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From the President



Our annual Presidents’ Weekend retreat at Asilomar, which was held 15-18 February, is now over, but due to publishing deadlines I had to write this missive prior to the meeting. I’m sure Deirdre Frontczak will have done a superb job of coordinating the event, with presentations to interest every attendee. There is a brief summary on page 7. If you haven’t ever attended one of these retreats, you NEED to come! It is a learning experience like no other, and you’ll meet PBK-NCA members who have come for decades and always say they are taking home so many new ideas (not to mention a few extra pounds from the tasty meals in the Dining Hall). Put it on your 2020 calendar, it’ll be held 14-17 February, so we can celebrate Valentine’s Day, too.

During the year, PBK-NCA hosts visits to remarkable sites around our “neck of the woods,” sign-ups for which are available on our website, PBKNCA.org, and in our newsletter starting on page 2 (ably edited by Ray Hendess, my go-to person for historical information about the Association and all things Internet). While our First Vice President for Programs, Judy Hardardt, is enjoying her “Around-the-World-in-180-Days” cruise, she has recruited O’Neil Dillon to cover the almost-monthly events that PBK-NCA offers throughout the year. He will be happy to receive your payments for excursions (either by check – remember those? – or *via* the links to PayPal online at PBKNCA.org). Again, all the news you need to know is at PBKNCA.org.

Board members for the 2019-20 year will be elected and installed at the Annual Meeting, to be held at noon on Sunday May 5, 2019 at the Bancroft Hotel in Berkeley. Check the Φ BKNCA website or page 3 of this Newsletter for more information.

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 Turner Gilliland President 2011-19.

Mary T. Gilliland

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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. No refunds; fees will be donated to the scholarship fund program in lieu of a refund. You will not receive written confirmation of your reservation for the events unless you register online. Directions are available from the event websites, Google, your GPS, or on the day of the event by calling O'Neil Dillon's cell at 510-207-8761. If you subsequently can't make an event, others may be waiting. Kindly notify O'Neil Dillon at 510-207-8761 or oneilsdillon@gmail.com.

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Sunday, March 17, 2019: A Little Bit Of India And Holla Mohalla, San Jose



The Gurdwara Sahib of San Jose is the largest Sikh temple in North America, serving the Sikh and larger community in the Santa Clara Valley.

Not only will we have a guided tour of the Temple itself, but be able to observe an important Sikh Festival on that day, "Holla Mohalla". This will be a very crowded and colorful event, like India itself. The festival is a combination of exhibitions of martial arts, poetry and competitions. The Sikhs have a proud history of militantly resisting, and freeing others from, oppression, and this festival celebrates that history. There will be a 1/2 hour presentation included on what Sikhism is all about by our tour leader.

Service to humanity is an important Sikh tenet and is reflected in Sikh temples being open to all as places of refuge and comfort. All Sikh Temples have community kitchens ("Langar"), and we will share in a communal meal. For example, the Gurdwara in Old Delhi provides 60,000 meals a day all year round. This particular Gurdwara also provides no-cost medical care as one of their programs in service to the community.

We will need to remove our shoes and have head coverings (scarf, no hats) at one point in the tour. Plain white head coverings are available for all, but it's best for women to bring head scarves.

Date - Sunday March 17, 2019

Deadline for registration - March 15th

Time - 10:00 AM tour starts 10:30 AM. Tour will be 1 1/2 hours

Cost \$15

Minimum 10-Maximum 40

Place - Gurdwara Sahib of San Jose
3636 Murillo Ave., San Jose, CA

Meet outside entrance to main lobby. Look for PBK sign

Parking info: Arrive by 10:00 AM (or earlier) for parking close to Temple. Carpooling advised, as well as studying temple site and parking on the satellite image of Google Maps.

10,000 people attend over the course of a day so it will really be crowded and colorful, like India itself.

Emergency Contact: Cell is 510-207-8761 and should be available for unforeseen events (people get lost, arrive late and need direction for shuttle, etc., etc.) Click for Google [Directions](#)

Websites: [Sikh Gurdwara Sahib - San Jose, CA \(Official Website\)](#) [Holla Mohalla · Maptia](#)
[Who are Sikhs? What is Sikhism? | SikhNet](#)

Friday, April 26, 2019: Birding As Well As Climate Smart Conservation Science, Petaluma



- First, a guided birding tour of the nearby Petaluma Wetlands area. **Binoculars and comfortable shoes recommended.**
- Then we will go to the nearby headquarters of Point Blue Conservation Science, where Dr. Grant Ballard, Chief Science Officer, will present some of their projects and the role a conservation organization like theirs plays in helping protect our world's biological systems.
- Finally, a light lunch will be served.

A complimentary one year's membership will be available for any member of PBKNCA. For those unable to attend, the complimentary membership is available, as well as live streaming of the scientific presentation, *via* the internet. To get details on logging on, email oneilsdillon@gmail.com. Questions are possible for those logged on.

Point Blue Conservation Science, with its 160 scientists, is one of the premier conservation science and climate solution organizations in America. Starting in Marin and the Farallon Islands, it has monitored biological systems in those locations on a 24/7 basis for the last 50 years, building the Keystone Data Set, one of the longest biological databases existing in science. Such "Big Data" are a powerful tool in understanding, and planning for, biological changes in our world. This organization uses science, partnership, and outreach to make a real-world impact on some of the largest environmental challenges we face.

Point Blue Conservation Science has expanded its groundbreaking conservation science projects globally and is an important player in "Climate Smart" conservation science, helping policy-makers address ecological issues (like climate change, habitat loss,

sustainable agriculture, carbon sequestration and sea-level rise) facing us today. It was appointed an official UN observer NGO in 2017.

Website <https://www.pointblue.org/>

Date- Friday, April 26, 2019

Deadline for registration - April 24

Time- 9:30AM (birding starts at 10:00 AM, scientific presentation at 11:00 AM)

Cost- \$20

Minimum 10 - Maximum 80

Place- Point Blue Conservation Science

3820 Cypress Drive, Suite 11, Petaluma, CA 94952

Sunday, May 5, 2019: ΦBKNCA Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon. Bancroft Hotel, Berkeley



We have decided to go to a luncheon rather than dinner for several reasons, including cost and the advantages of daytime travel. As you are aware, the annual meeting is the occasion when we celebrate ΦBKNCA's primary mission—the awarding of Scholarships to deserving scholars and Teaching Excellence awards to professors, fulfilling ΦBKNCA's objectives of enhancing scholars' educational and research activities and honoring those who are teaching our next generation.

Date: Sunday, May 5, 2019

Deadline: April 19, 2019

Time: 12:00 Noon

Cost: \$45.00

Location: Bancroft Hotel, Berkeley

From the Bancroft Hotel's website: "we are located across the street from UC Berkeley at 2680 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. Our phone number is (510) 549-1000. From Interstate 80, take the University Avenue exit into Berkeley, heading east toward

the U.C. campus. At the University, turn right on Oxford Street and then left onto Durant Avenue. Cross Telegraph Avenue, turn left onto College Avenue, and left again onto Bancroft Way. The Bancroft Hotel is the second building on the left-hand side."

The website, bancrofthotel.com/directions/ includes a decent map showing the hotel's location on Bancroft Way. A parking structure is across the street from the hotel's entrance.

The "Meeting" portion will consist of election of officers for the 2019-2020 year.

The slate will consist of: Mary Turner Gilliland, President; Judy Hardardt, First Vice President – Programs; Joanne Sandstrom, Second Vice President – Scholarships; Patricia Kenber, Third Vice President – Membership; Duncan Missimer, Treasurer; Susan Jenkins, Corresponding/Recording Secretary.

Nomination Committee shall be Judith Hardardt, Chair; Gerald T. Richards; Maria W. Norall; Elizabeth D. Archambeault.

Bios of all nominees are at <https://www.pbknca.org/bios/2019-2020.phi.beta.kappa.pbk.php>

Jean James, Past-President, PBKNCA

Friday, June 14, 2019: UC Davis, World-Leading Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital (As Well As The Manetti Shrem Museum Of Art, If You Wish)



As the top-ranked global leader in veterinary medicine, the UC Davis Veterinary Hospital treats more

than 50,000 patients a year — from dogs and horses to mountain lions and iguanas. Their faculty, staff and students provide attentive and personalized care to each animal, understanding that it is a valued member of a family. Their world-renowned specialists have access to leading-edge equipment and technology, and are equipped to handle 34 clinical specialties. These include 24/7 emergency and critical care, cardiology, internal medicine, oncology, ophthalmology, and surgery, among others.

Our tour will be led by students in the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. We will see the world's Number 1 veterinary hospital in full operation.

See: <https://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/hospital>

Date - Friday, June 14, 2019

Time - Arrive 10:30AM, tour starts 11AM and ends 12:30PM

Deadline - Thursday, May 23rd.

Limit - 22

Cost - \$10

Location - UC Davis Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital

#1 Garrod Dr., Davis CA

Parking information to be sent to sign-ups later on.

For directions see: <https://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/contact>

This is also an opportunity to visit the Manetti Shrem Art Museum at UC Davis, on your own



Students on the Manetti Shrem Museum event plaza.

after our tour. The museum is located at 254 Old Davis Rd, Davis, CA. **There is no admission fee. It is open 12 noon-6 PM on the date of our tour. See: <https://manettishremmuseum.ucdavis.edu/visit>** -especially for parking information

**Sunday, July 21, 2019: Oakland Museum Focus
On Architecture**



Experience OMCA's remarkable mid-century modernist landmark building with the guidance of the Museum's expert members of the Council on Architecture. This tour shares with you a few of the highlights of the incredible building, including views of Lake Merritt and downtown Oakland from atop a three-tiered roof garden, and the serene Koi Pond. It is a truly Californian indoor/outdoor landmark. Built in 1969 with a design by Kevin Roche and land-

scaping by Dan Kiley, the Museum recently completed a major renovation and expansion project, overseen by San Francisco-based firm Mark Cavagnero Associates, which honors Roche and Kiley's original vision of a vibrant urban park and public space.

Learn about the social times and urban planning concepts the architects (both structural and landscape) took into consideration when designing the museum, which whose collection is as interesting as the architecture itself.

Website <http://museumca.org/>

Meet at Museum ticket desk

Date - Sunday July 21, 2019

Time 12:30 PM, Tour starts 1 PM.

Limit - 30

Deadline - Saturday, July 20th

Cost \$10

Place - Oakland Museum, 1000 Oak St, Oakland, California

[Directions and parking](#)

Parking - The entrance to the parking garage is on Oak Street between 10th and 12th streets. Parking fees are \$3 per hour.

Get the Newsletter Online and Save the Association Money

If you are receiving a hardcopy newsletter, why don't you join the six hundred and twenty-five current members who have elected to receive the online newsletter? In 2018 we spent nearly \$3,000 mailing hardcopy newsletters – that is nearly one-half of a scholarship! We send you an email with clickable links to the newsletter, which is in color and in mobile-optimized or PDF format for desktop or printing, 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 in color. Think about it – our potential scholarship recipients will really appreciate it! And you will be saving trees. Just check the box on your membership form, or send an email to online@pbknca.org, and we will add you to the list.

Ray Hendess, Communications Officer

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A Little Bit of India and Holla Mohalla

Sunday, March 17, 2019, 10:30 am

Deadline Friday, March 15, 2019

Attending _____ x \$15.00 per person = \$ _____

(Check payable to ΦBK-NCA. Enter "India" on check)

Member(s) _____

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Phone _____

E-mail _____

Guest name(s) _____

Mail coupon and payment to: O'Neil S. Dillon, M.D.,

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UC Davis Medical Teaching Hospital

Friday, June 14, 2019 10:30 am

Deadline Thursday, May 23, 2019

Attending _____ x \$10.00 per person = \$ _____

(Check payable to ΦBK-NCA. Enter "UC Davis" on check)

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Birding and Climate Smart Conservation Science

Friday, April 26, 2019, 9:30 am

Deadline Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Attending _____ x \$20.00 per person = \$ _____

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Guest name(s) _____

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Oakland Museum focus on Architecture

Sunday, July 21, 2019 12:30 pm

Deadline Saturday, July 20, 2019

Attending _____ x \$10.00 per person = \$ _____

(Check payable to ΦBK-NCA. Enter "Oakland" on check)

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Awards Dinner and Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 5, 2019 12:00 noon

Deadline Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Attending _____ x \$45 per person = \$ _____

(Check payable to ΦBK-NCA. Enter "Annual" on check)

Dinner Selection:

#Chicken _____

#Halibut _____

#Vegetarian _____

Handicap parking? _____

Member(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Guest name(s) _____

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I wish to thank Dr. Larry Lerner for proofing this newsletter. Ray Hendess, Editor

Asilomar 2019 33rd Annual Asilomar Conference, the Weekend of February 15 - 18, 2019

See pbknca.org/asilomar/asilomar.2019.speakers.phi.beta.kappa.pbk.php



Friday Evening, 7:30 pm. Shannon Vallor, Ph.D.
How to Cultivate Humane Machines – and People

While AI can impede or denature self-cultivation practices, it also has the potential to amplify and sustain them. Humanizing AI can provide reliable feedback channels that foster more honest self-appraisals, build sustainable intellectual habits, and strengthen personal and civic virtues. But... how do we achieve that?



Saturday Morning, 9:30 am. Frederick M. Lawrence, J.D.
The Nature of the University

To the question of “who is the college?” Chief Justice John Marshall famously answered that the charter of Dartmouth College had created an “artificial immortal being” ... and that the university owes its duties to all its constituencies – students, faculty, alumni, staff, and even beyond....



Saturday Afternoon, 1:30 pm. Lynn Cominsky, Ph.D. (Physics)
Spacetime Symphony: Gravitational Waves from Merging Binaries

The LIGO team that Cominsky supports won a Nobel Prize for Physics in 2017, providing direct evidence of the last major unconfirmed prediction of Einstein’s Theory of Relativity. Here, she presents an introduction to LIGO, gravitational waves and black holes, also discussing the most recent gravitational wave detection results reported from the LIGO Observatory.



Saturday Evening, 7:30 pm. Michael Wolfe Writer / filmmaker
PBS film, *The Sultan and the Saint*

This documentary explores the historic, high-stakes diplomacy between Malik Al-Kamil, Sultan of Egypt and nephew of Saladin; and Francis of Assisi, wealthy warrior turned preacher, in their 13th-century peace mission seeking an end to the Crusades.



Sunday Morning, 10:00 am. Steve Hollingworth, M.S. Economics, Grameen Foundation
How can digital technology empower the world’s poorest women?

A [recent report](#) finds that 1.2 billion women in low- and middle-income countries do not use mobile internet and nearly one billion women are unable to access formal financial services of any kind. Grameen Foundation works to close these gaps; in this talk, Hollingworth explains why, and how.



Sunday Evening, 7:30 pm. Robert Hartwell, Ph.D. Music
Mozart and Mythology

It has been 228 years since one of humanity’s greatest geniuses was buried in an unmarked grave on the outskirts of Vienna. Since that time, few figures in history have been so surrounded by myths, half-truths, and sheer nonsense. Here, Professor Hartwell shares fact, mystery and myth.



Monday Morning, 9:30 am. Lee Panich, Ph.D.
New insights into the lives of Native Californians at Spanish missions

The material evidence offers clues to clandestine activities within the mission estate as well as previously undocumented connections to autonomous communities in the colonial hinterlands. These findings encourage us to rethink the scholarly and popular portrayal of so-called Mission Indians.



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