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Pac-12 Men's Basketball Happy Hour

Thursday, March 10
Laughing Man Tavern
1306 G Street, NW
Washington, DC

**5-7 pm for the Happy Hour
(All day for Game Watches)**

Get an early start to March Madness and come out for the annual Pac-12 Men's Basketball Tournament Happy Hour.

The Pac-12 Alumni Associations are holding a happy hour at Laughing Man Tavern. The games will be on throughout the bar all day for those who want to watch the early games.

For game times, check here: <http://pac-12.com/mens-basketball/mens-basketball-tournament>. Contact Patricia Arty '10, at patricia.arty@gmail.com for more information.

Renwick Gallery Tour (Rescheduled)

Saturday, March 12 **10am-12 noon**
Renwick Gallery
Pennsylvania Avenue at 17th Street NW
Washington, DC

Enjoy a docent led tour of the newly renovated Renwick Gallery, which is home to the Smithsonian American Art Museum's collection of contemporary craft and decorative art. The debut exhibition, WONDER, features large-scale artwork created from unexpected materials, turning the building into a larger-than-life work of art. Renwick is a short walk from the Farragut West Metro Station. R.S.V.P. is required for the tour. We will socialize afterwards at the Potbelly Sandwich Shop across the street. Purchase of food is optional.

Questions/RSVP: Helene Myers, Ph.D., P'14, at cedarhouse@comcast.net or at (301)655-5871

DC Book Club Discussion

Sunday, March 13 **5-7:45 pm**
McLean, Va

The book group will discuss *Priceless: How I Went Undercover to Rescue the World's Stolen Treasures* by Robert K. Wittman and John Shiffman. All are welcome to attend and contribute to the potluck dinner.

Contact jenniferbpresley@gmail.com (M.A. '78 Ph.D. '81) for more information.

Baltimore Book Club Discussion**Monday, March 14 6:30-8 pm**

Mother's Federal Hill Grille
1113 S. Charles St.
Baltimore, Md

The March selection is *Inferno* by Dan Brown. It is the 2013 Goodreads Choice winner in Mystery & Thriller. The film version is scheduled to be released by Sony Pictures this October. The New York Times said the book is "jam-packed with tricks" and that it is a "book-length scavenger hunt." The New York Daily News said the book is "harrowing fun threaded with coded messages, art history, science, and imminent doom." The May selection is *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Eric Larson.

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WDCSA SPEAKERS SERIES

An Evening with Stanford Professor Bill Abrams: Guns, the Constitution, Regulation and the Courts**Thursday, March 17 6:30-8 pm**

Hoover Institution in Washington
1399 New York Avenue NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC

Join us at the Hoover Institution in Washington for an evening with Stanford Professor Bill Abrams, '76, P'12. Professor Abrams, consulting professor in human biology, teaches courses on children and the law, policy making, constitutional law, science, innovation and the law, and the death penalty. He has handled a number of high-profile pro bono matters through the U.S. and California Supreme Courts, particularly involving the death penalty, education and the rights of children and youth.

In this talk, Professor Abrams will share thoughts on the status of gun regulation in the United States in 2016, the key issues, who is taking what positions, and what measures work to promote public safety. He will discuss what regulation is permitted under the Second Amendment, and efforts to expand and restrict gun safety laws by state and local governments.

Food and drinks will be served. The registration price is \$20 for WDCSA members, young alumni ('11 – '15), and guests; \$30 for non-WDCSA members and

guests. Please RSVP and pay online at <http://alumni.stanford.edu/goto/event20462>. We regret that no refunds will be given after March 13. Please contact Kevin Coyne at Kevin.coyne@stanfordalumni.org with any questions.

Stanford Mendicants – Live in DC!**Wednesday, March 23 6:30-8 pm**

Sant Building, Stanford in Washington
2655 Connecticut Avenue NW
Washington, DC

Please join us to enjoy an a cappella-filled evening of Farm-raised singing by Stanford's own Mendicants. Don't even think about admitting you don't recall who they are, but here's their website (<http://stanfordmendicants.com>) and current trailer (<https://www.youtube.com/user/StanfordMendicants>) to refresh your gray matter. This serenading set of fourteen describes their genre as "...the best songs of today, yesterday and several decades ago. We pride ourselves on our wide range of styles, from gospel and barbershop to original compositions, jazz standards and contemporary pop."

We're thrilled that the Mendicants reached out to WDCSA, and we'll welcome them for both their singing and an opportunity to learn a bit more about the individuals who comprise Stanford's most renowned instrument-less, campus-based singing posse.

Light refreshments, consisting of a display of domestic cheese, whole fruit, crackers and French bread, cocktail sandwiches, chips, dip, soft drinks and bottled water, will be served. The fee is \$12 for members, \$20 for non-members and \$25 for non-members who would like to join WDCSA or renew their membership for 2016. The Stanford in Washington Sant Building is conveniently located, across Connecticut Avenue from the Woodley Park / Zoo Red Line Metro Station.

Registration will remain open online (http://alumni.stanford.edu/get/page/events/details?event_id=20489&pgAid=0539&cturl=/get/page/events/details?event_id=20489) through Sunday, March 20th. We'll ask an additional \$5 for those who join us on the 23rd without having registered. Please contact Risa Shimoda at risashimoda@msn.com with any questions. If you are not currently a WDCSA member (the current membership list is located at

www.stanfordclubs.org/dc/listmembers.asp), but would like to join, please register at www.stanfordclubs.org/dc/membership_form.html.

Ivy Singles National Cathedral Tour & Tea

Tuesday, March 29 1:30-3:45 pm

Washington National Cathedral
3101 Wisconsin Ave NW
Washington, DC

Enjoy a tour of the National Cathedral with fellow Ivy alumni followed by a traditional English tea with sandwiches and scones. The tour begins at 1:30 followed by tea at 2:45 in the Pilgrim Observation Gallery halfway up the front towers with a scenic view of Washington.

The cost is \$36. Register here: www.mitdc.org/Cathedral2016.

This event will be limited to the first 45 people that sign up. Your guests are welcome. However, prepaid registration only for this event, no walk-ins allowed.

Please arrive 15 minutes before the tour to check-in. We'll meet at the northwest corner of the Cathedral, closest door to the elevator above the garage.

WDCSA Contact: Charlotte Perry '81 at 202-341-8799 text/cell, CharMPerry@gmail.com.

Send any questions to Greg Howland: greg@greghowland.com.

Parking is available onsite in the Cathedral's underground garage. The entrance is off of Wisconsin Ave just south of Woodley Rd. A limited number of metered on-street parking spaces are also available on the surrounding streets.

Cardinal Young Alumni Happy Hour

Thursday, April 7 5:30-8:30 pm

Parlay Sports Bar & Lounge
1827 M Street NW
Washington, DC

The UC Berkeley, Stanford, Harvard, and Yale alumni clubs are proud to host a happy hour for our young alumni sponsored by Coffee Meets Bagel. Just download the Coffee Meets Bagel app to receive a

voucher for a FREE DRINK AND APPETIZER during our happy hour mixer on Thursday, April 7th.

Space is limited, so RSVP today by purchasing the General Admission ticket option here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/young-alums-happy-hour-sponsored-by-coffee-meets-bagel-tickets-21366569986>. Participants will need to show the Coffee Meets Bagel app at the door to receive a voucher for their free drink/appetizer.

Contact Patricia Arty '10, at patricia.arty@gmail.com for more information.

WDCSA MEMBERS ONLY EVENT

Udvar-Hazy Center Tour with General Michael Nelson '59

Saturday, April 9 10 am – 12 pm

Saturday, April 23 10 am – 12 pm

14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway
Chantilly, Virginia

Please join WDCSA for a tour of the highlights of the National Air and Space Museum at Dulles Airport. This spectacular museum continues to add excitement to the original breathtaking exhibits of the Enola Gay and the Concorde, with the recent addition of the Space Shuttle Discovery.

Our host will be Mike Nelson '59, a docent at the center. General Nelson has a truly distinguished record, including 35 years of commissioned service in the U.S. Air Force. During that time, he accumulated more than 3,000 flying hours in the F-100, F-105, A-7, F-4 and F-15. In 1984 he became commander of the 13th Air Force, Pacific Air Forces, Clark Air Base, Philippines. General Nelson returned to Air Force headquarters in 1985 as deputy inspector general. He subsequently moved to Ramstein Air Base, West Germany, where he became chief of staff, U.S. Air Forces in Europe. In 1992 he assumed command of the 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina. Subsequent to his retirement he continued to serve the United States military as the President of The Retired Officers Association.

Due to tour size limitations, each tour is limited to 20 attendees. Please note that these tours are offered on a first-come, first-served basis for members of WDCSA and their guests. The tour cost is free, but parking at the center is \$15 per vehicle.

<http://www.stanfordclubs.org/dc/>

Registration for the April 9th tour is available at <http://alumni.stanford.edu/goto/event20162> or <http://alumni.stanford.edu/goto/event20163> for the April 23rd tour. Please contact Kevin Coyne at kevin.coyne@stanfordalumni.org with any questions. If you are not currently a WDCSA member (the current membership list is located at www.stanfordclubs.org/dc/listmembers.asp), but would like to join please register at www.stanfordclubs.org/dc/membership_form.html.

Stanford at the Theater

Thursday, April 28 8 pm

Constellation Theatre @ Source
1835 Fourteenth Street NW
Washington, DC

“Journey to the West” by Mary Zimmerman is a brilliant adaptation of an ancient Chinese novel about a Buddhist monk who travels from China to India in search of sacred scriptures. A rambunctious monkey, an insatiable pig, and a formidable river monster join Tripitaka, the monk, on his travels and help him overcome temptations and traps. Energetic comedy, lyrical poetry and clever satire intertwine in this epic adventure about the human search for enlightenment. Live music by Tom Teasley.

Tickets are \$28. Send a check payable to WDCSA to Betty Byrne, 1822 Ingleside Terrace NW, Washington DC 20010. Contact Betty at bettybyrne@stanfordalumni.org or 202.483.4048 for more information.

Get Involved

Housing Needed for Alternative Spring Break Group

This upcoming spring break, Stanford seniors Melissa Diaz and Kelly Hernandez are leading an Alternative Spring Break trip to Washington D.C. Their course is titled "Migration is Beautiful: Historical and Political Perspectives on Immigrant's Rights." From Monday, March 21st, through Saturday, March 26th, the group will be visiting and volunteering for organizations such as the Women's Refugee Commission, the National Immigration Law Center, and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice to gain perspectives on immigration policy.

Kelly and Melissa are eager to connect with alumni who would be willing to house their group of 14 students during their March visit to D.C. Alternatively, they are also looking for alumni who would be willing to host the group for a meal (anything simple from pasta to sandwiches). If interested, please contact Melissa Diaz via email at mdiaz07@stanford.edu.

WDCSA Basketball

There is still time to join the WDCSA basketball team and qualify for the post season tournament. The next game is Wednesday, March 9th at 9:15 pm. Contact Greg Billings billings.g@gmail.com for more information.

Capital Alumni Network

On Monday, March 21st, the Capital Alumni Network (CAN) will hold general elections for the positions of Vice President, Secretary, and two Advisory Committee Directors. CAN is an entirely volunteer-run organization. We encourage all members and participants to apply. Applications will close at 11:59pm on Monday, March 14, 2016.

CAN is an association of 200+ alumni communities in the Washington DC metro area.

Stanford In the News

- Marc Tessier-Lavigne, a neuroscientist and president of Rockefeller University, has been named the 11th president of Stanford University. Dr. Tessier-Lavigne, who is a former member of the Stanford faculty, will take the helm on September 1st.
- Stanford received a \$400 million gift from Nike co-founder Phil Knight. The university already has a \$22 billion endowment and is again the most selective school in the country, admitting a lower percentage of applicants than Harvard, Princeton or Yale.

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