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New Trustees and Officers Elected at Annual Meeting

Torrey Foster '56 to Lead Club for 2002; Tom Jones '40 S elected Trustee Emeritus

The Yale club held its annual meeting of members on December 13th at the Port Royal Club. Club Chaplain Ted Gault '54 MDiv opened the meeting with a prayer. After a review of the past year's activities by President Wenzel '53 E, committee reports were received from Membership (Scott Herstin '69), ASC (Tom Mackelfresh '51), AYA (Tom Jones '40 S), Ft. Myers (Ted Gault '54 MDiv), and Treasurer (Ken Bruce '53 E). Of significance, membership is now over 200, the Club has \$50,000 in its Endowment Fund and \$10,500 in its operating account as of November 30th and activities of the Club remain well attended and in a break-even mode.

Bernie Peck '36 presented the Club's 2001 Outstanding Service Award to Terry Upson '60 for all his many contributions over the years to the Club. Bob Wenzel '53, outgoing President, received a replica of the President's Cup from Torrey Foster '56 in recognition of his two years of service as President.

Tom Jones '40S was elected Trustee Emeritus, current Trustees were reelected, and John Helmsderfer '43 was elected a new Trustee.

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The 2002 Yale Glee Club in Concert in Naples

The Yale Glee Club, in its 141st year, returned to Naples after an absence of four years with a superb concert performed on Friday evening, January 11th, at St. John's Evangelical Catholic Church. The Glee Club is under the direction of David Connell, '83 MusM, '85 MusAM, '91 MusAD.

The concert was attended by close to 1,200 people, and it is estimated by Tom Wheeler '58, Concert Chairman, that the event raised \$9,000 for the Club's Endowment Fund. The concert was sponsored by a generous contribution from First National Bank of Naples.

By all accounts the program was very well received by the audience with a pleasant blend of traditional, folk, classical, and spiritual works, as well as Yale medleys. It took two encores before the audience was ready to leave the church.

The two day visit by the Glee Club started with a reception on Thursday evening, January 10th for Host Families to meet their Glee Club guests. The reception was held at the Hyde Park Common room and was graciously facilitated by Adelaide Spanton, widow of William Spanton, '39, '42 LLB.

The Glee Club was at leisure during the day on Friday with most of the members enjoying a gorgeous day at the beach. After the concert, Glee Club members were entertained by their Host Families. They departed by bus on Saturday morning for a celebration ending the concert tour in Miami.

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Following the Annual Meeting the Trustees elected the following officers:

Torrey N. Foster '56	President
Thomas B. Wheeler '58	President-Elect
Robert C. Bennett '44	V. P. – Activities
Thomas Mackelfresh '51	V. P. – Alumni Schools Committee
Terry Upson '60	V.P. – AYA Representative
Robert Wenzel '53 E	V.P. – Endowment
Scott Herstin '69	V.P. – Membership
Edwin Gault, Jr. '54 MDiv	V.P. – Ft. Myers Region
Ericsson Broadbent '47 E	Secretary
Kenneth Bruce, Jr. '53 E	Treasurer

Thirty-eight members were in attendance and the private room at the Port Royal Club was provided courtesy of Tom Wheeler '58.

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The Concert Committee was headed by Tom Wheeler '58, with Terry Upson '60 as Assistant Chairman. Other committee members who were instrumental in making the concert such a success were:

Connie Sartorio	Housing Coordinator
Jay Gelinas	Ticket Sales
Ken Bruce '53 E	Treasurer
Don Williams '53	Glee Club Coordinator
Sam Cooley '53	Advertising
Scott Herstin '69	Printing
Bob Bennett '44	Sponsorship
Frank Moore '55	Ft. Myers
Tom Mackelfresh '51	Marco Island
Elton LeHew '63	Medical Community
Nan Dietrich	Old Naples
Dick Bennett '52	Park Shore
Bob Hattemer '53 E	Real Estate Community
Fred Johnson '56 MDiv	Churches

TRUSTEE PROFILE



Robert E. Wenzel '53 E

Bob was born and spent his formative years in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he graduated from Milwaukee Country Day. Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and became an Electronics Technician, serving aboard the destroyers USS Rush, DD 714 and USS Rich, DD 820 until his honorable discharge in the spring of 1948.

He entered Northwestern University's class of 1953, a five year program studying for a degree in Industrial Engineering. After two academic years and the obligatory year of work in industry as a student engineer, he transferred to Yale and Davenport College as a junior in the Class of '53. Since he had completed so many of his engineering courses at Northwestern, he reveled in an abundance of elective courses in the humanities at Yale. It was the best of both worlds.

Upon graduation from Yale, he joined the Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA) as a sales engineer and for twelve years held various positions in the U.S., as well as a three year stint as Marketing Manager for Alcoa International, traveling worldwide and living in Lausanne, Switzerland.

In 1965 Bob left Alcoa and joined Time/Life International in New York City. He commuted from Connecticut to various sales and marketing positions within Time Inc. for 22 years, and retired from *Fortune* magazine in 1987. He moved to Naples two years later.

Since Bob has always been interested in automobiles, he enjoyed volunteering at the Collier Auto Museum prior to it closing, while at the same time restoring and maintaining his three collector cars: a 1937 Bentley, a 1962 Porsche and a 1973 VW "Thing" Bob also volunteered as a Marketing Consultant for the Philharmonic from 1991 to 1996 and developed its Corporate Sponsor program.

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Seen at Yale Club Activities





Trustee Profile *Continued from p.2*

Bob has been active as a Trustee of the Yale Club since 1991, holding positions as Secretary, Vice President-Membership, as well as President in 2000 and 2001. He is also a 1996 recipient of the "AYA Award for Outstanding Service", and is currently V.P. Endowment.

Bob married Dr. Margaret MacGregor Smith, Vassar '53, Yale Medical '58 MD, and they have three children and two grandchildren.

Redpath Seminar Scheduled in Naples for February 22nd – 24th

Leading AYA Program supported by endowment bringing distinguished faculty to local alumni

The Redpath Seminar, supported by an endowment fund established in memory of Robert Redpath, Jr. '28 presents each year an AYA University Seminar in cooperation with local Yale clubs. The Fund covers all the operating expenses of the program enabling the local sponsoring club to use the seminar fees to enrich its scholarship fund. Our club is privileged to be selected for the event this year, to be held at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club on the weekend of February 22nd to the 24th. The seminar topic is *Grand Strategy in an Age of Terror*.

Seminar speakers are **Paul Bracken**, Professor of Management and Political Science, **John Lewis Gaddis**, Robert A. Lovett Professor of Military and Naval History, and **Charles Hill**, International Security Studies Distinguished Fellow at Yale.

The seminar begins on Friday, February 22nd with registration at 4:00 PM, followed by a Paul Bracken lecture and a reception and dinner.

On Saturday, February 23rd there are two lectures each in the morning and the afternoon with appropriate breaks, together with lunch and dinner.

On Sunday, February 24th the seminar concludes with a lecture by John Gaddis and a faculty panel discussion.

Yale Club members are encouraged to participate. Registration fees of \$150 per person inure to the benefit our Endowment Fund. If you have not received an invitation, contact Joan Kneeland at the AYA at 203-432-1952 or fax 203-432-8144. This is going to be a most engaging seminar.

Monthly Luncheon at the Collier Athletic Club Now Has Private Room

Thanks to the efforts of Bob Bennett '44 our monthly luncheons now have a private room at the Collier Athletic Club. We now meet in the **Palm Room** on the second floor. However, we still serve ourselves from the delicious buffet at the very reasonable price of \$15.00

It is still appreciated if you would call Bob Bennett (352-0219) in advance to advise of your attendance. The Club would like to know how many places to set in our private room.

YALE / HARVARD Golf Outing

Friday, February 15th

Naples Beach Golf Club

1:00 PM Shotgun Start

5:00-6:30 PM Awards, Cocktails

Fee: \$85, includes greens fee, cart, hors d'oeuvres, prizes, cash bar and a day of fun.

Format: 2 Man scramble; each

foursome to be two Yale and two Harvard golfers

Send your check to the Club Office, 400 Cocohatchee Drive, Naples 34110, together with your USGA handicap

Let's have a great turnout!!!

U.S. Trust Hosts Christmas Party; Santa Claus Returns for Visit

With its usual courtesies and hospitality U.S. Trust again hosted the Club's holiday party on December 12th. Over 100 members and guests enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres, beverages and music. Santa Claus paid his annual visit at this fourth annual event to the delight of assembled guests and entertained with a reading of the Yale Club's version of *A Visit from St. Nicholas*.

Club Receives Sales Tax Exemption

The Florida State Department of Revenue has granted the Yale Club's request for a "Consumer's Certificate of Exemption". This permits the Club to make purchases without paying a sales tax. Club Officers and Trustees should obtain a copy from Carol Hunt prior to making a purchase. Vendors must be provided with a copy of the exemption certificate.

Naples Monthly Luncheons on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Collier Athletic Club **Palm Room**
Call Bob Bennett to advise of attendance – 352-0219

Ft. Myers Monthly Luncheons on the 4th Thursday of the month at the Royal Palm Yacht Club
Call Ted Gault for reservations – 591-1690

2002 SEASON ACTIVITIES

- Feb. 15, 2002 Yale/Harvard Golf – Naples Beach Golf Club (See Notice P.5)
- Feb. 22-24, 2002 Redpath Seminar- Naples Beach Hotel
- Mar. 4, 2002 Brown Bros. Harriman – HYP Seminar
- Mar 7, 2002 Coach Siedlecki Football Luncheon
- Mar. ?, 2002 Porter Goss – Ivy League Lunch
- Apr. 7, 2002 Ivy League Picnic – Vineyards C.C.
- Apr. 11, 2002 Monthly Lunch – Trustees Meeting

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