



A HISTORY OF THE PHI BETA KAPPA ALPHA ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO: 1992-2021

Organization

A Phi Beta Kappa alumni association in Denver was initiated by Kathleen McCormick Price, who was inducted into the Alpha Chapter of Colorado at the University of Colorado. After finding out from the national office that there was no local association, she inquired about organizing an alumni association and requested mailing labels for PBK members living in Denver, Englewood, Colorado Springs, Boulder, and Golden. With this information, invitations were sent to over 4,000 individuals to meet on Saturday, 23 May 1992, at the University of Denver, to ascertain if there was interest in establishing a PBK alumni association in the Denver area; she received 259 replies.

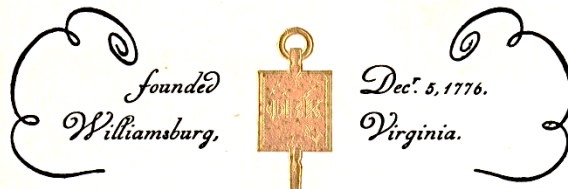
On 23 May 1992, Professor Roberta Waldbaum, president of the PBK Gamma Chapter at DU, hosted the meeting in Lindsay Auditorium and welcomed 36 attendees. She reported that quite by chance she had found a charter granted in 1948 to the Alpha Association of Colorado. Marjorie Stevenson, one of the charter members in 1948 and an attendee at the 1992 meeting, reported that the association became inactive almost at once because the organizers moved to other states. A copy of the original charter is attached; of note is that Florence R. Sabin* was one of the original charter members.

Attendees at the May 1992 meeting voted to establish an association, a voluntary contribution was collected to defray initial expenses, temporary officers were elected, and dues were established at \$15 per year. The initial officers were Sharon K. Harrison, president; Jennifer Flannery, 1st vice president; Caron Ellis, 2nd vice president; Kathleen McCormick Price, secretary; and Gregory Sorensen, treasurer. It was agreed that a portion of dues would be allotted to a Members' Endowment, which would eventually be used to support a scholarship program.

At the first board meeting on 20 June 1992, Ms. Price reported that papers for the confirmation of the Colorado charter had been mailed to Washington, D.C. Suggested bylaws provided by the national office were read and approved for distribution before the next general meeting. A resolution was adopted to open a bank account at Colorado State Bank. Subsequently, Robert Yegge, dean emeritus of the DU Sturm College of Law, was contacted by Greg Sorensen to assist in setting up the initial structure for the Colorado association. It was determined that the association would adopt the constitution and bylaws required by the national society and that the Colorado association would operate as an unincorporated nonprofit institution, which would be a subsidiary of the national society to benefit from its tax-exempt status. On 15 October 1992, the

* **Florence Rena Sabin** (November 9, 1871 – October 3, 1953) was an American medical scientist. She was a pioneer for women in science; she was the first woman to hold a full professorship at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, the first woman elected to the National Academy of Sciences, and the first woman to head a department at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. During her years of retirement, she pursued a second career as a public health activist in Colorado, and in 1951 received the Albert Lasker Public Service Award for this work. (Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florence_R._Sabin.)

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ΦΙΛΟΣΟΦΙΑ ΒΙΟΤ ΚΤΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ

C H A R T E R

To

Minnie Louise Barra
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Dorothy Kuhns Bussell
W. Clayton Carpenter
Irene B. Donaldson
Mary C. Doremus
Obie Sue Pulliam Dunklee

Robert L. Gee
Charles H. Haines
Peter Hagner Holme
Jean R. Ingersoll
Milton J. Keegan
Joseph A. Leonard
Augusta Altfillisch McWhorter
Charles Mehlman

John P. Montrose
Edith Vaughn Moore
Fritz A. Nagel
Will George Neahr
Florence R. Sabin
W. Arthur Shirey
Montgomery R. Smith
Marjorie Forbess Stevenson

Members of ΦΒΚ Greeting.

*W*HEREAS, the liberal principles of our Society should not be confined to any particular place, Men or Description of Men, but extended to the wife and virtuous of whatever community;

WHEREAS, we, the Members of ΦΒΚ, as a body dedicated from its very founding in the historic year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six at the College of William and Mary in Virginia to the ideal of excellence in scholarship in the liberal arts and sciences, are willing and desirous to promote

the purposes of the Society in various communities interested in scholarship and general culture; and

WHEREAS, we are satisfied that you are inspired by an unquenchable desire that your graduate group be added to the notable company which enjoy the recognition of ΦΒΚ, and we have carefully determined that your group is possessed of the character and standing which make it particularly worthy of admittance into this association and friendship;

Therefore, by virtue of a by-law duly adopted by our representatives in the nineteenth triennial Council of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa, we have decreed the establishment at this time of an association of ΦΒΚ in Denver, Colorado, to be known as the Alpha Association of Colorado.

FURTHERMORE, we have commanded that there issue under the seal of the Society and the hands of the President and the Secretary this Charter in the name of ΦΒΚ.

Accordingly, you and such others as you may hereafter elect and associate with yourselves in conformity to the law of ΦΒΚ, and your and their successors so elected and associated, are hereby incorporated and established as a separate and co-ordinate association of the Society and are hereby granted all the powers, privileges, and benefits thereunto appertaining, in as full and ample measure as the members of the existing

associations enjoy: there being at the same time enjoined upon and required of you, in the organization and conduct of the Association and as conditions upon which this Charter is granted, strict compliance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa, with the acts of the Council and the Senate, and with the Association Constitution herewith transmitted to you; and likewise a devoted effort always to protect the name and key of ΦΒΚ from imitation and indignities and faithfully to promote the purposes of the Society.

In Testimony Whereof, the President and the Secretary of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa have hereunto set their hands and caused to be affixed its seal this first day of May,
anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight.

Carl Billman
SECRETARY.

Christian Gauss
PRESIDENT.



Internal Revenue Service assigned a new employer identification number to the Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Association of Colorado, with the fiscal year coinciding with the calendar year (the fiscal year was subsequently changed to be July to June to be the same as the national society's fiscal year when it began making reports to IRS on behalf of the Alpha Association).

On 15 December 1992, Ms. Price was informed that the Phi Beta Kappa Senate had “acted favorably on your association's request to represent Phi Beta Kappa in Denver, Colorado” — the first step toward gaining a charter. Since a Colorado association had previously existed, a new charter could be applied for in December 1993, waiving the normal three-year waiting period.

In the fall of 1992 a newsletter announcing the association's first general meeting on 16 January 1993, along with a membership survey, was sent out. On 22 November 1993 Ms. Price applied for a Phi Beta Kappa Association Charter, along with a \$150 application fee. On 8 December 1993 PBK Secretary Douglas Foard, notified Ms. Price that the Phi Beta Kappa Senate had approved granting a charter to the “Denver, Colorado Association of Phi Beta Kappa. It will be the Alpha of Colorado.” On 18 December 1993 Ms. Price sent the following charter member list to national:

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Mabel F. Barth
Adrienne Antink Bendel
Arthur H. Bernstone
Marcia Hewitt Bishop
Ann B. Cvaniga
Robertta Dice
Caron S. Ellis
Jennifer Flannery
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Dorothy Christenson Williamson

1993

At the Alpha Association's first general meeting on 16 January the constitution and bylaws were read and adopted by the members, dues were set at \$15, with \$10 reserved for operating expenses and \$5 to establish a Members' Endowment to support scholarships. In its first full year the association established several operating procedures, many of which have continued, including allocating a portion of dues payments to the Members' Endowment and establishing the membership year as coinciding with the academic year. The association applied for and received a bulk mail permit with the U.S. Postal Service. In October the association began participating in a Community Club Awards to raise money for scholarships, ultimately raising \$470. For the 1992–93 membership year (July–June) there were 93 paid members, and the Members' Endowment totaled \$1,025.

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In Testimony Whereof, the President and the Secretary of the Phi Beta Kappa Society have hereunto set their hands and caused to be affixed its seal this third day of December,

anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and ninety-three



Douglas Loard
SECRETARY.

[Signature]
PRESIDENT.

1993 Meetings and Activities

- 16 January — David Houston, Director of Communications at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral: "The Architecture of Moscow and St. Petersburg"
- 7 February — Tour of the Aztec exhibit at the Denver Museum of Natural History, led by curator Jane Day
- 27 February — Organizational meeting to discuss committees such as scholarship, fund raising, program, and discussion groups.
- 3 April — Dr. Robert Does, Professor of Biology, University of Denver: "The Chemical Communication System of the Human Body"
- 1 May — Tea and a tour of the historic Brown Palace Hotel
- 20 June — Discussion of selected Montaigne essays, led by Arthur Bernstone
- 24 July — Tour of Four Mile Historic Park led by architect Edward D. White, Jr.
- 25 September — Annual meeting, Ross-Cherry Creek Library; Jennifer Flannery, Alpha Association Vice President: "The History and Goals of Phi Beta Kappa"
- 6 November — Dr. Theodore T. Puck, Distinguished Professor of Medicine at the University of Colorado Health Sciences, Director and Senior Fellow of the Eleanor Roosevelt Institute for Cancer Research: "New Human Genetics and Its Implications for Education."

1994

At the first meeting of the year the granting of the Alpha Association of Colorado's charter by the Phi Beta Kappa Senate was announced. The Scholarship Committee decided that grants for graduate study would be awarded to PBK inductees who had a connection with Colorado — they lived in Colorado, they graduated from a university in Colorado, they had been accepted to graduate school in Colorado, or they were a member of the Alpha Association. Adrienne Bendel attended the PBK 37th Triennial in San Francisco August 11–14, at which Virginia Hornak, Western District chair, commended the Alpha Association for establishing a scholarship program in its first year. For the 1993–94 year there were 92 paid members, the Members' Endowment totaled \$1,780, and the first two \$500 scholarships were awarded in July (see appendix A).

1994 Meetings and Activities

- 8 January — Dr. Mabel Barth, founder of The Listening Post: "Listening: The Priceless Gift"
- 15 February — Tour of The Tattered Cover bookstore
- 10 March — Dean Sortirou, Professor of Management, College of Business Administration, University of Denver: "Increasing Creativity in the Work Place and in One's Personal Life"
- 16 April — U.S. Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder, Committee for Defense Research and Development: "Downsizing the Military and Converting to the Marketplace"
- 7 May — Mitch Handelsman, Associate Professor of Psychology, University of Colorado at Denver: "Professional Ethics"
- 25 June — Book discussion: *Hopscotch* by Julio Cortázar
- 30 August — Book discussion: *Lost in Space* by Walker Percy
- 17 September — Behind-the-scenes tour at the Denver Art Museum
- 15 October — Annual meeting, Ross-Cherry Creek Library
- 19 November — Dr. Mary Rose Sullivan, Professor of English, University of Colorado at Denver: "*Crime Classics*, A History of the Mystery Story"

1995

The first annual dinner was held in November 1995 at the Oxford Hotel. For the 1994–95 membership year there were 87 paid members, the Members' Endowment totaled \$2,345, and two \$500 scholarships were awarded in July.

1995 Meetings and Activities

- 14 January — Eileen D. Carlson, Vice President of Colorado Business Alliance for Youth: "School Reform, Dropout Prevention, and School-to-Work Initiatives"
- 11 February — Kathleen Price: "The History of Tapestries and *The Lady and the Unicorn: A Tale of the Tapestries*," a book written by Kathy and based on the 15th century tapestries at the Cluny Museum in Paris.
- 11 March — Marshall Kaplan, Graduate School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado at Denver: "Observations on a Troubled America — How to Allocate Increasingly Diminishing Resources"
- 3 May — Dress rehearsal of Opera Colorado's production of Rossini's *La Cenerentola*
- 13 May — Stan Elofson, Director of Legislative Council for the Colorado State Legislature: "Ballot Initiatives in Colorado"
- 29 July — NEH Nationwide Conversation: "What Does It Mean to be an American?"
- 16 September — Annual meeting, Eugene Field Library; Clair Villano, Denver District Attorney's Consumer Fraud Division: "Even Phi Beta Kappas Can Have Consumer Woes"
- 21 October — Tour of the new Denver Public Library, designed by Michael Graves
- 13 November — First dinner meeting, Oxford Hotel, Tom Noel: "Denver History"

1996

In 1996 President Adrienne Bendel wrote to the national society about ways to improve recognition of Phi Beta Kappa. At the 1996 annual meeting it was moved and carried that annual dues be increased to \$20, with half being allocated to the Members' Endowment. For 1995–96 year there were 73 paid memberships; the Members' Endowment grew to \$4,260, and two \$500 scholarships were again awarded in July.

1996 Meetings and Activities

- 20 January — Herbert Schalloil: "Film Essay: Yugoslavia . . . Then and Now"; Kristin Adcock: Experiences as a participant at the United Nation's Fourth World Conference on Women, held in China, September 1995
- 10 February — Pat Pascoe, Colorado State Senator and Alpha Association member: "How We, As Citizens, Can Influence Our State Legislators"
- 20 February — Dress rehearsal of Opera Colorado's productions of Wagner's *The Flying Dutchman*
- 2 March — Tour of the NORAD facility at Cheyenne Mountain
- 20 April — Wesley E. LeMasurier, Professor of Geology, University of Colorado at Denver: "Antarctica's Geological History"
- 3 August — Summer discussion, Kathy Price's Garden: Poetry, led by Jane Christensen
- 21 September — Annual meeting, Eugene Field Library

19 October — Visit to the Denver Zoo

30 November — Tour of the “Tombs of China” exhibit at the Denver Natural History Museum

1997

At the 19 April general meeting members voted to increase dues to \$20, with half going to operations and half to the Members’ Endowment. A spring survey of members indicated that the order of preference for programs was (1) educational, (2) cultural, and (3) social. In July 3,800 membership invitations were mailed to PBK members in the Denver metro area, resulting in 108 new members. For 1996–97 there were 147 paid memberships, the Members’ Endowment totaled \$7,380 at year end, and two \$500 scholarships were awarded in July. President Susan Fedel represented the Alpha Association as a delegate to the 38th Triennial in Chicago on September 25–28, 1997.

1997 Meetings and Activities

30 January — Annual banquet, Denver Country Club; Rex Burns, author of 17 mystery novels and winner of the Edgar Award

11 March — Dress rehearsal of Opera Colorado’s production of Verdi’s *La Traviata*

19 April — Michael Glode, M.D., University of Colorado Health Sciences Center: “Medical Advances through Genetic Research”

15 May — Tour of the Hakushika Sake brewery in Golden.

2 August — Summer discussion, Kathy Price’s Garden: “What is Truth?”

20 September — Annual meeting, Eugene Field Library; Hilarie Portell, Public Affairs Management, Lowry Redevelopment

October — Mary Schaeffer Conroy, Professor, University of Colorado at Denver: “Post-Communist Russia”

6 December — Tour of the newly reopened 6th floor of the Denver Public Library Central Branch (site of the 1997 G8 Summit meetings hosted by President Clinton)

1998

A PBK news hotline was established, with a monthly updated record of activities. For 1997–98 there were 337 paid memberships as a result of mailing over 9,300 membership invitations to all PBK members in Colorado. The Members’ Endowment increased to \$10,145 at the end of the year, and two \$1,000 scholarships were awarded in July, double the previous amount.

1998 Meetings and Activities

29 January — Annual Banquet, Denver Athletic Club; Kristen Iverson: “The Myth of Molly and the Ballad of Baby Doe, the Real Lives of Colorado’s Legendary Heroines”

18 February — Dress rehearsal of Colorado Opera’s production of Bizet’s *Carmen*

22 April — Behind the scenes tour at the Museum of Natural History

16 May — Guided tour of the Byers-Evans House

1 August — Summer discussion, Kathy Price’s Garden: “The Importance of Humor in Our Lives”

19 September — Walking Tour of Historic Breckenridge

17 October — Annual meeting, Eugene Field Library; Cindy Reagan, Colorado Center for the Book

14 November — Kevin Haight: “The Inca Civilization: Debunking the Myths and Mysteries”

1999

The idea for zip code parties was suggested as a way for PBK members to meet each other. For 1999–2000 there were 242 paid memberships. The Members’ Endowment year-end total was \$12,685. There were no scholarship applicants, and the award amount for 2000 was increased to two \$1,500 scholarships.

1999 Meetings and Activities

28 January — Annual Banquet, Denver Country Club; Kim Long (author of *The American Forecaster Almanac*): “Figuring Out the Future: Is It Bigger than a Breadbox?”

12 February — Dress rehearsal with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra led by Marin Alsop: Tchaikovsky, Shostakovich, and Adams

17 February — Dress rehearsal of Opera Colorado’s production of Mozart’s *The Magic Flute*

25 March — Dress rehearsal with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra led by Marin Alsop: Dvorak, Mozart, and Prokofiev

17 April — Kathleen Price: “The Figure in the Carpet: The Life of Henry James”

15 May — Guided tour of the Toulouse-Lautrec Exhibit at the Denver Art Museum

24 July — Summer discussion, Kathy Price’s Garden: “What does it mean to be an educated person in the 21st century?”

18 September — Annual meeting, Eugene Field Library; Colleen Collins, published author: “Writing Humor and Fiction”

16 October — Guided tour of the Rocky Mountain National Water Media Exhibition, Foothills Art Center, Golden

13 November — Thoridis Simonsen, author and specialty tour guide in Greece: “A Greek Village Odyssey”

2000

The annual meeting was held in May to coincide with national reporting requirements; changes to the bylaws recommended by the national society were adopted. Barbara Berryman applied for and received a laptop through the IBM Fund for Community Service. For 2000–2001 there were 212 paid memberships. The Members’ Endowment increased to \$15,780 at year end, and two \$1,500 scholarships were awarded. Susan Fedel represented at the Alpha Association at the 39th Triennial in Philadelphia in October.

2000 Meetings and Activities

27 January — Annual banquet, Denver Country Club: Dr. Jane Day, Curator of Latin American Archeology, Denver Museum of Natural History: “The Conquest of Mexico: An End and a Beginning”

9 February — Dress rehearsal of Opera Colorado’s production of Puccini’s *Madama Butterfly*

- 25 February — Dress rehearsal with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra led by Marin Alsop, Mozart Symphonies
- 15 March — Dress rehearsal with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra led by Marin Alsop, Brahms's *Requiem*
- 15 April — Robert Stencel, William Herschel Womble Professor of Astronomy, University of Denver, and Director of the Chamberlin and Mt. Evans Observatories: "What's New in Astronomy?"
- 20 May — Annual meeting, Eugene Field Library; David F. Halaas, Chief Historian, Colorado Historical Society: "Cheyenne Dog Soldiers: A Ledgerbook History of Coups and Combat"
- 5 August — Summer discussion, Kathy Price's Garden: Tom Powers, Chairman of the Speaker's Bureau with Opera Colorado and President of the Opera Colorado Guild: "What Makes Opera Special?"
- 19 September — Private tour of the National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder
- 14 October — Tour of art galleries in downtown Denver and lunch at Palomino Euro-Bistro

2001

For the 2000–2001 year we had 252 paid memberships. Bob Hullinghorst, an Alpha Association member and president of Cash Asset Management Programs, Inc., reviewed the association's financial records and recommended establishing separate bank accounts for the Scholarship Fund and the Members' Endowment, which was done. At year's end the Members Endowment increased to \$20,150; two \$1,500 scholarships were awarded in July. Membership invitations were printed and mailed to 9,000 PBK members living in Colorado in three mailing throughout the year.

2001 Meetings and Activities

- 25 January — Annual banquet, Denver Country Club; Sandra L. Perry, senior geologist and partner at Perry Remote Sensing, LLC: "Innovations and Applications of Civilian Satellite Imagery"
- 7 February — Dress rehearsal of Opera Colorado's production of Puccini's *Turandot*
- 25 April — Dress rehearsal of Opera Colorado's production of Strauss's *Ariadne auf Naxos*
- 5 May — Annual meeting, Eugene Field Library; Cindy Johnson: "The Republic of Turkey," lecture about and slides
- 23 May — Dress rehearsal with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra led by Marin Alsop, Verdi's *Requiem*
- 4 August — Summer discussion, Kathy Price's Garden: "Your Favorite Book"
- 20 October — Walking tour of Cherry Creek art galleries

2002

The national society required changes to the constitution to clearly qualify chapters and associations for IRC 501(c)(3) status; this required that the association insert language indicating that it is "under the supervision and control" of the national organization and that our purposes and activities qualify us for tax-exempt status. For the 2001–2 year there were 238 members. The Members' Endowment grew to \$23,475, and two \$1,500 scholarships were awarded in July.

2002 Meetings and Activities

- 13 February — Dress rehearsal of Opera Colorado's production of Puccini's *Tosca*
- 28 February — Annual banquet, Denver Country Club. Joyce Meskis, owner of the Tattered Cover Book Store: "The World of Books: A Changing Landscape"
- 24 April — Dress rehearsal of Opera Colorado's production of Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel*
- 1 May — Dress rehearsal of Opera Colorado's production of Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin*
- 4 May — Annual meeting, Eugene Field Library; Deb McCormick, Denver Public Library reference librarian: Lecture and slides of Tasmania and New Zealand
- 22 May — Dress rehearsal with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra led by Marin Alsop, Mozart's *Requiem*
- 3 August — Summer discussion, Kathy Price's Garden: "Favorite Travel Destinations"
- 28 September — W. Douglas Jackson, President and CEO of Project C.U.R.E.
- 19 October — Steve Stevens, The Wheelmen: Private tour of the Golden Oldy Cyclery (Cycle History Museum)

2003

The Alpha Association celebrated 10 years of existence. In January the association participated in one of 15 conversations held around the United States to consider the merits of three competing views of the social value of a liberal education: (1) prepare informed, active, responsible citizens of a democracy; (2) allow each person to achieve his/her full potential and lead a fulfilled, self-actualized life; (3) prepare a person for a successful career. The results were compiled for the national triennial. The Alpha Association's conversation was in January at the University of Denver. The Alpha Association registered its domain: www.pbkcolorado.org, and Mary Gruber developed the first website, originally hosted by GoDaddy and then by E Street. The intent was for the site to be a Colorado PBK resource, including links to all the PBK chapters in the state. There were 216 members in the 2002–3 year. The Members' Endowment totaled \$26,410, and two \$1,500 scholarships were awarded. Susan Fedel attended the 40th Triennial Council in Seattle, Washington, August 6–10, 2003.

2003 Meetings and Activities

- 25 January — Colorado Conversation: "A Question of Relevance: The Social Value of the Liberal Arts and Sciences" (held in cooperation with the Gamma Chapter at the University of Denver)
- 27 February — Annual banquet, Denver Country Club. Dr. Howie Moshovitz, film scholar and NPR critic: "The Movies We Don't See"
- 12 February — Dress rehearsal of Opera Colorado's production of Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor*
- 23 April — Dress rehearsal of Opera Colorado's production of Sondheim's *Sweeney Todd*
- 30 April — Dress rehearsal of Opera Colorado's production of Mozart's *Don Giovanni*
- 17 May — Annual meeting, Eugene Field Library; Pat Stromberg: Travel in China — Lecture and Slides
- 2 August — Summer discussion, Kathy Price's Garden: "Favorite American Heroes"
- 12 October — Private tour of the recently finished Newman Center at the University of Denver and home of the Lamont School of Music

- 6 November — Christiane Gruber: “Images of Mohammed’s Ascension”
 5 December — Dress rehearsal of the Colorado Symphony Orchestra led by Adam Flatt,
Beethoven’s Birthday Celebration

2004

Dues were increased from \$20 to \$25, with \$10 allocated to the Members’ Endowment. With the website, there was no need for the call-in phone line, which was cancelled. Revisions to Alpha Association’s bylaws and policies were adopted. To raise money for scholarships, an acrylic paperweight etched with the PBK key was offered to members. There were 196 members for the 2003–4 year. The Members’ Endowment was \$27,820 at the end of the year, and two \$1,500 scholarships were awarded.

2004 Meetings and Activities

- 12 February — Dress rehearsal of Opera Colorado’s production of Puccini’s *La Boheme*
 4 March — Annual banquet, Denver Country Club; Dr. Bruce Jakowski, Director of the NASA Astrobiology Institute and Professor of Geological Sciences, University of Colorado at Boulder: “Astrobiology, Science, and Religion: One Scientist’s Perspective”
 22 April — Dress rehearsal of Opera Colorado’s production of Rossini’s *Barber of Seville*
 29 April — Dress rehearsal of Opera Colorado’s production of Verdi’s *La Traviata*
 15 May — Annual meeting, Eugene Field Library; Pat Stromberg: “Travel in Russia”
 31 July — Summer discussion, Kathy Price’s Garden: “20th Century Inventions/Discoveries That Affect Our Lives for Good or Ill”
 25 August — Inaugural Young Phi Betes gathering, Uptown Tavern, Denver
 26 September — Chapungu Tour, Denver Botanic Gardens, led by Dr. Anna Sher, Assistant Professor, University of Denver, and Director of the DBG Research, Herbaria and Records Department
 16 October — Foothills Art Center, 31st Annual Water Media Exhibit
 28 October — Dress rehearsal with Colorado Symphony Orchestra, Mahler and Brahms
 14 November — Tour of “The Quest for Immortality: Treasures of Ancient Egypt,” Denver Museum of Nature and Science
 10 December — Dress rehearsal with Colorado Symphony Orchestra, Handel’s *Messiah*

2005

The board again surveyed members to determine interests in programs and activities during the summer; 250 surveys were mailed out, and 73 were returned. Interest in the liberal arts was the most important thing about belonging to the Alpha Association, followed by support for the scholarship program, fellowship with other Phi Betes, special events, and the annual banquet. A committee to study opportunities to recognize high school students was formed. In November monthly lunch meetings were begun at the University Club to discuss topics of interest. For the 2004–5 year there were 167 members. The Members’ Endowment totaled \$30,380, and two \$1,500 scholarships were awarded.

2005 Meetings and Activities

- 24 February — Annual banquet, Denver Country Club: Author Margaret Cole was scheduled to speak but due to a mix-up in scheduling was not available; in her place Alpha member Linda Seebach, a staff writer for the *Rocky Mountain News*, gave an impromptu talk about the challenges confronting newspapers
- 16 April — Tour of Wings over the Rockies Museum
- 27 April — Mizel Center, Dr. Chico: “Crown as Headdress”
- 14 May — Annual meeting, Eugene Field Library; G. Knapp: “Visiting Egypt”
- May — Young Phi Betes wine tasting
- 6 August — Summer discussion, Kathy Price’s Garden; “Three Historical/Famous People I Would Like to Meet”
- 22 October — Tour of the Vance Kirkland Museum, with lunch at Panera Bread
- 9 November — Lunch discussion, University Club: “What is the future for books and reading?”
- 14 December — Lunch discussion, University Club: “Why is conservatism growing in the U.S.?”

2006

The board discussed creating an executive director position to handle administrative tasks for the association. There were 111 paid members for the 2005–6 year. The High School Recognition Committee reported and the board decided to defer action on this program until a member stepped forward to create and administer the program. Based on the committee’s recommendation, the board also decided for 2007 to offer one larger graduate scholarship of \$2,500 rather than two smaller ones and to reserve \$500 to potentially assist chapters with initiation fees for new inductees. The bylaws were updated and approved; there will be 1st and 2nd vice presidents without reference to programs or membership (not consistently followed in announcements). The annual newsletter highlighted the accomplishments of charter member Marion Downs, who has been inducted into the Colorado Women’s Hall of Fame in recognition of her works in the field of pediatric audiology. Barbara Berryman represented the Alpha Association at the 41st Triennial in Atlanta, October 24–29, and accepted a \$1,000 award and a plaque from the national society for being the best mid-sized organization (101–300 members). The Members’ Endowment was \$32,570 at the end of the year, and two \$1,500 scholarships were awarded.

2006 Meetings and Activities

- 11 January — Lunch discussion, University Club: “What is the value of the liberal arts in a technological society?”
- 8 March — Lunch discussion, University Club: “How has travel changed your life?”
- 20 May — Annual meeting, University Club; Joyce Herold, Curator Emeritus of Ethnology, Denver Museum of Nature and Science: “Basket Collecting 100 Years Ago— The Great Period”
- 13 September — Lunch discussion, University Club: “Creativity: What does it mean in your life?”
- 30 September — Walking tour of City Park led by Kris Haglund and Liz Clancy, Denver Museum of Nature and Science librarians
- 11 October — Lunch discussion, University Club: “Your Favorite Jane Austen Book”

4 November — General meeting, University Club: Dr. James Elkins, Earth System Research Laboratory, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: "How Greenhouse Gases Affect Climate"

13 December — Lunch discussion, University Club

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Certificate of Recognition

The Senate of the Phi Beta Kappa Society
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for excellence in representing the ideals and
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during the 2004 - 2006 triennium.

Presented at the 41st Triennial Council meeting
October 25 - 29, 2006.

Niall W. Slater

President

[Signature]

Secretary

2007

For the 2006–7 year there were 107 members. Invitations to join were sent to PBK members living in Colorado. Dr. Mabel Barth was highlighted in the spring newsletter in recognition of her work in founding The Listening Post. Invitations to join were mailed to 5,000 Phi Betas in Colorado over the summer. At the end of the year the Members' Endowment totaled \$36,100, and one \$2,500 scholarship was awarded.

2007 Meetings and Activities

- 10 January — Lunch discussion, University Club: "Paradigm shifts: When and how do you know they are happening?"
- 14 February — Lunch discussion, University Club: "Conversation: Are we losing the ability to have civil discourse in a confrontational world?"
- 22 February — Annual banquet, Denver Country Club; Gwen Ashbaugh: "Too Many Hamlets" (the unusual family tree of John Wilkes Booth)
- 14 March — Lunch discussion, University Club: "What makes a civilization endure?"
- 11 April — Lunch discussion, University Club: "Cultural manifestations of civilization: Are you truly educated if you don't understand and appreciate the attainments of other civilizations?"
- 19 May — Annual meeting, University Club: Dr. Russell Schnell, Earth System Research Laboratory, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: "The Air We Breathe — It Ain't What It Used to Be"
- 11 August — Guided walking tour of Historic Georgetown
- 8 November — Wine tasting to welcome new members, University Club, led by Dr. Victor Castellani, Chair, Department of Languages and Literatures, University of Denver

2008

The mass mailing of invitations to join was completed. For the 2008–9 year there were 221 members, an increase in membership due to mailing the previous year. The board voted to align the fiscal year with that for the national society (July to June) since national files IRS forms for the Alpha Association as a subsidiary group. Also, the annual meeting would be changed back to the fall, starting in 2009, with current officers serving an extended term of office. The Members' Endowment was \$38,645, and one \$3,500 scholarship was awarded.

2008 Meetings and Activities

- 13 February — Lunch discussion, University Club: "What and how do we learn from history?"
- 13 March — Annual banquet, Denver Country Club; Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Alameda East Veterinary Hospital
- 17 May — Annual meeting, University Club; Chip Colwell-Chanthaphonh, Curator of Anthropology, Denver Museum of Nature and Science: "The Cultures of Gold"
- 2 August — PBK Goes BBQ with Adrian Miller, Big Papa's BBQ
- 10 September — Lunch discussion, University Club
- 8 October — Lunch discussion, University Club

- 24 October — Performance of August Wilson's play *Joe Turner's Come and Gone*, Shadow Theatre, Aurora
- 12 November — Lunch discussion, University Club
- 10 December — Lunch discussion, University Club

2009

Financial reports reflected the change in fiscal years from a calendar year to a July–June fiscal year. For the 2008–9 year there were 105 members. The board decided to use E Street for email hosting (board@pbkcolorado.org), as well as website hosting. Greg Sorensen attended the 42nd Triennial in Austin, Texas, October 2–4. The Members' Endowment was \$40,645 as of June 30, and one \$4,000 scholarship was awarded in August 2009.

2009 Meetings and Activities

- 9 January — Lunch discussion, University Club: "The Art of Criticism: Is It?"
- 11 February — Lunch discussion, University Club: "How Will America Change in the Next 50 Years?"
- 28 February — Behind the scenes tour at Denver Museum of Nature and Science, led by Chip Colwell-Chanthaphonh, Curator of Anthropology
- 11 March — Lunch discussion, University Club: "What Do You Do to Nourish Your Soul?"
- 12 March — Annual banquet, Denver Country Club, Rebecca Love Kourlis, Executive Director of the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System, University of Denver: "Reforming the Civil Justice System"
- 15 April — Lunch discussion, University Club
- 13 May — Lunch discussion, University Club
- 25 July — Tour of Cherokee Ranch and Castle, Castle Rock
- 26 September — Annual meeting, University Club; Dennis Barrett, Associate Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Denver: "Joys of a Liberal Education: A Personal View"
- 14 October — Lunch discussion, University Club: "State Boundaries: How relevant are they in the 21st century?"
- 14 November — Lunch discussion, University Club: "The New Field of Epigenetics," led by Dr. Joy Berrenberg
- 9 December — Lunch discussion, University Club: "Discussion Topics That Make You Uncomfortable (Illegal Immigration, Racial Profiling, Legalizing Drugs)"

2010

Because of declining attendance at the monthly lunch discussions, the board decided to stop them after May and pursue two Saturday lunch discussions per year. The association canceled its bulk mail permit since most member communications were via the Internet and email. For the year ending June 30, 2010, there were 113 members, the Members' Endowment was \$42,990, and one \$4,000 scholarship was awarded.

2010 Meetings and Activities

- 13 January — Lunch discussion, University Club: "Fanaticism"

- 10 February — Lunch discussion, University Club: “The Meaning of Art and Music in Our Lives:
- 25 March — Annual banquet, University Club; Ricardo Iznaola, Chair of the Guitar and Harp Department, Lamont School of Music, University of Denver: “Musical Crossroad, Lost Landscapes: A Performer Sojourns”
- 21 April — Lunch discussion, University Club: “The Meaning of Words: Is it even possible to understand what other people mean?”
- 12 May — Lunch discussion, University Club: “Play as a Source of Innovation”
- 27 June — Docent-led tour of Henry Moore sculptures at Denver Botanic Gardens.
- 25 September — Annual meeting, Brio’s Tuscan Grille, Cherry Creek; Bruce Paton, M.D.: “The Story of Lewis and Clark’s Adventures in the Wilderness”

2011

For the 2010–11 year there were 113 members. To appeal to young Phi Betes revisions the website was updated by four CU Denver students who were solicited by Brad Revare, including links to Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Future program announcements will be made by email rather than post cards. The Members’ Endowment was \$44,570, and one \$3,000 scholarship was awarded.

2011 Meetings and Activities

- 5 February — Lunch discussion, Brio’s Tuscan Grille: “New Discoveries in Astrobiology”
- 7 April — Annual banquet, Warwick Hotel; Dr. Peter Van Arsdale, Senior Lecturer, Joseph Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver: “Humanitarians in Hostile Territory: Controversial Perspectives”
- 7 May — Lunch discussion: “School of Life,” founded by Alain de Botton
- 28 June — Private tour of the “Real Pirates: The Untold Story of the *Whydah* from Slave Ship to Pirate Ship” at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, led by Marc Levine, Curator
- 10 September — Annual meeting, Mount Vernon Country Club: Michael Madigan, *Heroes, Villains, Dames & Disasters*, historic news stories from the *Rocky Mountain News*’s 150 years

2012

The board voted to create different membership levels and to increase basic membership from \$20 to \$30; a contributing membership level will be created at \$100, and a lifetime membership at \$500; until July 1 dues would be \$25, \$75, and \$400. The board also voted to allocate one-half of all dues payments to the Members’ Endowment. A PayPal account was established for online payments and donations. For the 2011–12 year there were 133 members (including 4 contributing members and 4 lifetime members); the Members’ Endowment was \$46,780; and one \$3,000 scholarship was awarded. The board decided not to send a representative to the 42nd Triennial in Palm Beach, Florida, August 2–4.

2012 Meetings and Activities

- 28 January — Luncheon talk and discussion, Embassy House Condominiums, lunch catered by Three Tomatoes; Dr. Patricia Pascoe, former Colorado state senator and Alpha Association member: *Helen Ring Robinson: Colorado Senator and Suffragist*, Colorado's first woman state senator
- 17 February — Annual banquet, Park Hill Golf Club, Denver; Dr. Steven F. Maier, director of the University of Colorado's Center for Neuroscience: "The Neuroscience of Why Cognitive Abilities Decline with Aging"
- 7 April — Private tour of the new Clyfford Still Museum
- 9 June — Tour of Curtis Park Historic District, led by Dr. Bill West, who helped establish the district
- 18 August — Day trip to Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, led by Steven Veatch and Jordan Sawdo, who helped in the establishment of the national monument; picnic lunch followed by an opportunity to hunt for fossils at the privately owned Florissant Fossil Quarry.
- 8 September — Annual meeting, Park Hill Golf Club; Professor Loren W. Crabtree, retired professor and former provost at Colorado State University: "China Today: Superpower or Middling Kingdom?"
- 10 November — Tour of the American Mountaineering Museum and American Alpine Club's Library, Golden; lunch at the Sherpa House Restaurant.

2013

The board voted to invest \$44,000 of the Members' Endowment in mutual bond funds recommended by the financial advisor at Colorado State Bank & Trust. On 3 April the Colorado House of Representatives passed a resolution commending the Alpha Association on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of its charter from the national society. The commendation was the result of a request by Alpha Association member and Colorado state representative Su Ryden and was presented on April 18 on the floor of the Colorado House of Representatives. As of June 30 there were 88 members (including 5 life members), contributions to the Members' Endowment totaled \$48,415, and one \$3,000 scholarship was awarded.

2013 Meetings and Activities

- 8 March — Private tour of *Georgia O'Keeffe in New Mexico: Architecture, Katsinam, and the Land* at the Denver Art Museum, followed by dinner at Palettes (DAM restaurant).
- 3 April — Annual banquet, Park Hill Golf Club, Denver; Patty Limerick, Professor of History and Environmental Studies at CU Boulder and Chair of the Board for CU's Center for the American West: *A Ditch in Time: The City, the West and Water*
- 18 April — Presentation of Certificate of Commendation on the floor of the Colorado House of Representatives
- 18 May — Discussion luncheon, Mount Vernon Country Club, Dr. Julia Barrett, senior clinical consultant with the Biologics Consulting Group, Inc.: "Hot Topics in the Medical Field."
- 24 July — Private tour of the Thomas House Museum and Gilpin County History Museum, Central City, followed by lunch at the Teller House's Face Bar.



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On Request of Representative Su Ryden
Given this 3rd day of April, 2013, State Capitol, Denver

Mark Ferrandino, Speaker of the House of Representatives

21 September — Annual meeting, Mount Vernon Country Club: Dr. Peter Warren: His work with the Cheetah Conservation Fund, with his photographs as illustrations

2014

Rebekah Van Epps redesigned the association's website. Email announcements were moved to MailChimp. Plans were made to invite 14,000 PBK inductees in Colorado to join the Alpha Association; 4,360 emails were sent to potential members in the Denver metro area, resulting in 30 new members. As of June 30, there were 102 members (including 5 life members); contributions to the Members' Endowment totaled \$49,935, and two scholarships (\$3,500 and \$500) were awarded.

2014 Meetings and Activities

- 16 January — Tour of “The Living West” exhibit at the History Colorado Center
- 8 March — Annual banquet, Park Hill Golf Club, Denver; Kenneth Wright and Ruth Wright, Wright Water Engineers: “Mesa Verde and Machu Picchu: Ancient Wonders Revealed”
- 10 May — Lunch discussion, Mount Vernon Country Club, Dr. Robert Stencel, University of Denver: “Hot Topics in Astronomy”
- 9 July — Docent-led tour of Dale Chihuly’s glass artworks at the Denver Botanic Gardens
- 25 October — Annual meeting, Park Hill Golf Club, Jerry Peterson, Professor of Physics, University of Colorado at Boulder: “What Happened at Fukushima, and What Did We Learn?”

2015

Postcard membership invitations were sent in 2,200 individuals in the Denver metro area without email addresses on file with national, resulting in only 3 new members; plans to send additional postcard invitations were canceled due to the cost and the low return rate. For the 2014–15 year there were 105 members (including 6 life members), the Members’ Endowment was \$51,960, and two scholarships (\$3,500 and \$1,000) were awarded. The 44th Triennial was held in Denver October 8–11, and Alpha Association volunteers staffed information desks to welcome delegates; Alice White represented the Alpha Association at the Triennial.

2015 Meetings and Activities

- 29 January — Private tour of The Anschutz Collection (one of the most important Western art collections in the country), Navarre Building; optional lunch at The Brown Palace’s Ship Tavern
- 28 March — Annual banquet, Park Hill Golf Club, Denver; Thomas E. Hames, 10th Mountain Division Foundation
- 30 May — Lunch, Sherpa House Restaurant, Golden
- 30 July — Celebration of Rocky Mountain National Park’s Centennial, Estes Park, with picnic lunch
- 25 October — Annual meeting, Mount Vernon Country Club, Golden; Elizabeth Fenn, Chair, History Department, University of Colorado at Boulder: “*Encounters at the Heart of the World: A History of the Mandan People*”
- 7 November — Private tour of the Contemporary Art Collection at The ART Hotel, led by Jette Braun, who worked with Diane Vanderlip to select and install the art work; lunch at the FIRE Restaurant

2016

As of June 30 there were 84 members (including 6 life members), the Members’ Endowment totaled \$53,320, and two scholarships (\$3,500 and \$1,000) were awarded.

2016 Meetings and Activities

- 5 March — Annual banquet, Park Hill Golf Club, Denver; Christy Edwards-Stewart, Lockheed Martin Systems Engineer, Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter Operations, and

NASA JPL Solar System Ambassador: “Finding Water on Mars with the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter Team”

10 June — Celebration of RTD University of Colorado A Line to DIA; ride and lunch at the Grill & Vine Restaurant

4 August — Guided tour of the Denver Crime Lab, lunch at Dozens Restaurant

12 November — Annual meeting, University Club; Prof. Robert S. Anderson, Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research at the University of Colorado at Boulder: “Geomorphology in the Front Range and How This Shaped and Was Impacted by the Floods in 2013”

2017

After years of discussion, the association rented PO Box 9476 at 225 S. Broadway, Denver 80209. A member survey was developed to get a sense of what members are interested in; the following five activities garnered the most support: speakers, cultural / museum tours, music / theatre tours, science / tech tours, and attending cultural activities. In response to the national society’s outreach efforts with new inductees, the Alpha Association sponsored its first Key Connections event with a field trip to Dinosaur Ridge; the national society contributed \$500 to the event. As of June 30 there were 87 members (including 7 life members), the Members’ Endowment totaled \$54,920, and two scholarships (\$3,500 and \$1,500) were awarded.

2017 Meetings and Activities

9 February — Docent-led tour of “Glory of Venice: Masterworks of the Renaissance” at the Denver Art Museum

17 March — Lunch discussion, University Club: “How can higher education be reimaged in this country to fit the needs of a diverse student and work population?”

8 April — Annual banquet, Briarwood Restaurant, Golden; Elizabeth Karlsgodt, Associate Professor, European History, University of Denver: “The History and Legacy of Nazi Art Looting”

28 April — Lunch discussion, Pints Pub, Denver: “What are the pros and cons of capitalism? Of socialism? Is there an ideal mix of the two systems?”

30 June — Docent-led tour of the Alexander Calder exhibit at the Denver Botanic Gardens, followed by a picnic

28 July — Lunch discussion, FIRE Restaurant, The ART Hotel: “Social Media and Privacy”

9 September — Key Connection event: Paid tour of Dinosaur Ridge followed by lunch at the Morrison Inn

17 October — Annual meeting, University Club; Eric Frew, Associate Professor, Aerospace Engineering Sciences; Director of the Research and Engineering Center for Unmanned Vehicles; and Associate Director of Technology, Integrated Remote and In Situ Sensing, University of Colorado at Boulder: “Using Drones to Study Severe Weather, Including Tornadoes”

2018

As of June 30, there were 87 paid memberships (including 8 lifetime members); the Members’ Endowment totaled \$56,800; and two scholarships (\$3,500 and \$1,500) were awarded. Diane Palese attended the 45th Triennial in Boston, August 2–4. Diane’s attendance was the impetus to

start an Alpha Association mentorship program. Alpha Association representatives met with members of the CU, CSU, and DU chapters to discuss ways of increasing the visibility of Phi Beta Kappa in Colorado.

2018 Meetings and Activities

- 2 March — Lunch discussion, University Club: “The Nature of Genius”
- 14 April — Annual banquet, University Club — Marc Bekoff, Professor Emeritus, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Colorado at Boulder: “The Animal’s Agenda: Freedom, Compassion, Coexistence, and Hope in the ‘Rage of Inhumanity’”
- 3 May — DU Faculty Lecture, University of Denver, Bonnie Clark, Associate Professor, Anthropology, University of Denver: “Digging Amache: Archaeology of a Japanese Internment Camp in Colorado”
- 10 May — Phi Beta Kappa lecture, University of Denver; Frederick Lawrence, Secretary and CEO of the Phi Beta Kappa Society: “Navigating the Countervailing Demands of Free Expression and Civility, Especially on College and University Campuses”
- 29 June — Lunch discussion, Irish Snug, Denver: “The Importance of Local Journalism and a Free Press”
- 3 August — Private tour of the Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center
- 8 September — Key Connections, Tivoli Student Center, University of Colorado at Denver: “A Millennial’s Guide to Money Matters,” led by Diane Palese
- 22 September — Annual meeting, Mount Vernon Country Club, Greg Carpenter, General Artistic Director for Opera Colorado: “Behind the Curtain: An Insider’s Look at What It Takes to Produce Opera in Denver”
- 18 October — Docent-led tour of “Rembrandt: Painter as Printmaker” at the Denver Art Museum
- 30 October — DU Gamma Chapter lecture, Todd Breyfogle, Director of Seminars for the Aspen Institute and former PBK senator: “Leadership, Civil Society, and the Future of Democracy”

2019

As of June 30 there were 84 members (including 8 lifetime members); total contributions to the Members’ Endowment amounted to \$58,330, and two scholarships (\$3,500 and \$1,500) were awarded. The association began work on structuring a mentorship program. Discussions continued with PBK representatives from the CU, CSU, and DU chapters. One initiative proposed by Jerry Peterson at CU was to initiate a Colorado Scholars program, based on the PBK Visiting Scholars program, the Colorado version would select professors to visit other schools in the state to give talks and work with students; the speakers would be offered small Honoraria and traveling expenses; however, the program was never instituted due to a lack of interest by the chapters. The oldest member of the association, Ann B. Cvaniga, died at age 108.

2019 Meetings and Activities

- 4 April — CU Boulder Alpha Chapter Visiting Scholar lecture, Paula Stephan, Professor of Economics, Georgia State University: “How Economics Shapes Science”
- 6 April — Annual banquet, University Club; Tom Noel, Professor, History, University of Colorado at Denver: “Color Oddities: Strangest Things about the Highest State”

- 28 July — CU Shakespeare Festival: “As You Like It,” followed by dinner at Sherpa’s Restaurant
- 15 August — Docent-led tour of the Craig Ponzio sculpture exhibit at the Denver Botanic Gardens, followed by a picnic
- 5 September — Key Connections, Irish Snug, Denver: “Millennial Money Matters: Digging out of Student Debt” by Diane Palese, followed by a trivia game hosted by George Gramer, Jr.
- 5 October — Annual meeting, University Club; Jeff Shoemaker, Executive Director, The Greenway Foundation: “No Water, No Colorado: The Environmental and Economic Benefits of Engaging in Urban Waterways”
- 5 December — Docent-led tour of “Monet: The Truth of Nature” at the Denver Art Museum, followed by dinner at The FIRE Restaurant

2020

As of June 30 there were 77 members (including 10 life members); contributions to the Members’ Endowment totaled \$59,995; and two \$3,000 scholarships were awarded — the first time there was a tie for first place. Activities in 2020 were overshadowed by the COVID-19 pandemic: the annual banquet was canceled, and on-line activities were initiated through Zoom. Movie discussions were inaugurated in July, with members being asked to watch a movie and then join in a discussion on Zoom.

2020 Meetings and Activities

- 29 July — Inaugural movie discussion: *Hidden Figures*
- 15 August — Picnic at Observatory Park Denver
- 19 August — Movie discussion: *JFK: The Last Speech* (about John F. Kennedy’s visit to Amherst College on 26 October 1963 to commemorate the groundbreaking of the Robert Frost Library), produced by Neil and Judy Bicknell from Boulder
- 24 September — Key Connections, Zoom panel discussion (Emma Smith, Ben Palen, Diane Palese, Sue Kiernan): “Coping with COVID-19” and trivia contest hosted by George Gramer
- 17 October — Annual meeting on Zoom, Debbie Scheer, Emcee, Benefit Auctioneer, and Humorist: “How to Strengthen Your Humor Muscle without Pulling a Hammy”

2021

For the fiscal year ending June 30, there were 93 members — 86 dues-paying members (including 12 life members) and 7 complimentary memberships for new PBK inductees. The Members’ Endowment totaled \$62,525; and two scholarships (\$3,500 and \$1,500) were awarded. A variety of activities continued on Zoom, and in-person events included a picnic and the annual meeting. The 46th Triennial was held virtually and Kristin Adcock represented the Alpha Association.

2021 Meetings and Activities

- 25 February — Movie discussion: *Late Night* with Emma Thompson and Mindy Kaling

18 March — Virtual happy hour: “Mocktails / Cocktails Paired with Appetizers,” led by Emma Smith, George Gramer, Jr., and Sue Kiernan
8 April — Virtual gardening demonstration: “Gardening Basics from A to Z” led by Ben Palen, who also gave away seeds to participants
15–16 April — PBK Visiting Scholar Poet Evie Shockley, hosted by the DU Gamma Chapter and co-sponsored by the Alpha Association
17 July — Picnic at Observatory Park
25 August — Book club discussion: Douglas Preston, *The Lost City of the Monkey God*
9 September — Movie discussion: *Suffragette*
29 September — Key Connections, Punch Bowl Social
9 October — Annual meeting, University Club; Colorado Poet Laureate Bobby LeFebre

APPENDIX A: SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

| Year | Winners | Amount | Running Total |
|------|---|--------------------|---------------|
| 1994 | Matthew Abell Michael Jacobson | \$500 \$500 | \$1,000 |
| 1995 | Deborah L. Miller Lisa Ponfick | \$500 \$500 | \$2,000 |
| 1996 | Matthew Littler Jennifer Loveday | \$500 \$500 | \$3,000 |
| 1997 | Emily Brooke Felt Samantha Joy Littler | \$500 \$500 | \$4,000 |
| 1998 | Nancy Golubiewski Dominika Zofia Motas | \$1,000 \$1,000 | \$6,000 |
| 1999 | No applicants | | |
| 2000 | Ruth S. McMahon Jessica Briggs | \$1,500 \$1,500 | \$9,000 |
| 2001 | Deana Ahmad Shapir Rosenberg | \$1,500 \$1,500 | \$12,000 |
| 2002 | Yen Phi Vo Caitlin Dull | \$1,500 \$1,500 | \$15,000 |
| 2003 | Tawnya R. Parker Arianna Lynn Nowakowski | \$1,500 \$1,500 | \$18,000 |
| 2004 | Michelle Wing Meredith Newman | \$1,500 \$1,500 | \$21,000 |
| 2005 | Andrea Bell Dale M. Lee | \$1,500 \$1,500 | \$24,000 |
| 2006 | Lindsey VanGilder Asuka Ishizaki | \$1,500 \$1,500 | \$27,000 |
| 2007 | Caroline B. Alden | \$2,500 | \$29,500 |
| 2008 | Jamie N. Justice | \$3,500 | \$33,000 |
| 2009 | Paul Gansky | \$4,000 | \$37,000 |
| 2010 | Jacqueline Danzig | \$4,000 | \$41,000 |
| 2011 | James Hobbs | \$3,000 | \$44,000 |
| 2012 | Mariko Fujita | \$3,000 | \$47,000 |
| 2013 | Peter Heng | \$3,000 | \$50,000 |
| 2014 | Taylor C. Sutcliffe Emma Duffy | \$3,500 \$500 | \$54,000 |
| 2015 | Kristina Barber Pilar Ingle | \$3,500 \$1,000 | \$58,500 |
| 2016 | Elliot J. Mamet Angela Delano | \$3,500 \$1,500 | \$63,500 |
| 2017 | Andrew Pham Lauren Lustig | \$3,500 \$1,500 | \$68,500 |
| 2018 | Jenny Wool Tyler Irani | \$3,500 \$1,500 | \$73,500 |

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| 2019 | Emma Whitehead | \$3,500 | \$78,500 |
| | Jedediah Doane | \$1,500 | |
| 2020 | Verónica Gonzalez | \$3,000 | \$84,500 |
| | Kal Parvanov | \$3,000 | |
| 2021 | Joseph Glick | \$3,500 | \$89,500 |
| | Renée Blevins | \$1,500 | |

APPENDIX B: ALPHA ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO BOARDS OF DIRECTORS

1992-93

President — Sharon Harrison
1st Vice President — Jennifer Flannery
2nd Vice President — Caron Ellis
Secretary — Kathleen Price
Treasurer — Greg Sorensen

1993-94

President — Sharon Harrison
1st Vice President — Adrienne Bendel
2nd Vice President — Margaret Hagler
Secretary — Kathleen Price
Treasurer — Greg Sorensen

1994-95

President — Adrienne Bendel
1st Vice President — Kristin Adcock
2nd Vice President — Roberta Dice
Secretary — Kathleen Price
Treasurer — Greg Sorensen

1995-96

President — Adrienne Bendel
1st Vice President — Susan Fedel
2nd Vice President — Dorothy Lager
Secretary — Kathleen Price
Treasurer — Greg Sorensen

1996-97

President — Susan Fedel
1st Vice President — Kathleen Price
2nd Vice President — Jane Christensen
Secretary — Adrienne Bendel
Treasurer — Greg Sorensen

1997-98

President — Susan Fedel
1st Vice President — Kathleen Price
2nd Vice President — Barbara Berryman
Secretary — Adrienne Bendel
Treasurer — Greg Sorensen

1998–99

President — Susan Fedel
1st Vice President — Barbara Berryman
2nd Vice President — Teresa Walljasper
Secretary — Adrienne Bendel
Treasurer — Greg Sorensen

1999–2000

President — Susan Fedel
1st Vice President (Programs) — Marcia Bishop
2nd Vice President (Membership) — Anne Tauriello
Secretary — Barbara Berryman
Treasurer — Greg Sorensen
Past President — Adrienne Bendel

2000–2001

President — Susan Fedel
1st Vice President (Programs) — Marcia Bishop
2nd Vice President (Membership) — Anne Tauriello
Secretary — Barbara Berryman
Treasurer — Greg Sorensen

2001–2

President — Susan Fedel
1st Vice President (Programs) — Dorothy Lee
2nd Vice President (Membership) — Anne Makowski
Secretary — Barbara Berryman
Treasurer — Greg Sorensen

2002–3

President — Susan Fedel
1st Vice President (Programs) — Dorothy Lee (resigned 12/2002); Anne Makowski
2nd Vice President (Membership) — Anne Makowski; Mary Gruber
Secretary — Barbara Berryman
Treasurer — Greg Sorensen

2003–4

President — Susan Fedel
1st Vice President (Programs) — Anne Makowski
2nd Vice President (Membership) — Mary Gruber
Secretary — Barbara Berryman
Treasurer — Greg Sorensen

2004–5

President — Anne Makowski
1st Vice President (Programs) — Marvin Baker
2nd Vice President (Membership) — Mary Gruber
Secretary — Barbara Berryman
Treasurer — Greg Sorensen

2005–6

President — Greg Sorensen
1st Vice President (Programs) — Marvin Baker
2nd Vice President (Membership) — Mary Gruber
Secretary — Barbara Berryman
Treasurer — Greg Sorensen

2006–7

President — Greg Sorensen
1st Vice President — Cheryl Outerbridge
2nd Vice President — Marvin Baker
Secretary — Barbara Berryman
Treasurer — Greg Sorensen

2007–8

President — Greg Sorensen
1st Vice President — Gillian Bidgood
2nd Vice President — Cheryl Outerbridge
Secretary — Barbara Berryman
Treasurer — Anne Makowski

2008–9

President — Gillian Bidgood
1st Vice President — Cheryl Outerbridge
2nd Vice President — Barbara Groth
Secretary — Barbara Berryman
Treasurer — Anne Makowski
Executive Directory — Greg Sorensen

2009–10

President — Gillian Bidgood
1st Vice President — Cheryl Outerbridge
2nd Vice President — Anne Tauriello
Secretary — Barbara Berryman
Treasurer — Anne Makowski
Executive Directory — Greg Sorensen

2010–11

President — Cheryl Outerbridge
1st Vice President — Roberta Dice
2nd Vice President — Greg Sorensen
Secretary — Carla Henebry-Branscombe
Treasurer — Anne Makowski

2011–12

President — Cheryl Outerbridge
1st Vice President — Roberta Dice
2nd Vice President — Brad Revare
Secretary — Larry Van Horn
Treasurer — Greg Sorensen

2012–13

President — Cheryl Outerbridge
1st Vice President — Alice White
2nd Vice President — Brad Revare
Secretary — Larry Van Horn
Treasurer — Greg Sorensen

2013–14

President — Cheryl Outerbridge
1st Vice President — Alice White
2nd Vice President — Brad Revare
Secretary — Carla Henebry-Branscombe
Treasurer — Greg Sorensen

2014–15

President — Cheryl Outerbridge
1st Vice President — Alice White
2nd Vice President — Barbara Berryman
Secretary — Carla Henebry-Branscombe
Treasurer — Greg Sorensen

2015–16

President — Cheryl Outerbridge
1st Vice President — Alice White
2nd Vice President — Barbara Berryman
Secretary — Rob Wellington
Treasurer — Greg Sorensen

2016–17

President — Greg Sorensen
1st Vice President — Alice White
2nd Vice President — Barbara Berryman
Secretary — Rob Wellington
Treasurer — Diane Palese
Ex officio — George Gramer, Jr.

2017–18

President — Greg Sorensen
1st Vice President — Joy Berrenberg
2nd Vice President — Barbara Berryman
Secretary — Rob Wellington
Treasurer — Diane Palese
Ex officio — George Gramer, Jr.

2018–19

President — Greg Sorensen
1st Vice President — Joy Berrenberg
2nd Vice President — Barbara Berryman
Secretary — Kristin Adcock
Treasurer — Diane Palese
Ex officio — George Gramer, Jr.

2019–20

President — Greg Sorensen
1st Vice Presidents — George Gramer, Jr.; Sue Kiernan
2nd Vice President — Barbara Berryman
Secretary — Kristin Adcock
Treasurer — Diane Palese

2020–21

President — Diane Palese
1st Vice Presidents — George Gramer, Jr.; Sue Kiernan
2nd Vice President — Barbara Berryman
Secretary — Kristin Adcock
Treasurer — Greg Sorensen
Ex officio — Emma Smith, Ben Palen

2021–22

President — Diane Palese
1st Vice President — George Gramer, Jr.
2nd Vice President — Barbara Berryman
Secretary — Kristin Adcock
Treasurer — Greg Sorensen
Ex officio — Ben Palen