

The Key Connection

PUGET SOUND ASSOCIATION OF PHI BETA KAPPA

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Prof. William P. Reinhardt,
speaker at the PSA-PBK
Spring Luncheon:

**Thursday, April 7, 11:30
a.m., at the College Club
of Seattle**

High school outreach

For a number of years, PSA-PBK has sponsored an annual awards program in high schools, both public and private, in Clallam, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Mason, Pierce, San Juan, Thurston, and Whatcom Counties. It honors high school students who have demonstrated the highest level of scholastic excellence. At the same time, it introduces Phi Beta Kappa and its ideals to students still in high school who are likely to be elected to PBK in college. This past year, PSA-PBK contributed books to 73 schools.

Scholarships

PSA-PBK will again award five scholarships of \$1,500 each to undergraduates at the University of Washington and the University of Puget Sound, and present one or two Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Awards totaling \$3,500. Conditions and requirements are posted on our Web site under Scholarships and Awards.

Phi Beta Kappa Fellow William P. Reinhardt to speak at Spring Luncheon

William P. Reinhardt, professor of chemistry and adjunct professor of physics at the University of Washington, will speak at the Association's Spring Luncheon, to be held at the College Club of Seattle on Thursday, April 7 at 11:30 a.m. His talk, entitled "Chaos, the Birth of a New Science," will be of interest to anyone who has wondered why the weather is not necessarily predictable, or why snowflakes and fingerprints are thought to be in a "no two alike" category. Professor Reinhardt's presentation will be a general pictorial and almost entirely nonmathematical introduction to an ongoing scientific revolution.

Professor Reinhardt began teaching at the UW in 1991 after having held faculty positions at Harvard University, the University of Colorado/Joint Institute of Laboratory Astrophysics, and the University of Pennsylvania. He earned his B.S. in 1964 from the University of California, Berkeley, his A.M. in 1966 from Harvard, and his Ph.D. in 1968, also from Harvard. A distinguished scholar and lively speaker, Reinhardt has a keen interest in teaching students of all levels and in educating the general public about what's happening in science and mathematics. His distinctions include being a Guggenheim Fellow, a Fulbright senior scholar, and a Wilshire Fellow at the University of Melbourne. He is the recipient of the Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award as well as the Fresenius Award of Phi Lambda Upsilon and a host of visiting scientist appointments.

Located at 505 Madison Street in downtown Seattle, the College Club was established in 1910 to foster a spirit of camaraderie and cordiality reminiscent of the university experience. Meal choices include halibut steak almonidine and vegetarian stirfry with rice; the cost is \$25 a person. Please make your reservations by March 30 using the form at the bottom of the next page. For driving directions and parking information, please visit our Web site, <http://www.psa-pbk.org>.

From your president

Recently, a member of our Board of Trustees was asked by another association to assist them in establishing a scholarship program. They contacted the right man! Vice President Gerry Oppenheimer's reply read like an intellectual history of this organization, for our scholarship program, in his words, has been our *raison d'être*. It has changed through the more than 50 years of our existence, but the principal goal has remained the same: to encourage young scholars in their pursuit of higher education. We spend a good deal of time at our monthly board meetings honing the scholarship and awards programs to make them even more effective and to fairly select the very best recipients. Again quoting Gerry, "the central focus of our scholarship program and our other endeavors—e.g., nonmonetary awards to individuals and organizations that extend themselves beyond their ordinary activities, lectures, a high school outreach (book award) program—is to enhance what we regard as the soul of PBK: the fostering of liberal education, in all its guises." No one knows better than a Phi Bete how important our work is, and we unabashedly invite you to continue supporting all these programs. A portion of your dues is funneled into the scholarship account, but if you would like to donate more, a space is provided for you to do so on the coupon on the next page.

– Your president, Kate Ostrom

Tour of Kubota Garden scheduled for May 1

Please join us for a tour of the newly renovated Kubota Garden, located at 55th and Renton Avenues S. in South Seattle, at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 1. The elegant formal entrance invites visitors to explore 20 acres of hills and valleys, streams, waterfalls, ponds, rock outcroppings, and a rich collection of plants. We will meet in the parking lot off 55th Avenue at 10:45. Reservations, which you can make using the coupon on the next page, are \$5 a person. Fees will benefit the Kubota Garden Foundation and the PSA-PBK Scholarship Fund. For more information on the garden and its history, visit its Web site at <http://www.kubota.org>.



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Continue the legacy

As part of its mission, the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa awards scholarships to well qualified undergraduate and graduate students in financial need. Long ago, the Association established a scholarship fund for these grants. We rely on member donations to ensure this much-needed tradition continues for generation after generation. May we suggest that the next time you revise your will you consider including a bequest to the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa? For more information, please contact us by phone, mail, or e-mail, using the information at the bottom of this page.

Words of wisdom

Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave.
— Henry Peter Brougham to the British House of Commons, January 29, 1828.

Upon the education of the people of this country the fate of this country depends.
— Benjamin Disraeli to the British House of Commons, June 15, 1874.

New PSA-PBK treasurer

We are pleased to welcome Dan Leach to the Board of Trustees as assistant treasurer. A 2003/04 initiate to the Alpha Chapter, Dan served as treasurer for his UW fraternity and now works for Wells Fargo. He will serve as assistant to our current treasurer, Larry Katz, until the end of June, at which time he will become treasurer. We expect good things of Dan in this key position.

Alpha Chapter news

This year the Alpha of Washington chapter at the University of Washington is arranging some new activities tailored to the needs of PBK student members who are still on campus. A series of three lunches will be held, arranged jointly by the chapter and the UW Honors Program, at which undergraduate members will be given the opportunity to meet with distinguished faculty members, who will discuss their research with the students. The first invited guest will be Professor Richard Salomon, a world-famous scholar of early Buddhism and director of the University of Washington/British Library Early Buddhist Manuscript Project.

The chapter is also pleased to announce that the speaker for this year's initiation ceremony will be Professor Eugene Webb, past Chair of Comparative Religion and professor of comparative religion, comparative literature, and English. The ceremony will take place on June 9, 2005, in the HUB Auditorium; Professor Webb's topic will be "Religion as a Humanistic Study in the 21st Century."

February kaffeeklatsch

There was plenty of coffee, bagels, frittata, fruit, and juice—but more important was the good conversation that flowed at the February kaffeeklatsch. Karrin Klotz, former PSA-PBK president, who now teaches law—especially intellectual property law—at the University of Washington, Seattle University, and Bellevue Community College, shared her expertise as she gave a talk entitled "Pirates Come in All Sizes and Shapes: The Wave of Recent Lawsuits Concerning Intellectual Property (Patents,

Copyrights, Trademarks, Trade Secrets)." The 13 guests were able to ask questions and share their own personal experiences. Thanks to committee members Bonnieclare Erling and Nancy Blase for the refreshments and to our president, Kate Ostrom, for sharing her home for the event.

We plan to hold more kaffeeklatsches in the future and already have two discussion leader volunteers—and perhaps another, larger home for September. Let us know if you wish to be notified of the details by contacting Kate Ostrom at (425) 255-3151 or kateostrom@aol.com, or by using the form at the bottom of this page.

Second library tour a success

Oops! We hope you weren't one of those who missed it. We toured Seattle's new Central Library for the second time on March 5. Our first tour was so well received that a second one grew out of the desire to give all PSA-PBK members a chance to participate.

This time the tour was led by John Magnusson, PE, structural design engineer and president of Magnusson Klemencic Associates, who were central to the building's construction. He started with a short slide program on the Central Library's planning and construction, and then led us through the building, pointing out details that most people wouldn't notice or understand.

Afterwards, a small group elected to have lunch together and further discuss Seattle's newest tourist destination. This has proven to be our most popular tour, which perhaps underscores the reputation the Puget Sound area has as a place of literacy.

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Have you ever read about one of our activities in this newsletter, but later couldn't remember when it's scheduled for? Do you want to read about our events in a lot more detail? Have you ever misplaced your issue of *The Key Connection* and wanted to register for a tour or a luncheon? What about those events not in this newsletter, which only comes out twice a year? Not to worry! If you have access to the Internet, just go to our Web site—<http://www.psa-pbk.org>—to find the information you're looking for. Sections include About Us, Membership, Activities, Scholarships & Awards, Newsletter, Officers, Links, and Contact Us.

In the Activities section, you'll find a considerable amount of information on our events, past, present, and future. You can even print out registration forms! The Newsletter section gives you access to every issue of *The Key Connection* from fall 2001 to the present. And the Links section includes pointers to the national society, other local associations, the Alpha Chapter, the UW, UPS, and Hand & Hammer Silversmiths, makers of PBK keys, certificates, and other paraphernalia. How does all this get on the PSA-PBK site? Chuck Goldstein, our Webmaster, volunteers his time to upload and format the information, making sure it all fits together and is visually pleasing as well. We hope you find your Association's Web pages useful!

Pay your dues for 2004/2005 and get involved!

It's never too early to support PSA-PBK. Please check the date on your mailing label to see if your membership has expired. Dues are tax-deductible.

_____ \$30/Regular _____ \$60/Sustaining _____ \$100/Patron
_____ \$250/Key _____ Please contact me, I want to volunteer.

Spring Luncheon, Thursday, April 7 (RSVP by March 30)

Total number attending @ \$25 each: _____

Meal: Halibut _____ Vegetarian _____

Kubota Garden Tour, Sunday, May 1

Total number attending: _____

Price: \$5 per person

I would like to attend [], host [], or lead []
the next **kaffeeklatsch**. Please call me.

My enclosed check to PSA-PBK is allocated as follows:

\$ _____ Total amount for Spring Luncheon
\$ _____ Total amount for Kubota Garden Tour
\$ _____ Total amount for scholarship donation
\$ _____ Total amount for dues
\$ _____ Total check amount

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