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Time to renew your membership

It is time to renew your membership in ΦΒΚΝΑ. Please take a moment to fill out the enclosed membership envelope and send it back with your check.

Membership benefits:

- The 2011 Directory of Members – but you must pay your dues to be included and receive it!
- Membership for the full year January to December, 2011.
- All contributions are fully tax-deductible.
- Monthly events* with other Phi Betes and guests. Many are special tours specially designed for ΦΒΚ - past examples include live theater at Cinnabar Theater, the Federal Reserve Bank, Walt Disney Museum, Tutankhamun at the de Young, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, a Chocolate Fest, and the Turtle Rescue Center. See pages 5 - 7 for upcoming events.
- Presidents' Day Weekend conference at Asilomar Conference Center* (near Monterey). Interesting lectures, good food, good company, walks on the beach and historic building tours. This event is described on page 5.
- Awards for excellent scholars - last year's contributions provided eight \$5,000 scholarships. See page 4.
- Excellence-in-Teaching awards to professors nominated by their ΦΒΚ students.
- Annual Awards Banquet* where you can meet the scholarship and teaching award recipients.
- A newsletter four times a year (snail or email, your choice) listing events, awards, and more.
- No more requests for money until this time next year!

*Note: There is a charge for these events.

Membership is open to anyone who has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa at any school in any state.

Be sure you are included in the 2011 Directory of Members – Join Now

We will be sending a Directory of Members to all members in June; be sure to pay your dues so you are included. Also, if you give us your email address, we will send you an email of your data before the Directory is published, giving you the opportunity to correct any errors we have in our database. On the address side of this newsletter, we have shown the email address we have for you. If it is incorrect or missing, be sure to give the correct address on the membership form and check the "Correction" box.

From the President

Please take a moment to renew your membership in ΦBKNCA! All current memberships expire on December 31, 2010. There is a convenient dues form attached to the print and email versions of our Newsletter. Or you can send an e-mail to joinnow@pbknca.org to have a membership form e-mailed to you. If you'd like to go green, please check that box on the membership form. Also be sure to include your email so we can confirm your 2011 Directory information with you (see page 1). If you are student the dues are \$10 per year, for others \$30. But we encourage you to contribute more to directly benefit our Graduate Scholarships and Teaching Excellence Awards.

As 2010 grows to a close, I hope you have enjoyed your affiliation with our Alumni Association. Perhaps you participated in the social programs that support our awards or simply paid your dues/contributions and listed our association on your resume? All of those actions are supportive. At our annual meeting, I know the recipients of our awards greatly appreciated your participation that made possible the recognition of outstanding scholars and teachers in the Bay Area.

Phi Beta Kappa stands for a Greek phrase that means "Love of learning is the guide to life". What better way to support that love of learning than to be part of our association of almost one thousand members in the Bay Area. There are fifty alumni associations nationwide and we are one of the largest. A contribution to the national society does not, however, give you membership in our local association. (Please see the article on page 3). Please renew your membership in PBKNCA and let's have a great 2011!

Thank you for your support!

Janiece Nolan, President

Go Green — Get the ΦBK Newsletter by Email

Help us go green by signing up for the ΦBKNCA newsletter online. Simply put a checkmark in the box on the membership envelope and give us your email address.

Why switch?

Here are just a few of the benefits of a digital newsletter:

- Earlier delivery than the printed edition
- Download any time, read anywhere
- Paperless, clutter-free archiving
- Save trees and landfills
- Save money for our Association
- Adjustable font size for easy reading
- Advanced search capacity
- Easy navigation to web content
- Full-color pictures

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Teaching Excellence Nominations Due November 30, 2010

Have you attended classes at **San Francisco State University, Stanford University** or **the University of the Pacific**? Did you experience great teaching there? Although we have received nominations from five of the eight Northern California Φ BK schools, we haven't received any nominations for the Teaching Excellence Awards from these schools. **Nominations close on November 30** so you still have time to nominate your favorite teacher. It is not necessary to be a recent graduate in order to nominate an inspiring professor. Any Φ BKNCA member can make a nomination. The only requirement is that the nominator must have taken a course from the nominee and that the nominee is on the faculty of one of the eight Bay Area colleges that have Φ BK chapters. Instructions for making a nomination together with the nomination forms can be found at [nrlernern@netscape.net](http://<u>ΦBKNCA.org</u>. Fill it in and email it to <a href=).

Narcinda Lerner, Teaching Excellence Chair

Is There a Φ BKNCA Financial Connection to “National”? Here are the answers in a “Q” and “A” format

Q: Recently a question was asked regarding **Phi Beta Kappa – Northern California Association’s** (Φ BKNCA’s) financial connection, if any, to **The Phi Beta Kappa Society (“National”)**, based in Washington, D.C. For example, if “National” were to be short of funds, could they appropriate money from Φ BKNCA’s accounts?

A: The short answer is “no”. Φ BKNCA Treasurer Mary Turner Gilliland explains:

Some have referred to The Phi Beta Kappa Society of Washington, D.C., as our “parent organization.” This is a common misconception, but Phi Beta Kappa – Northern California Association is not a subsidiary of The Phi Beta Kappa Society. We are an independent association of people in Northern California who received membership in The Phi Beta Kappa Society as undergraduates of postsecondary educational institutions. We are one of 50 such associations across the country. We have our own EIN and have had our own 501(c) 3 tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service since June 1951. We have our own IRS exemption letter. We are also registered with the Secretary of State of the State of California as a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation and have a California Corporation number. Our funds are owned in the name of Φ BKNCA and are not accessible by anyone other than certain members of our Board, selected by that Board to sign checks and make financial decisions for the organization. Φ BKNCA pays a fee to National annually, based on the number of eligible Northern Californians who have donated at least the minimum \$30 (\$10 for students) for membership in our local organization during the past Fiscal Year (1 July – 30 June). The current rate that our Association pays National is \$2 per member which helps support activities at the national level.

Q: Do members who donate to National thereby become members of our local Φ BKNCA?

A: Not so! Your local dues as well as part of our program fees that our members pay go to our Teaching Excellence Awards and Graduate Scholarships. National sends out yearly solicitations to all initiated members in order to maintain its services at the national level, including the Visiting Scholars Program, Book Awards, *The American Scholar*, and *The Key Reporter*. Φ BKNCA does not receive any funds members send to National.

Your local and national Φ BK organizations, as well as the 280 chapters at the various universities share a commitment to a liberal arts education which cultivates broadly applicable intellectual skills and sensibilities. Each entity works in its own way to support that goal.

Mary Turner Gilliland, Treasurer

Scholarship Awardees

Your dues and contributions go mainly to scholarships.

Shah Ali, Stanford, Medicine

Chantal Frankenbach, UC Davis, Music

Harold (Hal) Haggard, UC Berkeley, Physics

William Love Anderegg, Stanford, Biology

Alexis Peri, UC Berkeley, History

Shah Ali (Medicine, Stanford) is in his second year of graduate study, working toward a career in academic medicine. He is studying coronary artery disease and the cellular loss that results following acute myocardial injury. Some of his research will look at the possibilities of cell transplantation therapy.

Outside the classroom and lab, Shah has been part of a team that developed patient education presentations for the Stanford free clinics and for a Palo Alto homeless shelter. In addition, showing that his interests extend beyond science and medicine, he and a colleague organized trips to live-arts performances to bring together students and faculty in appreciation of the healing power of art.

Chantal Frankenbach (Music, UC Davis) is examining the dislocation of dance from Western art music. In her dissertation, "Disdain for Dance, Disdain for France: Choreophobia in German Music Criticism," she shows that German music critics characterized dance as "feminine and French," and therefore not "pure" music. She herself is a professional dancer.

As part of her work in the prestigious Professors for the Future program, she devised a project, "Behind the Scenes in the Work of a Professor," to give graduate students a better understanding of the work of a professor and how the work differs at different institutions. A second workshop focused on how to publish in the humanities.

Harold (Hal) Haggard (Physics, UC Berkeley) is studying the implications of quantum mechanics and its relation to the theory of relativity. The heart of his thesis is "a description of the geometry arising out of the spin network that involves nine spinning particles." In addition to his Ph.D. from Berkeley, he will be receiving an international

Margaret Peters, Stanford, Political Science

Lilliana Radoshevich, UCSF, Biomedical Science; Reed Scholarship

Johnny Tam, UCSF (& UCB), Bioengineering Application through UCSF, not UCB

Ph.D. through the Università degli Studi di Pavia, Italy.

William Love Anderegg (Biology, Stanford) is testing the physiological mechanisms of climate-induced forest mortality. He is studying the sudden aspen decline (SAD) that has swept across Colorado, several other western states, and parts of Canada. Through his research he seeks to "demonstrate the direct link between climate change and tree mortality . . . and make strides toward predictive models of forest mortality."

Margaret Peters (Political Science, Stanford) is studying the politics of globalization, with a special focus on the politics of immigration. She is looking at the two periods of globalization in the modern era (1820-1914 and the post-World War II era) and the immigration policies during those periods. Specifically, she is examining the "continued relative closure of the U.S. border to immigrants after World War II." Her goal is to contribute fact-based research instead of research with a policy agenda to policy makers and the general public.

Lilliana Radoshevich (Biomedical Sciences, UCSF) is studying the role of autophagy in cancer. A driving force in her research is the potential that what she finds could solve serious human health problems. She is also committed to bridging the gap in understanding between the scientific community and the general public.

She designed an adult education course, "Demystifying Molecular Biology," and volunteers in community education through the Science and Health Education Partnership between UCSF and the San Francisco Unified School District, co-teaching lessons with middle-school teachers in urban schools. Having helped vaccinate and tag bighorn sheep during her own middle-school years, she believes in a hands-on approach to science.

Johnny Tam (Bioengineering, UCSF) is investigating retinal capillaries in early-stage diabetes, using noninvasive techniques that he invented. His study opens up the patient pool that can be potentially investigated for both clinical practice and basic research in disease mechanisms. He is interested in directing the development of applications for medical imaging. He is licensed as an Engineer-in-Training and has received his Certificate in Management of Technology from the

Haas School of Business and Engineering at UC Berkeley.

More about the recipients is at pbknca.org, and also in the September 2010 issue of this newsletter.

*Joanne Sandstrom, Second Vice President,
Scholarship*

**ΦBKNCA 25th Annual Asilomar Conference
Presidents' Day Weekend, February 18-21, 2011. Deadline December 1, 2010.**



Next year's program is already outstanding. So far five speakers have accepted our invitation to participate in our Asilomar Conference, February 18-21, 2011. We are presently also seeking speakers from the literary community. Don't miss this great event. Send in the form on page 8, along with your deposit, now.

John Marchand, Livermore City Councilman and Vice Mayor. John was a member of the Board of Directors of the Zone Seven Water District for 15 years and is very knowledgeable about California's water. He will talk to us about the state of the state and its future problems with water. As Mark Twain is supposed to have said, "whiskey is for drinking, water is for fighting about."

Dr. Ben Santer of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) will address us on the subject of Global Warming. Dr. Santer is responsible for a complete chapter in the government's latest encyclopedic report and is very

knowledgeable about the experimental evidence for, and the implications of, global warming. This past year Dr. Santer was heavily involved in meeting with Congress and was unable to share his expertise with us. That's all in the past.

Dr. Ed Moses, the director of the National Ignition Facility at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory will come and explain in some detail what it is (the best, great hope in the field of laser fusion), what has been accomplished so far this year and where they plan to go in the future.

Jane Lindsey, President of the California Genealogical Society and Lafayette resident, will give a practical "how to" talk on preserving as well as tracing your family history, illustrating that genealogy is not just for genealogists! Bring your questions for her!

Ranger Roxanne will again lead a tour of the facility on Monday morning with ever new and interesting insights into Julia Morgan, the architect of Asilomar.

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

For more information and to send us your suggestions for additional speakers, contact Cal Wood, Asilomar Chair, 925-447-8666, calandix@comcast.net

Upcoming Events

Here is information 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 for which they have registered 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. Directions are available from the event websites, Google.com, your GPS, or on the day of the event, by calling Judy at (707) 696-9498.

Holiday Tour of Dunsmuir Mansion, Oakland – Saturday, December 4, 2010



Our holiday tour is to one of the gems of the Bay Area. Dunsmuir's volunteers will have worked more than 5,000 hours to transform this 16,000 sq.ft. mansion into a magnificent masterpiece of an Edwardian holiday display. Each room will be decorated with elegant holiday trees, garlands, antique furnishings, and festive decorations. Our visit is a self-guided tour of approximately 45

minutes, and while the grounds are open from 11 am to 5 pm, our actual tour of the mansion will begin promptly at 1 pm. Our tickets include the scheduled mansion visit, access to the Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate grounds and activities, and the gift shop. Note: carpooling suggested; limited parking on street or possibly on the grounds for a fee.

Website <http://www.dunsmuir.org/>

Date: Saturday, December 4, 2010

Time: 1 pm

Minimum: 10

Maximum: 20

Deadline: November 10, 2010

Fee: \$16.00 per person

Directions to Main Entrance from I 580:

From San Francisco, Marin, Berkeley or Walnut Creek:

Take 580 East towards Hayward. Exit at 106th Ave./Foothill Blvd. Make three left turns at the three stop signs. Drive under freeway and turn right onto Peralta Oaks Dr. Follow signs to Dunsmuir.

From Livermore/Pleasanton & Hayward/Castro Valley, San Jose and South Bay Area:

Take 580 West towards Oakland. Exit Foothill/MacArthur Blvd. Move into the right lane as you drive under the freeway and continue right onto Foothill Blvd. Make a right turn at the next stop sign onto 106th Ave. Drive under freeway and turn right onto Peralta Oaks Dr. Follow signs to Dunsmuir.

Docent-Led Tour of the Charles Schulz Museum, Santa Rosa, Thursday, January 20, 2011



Our docent-led tour of the Charles Schulz Museum is built around the museum's mission to preserve, display and interpret Schulz's art. The Peanuts Cartoon Strip collection of over 7000 drawings is the

heart and soul of the collection and spans Schulz's work from 1950 to 2000. The tour will last about 45 to 60 minutes after which we can explore the permanent and special exhibit galleries on our own and/or enjoy lunch in the "Warm Puppy Café."

Website <http://www.schulzmuseum.org/>

Date: Thursday, January 20, 2011

Time: 12:00 noon (please be at museum 20 minutes before)

Minimum: 10

Maximum: the sky's the limit

Deadline: December 15, 2010

Fee: \$12.00 per person

Directions: Take 101 North from the Bay area, driving to the north end of Santa Rosa. Exit at Guerneville Rd./Steele Lane, turning left at end of exit onto Steele Lane. Go under the freeway, through one signal, keeping to the far right, crossing Cleveland Ave. At the next signal and once across, stay right where the roads divide, going onto West Steele Lane. Go through the next signal and in the next block you'll see the Redwood Empire Ice Arena. The museum is just past the ice arena, on the corner of West Steele and Hardies Lane.

Coming Up

March 2011 – Visit to [Folio](#), Michael Mondavi's Fine Wine Partners, Napa

April 2011 – Possible Boat Trip to the Farallon Islands for Whale, Bird and other Wildlife Watching

May 1, 2011 – ΦBKNCA Annual Meeting at the Faculty Club, UC Berkeley Campus (4-8pm)

June 4, 2011 – Visit to the [Ruth Bancroft Garden](#), Walnut Creek

Burt Wolf Boat Cruise through Provence, France

Reminder: There is still room for members to sign up for the Burt Wolf boat cruise through Provence, France, Oct 21, 2011 - Oct 29, 2011. For details, see www.pbknca.org or contact Judy Hardardt at 530-297-7150 or 707-696-9498 (cell).

Coupons

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.

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Saturday, December 4, 2010, 1 pm

Deadline: Wednesday, November 10, 2010

Attending _____ x \$16.00 per person = \$ _____

(Check payable to PBKNCA- **Enter name of tour on check**)

Member(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Guest name(s) _____

Mail coupon and payment to:

Judy Hardardt, PO Box 2038, Davis CA 95617

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Note: Board members are listed on the web at:

<http://www.pbknca.org/contact.phi.beta.kappa.pbk.htm>

