



# THE D.C. AREA PHI BETA KAPPA ASSOCIATION

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## NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events

### **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).



Woodrow Wilson House

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!

### **Salon at the home of Christel McDonald**

**What:** Conversation with Dr. Marc Sebrechts, Chair of the Department of Psychology at Catholic University, about current challenging issues in psychology, and his intriguing ideas about them. Further details follow next month.

**When:** Saturday, November 12, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

**Where:** The apartment home of Christel and John McDonald, at Tower Villas, 3800 Fairfax Drive, Apt. 1001, Arlington, VA 22203. The building is at the corner of Oakland and 9th Streets N. You can park in the commercial spaces entry on Oakland Street, just before corner to 9th Street, and use the Lobby entrance into Tower Villas.

**Who:** All Members in good standing are welcome, but see below about limited space.

**How:** Please register through our website (<http://www.dcpbk.org/Events/322>)

**Cost:** Please bring \$5 cash to cover the cost of refreshments and drinks.

Salons had a long tradition in Europe, especially in Italy and France, and were an important place for the exchange of ideas. Our DC PBK Association has gathered in the past to repeat this inspiring tradition, to enjoy conversation and the discussion of challenging topics, with refreshments before and afterward.

Please arrive at 3:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter, for gathering time and refreshments. At **3:30 p.m.** Dr. Sebrechts (who spoke compellingly at CUA's PBK induction ceremony in 2014), will present some of his insights and concerns about current issues in psychology (such as the myth of multi-tasking). Look for more details in next month's newsletter.

Also, please mark your calendar *now*, as the McDonalds' home can accommodate only about 15 people in addition to the host, the speaker, and their spouses.

## **Recent Event**

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

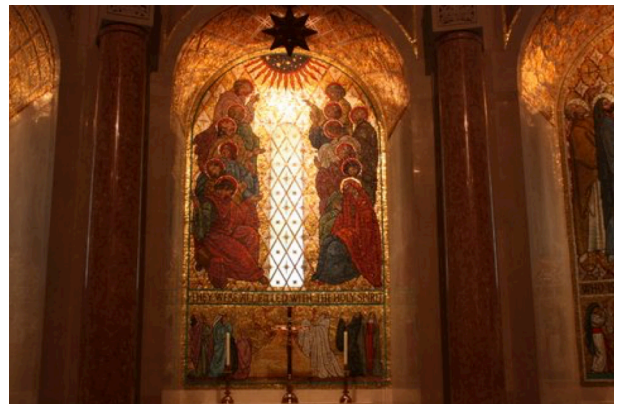
Sunday, September 18, after half the group had a delightful lunch at nearby Busboys and Poets, 18 Phi Betes and friends enjoyed an enlightening though all-too-short tour of the **National Shrine**, led by a knowledgeable and enthusiastic guide.

The Shrine, which is the largest Catholic church in the Western Hemisphere, is also the official Marian Shrine of the United States, and is world-renowned for its beautiful sacred art, its unique architecture, and its rich treasury of Catholic and American culture. Regardless of your religious affiliation, you can't fail to be impressed by the scope and splendor of this impressive edifice. With its magnificent mosaics, especially in the Great Church, its papal memorabilia, extensive Crypt Church (which includes such notables as Babe Ruth), and expressive chapels from many countries, it provides an indelible picture of the Church's history and influence both now and in the past.

An hour-long tour was far too short to really grasp all the Shrine's art and history, but you can go back at any time and wander around to get a fuller appreciation of its offerings—and it's always free.



Our tour began at the Founder's Door



Mosaic glass window: Descent of the Holy Spirit

## Regular Events

### Young Professionals September Happy Hour

The Young Professionals September Happy Hour will take place at **Lucky Strike**, a popular bar with a **bowling alley** and several other games (billiards, arcades etc.) on Thursday, September 29th from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Lucky Strike is located conveniently on the 2nd floor in Gallery Place (701 7th St., NW), one block from the Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro stop on the red/green/yellow lines. To read more about the event or to RSVP, please click on this link: <http://www.dcpbk.org/Events/320>.

For more about Lucky Strike, please click on the following link to be directed to its website: <http://www.bowlluckystrike.com/locations/washington-dc>.

### Book Club Meetings

The book club met on Wednesday, August 31st to discuss the classic American political novel *All the King's Men* by Robert Penn Warren. Our discussion ranged from character analysis to the subjective definitions of corruption and morality. Overall the group enjoyed the novel, and found it was somewhat unexpectedly (based on its legacy and synopsis) much more about personal, private integrity, rather than public or legal accountability.

This month we will meet on Wednesday September 28th at 7:00 p.m., at Nagomi Izakaya, to discuss *Between the World and Me*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates. This memoir, selected by a vote among book club members last spring, was recently recognized on Phi Beta Kappa's 2016 Book Awards Short List.

Here are our selections for the rest of the calendar year. Hope you can join us!

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 – Fall 2016 Cycle In Progress

Thank you to everyone who applied to participate in the Fall 2016 cycle of the **Mentorship Network**! Matching applicants with mentorship and informational interview opportunities is currently underway. This cycle, we had a fantastic response from new and young professionals seeking mentors.

Although the application is now closed, due to demand, **we will still welcome expressions of interest from members who would like to participate in a mentor role or in a one-time informational interview with a program mentee applicant.** Our mentee applicants have a wide variety of interests: sustainable energy, human rights, creative writing, international trade, healthcare policy, and more.

Please email Program Manager Sarah Neely ([mentorship@dcpbk.org](mailto:mentorship@dcpbk.org) or [saaneely@gmail.com](mailto:saaneely@gmail.com)) to express your interest. Please note that we are no longer accepting applications from prospective mentees for this cycle. To learn more about the program, visit <http://www.dcpbk.org/dc-pbk-mentorship-network>.

## **Open Volunteer Position**

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

### **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 DC PBK 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!](https://twitter.com/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

**Sarah A. Neely** (Indiana University, 2009) – Mentorship Program Manager

**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