



# THE D.C. AREA PHI BETA KAPPA ASSOCIATION

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## NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events

### **Luncheon, with Lecture on Venice by Andy Steigman**

**What:** Lunch, plus a lecture by **Andy Steigman**, past DCPBK President and Associate Dean, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, on "*The Rise and Fall of Venice*"

**Who:** All Members in good standing and their friends are welcome.

**When:** Saturday, February 20 at 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** Maggiano's Little Italy at Friendship Heights.

**Getting there:** Maggiano's Little Italy is in Chevy Chase, at 5333 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, just a block from the Friendship Heights Metro station. Paid parking is also available in several nearby garages.

**How:** Please RSVP by Feb. 15 to <http://www.dcpbk.org/Events/290>.

**Cost:** Cost of the luncheon is **\$35**, which includes a variety of Italian-style appetizers, entrees, and desserts, as well as ciabatta rolls and non-alcoholic beverages. Please send your check, as soon as possible, to: Mary Fay, 829 Florida Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20002.



Venice, Grand Canal and the Doge's Palace

**Venice** is one of the favorite tourist destinations of the world—a city of canals, churches, and palaces, all creating an air of mystery and intrigue. Behind this wonderful façade lies an incredibly rich history that is too seldom told. This lecture presents the story of how a small town in a lagoon rose to be a world power, and how it fell from grace.

## **Young Professionals (YP) Happy Hour**

Don't miss the next **YP Happy Hour**, to be held at the Rocket Bar on **Tuesday, February 16 at 6:00 p.m.** The Rocket Bar is located in the heart of Chinatown and is a great place to enjoy pool, shuffleboard, darts, happy-hour specials and of course the great company of fellow Phi Betes. For more information and to RSVP online, please go to: <http://www.dcpbk.org/Events/288>.

## **Recent Non-Event**

### **Private Tour of the Renwick Gallery cancelled**

Not too surprisingly, our Renwick Gallery tour was pre-empted by the big snowstorm! We're eager to visit this important museum, and will try to reschedule later in the spring.

## **Regular Events**

### **Book Club Meetings**

Due to inclement weather, the January book club was rescheduled and held on Tuesday, February 2nd. The move enabled attendance by a large group of 11 members, and we discussed *1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created* by Charles C. Mann. The group debated the author's writing style, choice of scope and causation theses about some of history's most influential socio-political and economic trends.

February's book will be *The Beet Queen* by Louise Erdrich. She is a celebrated author and the PBK Book Club voted overwhelmingly to read *The Beet Queen*, her sweeping novel following the life story of two young orphans beginning in 1930s North Dakota. All are invited to join us on Tuesday, February 23rd, 7:00 p.m., at Nagomi Izakaya.

Upcoming selections for the PBK Book Club's Spring 2016 series include:

March: *The Pearl that Broke its Shell* by Nadia Hashimi

April: *The Madonnas of Leningrad* by Debra Dean

May: *Night Film* by Marisha Pessl

June: *To Live* by Yu Hua

Kate Hannon is our Book Club Coordinator, and you can reach her at [bookclub@dcpbk.org](mailto:bookclub@dcpbk.org).

## **Announcements**

### **The High School Awards Program**

#### **2016 DC PBK High School Awards Program Now Accepting Applications**

Do you know high school student in the DC area with an outstanding academic record and strong community involvement? The **DC PBK High School Awards Program** began accepting applications in early January.

Interested applicants can apply [here](#) by filling out the application and submitting a personal statement in response to the prompt: *ΦBK is the Greek initials of the motto "Love of learning is the guide of life."* Please

*describe the impact that learning—especially in the liberal arts and sciences—has had on your life thus far, and how you anticipate that a college education will further your goals.* The application period will close on April 1, 2016, and award winners will be notified by late April.

If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please contact the High School Awards Committee Chair, **Kathryn Sullivan**, at [awards@dcpbk.org](mailto:awards@dcpbk.org).

## **Seeking Additional Mentors for the DCPBK Mentorship Network**

Thank you to everyone who applied for the DC PBK Mentorship Network program. While the snowstorm caused us to cancel the Renwick Gallery tour, it provided a good opportunity for members to complete their applications! Due to an overwhelming interest in mentorship by young professionals, we are still seeking mentors for several of our applicants.

If you are interested in learning more about mentoring a young professional, please email **Sarah Neely**, Program Manager, at [mentorship@dcpbk.org](mailto:mentorship@dcpbk.org) or [saaneely@gmail.com](mailto:saaneely@gmail.com). Sarah is happy to correspond with you via email or set up a call to discuss your interest and determine if there is a young professional match in our applicant pool for you. We highly recommend you consider the opportunity—this is a great way to form a relationship with another member of the Association and share your expertise. Additional information can be found at <http://www.dcpbk.org/dc-pbk-mentorship-network>.

## **Open Volunteer Positions**

The DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association currently has several volunteer positions that need to be filled as soon as possible. You'll find brief descriptions below, and complete details on our website. We need your help to keep the Association thriving, and serving well the needs of its members.

### **Website Consultant**

DC PBK seeks a volunteer **Website Consultant** to update our Drupal-based website and overhaul the databases maintained on the website. The website is essential to publicizing our organization, its mission, programs, past and future events, photos, and newsletters as well as tracking our membership. A detailed description of the position can be found by visiting <http://www.dcpbk.org/volunteer-positions#Website Consultant>.

### **Membership and Outreach Coordinator**

DC PBK seeks a **Membership and Outreach Coordinator** to make sure the Association maintains up-to-date and accurate information on our membership and to assist in drafting and sending out messages to members and prospective members. A detailed description of the position can be found by visiting [www.dcpbk.org/volunteer-positions](http://www.dcpbk.org/volunteer-positions).

### **Evaluation Coordinator, DC PBK Mentorship Network**

The DC PBK Mentorship Network team seeks an **Evaluation Coordinator** to lead the development of an evaluation plan for the program. A detailed description of the position can be found by visiting [www.dcpbk.org/volunteer-positions](http://www.dcpbk.org/volunteer-positions). To apply, please send your resume and a statement of interest to [mentorship@dcpbk.org](mailto:mentorship@dcpbk.org).

## **Board Meetings**

Meetings of the DCPBK Executive Board are open to all members in good standing. The next meeting will take place on Saturday, April 16, 2016, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the PBK Society headquarters, 1606 New Hampshire Avenue, NW (just two blocks from the Dupont Circle Metro's Q Street exit).

## **Find Us on Social Media!**

Please be sure to "[Like](#)" the [new DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association page](#) on Facebook to follow our updates! You can also find us on LinkedIn, and follow us on our Twitter page at [@DCPhiBetaKappa!](#)

## **DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Board**

### **2015-2016 Officers**

**PRESIDENT: Elizabeth Marshall** (Lawrence University, 2009)  
**1ST VICE-PRESIDENT: Paul Lubliner** (University of Oregon, 2006)

**2<sup>ND</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT/PROGRAM COORDINATOR: Mary Fay**  
(American University, 2012)

**SECRETARY: Dan Rosenberg**, George Washington University, 2014  
**TREASURER: Pat Cascio** (Denison University, 1969)

### **Executive Committee Members**

**Carol Bontempo** (University of Connecticut, 1962)—Newsletter Editor  
**Chazz Clevinger** (UNC Chapel Hill, 2009)

**David MacDonald** (University of Chicago, 2009)—Immediate Past President  
**Kathryn A. Sullivan** (University of South Carolina, 2012)—High School Awards Chair

### **Advisory Council**

**Deirdre LaPin** (Agnes Scott College, 1967)—Past Vice-President  
**Christel G. McDonald** (George Washington University, 1986)—Past President  
**Andy Steigman** (Princeton University, 1954)—Past President