome.*



**Professor Jonathan Scott Perry**

## **Professor Perry Lectures on the Use of Roman Art in Propaganda of Italy's Fascist Regime in the 30's and 40's**

**A**t the opening luncheon of the 2007-2008 "season", the Club welcomed Jonathan Scott Perry, Assistant Professor of History at the University of South Florida's Sarasota-Manatee campus. Professor Perry holds the MA and Ph.D. degrees in history from the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, and has had previous academic appointments at the University of Central Florida and the University of Toronto.

**D**r. Perry's presentation focused on the use of Roman iconography and imagery in the propaganda of Mussolini's Fascist regime. To illustrate the thesis, Dr. Perry featured slides from his personal collection of the stadium and surrounding facilities that were constructed for the 1944 Olympiad. While the games were never held as a consequence of the war in Europe, the stadium remains as a monument to Fascist propaganda, largely undisturbed by time or events. The mosaics depicting scenes of Roman triumph are interspersed

with icons of modern warfare such as tanks and guns. There are also mosaics in which the regime sought to glorify its Roman heritage as it went about constructing a new Roman empire under the Fascist banner.

**P**rofessor Perry emphasized that Italians treat all of these works as art and make it worthy of preservation in contradistinction to art of the National Socialist era in Germany that has been obliterated over time. For Italians it matters not that historic images in statuary and mosaics are interspersed with sports and games that are from the modern era such as basketball, ice hockey and diving. Holistically, this art was created to exemplify the mediterranean spirit and the Latin world at its best as an inspiration to youth. It was done to encourage a new generation to absorb "Romaness" not as a memory but as an incitement to emulate strength and physical prowess in support of the larger political aims of Fascist Italy for a generation to come.

**I**n completing his remarks to the Club, Professor Perry invited attention to the manner in which history, including its art, can be shaped to political purposes by regimes with agendas that are divorced from the original intent of that art which is thereby corrupted and compromised. And Dr. Perry reminded us all of how art and literature can also teach lessons on the folly of such distortions of reality by quoting from one of his favorite poems, Shelley's *Ozymandias*.

**Dr. Peter French**



**Animated conversation among Jack Kahn, Jack Embersits and Pres. Brian Kelly**



**John Stoltzfus addresses club  
at November 15th meeting**

### **ELIS HEAR PREDICTIONS FOR 2008 ECONOMY**

**Y**alies got a mixed picture of the future of investment opportunities when market strategist John Stoltzfus, of Bank of America described trends at their November luncheon meeting. He serves as Director and Senior Market Strategist for the Investment Strategies Group at their New York office.

**T**he 20 year investment veteran said good opportunities in international developed area large cap growth stocks, as well as African growth sectors, such as materials and infrastructure.

**T**he Colgate graduate was cautiously optimistic the Federal Reserve, the US job growth, and the tradition of stimulus of a presidential election year would help offset the negative effects of domestic mortgage failures and a distressed housing sales market.

**I**n the most recent 12 month period six sectors led in price performances. They were: energy, materials, information technology, utilities, industrials and

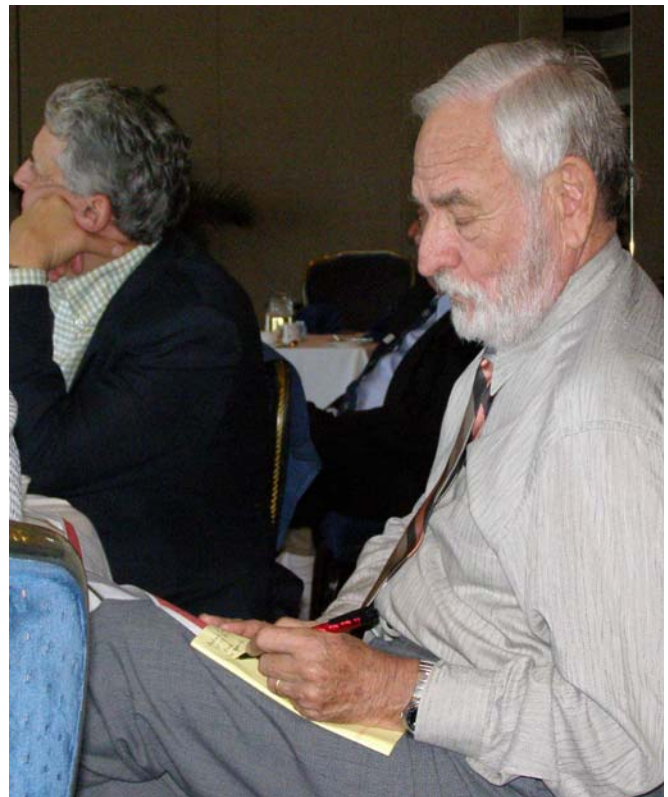
telecommunications. Negative performance was reported only by consumer discretionary and financials. October's leading sectors were information technology and materials. He noted that an election year can produce up to 14% in economic gains.

**A**s to strategic weighting of allocations, he favors overweighting equities, large cap growth, international developed opportunities, and cash. He underweights bonds, investment grade or below, and other fixed income or small cap investments.

**T**he speaker, who joined Bank of America in 2003, spent seven years previously at Morgan-Stanley. He noted that during his career he has seen financial markets become world wide, instantaneous top news. In contrast, 1987 saw CNN as the sole provider of financial news, by Stuart Varney.

**T**he speaker's appearance at the Yale Club of the Sun Coast was arranged by Sarasota's Howard Doss, senior vice president and private client advisor at the Bank of America.

**Gilbert Waters**



**Gil Waters takes notes as John  
Stoltzfus speaks**

## YALE CLUB MEMBER SPEAKS ON THE SUBJECT OF “PAINTING PORTRAITS”

Stephen Dahl studied art/life drawing with Deane Keller at Yale in 1966. Mr. Keller, who as an American Army officer, assisted in reclaiming Italian art treasures from the Third Reich, was a marvelous teacher and student of George Bridgeman. Essentially, Mr. Keller would ask, “Did you think about that...before you drew it?”



self-portraits one of the great autobiographies of all time?

It was a joy to paint Peter French and Frank Samponaro’s portraits, and I wish I knew them better, for the portrait would be truly, “true to life.” When you judge any portrait don’t worry about the technique or color, but see if the subject is looking back at you from the canvas. (One might argue that the “Mona Lisa” is smiling at one, but not directly regarding the viewer). I think Leonardo the greatest of painters, and I’m very glad I cannot tell you the reason. I think he touches more on the “exquisite” without disturbing it. But I am very happy with Breughel, Rafael, the French Impressionists,

put it down. My daughter had attended the Ontario School of Art and said, “Daddy, start with acrylics. They’re so forgiving!” But I have eventually moved to oil painting and water-miscible oils, which work with the former but, like acrylics, clean up easily.



Artist unveils paintings of French and Samponaro

The adventure of art is the heightened observation one obtains. I have been hooked on meeting people for years, and think their essential spark is a reflection, however bright or dull, of the Creator. To paint portraits forces one to observe others objectively. And one’s self also. Are not Rembrandt’s

Rembrandt, Vermeer, and Michelangelo. The latter spoke well: “When you sit before the marble or empty canvas, you can appreciate how God felt at the Creation...”

Stephen Dahl

## YALE CLUB BOOK AWARD RECEPTION



**Wes Finer presents certificate**

On Saturday, June 9, The Club held its annual reception for the recipients of our Book Awards for 2007. Eight students and their parents joined nine club members at the Stonybrook Golf and Country Club in Sarasota for an hour and a half of socializing and an informal informational program about Yale. The students and parents enjoyed the camaraderie and enthusiasm of our members as they talked about the value of a Yale education and their experiences there. Several of the students indicated they would seriously consider applying to Yale next year. The reaction of the students is typified by the following note received from one of our students:

*Dear Mr. Finer,  
I just wanted to thank you and the other members of the Yale Club for the lovely reception held for the Book Award Recipients this past Saturday. I thoroughly enjoyed talking and learning about programs and admissions at Yale. I appreciate your sharing your time and stories with everyone. Thanks again!  
Sincerely,  
Lindsey Reinstrom  
Sarasota Christian School*

## Recent Update

There are currently seven applicants to Yale from our area. They are from six different schools, including the first one from the first graduating class from Braden River High School in Bradenton. Three of the seven are Early Action applicants from St. Stephens, Manatee High School, and Port Charlotte High School. At least three of them were Book Award Recipients last spring.

## ELI STALWARTS VIEW “The Game” AT SARASOTA ALE HOUSE



Estimates varied as to whether there were 20 or 24 YCS Eli stalwarts viewing “The Game” at the Ale House. Good grog and food was served and the matchup of the two contenders for the Ivy League title was brilliantly broadcast on two large screen TVs and three smaller ones so that there was 180 degree viewing. The newly refurbished Yale Bowl looked spectacular what with 60,000 in attendance and a bright fall day in evidence. The outcome was never in doubt from the first few moments of the game as Harvard showed continuous mastery. All Elis agreed that our Harvard Club attendees were most civil in a rather one-sided victory. To quote a famous baseball team annual admonition – “Wait ‘til next year!”