



The Key Connection

News and Events

Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa

Spring Luncheon

Retired Washington Supreme Court Justice Bobbe J. Bridge: “A Judge’s Search for Children’s Rights: The Center for Children & Youth Justice”

Thursday, May 17, 11:45 a.m.
Seattle Yacht Club
1807 E. Hamlin Street, Seattle

Bobbe J. Bridge is the founding president and CEO of the Center for Children & Youth Justice (CCYJ), a nonprofit organization she created in 2006 to reform Washington State’s child welfare and juvenile justice systems. She served on the Washington Supreme Court from 2000 to 2008. Before that, she served on the King County Superior Court from 1990 to 2000, where she was chief Juvenile Court judge for three years. She continues to chair the Washington State Supreme Court Commission on Children in Foster Care.

Before joining the bench, Justice Bridge was the first female partner at the Seattle law firm of Garvey Schubert Barer. She has been honored with numerous awards for her civic involvement, philanthropy, and service to children and youth. Bridge will discuss the formation of CCYJ and its work to improve the lives of children and youth in the foster care and juvenile justice systems.

Bridge is a Phi Beta Kappa and has served on the board of trustees of the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa.

The luncheon will take place on Thursday, May 17, at the Seattle Yacht Club. Free parking is available in the adjacent parking lot. The luncheon starts at 11:45 a.m.; doors open at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$40 per person and guests are welcome. For your luncheon entrée you may select either chicken or vegetarian Portobello mushroom with roasted vegetables. Please let us know of any special dietary requests. Please make your reservation by May 10, using the coupon in this newsletter or on our website at www.psa-pbk.org.

High School Book Awards

In February, we announced our 2018 High School Book Awards. This award recognizes academic excellence and introduces graduating seniors to Phi Beta Kappa’s core values of knowledge, wisdom, intellectual honesty, broad interests, trust, integrity, and responsibility. This year’s book is *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren.

We need Phi Beta Kappa members to present the books at the schools’ award ceremonies. If you would like to volunteer to present book awards, please contact Linda Willenberg at president@psa-pbk.org or (425) 641-1606.



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Docent tour of the Museum of Flight

Saturday, May 5, 10:30 a.m.
Museum of Flight
9404 E. Marginal Way S., Tukwila

We will meet at the ticket office at the main entrance. Parking is available adjacent to the museum. The Museum of Flight was created by the Boeing Company to provide the public with information about the history of air flight and space in the United States, with an emphasis on the contributions made by Boeing. This includes interactive exhibits and simulations, and we will be led by a docent with personal knowledge and experience in the areas the tour emphasizes. When the tour is completed we will meet in Wings Café, in the museum building, for lunch and conversation. Guests are welcome.

The cost is \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors (65 and over), and \$11 for youth (5 to 17). Children 4 and under are free. For more information about the museum, please visit www.museumofflight.org.

Please RSVP with your payment by April 27, using the coupon in this newsletter or on our website at www.psa-pbk.org.

Docent tour of the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden

Saturday, June 2, 11 a.m.
Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden
13735 24th Avenue S., SeaTac

You and your guests are invited to join us for a docent tour of the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden. The garden is located adjacent to the SeaTac Community Center and includes a sensory garden, a Japanese garden, fuchsias, roses, daylilies, and irises. Parking is available adjacent to the garden and the community center. For additional information about the garden, please visit www.highlinegarden.org.

The cost of the docent tour is \$5 per person. Please RSVP with your payment by May 29, using the coupon in the newsletter or on our website at www.psa-pbk.org.

Wooden O: Shakespeare's *King Lear* in Luther Burbank Park

Sunday, August 2, 1:30 p.m.
Luther Burbank Park Amphitheatre
2040 84th Avenue S.E., Mercer Island

Please join us to see a free production of *King Lear* by Wooden O (Seattle Shakespeare Company). The play will begin at 2 p.m. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on and your own snacks/picnic. Look for the Phi Beta Kappa sign to sit near other Phi Betes and their guests.

Free parking is available at the park, and overflow parking is available at the Mercer Island Community and Event Center nearby. Bus service is available to the Mercer Island Park-and-Ride, which is a few blocks uphill from Luther Burbank Park.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Willenberg at president@psa-pbk.org or (425) 641-1606.

Results from the PSA-PBK membership survey

Thanks to all who participated in our 5-minute online membership survey. Seventy-two of you expressed your thoughts around finding value in PSA-PBK activities and programs, offering comments and advice. Some highlights:

Length of membership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 57% over 5 years • 21% less than 1 year 	Age range of members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 62% over age 46 • 51% over age 66 • 12% between ages 18–28
Top 3 membership benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champions liberal education • Supports scholarships and awards • PSA-PBK programs and events 	Events/activities participated in last 2 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60% attended spring/fall luncheons • 46% attended “special events” • 36% attended “outings”
Date and time preferred for programs/activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 64% for “weekend daytime” • 38% for “weekday daytime” 	How likely to renew/remain member: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 93% “absolutely certain” or “pretty sure”

Membership still skews towards the mature end of the spectrum. However, we have seen growth in the younger age range as well. We have made conscious efforts to try new activities and programs appealing to the future of our organization.

It was noteworthy that the top two benefits valued by members were “champions liberal education” and “supports scholarships and awards.”

Respondents provided valuable comments and suggestions for improvements, which the board will use in becoming even more relevant and of value to our membership.

Thanks again for your participation in the survey.

Dennis Yamashita
Chair, Membership Committee

President’s message

The Phi Beta Kappa Society has 286 chapters at colleges and universities around the country. Their primary mission is to invite students in the liberal arts and sciences to become members of Phi Beta Kappa, based on academic success and breadth of study. There are also 50 Phi Beta Kappa alumni associations, including the Puget Sound Association. PSA-PBK was founded in 1951 by Seattle-area members from the University of Washington and the community to support liberal education. Our constitution was adopted by the Phi Beta Kappa Society on January 22, 1953 — 65 years ago.

Soon afterwards, PSA-PBK began its High School Book Awards program, which continues to this day. In 1969 we began our scholarships, which are now offered to undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Washington and the University of Puget Sound. We have subsequently added our Pathfinder Awards and Humanities Achievement Awards.

Your dues and contributions support all of our programs, including these awards and scholarships, speaker honorariums, and other member events.

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

Linda Willenberg
President

Your PSA-PBK board and committee members

Linda Willenberg, president; Benjamin Lukoff, vice president and electronic communications coordinator; Terry Janowski, secretary; Howard Johnson, treasurer; Erin Stumbaugh, assistant treasurer.

Other board members include Dennis Adler, Kate Gunsul, Karrin Klotz, Derek Little, Myra Lupton, William Mari, Harrison Owens, Margaret Palmquest, Edward Perrin, Louise Richards, Amy Ryken, Doris Stiefel, Moira Tamayo, and Dennis Yamashita.

Non-board committee members include Joe Bruner, K'ai Roberts Fu, Joan Peterson, and Barbee Tucker-Pigott.

Meet your new PSA-PBK board members

Harrison Owens

Owens attended the University of Washington for both his undergraduate studies and law school. After graduating in 2016, he clerked for Judge Michael Trickey at the Washington Court of Appeals. In 2018, he will begin a clerkship at the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington. Outside of work, he enjoys playing soccer, learning guitar, and studying Japanese. He looks forward to serving PSA-PBK and its members.

Moira Tamayo

Tamayo graduated from Vassar College with a degree in anthropology. However, her career has been in marketing and business development, primarily in the financial services industry. Originally from Argentina, she has also worked in Mexico, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, and several U.S. cities. She moved from Cincinnati to Seattle last year to work for Amazon Pay, first as head of U.S. marketing and more recently as head of the U.S. volume business. Her partner, Steven, their dog, and their cat also made the move. Tamayo is a widow with two adult children who live in Louisiana and New York. She's excited to make a positive contribution to PSA-PBK.

Scholarships offered by PSA-PBK

PSA-PBK supports education in several ways, including through direct financial support to students at the University of Washington and the University of Puget Sound. Our two scholarship programs, one for undergraduates and one for graduate students, are named for inspirational former board members.

The Ernest R. Stiefel Graduate Study Award is given annually to an outstanding student who is starting graduate or professional school at either UPS or UW. Candidates must be members of Phi Beta Kappa. The award is \$4,500 and the application due date each year is June 30.

The Gerald J. Oppenheimer Undergraduate Scholarships are awarded to UPS and UW undergraduates. Each spring, the schools invite a few students with very high GPAs to submit an application by writing a brief essay on the question "What book would you recommend to every college student?" We give \$2,000 scholarships to five students, one of whom is also selected to receive the additional \$400 Ellsworth C. Alvord Jr. award.

For more information, please visit www.psa-pbk.org. Over the years, members have generously supported the scholarship programs, and we thank you! Donations may be made using the coupon in this newsletter or on our website.

Thank you to our donors

The Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa gratefully acknowledges the following individuals for their generosity. Their contributions support our undergraduate and graduate scholarships, our High School Book Awards, our Humanities Achievement Awards, our Pathfinder Awards, and speakers and events throughout the year.

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News from the UW Chapter

The University of Washington Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa held its annual reception on February 15. Each year, the chapter invites a distinguished UW faculty member to give an informal talk. This year, we were delighted that Professor Amy Snover, who is director of the Climate Impacts Group and assistant dean of applied research in the College of the Environment, could join us at the event.

Attendees listened with great interest as Snover reflected on her 20 years at the interface of scholarship and decision-making on climate change. She addressed the challenges she faces as she navigates the personal, institutional, and societal pressures on freedom of expression in politically conflicted contexts.

The reception brings together new student Phi Betes, invitees, campus Phi Betes, and guests for conversation and refreshments, and to learn more about the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

Phi Beta Kappa Triennial Council

The Triennial Council is the legislative body of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, which convenes every three years to conduct the society's business. Phi Beta Kappa executives and senators, as well as representatives from the society's 286 college/university chapters and 50 alumni associations, meet to charter new chapters, elect new leadership for the following triennium, and discuss policies affecting the society as a whole. Attendees will also have the opportunity to attend lectures highlighting excellence in the liberal arts and sciences, and will meet with other representatives to share ideas for member events and strengthening our chapters and alumni associations.

The 45th Triennial will be held from August 2–4, 2018, in Boston, Massachusetts. Representatives from PSA-PBK, the University of Washington Alpha Chapter, and the University of Puget Sound Delta Chapter are invited to attend.

Pathfinder Awards

Each year at our spring luncheon we honor individuals, businesses, or institutions with our Pathfinder Award. The award reflects the imagery on the Phi Beta Kappa key — a hand pointing to the stars. It honors those who encourage others to seek new worlds to discover, pathways to explore, and untouched destinations to reach. These awards will be presented at our luncheon on May 17.

Art with Heart, for creating therapeutic activity books and spreading the healing power of creative expression to kids facing trauma or adversity.

Detective Denise “Cookie” Bouldin, for starting Detective Cookie's Urban Youth Chess Club, where youth have fun playing chess, a positive activity that develops critical thinking and problem-solving skills, teaches youth about the consequences of their actions, and improves their self-esteem.

Humanities Achievement Award

On the 50th anniversary of the National Endowment of the Humanities and National Endowment of the Arts in 2015, PSA-PBK established its Humanities Achievement Award to recognize individuals and institutions who have contributed outstanding work in the humanities. At our spring luncheon, the following award will be presented.

David Armstrong, executive producer/artistic director of the 5th Avenue Theatre, for developing it into one of our nation's leading theatre companies, developing new works and innovative staging of acclaimed classical musicals. He has fostered local talent and developed mentoring programs to support young artists.

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The board of trustees of the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa would like to thank Dorsey and Whitney, LLP, for graciously hosting our monthly board meetings. We appreciate your generosity and hospitality.



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**Spring Luncheon, May 17
(RSVP by May 10)**

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Portobello mushroom (vegetarian) _____
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Name(s) _____

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**Museum of Flight Tour, May 5 (RSVP by
April 27)**

Number of attendees @ \$18 _____ (adults)
@ 16 _____ (seniors) @ \$11 _____ (youth 5-17)
Name(s) _____

**Botanical Garden Tour, June 2 (RSVP by
May 29)**

Number of attendees @ \$5 Name(s) _____

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\$16 seniors, \$11 youth)**
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