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Upcoming Events

"Live" Cook-at-Home Class with DC Chef

Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 PM

Free for Members

To register, click [here](#).

Summer is over, fall is here, and that means it's time to enjoy soup! If you've ever wanted to improve your soup-making skills, this is the class

for you. **Chef Rebecca Hassell** will teach the principles of good soup-making while demonstrating how to make a classic potato-leek soup from her home kitchen in Brookland. You will receive an ingredient and equipment list in advance so that you can cook along with her in real time, or you can just watch and take notes. You will be able to ask questions throughout, and later you'll get her soup-making cheat sheet that summarizes the most important techniques.



Chef Rebecca Hassell has been cooking professionally in Washington, DC since 2006. She attended L'Academie de Cuisine and worked in many classic DC restaurants, including the Tabard Inn, Equinox, Estadio, and Big Bear Cafe. Today, she alternates cooking between Pembroke Springs Retreat, a Japanese bed and breakfast in Shenandoah, and Empress Chef Services, a small catering company that she owns. Taste her food by ordering a three-course meal special, available most weekends.
www.empresschef.com

Young Professionals (YP) Network

Come hang with DCPBK at our Virtual Happy Hour!

Do you miss going out to the bars and bistros with friends? Do you want to meet new people from the comfort of your own home? Then [join DCPBK](#) on October 14 at 6:00 P.M. for our first-ever Virtual Happy Hour! DC PBK will be hosting an exciting Zoom happy hour filled with drinks and excitement! Come hang with DCPBK and meet new people!

If you would like to learn more, please contact Hunter Hamrick (hunterhamrick@gmail.com).

DCPBK Membership Survey Continues

The DC Phi Beta Kappa (DCPBK) Association is conducting a survey of our membership, and we want to hear from all of you!

Our goal is to learn more about what our members want and expect out of their involvement in the Association, and to align our events and programs with member expectations as much as possible. Your feedback and ideas are invaluable to us, and we would greatly appreciate your filling out the survey. The survey should take no more than a few minutes to complete, and we are aiming for 100% participation, with the response deadline extended to October 16.

We have (3) \$25 Amazon gift cards to hand out, and when you complete the survey, you are automatically entered for a chance to win one of them.

To take the survey, please click [here](#). Thank you in advance!

Please email Dan Rosenberg (dberg8@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Book Club News and Reviews

August 2020 DCPBK Book Club Meeting:

On Tuesday, August 31, nine members of the Book Club met to discuss *The Tipping Point* by Malcolm Gladwell. Gladwell is beloved by so many, it's surprising we haven't encountered his work before in our selections. We opened by sharing which sections, if any, were least compelling or persuasive, and we all agreed that in spots Gladwell seems to reach for threads of related pieces of evidence that don't quite fit. Contextually, some of his arguments haven't aged well, stuck in an era of pagers and landline phones, with references to TV programs we barely remember. Others resonate clearly today, such as his explanation of "connectors," easily translatable to today's social media "influencer" phenomenon where a select few are able to amplify recommendations and fads with the lightning speed.



Overall, we appreciate any book that gets us thinking, and especially on such a broad range of topics, from effective policing strategies to the driving factor behind spurring college students to get tetanus shots (spoiler alert: spelling out logistics, in the form of a campus map and office hours, works better than fear tactics).

October 2020 DCPBK Book Club Preview:

In October the group will meet twice once more, with a bonus meeting mid-month to discuss *The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee: Native America from 1890 to the Present* by David Treur (Nonfiction, 526 pages), a follow-up to our Spring 2020 reading of *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*. The last week of the month, we will discuss *A Fisherman of the Inland Sea* by Ursula K LeGuin (Fiction, 207 pages). Stay tuned on the DCPBK website, and be sure to opt-in to the Book Club distro, to stay apprised of event additions. We continue to meet successfully on Zoom, and those who RSVP will receive the meeting details in their auto-registration response email.

Our remaining selections for 2020:

- **November (date tbd): *Fictions*** by Jorge Luis Borges (International, 179 pages (Argentina))

- **December (date tbd): *To Marry an English Lord*** by Gail MacColl and Carol McD. Wallace (Nonfiction, 403 pages)

When members RSVP to our Book Club meetings online, the automated registration confirmation will contain the information needed to join the Zoom meeting online on the day. We look forward to the day where we can resume our in-person chats, but have had great success with breakout smaller groups in Zoom, and in some ways it's easier to hear, internalize, and socialize in this new format, so we welcome the interim change.

All DCPBK members and guests are invited to attend.

Mentorship Network News

The Fall Cycle of the **Mentorship Program** kicked off on September 13 at this year's MentorMix. Although virtual this year, it still enabled us to enjoy a fun afternoon of networking and participants had fun being dropped into breakout rooms to have one-on-one chats with their fellow cycle participants.

This cycle, which runs from September to January, 2021, has 25 participants from different backgrounds, fields, and interests. Next month, the participants will start receiving the monthly mentorship newsletter. We are excited to have a great cycle of the Mentorship Network program!

As a reminder, the DCPBK Mentorship Network offers a six-month structured mentoring program with opportunities for peer mentoring and young professional-to-experienced professional relationships. Participants receive resources such as a handbook, mentorship agreement template, regular newsletters, and the opportunity to meet others in the program at a special MentorMix event.

You can learn more at <https://dcpbk.org/programs/mentorship/>. Questions may be sent to Program Manager Rebecca DeSantis at mentorship@dcpbk.org.

Mentees and Mentors who have already applied will be contacted shortly about the status of their application. Questions may be sent to Program Manager Rebecca DeSantis at mentorship@dcpbk.org.

Announcements

Open Volunteer Opportunities

Our organization is growing and we are looking for more volunteers to help support our robust programming. If you are interested in getting more involved with DCPBK in either a leadership or committee member role, we have openings for the following:

- Membership Engagement and Communications Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Event Planning Committee

To find out more about how to get involved, please email **Breann Watt** at president@dcpbk.org. We'd love to hear from you!

DCPBK Board Meeting

Our quarterly board meetings are open to any DCPBK member in good standing. To register to attend via Zoom, click [here](#).

[Saturday, January 9, 2021 from 10:00 AM-12:00 noon](#)

Venue: **Zoom** (link to be provided upon registration)

Please email president@dcpbk.org with any questions.

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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](#).

DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association Board **2020-2021 Officers**

PRESIDENT: Breann Watt (University of California Riverside, 2011)

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT: Rebecca DeSantis (Washington College, 2015)

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MEMBER ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR: Bailey DeSimone (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2017)

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