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## From the President



Autumn in Northern California is my favorite season. We usually enjoy our warmest weather (although climate change may modify that) and we resume our normal routines after a summer of visitors or our own travels to other parts of the planet.

Speaking of travels, I thank our First Vice President Judy Hardardt for organizing a wonderful visit to Portugal in June, including a multi-day tour of Lisbon and a week-long cruise on the Douro River, from Porto to the Spanish border. Eight ΦBKNCA affiliated people discovered the history of a beautiful country, learned about the Port wine industry from grapevine to finished product (including a visit to a cork factory, which was Clint's and my highlight of the trip), and had plenty of opportunities to taste each variety of the wine. The event also raised \$2400 toward our scholarships!

During the coming year, we'll have a wide variety of monthly visits to interesting Bay Area sites, thanks again to the efforts of First Vice President-Programs Judy Hardardt. Check every newsletter and our website [www.pbknca.org](http://www.pbknca.org) for more about these. In May, we'll confer scholarships on worthy graduate students from some of our associated college chapters. The hard work of Second Vice President- Scholarships Joanne Sandstrom and her committee and your generous contributions make this possible.

From the colleges which have a Phi Beta Kappa chapter, 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 available at [www.pbknca.org/teaching/](http://www.pbknca.org/teaching/) or on page 2 if you prefer to do hardcopy. Teaching Excellence Chair Narcinda Lerner awaits your input.

Consider attending our annual Presidents' Weekend symposium (February 14-17, 2013) at Asilomar (Pacific Grove). We enjoy hearing speakers on a variety of subjects, from literature to science and everything in between, have fascinating conversations among ΦBKNCA members during meals, and marvel at nature's magnificence as we wander the retreat-center grounds. Deirdre Frontczak will be delighted to receive your reservation. All proceeds from the symposium are used for our award programs. See page 7.

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. We'd be delighted to get a chance to know you better!

*Mary T. Gilliland*

Mary Turner Gilliland,  
President 2013-2014

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# ***Excellence in Teaching Award Application***

## ***Phi Beta Kappa Northern California Association***

Dear Fellow Phi Betes:

We are seeking nominations for this prestigious award, which carries an honorarium as well as a certificate. Please nominate a professor you consider to be outstanding: someone who taught an especially memorable course or who impressed you as an unusually skilled educator, who had a special impact on your education, career, or life, or whom you found inspiring and admirable. Making such a nomination is an appropriate and satisfying way of expressing your gratitude to that person. Winners will be honored at Phi Beta Kappa NCA's Annual May Banquet.

Faculty members of any rank (including lecturers and emeriti) at the following schools are eligible for nomination: Mills College, San Francisco State University, Santa Clara University, Stanford University, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Santa Cruz, and The University of the Pacific. Please give as complete information as possible. Your nominees need not be Phi Beta Kappa members.

You may make more than one nomination, but please use a separate sheet for each nomination you make.

Full Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Rank (Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, Other): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject(s) Taught: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Course(s) Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Department and School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** Please tell us, in as much detail as you can, why and how this person stands out in your mind. Use additional sheets as necessary:

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School, Class Year and Date of Election to ΦBK: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Narcinda R. Lerner, Ph.D. (e-mail: [nrlernern@netscape.net](mailto:nrlernern@netscape.net))  
Teaching Excellence Chair  
10 Stadler Drive

Woodside, CA 94062-4840

Phone: (650) 851-0137

FAX: (650) 529-9369

**Deadline: November 30, 2013 for May 2014 Award**

webform

**Thank you for your help!**  
**ΦBK NCA**

## Teaching Excellence Nomination

The Teaching Excellence Committee has received six nominations for Teaching Excellence Awards as of mid-August. The nominees are at four of the eight eligible campuses. Faculty members eligible for awards must be at one of the eight Northern California colleges which have a Phi Beta Kappa chapter. These are: Mills College, Santa Clara University, San Francisco State University, Stanford University, University of California, Berkeley, Davis, Santa Cruz, and University of the Pacific. Nominations for Spring 2014 must be received by November 30, 2013. Please nominate using the form at [www.pbknca.org/teaching/](http://www.pbknca.org/teaching/) (preferred), or the hardcopy above.

*Narcinda Lerner, Teaching Excellence Chair*

## Get the Newsletter Online and Save the Association Money

If you are receiving a hardcopy newsletter, why don't you join the seven hundred and ninety-seven members who receive the online newsletter? In 2012 we spent nearly \$3,000 mailing hardcopy newsletters – that is three-fifths of a scholarship! We 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 **in color**. 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.

*Ray Hendess, Communications Officer*

## Upcoming Events

**S**andhill Crane Wetland Tour Announcement: Several members have asked that a tour of the Woodbridge Ecological Reserve (between Rio Vista & Lodi) be set up during the time that the Sandhill Cranes are “in residence.” If you would like to be a part of a group of ΦBKers doing this, please email or call Judy Hardardt ([hardardtj@gmail.com](mailto:hardardtj@gmail.com) or 707-696-9498) before August 31. If there is enough interest, we will set up a tour to take place in mid-January.

**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 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. 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.



**We Will Tour Oakland's  
Paramount Theater –  
Saturday, September 21,  
2013!**

The San Francisco Chronicle's  
Jon Carroll described the Para-

mount as the world's best haunted house with its “tunnels, trapdoors, secret doors, crawl spaces” to quote part of his article on the theater. We will visit this gem of old time movie theaters with its gaudy, rococo, ornate, not-long-ago restored interior including the definitely working Wurlitzer organ. This is a not-to-be-missed event.

**Date:** September 21, 2013  
**Time:** 1 pm  
**Minimum:** 8, **Maximum:** 30  
**Deadline:** September 6, 2013  
**Fee:** \$10.00

**Directions:**

**From San Francisco,** go east across Bay Bridge, taking I-880 south towards Alameda/Airport/San Jose; exit onto West Grand Ave., heading east. Turn right onto Broadway Ave. The theater will be on your right at 2025 Broadway.

**From Marin, Berkeley, Sacramento area,** get on I-80 west to I-580 east to I-980 west. Exit 980 at 18th St., merging onto Brush St. Turn left onto 17th and left again onto Broadway. The theater will be on your left at 2025 Broadway.

**From Concord, Walnut Creek:** Take I-680 to Hwy 24 west. After going through the Caldecott Tunnel, Hwy 24 becomes I-980 west. Exit 980 at 27th St. towards West Grand Ave. Merge onto Northgate Ave., turn left onto W. Grand and then right onto Telegraph Ave. Turn left onto 20th St. and left again onto Broadway/Broadway Auto Row. This will bring you right in front of the theater.

**From the South Bay:** Take I-880 north towards Oakland, taking the Broadway exit towards downtown; stay to the right at the fork in the ramp & merge onto Broadway/Broadway Auto Row. Stay on Broadway to 21st St. and you will be in front of the theater.

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**Our Halloween Special Tradition Returns! We visit Alfred Hitchcock's San Francisco on Saturday, October 26, 2013**



The Master of Suspense loved San Francisco and used its beauty, elegance and mystery to great effect in several films. From Nob Hill to Union Square, we will see

some of the hotels, clubs, retail stores and other locations featured in Vertigo and other Hitchcock classics. We'll learn why Hitchcock chose these locations and how he filmed them. And we'll learn about their history, architecture, and the stories they tell about San Francisco fifty years ago and today.

We will meet at the fountain in Huntington Park, off Sacramento Street between Taylor and Mason. The tour ends in Union Square and includes a steep downhill walk. And a steep walk uphill back to your car (or take a cab).

**Date:** Saturday, October 26, 2013  
**Time:** 11:00 am  
**Minimum:** 12  
**Maximum:** 24  
**Deadline:** October 4, 2013  
**Fee:** \$15.00

**Driving Directions: From East Bay:** I-80 West over Bay Bridge, exit Fremont St., continuing onto Front St. Turn left onto Pine St., right onto Powell St., then left onto Sacramento St. and second left onto Cushman St. Destination will be on the right.

**From North/Marin/Sonoma:** Take 101 South, over Golden Gate Bridge and via the ramp to San Francisco and onto Lombard St. Turn right onto Van Ness, left onto Clay, right onto Sproule Lane, continuing to Cushman St. Destination will be on the right.

**From San Jose & Peninsula area:** Take 101 North, exiting onto North Mission St./Golden Gate Bridge, turning left onto Van Ness and then right onto California St. Turn left onto Mason St. and then first left onto Sacramento St. and then first left again onto Cushman St. Destination will be on the right.

**There is an Ampco Parking lot at 1051 Taylor St. in front of Grace Cathedral (on the other side of Huntington Park).**

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**A Grand Night for Singing: Rodgers & Hammerstein's Music**



**Saturday, December 7, 2013**

This is our "must see" event for this year! A Grand Night for US! The music of Rodgers and Hammerstein in revue at the Leshner Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek will include something from every R&H Broadway musical, including *Carousel*, *Oklahoma!*, *The King and I*, *South Pacific*, *Cinderella*, and *The Sound of Music*.

We have 20 seats blocked out

and may not be able to get more so call or email right away if you want to be part of our kick-off to this year's holidays.

Plan to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to curtain time!

**Date:** Saturday, December 7, 2013  
**Time:** 2:30 pm  
**Minimum:** 15  
**Maximum:** 20  
**Deadline:** Tuesday, October 1, 2013  
**Fee:** \$45.00

**Directions: From Oakland/San Francisco** take Hwy 24 to 680 North, exit Ygnacio Valley Rd., turn right at end of exit, turn right onto California Blvd., turn left onto Civic Dr., turn right onto Locust St. Parking garage is on the right.

**From San Jose** take 680 North, exit Olympic Blvd., turn right onto Olympic from the exit, turn left onto California Blvd., turn right onto Civic Dr., turn right onto Locust St. Parking garage is on the right.

**From Concord/Sacramento** take 680 South, exit at Walnut Creek/North Main St., go toward South Main St., go straight, staying right toward California Blvd., turn left onto Civic Dr., turn right onto Locust St., parking garage is on the right.

**From the Walnut Creek BART Station** go south on North California Blvd. (behind Target store) for about ¾ mile, crossing Lacassie Ave., and then Cole Ave. As you walk along North California Blvd., you will see Leshar Center's lighted marquee listing upcoming events. Turn left onto Civic Dr., where you will see the ticket office & the main entrance.

**Coupons**

**P**lease print legibly and print name of tour on check as well. **No acknowledgments 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.

Oakland's Paramount Theater  
 Saturday, September 21, 2013, 1 pm  
 Deadline September 6, 2013  
 # Attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Check payable to PBKNCA- Enter name of tour on check)  
 Member(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guest name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mail coupon and payment to:  
 Judy Hardardt, PO Box 2038, Davis CA 95617

Rodgers & Hammerstein's Music  
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 Deadline October 1, 2013  
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Alfred Hitchcock's San Francisco  
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**Financial Report**

**M**embers may download a copy of the MFY 2012-2013 Financial Report after November 1 from [www.pbknca.org/financials/](http://www.pbknca.org/financials/) or request it by mailing a #10 pre-addressed and stamped (46¢) envelope to the Treasurer, Robin Fuller, 915 Shorepoint Court, E227, Alameda, CA 94501-5849.

## Chapter Liaison

The goal of Chapter Liaison is to communicate to new  $\Phi$ BK initiates that our Association provides a continuing opportunity to interact with other Phi Betes, that they can nominate teachers who had a significant impact on their education for our Teaching Excellence Award (see pages 2-3), and that we offer scholarships to graduate students.



Santa Cruz – June 14, 2013



University of the Pacific – May 3, 2013

We want to thank all of our representatives for working with their respective universities or colleges to help the new initiates celebrate their successes and feel welcome in our organization: Mary Frances Crabtree, Mary Hanel, Joanne Sandstrom, Judith Hardardt, Pamela Roby, and Melissa Getz. If you are interested in being a representative next year at the Phi Beta Kappa initiations at Mills College, UC Santa Cruz, or University of the Pacific, please contact *Melissa Getz* (510-526-4478, [melissa@melgetz.com](mailto:melissa@melgetz.com)).



Mills College – April 16, 2013



Santa Clara University – June 14, 2013

These, and additional pictures are available at higher resolution on the web at [www.pbknca.org/initiate/](http://www.pbknca.org/initiate/)

## The 28th Annual Asilomar is coming! Presidents' Day Weekend February 14 – 17, 2014



This February Phi Betes will again gather at the historic Asilomar State Park conference center, in Pacific Grove along the magnificent Monterey coast. The conference is still in the planning stage, but a preview of currently scheduled speakers features scholars in the humanities, sciences and the arts, including:

- Dr. Margaret McLean, bioethicist and Associate Director of the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University, will address the ethical dimension of advances in medicine and biotechnology and their implications for the beginning, sustaining and ending of life.
- David Seaborg, noted conservationist and Darwin scholar, will celebrate Darwin Day 2014 by sharing his research on the extinction crisis now underway, and what it means for our planetary future.
- Dr. Alison Weiss, historian at U.C. Berkeley and 2013 recipient of a  $\Phi$ BKNCA scholarship, will share her research on “A Plumb Craving for the Other Color” – the romanticization of interracial sex, especially of white men with non-white women, in the American imagination as it originated in the antebellum South.
- John Klink, President of the International Catholic Migration Commission, will speak on the unseen slave trade that continues in the persistent trafficking of women across international borders, and what can be done to heal this present-day wound.
- Dr. Mira Kopell, U.C. Berkeley film studies scholar, script reviewer for the American Film Institute and the National Endowment for the Arts, and 2013 recipient of a Teaching Excellence award from  $\Phi$ BKNCA, will share her insights on the process of creative screenwriting, particularly for historical films.

Conference fees are \$100 per person, plus accommodations to be arranged directly with Asilomar – it is not too early to sign up now! Coupon on page 8.

*Deirdre Frontczak, Asilomar Chair*

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**ΦBK at Asilomar February 14-17, 2014**

Deadline for Reservations: December 15, 2013

Registration fee: # Attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$100/person= \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to PBKNCA

Mail to: Barry Haskell, 1190 Fairbrook Dr., Mountain View, CA 94040

Questions? Call Deirdre Frontczak at 707 546-4238

Member Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Where initiated to PBK (For your nametag) \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email (essential!) \_\_\_\_\_