



# THE D.C. AREA PHI BETA KAPPA ASSOCIATION

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## NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events

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

**What:** Renwick Gallery Tour

**Who:** All PBK members and guests, especially those with an interest in contemporary handicrafts and decorative arts

**When:** Saturday, January 23, 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** Renwick Gallery, Pennsylvania Avenue at 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW

**Cost:** Tour is free for all PBK dues-paying members and their guests, and \$5 for non-dues-paying members and their guests. Donations to the Gallery are always welcome.

**RSVP:** Please RSVP by Jan. 21 to <http://www.dcpbk.org/Events/289>. Note that space is limited.

Join us for a Collection Highlights tour of the recently reopened Renwick Gallery, currently dedicated entirely to the exhibition "Wonder," an immersive display of contemporary large-scale installations. The

Renwick Gallery is home to the Smithsonian American Art Museum's collection of contemporary craft and decorative art, one of the country's finest and most extensive collections of its kind.

### **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 area Phi Betes and friends are welcome.

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

**Where:** Location and other details t.b.d. See our webpage for updates.

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

**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 wonder façade lies an incredibly rich history that is too seldom told. This lecture tells 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 Event**

### **Annual Holiday Party**

On Saturday, December 5, some 35 Phi Betes and friends gathered to celebrate the holiday season, as well as Phi Beta Kappa's 239<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and the DC Area Association's 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary. Meeting at the Society headquarters in DC, we enjoyed a lively evening with delicious food contributed by all in attendance, along with a variety of beverages provided by the Association, and the conversation was great as usual. It was a delightful opportunity for members, both new and tenured, to get together to welcome the holiday season and to share professional and personal developments, including our president's engagement, a surprise to some at which all of us were delighted.



President Liz Marshall welcomes the group to the annual holiday party, and shares new developments related to the Association's future plans, including a re-launch of the updated mentorship program (see below).





DCPBK Board members and volunteers, including your editor and the younger generation!

## Regular Events

### **Book Club Meetings**

On December 21 we discussed *Emma* by Jane Austen. There were 11 attendees, a good turnout for just before the holidays. The group debated the characters' personalities and motivations, as well as the relative merits of the novel as compared to Austen's other classic works. During our discussion, members recommended a BBC radio chat on *Emma*, as well as a *NY Times* article on the book, information on which I collected and sent on to the group after the meeting, for all to enjoy as supplemental material.

We'll start off the new year by looking at *1493: Discovering the World Columbus Created*, by Charles G. Mann, a nonfiction exploration of the history, politics, economics and global interdependence of the Western Hemisphere since 1493. All are invited to join us on Tuesday, January 26, 7:00 p.m., again at Nagomi Izakaya.

We have a diverse and diverting group of books for the remainder of the spring season. These are:

February: *The Beet Queen* by Louise Erdrich

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).

## **Additional Notes**

### **The DCPBK Mentorship Network: Application Launches Wed., Jan. 13**

This month, we are relaunching our mentorship program, which provide association members the opportunity to connect one-on-one, share professional and academic advice, and expand their connections within the DCPBK community. The Network will offer a six-month structured mentoring program, to include peer mentoring and young professional/experienced professional mentoring relationships. The application (for both mentors and mentees) opens Wednesday, January 13, and will remain open until Sunday, January 24. To learn more about the program and to access the application, please visit <http://www.dcpbk.org/dc-pbk-mentorship-network>. Please direct any questions to **Sarah Neely**, Program Manager, at [mentorship@dcpbk.org](mailto:mentorship@dcpbk.org) or [saaneely@gmail.com](mailto:saaneely@gmail.com).

To learn more, please email.

### **Introducing Dan Rosenberg, our New Secretary**

We're very pleased to announce our new Secretary, **Dan Rosenberg**. Dan graduated Phi Beta Kappa from George Washington University in 2014 where he majored in Anthropology. He currently works in the Office of the President at Hillel International. Welcome, Dan!

### **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.

#### **Within the DCPBK Mentorship Network**

Help relaunch DCPBK's new mentorship program by joining the network team. Use and develop new skills to support the program, expand your own network within the Association, and help connect members with each other. These positions are available immediately: **Recruit Coordinator**, **Mentorship Matching Coordinator**, and **Evaluation Coordinator**. You can find detailed descriptions of these positions at [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).

#### **Membership and Outreach Coordinator**

The D.C. Area Phi Beta Kappa Association (DCPBK) 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.

### **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](https://twitter.com/DCPhiBetaKappa)!

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

### **2015-2016 Officers**

**PRESIDENT: Elizabeth Marshall** (Lawrence University, 2009)  
**1ST VICE-PRESIDENT: Alan Langworthy** (University of Maryland, 2010)  
**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**

**Alexa Bensy** (Vanderbilt University, 2010)  
**Carol Bontempo** (University of Connecticut, 1962)—Newsletter Editor  
**Chazz Clevinger** (UNC Chapel Hill, 2009)  
**Paul Lubliner** (University of Oregon, 2006)—Past President; YP Coordinator  
**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