

# PHI BETA KAPPA ASSOCIATION

## of the Phoenix Metropolitan Area

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Dear Member,

September 2014

I am pleased to be completing my first year as President of your Phi Beta Kappa Association. In that role, I invite you to the Association's annual dinner in October and update you on accomplishments. Our Annual Phi Beta Kappa Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2014, 6:00 p.m. at the University Club in Phoenix. Enjoy a three course gourmet dinner and engaging conversations. This year's knowledgeable speakers will update us on current and future changes on the campuses of ASU. (See dinner details, page 3.)

The past year was exciting because the staff of the national Phi Beta Kappa Society came to Phoenix to host a number of special events. Your Association President was privileged to participate in a leadership breakfast panel on February 14 at the Arizona Biltmore. The mission was to discuss the state of American education, particularly in regard to the humanities, arts and sciences. On February 15, we assisted the Society in hosting a complimentary reception at ASU's lovely art museum for 125 "Betes" recognizing Dr. Neal Lester's "Key of Excellence Award" for his ASU Project Humanities. (More details of these events on page 2.)

Because of your generous donations, the Association was able to award \$5,000 in scholarships to eight deserving undergraduate students at ASU for 2014. Selecting five new recipients for the fall was very difficult in light of the numerous applicants with excellent qualifications and financial need. Plans for the coming year include hosting more events like those supporting the efforts of the national Society and one or two PBK happy hours at area resorts such as Montelucia. Here "Betes" with various interesting careers can mingle, network, sample appetizers and cocktails in some of the most gorgeous settings offered in our Valley.

We look forward to meeting you at the annual dinner. Contact us on our PBK website [www.pbkphoenix.org](http://www.pbkphoenix.org). We want to continue to be a vibrant Association which meets member needs. Thank you for your scholarship support.

Sincerely,

Ann-Marie Anderson, Esq.  
 President

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**RESERVATION, PARTICIPATION and DONATION FORM**

Please mail to Gail Boyd, 2043 E. Libra Dr., Tempe, AZ 85283 by October 16, 2014.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues of \$25: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donation to Scholarship Fund: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose Entrée:

Annual Dinner 10/23/14 (Guests welcome)  
 \$38 times number of \_\_\_\_\_

Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chicken Piccata \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cheese Tortellini \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Phi Beta Kappa Association and return it with this form or use PayPal at [www.pbkphoenix.org](http://www.pbkphoenix.org). **THANK YOU!**

## **MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

### **Wendy Heller Chovnick**

Wendy Heller Chovnick lives in the Phoenix area. She earned her B.A and received her Phi Beta Kappa key from the University of Pennsylvania and her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. Following law school, Wendy did a year-long clerkship in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. She has a strong academic background in business and finance. She has practiced with several law firms in the Phoenix metro area and worked for Teach for America. Wendy has held various volunteer positions, including serving as an advocate for various courts, pro se litigants, and the ACLU.

### **Lauren Witte**

Lauren Witte earned her Bachelor of Arts and received her Phi Beta Kappa key from the University of Redlands in 2010. Her course work focused on photography and non-fiction creative writing. She moved to the Phoenix Valley shortly thereafter. She began her professional career working as a Marketing & Public Relations Intern, first for Modified Arts on Roosevelt Row and then for the Phoenix Art Museum. In the fall of 2012, Lauren began working in the marketing department at a large law firm in Mesa, Arizona. She currently lives in the Arcadia area of Phoenix.

## **ASSOCIATION PARTICIPATED IN TWO VALLEY EVENTS HELD BY THE PBK SOCIETY**

The Phi Beta Kappa Society is putting arts and science on the map. Your Association supported and participated in two Phi Beta Kappa events held in the Valley last February meant to build greater awareness of the value of humanities in education.

The first was a leadership breakfast panel at the Arizona Biltmore on February 14, 2014. The panel featured luminaries from the national and local educational and academic scene including Arizona Supreme Court Justice Scott Bales, PBK National Secretary John Churchill, ASU's Dean of the College of LS&A George Justice, PBK National President Kate Soule, PBK Key of Excellence award winning educator E. Neal Lester, Morgan Stanley Vice-President Karen Mayer, PBK Association President Ann-Marie Anderson. The topic of discussion was the state of American education, particularly in regard to the humanities, arts and science.

In a second event, the inaugural Key of Excellence was awarded on February 15, 2014 to Arizona State University's Project Humanities in Tempe. At a reception in the ASU Art Museum, Neal Lester, who helped to create and has directed Project Humanities since its inception, accepted the award and a \$5,000 cash prize to support continued work. Presenting the award was John Churchill, secretary for The Phi Beta Kappa Society. Association members were invited to this reception and President Ann-Marie Anderson participated in the award ceremony.

## **ANNUAL DINNER SPEAKERS FOCUS ON A DYNAMIC AND CHANGING ASU**

The Association's primary featured speaker is Dan Saftig, the ASU Foundation's Chief Development Officer. <http://www.asufoundation.org/about-us/leadership> He will be joined by Andrew Carey, Director of the ASU President's Club. They will discuss current and future changes on ASU's campuses and ask the members about their perception of ASU. These knowledgeable speakers about ASU affairs plan to devote as much time as necessary to answer all questions. In addition, Association President Ann-Marie Anderson will give a brief update on the changing legal landscape of college athletics. She will talk about recent legal decisions allowing for the unionization of college football players and compensation of players for the sale of their images.



# You are Invited to the Phi Beta Kappa Association Annual Dinner

*Join Us at the University Club of Phoenix*

Thursday, October 23, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

RSVP: USE RESERVATION FORM ON FRONT PAGE

**PLACE:**

University Club of Phoenix  
39 East Monte Vista  
Phoenix, AZ 85004  
Phone: 602-254-5408  
[www.universityclubphoenix.com](http://www.universityclubphoenix.com)

**TOPIC AND SPEAKERS:**

Update on a Dynamic and Changing ASU

Daniel P. Saftig, Chief Development Officer  
ASU Foundation and Andrew Carey,  
Director of ASU President’s Club.

Update on Legal Changes in College  
Athletics: Unionization and Player  
Compensation

Ann-Marie Anderson, Esq.

***Dinner Menu***

No host bar – cocktails, wines & soft drinks

Fresh garden salad

Choice of:

Roast Prime Rib of Beef  
Au jus and creamy horseradish sauce

or

Chicken Piccata  
Chicken breast served with fresh cream sauce,  
mushrooms & capers

or

Cheese Tortellini in a mushroom Alfredo sauce

Chef’s choice of seasonal accompaniments

Dinner rolls and butter

Dessert

Freshly brewed coffee

SHORT BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA: Election of officers by members. Slate of Officers: Ann-Marie Anderson, President; Ellyn Stein, Vice President; Lauren Witte, Treasurer/Recording Secretary.

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**JOIN IN AND BE AN ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBER!**

Your Association has two new Board members: Wendy Heller Chonick and Lauren Witte. Get acquainted with them by reading their bios on page 2. Choosing scholarship recipients and watching their progress is rich and rewarding work. If you would like to join the Board, please send your name, contact information, and a brief resume to [pbkmetrophi@pbkphoenix.org](mailto:pbkmetrophi@pbkphoenix.org) or Gail Boyd, 2043 E. Libra Dr. Tempe, Arizona. 85283