

The Chicago

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Phi Beta Kappa Association of the Chicago Area News

Arne Duncan to be honored at annual dinner

Chicago Public Schools Chief Executive Officer, Arne Duncan will receive the Distinguished Service Award at the Phi Beta Kappa Association of the Chicago Area Annual Dinner and Scholarship Benefit Friday, Nov. 16. As head of the third largest public school system in the country and the second largest employer in Illinois, Duncan has tackled key issues such as literacy, recruiting and training outstanding teachers and expanding after school programs. Since his appointment by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, Mr. Duncan has followed the mayor's mandate: "Do the right thing by our children."



Arne Duncan

Raised in Hyde Park and educated at the University of Chicago Lab School and Harvard University, Arne graduated magna cum laude with a degree in Sociology in 1987. He was co-captain of Harvard's basketball team and played professional basketball in Australia from 1987-1991 where he also worked with children who were wards of the state. Arne Duncan says that basketball helps him relate to students all over Chicago; he likes to end visits to public schools in the gym, playing two-on-two games with the students.

Arne Duncan currently serves on the Boards of the Ariel Education Initiative, Chicago Cares, Jobs for Americas Graduates, Scholarship Chicago, the National Association of Basketball Coaches' Foundation and the South Side YMCA among others. He also serves on the Board of Overseers for Harvard College and was a member of the Aspen Institute's Henry Crown Fellowship program. In 2006, the City Club of Chicago named him Citizen of the Year.

Following the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award, Arne Duncan will speak on: "Raising Expectations." He will discuss the district's commitment to challenging ourselves and our students to set high expectations in order to raise achievement levels and close the gap between Chicago's mostly low income, minority students and the rest of Illinois. He will outline ambitious goals and aggressive strategies to achieve them.

The Dinner and Benefit will be held at The Casino, a private club just behind the John Hancock Center. Tickets are \$125 each. Table purchases are available and underwriting donations are accepted.

Members and Key holders:

Join us at The Cliff Dwellers on September 29!

Our 2007 PBKACA Annual meeting and first Membership Open House will be held on Saturday, September 29 from 10AM - 1PM at The Cliff Dwellers. It is a perfect opportunity to meet other Phi Betes in Chicago and the suburbs (maybe your neighbor- or your colleague at work), and find out what our local Association is and what it does. Our elected Board members will answer your questions and solicit your ideas, including:

- What is PBKACA?
- How are we different from the National Society?
- What does PBKACA do?
- What are the benefits of joining our Association?
- How can I contribute?

You will hear from various Committees – book club, service projects, young professionals, fundraising, membership and special interest groups – on their upcoming projects. We will also have a special tribute to Miriam Pollyea, one of our long serving board members and committee chairs.

Please join us at this special event and make the most of the honor you received when you were inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. PBKACA is open to any key holder, no matter at which college or university you received your key. Your Chicago based association is your PBK home for your lifetime – after your induction.

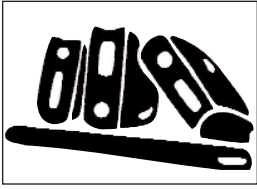
The event will take place at the Cliff Dwellers Club at the Borg-Warner Building, 200 S. Michigan Avenue on the 22nd Floor and includes a continental breakfast. The cost is \$25. The club functions as a non-profit organization for men and women either professionally engaged in, or who support, the fine arts and the performing arts and its facilities overlook Millennium Park and the Art Institute of Chicago. For more details, see the events page.

Key Events and Programs

Get a group together and join us this fall at one of these events. Visit www.pbkaca.org for more information on the events listed below (and to sign up via Pay Pal) and for additional event and service opportunities. You can also send in your check to our P.O. Box.

Book Discussion Group

One Sunday a Month at 1:30 p.m.



Nix Restaurant at the Knickerbocker Hotel, 163 East Walton Place, Chicago

Upcoming dates

and book titles are listed below. Make plans to join us for our discussions! Contact Miriam Pollyea at (312) 337-4844 or MPollyea@aol.com.

Sept. 9 — *Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies* by Jared M. Diamond

Oct. 7 — *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston

Nov. 4 — *The Worst Hard Times: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl* by Timothy Egan

Dec. 2 — *Snow* by Orhan Pamuk

Tribune Freedom Museum

Sunday, Sept. 16 at 2 p.m.

445 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago

The McCormick Tribune Freedom Museum is the nation's first museum dedicated to helping people understand freedom, with a focus on those guaranteed by the First Amendment. Join other Phi Betes and guests for a tour of the museum, followed by dinner at Houlihan's, 111 E. Wacker Dr. The cost is \$10 for museum admission and docent. RSVP to Anne Divita Kopacz at anne.divita@gmail.com by Sept. 12.

Annual Business Meeting and Open House

Sat., Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Cliff Dwellers Club at the Borg-Warner Building, 200 S. Michigan Avenue, 22nd Floor

You and your fellow key holders are invited to the first annual PBKACA open house to learn about the many activities and opportunities available to PBKACA members holders in the Chicago area. We will also have a special tribute to one of our long-serving board members and committee chairs, Miriam Pollyea. The cost is \$25 which includes a continental breakfast. Sign up on our website www.pbkaca.org, send a check to our PO Box, or contact: Judi Strauss Lipkin at (312) 409-1937 or info@pbkaca.org.

Young Professionals: Networking Lunch

Saturday, October 20 at 1 p.m.

John Barleycorn, 658 W. Belden Ave.

Let's do lunch! PBKACA is inviting all young professionals to network with other young professionals in one of Lincoln Park's hot spots. The restaurant is accessible via the CTA Fullerton stop. RSVP to Katrice Grayson at katrice.grayson@gmail.com by Thursday, October 18.

Annual Dinner and Scholarship Benefit

Friday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.

The Casino Club, 195 E. Delaware Place, Chicago

Join us for an elegant evening at the Casino as we present Arne Duncan, chief executive officer of the Chicago Public Schools since 2001, with our Distinguished Service Award and celebrate PBKACA's Chicago Public Schools Scholarship Recipients and Initiative. The cost is \$125. For more information, contact Judi Strauss-Lipkin at 312.409-1937 or judistrauss2002@yahoo.com.

Film Discussion Group: "Beowulf"

Thursday, Nov. 29 at 6 p.m.

TBA, Chicago

Our fall movie is "Beowulf," a historical adventure is based on the epic poem of the same name. The all-star cast includes Angelina Jolie, John Malkovich, and Anthony Hopkins. Robert Zemeckis directs, utilizing the unique style of live action and animation he pioneered in "The Polar Express." Following the film, we will meet at a nearby venue for a post-film discussion of topics including Norse history, mythology, and the origins of English literature. We will also compare this film with the very first movie screened by our Film Group, "Beowulf & Grendel."

Come for the movie; stay for the thematic prize awarded for contributions to the discussion! Contact

John Ashton at

jcashton.il@netzero.net by November 27 to attend.



Pay for events by the RSVP date online at www.pbkaca.org or by mailing a check to Phi Beta Kappa Association of the Chicago Area, P.O. Box 64-2622, Chicago, IL 60664-2622.

Do you have a great idea for a PBKACA event? Contact Anne Divita Kopacz at anne.divita@gmail.com or call us at (312) 409-1937.

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DECEMBER 16 AT 2 PM

AT THE DEVLIN'S.

PBKACA Member Profile: Judi Strauss-Lipkin

Twenty years ago Judi Strauss-Lipkin, PBKACA Board President, received an unsolicited newsletter and invitation to attend the PBKACA annual dinner where Harry Mark Petrakis was to be the keynote speaker. Judi has always been incredibly committed to education. She holds a B.A. in Psychology, an M. Ed. from Harvard School of Education and a Ph. D. from the Union Institute, but had never done anything with key that she received from the University of Pennsylvania in 1964. In fact, it sat in its original box until the day of the Petrakis annual dinner. She met all kinds of interesting people at the event, and one said that younger members were needed on the board. That began the first of her several terms on the executive board.

Strauss-Lipkin values the liberal arts education that carries her through life. Judi used it in her academic career as a Professor of Human Resource Management at George Williams College and Benedictine University (from 1986-2001) where she developed the Graduate Human Resources Program as well as in her own tax and financial planning business (begun in 1969) with offices in Chicago and Downers Grove.

She expands it by regularly reading the Chicago Tribune, The Wall Street Journal,

New York Magazine, and The New Yorker. She also enjoys watching C-SPAN, CNN, MSNBC, Channel 11, and the Food Network. However, this Brooklyn-born Dodgers fan is much more than a news junkie. Judi proudly proclaims her love for the Cubs, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Millennium Park, the Lyric Opera, local theater and music venues such as Chicago Cabaret, the Humanities Festival and most recently Northern Michigan where she spent a week camping and bonding with her daughter and grandchildren.

PBKACA still draws Strauss-Lipkin because it continues giving the opportunity to meet incredibly bright people of varied backgrounds; holding a key is not an elitist bond, it is just something that the group has in common. Further, PBK is a brand that stands for excellence in liberal arts education, and she is concerned with how the association can help students receive the kind of education that members have received. Her goal for her leadership term at PBKACA is to fund the first \$500,000 of the Chicago Public Schools Endowment Initiative – and she just might call and ask you for your help! Judi wants all students to realize that college is more than a means to a degree, it's a place to receive a meaningful education – for the rest of your life.

Donate to PBKACA's College Scholarship Initiative

The Annual Dinner serves as the cornerstone of Phi Beta Kappa Association of the Chicagoland Area's Chicago Public Schools Scholarship Initiative. Since PBKACA began raising monies in 2005 as a modest endeavor to fund one \$5000 Scholarship, your contributions to our current needs have enabled us to continue the 2006 Scholarship to Ramon Lee (Lincoln Park Prep) at Johns Hopkins (majoring in neuroscience) through his Sophomore year. In addition, our 2007 Chicago Public schools Scholarship recipient Dominique Barron (Walter Payton College Prep High School) is just beginning her freshman year at Georgetown University, with a major in international relations and a planned career in the law.

Currently, PBKACA is seeking to build an initial endowment of \$500,000 which would generate a minimum of \$20,000 in income per year. We have been asking each

of our members to support this important and exciting initiative. Many of you have already responded to our request with:

- cash donations for current scholarships
- funds for our endowment
- donations of stock
- matching contributions for your employer
- planned giving.

We are also reaching out to key holders who are not yet members, private foundations, and corporations through our Fundraising Committee.

We thank each of the members who have already contributed and encourage all members to consider making a donation this year in support of the scholarship initiative. To donate, you can:

- Send a check made payable to the PBKACA Scholarship Fund directly to our P.O. Box 64-2622, Chicago, IL 60664-2622.

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- Make a donation through our website at www.pbkaca.org.
- Make a donation directly from your IRA trustee to PBKACA.
- Contact Judi Strauss Lipkin at judistrauss2002@yahoo.com to discuss your ideas, ask questions, provide suggestions for other contacts and perhaps schedule a meeting.

Phi Beta Kappa Chicago is a 501(c) (3) organization. One hundred percent of contributions are used to fund the scholarships. All donations are tax deductible and every donation will receive an acknowledgement for your 2007 tax records.

Member News

Diane Baia Torres' new play, "The Lion's Share" received a staged reading at Chicago Dramatists on Saturday August 4th. Set in Florence during the heady days of the Italian Renaissance, the play focuses on the clash between humanist principles of the great arts patron Lorenzo de' Medici and the fundamentalist tenets of the Dominican monk Girolamo Savonarola. Diane's previous works have received productions and readings in Denver and Los Angeles. Diane received her key at the University of Denver.

Kathryn Norcross Black has a chapter on "Giftedness" in the Handbook of 21st Century Psychology, a reference source for undergraduate psychology majors published by Sage. Kathryn is a professor emeritus at Purdue University and received her key at the University of Iowa.

What's new? Let us know about your accomplishments, promotions and other news. E-mail Katrice Grayson at katrice.grayson@gmail.com, mail us a note or call us at (312) 409-1937.

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Check PBKACA's website (www.pbkaca.org) to learn about and sign up for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. The website has more information about our scholarship recipients — Dominique Barron and Ramon Lee — as well as the complete, unedited, profile of Miriam Pollyea! You may also go online to join PBKACA, renew your membership or contribute to the College Scholarship Initiative.



The Communications Committee also provides broadcast emails at least once a month to remind members about upcoming events. If you would like to help out with our electronic communications, email PBKACA's webmaster, Katrice Grayson at katrice.grayson@gmail.com.

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