



# The Key Connection

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Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa



**Maestro  
Gerard Schwarz**

## Spring Luncheon: Maestro Gerard Schwarz

*Tuesday, May 18, 11:45 a.m.*

*Red Lion Hotel, 1415 5th Avenue, Seattle*

Gerard Schwarz, music director of the Seattle Symphony Orchestra since 1985, will be the featured speaker at the Spring Luncheon, which takes place at the downtown Seattle Red Lion Hotel at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, May 18.

Maestro Schwarz's talk will be "Looking Back over 25 Years, and Looking Forward." He writes: "Arts education as it relates to symphony orchestras has changed dramatically over the last 25 years. I see new directions emerging that could be very exciting."

Longtime members of Phi Beta Kappa will recall that, early in his tenure, Schwarz spoke at one of our luncheons to lament the decline of arts education. Raised in New Jersey and receiving his musical education in public schools, he reported that the last music teacher in his city had phoned in desperation to say that the schools were abolishing instruction in music. Come and hear if recent years have offered more hope.

One of the leading conductors of his generation, Schwarz is internationally recognized for his engaging performances, innovative programming, and renowned recording history. This season is his 25th with the Seattle Symphony, and he has announced his retirement at the end of the 2011 season. He is credited with increasing the number of subscribers from 5,000 to 35,000, and with inspiring the construction of Benaroya Hall.

Schwarz has recorded with many of the world's greatest orchestras, including those in Philadelphia, London, Berlin, Paris, and Tokyo. New Yorkers (and others) know him as the longtime conductor of the Mostly Mozart Festival. His list of awards — including honorary doctorates from the University of Puget Sound, Seattle University, and Cornish College of the Arts — is far too long to quote in full.

The price for the luncheon is \$37 per person. Please reserve your place by May 11, and indicate whether you prefer lemon-garlic chicken or (vegetarian) portobello mushroom ravioli.

## PSA-PBK again awards five scholarships

Your contributions have again made it possible for us to award five \$1,500 undergraduate scholarships for the 2010–2011 academic year to students at the University of Washington and the University of Puget Sound. Conditions, requirements, and application forms are posted on our Web site at [http://psa-pbk.org/scholarships\\_awards.html](http://psa-pbk.org/scholarships_awards.html). As always, your generosity will be much appreciated by the successful applicants, all of whom are students in financial need. Be assured that your contributions will make a difference.

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**Streissguth Gardens tour**

**Saturday, April 10, 11:00 a.m., Streissguth Gardens, 10th Avenue E. and E. Blaine Street, Seattle**

PSA-PBK member Daniel Streissguth, his wife Ann, and their son Ben have invited us to tour their small family-maintained garden on the northwest side of Seattle's Capitol Hill on Saturday, April 10, at 11:00 a.m. Free parking is available along 10th Avenue E. at E. Blaine Street, just north of St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral. The tour will begin at the bottom of the Blaine Street public steps.

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. The rhododendrons and dogwoods should be in full bloom for our tour!

The Streissguths gave the property to the city of Seattle in 1996, the same year the city purchased, from a third party, three lots to the south, thereby adding a city block to the St. Mark's Greenbelt. The Streissguths continue to maintain the expanded gardens for the city.

The Streissguths' new book, *In Love with a Hillside Garden* (University of Washington Press), provides more information on the history, development, management, and acquisition of the gardens. You can find photos, maps, a link to the book, and additional information about the gardens on their Web site, <http://www.streissguthgardens.com>.

After the tour, you may want to join other PSA-PBK members for a no-host lunch at a Capitol Hill café. There is no charge for this tour, but please RSVP by mailing in your reservation or e-mailing us at [administration@psa-pbk.org](mailto:administration@psa-pbk.org).

**Kaffeeklatsch: In the Footsteps of Remarkable Women**

**Saturday, May 8, 2:00 p.m.**

**Mercer Island Community Center, 8236 S.E. 24th Street, Mercer Island**

PSA-PBK member Julie Hungar will read excerpts from her recent book, co-written with Janet Lieberman, *The Wisdom Trail: In the Footsteps of Remarkable Women*, at our Spring Kaffeeklatsch on Saturday, May 8, at 2:00 p.m. She will share stories and characteristics of women born before and during the Great Depression, and the crises, opportunities, and decisions that marked their varied and satisfying paths. Hungar will also introduce several local women who will share their personal stories and experiences. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and share a cup of coffee with these remarkable women.

Please join us for this enlightening kaffeeklatsch. The cost is \$5 per person. You can mail in your registration with the coupon in this newsletter, or RSVP at [administration@psa-pbk.org](mailto:administration@psa-pbk.org), and pay at the door the day of the event. The community center is located just two blocks from the Mercer Island Park & Ride, and free parking is also available.

**Doubleheader kaffeeklatsch in Tacoma**

Join us on Sunday, April 18, for a twofer: a kaffeeklatsch discussion of botanical gardens followed by a visit to Tacoma's W.W. Seymour Botanical Conservatory.

We will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Tacoma home of Amy Ryken and Holly Senn. Professor Ryken (University of Puget Sound) has studied the secret language of botanical gardens in Europe and North America — it's more than the symbolic language of flowers. Botanic gardens are important sites for learning precisely because of their potential to help visitors consider their multiple and conflicting relationships to nature. After discussion, we will visit the Seymour Conservatory in Wright Park. One of only three Victorian-style conservatories on the West Coast, it has enthralled visitors for over a century. The seasonal lilies, hydrangeas, and azaleas should be spectacular. The visit should end by 4:00 pm.

Reserve your place by April 16. The cost is \$4, which covers conservatory admission. Directions will be provided to those who sign up

## **Annual dues**

Have you ever wondered what happens to the annual dues and contributions that you send to the Puget Sound Association? Last year, we awarded two \$3,000 graduate scholarships and five \$1,500 undergraduate scholarships. Your dues and contributions also funded our High School Book Awards, our Pathfinder Awards, luncheon speakers, a joint event with the Alpha Chapter at the University of Washington, and other cultural events. We also have some administrative expenses, including a \$2 assessment for each member that we pay to the national Phi Beta Kappa Society, and expenses for our Web site, newsletters, and postage. Our fiscal year runs from July to June. Many of you choose to mail in your dues with your payment for the Spring or Fall Luncheon. If we do not receive your dues, we may send you a reminder notice. The label on your newsletter should show the month and year that your membership expires. If the label lacks this information, it may indicate that this has already happened.

You may also receive mailings from the national society requesting contributions for their programs and events. While we encourage you to contribute to national PBK, please understand that contributions to them are separate from our local dues. Also, contributions to the national society are not “membership dues,” and your name will remain on their roster as a Phi Beta whether or not you choose to contribute.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Linda Willenberg, PSA-PBK president, at [president@psa-pbk.org](mailto:president@psa-pbk.org) or (425) 641-1606.

## **Three pathfinders to be honored at Spring Luncheon**

The Pathfinder Award honors those who encourage others to seek new worlds to discover, pathways to explore, and un-touched destinations to reach. We are pleased to announce the recipients who will be honored at our Spring Luncheon on Tuesday, May 18.

**B. Jean Floten**, for her vision, dedication, and leadership of Bellevue College since 1989. She has built Bellevue College from a community college offering associate degrees and vocational training to a four-year college offering a wide variety of vocational and academic programs, including technology, healthcare, and applied baccalaureate degrees.

**Mary Smith**, performing arts teacher, who, over the last 24 years, has inspired 5,000 Franklin High School students to sing, dance, and act in musicals. She has written her own musical, *Bye Bye Miss American Pie*, which will be performed by Franklin alums who were inspired, coached, and taught by her over the years.

**The Overlake School**, for raising the funds to build a school, playground, and library for students in Pailin province, Cambodia. Overlake faculty and students have traveled to Cambodia to teach English, arts and crafts, music, and dance; distribute backpacks and school supplies; and install playground equipment.

## **Volunteers needed to present High School Book Awards**

Each spring, we award a personally inscribed book to outstanding graduating seniors in participating high schools throughout the Puget Sound area. This is one way we encourage and reward outstanding scholastic achievement in the liberal arts and sciences. High school principals or guidance counselors are asked to provide the name of one graduating senior who exemplifies what PBK represents — a love of learning, as demonstrated by their academic achievement as well as a record of service to others.

Schools may select multiple award recipients. However, we can only pay for the first book per school. Additional books, with the students' names inscribed on the bookplates, may be ordered at a cost of \$35 each, including shipping and handling.

We need Phi Beta Kappa members to present the books at the local high school award ceremonies in May and June. If you would like additional information about the program or would like to volunteer, please call Linda Willenberg at (425) 641-1606 or e-mail either [pbkhighschoolcoord@psa-pbk.org](mailto:pbkhighschoolcoord@psa-pbk.org) or [president@psa-pbk.org](mailto:president@psa-pbk.org).

**Questions? E-mail us at [administration@psa-pbk.org](mailto:administration@psa-pbk.org) OR [president@psa-pbk.org](mailto:president@psa-pbk.org)**

## Our heartfelt thanks

It is once again our privilege to thank those generous people who have contributed to our scholarship funds and other programs. Some of these wonderful Phi Betes have contributed more than once during the period between July 1, 2009 and February 17, 2010. We all appreciate that it can be a sacrifice to help with our goals of supporting high academics and scholarship during these difficult economic times. Thank you, thank you, thank you, and even again, thank you!

### **Contributions over \$100**

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## Ernest R. Stiefel Award now \$3,000

Phi Betes from the University of Washington, the University of Puget Sound, Washington State University, Whitman College, the University of Hawaii, the University of Idaho, the University of Oregon, Lewis and Clark College, Reed College, and Willamette University who will begin graduate or professional school at the UW or UPS in the fall of 2010 are invited to apply for the \$3,000 Stiefel Award. The deadline is June 23, and all applicants will be notified of their status after August 1. For more information and application materials, visit [http://psa-pbk.org/scholarships\\_awards.html](http://psa-pbk.org/scholarships_awards.html).

### **Spotlight on Karrin Klotz**

Board member Karrin Klotz, who is also chair of the High School Outreach Program, was recently elected to the board of directors of Washington Women Lawyers as their co-vice president for membership. WWL has as its principal purposes furthering the full integration of women into the legal profession, promoting equal rights and opportunities for women, and preventing discrimination against them. Through the combined resources of a statewide organization and a network of local chapters, WWL offers programming and support for women lawyers throughout Washington.

Klotz's first action on behalf of the organization involved testifying before the King County Council on recent proposed budget cuts, one of which was to close the Maleng Regional Justice Center Law Library in Kent. Washington Women Lawyers joined with several state minority bar associations in presenting a joint letter to the council protesting this proposal on the grounds that many pro se litigants and minority solo practitioners are unable to afford expensive online research and instead rely on the law library to do the legal research necessary to prepare their cases. Judge Mary I. Yu of the King County Superior Court introduced the various representatives from the sponsoring associations, and Klotz presented her testimony on the effects of the proposed closure on women attorneys in the state, many of whom are solo practitioners. The issue was resolved favorably for the minority associations and the law library remains open.

### **42nd Phi Beta Kappa Society Triennial Council**

Nancy Blase and Linda Willenberg represented PSA-PBK at the 42nd Triennial Council from October 1 to 4, 2009, in Austin, Texas. Association and chapter delegates adopted amendments to the PBK constitution, elected 15 new senators and four new nominating committee members, elected a new president and vice president, and granted PBK charters to four institutions. The visiting scholar lecture, "American History in a Global Perspective," was given by Thomas Bender.

Fred H. Cate of Indiana University was elected president and Kathryn R. Soule of Dartmouth College was elected vice president.

John Seery received the Sidney Hook Memorial Award and Douglas Greenberg received the PBK Award for Distinguished Service to the Humanities.

PBK charters were granted to Butler University (Indianapolis), the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University (St. Joseph, Minnesota), Elon University (Elon, North Carolina), and James Madison University (Harrisonburg, Virginia).

Delegates also met to discuss strategies for increasing membership, ideas for speakers and events, and communication strategies, including expanding our Web sites and the use of Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn. Suggestions included having more events on weekends and evenings, having author readings, and offering events just for young Phi Betes.

The council delegates' reception was held at the University of Texas Alumni Center. After the reception, delegates had the opportunity to visit either the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum or the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center.

The 43rd Triennial Council will be held at The Breakers in Palm Beach, Florida, from August 2 to 4, 2012. Additional information can be found on the PBK Web site, <http://www.pbk.org>.

### **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>.

**Chapter News**

***VP Oppenheimer retires as executive secretary of Alpha Chapter***

Gerry Oppenheimer, PSA-PBK vice president, has retired as executive secretary of the Alpha Chapter at the University of Washington, in which position he served with great distinction for 15 years. He helped move the chapter to a more stable financial footing and rationalized election and office procedures. Oppenheimer was the point of contact for students invited to join PBK, and he always understood their issues and concerns. He interacted with numerous campus departments in the course of his work, and was a very effective ambassador for PBK. Cheryl Mathisen, Oppenheimer's successor, reports that the staff in Data Management (part of the Registrar's office) "really liked Gerry, and would do anything for him." Members of the chapter's executive committee honored Gerry with a gift of \$600 to PSA-PBK's scholarship fund and a crystal stein engraved with the Greek letters ΦBK. We wish him all the best in his retirement!

***New executive secretary at Alpha Chapter***

The Alpha Chapter extends a warm welcome to Cheryl Mathisen, the newly appointed executive secretary, who recently retired from the UW's English department. Her office is 416 Bagley Hall, and her e-mail is [uwpbk@u.washington.edu](mailto:uwpbk@u.washington.edu).

***PSA-PBK co-sponsors Winter Reception at the University of Washington***

One year ago, PSA-PBK and the Washington Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa co-sponsored a successful event in honor of the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. On February 11 of this year, the organizations sponsored a second event in what is hoped will become a regular winter series.

At the UW Club on the University of Washington campus, about 60 PBK members and their guests enjoyed a riveting presentation by Professor John Delaney, the Jerome M. Paros Endowed Chair in Sensor Networks at the UW School of Oceanography.

The event brought over 30 UW students (both current and prospective PBK members), 16 PSA-PBK members, and UW faculty and staff together for an evening of food, conversation, and intellectual stimulation. The event was co-sponsored by PSA-PBK, the Alpha Chapter, and the UW Honors Program. It allowed future and current PBK members to interact, and introduced the value and significance of PBK membership to a number of UW students who were previously unaware of the organization. Joe Janes, Alpha president, served as host and MC for the evening. Linda Willenberg, PSA-PBK president, also addressed the gathering. Before and after the programmed addresses, attendees met and mingled while enjoying delicious and appetizing refreshments.

Professor Delaney's address was the centerpiece of the evening. Accompanied by a dramatic slideshow, he first described the signal importance of the oceans to all of the important dynamic processes of the earth. Yet we remain profoundly ignorant about most of what takes place beneath the oceans' surfaces. He then described the National Science Foundation's new Ocean Observatories Initiative, which Delaney has been instrumental in bringing to fruition. Bringing together the latest scientific advances in robotics, genome sciences, high-speed data communications and processing, nanotechnology, and other disciplines, it will establish distributed robot-sensor networks in key areas of the ocean floor. These networks, the largest of which will be located on the Juan de Fuca plate off the Washington coast, will enable unprecedented monitoring of seismic and volcanic events, current and temperature fluctuations, and biosystems for decades to come. Computer-generated animated renditions of the planned networks displayed on Professor Delaney's slideshow drew gasps of wonderment from many in attendance.

**Delta plans April initiation**

This April, select members of the University of Puget Sound classes of 2010 and 2011 will be initiated into Phi Beta Kappa at an evening ceremony at the President’s House. The new Phi Betes will be honored during Commencement Weekend in May at a celebration luncheon with university trustees, President Ronald R. Thomas, and Delta Chapter faculty.

In October 2009, UPS physics professor Alan Thorndike gave the Magee Address, “Remarks About Penrose Tilings,” in which he explored the geometric symmetries of two-dimensional designs (tiling refers to covering a surface without leaving any holes or overlaps). To learn more about what makes an interesting pattern, visit <http://www2.ups.edu/pbk/Magee.htm>.

The Magee Address was established in honor of John B. Magee, UPS professor of philosophy and religion and a driving force in establishing the Delta Chapter in 1986. It focuses on either the lecturer’s scholarly inquiries or intellectual hobbies and must include a reflection about how PBK values (broad intellectual curiosity, scholarly ethics and rigor, personal excellence, commitment to the liberal arts) have impacted the lecturer’s work.

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Guest name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Spring Luncheon, May 18, 11:45 am, (RSVP May 11)

lemon-garlic chicken \_\_\_

mushroom ravioli (vegetarian)

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Guest name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Streissguth Gardens Tour, April 10, 11:00 am

\_\_\_ # attending - No charge, but please RSVP

Guest name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Kaffeeklatsch and visit to W.W. Seymour Conservatory RSVP by April 16

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Guest name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Those who serve on your board**

The Phi Betes who serve on your board of trustees include Linda Willenberg, president; Gerry Oppenheimer, vice president and archivist; Myra Lupton, secretary; Daniel Leach, treasurer; and Kate Gunsul, past president. Others on the board are Redmond Barnett, Vivian Chun, Barbara Clinton, Joe Janes, Howard M. Johnson, Karrin Klotz, Benjamin Lukoff, Margaret Palmquest, Louise Richards, and Amy Ryken. Non-board members serving on committees are Greta Austin, Nancy Blase, Chuck Goldstein, Wilson O'Donnell, Terry Pottmeyer, David Rose, and Ernest R. Stiefel

## ***Message from your president***

It is my honor and privilege to continue to serve you as the president of the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa. The board of trustees has been working hard to enhance communication with members, and to plan a wide variety of academic, cultural, and social activities. We have expanded our newsletter and Web site and added social networking options. We welcome your input and participation. We would also like to increase our membership, so please share information about our association with other Phi Betes, and encourage them to visit our Web site, <http://psa-pbk.org>, and attend our activities. Contact us if you have suggestions for activities, or would like to serve on one of our committees the board of trustees. I can be reached at [president@psa-pbk.org](mailto:president@psa-pbk.org) or (425) 641-1606.

— Linda Willenberg, President

Please check our Web site, <http://psa-pbk.org>, periodically for updated information on our association and upcoming events. If you have recently moved or changed your e-mail address, please let us know. You can contact us at Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa, P.O. Box 15258, Seattle, WA 98115-9998, or by e-mail at [administration@psa-pbk.org](mailto:administration@psa-pbk.org).



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