

The Chicago

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Phi Beta Kappa Association of the Chicago Area News

PBKACA Honors Rick and Deann Bayless

PBKACA presented Rick Bayless – the celebrated chef, restaurateur, and winner of Bravo TV's "Top Chef Masters" tournament – with its Distinguished Service Award at its annual dinner and scholarship benefit, held at Carnivale on October 29, 2009. With its sizzling Latin fusion menu and vibrant atmosphere, Carnivale was a location befitting the night's honoree.

Through his three downtown Chicago restaurants, his award-winning cookbooks, and his PBS television show, "Mexico-One Plate at a Time," Bayless has been integral in introducing many Americans to the thrills of Mexican cuisine. Bayless also started the Frontera Farmer Foundation, which provides capital development grants to small Midwestern farmers, and the Frontera Scholarship, which helps needy students study the culinary arts.

As Bayless was called away for a last-minute trip to Mexico, his wife and business partner, Deann Bayless, accepted the award. Attendees were treated to a pre-recorded video of Rick Bayless' acceptance speech and an in-depth interview by PBKACA President Judi Strauss-Lipkin, filmed in Bayless' restaurant, Frontera Grill.



Deann Bayless



David and Justine Mintzer

while working towards a doctorate in anthropological linguistics at the University of Michigan. He also expressed pride in exposing the many wonders of Mexico to Americans, who often think of Mexican food as consisting only of

burritos and tacos. To the contrary, he said, Mexican cuisine is "one of the most dynamic and one of the most varied cuisines in the world."

After the video, Deann Bayless shared her thoughts about Mexican cuisine. She said that she and her husband were drawn to Mexican cuisine by the "seductive" flavors, "complicated" techniques, and the fact that Mexican cuisine is often viewed, unfairly, as unworthy of gourmet status.

The dinner also highlighted PBKACA's scholarship program. Kenneth Oshita, the 2008 scholarship recipient who is now a sophomore at the University of Chicago, was on hand to thank the members of the Association for their generosity, which, he said, is helping him pursue his goal of becoming an economist.

To see photos from the annual dinner, visit www.pbkaca.org.

A version of this article will appear in the upcoming Key

Reporter, the Phi Beta Kappa Society's quarterly newsletter.

In the interview, Bayless talked about how he came to study and love Mexican cuisine

PBK Triennial Council Wrap-up

The 2009 Phi Beta Kappa Triennial Council took place in Austin, Texas, in October, bringing together representatives from many of the chapters and associations across the country. Representing PBKACA were President Judi Strauss-Lipkin and Vice President Christopher Kopacz. Jules Gleicher, a PBKACA Executive Board member, represented Rockford College. Other local PBK chapters represented were: the University of Chicago, Loyola University Chicago, and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

The main business of the meeting was voting. The delegates elected the Society's new president, Fred H. Cates, a law professor at Indiana University, and vice president, Katherine R. Soule, an administrator at Dartmouth College. The delegates also elected 11 new members to the PBK Senate. Greg Gocek was chosen to continue his role as chairperson of the East Central District, which includes Chicago.



Christopher Kopacz, Fred Cates and Judi Strauss-Lipkin

The delegates also voted overwhelmingly to award charters to four universities that met PBK's rigorous qualification standards: Butler University, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University, Elon University, and James Madison University. The final set of votes involved a number of proposed amendments to the PBK constitution and bylaws.

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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 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 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! *RSVP to Roslyn Hoffman at rbhoffman@sbcglobal.net.*

Feb. 7: *The Sound of Wings: The Life of Amelia Earhart* by Mary S. Lovell

Mar. 7: *The Land of Green Plum* by Herta Mueller

Apr. 4: *The House at Sugar Beach: In Search of a Lost African Childhood* by Helene Cooper

Annual Holiday Gathering

Sunday, December 20,
1-4 p.m.

Home of Karen and Michael Devlin, 1828 N. Paulina St., Chicago

We are grateful that the Devlins have agreed to host what will surely be another fabulous holiday gathering. Join us as we celebrate the holidays with culinary delights, great conversation, and good cheer. Key holders, PBKACA members, and their guests are welcome. *RSVP to Karen at (773) 252-2554 evenings or michaelfdevlin@sbcglobal.net anytime.*

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.

For additional PBKACA news and events, sign up for our e-mail list. If you are not receiving our e-mails or if you would like to sign up using a different e-mail address, contact Christopher Kopacz at chris.kopacz@yahoo.com.

Young Professionals Happy Hour

Thursday, January 7, 7-9 p.m.

Green Mill, 4802 N. Broadway, Chicago
Come usher in 2010 with your fellow Phi Betes at the Green Mill. The Green Mill is a Chicago institution where 1940's greats like Von Freeman, Franz Jackson and Wilbur Campbell performed. The club still maintains authentic 1940's-style service, price, music, and class. Enjoy a range of jazz from New Orleans to New York as you sip on cocktails and catch up with the young professionals! *RSVP by January 4 to Sarah Whittemore at sjwhitt22@gmail.com.*

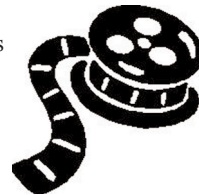


Film Group: Sherlock Holmes

Tuesday, January 12

Time and Location TBD

The PBKACA Film Group's next screening will be "Sherlock Holmes." This highly anticipated production is the first time in many years that the world's most famous consulting detective returns to the big screen. Robert Downey, Jr. stars as the title character and Jude Law stars as Dr. Watson, with Guy Ritchie directing. Among the topics for discussion will be the history of detective fiction, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and his most famous creation, as well as the literary and cinematic legacy of Holmes. We'll watch the film at a downtown Chicago movie theater at about 6 p.m. and hold the post-film discussion at a nearby venue. Specific details will follow as the event approaches. *RSVP to John Ashton at jcashton.il@netzero.net.*



Restaurant Group: Veerasway

Thursday, February 4, 7 p.m.

Veerasway, 844 W. Randolph, Chicago
PBKACA's quarterly exploration of Chicago's most vibrant and diverse ethnic restaurants has returned! For our next trip, we invite you to join us at Veerasway, a modern take on Indian cuisine served in an a-la-carte style allowing for sampling. From the food (including hot Bollywood chicken lollipops) and drink (both an innovative cocktail menu and extensive beer selection) to the rustic decor, Veerasway offers a unique Indian dining experience which accomplishes an upscale yet casual atmosphere that features fresh and approachable food. *RSVP by January 15 to John Paul Graziano at jacksongrace1789@gmail.com.* Additionally, we welcome suggestions for our next dining experience.

Theater Event: Raisin in the Sun

Sunday, February 14, 2 p.m.

Merle Reskin Theater, 60 E. Balbo Dr., Chicago
For theater lovers, it's a Valentine's Day treat. Join the PBKACA Book Group as we attend the DePaul Theatre School's production of Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun." The play was discussed at our October 2009 meeting. We'll meet in the lobby before the performance at 1:30 p.m. Family and friends are welcome to join us. Discounted tickets are available for \$12 and can be purchased online at www.pbkaca.org. *RSVP to Roslyn Hoffman at rbhmulti@sbcglobal.net or (312) 587-7643.*

IDEAS FOR EVENTS?

Do you have suggestions for future PBKACA activities? Would you like to host or sponsor an event? Whether it's cultural, social, or service-oriented, PBKACA welcomes your event ideas. Contact our programming committee members, John Ashton at jcashton.il@netzero.net, or Sarah Whittemore at sjwhitt22@gmail.com.

PBKACA Member Profile: Nancy Braund Boruch

Nancy Braund Boruch received her Phi Beta Kappa key in 1964 from Wooster College in Ohio, where she graduated with honors, earning a degree in history. She went on to teach American history at two colleges. She also attended graduate school at Georgetown University, obtaining a master's degree in American diplomatic history.

Eventually she decided to enter the commercial real estate business, first with Continental Illinois, where she rose to the rank of vice president of the real estate department, and then with several other firms. In 1993, Nancy became one of the founders and the CEO of Bonsall, Braund, Boruch, & Associates, an Evanston-based consulting firm specializing strategic real estate asset and portfolio management.

Nancy says she is driven by a desire to help others, which stems from her parents, who each had service-oriented professions: Her dad was a minister, and her mom was a teacher. Her parents also were active in the civil rights movement in the 1950's and 1960's.

"My purpose in life is to make the world a little better because I walked through it,"



Nancy says. To that end, she has volunteered for a number of worthy organizations, including the Neighborhood Capital Institute, the Chicago Theological Seminary, and her beloved alma mater, Wooster College, where she served as a trustee for six years and is helping to plan the 2014 class reunion. Also, following in her father's footsteps, Nancy recently went back to the seminary and has served as a pastoral care counselor and as an "on-call" chaplain at Evanston Northwestern Hospital.

When Nancy joined the PBKACA Executive Board in 2008, she brought not only her enthusiastic and generous spirit, but also her exceptional talents in strategic planning and membership outreach. One of the reasons she enjoys serving on PBKACA's Board is that she is able to "meet so many other Phi Betes who have multiple interests and who are passionate and concerned about what's going on in the world."

In her spare time, Nancy likes to travel to her cabin in the woods in Western Pennsylvania. She also is at work on a book of poetry and short stories.

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The delegates also voted to recognize the late Judith Krug for her many contributions to the Society. Krug served as the Society's vice president and was a former president of PBKACA.

The Triennial also provided some intellectual and social stimulation, including a visit to the Lyndon Johnson Presidential Library and Museum, and a banquet featuring speeches by two distinguished scholars. Delegates also had a chance to meet one another and share their ideas for improving the chapters and associations. Judi and Chris spent time with members of other active associations, including Houston, Northern and Southern California, as well as the Washington D.C. Association, which has a very active Young Professionals group.

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Cara Engel (PBK director of chapter relations), Christopher Kopacz and John Churchill (PBK Secretary) at the Triennial.

Year-end notes from the President Judi Strauss-Lipkin

Donate to our scholarship funds

PBKACA's Scholarship Program is a key service initiative of our Association. When you consider your year-end charitable donations, we would be delighted if you would remember PBKACA and the students who benefit from our scholarships. Each year, we get applications from so many well-qualified and financially deserving students, it is difficult to choose just one! You can donate at www.pbkaca.org. If you are interested in donating stock or making a planned giving commitment, please call me at (312) 409-1937.

Renew your 2010 membership

Membership dues support your Association, including the printing of this newsletter! Please see our enclosed dues renewal letter and membership renewal form. All dues and donations are tax deductible, as we are a 501(c)(3) organization. And if you renew now, we do not have to spend postage to send out reminders!

A final note

This is your Association, too! Help make it the best of the 56 PBK associations across the country. We want your membership, your ideas, your friendship, and your creativity. Many of us have made lifelong friends through events at PBKACA, and we love helping other students gain a quality education. While we are one of the most active associations, we could be even better. So e-mail, call, or write to us, and learn how you can get involved.

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enclosed!**

Member News

Katrice Lee (Spellman College, 2003) completed a book about life after graduation from college, entitled "Year One: 12 Questions for Understanding Life After Graduation." For details or to purchase the book, visit www.katricelee.com.

Judi Strauss-Lipkin (University of Pennsylvania, 1964), PBKACA's president, was elected secretary of the Council of Associations at the PBK Triennial. She will be attending the PBK Senate meeting in Washington D.C. from December 3-5 and working with President Bette Harris to enhance the visibility of associations in the PBK Society.

Patricia Tueting (St. Olaf College, 1962) presented a poster paper at a recent Society for Neuroscience meeting regarding epigenetic changes in the GABAergic nervous system of the frontal cortex induced by the drug L-methionine.

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