



# THE D.C. AREA PHI BETA KAPPA ASSOCIATION

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## NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events

### Tour of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

**What:** Guided tour of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, preceded by lunch

**When:** On Sunday, September 18, we'll gather for lunch (optional) at 1:00, and enjoy the tour from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

**Where:** The National Shrine at Catholic University, at 400 Michigan Avenue NE, Washington, DC

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

**How:** We need to know how many are coming to both venues, so please RSVP by September 10 to <http://www.dcpbk.org/Events/314>

**Cost:** The tour is free; members will be responsible for lunch at Busboys and Poets, and for Metro fare (the Brookland station is a five-minute walk from either of our destinations).

We'll meet at **Busboys and Poets**, diagonally across the street from the university, at about 1:00, where we'll have a reservation. If you don't want to join us for lunch, meet at 2:15 at the tour desk at the Shrine.

As the largest Roman Catholic church in the United States and North America, and one of the ten largest churches in the world, the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception** welcomes pilgrims and tourists alike from across the country and around the world.

The Shrine is internationally famed for its unique architecture, beautiful sacred art (the largest collection of contemporary ecclesiastical art in the world), and rich Catholic and American history and heritage, all of which we'll explore on our tour. Combining Byzantine Revival and Romanesque Revival building styles, it also features a lavishly decorated interior, with mosaics, murals, statuary, and paintings.

In addition, the Shrine offers a robust website where you can learn a lot more before our event. You can visit it at [www.nationalshrine.com](http://www.nationalshrine.com).



## **Woodrow Wilson House—Monthly Vintage Game Night**

**What:** Monthly Vintage Game Night at the historic Woodrow Wilson House

**When:** Wednesday, October 5, 5:30-8:00pm (come when you can)

**Where:** The Woodrow Wilson House at 2340 S Street, NW, in the Dupont Circle area

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

**How:** Please register through our website (<http://www.dcpbk.org/Events/315>) and purchase your ticket at the link below

**Cost:** The game night fee is \$15 each and includes two drinks (beer, wine, soda).

**Please note:** The Marketing Manager has created a registration page that will be open *only* to us until August 30; we should register by that date, as they sell out every month. The link is as follows:  
<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=5ct5oylab&oeidk=a07ed24mykk88a39933>

Located in the heart of DuPont Circle, the historic Woodrow Wilson House is a National Trust Historic Site and museum that focuses on Wilson's years in Washington, with the home authentically furnished as it was during the tenure of our 28th President.

In addition to being a museum, the house is a venue for a diverse series of events, including monthly **Vintage Game Nights**: the perfect mid-week happy hour for history/museum/board game enthusiasts! You can play lots of vintage games from the 1920s, 30s and 40s: board games from mah jongg to some you never heard of; various card games; or (weather permitting), go outside and have a lively game of croquet or bocce ball, among others. The museum will be open after general admission hours, with game tables and snacks spread throughout the house. It should be a lot of fun!

## **Recent Events**

### **Annual Meeting and Luncheon, with Dr. Jeffrey Richter, Professor of History at George Washington University**

Saturday, June 25 was the occasion for the DCPBK Association Annual Meeting and Luncheon. Held in the charming Cabinet Room of the Old Ebbit Grill, it featured a delicious two-course lunch and a brief business



Don Anderson, President Liz Marshall, and Samantha Jeffrey

meeting where the officers for the coming year were presented. Congratulations to all our new officers and board members! To see our new Board members, you can check the final page of the newsletter.

After the formalities, we enjoyed an enlightening talk by **Dr. Jeffrey Richter**, Professor of History at George Washington University, who specializes in the history of Germany, the Holocaust, and genocide. Before joining the GWU faculty, from 1998-2010 he served

as a historian in the **Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations**, helping to locate Nazi war criminals. Based on this work, he gave us an insider's perspective on the role of the historian in the DOJ's wartime-related investigations.

The Office of Special Investigations came about because of a specific case related to World War II. As Dr. Richter noted, an overwhelming amount of public pressure developed around the specific case of a female SS officer, Hermione Braunsteiner-Ryan, who lived in New York at that time, and was identified publicly in the *New York Times*. The Office has gone on to investigate many other such cases, from Nuremberg to Benghazi, finding invaluable resources in historians such as Dr. Richter.



Dr. Jeffrey Richter (center) and members of DC PBK

The historian's role is clearly a vital one in such efforts, as he shares his expertise about other countries' cultures, worldview, ethnic struggles, conflicts old and new, and global relationships/alliances, thus complementing and enhancing the DOJ's specialized legal and prosecutorial knowledge. It was a most interesting glimpse into a world which most of us are probably less familiar with than we might wish.

### **DC PBK Mentorship Network Summer MentorMix Event**

On July 23rd, the recently relaunched Mentorship Network held their first **MentorMix** event. A dozen participants of the Network, as well as DC PBK Board Members, attended an afternoon of getting to know new and familiar faces. We started off the day at the newly renovated Watha T. Daniel/ Shaw Neighborhood Library and learned a bit about the history of the building, the new features of the update, and the sculpture outside.

Attendees then participated in a few structured networking activities that allowed them time to get to know nearly everyone in the room: introducing each other to the group, speed networking, and an open discussion about the value of mentorship. Later, attendees shared the positive experiences they've had participating in the Mentorship Network in the last six months. One shared that her peer mentors could relate to and discuss similar challenges at work. Another shared that, although he and his mentor did not seem to have much in common initially, the mentor was still able to offer plenty of useful advice, and he wound up gaining much from the relationship.



Mentors and Mentees engage in speed networking at the Shaw Public Library

The MentorMix wrapped up a few blocks away at Right Proper Brewing Company, a new addition to the local brewery scene, where folks had the opportunity to continue conversations started earlier



that afternoon and mingle with anyone else they might not have had the chance to talk to. Overall, it was a successful first MentorMix Event (despite the heat wave!) that gave Mentorship Network members a new and unique opportunity to expand their connections to more DC Phi Beta Kappa members.

What participants from the Spring 2016 cycle said about the program:

*"Thanks to my mentor, I now have a clearer trajectory of my career goals and graduate school plans. My mentor helped me focus and identify my strengths, and introduced me to activities and individuals in DC who have helped me further pursue my goals."*

*"[E]veryone in the program seems to have diverse and interesting backgrounds. Mentees and mentors are thoughtful and offer a lot to learn from."*



Less Formal Conversations Followed at Right Proper Brewing Company

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

The most recent YP Happy Hour was held at La Tasca on Wednesday, June 15 at 6:00 p.m. La Tasca, located at 722 7th Street NW, in DC, was recently awarded "Best Happy Hour in DC" by Washingtonian magazine. Its Happy Hour includes specials on a variety of sangria, beers, tapas, and Spanish wines, until 7:00 p.m., and the semi-private downstairs room was a great venue for the group. The next YP event will occur in September, so stay tuned for details about it in the next newsletter.

## **Regular Events**

### **Book Club Meetings**

On July 21, the Book Club met to discuss the novel *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng. The book, which centers around a Chinese-American family in 1970s Ohio, inspired a spirited and deeply personal talk among our members. Sibling dynamics and parental expectations dominated our discussion, and we agreed the novel, though not our favorite, generated an incredibly emotional response.

On Tuesday, August 30, at 7:00pm, the Book Club will again meet at our usual spot, Nagomi Izakaya, 1990 M Street NW, in the District. We will discuss *All the King's Men* by Robert Penn Warren, the classic novel depicting Southern politics during the 1930s.

September: *Between the World and Me*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates

October: *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*, by Gabrielle Zevin

November: *Goat Song: A Seasonal Life, A Short History of Herding, and the Art of Making Cheese*, by Brad Kessler

December: *The Odyssey*, by Homer [preferred translation TBD]

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

## Announcements

### Mentorship Program Updates

#### The DC PBK Mentorship Network

#### Recruiting members to be mentors or offer informational interviews to our newest members and young professionals

The **Mentorship Network team** is excited to announce the second cycle (Fall 2016 cycle) of the mentorship program. The team has received an incredible response from young members seeking mentors and is now recruiting DC PBK members with professional experience to meet with these exceptional new graduates and young professionals! Our prospective mentees have a wide variety of interests - including sustainable energy, human rights, creative writing, international trade, and healthcare policy - and are exploring career trajectories from business to government to medicine. If you are interested in connecting with one of these members through our structured six-month mentorship program or to offer a one-time information interview, please fill out the [application](#) or send an email to Program Manager Sarah Neely ([mentorship@dcpbk.org](mailto:mentorship@dcpbk.org) or [saaneely@gmail.com](mailto:saaneely@gmail.com)) by Wednesday, August 24. To learn more about the program, visit <http://www.dcpbk.org/dc-pbk-mentorship-network>.

### Other Events of Interest

#### National Archives: Hands-on Education Workshops

We've recently heard about a couple of interesting events that you might want to explore on your own.

The National Archives is sponsoring an **Adult Hands-On Education Workshop** that you may like to attend. It is free and open to the public, and can be registered for in advance through e-mail, and feature hands-on learning experiences with documents found in the National Archives, as detailed below.

On Wednesday, August 31, from 5:30-7:30pm, enjoy a workshop that complements **Amending America**, a special exhibit at the National Archives, which highlights how Americans have changed and attempted to change the Constitution to more closely fit our ideals. Actress Kate Campbell Stevenson will lead a workshop focusing on costumed interpretation of the Woman's Suffrage movement. You will create your own characters and become suffragists fighting for change in the United States.

To register for these fun and unique, hands-on experiences, please email [education@nara.gov](mailto:education@nara.gov) with "Adult Workshops" in the subject line.

### 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.

#### Manager, High School Merit Awards Program

The D.C. Area Phi Beta Kappa Association (DC PBK) is currently seeking applicants for Manager of the High School Merit Awards Program. This Program, created in 1974, recognizes the academic and civic achievements of outstanding college bound high school seniors in Washington D.C. and nearby Maryland

and Virginia. It is the centerpiece of the Association's commitment to community service. In recent years DCPBK has offered up to three awards of \$1,000 each.

As Manager, the incumbent will lead the High School Awards Committee, whose work begins in September with preparation of annual objectives, strategy, and work plan. From January through April committee members actively pursue contact with high school staff and system administrators of private, public, and public charter schools and announce a call for applicants. In April/May the Manager oversees the recipient selection process and also organizes with committee members the annual High School Merit Awards Ceremony. More information on the Program can be found at: <http://www.dcpbk.org/programs/high-school-awards> and more information on the position can be found by visiting: <http://www.dcpbk.org/volunteer-positions#Manager, HS Awards Program>

### **Website Consultant**

DC PBK seeks a **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>. Since this is a large task, if you or a Phi Beta you know is interested *and* has professional experience in this area, please contact us as this will be a paid, short-term position.

### **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, October 1, 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**

### **2016-2017 Officers**

**PRESIDENT:** Elizabeth Marshall (Lawrence University, 2009)  
**1ST VICE-PRESIDENT:** Paul Lubliner (University of Oregon, 2006)  
**2<sup>ND</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT/PROGRAM COORDINATOR:**  
Carol Bontempo (University of Connecticut, 1962)  
**SECRETARY:** Dan Rosenberg, George Washington University, 2014  
**TREASURER:** Pat Cascio (Denison University, 1969)

### **Executive Committee Members**

**Mary Fay** (American University, 2012) – Past Second Vice President  
**Cecily Garber** (Dartmouth College, 2003)  
**Eleanor Hudson** (Auburn University, 2015)  
**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