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Message from Alpha
Association President

Stefan Kirchanski

Alpha Association in Transition

In a few years, Alpha Association will turn 100! It will be hard to top our 95th Anniversary celebration, which featured Kevin O. Starr, California State Librarian Emeritus at a lovely reception held in USC's historic Doheny Memorial Library. Please send us your suggestions on ways to toast this upcoming milestone!

Yes, time is moving on, and keeping up in the digital age is more important than ever. In my message last year, I promised to improve our website and "digital presence." Well, we are obviously not there yet. Part of the problem is the "platform" we have been using for our website, and part of the problem is a lack of expertise and time on the part of the association's officers. To keep costs as low as possible, our volunteer officers do all the work on the various mailings and on the website. Help is needed as we take on this daunting task. We particularly need help from those with relevant technological experience. We also need volunteers in the areas of marketing, social networking, website maintenance, newsletter writing and editing, data entry, accounting, and program planning. Our young professional members are looking for networking opportunities. Let us know if you would like to be part of that team, organizing casual get-togethers.

We recognize that apart from the lack of volunteer help, the underlying systems are a big part of the difficulty. For

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COMING UP IN MARCH!

**Dr. Alan Chapman, composer/lyricist,
pianist, educator, and radio host
(KUSC 91.5FM)**

Sunday afternoon, March 13, 2016.

Clear your calendars for Sunday afternoon, March 13, 2016, when Alan Chapman will speak on the topic **Inspiration, a multimedia exploration of composers' sources of inspiration, and how they translate them into music.**

After receiving his undergraduate degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he earned a doctoral degree in music theory from Yale University. He is currently a member of the music theory faculty of the Colburn Conservatory. He was a longtime member of the music faculty at Occidental College and has also been a visiting professor at UCLA and UC Santa Barbara.

Well known as a pre-concert lecturer, Dr. Chapman has been a regular speaker on the L.A. Philharmonic's "Upbeat Live" series since its inception in 1984. He also works closely with the Los Angeles Master Chorale and Pacific Symphony. He has been heard globally as programmer and host of the inflight classical channels on United and Delta Airlines.

Dr. Chapman is also active as a composer/lyricist. His songs have been performed and recorded by many artists around the world and have been honored by ASCAP, the Johnny Mercer Foundation, and the Manhattan Association of Cabarets. He is much in demand as a creator of original musical material for special events.

He frequently appears in cabaret evenings with his wife, soprano Karen Benjamin. They made their Carnegie Hall debut in 2000 and performed at Lincoln Center in 2006. Their CD, *Que Será, Será: The Songs of Livingston and Evans*, features the late Ray Evans telling the stories behind such beloved songs as "Mona Lisa" and "Silver Bells."

Watch for your invitation in the mail. Be sure to sign up right away as space is limited. Questions may be directed to Carolann Bennett at carolann08@sbcglobal.net or call 323-378-6924.

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Earned a BA degree in Economics with Distinction from Carleton College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa; an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business; and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst and Chartered Investment Counselor designations from his 40-year career as a professional investment adviser. He is assisted in his duties most capably by his wife, Marjorie, who also earned a BA in Economics with Distinction from Carleton College, and whose 40-year career in software systems design was primarily in data management.

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the past year we have been investigating platform software that will simplify upkeep while providing improved services. We have selected a new membership software program to manage our database, website, and allow for fast and efficient electronic communication with members. This program is called "Wild Apricot" and promises a more easily managed website as well. Currently, the Association's Secretary, Loraine Reed, is mounting a heroic effort to move our somewhat antiquated website to the new software. We hope to "go live" with that site within the next month. Following that the other features will be added one by one at a rate depending on whether or not members volunteer to help.

For more information, contact us at info@pbksocalumni.com. Be sure to visit our website www.pbksocalumni.com.

Programs Review

Fall, 2015 Event: Japanese Immigrants and the Legal Struggle for Equality

Dr. Megan Asaka, Assistant Professor of History, University of California, Riverside spoke to Alpha members on this topic at a luncheon held at the new Riverside Convention Center on November 15, 2015. Afterward, she and Lynn Voorheis, Curator of Historical Structures and Collections for the Riverside Metropolitan Museum led a walking tour of historical sites relevant to the Japanese American community.

Dr. Asaka is currently an Assistant Professor of History at the University of California, Riverside, where she teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on Asian American history, urban history, and public history. She is currently working on a book about migration, race, and urbanization in Seattle and the broader Pacific Northwest. A fourth-generation Seattleite, Dr. Asaka earned her PhD with distinction in American Studies from Yale University. She has also worked extensively in public history organizations, including five years as visual history coordinator for Densho, a Seattle-based digital archive offering primary source materials related to the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans.

Japanese immigrants began arriving to the U.S. in the late 19th and early 20th centuries to fill the demand for labor in California and the American West. As these workers tried to settle permanently in the U.S., they encountered a series of federal and state laws preventing them from becoming citizens, owning property, and participating fully in U.S. society. Japanese immigrants frequently challenged these laws in court, however, leading to important legal victories that few historians and legal scholars have fully acknowledged. Dr. Asaka explored these issues through the example of Jukichi Harada, a Japanese immigrant in Riverside whose attempt to purchase a home in 1915 resulted in a landmark case against the California Alien Land Law. Harada's case illuminates the long struggle of Japanese immigrants to make a place for themselves in the United States, which welcomed them as workers but not as neighbors or citizens.

Spring 2015 Event and Annual Meeting: The Deplanetization of Pluto and the more recent discovery of planetary bodies beyond the orbits of Pluto and Neptune

On Sunday, April 19, 2015, the Annual Meeting took the form of a Wine and Cheese Reception in Johnson Hall at Occidental College, 1600 Campus Road, Eagle Rock, CA 90041.



Alpha Association chose to observe Astronomy Month by inviting Dr. Michael E. Brown, Richard and Barbara Rosenberg Professor of Planetary Astronomy at the California Institute of Technology, to speak at the Annual Meeting. Dr. Brown has been on the Caltech faculty since 1996 and specializes in the discovery and study of bodies at the edge of the solar system. He is best known for his discovery of Eris, the most massive object found in the solar system in 150 years, which led to the debate and eventual demotion of Pluto from a real planet to a dwarf planet. His research has been considered so significant that it has earned him telescope

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Fall 2014 Event - Dr. Thom Mason,
Thornton School of Music, USC
*Sing a Song of Ella:
The life and music of Ella Fitzgerald*

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time with the Keck Observatory in Hawaii. Out of that work came his best-selling book, *How I Killed Pluto and Why It Had It Coming*. *The Wall Street Journal's* James Kennedy describes it as "brisk... enjoyable... making Pluto's sad fate easier to take." Kennedy goes on to say, "If we've lost a planet, we've gained a sprightly new voice for popular science."

In addition to Brown's many scientific publications, he has been featured in *The New Yorker*, the *New York Times*, and *Discover*, and on the front pages of any number of newspapers worldwide. He is a popular speaker both on and off campuses. He teaches both undergraduate and graduate students in subjects from introductory geology to the formation and evolution of the solar system. Brown received his AB from Princeton in 1987, and then his MA and PhD from the University of California at Berkeley in 1990 and 1994.

Among his many awards is the prestigious Richard P. Feynman Award for Outstanding Teaching at Caltech – well deserved in light of the engaging and entertaining presentation given that afternoon. After reviewing the reasoning that resulted in Pluto's change of status, Brown spent most of the session talking about the recent discoveries of multiple moon-sized bodies farther out than Pluto, and with significantly different physical characteristics. Before taking a number of enthusiastic questions, he closed his formal remarks with a prediction that within the next five years he believes there is a 50-50 chance that an earth-sized body will be discovered in a transplutonian orbit.

Astronomy enthusiast Gary Jaffe, who gave the introduction, is a Napa Valley winemaker whose vineyard includes a private observatory. He selected the varietals served at the reception, including a lovely red provided courtesy of the Jaffe Estates Winery.

Winter 2015 Event: Behind the Scenes at the LA Opera



On Saturday, January 24, 2015, Rupert Hemming, LA Opera Senior Director of Production, greeted Alpha Association members in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion to explain the intricacies of producing world-class opera. Behind him on the stage, the sets for *Ghosts of Versailles* were being assembled. Mr. Hemming, regarded as one of the most experienced production directors in the opera world, gave us a fascinating look at the difficulties and rewards of mounting opera productions. Opera has been called second only to war as the most expensive of human endeavors.

Following Mr. Hemming's presentation, Anne Russell Sullivan, a fellow Phi Beta and experienced LA Opera educator, treated the membership to a lively exposition on the Figaro Trilogy planned for that season, *Marriage of Figaro*, *Barber of Seville*, as well as *The Ghosts of Versailles*, based on the third of the Beaumarchais play about Figaro and which includes Beaumarchais, himself, as a character. A delightful reception followed the program.

Dr. Thom Mason gave an engaging multi-media presentation on the life and music of Ella Fitzgerald, with rare photos, videos and interviews provided by the Ella Fitzgerald Foundation. He included humorous stories and live demonstrations that were both entertaining and educational. In addition to his work at USC, Dr. Mason is an artist/clinician providing jazz workshops at schools around the country. He has performed across the United States and abroad, and has written several text books on music ear training, as well as numerous articles on jazz education. Dr. Mason has worked with many celebrated artists, including Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan, Mel Tormé, and Sammy Davis Jr., to name a few. He has also performed with a number of big bands such as the Glenn Miller Orchestra and Louie Bellson Jazz Orchestra.



In 1996, he received the Jazz Educator of the Year Award from the Los Angeles Jazz Society and in 2013, he received the Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching from USC's Thornton School of Music. Additionally, he directs the Jazz Arts Foundation, a non-profit devoted to helping inner-city students learn about jazz, and serves as an advisor to the Kids Helping Kids Program at Washington Prep High School in South Los Angeles. To learn more about Dr. Mason's work, visit his website: www.masonmusic.com.

Making a Difference through Alpha's High School Award

Our Association has raised scholarship funds to help hundreds of needy high school, graduate, and international students over the years. The Alpha Award for high school seniors is one in particular that can truly change lives. Helping disadvantaged inner city youths attain a college education is critical in these times of skyrocketing tuition costs. Higher education opens a world of opportunities for these students, who might otherwise be sentenced to an unfulfilled existence with limited options. Education can have a profound effect in changing the trajectory of their lives, which in turn can benefit all of society.

We award each winning student \$750.00 to help defray the high costs of college applications.

Alpha Association Honors Theodore Roosevelt High School

Jennifer Helguera - University of California, Irvine
Crystal Meza – University of California, Berkeley
Kimberly Silva – University of California, Los Angeles

Alpha Association Honors Venice High School Scholars

Nora Benavente
Josiah Destin
Angela Vo

What a College Education Means to Me.
Quotes from High School Award Recipients:

Being a high school softball player helped me develop into a stronger and smarter player... When I got the terrible news that my dad had passed away... I felt like it wasn't worth playing anymore. It was a bond he and I had, which was broken... Then I knew that this was something that he wouldn't want me to do. I knew that it was best for me to continue playing because it was something I loved to do. And it wasn't worth leaving. So I continued playing... The qualities you need for softball are qualities that you can use in everyday life ... You have to be able to think fast in a tough situation and make a choice... Softball taught me that I can do many things and that I am capable of doing what's right for me and making mature decisions in difficult circumstances.

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My mom was diagnosed with cancer two summers ago. When I heard this news, my whole life came crashing down. My dream world killed of all its hopes. Then that same summer my dad was diagnosed with diabetes. I never realized how this little thing that occurred to my parents would change the way I view the world today... These medical problems in my family made me realize that I don't want other people going through the same things I've gone through... If I go off to medical school and become a surgeon like I wish to be, then I will be able to give something back. My community is very dear to me so for me to be able to come back and help those people who are ill and need surgery is something special. I'll make sure they are taken care of; just because we live in a low-income community doesn't mean we can't get the same treatment as other communities... Sometimes people not only need a good doctor but also... someone who understands them. Who better to understand them than someone who came out of that same community? I will pay my community back for everything that it has given me.

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I grew up in Boyle Heights, where healthy eating options are limited. As it is a poor community, people are reliant on fast, cheap food, but are unaware of how negatively their eating habits are affecting their health. Many people in my own family suffer from chronic conditions related to poor diet, such as diabetes and high blood pressure. My unhealthy diet began to affect my health and I began to gain weight, which negatively affected my self-esteem... After I made changes in my own life, I decided I wanted to help others... As a member of the Los Angeles Building Healthy Communities-Boyle Heights I have been involved with youth advocates... This year, we met with the Director of the Food Services Division of the Los Angeles Unified School District and came up with an agreement to change the food options at my school... My future career plans are to study biochemistry so that I can learn how to prevent nutrition-related diseases, such as diabetes and cancer. I am driven to combat childhood obesity and lessen the number of Latinos who are presently predisposed to getting diabetes.

Photos from Theodore Roosevelt High School Awards



Bette Napoli Harris with the Awardees



Bette Napoli Harris makes her address



Teresa Carreto, College and Career Adviser



Los Angeles Councilmember, Jose Huizar



Bruce Bivens, Principal

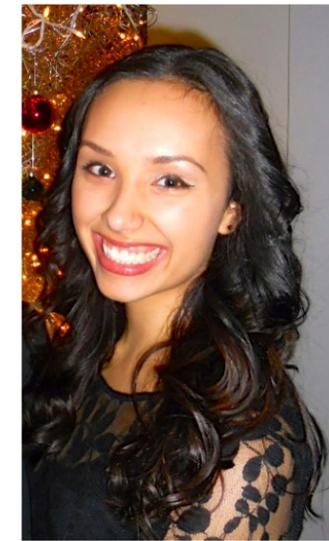
Photos of Graduate Study Awardees

Graduate Study Awards

School	Student Awardee	Undergrad Major	Graduate Study	Accomplishment
Claremont-McKenna	Dante Renato Toppo	BA in International Relations	MA in Public Policy at Harvard	Study Abroad in Morocco and Jordan; best thesis in International Relations; Pickering Fellowship.
Occidental College	Collrane Frivold	BA in Biochemistry and Minor in Public Health	MS in Public Health at Johns Hopkins University	Richter Fellow; Summer Research Fellow; Occidental Honors Scholarship Recipient; Presenter at the 2014 National Conference on Undergraduate Research & the 2014 Southern California Conference on Undergraduate Research.
Pomona College	Kevin Burke	Bachelor of Arts in Music and Chemistry	MA in Science Education at Claremont Graduate School	Russel Prize in Music, 2013; Blanchard Memorial Prize in Music, 2015; Distinction in Senior Music Exercise, 2015; President of Glee Club, 2014-15; Head Manager of College Choir, 2014; Laboratory Assistant in General Chemistry, 2015.
Univ. of Redlands	Vanessa Labarga	BA in Psychology	MS in Psychology at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	Graduated with Honors, Summa Cum Laude; Independent research project.
Scripps College	Mackenzie Leake	BA in Computational Science	PhD in Computer Science at Stanford University	James E. Scripps Scholarship (4-year academic merit); Scripps College Dean's List. 2012: Bechtel Foundation Fellowship research grant; 2013: Amgen Scholar at Columbia University research grant; 2014: APS/IBM Research Internship; Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship; 2015: Stanford EDGE-STEM Doctoral Fellowship; Stanford Computer Science Diversity Fellowship; ACM-W Scholar; Sigma Xi.
UC Riverside	John Maldonado	BS in Sociology and BA in Ethnic Studies	PhD in Sociology at Princeton University	Dean's Academic Distinction Award, 2013-2015; Chancellor's Honor List 2013-2014; Academic Excellence Award, Sociology Department, 2014-2015; Outstanding Undergraduate Award, Sociology, 2015.
UC Irvine	Laila Zandi	BA in Spanish and International Studies	Dual MAs in teaching Spanish and English as a Second Language, New York Univ.	Cum Laude honors in Spanish and International Studies; Dr Ryoji Yokoyama Undergraduate Scholar (international relations); Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation Scholar; Lead America; Study Abroad in Chile, Spain and France.
UCLA	Lei Feng	BA in Sociology and Economics	PhD in Sociology at UCLA	Presentations of undergraduate research at CA Conference for Undergraduate Research; Sociology Department Honors; Economics Department Honors; Volunteer Teacher in Henan, China.



*Dante Toppo
Claremont-McKenna*



*Collrane Frivold
Occidental*



*Vanessa Labarga
U. Redlands*



*John Maldonado
UCR*



*Kevin Burke
Pomona*



*Mackenzie Leake
Scripps*



*Lei Feng
UCLA*

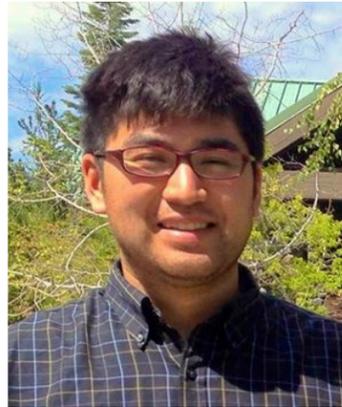


*Laila Zandi
UCI*

International Scholar Awards



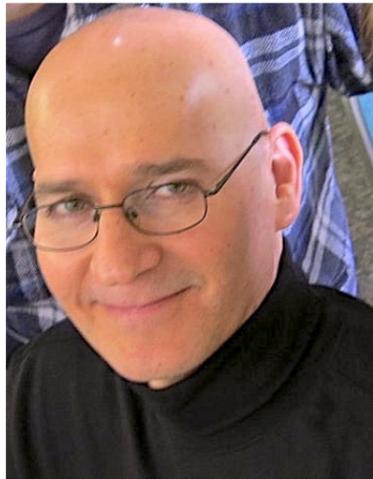
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Musa Ogunyemi
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Junchao Wang—UCR



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Rahul Gupta—USC



Jiaying Song—UCLA



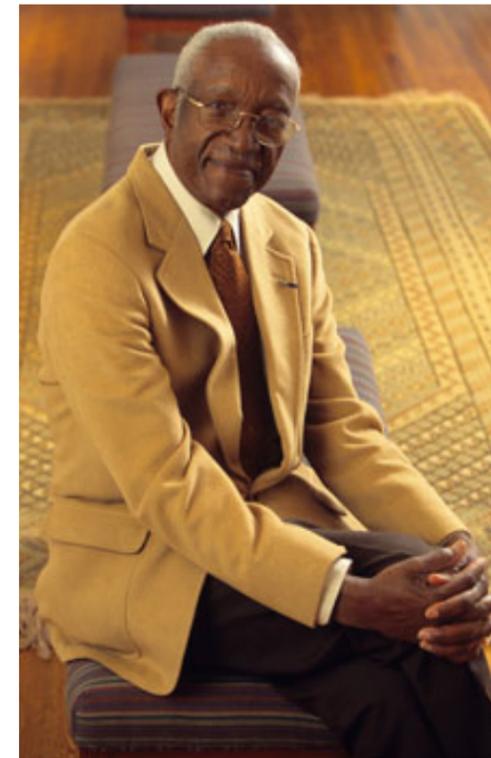
Rayed Khedter—UCLA



Seanon Wong—USC

John Hope Franklin Award*

By Melanie Ojwang



John Hope Franklin
*Courtesy of the John
Hope Franklin Center
Duke University*

Phi Beta Kappa's first John Hope Franklin Award was presented to Bette Napoli Harris, James Lightner, and Don Wyatt at the 44th Triennial Council, held in Denver this fall. Created in 2011 to honor distinguished historian, author, and 18th President of Phi Beta Kappa John Hope Franklin, this award honors individuals for especially meritorious service to the Society.

Bette Napoli Harris

Bette Napoli Harris' commitment to ΦBK spans over 30 years. She served as President of the Northern California Association in 1987, Chair of the Western District, Chair of the Conference of Association Delegates, and served two terms on the Committee on Associations. Some of her most rewarding experience, Harris recalls, has come from "the opportunity to interact with Chapter and Association representatives to find solutions to common problems."

Still active on the Southern California Association Council, Harris looks forward to preserving the legacy of the group, which will soon be celebrating its centennial. Among its other activities, the Association raises scholarship funds for disadvantaged youth, a cause Harris believes can help them gain a higher education that will "have a profound effect in changing the trajectory of their lives," she explained. She particularly enjoys meeting the recipients of these awards, such as those at Theodore Roosevelt High School in East Los Angeles. For 15 years she has had the honor of presenting awards and "witnessing the zealous school spirit and excitement," Harris notes, a part of her work that inspires her optimism for the future.

In presenting these scholarships, Harris is also able to communicate what ΦBK represents, that wisdom is the guide to life, a message that Harris truly believes in. "Liberal learning makes life more meaningful for me," she said, and she has always felt that her involvement in ΦBK is a "collaborative experience...not a competitive one."

"I have met many wonderful individuals through ΦBK, and was fortunate to have found mentors who motivated me and encouraged me to take on leadership roles," Harris said. "I never felt 'stuck' or alone with these responsibilities; rather, I felt I was in partnership with them."

All three recipients had the honor of meeting John Hope Franklin at Triennials in the past. Harris describes him as having been "warm, approachable, and [having] a great sense of humor." She was impressed by his brilliance as well as his lack of bitterness or resentment "despite having suffered much bigotry and intolerance over the course of his life," she added.

James Lightner

James Lightner, historian and professor emeritus at McDaniel College, was instrumental in the founding of the Delta of Maryland Chapter at McDaniel in 1980 and remained involved with its administration until his retirement. He is proud to describe ΦBK as a "very fine organization that stresses the liberal arts" and one that does a "better job of broadening students."

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Hermann Muennichow, CPA, Retires after 17 Years as Treasurer

For many of our members, the name Hermann Muennichow has been synonymous with Alpha Association. Since 1998, he has been the consistent human link to Phi Beta Kappa Southern California and the face of the organization. Members are well acquainted with the address in North Hollywood, where they have mailed annual dues payments, event reservations, and updated contact information. Now, after seventeen years as Treasurer, Hermann has hung up his “green eyeshade.”

The highly regarded CPA has certainly done yeoman’s duty. Like his fellow Councilors, Hermann has given his time as a volunteer. But what has set him apart is the sheer number of hours he has given. Hermann always took on more than was expected, actively involved in nearly every aspect of Alpha’s operations: membership, programs, scholarships, database management, and of course accounting.



Hermann Muennichow unwraps a gift from the Association during a luncheon given in honor of his retirement.

Hermann earned a BBA at the University of Wisconsin, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He is a principal of Muennichow & Associates, Certified Public Accountants. He attributes the impetus for serving Alpha Association so well and for so long to his gratitude for the significant role Phi Beta Kappa has played in his life and career. Hermann is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society’s Secretary Circle.

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In addition to his long record of service with the McDaniel chapter, Lightner was elected Chair of the Committee on Chapters in 2006 and later became a member of the Executive Committee, expanding the scope of his work for ΦBK to the national level.

Receiving the John Hope Franklin Award was a great honor, Lightner said, but he would have to choose chairing the Committee on Chapters and serving on the Executive Committee as his favorite ΦBK honors. As part of these committees he helped craft the rubric used to evaluate applicants for new chapters.

Lightner has more than lived up to his moniker as a “champion of chapters” by bringing their concerns to light as well as developing alternatives to how chapters could be more helpful and inviting, such as working to produce a new brochure for potential student members. He stated that there is “a lot of behind the scenes work to keep the chapters functioning” but that he enjoyed all of it.

Like Harris, Lightner had the pleasure of meeting former ΦBK President John Hope Franklin, describing him as a “stately gentleman, softspoken...not at all suggestive of [his] eminence.” Lightner was awed to meet Franklin and found inspiration in his impact, which Lightner said “raised the level” of liberal arts education.

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Lightner continues to be active within the McDaniel College community, serving as the school’s Historian and as a member of the college’s Board of Trustees. When he is not dedicating his time to ΦBK or McDaniel College, Lightner can be found at his local Rotary Club, historical association, or singing in his church choir.

Don Wyatt

A vital asset to the Beta of Vermont Chapter at Middlebury College, Don Wyatt has presided as the chapter’s president for the past 25 years. At the national level, Wyatt has served as a Phi Beta Kappa Senator, Chair of the Committee on Awards, and a member of the Committee of Qualifications, which examines the universities and colleges applying for a chapter.

For Wyatt, it is hard to settle on one favorite position or activity from his years of working with the Society. Serving as Chair of the Committee on Awards, he was “tasked with the joyful role of publicly conferring major tributes ranging from the three book awards to the Distinguished Service to the Humanities and the Sidney Hook Memorial awards on the most eminently deserving scholars,” Wyatt said. As part of ΦBK at Middlebury, he also had the “pleasurable honor of officiating at more than fifty inductions,” he explained.

Active at many levels in the Society, Wyatt “always felt compelled to regard [his] inclusion in the ranks as an opportunity and to act on it rather than regard it passively,” he explained. “Education is a life-long process and that it is also a project that one never really completes,” he added. “The more literal one is in regarding this truism as a reality, the more dedicated in its service one will be.”

When considering the man for whom the award is named, Wyatt focused on two of Franklin’s prominent traits. The first was his “faith in the liberating power of education,” Wyatt said, which was manifest in Franklin’s ability to “surmount the undisguised racism he confronted in his early adult life.” The second trait was, Wyatt observed, “an uncommonly stubborn belief in the human goodwill.”

During the Society’s 39th Triennial Council in 2000, the University of Mississippi was a candidate institution to be voted on for chapter status. Despite the school’s “notorious legacy of education racism,” Wyatt recalled,



L-R: Don Wyatt, Middlebury College; Bette Napoli Harris, Southern California Association of Phi Beta Kappa; James Lightner, McDaniel College. Photo by John Kuchle.

Franklin “rose without solicitation and spoke unscripted and passionately in favor of the candidacy of Ole Miss.” Wyatt remarked that “[Franklin’s] argument that the institution was now poised to move beyond its racist past was both profoundly persuasive and unforgettable.”

A specialist in East Asian history, Wyatt is currently on sabbatical conducting research he hopes will be “a final way of acknowledging the influence of John Hope Franklin.” A portion of his project, Wyatt explains, will investigate the “earliest Chinese notions and descriptions of racial and ethnic identity—their own as well as those of various other peoples encountered, including some—such as Africans—for the first time.”

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In 2014-2015 the following members have made contributions to the Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship funds in excess of membership dues. **Please note:** This list shows the annual contributions as reflected in our records. If you think your contribution may have been incorrectly recorded, please notify the current Treasurer, Robert Templeton at rwf@rwf.com.

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