



The Key Connection

news & events

Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa

Fall Luncheon on October 31 David Brewster's three R's for local politics

Monday, October 31, 11:45 a.m.
Red Lion Hotel, 11211 Main Street, Bellevue



Longtime observer of the Seattle political and cultural scene David Brewster will speak at our Fall Luncheon October 31 in Bellevue. His talk will be on "Local Elections: What's Really at Stake in Seattle and Bellevue?"

On the eve of the November election, Brewster will talk about some of the key races, how changing demographics are altering local politics, and how economic transitions are changing the political complexion of the region. He will also put forth his three R's for local politics: regionalism, reform, and realism.

David Brewster has been writing about Seattle politics for the past four decades, beginning at KING Broadcasting's *Seattle* magazine and founding *Seattle Weekly* and, most recently, Crosscut.com, an online daily for the region. He is also founder of Town Hall Seattle, a civic and performance venue on First Hill. Brewster earned his Phi Beta Kappa key at Yale College, and put in some time as an English professor at the University of Washington.

The luncheon will take place on Monday, October 31, at the Red Lion Hotel in Bellevue, 11211 Main Street. Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m.; doors open at 11:30. The cost is \$30 per person. Please make your reservation using the enclosed coupon or online before Tuesday, October 25.

Dim sum lunch on October 16

Please join us for a delicious no-host dim sum lunch on Sunday, October 16, at 1:30 p.m. Joy Palace Restaurant, located at 6030 Martin Luther King Jr. Way S. in Seattle, is very popular and well known by local Chinese residents for its delectable cuisine. The restaurant is located in the inside corner of a strip mall, which includes a large parking area, at Martin Luther King Jr. Way S. and S. Graham Street. Don't miss out on this true Chinese experience! RSVPs are not required, but would be appreciated by Vivian Chun at (206) 325-1507. You are welcome to bring guests.

Young Phi Bete social on October 17

Please join other young Phi Betes for a networking event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 17, at the Washington Commons at the UW Tower, 4333 Brooklyn Avenue N.E., Seattle. Enjoy a slice of pizza, meet other Phi Betes, and learn more about Phi Beta Kappa. Norman G. Arkans, associate vice president of media relations and communications at the University of Washington, will be our speaker, sharing his insights for recent college graduates starting out and building a career.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 11 to president@psa-pbk.org. If you are bringing a guest, please include your guest's name. Paid parking is available in the UW Tower parking garage, at other nearby lots, or on the street. You will need your Husky Card or other photo ID to enter the UW Tower.

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Wrapped! The Search for the Essential Mummy

As the second of three Egypt-related events, a group of our members visited the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma on July 17 to see the exhibit “Wrapped! The Search for the Essential Mummy.”

The exhibit is the fruit of two searches: Tacoma businessman Allen Mason’s 19th-century search for a mummy, and Egyptologist Jonathan Elias’s 21st-century search for all the mummies from the cemetery where Mason’s mummy was buried. Along with 18th- and 19th-century engravings, ancient amulets, kitten mummies, and coffin cases, the exhibit examines the modern imaging technology that lets us see mummies without unwrapping them, and three-dimensional forensic busts that show how ancient people looked.

The visit included a presentation by curator and PSA-PBK trustee Redmond J. Barnett, and a spirited discussion of the ethics of mummy display. (“Wrapped!” closed September 11; we plan a visit to the Pacific Science Center’s King Tut exhibit that will run from May 2012 to January 2013.)

A successful tour of Seattle’s Japanese Garden

This past May, PSA-PBK members had the opportunity to tour the Japanese Garden in Seattle’s Washington Park Arboretum. This 3 ½-acre formal garden was designed and constructed under the supervision of world-renowned Japanese garden designer Juki Iida in 1960. The primroses, wisteria, and azaleas were in full bloom. Docents provided information on the history and design of the gardens, including the flowers, rocks, waterfall, statues, and koi ponds. After the garden tour, participants observed a traditional Japanese tea ceremony and enjoyed a serving of green tea and sweets.

Judith Crutcher returns to the PSA-PBK board

Judith Crutcher, a longtime board member from the early 1970s through the late ’80s, has returned to the board. She served as president of PSA-PBK from 1979 to 1981. In 1989, she and her family moved from Seattle to Louisville, Kentucky. There was then no alumni association in the Louisville area. With the help of others, Judy founded the Kentuckiana Association of Phi Beta Kappa and served as its president from 1993 until 2007. (“Kentuckiana” refers to the Kentucky–southern Indiana region, Indiana lying just across the Ohio River from Louisville.) This association became a very active mid-sized association, with some 100 members, and was instrumental in helping the University of Louisville apply for a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Based on her experience with PSA-PBK, Crutcher established a similar high school book award. She had been actively involved in our own book program, and the early book mailing parties were held at her home. She is very interested in issues such as the declining national recognition of Phi Beta Kappa and the low acceptance rate of those elected for membership. She is also very interested in promoting the vitality of the chapters in this area. She looks forward to sharing some of her experiences with an association in another part of the country and her attendance at a number of national triennial meetings. She brings some 40 years of involvement with Phi Beta Kappa to our board.

PSA-PBK, the Internet, and you

Even though PSA-PBK has had a Web site for nearly a decade, it is only in the last few years that we have truly turned to the Internet as a means of communication just as important as this newsletter. We started out small, by e-mailing our membership when a new issue was published. Soon, we began to send event invitations via e-mail as well. In 2010, we opened accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn, which help us communicate not only with you, but with people and organizations who share our interests, no matter where they are located. This year, we took the logical step of accepting online membership applications, payments, and donations. Online signup has been a boon as well—most of our newly initiated members have chosen this method to join our ranks. If you haven’t already, please join us online at <http://tinyurl.com/psapbk-facebook>, <http://tinyurl.com/psapbk-linkedin>, or <http://tinyurl.com/psapbk-twitter>. Please also make sure we have your current e-mail address. The *Key Connection* only comes out twice a year, so if we don’t have your e-mail, you’re likely to miss a lot of news and special events!

Your board of trustees and committee members

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Members who are not on the board but serve on committees: Greta Austin, Chuck Goldstein, Carol Goodall, Wilson O'Donnell.

If you would like to serve on a committee or join the board of trustees, please e-mail Linda Willenberg at linda@willenbergs.com.

Nominations for the 2012 Pathfinder Awards

Each year at our Spring Luncheon we honor individuals, businesses, and organizations with our prestigious Pathfinder Award. It reflects the imagery on the Phi Beta Kappa key—a hand pointing to the stars—and is awarded to those who 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 the imagination. So often the good work done in our community to foster intellectual growth and creativity goes unnoticed. This is your opportunity as a PSA-PBK member to submit a nomination for this award.

Additional information about the Pathfinder Award can be found on our Web site at http://www.psa-pbk.org/scholarships_awards.html. Nominations can be sent to pathfinder@psa-pbk.org or PSA-PBK, P.O. Box 15258, Seattle, WA 98115. Please submit your nominations by January 1, 2012.

PSA-PBK presents 130 books to high-school seniors

As part of our High School Outreach Awards, this past spring we gave 130 books to outstanding graduating seniors in the Puget Sound area. The program introduces students to Phi Beta Kappa and its values, and recognizes their academic achievement. Principals at each of the participating high schools select a graduating senior who best exemplifies the values of Phi Beta Kappa. Those students are given books, on behalf of PSA-PBK, that feature nameplates with their name and their school's name written in calligraphy. Each year the PSA-PBK board of trustees selects a book which is appropriate for a high school-level reader as well as relevant and useful for someone entering college. Its subject matter must be connected with liberal education, using as its basic approach rational discourse and, as appropriate, scientific method, paying attention to evidence underlying assertions.

Carol Goodall joins the activities committee

Goodall is a graduate of Stanford University, Class of 1959. She has lived in Seattle since 1964, working for the Seattle Public Schools and Pacific Science Center. Since retiring, she has volunteered in several elementary schools. Carol has enjoyed many Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa events and is happy to be able to help with planning them.

Update from last year's Stiefel Award winner, trustee Aspasia Bartell

This past summer, Aspasia Bartell, PSA-PBK trustee and winner of the 2011 Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award, traveled to Cyprus and Greece with the American Hellenic Institute Foundation, a Greek-American D.C.-based think tank. Annually AHIF selects 8 to 12 students nationwide to take the trip, with the purpose of educating Greek-American college students on current foreign policy issues affecting the Greek-American community. On her trip, Bartell met, among others, Karolos Papoulias, president of Greece; Eleni Mavrou, mayor of Nicosia, Cyprus; and Ioannis Vrailas, now an E.U. ambassador to the U.N. You can read her story and see pictures of her trip at <http://www.psa-pbk.org/spotlight-aspasia-bartell.html>.

2011–2012 undergraduate scholarships awarded

Thanks to your donations and dues payments, PSA-PBK was able to award scholarships of \$1,600 each to the following five undergraduate students with financial needs: Stuart Drake (Chinese language and culture, UPS), Michael Hubert (accounting/finance, UW), Anna Miller (comparative history of ideas, UW), Ariana Scott-Zechlin (English, UPS), and Shelby Woods (political science and French, UW).

Because her essay was judged by the committee the most outstanding, Anna Miller was named the Ellsworth C. Alvord, Jr. Scholar for the academic year 2012, which entitled her to receive an additional \$300. 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.

2011–2012 Stiefel Award announced

Michele M. Suarez has been selected to receive the 2011–2012 Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award in the amount of \$3,700. Suarez is a 2010 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Washington, where she was a double major in anthropology and Spanish. She will enter the UW School of Law in autumn quarter 2011, and plans to specialize in public interest law. In addition to her academic achievements, Suarez has been an active volunteer at shelters for homeless women and children and undocumented children. She also interned at immigration law firms in Seattle, assisting clients with hearings and translating documents from Spanish to English.

Online payments now available

Beginning this spring, PSA-PBK has made available at <http://www.psa-pbk.org/online-payments-donations.html> the option of making payments via PayPal. You can use PayPal even if you don't have an account with the service. Funds can come from your credit card or checking account.

Our members have clearly appreciated this option, as over \$1,700 in payments for memberships, donations, and special events have been made using the system since the beginning of the year. We anticipate that in the coming year approximately 20% of payments to PSA-PBK will be handled through this system. We urge our members when using the system to be very specific as to the purpose of their payment or gift. You should receive a receipt directly from PayPal shortly after you authorize the payment. Special tabs or buttons are generally provided for specific programs, such as the Fall Luncheon or a museum tour.

Remember, it is still possible to make these payments by mailing a check directly to us. Just print a copy of the membership or scholarship forms, which are still available on our Web site, and mail it, along with your check, to PSA-PBK, P.O. Box 15258, Seattle, WA 98115.

We thank board member Benjamin Lukoff for his leadership in making these online payments possible. Ben will continue to monitor the implementation, so if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail him at web@psa-pbk.org.

Members are reminded that PSA-PBK is a 501(c)3 organization, which means both membership and donation payments are eligible for tax-exempt status. We are also able to accept matching funds from employers who have such programs. In the meantime, take a look at our Web site and send in that contribution which you've been wanting to make for some time—but just didn't have an easy way to get it done!

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. The following donations were made above the basic \$30 dues level between July 1, 2010 through August 1, 2011. Our heartfelt thanks go to you all!

Those who gave over \$200

Bobbe Bridge
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Chapter News

Alpha, University of Washington

The Alpha Chapter initiated new members at a ceremony at the University of Washington's Kane Hall on the evening of June 7. Many of the 196 new Phi Betes elected by the chapter this year took part. The ceremony began, as is now our tradition, at the Gerberding Hall bell tower, carved with depictions of the Phi Beta Kappa key; we then proceeded across Red Square, this year accompanied by a change ringing of the Gordon Stuart Peek Foundation Memorial Bells. Professor David Domke, chair of the Department of Communications, gave a spirited and lively talk, and as always, we were delighted to have Linda Willenberg join us and offer congratulations. Following the formal initiation ceremony recognizing our new members, each of whom came forward to be greeted and to sign the roll book, there was a reception in the Walker-Ames Room to round out a special evening.

Delta, University of Puget Sound

In April 2011, 57 members of the Puget Sound Class of 2011 and four members of the Class of 2012 were initiated into Phi Beta Kappa at an evening ceremony at the President's House. Initiates and Delta Chapter faculty attended a celebration luncheon with university trustees and President Ronald Thomas during Commencement Weekend in May. Delta Chapter Vice President Julie Christoph, associate professor of English, gave the celebration toast, and seniors Sara Johansen and Rob Wellington each shared a reflection about a significant Puget Sound learning experience as a part of the luncheon program. Johansen emphasized the importance of the classroom learning community and collegial interaction in learning, and Wellington emphasized the importance of the writing process to develop coherent and compelling arguments.

Phi Beta Kappa Magee Address, October 24

Professor David Tinsley: "Finding Diversity in History: Images of the Muslim Other in the Middle Ages and Their Meaning for Today"

Monday, October 24, 2011, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Trimble Forum, UPS, Tacoma

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. PSA-PBK members are invited to attend. Below is the speaker's summary.

Are you troubled by the breakdown of society, erosion of morality, the rise of a fanatical religion that seeks the destruction of the West and all the values we hold dear, a religion possessing unimaginable wealth and with no compunction about killing innocent civilians? Are you even more troubled by people who fall victim to such apocalyptic angst? You are not alone. In textual and manuscript images of Muslims, Christian writers and illuminators of the 12th and 13th centuries gave voice to analogous concerns and fears. Working from the most virulent caricatures applied to Islam in Middle High German sources, I will explore how recent research has caused us to question many assumptions concerning the racism and xenophobia of medieval sources. Not only is there astounding diversity in depiction of Muslims by authors writing in Middle High German, but John Tolan has also shown how the caricatures themselves evolved over the medieval centuries to reflect the different aims of commentators. I will conclude with some reflections on the strongly diverging views of historians concerning the legitimacy of applying modern value judgments to the study of ancient cultures, and then discuss some promising theoretical models that have emerged out of recent research inspired by post-colonialism.

Your membership committee

Your membership committee has been fully focused on the following objectives: a) Easier information sharing and payment/donation options, and b) Increasing our membership.

Online application and dues/donation payments

Until recently, all membership applications/renewals and payments were only possible through the pen/paper/check process. Thanks to the efforts of committee member Benjamin Lukoff and Treasurer Howard Johnson, these are all now possible through the Web, at <http://www.psa-pbk.org/online-payments-donations.html> and <http://www.psa-pbk.org/online-membership.html>.

Increasing our membership

One of the challenges of most not-for-profit organizations is keeping and attracting new members. One of this committee's initiatives is to define more explicitly the benefits of membership—an ongoing effort. In recognition of this fact, the PSA-PBK board voted to offer a no-fee three-year membership to recent PBK initiates in the Puget Sound area. As a result, we have had over 50 newly minted Phi Betes become PSA-PBK members since this program was rolled out in April. We are also hosting a pizza party on October 17 in the UW Tower to welcome our new and recent-initiate members as well as potential members. Please see the related article in this newsletter for more information.

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Fall Luncheon, Oct. 31 (RSVP by Oct. 25):

Grilled citrus chicken _____
Organic tofu veggie stir-fry (vegetarian) _____
Number of attendees @ \$30 = _____
Guest name(s) _____

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Message from your president

PSA-PBK adheres to Phi Beta Kappa's core values of knowledge, wisdom, intellectual honesty, broad interests, trust, integrity, and responsibility. Throughout the year we provide a wide variety of academic, cultural, and social programs and opportunities for you to connect with other Phi Betes through our newsletter and Web site, and on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

We also encourage scholastic achievement by students at the high school and college level. Last year we awarded 130 books to selected high school seniors to recognize their academic achievement; awarded \$12,000 to students at the University of Washington and the University of Puget Sound; and presented four Pathfinder Awards to individuals and organizations. All of these awards were funded by PSA-PBK member contributions.

Thank you for your membership in and support of the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa.

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.



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