



The Key Connection

Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa (PSA-PBK) Spring Newsletter 2024

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WHAT'S NEW AT A GLANCE

+Event a Month

+Fund Development Campaign success

+Spring Luncheon—May 15

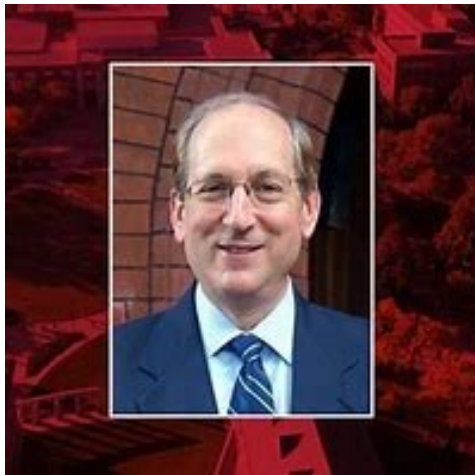
President's Message by Dennis Yamashita

Happy spring 2024! How are you celebrating this special season which is often the favorite for many. My annual ritual is visiting the cherry blossoms at the University of Washington where I'm amidst the ocean of soft white/pink blossoms surrounded by the four brick buildings around the perimeter of the Quad.

Your PSA-PBK is well and thriving thanks to your support and encouragement in promoting liberal arts and humanities. We just completed our 2024 Development Campaign in support of our scholarship Program, which was negatively affected by the effects of COVID and hyper-inflation which followed. Sincere thanks to the many of you who responded positively with your generous donations, which exceeded our goal. Howard Johnson, our intrepid Treasurer, will share the results in detail in this newsletter.

We continue to drive our activities and program offerings at least once a month. Many of you have participated; some of you often and some of you for the first time. It's lovely to gather for the program and meet informally afterwards at a coffee shop or lunch to get to know each other. This latter part has been a surprising hit in that most program attendees also stay behind to socialize afterwards. Lastly our annual Spring Luncheon, our most widely participated event, is scheduled with Fred Lawrence, CEO and Secretary of Phi Beta Kappa in Washington D.C, who will be our guest speaker. Please mark your calendar and register for the event to be held on May 15th at the Seattle Yacht Club.

I welcome your participation in our programs and events and seek your comments and feedback on how we are doing. Please write me at President@PSA-PBK.org. I look forward to meeting many of you in person at an upcoming event.



Frederick M. Lawrence
PBK Society
President/CEO

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Board Member Spotlight: Louise Richards

Louise Richards served on the Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa for about 20 years. She retired from the University of Washington Libraries after working as an academic librarian for 28 years in several branches, primarily the now closed Fisheries-Oceanography Library and the Odegaard Undergraduate Library.

Louise had a previous career in the Federal Office of Personnel Management as a trainer. She received her BA in English from the University of Washington in 1972 where she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. She earned an AM in English at the University of Chicago where she also completed all the requirements for the Ph.D. except the dissertation (colloquially known as ABD, 'all but dissertation.') Her final degree was Master of Library Science at UW. Louise's focus on the PSA-PBK board was the scholarship program where she worked with many outstanding board and non-board members. They included Gerry Oppenheimer, Karrin Klotz, Marcie Stone, Barbee Pigott and Brett Rogers (UPS.)

For more than a decade, Louise headed the Stiefel Graduate Study Award committee and took over management of the Undergraduate Scholarships when Gerry Oppenheimer passed away in 2016. The formation of the Lupton Scholarship for First-Generation Students in 2019 was a high point. The *ad hoc* committee, Barbee, Marcie, Brett and Louise, met via email for several months for thoughtful discussions about how to shape and direct the scholarship to honor the legacy of Myra Lupton and to reach and support first-generation students. Louise also chaired the Humanities Award committee for several years.

Currently, Louise serves as the Executive Secretary of the UW Alpha chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, a position she has held since 2016. Outside of PBK, she enjoys travel, hiking and the family dogs and cats.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Howard Johnson, Treasurer

Special Development Effort in 2023-24 Year

In an earlier section of this newsletter, it was mentioned that the special development effort beginning in early February this year has been a critical piece of accomplishing the recovery of our scholarship fund. This is true and much of the credit should go to the five PSA-PBK members who put together a matching fund of \$3,500 to front load the effort.

The original hope was to raise at least \$7,000 to bolster the scholarship fund; however, by the time we were finished in mid-March some thirty-six of our PSA-PBK members had contributed a total of \$10,382 in scholarship support. The math says this is an average gift of almost \$290 per person ($10,382/36 = 288.39$).

Now, what does this mean for PSA-PBK in the longer term? First and most important, this success in raising an additional \$10,382 in scholarship support permits us to restore the award of four scholarships (2 regular undergraduate, 1 Lupton undergraduate, and 1 Stiefel graduate) as early as the 2024-25 school year. Current projections suggest this could be followed with something close to our pre-Covid total scholarship allocation of \$16,900 in the 2025-26 year.

Second, this successful development effort reminds all of us that good things can happen when we monitor our scholarship balances over time and take steps to recover assets when such is necessary. Continuing to place scholarship awards at the top of our list of purposes requires such diligence in planning and is critical to our future as an organization.

EVENTS/PROGRAMS:

We've continued our "One event a month" plan of offering robust programs, both large and small.

Please make plans to participate; we also welcome your suggestions for events.

Events hosted in 2024 to date:

*UW Greenhouse +lunch

*Henry Art Museum + coffee

*Coffee Meetup- Seattle Center and West Seattle

*Community service Project: Food Lifeline

*Olympics-themed seminar: Cinderella Four: Olympic Rowing Gold

*MOHAI museum tour

Annual Spring Luncheon

When: Wednesday, May 15, 11:45 a.m.

Where: Seattle Yacht Club, 1807 E. Hamlin Street, Seattle

*Featured Speaker: Frederick M. Lawrence, Secretary/CEO, The Phi Beta Kappa Society
(Meet the Speaker on Page 4)*

Seattle's Historic Yacht Club



The luncheon will take place on Wednesday, May 15, at the Seattle Yacht Club. Free parking is available in the adjacent parking lot. The luncheon will start at 11:45 a.m. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. The cost of the luncheon is \$50 per person, and guests are welcome. For your entrée you may select either lemon-herb chicken or vegetarian squash ravioli. Your meal will be served with rolls and butter and your choice of coffee, tea, or soda. Please let us know if you have any special dietary requests, i.e., if you need a gluten free or vegan meal.

Please make your reservation by May 9th by mailing your payment and menu selection to: Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa, P.O. Box 84223, Seattle, WA 98124, or paying on-line at: [Events | Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa \(psa-pbk.org\)](https://www.psa-pbk.org)

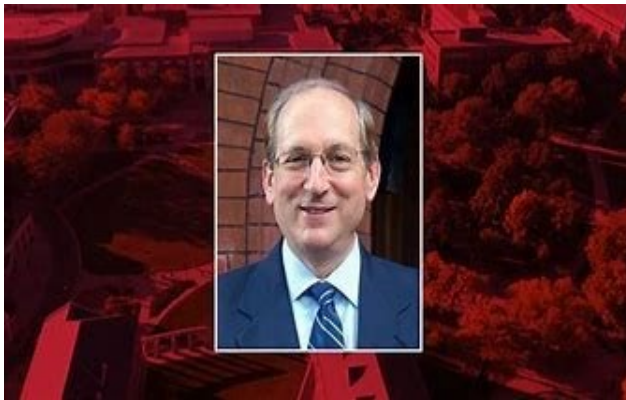
If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Yamashita at President@PSA-PBK.org.

Please join us. Full information and registration please visit: [Events | Puget Sound Association of Phi Beta Kappa \(psa-pbk.org\)](https://www.psa-pbk.org)

Or, use the coupon on page 5 of this newsletter.

You and your guests are invited to join us for our annual Spring Luncheon, May 15, 2024 (see page 3). Our special guest speaker will be Frederick M. Lawrence, PBK Society President/CEO

Meet Frederick M. Lawrence, the 10th secretary and CEO of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the nation's first and most prestigious honor society, founded in 1776.



Lawrence is a Distinguished Lecturer at the Georgetown Law Center, and has previously served as president of Brandeis University, Dean of the George Washington University Law School, and Visiting Professor and Senior Research Scholar at Yale Law School. He was elected to the American Philosophical Society in 2018 and the American Law Institute in 1999.

An accomplished scholar, teacher and attorney, Lawrence is one of the nation's leading experts on civil rights, free expression and bias crimes. Lawrence has published widely and lectured internationally. He is the author of *Punishing Hate: Bias Crimes Under American Law* (Harvard University Press, 1999), examining bias-motivated violence and the laws governing how such violence is punished in the United States. He is an opinion contributor to *The Hill* and *US News*, frequently contributes op-eds to various other news sources, such as *Newsweek*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Observer*, *The New York Daily News* and *The Huffington Post*, and has appeared on CNN among other networks.



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DUES

_____ \$40 Regular
_____ \$75 Sustaining
_____ \$125 Patron
_____ \$250 Key

DONATIONS

\$ _____ Scholarship fund
\$ _____ Stiefel Graduate Award
\$ _____ Lupton Scholarship

SPRING LUNCHEON REGISTRATION:

May 15, Seattle Yacht Club - \$50 per person
Number of persons: _____ Total Cost: _____
Menu choices: Butternut squash *OR* Herbed Chicken
Names of attendees and their menu choices:

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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*This list was accurate to the best of our knowledge at the time of publication.



CHAPTER NEWS

*The Delta Chapter at UPS initiated their 2024 inductees at a ceremony held on campus on April 9 th followed by a reception.

*The Alpha Chapter at UW is hosting their initiation and reception on June 7 at Kane Hall. UW President Ana Marie Cause is the featured speaker.

Thank you again for your membership in PSA-PBK! We continuously strive to provide meaningful opportunities for learning and engagement of our members through our programs, and to provide scholarships to students pursuing a rich and wide range of knowledge leading to the cultivation of an accepting and tolerant society.

We Want to Hear from You!

Please let us know if you have recently moved or changed your email address or telephone number. You can send your updated information to pugetsoundpbk@gmail.com Share with us any topic or event suggestions and ideas to make PSA-PBK more relevant to you. Please email Dennis Yamashita at President@PSA-PBK.org.

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