

LOWCOUNTRY PHI BETA KAPPA
ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 421, Charleston SC 29402

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Dear Friends:

Chartered in 1999 and dedicated to fostering Liberal Arts and Sciences in the Charleston area, the Lowcountry Phi Beta Kappa Association is a diverse society of scholars and professionals hailing from the best colleges and universities across the country. We host four functions annually, and award scholarships to academically-gifted students each spring. If you are not a member please join us for the academic year 2016-2017. If you are a member please renew now.

Our first event traditionally occurs in October, featuring a local scholar speaking on some topic of general interest. In recent years we have been hosted by member Tom Campbell in his lovely home overlooking the Ashley River, and enjoyed talks by Rudy Mancke and a variety of professors from The College. A separate invitation to this special evening will be mailed soon.

Our festive Holiday party will be held in December at the historic Charleston Library Society on King Street, where we will enjoy drinks and a dinner buffet accompanied by a live jazz group. This is always a highlight of the Charleston holiday season!

We are also planning a reception with speaker later this winter, with details forthcoming. And you won't want to miss our annual Scholarship Banquet in late April. For almost 20 years your Lowcountry Phi Beta Kappa Association has awarded scholarships to promising students in the liberal arts. Last year we honored three outstanding high school students at Fish Restaurant, subsequently awarding \$2,000 checks to each scholar at their school assemblies.

Dues are just \$30 a year. Please fill out the form below. Even if for some reason you cannot join us this year, please donate to our scholarship fund. We are a 501(c)(3) organization and donations and dues are tax-deductible. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 843-670-8002 or DillonR@fwgna.org. Members will receive separate invitations to all events. For a review of last year's events and activities, see the 2015-16 report enclosed.

We look forward to a marvelous 2016-17!



Rob Dillon, President

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2015-2016 EVENTS

October 26, 2015: Our fall meeting was again held at the historic home of member Tom Campbell, situated at the end of an allée of towering live oaks. Prior to the meeting, members and guests enjoyed dramatic views over the Charlestowne Landing marsh. Following hors d'oeuvres and desserts, Mr. Rudy Manke, South Carolina naturalist and radio/TV personality, offered a lovely reminiscence about his many years of seeing the world through the eyes of a Naturalist. 42 members and guests attended.

December 14, 2015: The Lowcountry PBK Association sponsored our 17th annual jolly holiday party with buffet dinner and beverages at our institutional home, The Charleston Library Society in downtown Charleston. The guest list swelled to 102, including local members of The Princeton, Harvard, and Yale clubs. Live music was provided by the Franklin Ashley Jazz Combo; Dr. Ashley is Professor Emeritus, Department of Theater and Dance at the College of Charleston.

February 9, 2016: Our winter meeting took place in the well-appointed common room of The Bristol Condominiums, overlooking the Ashley River. The hors d'oeuvres and desserts included special offerings from the kitchens of our members. Dr. Ronald L. Numbers, Hilldale Professor of History at the University of Wisconsin, helped us celebrate Darwin Week with a whimsical talk entitled, "Baptizing Dinosaurs." 38 members and guests attended.

April 24, 2016: Our annual scholarship banquet took place in a private room at Fish Restaurant in downtown Charleston. The Lowcountry PBK Association honored (from left) Ms. Nicholle Lewis (Goose Creek HS), Mr. Dondre' Smith (Burke HS) and Ms. Roxanne Archie (Military Magnet HS) with books and certificates of recognition, scholarship award checks following at local school assemblies later in the spring.

