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WDCSA LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE



After months of hard work, we are pleased to announce the launch of our brand new website! Visit www.WDCSA.com to discover the best, new place to see what's happening with Stanford alumni in DC. The new website is interactive and gives our alumni access to the latest information on club activities, upcoming events, WDCSA membership and getting involved with the club. We will be constantly updating our content with new information and features. We hope you like the changes! A special thank you to Kyle Duarte, '05, and Bill Pegram, '73, who donated their time and energy to make the WDCSA website what it is. If you have any feedback, please let us know.

Ivy Singles Holiday Party

Friday, December 2 6 - 9 pm

DACOR Bacon House
1801 F Street NW
Washington, DC

Join Ivy Singles for the annual holiday feast of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and enjoy a selection of fine wines, bubbly, cocktails and non-alcoholic drinks from a cash bar.

The venue is once again the elegant and historic DACOR-Bacon House (built 1824-25). Each floor will be festively decorated for the holiday season. Please join us in your festive holiday, cocktail or business attire.

Street parking is available after 6:30 pm. Nearby parking garages close before midnight.

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Save with advanced on-line registration through this link: https://ycwd.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_mc&view=mc&mcid=form_227722. \$44.00. Walk-ins welcome at \$49.00 by check made out to WDCSA, cash or credit.

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

WDCSA Visits the Washington Humane Society

Saturday, December 3 10:30 am - 12 pm

Washington Humane Society
15 Oglethorpe Street NW
Washington, DC

Join fellow alumni for a morning of fun with some furry friends at the Washington Humane Society! You will create animal toys from old clothing and socks (please bring any materials you might have at home!) while learning about how this organization works and the impact you will be making. The morning will conclude with a tour of the Adoption Center and distribution of the toys to our new furry friends.

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to interact with the animals and learn about this special organization. Volunteers make it possible for the Humane Rescue Alliance to serve more than 60,000 animals each year, without ever turning a DC animal away.

A \$20 donation to the Humane Society is suggested - please use the link below. Donations from non-attendees welcome!

To signup, visit: <http://alumni.stanford.edu/goto/event22506>

For donation information, visit: <http://support.humanerescuealliance.org/goto/Stanford>

Contact Meaghan Conway, '14 with any questions: mnconway@alumni.stanford.edu.

DC Book Club Discussion

Sunday, December 11

5-7:45 pm

Bethesda, Md

The book group will discuss *The Evolution of Useful Things*, by Henry Petroski. All are welcome to join the discussion and participate in the potluck dinner.

This surprising book may appear to be about the simple things of life—forks, paper clips, zippers—but in fact it is a far-flung historical adventure on the evolution of common culture. To trace the fork's history, Duke University professor of civil engineering Henry Petroski travels from prehistoric times to Texas barbecue to Cardinal Richelieu to England's Industrial Revolution to the American Civil War—and beyond. Each item described offers a cultural history lesson, plus there's plenty of engineering detail for those so inclined. Petroski provides an intricate look, in lay reader's terms, at the technology and basic rationale behind a number of items we often take for granted. The list is comprehensive: kitchen utensils, zippers, tools, paper clips, fast-food packaging, and more. The text is far from a recital of mere facts. Petroski's anecdotes and stories about individual designers and inventors are told with warm regard. Petroski also provides illuminating thoughts on the theoretical, historical, and cultural frameworks that influenced these creations.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Presley, MA '78, Ph.D. '81 at Jenniferbpresley@gmail.com.

WDCSA Holiday Party

Thursday, December 15

6:30 - 9 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 \$15 for WDCSA members, young alumni ('12 - '16), and guests; \$25 for non-WDCSA members and guests. Please RSVP and pay online at <http://alumni.stanford.edu/goto/event22522>.

The price at the door is \$20 for WDCSA members, young alumni ('12 - '16), and guests; \$30 for non-WDCSA members and guests. We regret that no refunds will be given after December 9.

Please contact Kevin Coyne at Kevin.coyne@stanfordalumni.org with any questions.

Stanford Women's Basketball @ GWU **Wednesday, December 21 7 pm**

Smith Center
600 22nd St NW
Washington, DC

The Stanford Women's basketball team will be in town to take on the George Washington University Colonials at the Smith Center on the GWU campus. This is an unusual opportunity to see our nationally-ranked team in live action.

Tickets are \$5. Register here: <http://alumni.stanford.edu/goto/event22548>.

Questions? Contact Chris Shinkman c.shinkman@verizon.net 301-229-4427

Re-Thinking the Science of Cancer **Thursday, January 19 6:30-8:30 pm**

Stanford in Washington
2655 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, DC

Join WDCSA for a seminar guided by Stanford alumnus, Henry C. Stevenson-Perez ("Steve"), MA '73, MD '75. In 1980, Steve was placed in charge of the first federal government translational research unit with the mission of discovering an immune-system-based cure for cancer. By 1985, they had cured their first advanced metastatic cancer patient utilizing the novel AKM immunotherapy approach. Today, Steve and his cancer research colleagues are using the latest breakthrough cancer immunotherapy discoveries to 're-think' the entire mystery of cancer, with expectations that a new broad-based cancer research agenda will emerge that will rapidly jumpstart a new immune-system based medication

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that prevents cancer in everyone. Steve will be joined by a group of federal cancer clinicians, researchers and patients that will be propelling this highly-interactive seminar forward.

If you would like to learn more details concerning the exciting field of modern cancer immunotherapy – and the new dimensions of overall 21st Century health that these discoveries are promoting – please register for the event at <http://alumni.stanford.edu/goto/event22768>. Seating is limited to the first 40 participants, so please register early. Contact Kevin Coyne (kevin.coyne@stanfordalumni.org) with any questions.

Baltimore Book Club New Year Potluck and Book Discussion

Saturday, January 21 5 pm
3512 Newland Road
Baltimore, Md

Bring your family and friends to our New Year Potluck to discuss *The Nightingale* by Kristen Hannah. This book won the 2015 Goodreads Choice Award for best historical fiction, was on the *New York Times* bestseller list for 20 weeks and the National Public Radio's hardcover fiction bestseller list for 45 weeks, and is rated 4.8 out of 5 stars by over 30,000 Amazon readers. TriStar Pictures is doing the screen adaptation of this story. The March selection is *Elon Musk: Tesla, SpaceX, and the Quest for a Fantastic Future*, by Ashlee Vance.

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

Get Involved

WDCSA Basketball

Are you interested in playing competitive co-ed basketball with fellow alumni beginning in January? Contact Greg Billings billings.g@gmail.com

Stanford In the News

- Nadav Lidor, who graduated from Stanford last year with a bachelor's degree in computer science and symbolic systems, has been named a 2017 Rhodes Scholar. Lidor, who lives in Tel Aviv and will represent Israel, was one of 63 international scholars chosen from around the world for Rhodes Scholarships, which are considered one of the

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oldest and most celebrated international fellowship awards in the world.

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