



# The Key Connection

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Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa

## Fall Luncheon: Focus on how Students approach learning

*Tuesday, November 2, 11:45 a.m.*

*Red Lion Hotel, 11211 Main Street, Bellevue*



Jill McKinstry, Director, Odegaard Undergraduate Library; Special Assistant to the Dean of University Libraries for Undergraduate Education, University of Washington will speak on “Generations X, Y, and Z: The Evolution of Learning in a Multimedia World”.

Do you remember what it was like when you were an undergraduate? How you learned best? How you studied? Alone? With others? In the dorm? In the library? Numerous factors including electronic media have changed how students learn. You, with other Phi Betes and guests, have the opportunity to recall and mentally compare some of your experiences by hearing about today’s students from someone with a first-hand view. Jill McKinstry, director of the Odegaard Undergraduate Library and special assistant to the Dean of University Libraries for Undergraduate Education at the University of Washington, will include thought-provoking information about how students approach their work and use the library, plus related topics.

Working closely with the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs, McKinstry co-founded the lecture series “Research Exposed” to introduce students to the varied research efforts of faculty on campus in a variety of disciplines. She created a program called the UW Library Research Award for Undergraduates to celebrate and reward students’ research and creative activities, and was honored in 2009 with the UW’s David B. Thorud Leadership Award.

Jill McKinstry holds a B.A. in Spanish language and literature, went on for a master’s, then studied classical Greek (because she loves languages), and subsequently enrolled in library school. After serving as assistant head of the Fisheries/Oceanography Library in the 1980s, she became assistant to the Director of Libraries in 1990 and launched a new online system in 1992. In 1997, she was named to head Odegaard.

### Logistics and Registration:

11:45 a.m., Tuesday, November 2, at the Red Lion Hotel, 11211 Main Street, Bellevue, just west of I-405. Reservations are \$32 per person — the same as last year — for a luncheon of salad, choice of entrée, vegetable, rolls, coffee/tea, and dessert. Please fill out the coupon on page 7 and mail it with your check so that we receive them by October 22. Further information is on our Web site. For questions during September, contact Nancy Blase at (206) 362-2999 or [nancy@blases.org](mailto:nancy@blases.org); during October, contact Linda Willenberg at (425) 641-1606 or [administration@psa-pbk.org](mailto:administration@psa-pbk.org).

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## **Guided tour of Picasso exhibition**

**Saturday, October 23, 9:45 a.m.**

**1st Avenue and Union Street, Seattle**

Members and their guests can view an extraordinary collection of more than 150 Picasso paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints, and photographs while the collection's Parisian home is under renovation. The Seattle Art Museum (SAM) is excited to present this landmark exhibition of the work of Pablo Picasso (1881-1973), often described as the most radical and influential artist of the 20th century. These items are unique in that they come from Picasso's private collection, and present virtually every phase of his legendary career. The exhibit opens October 8, so this is a chance to see it near the start of its run.

Advance reservations are required to maintain our tour positions, and must be received by October 5, with a check payable to the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa. Space is limited, and the reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis.

The cost, which includes docent fee, is \$24 for non-SAM members, and \$5 for SAM members. PSA-PBK will obtain tickets; SAM members, please give us your name and SAM membership number.

Please meet on Saturday, October 23, at 9:45 a.m. at the main ticketing area of the downtown Seattle Art Museum, 1300 First Avenue at University Street. The tour starts at 10 sharp. For directions and a map, see <http://www.seattleartmuseum.org/visit/visitSAM.asp>. A docent will guide us through the Picasso exhibition. Thereafter we can tour the rest of the museum. As at similar events, chapter members and guests may choose to continue conversations over no-host lunches, or continue to tour the museum.

For further information, see <http://www.picassoinseattle.org>, or contact David Rose at (206) 236-2711 or [rosebudbd@mac.com](mailto:rosebudbd@mac.com).

## **Spring 2010 Luncheon: Gerard Schwarz returned**



When a person leaves a longtime position, should one describe him as “retiring” or “outgoing”? For Maestro Gerard Schwarz, leaving his post as music director of the Seattle Symphony Orchestra, the choice of words is clear: “outgoing,” not to mention “engaging” and “stimulating.”

At our Spring Luncheon on May 18, Maestro Schwarz spoke about “Looking Back Over 25 Years, and Looking Forward.” He took his audience behind the scenes: we heard how he solved the problem of rehearsing a rewarding but difficult and unfamiliar new opera, *Amelia* (bring on the singers earlier, so the orchestra can better sense the flow of the drama), and something of his first encounters with the trumpet and Leonard Bernstein. But the focus of his talk was on one of his favorite activities: arts education. Early in his tenure, he spoke to our group and expressed serious concern as schools were abolishing arts education. Now he is much more hopeful, and his own focus on arts education has encouraged others to support it. After he leaves the SSO, he intends to develop new approaches to music education — and we may look forward to exciting developments. Known as he inevitably is for organizing the city to build a new concert hall, Maestro Schwarz reaffirmed the importance of great musicianship and musical education.

## ***Those who serve on your committees and the Board of Trustees***

The Phi Betes who serve on your board of trustees include Linda Willenberg, president; Gerry Oppenheimer, vice president and archivist; Myra Lupton, secretary; Howard Johnson, treasurer; and Kate Gunsul, Ed.D., past president. Others on the board are Redmond Barnett; Vivian Chun; Barbara Clinton, Ph.D.; Joe Janes, Ph.D. (ex officio); Karrin Klotz, J.D.; Daniel J. Leach; Benjamin D. Lukoff; Shari Carter Lundberg; Lisa M. Marchese, J.D.; Margaret Palmquest, M.D.; Louise Richards; David Rose, Ph.D.; Amy Ryken, Ph.D. (ex officio); and Dennis Yamashita. Non-board members serving on committees are Greta Austin, Ph.D.; Nancy G. Blase; Chuck Goldstein; Wilson O'Donnell; and Ernest Stiefel.

## ***New members of the Board of Trustees***

### **David Rose**

I have spent virtually all of my life around education: my own, my students, my children's, my mentorees. My own formal education is entirely from the public system in Washington: a B.A. in mathematics from WSU where I was honored by Phi Beta Kappa membership and a Ph.D. in biostatistics from the UW. I was fortunate to have scholarships and fellowships which made this financially easier. I taught statistics at several universities, including UW, and spent 26 years as a consulting statistician at Boeing. My wife and sisters are also involved in education.

An important part of my life has been in guiding and assisting our bright, energetic youth in their pursuit of knowledge, guiding them along their paths when asked, and providing what they think are sage words of advice. What I have learned over time can best be summarized by the following adage: I have found no answers to life. But, I have begun to find out what the important questions are. And if you find someone who has all the answers, run from them as fast as you can.

I joined the PSA-PBK board about a year ago. I believe this organization provides me with the opportunity to continue to help meet my education goals.

### **Dennis J. Yamashita**

Dennis was initiated into the Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in 1976 upon completion of his B.S. degree in psychology at the University of Washington. In the past 20 years, he has worked in the field of global corporate risk management and is Chief Administrative Officer, Japan Group Americas for Aon Risk Solutions. In his non-work hours, Dennis has extensive experience volunteering in leadership positions for not-for-profit organizations. In April of this year, he ended his term as chair of the Board of Directors of the Japan-America Society of the State of Washington, one of the oldest such societies in the United States, whose mission is to promote friendship and understanding between the people of Washington and Japan. Since 1986, he has served on the board of Nikkei Concerns and also as its past board president. This organization's mission is to provide a continuum of care for elders of Japanese descent. Dennis is a second-generation Phi Beta, as his father, Kiyoshi Yamashita, was initiated in 1942 at the University of Washington immediately prior to his forced evacuation to Tule Lake, California, as part of the massive relocation of Japanese-Americans into internment camps. Dennis very much looks forward to working closely with the distinguished colleagues on the board and to become a contributing member of the association.

### **Lisa Marchese**

Lisa Marchese, a 1984 inductee to Phi Beta Kappa, received her B.A. from the Catholic University of America, followed by her J.D. at Georgetown University. Currently a partner at Dorsey & Whitney LLP, Ms. Marchese serves as the head of the Seattle Trial group where her practice emphasizes trial of complex cases involving product liability, contract disputes, construction claims, and white-collar criminal defense. In her career to date, she has tried to verdict over 100 jury trials in state and federal court combined. In addition, she is the Seattle Diversity Partner and serves on Dorsey's firm wide Electronic Discovery and Recruiting Committees. Ms. Marchese was recently named one of the top 50 Women Washington Super Lawyers for 2010.

Outside of the office, Ms. Marchese is actively involved with Phi Beta Kappa, the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association of the Western District of Washington, the Inter-Pacific Bar Association, Washington Defense Trial Lawyers, National Institute of Trial Advocacy, and is an adjunct professor of law at Seattle University and the University of Washington.

***As John Dewey (ΦBK, University of Vermont, 1879) once said,  
"Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education  
is not a preparation for life; education is life itself."***

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## You make it happen — thank you!

Once again we are privileged to thank those generous Phi Betes who have supported our programs with their donations. We could not grant our scholarships nor continue the High School Outreach program without help from these wonderful friends, some of whom have donated more than once during the year, through dues above the basic amount, and through responses to special requests. *Our heartfelt thanks go to all of you!*

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## PSA-PBK is on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn

PSA-PBK has joined the social Web, with presences on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Social media lets us spread our message far beyond our current membership, and — we hope — will help us build a network that will keep PSA-PBK going for years to come. Please join us! You'll find links in the left column of our Web site, <http://psa-pbk.org>. You can connect in the same way with National at their Web site, <http://www.pbk.org>.

***One hundred and ten books presented in high school outreach***

Have you ever worried about today's youth? Here is some good news. As part of our high school outreach program, we awarded over 100 books this year to outstanding graduating seniors in the Puget Sound area.

While the program introduces Phi Beta Kappa and its ideals to these students, it honors those who exemplify the core values of the society, which are the same today as they were in 1776 when the organization was formed: intellectual honesty, broad interests, tolerance, understanding, and the growth of the spirit as well as the mind.

Participating schools' principals provide the name of a student who best exemplifies those values. That student is given a book, on behalf of PSA-PBK, that features a bookplate with the student's and school's name written in calligraphy. The book, which is selected each year by the association, is a work of non-fiction, appropriate to a high school-level reader, that is also relevant and useful for someone entering college. Its subject matter must be connected with a liberal education, but it must approach the topic using the scientific method and rational discourse based on the evidence underlying its assertions.

***Undergraduate scholarships for the academic year 2010-2011***

Your contributions at work! Your membership fees and contributions made it possible, once again, to award five undergraduate scholarships to students with financial need at the University of Washington and the University of Puget Sound. The recipients were Nathaniel Cook (physiology, UW), Jessica Erickson (politics and government and communication studies, UPS), Mike Knape (international political economy, UPS), Jocelyn Maher (drama and communications, UW), and Christine Woodward (Latin American studies and geography, UW).

Mike Knape, judged by the committee to be the applicant with the most outstanding application, was awarded the Ellsworth C. Alvord Jr. Scholarship, so named after PSA-PBK's longtime supporter who died earlier this year.

***In Memoriam: Dr. Ellsworth C. "Buster" Alvord, Jr.***

The Ellsworth C. Alvord Jr. Scholarship is awarded to that applicant with the most outstanding application of the year, as determined by the scholarship committee.

PSA-PBK member Ellsworth C. "Buster" Alvord, Jr., M.D., was an outstanding physician, scientist, philanthropist, and humanitarian who dedicated his life to medical research and support of the local arts and sciences. He was the head of the University of Washington Department of Neuropathology and was noted for his work toward finding a cause for multiple sclerosis, as well as his research related to brain cancer. He and his wife, Nancy, endowed chairs in neuropathology and related sciences, which constitute the Nancy and Buster Alvord Brain Tumor Center at the UW.

Dr. Alvord was a member of the Henry Art Gallery Board of Trustees and was on the board of the University of Puget Sound, where he chaired its Music, Art, and Drama Board. He was a generous philanthropist who supported many local arts groups, including the Seattle Symphony, Seattle Opera, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Seattle Repertory Theatre, ACT (A Contemporary Theatre), and the Seattle Children's Theatre.

## Chapter News

### Alpha Chapter

The Alpha Chapter of Washington welcomed new initiates at a ceremony at the University of Washington's Kane Hall on the evening of June 9. We had a full house, including several dozen of the 168 new members of Phi Beta Kappa elected by the chapter this year. The ceremony began, just as the sun emerged from behind the clouds, at the Gerberding Hall bell tower, which contains depictions of the Phi Beta Kappa key; this was followed by a procession across Red Square. Professor Patricia Kuhl of the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences, who is also co-director of the Institute for Learning and Brain Sciences, gave a stimulating and well-received talk entitled "Your Brain, Your Life, Your Choice." Following the formal initiation ceremony recognizing our new members, each of whom came forward to be greeted and to sign the traditional book, there was a reception in the Walker-Ames Room. It was a splendid evening, and we were particularly grateful that Linda Willenberg was able to join us.

### Delta Chapter

#### Phi Beta Kappa Magee Address

Tuesday, October 5, 2010 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thompson 193, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma

*Living Through Turbulent Times*

*Workplace Changes and Their Impacts on Employee Well-Being*

Professors Sarah Moore, Department of Psychology, and Leon Grunberg

Department of Comparative Sociology, University of Puget Sound

In recent decades, organizations have experienced unprecedented amounts of change stemming from globalization, technology, and economic shifts; in turn, this change has influenced the ways in which workers perform their jobs and impacted the type of relationship employees have with their organizations. In this talk, we will overview the 10+ year study we conducted at Boeing Commercial that was aimed at understanding employee reactions — both their attitudes toward the company as well as changes to their health and well-being — as they experienced a number of large-scale changes at Boeing, including a major merger, multiple waves of downsizing, and increased outsourcing. Funded by the National Institutes of Health, our speakers surveyed a large random sample of Boeing employees in 1997, 2000, 2003, and 2006 and conducted some 100 interviews to learn how employees coped with and adapted to company changes. They will present some of these findings, comparing different employee groups as well as reactions from those who stayed versus those who left the company. They will then discuss the implications of these findings, considering, for example, what these trends might suggest for employee engagement as well as possible ways employees, managers, and governments can respond to this changing work environment.

The Magee Address was established in honor of John B. Magee, Professor of Philosophy and Religion and a driving force in establishing a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Puget Sound in 1986.

Your board would like to express its appreciation to all the members of the Seattle office of Dorsey & Whitney LLP for graciously allowing us to meet in their conference room. We not only are able to meet in a central location, but are afforded a beautiful view of Elliott Bay. Thank you from all of us.

Message from your president

By virtue of your induction into Phi Beta Kappa, you are forever a member of the national society and the chapter that elected you. Membership in the Puget Sound Association (PSA-PBK) is voluntary, and is open to all Phi Betes from the University of Washington Alpha Chapter and the University of Puget Sound Delta Chapter, as well as to Phi Betes from any chapter who currently reside in the Puget Sound region. PSA-PBK was founded in 1953 for the specific purpose of providing scholarships to students. Your membership dues and contributions this year are funding five undergraduate scholarships of \$1,500 each and one \$3,000 graduate study award. Your contributions also fund our High School Book Awards, Pathfinder Awards, luncheon speakers, and other academic, cultural, and social events.

Thank you for your continued support of our association, our scholarship and award programs, and our activities. If you have not already renewed your membership for the current fiscal year, you can find a form to do so on our Web site, http://www.psa-pbk.org. Please contact me if you have any questions about our association or any suggestions for future activities: president@psa-pbk.org or (425) 641-1606.

— Linda Willenberg, President

Planning for your future!

Our Activities Committee is already working on sites and speakers for our Spring Luncheon, and we have a number of suggestions for tours and kaffeeklatsches, including a garden tour, an event in cooperation with the Alpha Chapter, and a tour of Benaroya Hall with a demonstration of the organ. Perhaps you have suggestions for future activities? We are always willing to investigate and plan, and hopefully include your ideas in our program.

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Coupon



Picasso at Seattle Art Museum, Oct. 23 (RSVP by Oct. 5):

Number of reservations (non-SAM member) \_\_\_ @ \$24 = \$ \_\_\_
Number of reservations (SAM member) \_\_\_ @ \$5 = \$ \_\_\_
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Fall Luncheon, Nov. 2 (RSVP by Oct. 22):

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## Spring 2010 Garden Tours



In April, PSA-PBK members had the opportunity to tour two local gardens. On April 10, PSA-PBK member Daniel Streissguth, his wife Ann and their son Ben invited us to their small family maintained garden on the northwest side of Capitol Hill in Seattle. The Streissguths have spent nearly 40 years creating and maintaining these gardens, which offer great views of lake Union, downtown Seattle and the Olympic Mountains. Information about the

gardens can be found at [www.streissguthgardens.com](http://www.streissguthgardens.com).



On April 18, UPS Professor Amy Ryken hosted us at her home for a discussion about botanical gardens, followed by a tour of the W.W. Seymour Botanical Conservatory in Tacoma.



[Visit our Web site, www.psa-pbk.org, for the most up-to-date information on our activities.](http://www.psa-pbk.org)



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