



The D.C. Area Phi Beta Kappa Association

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NEWSLETTER

June 2011

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We look forward to seeing you at our exciting upcoming events and are eager for your suggestions on how to improve the Association for you. Suggestions can be sent to president@dcpbk.org

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ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCH AT PIER SEVEN

Saturday, June 11, 2011

12:00-2:00 pm

The gathering will begin at noon with a cash bar, with lunch to be served at 12:30. This will be followed by the meeting formalities (introduction of new officers) and then by our speaker, Wayne Merry, on US-Russian relations. Cost: \$25/person

Our Speaker



E. Wayne Merry is a Senior Associate at the American Foreign Policy Council in Washington, DC. He is widely published and a frequent speaker on topics relating to Russia, Central Asia and the Caucasus, the Balkans, European security and transAtlantic relations. In twenty-six years in the United States Foreign Service, he worked as a diplomat and political analyst in Moscow, East Berlin, Athens, New York and Tunis, and served in the State, Defense and Treasury Departments as well as on Capitol Hill and with the U.S. Marine Corps. He studied at the University of Wisconsin (Madison), Princeton University's Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and the U.S. Army Russian Institute.

Lunch Options:

- 1) Medallions of NY sirloin
- 2) Breast of chicken tarragon
- 3) Broiled fillet of sole and scallops
- 4) Seafood newburg with rice pilaf
- 5) Eggplant parmigiana (vegetarian, but not vegan)

All options are accompanied with potato, vegetable, green salad, and followed by ice cream log with fresh strawberry sauce

Rolls and butter, plus tea or coffee are also included

Restaurant Location: 650 Water St, S.W.
Washington, DC 20024-2422

The restaurant is easily accessible via metro from the Waterfront-SEU Station

RSVP by June 6, 2011 by sending in the reservation coupon from this newsletter (see below) along with a check for \$25, made payable to “DC Area PBK Association”. Please send this coupon to Pat Cascio, Treasurer, at the listed address. Maximum capacity of the meeting room is 50, so send in your reservation promptly! Please also send an e-mail RSVP to treasurer@dcpbk.org, with “Pier Seven” in the subject line, so that we can confirm your reservation even if your check is delayed in the mail.

COUPON – PIER SEVEN LUNCH / HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS FUND (details on pages 1 & 2)
SATURDAY, June 11, 2011 Lunch at Pier Seven

Please mail this reservation coupon to: Pat Cascio, Treasurer, DC PBK 8601 Burdette Road Bethesda MD 20817

Name(s): _____

PLEASE RSVP BY Monday, June 6, 2011

NOTE: LIMITED TO 50 PERSONS BECAUSE OF SPACE RESTRICTIONS

School/Year of Election _____

Address: _____

Phone (night): _____

Email: _____

I am bringing ____ guest(s): Name(s): _____

Please Indicate your lunch choice(s) here:

\$25 per person charge for this event. \$ _____

DONATION TO HIGH SCHOOL AWARD FUND: \$ _____

CONTRIBUTION TO PBK ASSOCIATION: \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED..... \$ _____

(Please make out any checks to “DC Area PBK Association”)

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Review of Past Events

Hillwood visit

The weather was perfect, the azaleas were in bloom, and the docents were excellent – so the small group of DC-PBK members who visited Hillwood on Saturday, May 7, had a delightful time. The mansion, with its wonderful collection of Russian art and artifacts, is a gem, and the gardens were at their loveliest. For those who were unable to join us, we offer just one piece of advice – put Hillwood on your calendar for a visit!

A Message From the President

Over the past year I have had the privilege of running this association with the help of talented staff resulting in some very successful events from our very own Oktoberfest to our Annual Spring Fling with dynamic and high profile speakers. We also launched our new website on November 22, 2010. Since our launch we have averaged 8.3 members joining per month as compared to 2.2 members from the same time the previous year. The increase in this rate happened immediately after the website launch. Over the last couple of months, since we began tracking activity on our new website, we have had scores of unique visitors from several states and countries abroad, although the majority come from the greater DC area.

I would like to thank all the officers, board members and advisory council members for their contributions this year and I would like to congratulate all the newly elected staff some of whom will be staying on and some of whom will be joining us for the first time. If you are interested in being a volunteer for the association, we are actively seeking a new webmaster and a new newsletter editor. After our upcoming Annual Business Meeting we will have a break in Association activities until the end of summer. We have some ideas for events next year. However, we are eager for more ideas, so if there is something you would like to see happen, let us know!

While we want to continue to grow the association, it is in an effort to provide a greater variety and quantity of quality events and programs more broadly. The diversity in age and interests of our membership allows for unique learning and networking opportunities in an atmosphere of camaraderie. I invite you to make the most of your membership.

Warm Regards,

Paul Lubliner
President
DC Area PBK Association

2011 – 2012 Elected Officers

President: Paul Lubliner (University of Oregon, 2006)
First Vice President: David MacDonald (University of Chicago, 2009)
Second Vice President and Program Chair: Miro Nikolov – (American, 2008)
Treasurer: Pat Cascio (Dennison University, 1969) – incumbent
Secretary: Andy Steigman (Princeton, 1954) – past President

Elected Executive Committee

Justin Buford (Morehouse College, 2007) – incumbent
Raisa Dukas (University of Rochester, 2007)—incumbent
Jennifer Rome (Virginia Tech, 1993)—currently 1st Vice President
Greg Wagner (McDaniel College, 2007)
Mark Ziats (Clemson University, 2007)
Peter Fulweiler (George Washington University, 2010)

Advisory Council Members

Ellen Ginsberg
Deirdre LaPin
Christel McDonald

2010 – 2011 Officers

President: Paul Lubliner (University of Oregon, 2006)

First Vice President: Jennifer Rome (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 1993)

Second Vice President and Program Chair: Vacant

Treasurer: Pat Cascio (Denison University, 1969)

Secretary: Carol Bontempo (University of Connecticut, 1961)

Executive Committee

Young Professionals Coordinator: Robin Belamaric

High School Awards Chair: Christie Witzig

Timothy Hamilton

Andy Steigman

Raisa Dukas

Justin Buford

Advisory Council Members

Ellen Ginsberg

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