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Phi Beta Kappa Association of the Chicago Area News

James Cuno to be honored at Annual Dinner

James Cuno, President and Eloise W. Martin Director of The Art Institute of Chicago, will receive the Distinguished Service Award at the Phi Beta Kappa Association of the Chicago Area (PBKACA) Annual Dinner and Scholarship Benefit on Friday, November 14. The Dinner and Benefit will highlight the 70th anniversary of PBKACA.

Dr. Cuno has put his personal vision into place at the Institute, including overseeing the completion of Renzo Piano's design for the Art Institute's new Modern Wing. When it opens in May 2009, this three-story, 264,000 square foot

building will house galleries for modern and contemporary art, architecture, and design. In addition, he talks of revocation, not innovation - with over 60 percent of the museum's galleries being renovated and reinstalled to make for "greater clarity and coherence of presentation." And he has just completed a rebranding project with the Pentagon design firm, the highlight of which is the Institute's new logo.

Dr. Cuno joined the Art Institute in 2004. Prior to that, he was Elizabeth and John Moors Cabot Director of the Harvard University Art Museums and Professor of the History of Art and Architecture at Harvard (1991-2003). He received his Ph.D. in art history from Harvard University in 1985.

Dr. Cuno has written and lectured extensively on topics ranging from French caricature of the 18th and 19th centuries to

contemporary American Art, as well as on the role of art museums in contemporary American cultural policy. His most recent work on the latter topic is the book *Who Owns Antiquity? Museums and the Battle over Our Ancient Heritage* (Princeton University Press, 2008). A companion anthology, *Whose Culture? The Promise of Museums and the Debate Over Antiquities*, for which Cuno served as editor, is forthcoming.



James Cuno

Dr. Cuno has held numerous professional positions on advisory councils and boards, including serving as trustee and president of the Association of Art Museum Directors. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Following the presentation of the 2008 Distinguished Service Award, Dr. Cuno will speak on "The Promise of Museums." Repositories of our common artistic legacy, museums serve as a force for understanding, tolerance, and the dissolution of ignorance and superstition about the world. This is the promise of museums, which we need to celebrate in our times of resurgent nationalism and sectarian violence.

The Dinner and Benefit will be held at The Casino, a private club just behind the John Hancock Center. Tickets are \$150 each. Table purchases are available and underwriting donations are accepted. Invitations for this special event will be mailed in early September.

College Scholarship Initiative

The Annual Dinner serves as the cornerstone of Phi Beta Kappa Association of the Chicago Area's Chicago Public Schools Scholarship Initiative. Your contributions have enabled us to award scholarships to three students, including 2008's recipient, Kenneth Oshita, a graduate of Lincoln Park High School who will attend the University of Chicago this fall. Many of our members have responded to our request with cash donations for current scholarships and matching corporate gifts, funds for our endowment, donations of stock, tax-favored contributions directly from an IRA trustee, and planned giving.

We thank everyone who has contributed and encourage all members to consider making a donation this year in support of the scholarship initiative. We are also asking you to become "supporters" of the Annual Dinner by underwriting the cost of the event, which includes flowers, a pianist, wine, printing, postage and the program. To donate, you can:

- Send a check made payable to the PBKACA Scholarship Fund to P.O. Box 64-2622, Chicago, IL 60664-2622.
- Make a donation via credit card through PayPal at www.pbkaca.org.
- Contact Judi Strauss Lipkin at jstrausslipkin@gmail.com or (312) 409-1937 to discuss your ideas, ask questions, provide suggestions for other contacts, and perhaps schedule a meeting.

PBKACA is a 501(c) (3) organization. All donations are tax deductible and every donation will receive an acknowledgement for your 2008 tax records. All donations go directly to scholarships.

Key Events and Programs

Join fellow Phi Betes and guests at our wide array of programs and events. Visit www.pbkaca.org for the latest event information and for additional event and service opportunities. You can pay for all events at the Association's website (via PayPal) or by mailing a check to P.O. Box 64-2622, Chicago, IL 60664-2622. You can also use the website to join or renew your membership, to contribute online to the Scholarship Initiative, or to send us your news for publishing on the website and in the newsletter. Want the latest news about PBKACA events and initiatives delivered to your e-mail? Just e-mail us at info@pbkaca.org.

Book Discussion Group

One Sunday a Month, 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.

October 5 – *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult
November 2 – *Becoming Justice Blackmun: Harry Blackmun's Supreme Court Journey* by Linda Greenhouse
December 7 – *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield

Annual Meeting and Open House

Saturday, September 27,
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Brief formal program begins at 10:30 a.m.

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

At the Annual Meeting and Open House, meet Association board members and Phi Beta Kappa alumni from colleges nationwide and learn about the Association's intellectual, service, and social activities and initiatives. Come out and share your ideas to make PBKACA your ideal Association. Please join us and bring your colleagues who are key holders, friends, and family. Tickets are \$30, which includes continental breakfast. *RSVP by September 19 to (312) 409-1937 or info@pbkaca.org.*

Pay for events through PayPal 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, programming chair, at anne.divita@gmail.com.

Lincoln-Douglas Debates

Wednesday, October 1, 6:15 p.m.

Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton St., Chicago
This lecture, "The Lincoln-Douglas Debates and the Nature of the American Republic" is part of the Newberry Library's Wednesday Club series. Dr. Robert Sprott, a Newberry instructor, will discuss the famous debates between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas that took place in the summer of 1858. Sprott will describe how the underlying intellectual currents of those debates remain timely even 150 years later, and he will attempt to show how, in spite of our admiration for Lincoln, many of us, are on the side of Douglas. There will be a reception before the lecture at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$9, which includes drinks. *To meet up with other Phi Betes at the event, RSVP by September 29 to (312) 409-1937 or info@pbkaca.org.*

Sculpture in the Loop

Saturday, October 18, 1:30 p.m.

Chicago Architecture Foundation, 224 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago (meet at the ArchiCenter Shop)

From the traditional realism of the Art Institute's bronze lions to the sleek modernism of the bean-shaped "Cloud Gate" in Millennium Park, downtown Chicago is filled with great works of public sculpture. PBKACA members and guests are invited to take a walking tour covering monumental works by Modern masters such as Picasso, Chagall, Miro, and Calder as well as lesser-known gems hidden among the Loop's skyscrapers. Discover the changing relationships between architecture and sculpture, and learn how artists and architects collaborate in creating successful works of public art. The cost is \$18. *RSVP by October 11 to (312) 409-1937 or info@pbkaca.org.*

Annual Holiday Gathering

This winter, be on the lookout for more details about PBKACA's annual holiday gathering, featuring festivity, fun, and fellowship. Enjoy good food and conversation in an atmosphere of holiday warmth and good cheer with other Phi Beta Kappa members and their friends.

Are You Ready to Fix Racism?

Tuesday, October 21, 7 p.m.

Maddox Theatre, Clark Arts Center at Rockford College, 5050 E. State St., Rockford
Author, radio essayist and performer damali ayo presents "Are you ready to fix racism? (Or are you too busy pretending it doesn't exist?)." Her satirical book, *How to Rent a Negro*, has been acclaimed as one of the most provocative and amusing commentaries on contemporary race relations. She brings stories, humor, and a unique insight to help audiences reflect on their own views toward race. Held in conjunction with Diversity Awareness Month at Rockford College. Order free tickets through the Rockford College Box Office at (815) 226-4100. *To meet up with other Phi Betes at the event, RSVP to anne.divita@gmail.com by October 14.*

Artifacts of Childhood: 700 Years of Children's Books

Wednesday, October 22, 6 p.m.

Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton St., Chicago
Join us for a private tour of Newberry's little known collection of books and manuscripts created by children. The exhibition features such treasures such as the first illustrated edition of Aesop's Fables, the first edition of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, and ABCs from 1544 to 1992. These and other materials will allow us to traverse time, space, and cultures to trace continuity and change within the history of children's books. The cost is \$15. *RSVP to (312) 409-1937 or info@pbkaca.org.*

Sears Tower Stair Climb

Sunday, November 9

Sears Tower, 233 S. Wacker Dr., Chicago
Join Team PBKACA as we climb all 103 floors (2,109 steps) of the Sears Tower to raise funds for the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation. Bring family and friends to take part in this annual event, which benefits young scientists who dedicate their lives to cancer research. The team's start time will be determined one week before the climb. For each climber, there is a \$35 entrance fee plus a \$55 minimum pledge. To learn more and to register with the foundation, visit www.drcrf.org. *Additionally, please RSVP and direct questions to PBKACA's team captain, Bob Sherman, at (847) 498-9826 or rts4114@aol.com.*

PBKACA Member Profile: David Hirschey

David always knew he wanted to be a lawyer. As a focused and studious youngster growing up in Edina, a suburb of Minneapolis, he received an excellent public school education and was on the high school debate team and the public speaking team. He followed his father's dream to attend Northwestern University, where he majored in political science.



Following his graduation from law school at the University of Michigan in 1975, David spent four years in corporate law and estate planning. He began his career with The Northern Trust Company – a large Chicago bank – in 1979 and has been in the field of wills, trusts, and individual retirement accounts for almost 30 years. Currently a senior attorney in the Legal Department, David might be considered a "lawyer's lawyer," providing legal counsel and advice to trust administrators and attorneys in private practice. He has also served as Chairman of the Trust Law Committee of the Chicago Bar Association and in 2003 he received the Austin Fleming Distinguished Service Award from the Chicago Estate Planning Council. Using his good public speaking skills, David is a frequent speaker at Continuing Legal Education courses, and he enjoys taking very complicated legal topics and making them understandable.

But David's life is more than the law. He is an excellent cook with a large collection of cookbooks. He loves to cook breakfasts,

including Swedish pancakes and baked apple pancakes, and he has an aversion to frozen dinners. Recently, he has been learning about wine and tea; a favorite is strong English/Irish breakfast tea.

David also plays golf and goes cross-country skiing. He also loves to fish, often going to Indiana and Chicago-area ponds, as well as a lake in northern Minnesota where his mom still owns a home.

David was introduced to PBKACA by Alvin Edelman, who was our president more than twenty years ago. A fellow trust attorney, Edelman recommended our Association and even bought David a PBK tie tack to celebrate his key. David became an Executive Board member in 2000. David says he enjoys discussing ideas with bright people outside of his legal career. Hearing about other members' activities and discussing topics as varied as politics, science education, and the Apollo project is part of what makes PBKACA a special organization.

Last month, David married Dr. Sue Strohkirch. They met at the University of Michigan in 1973, before she became a communication professor at Ft. Hays State University in Kansas. David and Sue reconnected after many years and are enjoying PBKACA and Chicago together. Although David always thought he'd become an academic, he's now happy to be married to one. Congratulations, David and Sue.

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“...to inspire
enthusiasm
for pursuits
of the mind...”

PBKACA needs you – Come to our Annual Meeting September 27!

While PBKACA has a very active Executive Board and members who come to our many social, intellectual and service events, we still ask you to consider:

- Getting involved for one event, activity or committee. Many of our members have made lasting friendships (and career mentors) from our key holders; our members are all ages - from new graduates to empty-nesters and retirees seeking to "give back" their expertise and love of learning. We are building a new group of Young Professionals for social events and networking. Contact Erik Hammer at ehammer@deloitte.com for more information.
- Helping us recruit more members for the Association. Members support our educational efforts and show their recognition of the value of their key by helping us to help others. Our Annual Meeting and membership event is your opportunity to learn more about PBKACA – and bring your key holder friends and colleagues to the Cliff Dwellers Club overlooking Millennium Park.
- Building the Chicago Area awareness of what PBK means – educational excellence and love of learning. This is truly important at a time when many students are less interested in the value of a broad based liberal arts education.

With many activities and committees, just take a moment to consider how you might help us. Come to the Membership event and Annual meeting to meet old and new members, and check out our website at www.pbkaca.org. Contact Miriam Pollyea at mpollyea@aol.com or President Judi Strauss Lipkin at (312) 409-1937 or jstrausslipkin@gmail.com. Come to a Board meeting as a guest and meet our enthusiastic Board members. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at The Northern Trust from 6-8 p.m.

Auditorium Theater Event

Bart Swindall, Auditorium Theater Historian, informed PBKACA members and guests about the history of the Theater: Stephen and Emelda Wilkins, Jane Florine, Virginia Walsh, Bob Sherman, Ralph and Esther Segal, Jack Beem, Toni Kibort, Judi Strauss Lipkin, Roselind Lindau, Sara Su Jones and Jacqueline Vossler.



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Member News

Jane L. Florine has written a new book called *Cuarteto Music and Dancing from Argentina: In Search of the Tunga-Tunga in Córdoba*. Her benchmark study fills a gap in our understanding of regional styles of Latin American and Caribbean music and also sheds light on popular music around the world. The book includes song lyrics, musical transcriptions, diagrams, and photographs, and it describes the underlying accompaniment pattern of cuarteto, the tunga-tunga, which has been in place since 1943. Florine is an associate professor of musicology and ethnomusicology at Chicago State University.

Brent Marchant has released his first book, *Get the Picture: Conscious Creation Goes to the Movies*. The book provides a cinematic look at the practice of conscious creation, an approach to life similar to the law of attraction, a concept popularized with the release of the successful book and DVD, *The Secret*. In *Get the Picture*, Marchant shows how the principles underlying that practice can be used to bolster self-empowerment and self-awareness using films for illustration. Movies across all genres are featured, including classics like "The Wizard of Oz" and "Vertigo" to more contemporary releases like "Good Night, and Good Luck," "Signs," and "What the Bleep Do We Know." Marchant says, "After reading this book, you'll never look at a movie the same way again."

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