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From The President



I have just returned from the Phi Beta Kappa Society's Triennial Council meeting in Palm Beach, Florida. Please see my short report (page 2) for some information and my impressions of this gathering. Whenever a council member from

an institutional chapter or another association learned that I was from the Northern California Association, the response was always, "You seem to be such a busy group, and your members appear to give you plenty of support." We are so fortunate to have a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers leading ΦBKNCA, and members who are willing to pitch in and help us make this a lively organization.

During the coming year, we'll have a wide variety of monthly visits to interesting Bay Area sites, thanks to First Vice President-Programs Judy Hardardt's efforts. See page 3-7 and the web for more about these. In May, we'll confer a number of scholarships on worthy graduate students from some of our nine associated college chapters: Mills College; San Francisco State University; Santa Clara University; Stanford University; the UC campuses at Berkeley, Davis, Santa Cruz, and San Francisco; and the University of the Pacific thanks to Second Vice President-Scholarships Joanne Sandstrom and her able committee, and your generous contributions. From the same nine campuses, we accept nominations for our Teaching Excellence awards. If you were motivated, impressed, or enthralled by a teacher at any of those schools, please nominate him/her for a Teaching Excellence award using the form on the web at <http://www.pbknca.org/teaching/> Teaching Excellence Chair Narcinda Lerner awaits your input.

Consider attending our annual Presidents' Weekend symposium at Asilomar (page 3). We will enjoy speakers on a variety of subjects, from brain

science to bioethics to the blues, have fascinating conversations among ΦBKNCA members during our meals, and marvel at nature's magnificence as we wander the retreat center grounds. All proceeds from the symposium are used for our award programs.

Finally, please contact any Board member if you have

an interest in volunteering with our Association. We have positions that take as little as one day's work (audit committee; chapter initiation representatives) or as much time as you are willing to give.

Thank you for being a member of ΦBKNCA.

Mary Turner Gilliland, President 2012-13

Get the Newsletter Online – Save \$2500!

Many members have elected to receive the newsletter via an email link - our scholarship recipients thank them! If all our members elected to receive the newsletter electronically, we would save over \$2500 or one-half of a scholarship each year! **Why not sign up now at www.pbknca.org/1010**? When we take the newsletter to the printer, we will send you an email containing a link to the newsletter online. You will receive it weeks ahead of those getting the hardcopy, be able read it online, save it on your computer, and/or print it in color or B&W. Try it; it's quick and easy, even for the "technologically challenged." If you later want to switch back to snail-mail delivery of the hard copy – no problem, there will be a link in the email to do that. **Go to www.pbknca.org/1010 to sign up now.**

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The Phi Beta Kappa Society 43rd Triennial Council

I had the pleasure of representing the Northern California Association at the ΦBK Society's Triennial Council meeting from 2 to 4 August 2012 at The Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach, Florida. For this California-born-and-raised delegate, the major challenge was the heat and humidity of a Florida summer. Other than the weather, it was a delightful experience.

The Breakers (third hotel of that name on the site; the first two burned in 1903 and 1925) is amazing – a cross between San Simeon and the Hotel del Coronado, with service to match the décor. ΦBK assured us that they got a “real deal” on our rooms and the catered events; I was interested to see that regular people were there on vacation, too. Another reason I enjoyed the hotel was having visited its carbon copy in Havana, the Hotel Nacional, this past February. The Florida version is in much better shape.

Three hundred thirty two people registered for the Council, of whom 301 were delegates. College Chapter representatives made up the majority, with 245 people representing 226 chapters. Associations had 36 delegates for 31 entities. It was refreshing to interact with so many INTELLIGENT people, who laughed at subtle humor but could put forth cogent arguments for or against a proposal being discussed.

Meetings included the Conference of Association Delegates, with Bette Napoli Harris (former NCA President) presiding. There are 56 Associations, Twin Cities (Minnesota) being the newest. Our Northern California group is among the most successful. Another meeting I attended was

the Western District, where Association and Chapter delegates assembled. Representatives from our College Chapters told me how much they each appreciate what we do for their students.

During the three days, we heard from three of the ΦBK Visiting Scholars: Lisa Pratt on the latest Mars Rover program, Trevor Pinch on the history of music synthesizers, and Theo Ruiz on “The Other 1492,” regarding the expulsion of Jews and Moors from Spain. Find more information on the ΦBK website (www.pbk.org), under “Triennial Council.”

Three Plenary Sessions involved the business of the Council. New Chapters were chartered at Creighton University (Omaha, Nebraska), George Mason University (Fairfax, Virginia), and Oklahoma State University (Stillwater, Oklahoma). New officers were elected: Kate Soule (Dartmouth) will be President, Cate Berheide (Skidmore) will be VP, and eight new Senators were selected from a long list of candidates. We voted electronically, either on our own smartphones, tablets, or laptops, or on a bank of laptops set up in the meeting room for those without personal electronics in hand. Awards were presented to three Chapters and to three Associations for outstanding work during the triennium. (NCA received one six years ago. <http://www.pbknca.org/#award>).

The next Triennial Council will be held in Denver in the autumn of 2015. Consider attending; you'll learn so much about ΦBK, its Chapters and Associations.

Mary Turner Gilliland, President 2012-13

Scholarship Awards

At the Annual Meeting on May 6, ΦBKNCA honored the following outstanding ΦBK graduate students with \$5000 scholarship awards to assist them in completing their educational objectives:

Elizabeth (Liz) Boatman, UC Berkeley, Materials Science & Engineering – Elizabeth Reed Awardee

Samuel Bockenbauer, Stanford, Physics

Jocelyn Chin, Stanford, Medicine

Brooke Gardner, UC San Francisco, Molecular Biology

Robert Judson, UC San Francisco, Biomedical Sciences

Abigail (Abby) Kirchofer, Stanford, Earth Energy & Environmental Sciences

John Lambert, UC Davis, Anthropology

Rebecca Munson, UC Berkeley, English

Jason Nagata, UC San Francisco, Medicine

Micha Rahder, UC Santa Cruz, Anthropology

www.pbknca.org/scholarship.winners.phi.beta.kappa.pbk.htm

Committee members: Joanne Sandstrom (Chair), Jeff Fenton, Lynne Fovinci, Jean James, and Gerry Richards

Teaching Excellence Awards

Now is the time to nominate a teacher who was instrumental in your development for the Φ BKNCA Teaching Excellence Award. Nominations for the May 2013 Teaching Excellence Awards close on November 30, 2012. The nomination form is available on our website, www.pbknca.org/teaching/, and can be sent directly to Narcinda Lerner from there.

Phi Beta Kappa is dedicated to the cultivation of scholarship, and we know that we would not have great scholars if we did not have great teacher/scholars. Unfortunately, in the present political climate teachers have been the targets of a great deal of unjustified criticism. This hardly encourages young people to go into teaching, nor does it encourage those in the profession to continue – especially since the best of them can always go off and do something else. One small thing that each of us can do to encourage the best in teaching is to nominate an excellent teacher for an award.

The following individuals received Teaching Excellence Awards at our May 2012 Awards Dinner:

Mary Judith Dunbar, Department of English, Santa Clara University
Kerry A. Enright, School of Education, University of California, Davis
Cynthia Ostberg, Department of Political Science, University of the Pacific
Amy Randall, Department of History, Santa Clara University

Thanks to the members of the Teaching Excellence Committee; Nick Benavides, Mary Frances Crabtree, Thalia Dorwick, Douglas Minnis, Ortrun Niesar, and Marijane Osborn for their contributions to selecting this year's awardees.

Narcinda Lerner, Teaching Excellence Chair

Φ BKNCA 27th Annual Asilomar Conference, Pacific Grove, CA Presidents' Day Weekend, February 15-18, 2013. Deadline December 1, 2012



Don't miss this great event. Send the form from page 8, along with your deposit, now.

We are currently in the process of confirming speakers for the 2013 event, and the weekend promises a slate of provocative and lively speakers on topics ranging from brain science to bioethics to the blues.

A brief preview of the speakers already scheduled follows on page 4:

Some ΦBKNCA 27th Annual Asilomar Speakers

Dr. Joel Rudinow: The Spiritual Roots of the Blues

For the past 30 years Dr. Rudinow has held a “day job” as professor of philosophy at Santa Rosa Junior College ... but his *alter ego* is a blues pianist whose credits include touring with Elvin Bishop and release of his own CD, *Rude Notes Galore*. Following a 2009 sabbatical devoted to retracing the steps of early blues artists in the Mississippi Delta, Joel published his book *Soul Music: Tracking the Spiritual Roots of Pop from Plato to Motown*. His presentation will share his unique perspective on the blues peppered with lively demonstrations of the blues rhythms he loves to explore.

Sharon J. Roe: Arts of Afghanistan, Yesterday and Today

Afghanistan is a country best known to Americans for poverty, internal conflict and war – but that image does little to improve our appreciation of the Afghan people. Sharon Roe, docent and lecturer at the San Francisco Asian Art Museum, will speak to us about the artistic traditions and practices of Afghanistan, and help us see how these are situated in the larger context of Afghan history and culture. Sharon is currently at work on her doctoral dissertation in Asian and Comparative Cultures at the California Institute of Integral Studies.

More speakers are now being scheduled, and will be announced on the web and in the November newsletter. However, as those of you who have attended our conference well know, the speakers are just one part of the experience. What makes the weekend special (besides the always gorgeous ocean setting just south of Monterey, of course) is the opportunity to get to know and mingle with our extraordinary members.

Sign up now. Send your deposit along with the form from page eight. For more details, watch the website, or contact Deirdre Frontczak, Asilomar Chair, 707-546-4238, dfontczak@santarosa.edu.

More Upcoming Events

Here is a reminder about our enrollment, refund, and cancellation policies. Most events can accommodate you and any friends or family you'd like to bring along. Occasionally an event will have a limited enrollment, in which case we may not be able to accommodate more than one member and one guest per enrollment. As for refunds, if you call in advance they may be available unless ΦBKNCA will lose scholarship money — that is, unless we are financially committed, based on your enrollment, to an organization at which the event will be held. If we can find someone to fill your space, we may be able to refund your payment but that is not always possible. Members who do not come to an event they've signed up for will not receive a refund. The ΦBKNCA Board is most grateful to those who prefer to donate the program fee to the scholarship program in lieu of a refund.

Check our website at www.pbknca.org/index.htm#upcoming for the latest news and any changes or scan the QR code on the address page to open the website in your smartphone.



Hallowe'en at Cypress Lawn Cemetery: The High Society Tomb Walk. Saturday, October 27, 2012, 1:30 pm

Our annual Hallowe'en Special this year will focus on the famous California pioneers interred at Cypress Lawn Cemetery. These people played important roles in the development of San Francisco and the Golden State itself. Our docent is a local historian who has written numerous articles on California pioneers as well as several books on Peninsula history. Don't miss this very special event! Boo!

Date: Saturday, October 27, 2012
Time: 1:30 pm (please be at least 15 minutes early for check-in)
Minimum: 10
Maximum: 30
Deadline: October 5, 2012
Fee: \$10.00

Directions: Cypress Lawn is located at 1370 El Camino Real, Colma, California. We will meet at the **Noble Chapel** located at the cemetery's East Gardens.

From the South: Take 280 north, get off at Hickey Blvd exit (located in South San Francisco), turn right at Hickey Blvd., go all the way down to El Camino Real, turn left on El Camino Real (northbound), travel approximately ¼ of a mile and Cypress Lawn is on both the east and the west side. See * below.

From the North (San Francisco/Bay Bridge): Take 280 south, get off at the Serramonte Blvd exit (in Daly City), turn left on Serramonte Blvd., go all the way down to El Camino Real (2 stoplights from the Serramonte exit), turn right on El Camino Real (southbound), travel approximately ¼ of a mile and Cypress Lawn is on both the east and the west side of El Camino Real.

*As soon as you pass the Archway, there is a sign that shows where the Noble Chapel is. Just make a left as soon as you pass the Archway (pictured on page 4); the Noble Chapel will be on the right.



Cruise Portugal & Spain with Burt Wolf June 24 - July 2, 2013 and help support Phi Beta Kappa Northern California Association at the same time!

You are invited to join Burt Wolf on a 7 night cruise through northern Portugal's Douro River Valley with an excursion into Spain. This is ΦBKNCA's third "International" event and promises to be as successful and as much fun as our cruise down the Rhone River in 2011, which resulted in \$3300 being contributed to our Scholarship and Teaching Excellence funds.

Each of our members and their guests who sign up for the trip will generate a \$300 contribution to ΦBKNCA's scholarship and teaching excellence funds, which will be acknowledged as a donation for tax-return purposes. Cost per person, based on double occupancy, is from \$3720 to \$4729, with single supplement an additional 40%.

In addition, a "Pre-cruise" land tour based in Lisbon is also available for an additional \$690, again based on double occupancy. Single supplement is an additional \$390.

Both the "Pre-cruise" and the Douro River Valley cruise are described in the [brochure also posted on our website](#).

As we have a very limited number of cabins available to us, it is very important that you sign up as soon as you can. If you are interested, either call or email Judy Hardardt right away to get the details for how to sign up. Phone: 530-297-7150; email Judy Hardardt at hardardtj@comcast.net.



Rising Steel: Two Centuries of San Francisco Architecture
Sunday, November 25, 2012, 12 Noon

Join us for ΦBKNCA’s last event of 2012 as we explore San Francisco’s downtown architecture from as early as 1891 up to today. Our docent-led tour with City Guides will take us to see and learn about many of the famous buildings and little-known treasures of the City by the Bay. The tour is about two hours long, during which our guide will relate to us stories about the architects and design trends, many of which changed the face of America. “Make no small plans!”

After the tour is completed, think about finishing up your Christmas shopping!

Date: Sunday, November 25, 2012
Time: 12 Noon
Minimum: 10
Maximum: 16
Deadline: November 3, 2012
Fee: \$12.00

Directions: Meet at the corner of Stockton and Maiden Lane, just east of Union Square. Public transportation: MUNI line 38; also near Powell Muni/BART station. Go to www.511.org for help planning this trip. Set “When” to “Arrive by” 12 pm, and set “Max walking” distance to as far as you can walk (1/8 up to 1 mile). You will be given several public transportation options from your home or wherever to Stockton and Maiden Lane. If you must drive, parking at the Union Square Garage, behind the St. Francis on Mason for about 1/2 the cost, and just off Mission a couple blocks away.



ΦBKNCA Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner - Sunday, May 5, 2013, 4 pm to 8 pm

It is never too early to ask you to put this coming year’s ΦBKNCA Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner on your calendar!

Our meeting next May will be held from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm at The Faculty Club on the campus of UC Berkeley. As you are aware, the annual meeting is the occasion when we celebrate ΦBKNCA’s primary mission and award the scholarships and teaching excellence awards to deserving scholars and professors, with the objectives of enhancing the scholars’ educational and research activities and honoring the professors in their teaching of our next generation.

For those of you who have not been able to come to the Annual Dinner before, we encourage you to do so. In meeting some of these outstanding honorees and learning about their academic interests (as well as renewing old friendships and perhaps getting more involved in our vibrant organization, ΦBKNCA), you will be able to more fully appreciate the value of the programs we offer throughout the year. The awards are made possible by the funds generated through the Asilomar conferences, the many monthly events and the direct contributions you make!

Enjoy the food, wine and, best of all, the fellowship of kindred spirits. Social hour begins at 4:00 pm with a cash bar; dinner, which includes white or red house wine, will be served at 5:00 pm. Coffee and tea will be served with dessert.

Date: Sunday, May 5, 2013
Deadline: Wednesday, April 11, 2013
Time: 4-8 pm
Price: To be determined, but will be per person and includes tax, gratuity & parking.

Coupons, Board, Financial, and Email

Please print legibly and print name of tour on check as well. **No acknowledgements will be sent.**

If you subsequently can't make an event, others may be waiting. Kindly notify Judy Hardardt: home (530) 297-7150; cell, day of event, (707) 696-9498.

Hallowe'en at Cypress Lawn Cemetery
Saturday, October 27, 2012, 1:30 pm
Deadline October 5, 2012
Attending _____ x \$10.00 per person = \$ _____
(Check payable to PBKNCA- Enter name of tour on check)
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Phone _____
E-mail _____
Guest name(s) _____
Mail coupon and payment to:
Judy Hardardt, PO Box 2038, Davis CA 95617

San Francisco Architecture
Sunday, November 25, 2012, 12 Noon
Deadline November 3, 2012
Attending _____ x \$12.00 per person = \$ _____
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Sunday, May 5, 2013, 4 – 8 pm
Deadline April 11, 2013
Attending _____ Price to be determined, but make
your reservation now anyhow. You know you want to come!
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Address _____

Phone _____
E-mail _____
Guest name(s) _____
Mail coupon and payment to:
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Financial Report

Members may download a copy of the
MFY 11-12 Financial Report from
www.pbknca.org/financials/ or request it by mailing
a #10 pre-addressed and stamped (45¢) envelope to
the Treasurer, Robin Fuller, 14217 Seagate Drive,
San Leandro, CA 94577-6411.

Email Address

Do we have your email address? If not, please
send it to membership@pbknca.org.

Why? Did you hear about the Musical Tribute to
Frank Sinatra: “My Way” that several of our
members attended on Sunday, September 23, 2012?
No? Well that is because this was an event that was
scheduled and occurred between newsletters! Only
our members for whom we had email addresses
were informed of this event. We will also notify you
of changes or errors in the newsletter (unfortunately
occasionally we do slip up).



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ΦBK at Asilomar February 15-18, 2013

Deadline for Reservations: December 1, 2012

Registration fee: # Attending _____ x \$100/person= \$ _____
Deirdre Frontczak, 461 Cahill Lane, Santa Rosa, CA 95401
Questions? Call 707 546-4238

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