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Upcoming Events

Tour of the National Museum of Women in the Arts

What: Guided Tour of the National Museum of Women in the Arts

When: Saturday, February 24 at 1:30-2:30 p.m. (revised date)

Join DCPBK for a private tour of the **National Museum of Women in the Arts**—the only museum in the world dedicated exclusively to recognizing the achievements of women in the arts. This tour will feature an overview of the contributions of 16th- through 21st-Century women artists. It will last between 45 and 60 minutes and will include coverage of museum highlights, emphasizing discovery, interpretation, and conversation about the pieces.

Logistics: Tickets (\$12) are required for the tour and will also cover the price of admission to the museum. To book your ticket, please visit PBK's [tour site](#). You are encouraged to go ahead and

book your ticket as soon as possible. It's preferable that all tickets are booked at least a week in advance of the tour, but some last-minute additions can be accommodated (note that tours are non-refundable). Please also RSVP on the DCPBK website so we know to expect you!

We will meet at 1:15 p.m. inside the entrance of the museum. For more details on how to get there and to RSVP, please visit <http://www.dcpbk.org/Events/394>

Upcoming Book Club Meetings

February

On Tuesday, February 27 the group will again meet at Nagomi Izakaya, to discuss the bestselling novel ***Snow*** by Orhan Pamuk. All DC PBK members are invited to attend, and to bring along any books you're looking to clean out, to see if we can find them new homes within the group.

The remainder of the spring schedule is below:

March: *American Nations: A Cultural History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures of North America* by Colin Woodard (Nonfiction, 371 pages)

April: *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* by Malcom X as told by Alex Haley (Classic, 466 pages)

May: *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro (Fiction, 288 pages)

June: *The Satanic Verses* by Salman Rushdie (Classic, 561 pages)

Please contact **Kate Hannon** at bookclub@dcpbk.org with your comments or questions.

Young Professionals Network

The Young Professionals network will be sponsoring a March happy hour—stay tuned for more details!

Coffee with YP Network Leadership:

New to DC? Interested in learning more about the city, the events we host, or just looking to meet new people? Members of the **YP Network** leadership are available to meet with Young Professionals who are new to the Washington, DC area for coffee. Please email Dan Rosenberg, YP Network Coordinator, at dmborg8@gmail.com for more information or to schedule a coffee meeting.

Spring Fling—Mark Your Calendar now

A highlight of the Association year, our next Spring Fling will take place on Saturday, April 7, and will feature Kathrin Halpern of the **Smithsonian's Apollo 11 traveling show**. Look for full details next month, but meantime check out this link for an article about the exhibition:

<https://www.airspacemag.com/daily-planet/apollo-11-artifacts-go-tour-180962247/>.

Recent Events

Kennedy Center Visit—That was the tour that wasn't!

On Sunday, January 21, fourteen Phi Betes and their guests met to tour the **John F. Kennedy Center**, a living memorial to President Kennedy and the nation's first National Cultural Center. From its founding, the Kennedy Center has been structured as a public/private partnership: ticket sales and private and corporate donations support the artistic and educational initiatives, while the Center's building and operations costs are underwritten by Federal dollars. Unfortunately for our group, the latter detail meant that our tour was shut down, along with the government.



That didn't stop us from admiring the 630-foot-long foyer (one of the largest rooms in the world!), puzzling over the enormous bronze bust of JFK, and soaking in the unparalleled views of DC, Arlington, and the Potomac, including the great rooftop panorama shown in the photo. Friends were made, laughs were had, and we look forward to trying the tour again sometime in the future!

Book Club

December

As noted in the last issue of the newsletter, the December Book Club meeting was held on Wednesday, January 3, with a lively discussion among the 13 attendees about the classic *Love in the Time of Cholera* by Gabriel Garcia Marques.

January

On Tuesday January 30th, the Book Club gathered with 13 members in attendance to discuss ***Draft No. 4: On the Writing Process*** by *New Yorker* magazine contributor John McPhee. This collection of essays, which detail McPhee's veteran advice from structure to interviews to editing, was well-received by the group for both its utility and its anecdotes from the author's encounters with notable figures. Inspired by the selection, the group discussed translation of McPhee's lessons in our own daily interactions, showing the importance of remaining mindful of your audience, and how the text you choose to omit is just as important as what you include.



Members gathered at January's Book Club meeting

Young Professionals (YP) Network

On Sunday, January 28, twenty-four young professionals gathered at Pinstripes, Georgetown's premier bowling alley, for an afternoon of bowling. After an hour and a half of bowling, the group walked a couple blocks to Dean and Deluca, a popular café in Georgetown, to buy some treats and sit and chat in the covered outdoor dining area. A great time was had by all, and it was exciting that several people were attending their first event with the Young Professionals network.

Feedback is always welcome. If you have suggestions or ideas for future events, please email Dan Rosenberg, YP Network Coordinator, at dmberg8@gmail.com.

Reprise: "I am Vertical" Dance at Sylvia Plath Exhibition

On December 10, 2017, after the Sylvia Plath exhibition, attendees were treated to a stunning Plath-inspired dance performance, titled *I Am Vertical*, created by renowned Washington choreographer Dana Tai Soon Burgess. The dance was emotional and moving, embodying some of the passion and volatility of Ted Hughes and Plath's relationship. The dance was especially meaningful for the PBK crew, as it featured DC PBK's Membership Coordinator—and exceptionally talented dancer--**Christin Arthur** (pictured). Many thanks to Christin for facilitating such a special event. And, since Christin's photo somehow got lost in the shuffle, we wanted to share it with you here.



Announcements

Open Volunteer Positions

Fundraising Committee Members

In order to implement a new fundraising strategy, the DCPBK Association is looking for the following four roles to be filled (one person may fill more than one role, as appropriate):

- Individual who reaches out to donating members and posts/sends out perks as part of “perk-based member showcase campaign”
- One who can identify which LinkedIn features to employ for building “member exchange and networking platform”
- One who can identify which is the best highly-visible platform for presenting “large” donors, be it on the LinkedIn group, a separate email outlet, of the website’s main page (or a combination)
- Web designer to implement web features needed for the above steps.

Applicants should be members of DCPBK in good standing, and should have experience in outreach to community members, community engagement, utilization of social media platforms for outreach, and web-designing skills. If you are interested in any of these positions, please visit our website at <http://www.dcpbk.org/volunteer-positions> or send an email to volunteer@dcpbk.org.

Events & Communications Coordinator, DC PBK Mentorship Network

The Mentorship Network team is seeking an **Events & Communications Coordinator**. The Coordinator is responsible for designing a monthly newsletter for program participants and planning up to four networking events per year. This position is perfect for someone who wants to gain experience in external communications (and it’s a lot of fun!). To learn more or apply, please send your resume and a statement of interest to Erica Hwang (kyuryung@gmail.com).

Mentorship Network Updates

Stay tuned for the new mentorship cycle applications. If you have any questions, please contact Erica Hwang at mentorship@dcpbk.org.

Executive Board Meetings

The quarterly meetings of the DC PBK Executive Board are open to all members in good standing. The winter meeting was held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the PBK Society headquarters, 1606 New Hampshire Avenue. All PBK members are welcome to attend.

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Please be sure to “Like” the 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 Association Board

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