



# The Key Connection

## News and Events

### Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa



#### Fall Luncheon: James J. Clauss: “The Need for the Humanities in the 21st Century STEM University”

We will also have a special music recital by Dr. Jonathan Graber, violinist, and Phillip Wilkinson, pianist.

Wednesday, October 22, 11:45 AM  
Seattle Yacht Club  
1807 E. Hamlin Street, Seattle

With intense governmental and societal pressure to pursue science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and because of the increasing cost of education, students are abandoning the study of the humanities in record numbers. Clauss will discuss these pressures and some of the potential repercussions of academic life in what could well become a post-Humanistic university system.

**James J. Clauss** is Professor of Classics at the University of Washington where he has taught for 30 years. He won a Distinguished Teaching Award in 1996 and was an Onassis Senior Visiting Scholar in 2008-09. For the past seven years Clauss served as the Director of the University Honors Program, during which time he was also Associate Dean of Undergraduate Academic Affairs. He is the author of several books and numerous articles and book reviews dealing with Greek and Roman literature and culture.

At this luncheon **Dr. Jonathan Graber**, violinist, will be joined by pianist **Phillip Wilkinson** for a brief lecture-recital on the life and works of prominent Norwegian violinist Ole Bull (1810-1880).

Jonathan Graber (PBK Muhlenberg College 1986) holds a Master of Music degree from the New England Conservatory of Music and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Washington. He has taught at universities and performed in the US as well as overseas.

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## **Fall Luncheon**

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**Phillip Wilkinson** studied piano and violin and is the organist for Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines, WA. He teaches, accompanies, and plays for various musical groups. He is a graduate of the University of Washington and is retired from a career as lead technician for the UW Quaternary Isotope Laboratory.

The luncheon will take place on Wednesday, October 22, at the Seattle Yacht Club, 1807 East Hamlin Street, Seattle. Free parking is available in the adjacent parking lot. The luncheon starts at 11:45 AM; doors open at 11:30 AM. The cost is \$32 per person; guests are welcome. For your luncheon entrée, you may select either herb-roasted turkey with potatoes and vegetables, or Portobello mushroom napoleon (vegetarian). Please make your reservation by October 15 using the attached coupon or at <http://psa-pbk.org/online-payments-donations.html>.

## **Guided tour of the Bullitt Center**

Saturday, October 11, 2014, 1:50 PM  
1501 East Madison Street, Seattle

We are excited to offer you the opportunity to tour the Bullitt Center, commonly regarded as the “greenest commercial building in the world.” It showcases cutting edge technology designed to decrease our impact on the environment. Denis Hayes, CEO of the Bullitt Foundation, is confident the building will exceed the goal of achieving zero net energy for the year.

The cost for the tour is \$7.00. We can take a maximum of twenty persons due to space limitations in some areas of the building. We will meet at 1:50 PM at the door on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, facing McGilvra Place Park.

The Bullitt Center is located at 1501 East Madison Street, Seattle, WA 98122, just east of the intersection of E. Madison and E. Pike. According to the Bullitt Center website, “There is no onsite parking for cars at the Bullitt Center and parking in the Capitol Hill neighborhood can be difficult. We encourage visitors to use public transit, walk, or bike to the Bullitt Center.” The Bus 12 Route has stops at E. Madison Street & 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, directly in front of the Bullitt Center. Buses 10, 11, and 84 also go near the Bullitt Center. There are pay parking lots at 14<sup>th</sup> & E. Madison and 15<sup>th</sup> & E. Madison. There is also parking under the Chloe Apartments on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, south of the Bullitt Center.

## **Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award**

Bianca Jean LaCaille has been selected to receive this year’s Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award of \$4,500. The Stiefel Award is given to graduate or professional students who are members of Phi Beta Kappa chapters at the University of Puget Sound or University of Washington and who will attend graduate or professional school at either of these two universities.

Ms. LaCaille will attend the University of Washington School of Law in the fall of 2014. She graduated from UW in 2014, majoring in English and Psychology. While an undergraduate, she was an instructor in the Freshman Interest Group program, worked as a lead research assistant for a psychiatry study, and was the events director for the UW Senior Class Gift Foundation. She was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa in the spring of 2014. Ms. LaCaille plans to use her law degree to provide education and pro bono legal work to underrepresented communities.

## **Bainbridge Island Day Outing**

### **Bainbridge Island Museum of Art and Social event at the Alehouse on Winslow**

Sunday, November 16, 2014

Who can resist a lovely ferry ride, followed by a visit to the newly opened Bainbridge Island Museum of Art, and ending in a visit to the Alehouse on Winslow, right next door?

The entire day could cost as little as an \$8 walk-on ferry ticket. Entrance is free, and the Alehouse (21+ only) is optional. You can leave Seattle on the 2:05 PM ferry to Bainbridge Island. PSA board member and Island resident Sandra Andrews-Strasko will meet you at the walk-off ferry ramp when you arrive on Bainbridge Island at 2:40 PM. The museum is only a 3 minute walk from the ferry dock. If you drive your car or ride your bicycle, you can meet us at the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art, 550 Winslow Way East, at 3:00 PM. No pre-payment is necessary, but please RSVP with Sandra at [sandra@emptyyournest.com](mailto:sandra@emptyyournest.com) so that she will know who is coming. You can also telephone her at (206) 818-6472.

## **Western Americana Art Tour**

We have the pleasure of visiting the region's premier collection of the art of Western America at the Tacoma Art Museum, on Saturday, January 31, 2015, guided by curator Laura Fry. The Haub Family Collection consists of nearly 300 extraordinary pieces including all the greats – Charles Bird King, John Mix Stanley, Frederic Remington, Thomas Moran, Georgia O'Keeffe -- and many pieces by contemporary artists. The Tacoma Art Museum recently acquired the collection and has built a new wing to house it. (Seeing the new wing, designed by Olson Kundig, opening in November 2014, is a bonus).

The Haub Curator, Laura Fry, studies how the imagery of the West shapes American history, identity, and myth. If you think that Remington has nothing to do with Mark Tobey, think again: Laura explores how the art of the West provides a wider context for the art of the Northwest.

More information is on the museum's website, <http://www.ihearttam.org/buildingexcitement.html>.

We will meet at the Tacoma Art Museum, 1701 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, on Saturday, January 31, 2015, at 11:00 AM. After the tour, participants have the option of a no-host lunch, either at the Art Museum's café, or elsewhere in the neighborhood. Cost is \$10 per person. Guests are welcome.

## **Undergraduate scholarships awarded for the fiscal year 2014-2015**

Thanks to your donations and dues payments, the Association was able to award scholarships of \$2,000 each to the following five University of Washington and University of Puget Sound undergraduate students with financial needs – Isabelle Edwards (UW; English Literature), Cassandra McMurry (UPS; History), Renee Deanne Meschi (UPS; Science, Technology, and Society), Kayla Rice (UW; English), Lauren Stuck (UPS; Psychology and English Literature).

Because her essay was judged by the Committee the most outstanding, Renee Meschi was named the Ellsworth C. Alvord, Jr. Scholar for the academic year 2015, which entitles her to receive an additional \$400. The late Dr. Alvord, a member of PSA-PBK, was an outstanding physician, scientist, philanthropist, and humanitarian who dedicated his life to medical research and support of the local arts and sciences.

We wish all of them great success in their future academic endeavors.

### **Volunteer with the UW Dream Project**

Saturday and Sunday, November 15 and 16

Do you have writing skills? Are you passionate about social justice? Want to help low-income students get to college? You're invited to join us! **We would love to have Phi Beta Kappa members as writing tutors at the UW Dream Project's largest annual event, Workshop Weekend, on the UW-Seattle campus on November 15th and 16th, 2014.** The Dream Project invites thousands of high school seniors to come to the UW campus for one intensive weekend of college application work. Students can come having not started, or at any point in the college application process, and receive assistance through to completion. As writing tutors, you will participate in an orientation and then work with individual students on their personal statements for college applications. We expect to have over 750 unique students attend the weekend, most of whom are low-income, underrepresented, and/or first generation to attend college. Our goal is for each student to apply to at least three colleges by the end of the weekend, and we hope you'll join us in supporting them through this process. Email Jessica Hunnicutt at [hunnij@uw.edu](mailto:hunnij@uw.edu) to RSVP.

### **Submit your nominations for our 2015 Pathfinder Awards**

Our Pathfinder Award reflects the imagery on the Phi Beta Kappa key—a hand pointing to the stars. It is awarded each year at our spring luncheon to individuals, businesses, and organizations that encourage others to seek new worlds to discover, pathways to explore, and untouched destinations to reach. Most of all, it recognizes those who engage in the process of unfolding the unknown, aware that the consequences of the journey itself are truly beyond imagination. A list of previous Pathfinder Award recipients can be found at [http://psa-pbk.org/pathfinder\\_awards.html](http://psa-pbk.org/pathfinder_awards.html).

Do you know an individual, business, or organization that you believe should be considered for our 2015 Pathfinder Awards? Please take the time to submit a nomination, so that their work will not go unrecognized. Nomination forms are available at [http://psa-pbk.org/scholarships\\_awards.html](http://psa-pbk.org/scholarships_awards.html). If you have any questions or would like a nomination form mailed to you, please call Linda Willenberg at (425) 641-1606. Nominations should be submitted by January 1, 2015.

### **Meet new PSA-PBK board member Sandra Andrews-Strasko**

Sandra was inducted into the University of Washington chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in 1998, where she completed the honors program and a BA in comparative literature. After graduation, Sandra spent a year at the University of Heidelberg as a Fulbright scholar, studying linguistics and history. She has since lived in Los Angeles, Jerusalem, Berlin, Geneva, and Duisburg, Germany. Currently she is living on Bainbridge Island and is re-opening her professional organizing business, Empty Your Nest. She has already served on the PBK-PSA board in the past, and is happy to be back in such good company.

### **Meet new PSA-PBK Assistant Treasurer Phyllis Becker Williams**

At the end of her junior year in 1960, Phyllis was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa at Syracuse University in New York where she was also a member of the Junior Women's Honorary. She returned to her home state and was graduated the next year from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, having completed a major in political science and a minor in journalism. She then moved to the Pacific Northwest with her husband and subsequently attended the University of Washington for teacher certification. Phyllis taught high school Social Studies and was appointed Department Chairman before leaving to start a family. She eventually retrained for work in bookkeeping/accounting and has worked in that field since the 1980's. She is now "mostly retired" but still does some work as an independent contractor and is happy to have been able to volunteer as Assistant Treasurer for PSA-PBK.

**Thank you to our donors**

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## **Alpha Chapter, University of Washington**

On April 30, 2014, the Chapter celebrated its Centennial at a gala event at the UW Club, attended by 75 Phi Beta Kappa alumni, spanning seven decades, many of whom are members of the Puget Sound Association. Attendees heard from chapter president Professor Joe Janes of the Information School and Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholar Jeannette Wing, Corporate Vice President of Microsoft Research and Professor of Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University. She spoke on "Thinking About Computation Thinking." The UW's Dean of Undergraduate Academic Affairs, Ed Taylor, cited the unique role the chapter plays in recognizing excellence at the university.

Alpha Chapter invited 319 students during the 2013-14 academic year to become members of the Society. At its annual June initiation ceremony, held this year on June 11 in Kane Hall, friends and family members witnessed the ceremony, which was preceded by the traditional procession across Red Square from the Gerberding bell tower, where the Phi Beta Kappa key is carved in stone, symbolizing the University's commitment to excellence. Change-bell ringers led by Rebecca Woodgate pealed the Gordon Stuart Peek memorial bells as the initiates marched across the square. The featured speaker at this year's ceremony was chemistry professor Sarah Keller, whose remarks, "Musings on 'Fake It 'Til You Make It'" described her journey to become a research scientist and the accidental nature sometimes of seizing opportunity.

## **Delta Chapter, University of Puget Sound**

In April 2014 forty-one members of the University of Puget Sound Class of 2014 and two members of the Class of 2015 were initiated to Phi Beta Kappa at an evening ceremony at the President's House. Initiated PBK students and Delta Chapter faculty and staff attended a celebration luncheon with University Trustees and President Ronald Thomas during Commencement Weekend in May. Delta Chapter Vice President Sara Freeman, Assistant Professor of Theatre, gave the celebration toast, and seniors Miriam Cook and David Ho each shared a reflection about a significant Puget Sound learning experience.

## **Your board of trustees and committee members**

Linda Willenberg, president; Benjamin Lukoff, vice president and electronic communications coordinator; Gerald Oppenheimer, secretary and archivist; Howard Johnson, treasurer; and Phyllis Becker Williams, assistant treasurer.

Other Board members include Sandra Andrews-Strasko, Redmond Barnett, Vivian Chun, Judith Crutcher, Kate Gunsul, Karrin Klotz, Christopher Lim, Myra Lupton, William Mari, Margaret Palmquest, Louise Richards, Amy Ryken, and Dennis Yamashita.

Other individuals who are not on the board of trustees but serve on committees are Greta Austin, Carol Lee Goodall, Barbee Tucker Pigott, and Gregory Schuler.

Our administrative assistant is Amy Davis.

**UPS Phi Beta Kappa Magee Address**

**Ronald Thomas, President UPS**

Thursday, October 30, 2014, 6:00 PM

Commencement Hall, Tahoma Room, UPS Campus, Tacoma

This event is free. Tickets are available at the information center at UPS. To order tickets call 253-879-3100 or see [http://ups.universitytickets.com/user\\_pages/event\\_listings.asp](http://ups.universitytickets.com/user_pages/event_listings.asp).

“This talk will be a personal reflection on how the life of a college president might connect with a previous career as a scholar of the Victorian novel. Any student of the Victorian novel will know that the central thematic of the 19th-Century novel is often referred to as the *bildungsroman*, the novel of personal formation or character building within particularly dynamic social and historical circumstances. In this light, we might call the essential subject of the nineteenth-century novel the *making of a human subject*. We can think of literary figures like David Copperfield, or Jane Eyre, or Little Dorrit as undefined figures who transformed and redefined themselves, through their experiences, into something and someone else. My thinking about higher education is in many ways analogous to this fundamental—and fundamentally nineteenth-century—story-line. At the heart of my beliefs and values—as college professor and a college president—is a sense of the potential of every person, and of our collective responsibility as educators in the liberal arts to develop (as a virtue in itself) a student’s potential into the human subject he or she can become. My challenge—our challenge—is to tell the story of (and make the case for) the real value of a college education in the making of human subjects in a world in which that story has been replaced by a data-driven account of material accumulation where the human subject as we know it disappears.”



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**Fall Luncheon, October 22  
(RSVP by October 15)**

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Portobello mushroom napoleon (vegetarian) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Bullitt Center Tour, October 11**

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**Western Americana Art Tour, Jan. 31, 2015**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Fall luncheon  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Bullitt Center tour  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Western Americana Art tour  
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## **High School Book Awards**

Each spring we award personally inscribed books to outstanding graduating seniors in participating high schools in the thirteen counties in the Puget Sound area. In spring 2014 we awarded 118 books to students in schools from Bellingham to Olympia, and Concrete to Neah Bay. Our high school book award program is one way that we encourage and reward outstanding scholastic achievement in the liberal arts and sciences. The program also introduces students to Phi Beta Kappa and its values. Principals, counselors, and staff at the participating high schools select graduating seniors who best exemplify the values of Phi Beta Kappa. The book that we selected this year was Timothy Eagan's *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher: The Epic Life and Immortal Photographs of Edward Curtis*.

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