



# Tavern Club

June 2014

## CALENDAR

*Monday June 2*  
**Monday Night Dinner**

*Tuesday June 3*  
**SPECIAL EVENT**  
**Softball Game**

*Monday June 9*  
**Monday Night Dinner**

*Thursday June 12*  
**SPECIAL EVENT**  
**Summer Shorts**

*Monday June 16*  
**BPF Meeting**  
**Committee on Elections**  
**Monday Night Dinner**

*Wednesday June 18*  
**History Lunch**

*Monday June 23*  
**Monday Night Dinner**

*Wednesday June 25*  
**Book Club**

*Monday June 30*  
**Monday Night Dinner**

## UPCOMING:

**Fête Champêtre**  
Thursday July 17 - Topsfield

**Monday Night Dinner June 2**  
Cocktails 6:15, Dinner 7:00

**SPECIAL EVENT**  
**Softball Game Tuesday June 3**

The supremacy of the Tavern Terrors - Tavern vs. St. Botolph. Undeterred by their crushing defeat last June at the bats of the Tavern Bears, our friends at the St. Botolph have thrown down their gloves and challenged us to a rematch. The game will be played on the fields of the Park School at 3:00. We will repay the generous hospitality we received last year at the St. Botolph Club with an informal dinner and drinks at the Tavern starting at 6:00pm. All Taverners and their spouses are welcome to play ball, and to attend the dinner even if they do not show up on the field of honor. Ed Tarlov and Watson Reid are organizing this year's event - please email them if you and/or your spouse would like to join our team. A practice for the softball game will be held on Sunday, June 1 at 3:00 pm on the public softball fields in Nahant, followed by refreshments, lineaments and bandages at the home of Ed and Suzanne Tarlov.

**Monday Night Dinner June 9**  
Cocktails 6:15, Dinner 7:00

**SPECIAL EVENT**  
**Summer Shorts Thursday, June 12**  
Now in their 10th season, the Tavern's Summer Shorts thespians will perform four short plays. **Peter Aitken, Anne Carter, Nancy Maull, Bob Osteen, Peter Randolph and Brigid Williams**, with atmospheric piano interludes by **Jeff Peters** and mood lighting by **Sam Dennis**. Coaching by Chris Randolph. Guests welcome. Cocktails at 6:00 pm, Performance 6.30, followed by dinner. *Guests welcome!*



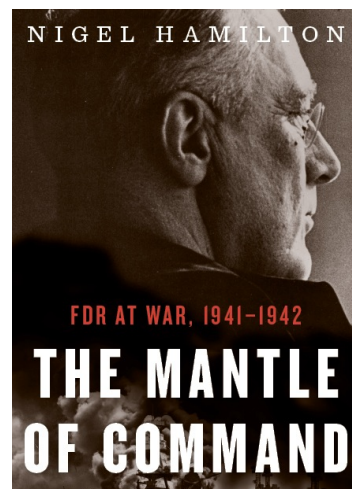
**Boylston Place Foundation Meeting**  
Monday June 16, 5:00

**Committee on Elections**  
Monday June 16, 5:30  
The Committee on Elections will have its final meeting of the Spring in the Library. Taverners may continue to be in touch with Sandy Righter, Chair, about candidates over the summer months.

**Monday Night Dinner June 16**  
Cocktails 6:15, Dinner 7:00

**History Lunch:**  
**Nigel Hamilton** on "*The Mantle of Command: FDR at War, 1941-1942*,"  
Wednesday June 18, 12:15

**Nigel Hamilton**, the author of the newly published "The Mantle of Command: FDR at War, 1941-1942," will speak to Roosevelt's masterful—and unappreciated—command of strategy, psychology and military affairs during World War II. He will take us inside the White House where he battled Churchill and overrode his own generals and Secretary of War. Since Churchill's post-war writings so consciously shaped our views of grand strategy, Nigel's fresh look changes the conventional wisdom and offers both insight and surprise. *Guests welcome*



## Committee on Elections

Sandy Righter, Chair  
Abbie Trafford  
Watson Reid  
Joe Wheelwright  
William Thorndike, Jr.  
David Brooks  
Vivian Spiro  
Albert LaFarge  
John Tittmann  
Geoffrey Peters

## New Name in the Book –

Taverners should please check the Book in the library.

## HOUSEKEEPING

### Guests

Guests are warmly welcomed at lunches and special events, and Monday Night dinners with Secretary's permission.

### Spouses

Spouses of Taverners (and their guests) are welcome for lunch at the Club on any day with or without member spouse.

### Reservations

Call 617.338. 9682 or email [tavern.club@verizon.net](mailto:tavern.club@verizon.net)  
Tony Fay AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE to reserve for all lunches, dinners, special events.

Contact Tony Fay for ties, vests, membership directories, and history books on the Tavern Club.

**Monday Night Dinner** June 23  
Cocktails 6:15, Dinner 7:00

**Book Club** Wednesday June 25 at 12:00

The Tavern Book Club Without Borders will have a special treat discussing Professor Stephen Greenblatt's *WILL IN THE WORLD*, winner of this year's Boston Public Library's Literary Lights Award. The book deals with the authorship of Shakespeare's plays and settles this issue once and for all - it *was* Shakespeare - and Professor Greenblatt tells us why in this fascinating carefully documented visit to Shakespeare's times and fellow actors and poets. Shakespeare aficionado Abby Hansen will lead the discussion, which will prove a not-to-be-missed occasion. *Guests welcome.*

**Monday Night Dinner** June 30  
Cocktails 6:15, Dinner 7:00

### IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

The Tavern kicked off the month of May with "**Blues Night**". **Watson Reid** and **JoAnne Dickinson** joined **Chris Whitlock's** ensemble and provided an evening of Blues, Soul and a healthy dose of Funk. Salem added his talents to the evening and cooked up a delicious southern style brisket. Special guest performers included Gordon Beadle, John Morriconi and Brian Patton.

### Poe Night

On Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, the crew that gave us Joyce, Melville, Homer and Thurber did it again. This time, Taverners were spellbound by readings from Boston's own Edgar Allen Poe, in an evening that began with a terrifying scream and proceeded upstairs where a cast including **Eleanor Andrews, Joe Barbieri, Deb Bornheimer, Jack Cobb, John Finley, Frinde Maher, Peter Rand, Belinda Rathbone, Stephen Score, Jim Storey** and **Barclay Tittmann** recited or read works over dinner that included some of this great American author's best tales and poems. Intermittently, Peter Rand provided an account of Poe's life that was not terribly long-winded, the life having been rather brief. The directors: **Jack Cobb, Peter Rand, Peter Randolph, Belinda Rathbone, Jim Storey, Barclay Tittmann**. As tradition seems to have it, **Jack Cobb, Frinde Maher** and **Peter Rand** produced the extravaganza.

"**The Importance of Being Wagner**" on May 8. Taverner and noted composer **Tony Schemmer** shared his (sometimes hilarious) insights into Wagner's legacy, focusing on innovations and technical advances that are alive and kicking today. music of Broadway plays, Hollywood film Beyond Wagner's pervasive influence on every type of classical music, Tony demonstrated how Wagner's "through-composed" symphonic techniques, leitmotifs, transitional interludes, and concept of "fusion of the arts," continue to influence the contemporary scores and even rock concerts. Tony's illustrated presentation concluded with an audio recording revealing Wagner at his taut, concise and riveting best.

### Halloween Plays

Why, here it is June! The long hot days of summer will soon be upon us and it is time for me to encourage the Tavern members to fill their idle time by writing a one act play. I am very confident that all of you have a story or two to tell. And what better way to tell it than on the stage?  
For those of you who are so inclined, here are the simple guidelines:

- 1) Run time: Submissions should be about 10 minutes in length. A good rule of thumb is a page of typed of dialogue equals about a minute. So if your submission is 3 pages or 30 it won't qualify.
- 2) Number of Actors: The plays committee has decided to relax this a little. Cast should be no more than five and no fewer than two. Ideally four. And it helps if the dialogue is distributed among them. The greater the burden of memorization you put on any individual, the less the likelihood all the lines being remembered!
- 3) Production requirements: Please, no volcanoes. Excessive make-up and special effects require time and stage changes that are prohibitive due to the short production schedule.
- 4) Submit your entry under an assumed name. Submissions can be emailed to [halloweenplays@gmail.com](mailto:halloweenplays@gmail.com). The senders email address is stripped from the file and submission to maintain anonymity. Then in a classic envelope send a letter with the name of the play and the author's real name to the Tavern Club attention Plays Committee.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this Tavern tradition.

*Chris Whitlock - Chairman, Plays Committee.*

## 2014 Photo Directory

Keeper of the Rolls **Jim Terry** will be working on a new iteration of the Tavern Photo Directory. Members are requested to carefully check their entries and email the Tavern if changes are needed. Photos can be updated, although there is always risk involved!

If you need a copy of the Photo Directory, apply to Tony Fay.

## REPORT OF THE TAVERN CLUB ANNUAL MEETING, 2014

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the Tavern Club was held in two parts on Monday, May 12. Before dinner officers presented their reports: Keeper of the Rolls **Jim Terry**, Secretary **David Amory** (including Vice-President and Chair, Committee on Elections **Sandy Righter's** report) and Treasurer **David Scudder**. **David Lawrence** read his report on the status of the Emerson project and **Chris Smallhorn** reported on the Boylston Place Foundation.

Tavern members elected Club officers for 2014-2015 : President - **Ernst H. von Metzsch**, Vice-President and Chair, Committee on Elections - **Anne R. Righter**, Secretary - **Christopher Smallhorn**, Treasurer - **David W. Scudder**, Assistant Treasurer - **Samuel V. Thompson**, Keeper of the Rolls - **James L. Terry**, and Assistant Keeper of the Rolls - **Anne C. Carter**. **John A. D. Gilmore** and **Nancy Maull** were elected Directors. **Albert R. LaFarge**, **John B. Tittmann** and **Geoffrey M. Peters** were elected to the Committee on Elections.

At a most festive dinner new members were warmly welcomed, and Medals given to **Rebekah Richardson**, **Tony Schemmer**, **Anson Wright**, **Buff Bohlen**, **Eleanor Andrews**, and **Nancy Wilson**, followed by President Von Metzsch's delightful reading of the Perry Address.

After dinner Taverners reconvened in the theater for part two of the meeting. **Charlie Gardiner**, a Taverner since 1964, received his 50-year Gold Medal. On the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their memberships, Silver Medals were awarded to Taverners **Dimitri Gerakaris**, **Art Hodges**, **Jim Hughes**, **John Karol**, **Bob Osteen**, **Peter Randolph** and **Elizabeth Schmid**. **William Murphy** and **Lee Campbell**, not able to attend.

Memorial papers were moving, as read by **Ed Tarlov** for **Richard Earle**, **Charlie Welch** for **Richard Chapin**, **Rudy Kass** for **George Hurd**, and **Ernst von Metzsch** (written by **Herb Pratt**) for **Augustus Hemenway**.

The Meeting concluded after the President's Report.

## LONGER VIEW:

### Fête Champêtre !

Please note in your plans for July the annual **Fête Champêtre**; this year at the home of Dick and Millie Perkins in Topsfield. While Topsfield is a good deal nearer (for some) than the Summer residence of the Randolphys who entertained us grandly last year, finding Dick and Millie's house takes some effort, and we shall send out precise directions well in advance so that all who attend get there in time for the Lobster. The day of the Fete is Thursday July 17th, and the Club will close for the Summer recess the following day.



### **Anson Wright**

*(elected January 2014)*

Harvard degrees in Art History, Applied Sciences, and Epidemiology  
Field work in Malawi, Ethiopia, and Rwanda  
Loves theater, writing workshops, and Joel Janowitz  
Wears her perspicacity lightly

**Christopher Smallhorn**  
Secretary

