

ΦBK KEY NOTES

The PBKAAGA Newsletter

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Key Notes, the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association of Greater Austin newsletter highlights Association news, recent and upcoming events, and developments in the Association's continued evolution. Additional details about the organization can be found on the Association website: <http://pbkaaga.wildapricot.org/>

Our mission:

Recognizing excellence in the liberal arts and sciences through college scholarships and teacher excellence awards, as well as fostering fellowship and lifelong learning among PBKAAGA members

Spring Events Coming – In Person!

We're very pleased that the pandemic is easing so that we can gather in person again this spring. Two events are coming up soon – a social gathering at Antone's and our Spring General Meeting at the Neill-Cochran House Museum.



The University of Texas at Austin
Butler School of Music
College of Fine Arts

On Sunday, April 10, we'll be at Antone's at 305 East 5th Street in Austin, to hear music by a student jazz quartet from the Butler School of Music at the University of Texas.

Between 2 and 4 PM, our networking event will feature their music, with snacks provided, and a cash bar available. We hope to see many of you, for many, the first time in two years! To help us plan the amount of food to provide, please register before the event at <https://tinyurl.com/MusicApril10>

We'll gather again on Sunday, May 1, from 3 to 5 PM at the Neill-Cochran House Museum for our Spring General Meeting. We'll award our 2022

scholarships to graduating high school seniors, and to a college student as well.



Keynoting our meeting will be Steve Saltwick, co-founder of Braver Angels of Central Texas. He will speak to the topic of **Your Brain and the Solution for Political Polarization - the Neuroscience of Braver Angels**. As an abstract of the talk, he offers this: Is there anything to be done about the alarming state of political interaction in America? Yes! As long as we live the motto of PBK and expand the use of a human-unique part of our brain. Examples of successful encounters in Austin, Texas and the USA will be given.

Steve is a bio-psychologist whose career took a path through high-tech on six continents. He studies the guiding principles of the mammalian brain especially as it relates to artificial intelligence. He has published in *Science* but prefers to dote on his first grandchild and two border collies.

We look forward to having a full house again, after two years of too much quiet!

For those who can't join us in person, the event will be livestreamed as well. If you plan to attend via Zoom, please register at <https://tinyurl.com/PBKAAGASpring>

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 10, 2 – 4 PM Making Connections with Music and Networking

We will gather at Antone's at 305 E. 5th St. Austin 78701 to hear a jazz quartet from the University of Texas Butler School of Music, and to enjoy seeing fellow PBK members from the Austin Area. Admission is free. Snacks will be provided, and a cash bar will be available. So that we know how many to plan for, please register at <https://tinyurl.com/MusicApril10>

Sunday, May 1, 3 – 5 PM Spring General Meeting

We are pleased to again host our Spring General Meeting at the Neill-Cochran House Museum at 2310 San Gabriel Street in Austin. See the details in the article above. Please join us!

Sunday, November 13, 3 – 5 PM Fall General Meeting

Join us at the Neill-Cochran House Museum to meet the winner of the 2022 Teaching Excellence Award and to hear from Dr. Daniel Jaffe on "First Galaxies, New Planets: the Revolution in Astronomy."

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Stay in Touch

Want to stay connected with Phi Beta Kappa news and updates in the Austin Area? Visit our web site, <https://pbkaaga.wildapricot.org/> and like and follow our Facebook page, Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association of Greater Austin, or search **@PBKAAGA** and follow us on Instagram.

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A Final Word: If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership for this year, and consider a generous extra donation for our scholarship and teacher awards. Your donation supports the main endeavor of this organization – giving scholarships to worthy applicants and recognizing Teaching Excellence. With your help, we make a difference in the lives of deserving students and teachers.

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