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PAC-10 Happy Hour

Thursday, March 10

5:30 pm

RFD
810 7th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001
(202-289-2030)

Members of the alumni clubs for all of the PAC-10 Universities are coming together in Washington at the start of the PAC-10 men's basketball tournament. Join us for food and drink specials, and for friendly banter. No reservation is required, but be sure to wear your Stanford colors. RFD is one block from the Gallery Place/Chinatown metro stop.

Book Club Discussion

Sunday, March 13

5 pm

Washington, DC

The book group will meet at the home of Alison Westfall on Capitol Hill to discuss *The Reluctant Mr. Darwin* by David Quammen. For information, email alisoncolew@hotmail.com, or to join the book group's listserv, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wdcsabooks>.

Stanford at the Opera

Monday, March 14

7 pm

Kennedy Center

Madama Butterfly - Puccini

For more than a century, audiences have been thrilled by Puccini's haunting, poignant music and touched by the lovely Butterfly, who gives up everything for love. Conducted by new WNO music director, Philippe Auguin.

The deadline for ordering tickets for the March performance has passed. Pre-ordered tickets will be mailed by March 4.

Iphigénie en Tauride – Gluck

Thursday, May 12 @ 7:30 pm

Plácido Domingo returns as Oreste in a savage drama filled with passionate singing and magical music – a Washington National Opera Premiere with Patricia Racette as Iphigénie.

Deadline for ordering is April 15. Tickets will be mailed week of April 25.

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

MEMBER PROFILE: LINDSAY CALDWELL

Lindsay Caldwell, BA and MA '09, has been living and working in Washington, DC for the last two years. She spent her first post-collegiate year working as a Program Associate for an international development consulting company, while serving as the Stanford in Washington resident assistant. Lindsay was able to work on agricultural and gender issues in Africa and support the Stanford community through her term as RA. She is now the volunteer and mentoring coordinator for the Community Service Program for Youth (CSPY). CSPY works with juveniles on probation in northwest DC, offering social services, community service oversight, and mentoring. When she isn't working with court-involved youth, you can find Lindsay cheering on Stanford athletics, playing ultimate Frisbee, or cooking up a storm.

See the Get Involved section of this newsletter for information on how you can contribute to the Offender Aid and Restoration Mentoring Program.

Don Pasquale – Donizetti
 Thursday, May 26 @ 7:30 pm
 Famed bass-baritone, James Morris, in a WNO debut as Pasquale with MET favorite Dwayne Croft as Dr. Malatesta. A true opera buffa to be enjoyed by all. Deadline for ordering is May 1. Tickets will be mailed week of May 8.

Prime Orchestra \$156.50; 2nd Tier \$ 81.50.
 For tickets - send a check payable to WDCSA to Betty Byrne, 1822 Ingleside Terrace NW, Washington DC 20010. Contact Betty @ bettybyrne@stanfordalumni.org or 202.483.4048. All performances are by the Washington National Opera (WNO) and are at the Kennedy Center.

Boomers to Busters: 1st Anniversary Party

Friday, March 25 6-8pm
 The Mansion at 2020 O St. NW,
 Washington, DC
 Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar

Did you call your family collect from a dorm pay phone or sing "YMCA" with your classmates? If so, join us for the Boomers to Busters First Anniversary Party.

Come enjoy one of Washington's hidden gems with over 100 rooms. Chat with people old enough to have watched The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson, but too young to have heard of his predecessors Steve Allen and Jack Paar.

Online registration is \$30 at (www.alumni.uchicago.edu, Connect & Learn, Events, By Region, DC) or [Boomers to Busters March 2011](#) until Monday, March 21st. Email reservations and walk-ins are \$40.

Contact Gia Simms at giasimms@aol.com for more information or to get on the email list. The Mansion at 2020 O Street is five minutes from the Dupont Circle Metro south entrance. Valet parking available. Dress code: anything goes. Boomers to Busters is targeted for alumni of Stanford and similar schools who were undergraduates from the mid 1970s to mid 1990s, and their spouses, partners and guests.

Schools advertising Boomers to Busters events include Amherst, Bryn Mawr, Caltech, Chicago, Haverford, MIT, Mount Holyoke, Northwestern, Smith, Stanford, Swarthmore, Vassar, Wellesley, and Williams. Others are welcome to attend.

HEXAGON Theater Event

**Saturday, April 9 6 pm optional dinner
8 pm performance**

Takoma Park/Silver Spring Performing Arts Center
7995 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD

Join WDCSA for the final night of the Hexagon 2011: A 21-Pun Salute! Hexagon is Washington, DC's only original political satire musical comedy revue. Every year since 1956 this nonprofit has put on Washington's only all-original revue of its kind—with more than \$3.5 million donated to 40-plus organizations in return. This year, proceeds from the show will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project at the Bethesda Naval Hospital. An all-volunteer membership makes up the cast, crew, orchestra, writers, and production team. It's a hilarious DC tradition not to be missed! A limited number of orchestra center tickets have been pre-purchased for our WDCSA group and are available first come, first served.

To reserve tickets: First email charles_hokanson@stanfordalumni.org or call Charles at (202) 285-1023 (cell) with the number of people in your party, and then mail a check made out to "WDCSA" to Charles Hokanson, 3000 Spout Run Parkway #B-605, Arlington, VA 22201. Tickets are \$30 each. Checks should be received by Saturday, April 2 in order for Charles to mail you your tickets prior to the performance or they will be distributed to you on the night of the performance.

Pre-Show Dinner: Prior to the performance, we encourage you to join our group for a 6 pm dinner at a local restaurant. RSVP for the dinner to Charles by email or phone by Tuesday, April 6, to receive details about the restaurant. Last year's pre-show dinner was a great culinary and social time.

Armageddon Deferred: The Contradiction in America's Nuclear Weapons Policy

Thursday, April 21 7-8:30 pm

Rockefeller Room
Bing Stanford In Washington
2661 Connecticut Ave NW
Washington, D.C.

WDCSA SPEAKERS SERIES

A ban on nuclear testing eluded numerous Presidents; Eisenhower, JFK and Jimmy Carter all sought to end nuclear testing, but failed. Finally, a nuclear test ban treaty was negotiated by Bill Clinton.

Hugh Gusterson, PhD, an expert on nuclear weapons policy and on America's nuclear weapons laboratories, will discuss how the U.S., despite the end of the arms race, spends more now on nuclear weapons R&D than it did during the Cold War.

Dr. Gusterson received his PhD in Cultural Anthropology from Stanford in 1992. He has authored several books including, *The Counter-Counterinsurgency Manual: Or, Notes on Demilitarizing American Society*, *Why American Pundits Are Wrong*, and *People of the Bomb: Portraits of America's Nuclear Complex*.

He is also the recipient of numerous fellowships and awards, including, the Levitan Prize, M.I.T., the MacArthur Fellowship in International Peace and Security, the Mellon New Directions Fellowship, and Arms Control Fellowship of Stanford's Center for International Security and Arms Control.

Light refreshments will be available from 7:00 to 7:30pm. The lecture will begin promptly at 7:30pm, followed by discussion and Q&A.

The cost to attend is \$5.00 for Young Alumni and WDCSA members, and \$10.00 for non-WDCSA members.

RSVP to this event at <http://pgnet.stanford.edu/goto/event7617reg>.

Seating is limited to 60! Questions? Contact Vered Sharon '89 at Vered_Sharon@hotmail.com.

EVENT SPOTLIGHT: PASSION AND PRACTICE: HAAS CENTER ALUMNI LIVES OF PUBLIC SERVICE



On February 16, approximately 30 Stanford alumni celebrated the Haas Center's 25th anniversary by watching Haas' 25th Anniversary Alumni Video Passion and Practice: Haas Center Alumni Lives of Public Service at Bing Stanford in Washington. The video highlights Stanford alumni working in five areas: Transforming Education, Defending Rights, Improving Health, Empowering Community, and Shaping Environments. Two of the alums featured in the video, Roopal Mehta Saran '94 (English; AM, Education) and Jason Snyder '94 (Public Policy), participated in a lively Q&A following the video.

Stanford Day at the Horse Races **Sunday, May 1 1 pm**

Middleburg Hunt Point to Point Races
Glenwood Park, Middleburg, VA

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

Get out your hat and binoculars for A Day at the Races!

Rain or shine

Admission is \$25.00 per person and includes a tasty tailgate picnic and libations in a patron space overlooking the finish line. Children under 12 free.

Space is limited so please RSVP by April 25 and send a check payable to WDCSA to Margaret New, P.O. Box 933, Middleburg, VA 20118-0933. Tickets and directions will be mailed to you.

For further information call Margaret "Maggie" New at 703-298-2525 or email

maggie@middleburggroup.com

Stanford Day of Service: Beyond the Farm Hunger Fighting in DC

Saturday, May 14 1-4 pm

Capital Area Food Bank
645 Taylor Street NE, Washington DC

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

In concert with Stanford's celebration of its first global day of service, WDCSA, the Stanford Black Alumni Association of Washington DC (SBAA-DC) and SCLAA are coordinating a hands-on community service opportunity with the Capital Area Food Bank. This hands on community service opportunity will be a great way for alums to make a huge difference in the lives of the hungry and the organizations that support them in our nation's capital. Please save the date/time and get ready to impact a small, but significant, part of the world for the better!

The Capital Area Food Bank is one of the nation's most comprehensive anti-hunger organizations and the Washington metropolitan area's largest nonprofit distributor of food and other necessities to low-income clients living in the District of Columbia area. Activities will include packing and sorting donated food, working on the shopping floor and assisting with various other tasks that are considered light to medium labor. Standing for up to three hours in a warehouse and lifting up to 35 pounds are also typical. Please dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes.

Children over 12 years of age are welcome. A parent or guardian for anyone under the age of 18 must sign a youth waiver.

Stanford In the News

- "If you had to pick one thing, one single thing that came closest to the fountain of youth," says James Fries, M.D., a pioneer researcher on healthy aging at Stanford University, "then it would have to be exercise".
- Technology developed by three graduate students in engineering at Stanford University could allow wireless systems, including telephone and WiFi networks, to simultaneously send and receive

information, doubling their speed and improving performance – and keeping them from deafening themselves.

Get Involved

Offender Aid and Restoration Mentoring Program

Offender Aid and Restoration of Arlington County has been assisting inmates and ex-offenders in Northern Virginia since 1974. The goal is to restore these young offenders, predominantly boys ages 12-18, to the community as productive and responsible citizens and reduce DC's high recidivism rate. We are starting a new mentoring component and we are currently looking for mentors to participate in our one on one, community-based mentoring program. Mentors must be 18 years or older, pass a background check, and agree to meet with their mentee 8 hours a month for one full year. Interested individuals can get more information and begin the application process by contacting Lindsay Caldwell (Stanford Class of 2009) at lcaldwell@oaronline.org or (202) 681-6491.

WDCSA Community Service Chair(s) Opening

Have you wanted to become more involved in your local alumni association but didn't know how? Do you enjoy participating in community service and volunteer activities? WDCSA is looking for members of the Stanford family who want to assist in developing community service and volunteer events. Please email John Smithson, WDCSA President, at jsmithson@gmail.com if you are interested.

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