

Yale

Boston



Annual Report

2019

Letter from the President



Dear friends,

In principle, this report deals only with the calendar year 2019, but the circumstances of its publication necessitate some discussion of the present. For weeks, the country has been seething over race, policing, and justice. Since March, we have been living under a statewide lockdown and facing a pandemic. I am by disposition skeptical when anyone claims that this or that present moment will be of particular importance to history, and still I cannot help but think that we will be on posterity's radar.

The tools that we at YaleBoston have to address the problems our community faces have changed in recent months, but our mission remains the same. We are always asking, in the words of former club president Rob Greenly SOM'83, "What can we do together as Yalies that we couldn't do on our own?" So let's consider what we've been able to do together, and think about what those accomplishments mean we can do in the future.

In 2019, we expanded our community service offerings beyond the Day of Service, working with homeless shelters in Cambridge to take over volunteer shifts from Harvard students during academic breaks. We began a monthly happy hour, Second Thursdays, to foster connections among our alumni in partnership with the Boston College Club. We prioritized outreach to current students in town for the summer, welcoming them to our events and driving attendance at the Summer Barbecue to its highest level in years. At the annual meeting, we presented the Harvey Shycon Award to retiring vice president Jim Fisher DC'68, recognizing his tireless work over the years to modernize the club and set it on a firm footing for the future.

Structurally, we implemented a reform of the committee system, allocating the club's core ongoing responsibilities across seven permanent operating committees. This was done with three goals in mind: vesting institutional knowledge in groups rather than individuals; distributing burdens more widely; and broadening the pool of people who can contribute to the club's essential functions. By all measures, it has been a success, but especially by that last one: we're heading into the next fiscal year with as many committee members off the board as on it, due to successful recruitment and a surge in volunteers.

The world before us is uncertain, but we are in as strong a position to face it as we could be. Our activities will remain remote for the time being, but the Events Committee is working to set up a virtual speaker series - and to use it in part to address issues of social justice that are at the forefront of the national consciousness. The Service Committee is developing a slate of remote volunteer opportunities, while the Outreach Committee has its sights set on helping students navigate the mercurial age in which we live - and has the staffing to do it. The Membership Committee is investigating new benefits the club can offer

that will be more useful in a socially distant world. And the club as a whole is seeking ways to broaden our appeal, to engage better with people who have for any reason not felt fully like a part of this community.

As I look back over my letter in last year's annual report, I am pleased to see how much we've accomplished in a year. It gives me confidence in our capabilities and inspires me to be more ambitious on the club's behalf. I hope it will do the same for you, and I invite you to reach out with your boldest ideas. I'll lead off with one of my own: Dr. Harvey Cushing, the pioneering neurosurgeon, once served as president of the Yale Club of Boston. There has been some discussion around the club in recent years of inaugurating an award in his name, in partnership with his family, to recognize medical excellence and innovation. This momentous and medically significant year of ours is also the centennial of his presidency, and I propose that we aim to present the first award by the next annual meeting. I can think of no more appropriate time.

Thank you all for your support, past, present, and future, of the club and of each other, through a very difficult period. We are not out of the woods yet. But I remain optimistic about the strength and resilience of our community to take on the challenges ahead.

For Club, for City, and for Yale!

*Brian Hoefling ES'12
President of the Yale Club of Boston*

2019-2020 Leadership

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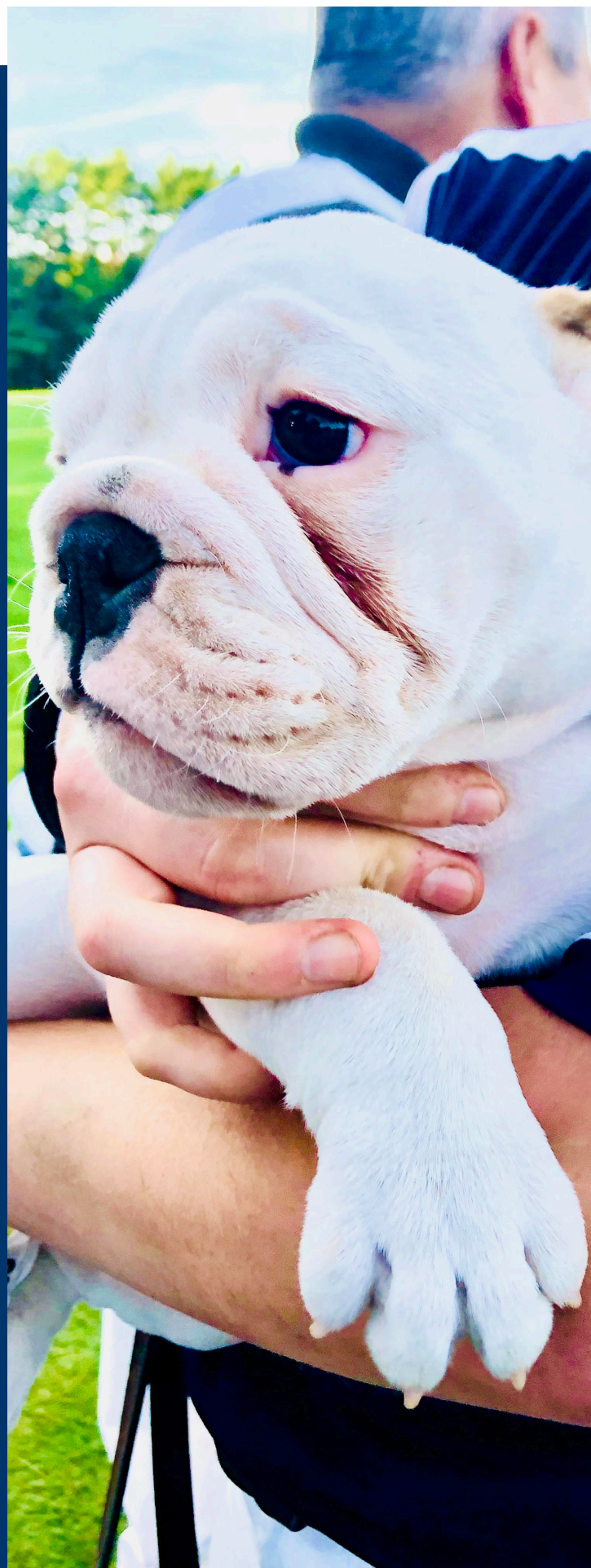
Profits & Losses 2019

Income

Book Awards Reserve 2019	2,584.01
Contributions	422.09
Dues	454.21
Dues & Contributions	6,005.45
Event Receipts	
153rd Anniversary	1,591.72
Holiday Singalong	107.60
A Night at Fenway	735.70
Annual Meeting	9,899.28
Feb Club	1,135.39
Hockey Game	1,454.78
Lessons from Fukushima	836.72
Private Tour	183.58
Summer BBQ	1,267.51
Welcome Event	528.65
Total Events Receipts	\$ 17,740.93
Non Cashed Check	161.00
Uncategorized Income	71.05
Total Income	\$ 27,438.74
Gross Profits	\$ 27,438.74

Expenses

Book Awards	1,733.63
CSF	174.50
Events Expense	
153rd Anniversary	1,436.56
A Night at Fenway	1,110.00
Annual Meeting	1,473.10
Eli's Birthday	35.75
Feb Club	1,297.76
Hockey Game	1,250.00
Lessons from Fukushima	528.91
Second Thursdays	59.60
Summer BBQ	962.35
Welcome Event	1,471.48
Young Alumni	5,461.99
Total Events Expense	\$ 15,051.75
Office	
Bank Service Charges	304.45
Bardos	4,871.27
Board Expense	121.73
Book Awards	528.58
Supplies	210.43
Total Office	\$ 6,036.46
Paypal fee	181.17
Printing and Reproduction	78.57
Professional Fees	
Accounting	2,000.00
Reserves Distributions	894.11
Total Expenses	\$ 26,185.94
Net Operating Income	\$ 1,252.80
Reconciliation Discrepancies	-78.00
Total Other Expenses	-78.00
Net Other Income	78.00
Net Income	\$ 1,330.80



Annual Meeting & Auction 2019

Following the annual meeting on June 27, YaleBoston hosted its second fundraising auction at the BC Club in downtown Boston. Perched 36 floors above the city, overlooking the Charles River, over fifty Yalies mingled over cocktails and bid on hotly contested silent auction items, including Pepe's pizza (yes, again!) gift baskets, a set of residential college plates, and more.

The evening was capped off with a live auction, emceed by our very own Linus Travers SM'58 GRD'59. Several lucky and generous bidders went home with a distillery trip for four, Berklee School of Music concert tickets, and even tropical resort vacations! Who would not want to be thinking of these right now?

Andrej Barbic GRD'01



The 2019 Harvey N. Shycon '43 Alumni Award



Jim Fisher DC'68 was presented with the Harvey N. Shycon Alumni Award, the Yale Club's highest honor, at the 2019 annual meeting. Jim was recognized for his years of service as a director and as vice president, during which he worked constantly to bring the Yale Club into the 21st century, modernizing its brand and leading efforts to stabilize its finances. His fellow board members described him as an energetic go-getter, the committee chair who took it upon himself to revamp the club's logo and personally prepared the annual report for years; as well as an empowerer, the officer who helped to foster a culture of innovation, hard work, and mutual encouragement.

When accepting the award, Jim he said he was overwhelmed, not by any sense of personal accomplishment at receiving it, but by the company it placed him in. In the words of former club president Glenn Murphy CC'71, "Harvey Shycon was a lion of service to Yale and the Yale Club of Boston, a leader and mentor to generations. Few, very few, will meet that standard." Our thanks and congratulations to Jim for doing so.

Brian Hoefling ES'12

Club Events in 2019

Whether online or in person, Yale Boston is committed to offering its membership a host of events throughout the year, with the social, intellectual, and professional interests of the greater Boston community in mind. We've been physically apart for so long this spring, it's easy to forget how much of one another's company we enjoyed last year.

We began in January with our annual dinner celebrating the 154th anniversary of YaleBoston, held at the Parker House, the very same venue where the inauguration of the club took place in 1866. We saw a rousing crowd at Scholar's for Boston's Feb Club Emeritus event, and in April we indulged in cake and song on the birthday of our alma mater's Boston-born namesake. Hockey enthusiasts turned out for our yearly match against the Crimson, while polo fans made a September pilgrimage to South Hamilton for the Harriman Cup, which came to Massachusetts for the first time in its history. We hosted a panel of experts on technology and cybersecurity, and heard a lecture on the lessons from the disaster at Fukushima. In the summer, we embraced the outdoors (what a thought!) at our annual barbecue, and we toasted recent graduates in the Boston alumni community at our welcome event in September. On the second Thursday of every month, we socialized at the BC Club, with a view of the sun setting on the Charles.

A surge in volunteer interest grew the Events Committee to its largest size in years, and the members began meeting on a quarterly basis to coordinate efforts and plan events with longer lead times. The committee's work has changed more than most as a result of COVID-19, but we are thrilled at the enthusiastic participation we've already seen in our remote events, and we are confident that we will have plenty of uplifting stories to share when we write our recap of 2020.



Alexander Michaud DC'17

Young Alumni in Boston

The Young Alumni Committee aspires to connect recent graduates in the Boston area to each other and to maintain our everlasting connection with Yale. We believe our efforts are even more important during these uncertain times with COVID. Over the past year we have held Feb Club Emeritus, the annual summer BBQ, and mixers with Brown and Cornell. We're excited to continue connecting young Yalies and growing our community in Boston.

Interested in getting connected to Yale and fellow Yalies? Want to host an event? Email us at youngalumni@yaleboston.org to get involved!

Qi Cao MC'17



Outreach in the Boston Community

The Outreach Committee leads programs of the Yale Club which aid current or prospective Yale students. We run initiatives directly and serves as liaisons to others. Those include the Yale Book Award, Community Service Fellowships, Alumni School Committee, and the YaleBoston Scholarship Trust.

Interested in helping us with current or new initiatives? Email us at outreach@yaleboston.org to get involved!

Yuri Cataldo DRA'08

Launching the Yale Jewish Alumni Association of Greater Boston

Rob Greenly, SOM '83 and Rachel Goldstein JE'92 paired together to launch the Yale Jewish Alumni Association of Greater Boston. Hosted at the home of Rachel and her husband Dr. Allan Goldstein SY'89, the initial event featured Uri Cohen and Rabbi Jason Rubenstein from the Slifka Center at Yale with several dozen Boston-area alumni in attendance.

Nancy Roberts JE'84 led the Fall 2019 kickoff event of an interactive and fun "Great Taste of the Holidays" inviting Boston-area Jewish alumni and friends to make some favorite dishes from their bubbe's (grandmother's) kitchen for the Jewish High Holidays. Graciously hosted again at the home of Rachel Goldstein, Nancy Roberts did a wonderful job of testing out recipes, printing out the best, and walking everyone through the steps in Rachel's kitchen. Result? The most delicious chopped liver (two versions) ever! The mandelbrot (holiday cookie) was outstanding, too. Rachel's son, Henry, and Rob's daughter, Laura, joined the group for a multi-generational affair with classes representing a range of 1983 to the class of 2018!

Here's to reuniting again when circumstances allow! Email greenlygroup@gmail.com to get involved.

Rob Greenly, SOM'83



Other Local Groups Serving Yale Alumni

Association of Asian American Yale Alumni Boston Chapter - aaaya.org/contact

Yale Alumni Nonprofit Alliance New England Chapter - newengland@yalenonprofitalliance.org

Yale Black Alumni Association - ybaacommunications@gmail.com

Yale Blue Green Boston Chapter - ybgboston@gmail.com

Yale Jewish Alumni Association (Non-Regional) - yjaa18@gmail.com

Yale Veterans Association Boston Chapter - yalevetsboston@gmail.com

YaleWomen Boston Chapter - boston@yalewomen.org

Yale Club of Cape Cod - yaleclubofcapecod@gmail.com

Yale Club of New Hampshire - yaleclubofnh@gmail.com

