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### **Ivy Singles Holiday Party**

**Friday, December 4 6:30-9 pm**

DACOR-Bacon House

1801 F Street, NW

Washington, DC

Stanford invites you to the Ivy Singles Social Club Holiday Party!

Wear your festive party apparel! Each floor of the DACOR-Bacon House will be beautifully decorated for the holiday season. We will feast on scrumptious hors d'oeuvres and will serve libations from a cash bar. In the spirit of the season, we also ask that guests bring a non-perishable food item to donate. Stanford will deliver the collected food to a local DC food pantry.

Tickets are \$35 at the door. E-mail Charlotte Perry at [charmperry@aol.com](mailto:charmperry@aol.com) with Ivy Party in the subject line for more information.

### **WDCSA Holiday Party**

**Wednesday, December 9 7-10 pm**

DACOR-Bacon House

1801 F Street, NW

Washington, DC

Looking to add some cardinal red to your holiday? Please join your fellow Stanford alums to celebrate the festive season at the DACOR-Bacon House. The venue (built 1824-25) is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and has been home to several Supreme Court Justices, members of Congress, and a Maryland governor. The DACOR-Bacon House will be decorated for the holiday season and complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be provided. The venue is located 4 blocks from the Farragut-West Metro station (Orange and Blue lines).

The advanced registration price is \$5 for WDCSA members, young alumni ('05 - '09), and guests; \$8 for non-WDCSA members and guests. Please RSVP and pay online at <http://pgnet.stanford.edu/goto/event6130reg>. Checks made out to WDCSA may be sent to Kevin Coyne, 900 Army-Navy Drive, #1523, Arlington, VA 22202. Walk-ins are welcome, however advance reservations (by December 7) are requested as space is limited. Price at the door (cash and check only) is \$10 for WDCSA members, young alumni ('05 - '09), and guests; \$15 for non-WDCSA members and guests. Please email reservations and questions to Kevin Coyne at [kevin.coyne@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:kevin.coyne@stanfordalumni.org).

**A Wider Circle Community Service Event**  
**Sunday, December 13 12-3pm**

9159-C Brookville Road  
 Silver Spring, MD

Join WDCSA in helping make the season a little brighter for local families in need as we receive, sort, and load donations of furniture and other household goods.

WDCSA volunteers will return to A Wider Circle ([www.awidercircle.org](http://www.awidercircle.org)) to help the organization in its mission to help individuals and families lift themselves out of poverty by providing them with basic need items. For more information about the event or carpooling, contact Christina Russell '96 at [carussell17@comcast.net](mailto:carussell17@comcast.net) or 202-441-8447.

**Book Club Discussion**  
**Sunday, December 13 5pm**

The book group will meet to discuss the novel *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery. The meeting is at the home of Alison Westfall in Capitol Hill. E-mail [alisoncolew@hotmail.com](mailto:alisoncolew@hotmail.com) for more information. The list of books for the next six months will be posted after the meeting.

**Department of Energy Under Secretary**  
**Kristina Johnson**

**Thursday, January 14 6:30-8pm**  
 Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)  
 2000 L Street NW, Suite 805  
 Washington DC

The WDCSA Speakers Series kicks off 2010 with Kristina M. Johnson, Ph.D., current Under Secretary for Energy, Department of Energy. She will discuss her perspectives on energy and climate change issues in 2010 and beyond. Prior to her appointment, Dr. Johnson was Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at The Johns Hopkins University. Among her many awards and accomplishments, she received the John Fritz Medal in May, 2008—widely considered the highest award in the engineering profession. Previous recipients include Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison, and Orville Wright. Dr. Johnson has 142 refereed papers and proceedings and holds 129 US and international patents and patents pending. Graduating from Stanford in 1981 with both a bachelor's and master's degree [with

distinction] in electrical engineering, she earned her Ph.D. at Stanford in 1984.

Following refreshments from 6:30-7:00, Dr. Johnson will provide informal remarks and answer questions. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to welcome her to Washington and hear about important energy challenges ahead!

Price: \$20 by Jan. 8; \$30 at the door

To reserve your space, send a check payable to WDCSA to:

Garry Tyran  
 6691 Hillandale Road  
 Chevy Chase, MD 20815  
 Questions? Contact Garry or Barbara Tyran '75 at [gktyran@aol.com](mailto:gktyran@aol.com) or 301-652-6632.

**Stanford Professor Paul Wise**  
**Thursday, February 4 6:30-8:30 pm**

Stanford in Washington  
 2661 Connecticut Ave., NW  
 Washington, DC

Dr. Paul Wise, Stanford professor of Child Health and Society, will discuss "The Struggle for Child Health and Protection in Areas of Intense Political Instability." Dr. Wise is a pediatrician by training and has presented seminars on such lively and diverse topics as "Are Adults Just Grown-up Kids?" and "Can the California Pediatric Health Care System Survive Health Care Reform?" His most recent research hypothesizes that almost half of all preventable child deaths in the world occur in areas characterized by unstable governance. Find out how Stanford is developing new strategies to improve child health and well-being in areas plagued by violence and political instability.

Light refreshments, including wine, will be available 6:30-7:15. Professor Wise will speak and field questions about his topic and the work of Stanford Health Policy from 7:15-8:15. The cost to attend is FREE for young alumni WDCSA members ('05-'09), only \$8 for WDCSA Members and young alumni non-members, and \$15 for non-members. Registrants may bring a guest for the same price. Sign up to meet Dr. Wise and participate in this event at <http://pgnet.stanford.edu/goto/event6126reg>. Seating

## EVENT SPOTLIGHT: BIG GAME WATCH PARTY



Over 350 alumni dressed in cardinal red attended the annual Big Game watch at Bar Louie in Chinatown on Saturday, November 21. Although the Cardinal football team and Heisman Trophy candidate Toby Gerhart came up just short of a victory, the local Stanford alumni, together with local Cal alumni, enjoyed a spirited contest in the most well attended Big Game watch in WDCSA history. After a thrilling victory against Notre Dame the following weekend, the Cardinal will play in its first bowl game since 2001. Stay tuned for bowl game watch details!

may be limited. Questions? Contact Risa Shimoda '77 at [risashimoda@msn.com](mailto:risashimoda@msn.com).

### **Stanford at the Opera** **Spring 2010**

Kennedy Center

Marriage of Figaro – Mozart  
Tuesday, May 4 @ 7:30 pm  
Often considered Mozart's most perfect opera – the Houston Opera's gorgeous production with Teddy Tahu Rhodes as the Count. Deadline for ordering is April 16. Tickets will be mailed week of April 26th.

Hamlet – Thomas  
Tuesday, June 1 @ 7:30 pm  
A Washington National Opera premiere of this seldom performed opera with bass Samuel Ramey as the evil Claudius, Diana Damrau (the new sensation. I heard her in San Francisco!) as Ophelia and Placido Domingo conducting.  
Deadline for ordering is May 7. Tickets will be mailed week of May 17.  
Orchestra \$151.50; 2nd Tier \$ 76.50.  
For tickets - send a check payable to WDCSA to Betty Byrne, 1822 Ingleside Terrace NW, Washington DC 20010. Contact Betty @ [bettybyrne@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:bettybyrne@stanfordalumni.org) or 202.483.4048.

**Stanford in the News**

- Stanford University doctoral students can now submit their dissertations digitally, and the documents will be publicly available through Google.
- Wooten High School graduate Kira Maker is the starting goalkeeper for the 21-0, top-ranked Stanford women's soccer team, now in the semi-finals of the NCAA tournament.

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