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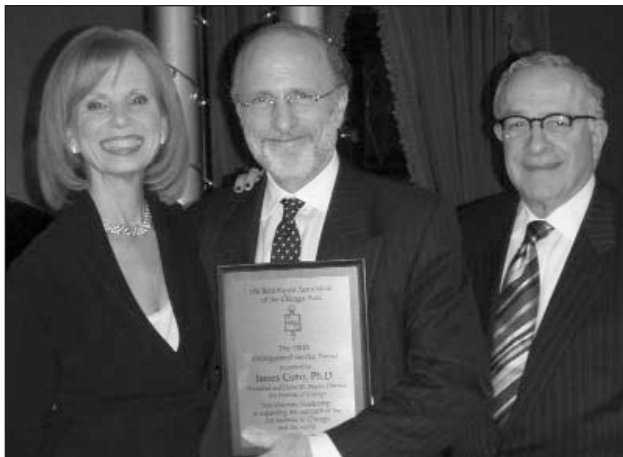
Phi Beta Kappa Association of the Chicago Area News

## Annual Dinner Honors James Cuno

Those who attended PBKACA's Annual Dinner and Scholarship Benefit were treated to a spectacular evening, featuring an elegant ambiance, delicious food, and thought-provoking discussion. The event was held November 14 at The Casino, a private club near the John Hancock Center.

The highlight of the evening was the address by James Cuno, who received PBKACA's Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Cuno is the President and Eloise W. Martin Director of the Art Institute of Chicago and the author of the recent book, *Who Owns Antiquity? Museums and the Battle over Our Ancient Heritage* (Princeton Press 2008).

After an engaging introduction by PBKACA Vice President Herbert Nechin, Dr. Cuno spoke about "The Promise of Museums." Dr. Cuno expounded on themes from his research involving claims of ownership of ancient artifacts. Dr. Cuno argued that artifacts should not belong exclusively to the country in which they are found. Such claims of ownership often rely on modern political concerns without regard for the ancient history and culture in which the artifact was created. After his address, Dr. Cuno answered questions from the audience and engaged in a spirited discussion about the many issues raised in his research.



Judi Strauss-Lipkin, James Cuno and Herbert Nechin

Other special guests at the dinner included PBKACA's scholarship recipient, Kenneth Oshita, and his mother. Kenneth spoke to the guests about his first semester at the University of Chicago and expressed his

appreciation for the scholarship. All the guests who had a chance to speak with Kenneth were impressed with his intellect and outgoing personality. Cara Engel, Coordinator of Constituent Affairs for the

Phi Beta Kappa Society, also joined us for this special event.

Cuno joins a long list of prominent recipients of the Distinguished Service Award, including last year's award recipient, Arne Duncan (the then-chief executive officer of the Chicago Public Schools), who was recently appointed by President Obama to be the U.S. Secretary of Education.

To view photos from the annual dinner or to donate to the scholarship fund, visit [www.pbkaca.org](http://www.pbkaca.org).



Kenneth Oshita and his mother

## Membership FAQ

PBKACA mailed the 2008-09 membership renewal forms to current members in December 2008. If you haven't already paid your PBKACA dues, you can do so online via PayPal at [www.pbkaca.org](http://www.pbkaca.org) or by mailing a check to PBKACA, P.O. Box 64-2622, Chicago, IL 60664-2622. We thought we'd take an opportunity to answer some frequently asked questions about membership in PBKACA:

### *Why join when I don't need another club?*

If you are too busy to take part in PBKACA's social activities, we understand. However, by joining PBKACA, you turn your achievement -- induction into Phi Beta Kappa -- into more than a lapel pin or résumé booster. Being a member helps our association maintain a presence within the community for the liberal art and sciences, education, and urban debate. You'll also help support our many programs, our web site and our publication costs. Donating to our separate scholarship fund also helps talented Chicago Public School students obtain an undergraduate education.

### *But I'm already a member, right?*

You have a life-long membership in the national Phi Beta Kappa Society. But membership in your local association is not automatic, and we do not receive funding from the national society.

### *If I didn't graduate in the Chicago area, can I join PBKACA?*

Yes! PBKACA exists to bring together all Phi Betes who are living in the Chicagoland area.

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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](http://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](mailto: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! *RSVP to Roslyn Hoffman at [rbhoffman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rbhoffman@sbcglobal.net).*

March 1: *The Old Curiosity Shop* by Charles Dickens

April 5: *No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II* by Doris Kearns Goodwin

May 3: *Alfred and Emily* by Doris Lessing

### Munch Lecture at the Art Institute

Thursday, February 12  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago

Come join fellow Phi Betes for a lecture at the Art Institute's Fullerton Auditorium by Ingebjorg Ydstie, Director of the Munch Museum in Oslo. She will talk from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. about Edvard Munch and two of his famous paintings, *The Scream* and *Madonna*. Then, the museum will be open for an hour after the lecture for visitors to roam and enjoy the exhibits, especially the Impressionist/Post-Impressionist galleries that just reopened after a six-month remodeling. The lecture is free for Art Institute members or \$10 for non-members. Tickets may be obtained at the Art Institute admissions desk, by phone at (312) 575-8000, or online at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com). *To meet up with other Phi Betes at the event, RSVP to Sarah Whittemore at [sjwhitt22@gmail.com](mailto:sjwhitt22@gmail.com) by Feb 11.*

*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.*

### Theater Group: Not Enough Air

Sunday, March 1, 2 p.m.

TimeLine Theatre, 615 W. Wellington Ave., Chicago

We will enjoy a spectacular production of TimeLine Theatre Company's world premiere of *Not Enough Air*, written by Masha Obolensky and directed by Nick Bowling. This world premiere drama follows famed journalist-turned-playwright Sophie Treadwell as she is drawn into the real-life tragedy of Ruth Snyder's famous 1928 murder trial. Haunted by Ruth's story, Treadwell writes the landmark play *Machinal*. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased via PayPal at [www.pbkaca.org](http://www.pbkaca.org) or by mailing a check to PBKACA's P.O. Box. *RSVP to Judi Strauss-Lipkin at (312) 409-1937.*

### Young Professionals: Happy Hour

Thursday, March 12,  
6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

D.O.C. Wine Bar, 2602 N. Clark St., Chicago

Come out for the first PBK Young Professionals event of 2009: a happy hour at D.O.C. Wine Bar in Lincoln Park. With spring in Chicago just around the corner, this will be a perfect time to catch up with other PBKACA members, while enjoying good food and sampling some of this venue's vast wine collection. *RSVP to Sarah Whittemore at [sjwhitt22@gmail.com](mailto:sjwhitt22@gmail.com) by March 10.*



### 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](mailto:jcashton.il@netzero.net), or Sarah Whittemore at [sjwhitt22@gmail.com](mailto:sjwhitt22@gmail.com).**

### PBK Scholar William Wulf at Rockford College

Thursday, March 26, 12 p.m.

Maddox Theatre at Rockford College, 5050 E. State St., Rockford

Come hear Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar William A. Wulf as he speaks as part of Rockford College's Forum Series. Wulf, AT&T Professor of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Virginia, will be speaking on "Responsible Citizenship in a Technological Democracy." The U.S. is a technologically sophisticated society, and many public policy decisions have a technological dimension. Yet most of us don't know enough science and engineering concepts to be meaningful participants in important discussions on such things as energy policy, climate change, and tax policy. This talk explores the concepts everyone should know in order to be a responsible citizen. Tickets are free, but it is recommended that you reserve them in advance by calling the box office at (815)226-4100. *RSVP to Jules Gleicher at [JGleicher@rockford.edu](mailto:JGleicher@rockford.edu).*



### Opera: The Abduction from the Seraglio

Saturday, March 28,  
6:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Civic Opera House, 20 N. Wacker Dr., Chicago

Come enjoy the Lyric Opera of Chicago's production of Mozart's *The Abduction from the Seraglio*. The plot is rather complex, but suffice it to say that it involves pirates, beautiful women, and a harem. At 6:30 p.m., there is a free 30-minute lecture by Lyric General Director William Mason and Lyric Director of Operations Nicholas Ivor Martin. The opera begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased via PayPal at [www.pbkaca.org](http://www.pbkaca.org). Space is limited; please *RSVP to John Ashton as soon as possible at [jcashton.il@netzero.net](mailto:jcashton.il@netzero.net).*

*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](mailto:chris.kopacz@yahoo.com).*

## PBKACA Member Profile: Christopher Kopacz

A six-year member of PBKACA who recently joined the Association's Executive Board, Chris Kopacz remembers when he first learned of Phi Beta Kappa during his junior year of high school. While his class studied the writings of an early American Phi Beta, his English teacher, Arlene Watson, passed around her own key and explained to the class what Phi Beta Kappa is. "Ms. Watson was the most well rounded and best educated person I knew at the time," says Chris. "While she taught English, she was able to help with my calculus homework. She really inspired me to excel and work hard to qualify for Phi Beta Kappa in college."



has been glued to cable news and his New York Times for the past two years watching the presidential election coverage and the leadership transition. (His favored candidate won and provided him with many good quotes for his email signatures.)

Growing up in Chicago's South Side in the shadow of old Comiskey Park, Chris is a loyal White Sox fan, even though he now lives on Chicago's North Side with his wife, Anne Divita Kopacz. Chris and Anne met at Loyola

during their freshman year and dated for seven years before they married in 2006. Anne also received her PBK key from Loyola and served as PBKACA secretary for three years and as a board member for an additional two years.

Chris, like Anne, volunteered with PBKACA since graduation. He is now the chair of the communications committee, sending the association's e-mail updates as well as helping to write and edit this newsletter. Chris says, "I enjoy meeting and working with all the accomplished Phi Betes and continuing to help promote the value of liberal arts education."

And excel he did. Chris received his key at Loyola University Chicago before graduating as a history and political science double major in 2002. He continued his education at DePaul University's College of Law and now works for the Office of the State Appellate Defender representing indigent persons on appeal in criminal cases. Outside of the law, Chris is a news and politics junkie. He

## Young Professionals Survey Results

Many thanks to all of those who participated in December's survey of young professionals, developed by Erik Hammer, Eric Brown, and several other PBKACA members. Of the 58 people who responded to the survey, nearly 80 percent indicated an interest in PBKACA activities. Currently, only 58 percent are members, which represents a tremendous opportunity to build a new base of passionate young people interested in furthering the association's mission. Stay

tuned, as PBKACA uses the survey results to build a vibrant young professionals group.

Also, two survey respondents, Meredith Cantrell and Rachel Sullivan, were randomly selected to receive Amazon.com gift cards. If you did not respond to the survey or if you want to be included in the young professionals initiative, please email Erik Hammer at [ehammer@deloitte.com](mailto:ehammer@deloitte.com).

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enthusiasm  
for pursuits  
of the mind...”

## Membership FAQ

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### ***Will I be flooded with junk mail?***

We do not share our membership list with any other groups. PBKACA mails three newsletters a year and sends occasional emails with news and updates. If you leave the association or wish to be removed from our lists, we will remove your information from our database.

## In Memory: Miriam Pollyea

It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Miriam Pollyea, a longtime PBKACA board member, chair of the PBKACA Book Club, and recipient of a special tribute award at the 2007 PBKACA annual meeting. Miriam passed away on Jan. 22, 2009, at the age of 94. Our condolences go to all those who mourn in her passing, especially her family: her children, Susan and Edward; her siblings; and her grandson, Daniel, a fellow Phi Beta who came with his grandmother to several PBKACA annual dinners.

The members of her book group family offered their thoughts:

"Our February meeting will be tinged with sadness as our thoughts turn to our dear friend and devoted group leader Miriam Pollyea. Miriam brought to each meeting much more than her great organizational skills; she brought her remarkable insights and sharp analytic skills, and her wisdom, often in the form of fascinating stories drawn from her own varied experiences. But above all, she brought her kindness and warmth and deep concern for each of us. We have lost a special friend. We will miss her very much."



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## Member News

**Katrice Grayson**, a longtime PBKACA board member and our invaluable webmaster, recently resigned from the board but for a very good reason: She is getting married on March 7. Our congratulations to Katrice and her fiancée!

**Geraldine K. Piorkowski, Ph. D.**, Clinical Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Illinois at Chicago, is the author of a new book, *Adult Children of Divorce* (Greenwood Publishing). This book's unique contribution is to help us understand why adult children of divorce find it so difficult to develop true intimacy, and her penetrating analysis clearly defines the issues in moving from an idealistic picture of romantic love to a more realistic one of commitment and skills needed to develop true long-term relationships.

**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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