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**March 2012**

**From the President**

I am still basking in the lovely glow of this year’s Asilomar conference, held over Presidents’ Day weekend at one of my favorite locations in Monterey County. Cal Wood, for the third year in a row, did a superb job of coordinating the event, with presentations to interest every attendee. (OK, I’m prejudiced, but I had shivers of pride listening to our older daughter, Betsy Gilliland, explain her Ph.D. research concerning the teaching of academic language and literacy to students whose first language is not English.) Other fascinating speakers included Dr. Robert Hirst, from The Mark Twain Project at U.C. Berkeley (I am a huge fan of Twain’s writings); Noël Bakhtian, a Ph.D. candidate at Stanford and 2011 ΦBKNCA scholarship awardee, speaking on her research in Aeronautics and Astronautics (specifically how to land a REALLY BIG object on Mars); Judy Filippoff and Bobbie Johnson on Early-Stage Alzheimer’s Disease (much introspection among audience members as we listened to the Ten Warning Signs); Dr. Clifford (Kip) Cranna, from the San Francisco Opera on how Literature becomes Opera; and Dr. Thomas Buckholtz on what’s missing in society. We ended on Monday morning with Ranger Roxann Jacobus showing us around the Julia Morgan-designed buildings on the Asilomar campus. I’ve heard Ranger Roxann a number of times, but I always learn something new, and this year was no exception (see page 4 for more about Asilomar).

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As frequently happens at this time of year, members of our Board leave to pursue other activities, and new members step up to keep us going forward. We thank the following departing Board members: Recording Secretary Sam Kart, Corresponding Secretary Jennifer Jones, Chapter Liaison Chair Marci Coglianese and Asilomar Chair Cal Wood. We also welcome these new members: Recording Secretary Inta Hasenkamp, Corresponding Secretary Brenda Shank and Asilomar Chair Deirdre Frontczak.

**We still have an opening for Chapter Liaison Chair, and need several people to be on the Nominating Committee.** We would be delighted to have you volunteer to assist the Association in one of these positions (see page 3 for details).

I look forward to meeting you at one of our upcoming activities, and I thank you for your continued support of Phi Beta Kappa – Northern California Association.

*Mary T. Gilliland*

Mary Turner Gilliland, President 2011-2012

The amount of each \$100 Asilomar registration fee that is tax deductible on your 2011 tax return is \$74.33

## Summary of Major Bylaw Updates November 27, 2011

We will ask for a vote on these updates at the Annual Meeting, May 6, 2012. A full draft copy of the updated bylaws is available at <http://www.pbknca.org/bylaws/BylawsRevised03-10-2012.pdf>  
\*Provide for a *Procedures Manual* to contain items that need to be changed periodically and remove those items from the bylaws:

- Procedure for calculating number and amount of scholarships and teaching excellence awards (IX-7)
- Budgeting for the Program Committee; Check signing policy
- Method of notification (previously by mail):

For special board meetings, for consent by board nominees, for balloting to be used for bylaws updating, and for availability of audit committee report

\*Gender-neutral language: Changed chairman to chair

\*Membership: Clearly define membership (III)

\*Board: Expand board to include four standing-committee members as voting members – Asilomar (formerly a non-voting position), Chapter Liaison, Newsletter, and Teaching Excellence. Make Immediate Past President an advisory position without vote. Quorum remains defined as five (IV).

\*Clearly define order of filling a vacancy in the office of the President (IV)

\*Delete Council of Past Presidents, which has not met in over 15 years (V8, V9)

\*Remove requirement for Treasurer and Program Chair to be bonded (V-2, V-5)

\*Add a definition of the Teaching Excellence Committee and update other committee descriptions to conform with current operations (VI)

\*Allow committee chairs to select members without requiring board approval (IV, 2, e)

\*Elections: Nomination procedures defined and timing shortened for notifications (VIII)

*Bylaws Committee: Ray Hendess, Chair; Narcinda Lerner; Marci Coglianese*

## New Board Member Nominee Bios

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY **Brenda Buckhold Shank** - ΦBKNCΑ: Nominating Committee, 2006-2009. BA, Chemistry, Case Western Reserve Univ. (CWRU), 1961; Ph.D., Biophysics, CWRU, 1966. Research biophysicist and Co-Investigator, NASA Biosatellite, UC Berkeley, 1966-1968; Research, tissue culture cell membranes, CWRU, 1969; Teaching and research, Physiology Dept., Univ. of Med. and Dent. of NJ (UMDNJ), 1970-1975. MD, UMDNJ, 1976. Residency and Fellowship, Radiation Oncology, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC), 1976-1979. Teaching, research, and clinical practice in radiation oncology, MSKCC and Cornell Univ. Med. Coll., 1980-1989; Chairman and Professor, Radiation Oncology, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, and Mt. Sinai Hospital, NY, 1989-1998; Medical Director, JC Robinson, MD Regional Cancer Center, Doctors Medical Center-San Pablo (DMC), CA, 1998-2004; Clinical Professor, Radiation Oncology, UCSF Medical School, 1999-present. Radiation Oncologist, DMC, 2005-present. Fellow, Amer. Coll. Radiol. (FACR) and Amer. Soc. Radiation Oncol. (ASTRO). Director, Board of Bay Area Tumor Institute, 1998-present. Avid traveler and photographer; amateur genealogist; private pilot's license.

RECORDING SECRETARY **Inta Hasenkamp** - BA, magna cum laude, Modern European History, University of Washington, 1961. Masterworks label promotion, Columbia Records, New York; television advertising sales, San Francisco; press secretary, Nixon for President, northern California campaign, 1972, and Flournoy for Governor, 1974; various volunteer positions in local city council, school board and tax campaigns since 1978.

Bios of returning board members are located at [www.pbknca.org/bios/2012.html](http://www.pbknca.org/bios/2012.html)

Cont'd from page 3, *q.v.* The Office Manager supports the Chapter Council to select new student members of ΦBK, hold an annual initiation, solicit donations and award graduate fellowships annually, correspond about ΦBK, and maintain records and a website. The position averages 35-40 hours/month. Hourly wage, \$16.75/hour. Contact Prof. Richard Calendar ([rishard@berkeley.edu](mailto:rishard@berkeley.edu)) by April 18, 2012.

For more information, see [www.pbknca.org/ucb.office.manager.html](http://www.pbknca.org/ucb.office.manager.html)

## Open Positions – Phi Beta Kappa Needs You to Volunteer Your Talents

Be a part of the board or a committee member as we embark on a new year of providing scholarships for worthy graduate students, honoring local area professors for excellence in teaching, and arranging interesting events for all members to attend.

### Chapter Liaison Report and Call for Chapter Liaison Chair Volunteer

Our Association sends one or more representatives to initiation ceremonies at all eight of our affiliated college chapters: Mills College, San Francisco State University, Santa Clara University, Stanford University, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Santa Cruz and the University of the Pacific. Our participation in the initiations increases the graduates' awareness that our ΦBK alumni/ae associations are nationwide and offer them a great opportunity for networking after college. At the ceremonies, we seek nominations for our Teaching Excellence awards, as well as encourage applications for our graduate scholarships, and offer the initiates a free one-year membership in our Association. Our NCA representatives often become more involved on the campuses and sometimes are invited to events throughout the year.

Please contact me if you are interested in participating in an initiation ceremony this spring. It is always a real pleasure to meet the bright young people who will be doing great things for the world, and the faculty members who have helped them become outstanding students.

**I cannot continue next year, so if you would like to take on the position of Chapter Liaison Chair**, you could "apprentice" with me this spring to learn the process by being copied on all correspondence (no duties required until July 1). This is a ΦBKNCA Board position, so you will be privileged to attend the board meetings and participate in the operations of the association.

*Marci Coglianese, JD, Chapter Liaison Chair, [marci.coglianese@comcast.net](mailto:marci.coglianese@comcast.net)*

### Join the Nominating Committee

We need a few members to volunteer for the Nominating Committee. This committee is responsible for finding replacements for retiring ΦBK Northern California Board members, usually one to three; and nominating committee members, again usually one to three. Recruitment generally takes place in February or March. Our webmaster can send recruitment emails to the entire membership for you, and we also have some information in our database of the interests of members. This is not a board position, so you don't have to attend board meetings. Contact Mary Gilliland, President, at [MLtg@aol.com](mailto:MLtg@aol.com) if you are interested.

### Office Manager, ΦBK, UC Berkeley

The Alpha of California Chapter of ΦBK at UC Berkeley seeks a part-time Office Manager to begin June 1, 2012. Continued on the bottom of page 2.

## Email Address and Online Newsletter

Do we have your email address? If not, please send it to [membership@pbknca.org](mailto:membership@pbknca.org), and while you are at it, why not subscribe to the online edition of the newsletter – see below.

### Get the newsletter online and save the Association money

In 2011 we spent nearly \$3,000 mailing hardcopy newsletters – that is three-fifths of a scholarship! Five hundred sixty four of your fellow members have now signed up for the online newsletter – why don't you join them? We will send you an email with a clickable link to the newsletter in PDF format about two weeks before the hardcopy would have appeared in your mailbox. You can download and print it if you like reading hardcopy, you can store it on your computer for future reference, or you can read it online. Think about it – our potential scholarship recipients will really appreciate it! And you will be saving trees. Just send an email to [online@pbknca.org](mailto:online@pbknca.org), and we will add you to the list.

**ΦBKNCA 26th Annual Asilomar Conference, Pacific Grove, CA**  
**Presidents' Day Weekend, February 17-20, 2012 Tax deduction for 2011 is \$74.33**



**W**hat a wonderful weekend! The weather was variable, with overcast Friday and Saturday, lovely sunshine Sunday, and light clouds Monday. It is not too early to sign up for 2013! See page 8.



Our keynote speaker, **Dr. Bob Hirst**, Head of the Mark Twain project at the University of California at Berkeley, almost brought Mark Twain back to life for us. It is overwhelming to contemplate the huge quantity of material that Mark Twain

produced over his lifetime (thousands of letters and articles, as well as books and opinions about pretty much everything). Dr. Hirst let us in on some of the editing difficulties and secrets that are required to unscramble the truth. We are looking forward to the definitive publication of Twain's autobiography. [V. 1 has been in print for about a year.] This was truly a feast for the mind and heart.



On Saturday morning, **Noël Bakhtian**, one of our scholarship recipients, delivered a most entertaining and informative presentation about the universe (Mars in particular) and our progress in exploring and understanding it. She even brought a remote-control explorer-vehicle that had been produced at Stanford, along with a video of it working its way over rocks and things. Truly a delightful example of what great things our scholarships can encourage.



On Saturday afternoon, **Judy Filippoff, MSW**, who is the Early-Stage Coordinator for the Northern

California and Nevada Alzheimer's Association, shared with us a most enlightened and informative presentation about this disease, with emphasis on the value of early diagnosis and treatment options that are now available. She was joined by **Bobbie Johnson**, a registered nurse (retired), who has been diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's. Together they opened us to dialogue and enabled us to talk about this disease that is gaining momentum in our society today. Early testing was suggested, so that we can establish a benchmark to gauge future changes in our own responses and initiate early treatment.



On Saturday evening, **Dr. Kip Cranna**, Director of Musical Administration for the San Francisco Opera, held us enthralled as he explored with us (showing marvelous video clips) the way in

which composers translate literary works into operas. We were also delighted to learn about how the present generation of opera composers finds material and inspiration for producing new works. Opera is certainly not a closed canon.



On Sunday afternoon **Betsy Gilliland**, a graduate student at UC Davis and a Phi Beta Kappa member from Brown University, shared with us her research into the teaching of academic English to

entering freshman at universities. Many students who are fluent in the spoken word do not know how to write essays and papers in coherent and understandable language that is acceptable at the university level. We hope she can help with this difficult situation.



On Sunday evening **Dr. Tom Buckholtz**, a man of varied experience in industry and government, opened a dialogue with us about ways to begin thinking “outside the box” as we approach the many problems of our modern society. He shared examples from his own past of ways in which small changes in thinking brought about significant insights for later use.



On Monday morning we found ourselves in the company of **Ranger Roxann Jacobus**, who shared with us her enthusiasm and extensive

knowledge of Julia Morgan. As many times as we go on her tour, we always feel richly rewarded for the time spent visiting Ms. Morgan’s elegant creations and reminiscing about the lives of YWCA girls almost a hundred years ago.

There was also time to walk on the beach, and on the boardwalks to explore the sand dunes, go into town to shop, and to enjoy the friendship of fellow Phi Betes at mealtime.

In all, it was an uplifting experience to hear the presentations, and especially to renew old acquaintances and spend time with our good friends. We hope to see you all there next year.

More information about the speakers may be found on our website at:

[www.pbknca.org/asilomar.phi.beta.kappa.pbk.htm](http://www.pbknca.org/asilomar.phi.beta.kappa.pbk.htm)

*Cal Wood*  
*Asilomar Conference Chair*  
*Photos by Jud Goodrich*

## Upcoming Events

**B**e sure to read this important 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  $\Phi$ BKNCA 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  $\Phi$ BKNCA Board is most grateful to those who prefer to donate the program fee to the scholarship program in lieu of a refund. You will not receive written confirmation of your reservation for the events. 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.

**$\Phi$ BKNCA Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner - Sunday, May 6, 2012, 4 PM.** Deadline April 25.



This year’s  $\Phi$ BKNCA Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner will be held from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at The Faculty Club on the campus of UC Berkeley.

**Note: The November newsletter indicated this would be held at Salute in Richmond. The room there is not large enough for us, so we are going back to the Faculty Club.**

Our Annual Meeting is the occasion when we celebrate  $\Phi$ BKNCA’s primary mission: to award scholarships and teaching excellence awards to deserving scholars and professors, with the objectives of enhancing the scholars’ educational and research activities and honoring those in their

teaching of our next generation. We will also vote on the updated bylaws (see page 2).

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 funds generated through the Asilomar conferences and the direct contributions you make!

Enjoy the food, wine and, best of all, the fellowship of kindred spirits. Social hour begins 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.

**For those who would prefer to remain in Berkeley following the meeting, we have negotiated a special room rate with the Hotel Durant which is located adjacent to the UC campus. For further information, please email Judy Hardardt at [hardardtj@comcast.net](mailto:hardardtj@comcast.net).**

**Date:** Sunday, May 6, 2012  
**Deadline:** Wednesday, April 25, 2012  
**Time:** 4-8 PM  
**Location:** The Faculty Club, UC Berkeley Campus  
**Price:** \$59.00 per person (includes tax, gratuity & parking)

***Born Yesterday* at the Cinnabar Theater, Petaluma - Sunday, June 3, 2012, 2 PM.**  
**Deadline:** May 16, 2012 (the earlier you can sign up, the better)



Garson Kanin's wonderful comedy, so appropriate in an election year filled as it is with tales of Washington political insiders, greed and government cover-ups, will be our treat of the month in

June. Sign up early as these tickets will be going faster than Emma 'Billie' Dawn – live on stage – can answer the phone.

**Date:** Sunday, June 3, 2012  
**Deadline:** May 16, 2012  
**Details:** Show is at 2 PM, doors open at 1:30  
**Minimum:** 10  
**Maximum:** 20  
**Price:** \$23.00 per person  
**Location:** Cinnabar Theater, 3333 Petaluma Blvd, Petaluma.

**Directions: Heading North on US 101:** Take the fourth Petaluma exit (Old Redwood Hwy. & Penngrove). Turn left at the stoplight, cross over the freeway onto Petaluma Blvd. North. Go through the next two stoplights. Go through the intersection at the third stoplight (Skillman Ln.) The theater driveway is under the marquee on the right immediately past Skillman.

**Heading South on US 101:** Take the first Petaluma exit (Petaluma Blvd. N. & Penngrove). Turn right at the stoplight onto Petaluma Blvd. North. Go through the next stoplight. Go through the intersection at the second stoplight (Skillman Ln.) The theater driveway is under the marquee on the right immediately past Skillman.

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**San Mateo County History Museum, Redwood City - Saturday, July 21, 2012, 11 AM.**  
**Deadline:** July 7, 2012



The San Mateo County History Museum is an innovative regional history center located in the Old County Courthouse in Redwood City. Featuring interactive experiences, the History Museum's long-term exhibits are the place where we can explore San Mateo County's rich and colorful history. On

the National Register of Historic Places, the 1910 courthouse features a stained-glass dome and mosaic tile floor. Glenn Allen designed the building to look as impressive as San Francisco City Hall.

Our docent-led tour will focus on the story of this early northern California area—its beginnings, its colorful characters, its landmarks and places of note, its entrepreneurs, its scandals and its stories.

**Date:** Saturday, July 21, 2012

**Deadline:** July 7, 2012

**Details:** We will meet at the Museum at 10:45AM; our tour begins at 11AM.

**Minimum:** 10

**Maximum:** 20

**Price:** \$8.00 per person

**Directions:** Located at 2200 Broadway Street, Redwood City. We can park at the county parking lot on the Marshall Street side of the building which is open free of charge to History Museum visitors on weekends.

**Website for directions:**

[www.historysmc.org/museumdirections.html](http://www.historysmc.org/museumdirections.html)

### **PBKNCA Board July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012**

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### **Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner – Sunday, May 6, 2012**

Deadline April 25, 2012

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$59.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check payable to PBKNCA - Enter Annual Mtg on check)

Dinner selection:

# Beef \_\_\_\_\_

# Seafood \_\_\_\_\_

# Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

# Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Member(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Guest name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail coupon and payment to:

Judy Hardardt, PO Box 2038, Davis CA 95617

### **Born Yesterday – Cinnabar Theater – Sunday, June 3, 2012 at 2 PM**

Deadline: May 16, 2012

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$23 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check payable to PBKNCA- Enter Cinnabar on check)

Member(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Guest name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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### **San Mateo County History Museum – Saturday July 21, 2012 at 11 AM**

Deadline: July 7, 2012

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check payable to PBKNCA- Enter SMCHM on check)

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