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Phi Beta Kappa Association of the Chicago Area News

## Annual dinner honors Duncan, featured in *Tribune*

Arne Duncan, chief executive officer of the Chicago Public Schools, was the honored guest at PBKACA's Annual Dinner and Scholarship Benefit. The event was held November 16 at the Casino, an elegant private club near the John Hancock Center.

After receiving the Association's Distinguished Service Award, Mr. Duncan spoke about the many challenges facing the Chicago Public Schools today and the steps he has taken to overcome those challenges. He also laid out his vision



Judi Strauss-Lipkin and Arne Duncan

for the school system, which included such goals as increasing the number of teachers who have special certifications and increasing collaboration with schools and their surrounding communities.

Mr. Duncan joins a long list of distinguished persons who have received the Association's highest honor for their contributions to the intellectual community of Chicago, including renowned journalist Bill Kurtis, the late poet Gwendolyn Brooks, and last year's honoree, Eileen Mackevich, the co-founder of the Chicago Humanities Festival.

Other special guests at the annual dinner included several members of the Chicago Board of Education and Sam Esquith, the national Phi Beta Kappa society's

coordinator of alumni relations and awards. Another special guest was Antoinette Dalcour, the mother of PBKACA's most recent scholarship recipient, Dominique Barron. Barron, who received a \$5,000 scholarship from PBKACA, is a freshman at Georgetown University majoring in international relations.

After an evening of sumptuous food, intellectual stimulation, and pleasant conversation, attendees headed home with a parting gift courtesy of PBKACA member Tad Waddington.

Waddington provided everyone with copies of his new, award-winning book, "Lasting Contribution: How to Think, Plan, and Act to Accomplish Meaningful Work." In the book, Waddington draws insights from a wide variety of sources to show how people can make a difference in the world.

The evening's festivities continued from the dinner hall to the Chicago Tribune, where the annual dinner was featured in the newspaper's Social Page. The article highlighted PBKACA's scholarship program and was surrounded by photographs of a number of members. To find a link to the article and to view photos from the annual dinner, visit [www.pbkaca.org](http://www.pbkaca.org).

## PBKACA "Super Sunday"

Not to be outdone by the "Super Tuesday" presidential elections in February, PBKACA will be hosting "Super Sunday" open houses across the Chicago area on Sunday, February 24. The open houses will take place at the homes of three PBKACA members and are open to current and former members, key holders who are not yet members, and their guests. Come and meet other key holders in your neighborhood, and learn about our intellectual, social and service events as well as our Chicago Public Schools Scholarship Initiative.

"Super Sunday" open houses details:

**Chicago:** Home of Herb & Roberta Nechin, 2:30-5 p.m., at 399 W. Fullerton Avenue. Contact at (773) 929-5887 or [h-nechin@northwestern.edu](mailto:h-nechin@northwestern.edu).

**North Suburbs:** Home of Pat & Bill Tuetting, 4-6 p.m., at 488 Ash Street, Winnetka. Contact at (847) 441-8955 or [ptuetting@psych.uic.edu](mailto:ptuetting@psych.uic.edu).

**Western Suburbs:** Home of Pat & Phil Rowland, 2-4 p.m., at 270 Bryant Ave., Glen Ellyn. Contact at (630) 858-3658 or [patrphi@aol.com](mailto:patrphi@aol.com).

RSVP early as space is limited. Additional membership events will be held in the spring and summer, including one in Lake Forest and another at the new Spertus Museum in Chicago. If you would like to connect with other area key holders and host an open house for key members in your neighborhood, contact Judi Strauss-Lipkin at (312) 409-1937 or [jstrausslipkin@gmail.com](mailto:jstrausslipkin@gmail.com).

## Key Events and Programs

Join fellow Phi Betes and guests at our wide array of programs and events. Visit [www.pbkaca.org](http://www.pbkaca.org) for the latest event information and for additional event and service opportunities. Want the latest news about PBKACA events and initiatives? To receive our monthly events e-mail, send your e-mail address to [info@pbkaca.org](mailto:info@pbkaca.org).

### 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](mailto:MPollyea@aol.com).

Feb. 3 – *Comfort Me with Apples* by Ruth Reichl

Mar. 2 – *Shalimar, the Clown* by Salman Rushdie

Apr. 6 – *The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit: My Family's Exodus from Old Cairo to the New World* by Lucette Lagnado

May 4 – *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller

June 1 – *Einstein, His Life and Universe* by Walter Isaacson

### Young Professionals: Museum of Modern Ice

Saturday, Feb. 9 at Noon

Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St., Chicago

Experience Paintings Below Zero, a monumental painted ice wall measuring 95 feet long and nearly 12 feet tall created by the Canadian artist Gordon Halloran. We'll meet at noon for lunch at The Gage (24 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago), before walking to Millennium Park for a tour of the ice wall and for other festivities at the Museum of Modern Ice. Museum admission is free; pay for what you order at lunch. Event is weather permitting. RSVP to Anne Divita Kopacz at [anne.divita@gmail.com](mailto:anne.divita@gmail.com) by Feb. 8.

Pay for events through PayPal at [www.pbkaca.org](http://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](mailto:anne.divita@gmail.com).

### Theater Group: The Laramie Project

Saturday, Feb. 16 at 8 p.m.

Cheek Theater, Clark Arts Center at Rockford College, 5050 E. State St., Rockford  
This emotional drama explores humanity's depths and heights of compassion through the story of Matthew Shepard, a man brutally beaten and left to die in 1998 in Laramie, Wyo. Tickets are \$10. Order tickets through the box office at (815) 226-4100. To meet up with other Phi Betes at the performance, RSVP to Anne Divita Kopacz at [anne.divita@gmail.com](mailto:anne.divita@gmail.com) by Feb. 11.

### Theater Group: Botanic Garden

Sunday, Feb. 17 at 2:30 p.m.

Greenhouse Theater, Victory Gardens, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago

The PBKACA Theater Group travels to Victory Gardens for a dramedy directed by Academy Award-winner Olympia Dukakis. Kate (Carmen Roman) faces the daunting and often humorous prospect of her first date since the death of her husband, Jake (James Leaming). Tickets are \$30. RSVP to Judi Strauss-Lipkin at (312) 409-1937 or [jstrausslipkin@gmail.com](mailto:jstrausslipkin@gmail.com) by Feb. 11. Pay online at [www.pbkaca.org](http://www.pbkaca.org) or mail your check to PBKACA's P.O. Box.

### "Super Sunday" Open Houses

Sunday, Feb. 24

Join other Phi Betes at casual open houses in Chicago, the Western Suburbs and Northern Suburbs. See page 1 for event details.

### Lake Forest College Literary Festival: Raymond Federman Keynote Address

Wednesday, Mar. 26 at 7 p.m.

Lily Reid Holt Memorial Chapel (College and Sheridan roads), Lake Forest College, 555 N. Sheridan Rd., Lake Forest  
Author Raymond Federman has written more than 20 books, taught and received many fellowships, as well as numerous foreign awards. He emigrated to the United States in 1947, following the deaths of his mother, father and two sisters at Auschwitz. To meet up with other Phi Betes at the lecture, RSVP to Anne Divita Kopacz at [anne.divita@gmail.com](mailto:anne.divita@gmail.com) by March 24.

### Museum Group: Vietnam Veterans Art Museum

Saturday, Mar. 1 at 1 p.m.

1801 S. Indiana Ave., Chicago

Meet us at one of Chicagoland's lesser-known art museums for a tour of art inspired by combat and created by veterans, particularly Vietnam veterans. The National Vietnam Veterans Art Museum seeks to inspire greater understanding of the real impact of war through its exhibitions. Tickets are \$10. RSVP to Anne Divita Kopacz at [anne.divita@gmail.com](mailto:anne.divita@gmail.com) by Feb. 25. Pay online at [www.pbkaca.org](http://www.pbkaca.org) or mail your check to PBKACA's P.O. Box.

### PBK Visiting Fellow Lecture: Darwin's Biology of Intelligent Design

Tuesday, April 1 at 7 p.m.

Maddox Theater, Clark Arts Center at Rockford College, 5050 E. State St., Rockford

Learn how Darwin's work argues for both human beings' special place in the hierarchy of organisms and a biology of intelligent design at a lecture by PBK Visiting Fellow Robert Richards, professor of the University of Chicago's Departments of History, Philosophy and Psychology. The lecture is free and open to the public but reservations are recommended. Order tickets through the box office at (815) 226-4100. To meet up with other Phi Betes at the lecture, RSVP to Anne Divita Kopacz at [anne.divita@gmail.com](mailto:anne.divita@gmail.com) by March 26.

### Young Professionals: Museum of Contemporary Art First Friday

Friday, April 4 at 6 p.m.

220 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago

Join other young professionals at the Museum of Contemporary Art's April happy hour featuring free Wolfgang Puck appetizers, a cash bar, live music from local DJs and a discussion by an up-and-coming Chicago artist. Must be 21 or older with a valid ID. Order tickets through the museum at [www.mcachicago.org](http://www.mcachicago.org) or call the MCA's box office at (312) 397-4010. To meet up with other Phi Betes at the event, RSVP to Anne Divita Kopacz at [anne.divita@gmail.com](mailto:anne.divita@gmail.com) by April 2.

## PBKACA Member Profile: Pat Tueting

From the beautiful farming country of Blooming Prairie, Minn., to St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. (where she was inducted into PBK her junior year), to a Ph.D. at Columbia University and a career in college teaching in New York City and research on brain function at the University of Illinois at Chicago Medical School, Pat Tueting can only be described as a quintessential Phi Beta: someone focused on pursuits of the mind.

Pat's pursuit has been focused on scientific research, with undergraduate majors in biology and psychology, a minor in education and a Ph.D. thesis on cognitive information processing and scalp recorded evoked potentials. At UIC Medical School, she currently researches the synapses, or microscopic connections, between neurons that underlie memory and cognition in a mouse brain. Her research is focused on understanding how genetic and epigenetic changes in the brain are related to severe psychosis with the aim of discovering more effective drug treatment.

Besides science, Pat's other love is music. She played the flute in her high school band and was also the head majorette and baton twirler, leading the band at half time. In college she was the senior soloist, performing a Mozart concerto with other members of the St. Olaf orchestra.



She passed her musical genes to her two children, Sarah and Jonathan, who played the cello and the violin, respectively, in the chamber orchestra in high school and college. Perhaps needless to say, Pat and her husband, Bill (an attorney at Chapman and Cutler) spent many evenings, weekends and vacations scrambling with music and sports schedules when their children were growing up. To Pat's pride, both children became PBK key holders: Sarah from Dartmouth College and Jonathan from Connecticut College.

Pat joined the Association more than 10 years ago when she received a PBKACA mailing. One day, the PBKACA president invited her to a meeting of the Executive Board. She came to the meeting and decided it was a good time to give back something for the many educational opportunities she received. Thus, Pat joined the board and, for the last three years, served as PBKACA's treasurer. She also joined the Scholarship Committee from its outset, reviewing scholarship applications and interviewing finalists.

As one of the hosts of the PBKACA "Super Sunday" open houses, Pat hopes other key holders will come with their spouses and friends to learn about PBKACA and become involved, as she did, in its many endeavors.

## Phi Beta Kappa Association of the Chicago Area Executive Board

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## Scholarship Initiative Enters its Third Year

Our Chicago Public Schools College Scholarship Initiative had a successful year in 2007, raising over \$40,000 in cash donations, IRA contributions and stock donations – almost 50 percent more than in 2006. We also began a formal Endowment Fund, seeking to raise \$500,000 to enable us to fund a minimum of four outstanding students through their four years of undergraduate education. We made great strides in our first fundraising endeavor, and we thank all of our contributors.

Our Scholarship Committee is already working with the Chicago Public Schools to distribute applications for the 2008 year and will begin the selection process in the late winter or early spring. Visit [www.pbkaca.org](http://www.pbkaca.org) to read about current scholarship recipients, Ramon Lee (Johns Hopkins University) and Dominique Barron (Georgetown University). The photos and letters posted online show the intellectual curiosity, remarkable motivation and breadth of achievements of these two young persons.

Our Fundraising Committee will keep in touch with prior donors and seek additional funds and stock donations for our endowment from individuals, private foundations and corporations. We are also beginning our program of planned giving and of PBKACA "named" scholarships for major donors. If you are interested in donating to the scholarship initiative, please contact Judi Strauss-Lipkin at (312) 409-1937 or [jstrausslipkin@gmail.com](mailto:jstrausslipkin@gmail.com).

## Retiring and New Executive Board Members

PBKACA wants to thank Patricia Tueting, PBKACA treasurer, and Michael Silverstein, University of Chicago liaison, who both transitioned off our Executive Board at the end of 2007. However, both Pat and Michael will continue as members of the Scholarship Committee, reviewing applications and interviewing finalists for our Chicago Public Schools Scholarship Initiative.



We would also like to welcome the new members of the Executive Board:

Sue-Gray Goller  
Herbert Nechin  
Patricia Study  
Josephine Volpe - UIC liaison  
Michael Allen - University of Chicago liaison

PBKACA is still looking for more people to help with our committees, especially the Program Committee, the Newsletter/Communications Committee and the Website Committee. Contact Anne Divita Kopacz today at [anne.divita@gmail.com](mailto:anne.divita@gmail.com) to get involved.

## 2007 Annual Dinner

From left to right: Michael Silverstein, Susan Strokhirch and David Hirschey.

From left to right: Patricia Mayle, Audrey Godwin and Leah Ray.



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## Member News

**Carla Arnell** earned tenure at Lake Forest College and was promoted to an associate professor of English. Carla is the PBKACA liaison for Lake Forest College and received her key at Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill., in 1991. Her scholarly interest is medievalism in contemporary fiction, and she is writing a novel about the modern convent novel.

**Howard Gardner's** annual travel crossword puzzle (configured in the shape of a country or state with at least 75% of the clues also relating to the location) was published in the Travel section of the Chicago Tribune on Sunday November 11th in conjunction with National Geography Day. This year's puzzle focused on India - we have a copy if you would like to tackle it!

**Have you renewed your annual membership in the PBK Chicago Area Association? Renew now at [www.pbkaca.org](http://www.pbkaca.org).**

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