



Tavern Club

May 2016

CALENDAR

Mon. May 2
Monday Night Dinner

Mon. May 9
ANNUAL MEETING

Weds. May 11
Arts Round Table
Outing!

Mon. May 16
Committee on Elections,
5.30pm Library

Monday Night Dinner

Weds. May 18
Book Club

Mon. May 23
Monday Night Dinner

Weds. May 25
History Lunch

SPECIAL EVENT
Thurs. May 26
Boston Jazz Voices

Mon. May 30
CLUB CLOSED –
MEMORIAL DAY

THE CLUB and EMERSON COLLEGE

Ernst von Metzsch, President :

The President of Emerson College wrote me a letter stating that “the balance of the Proposed Agreement between Emerson College and the Tavern Club is complete and that the only outstanding issue relates to insurance coverage”. He assured me that “the College is making every effort to complete the agreement as soon as possible”. I regard this as good news, and think that we should have something signed soon.

I shall step down as President at the Annual Meeting, May 9. Many thanks for your tolerance and support. I look forward to finding out if more truth is spoken at the far ends of the table than in the immediate vicinity of the President.



Report on the Emerson Dormitory Brett Donham (for the House Committee) :

Construction of the Emerson dormitory is proceeding rapidly. By the time you read this, the foundation and the buttressing of our basement wall will be complete. The core that houses the elevators and provides the earthquake resistance is already 4 stories high. Floor construction will start mid May, and will be installed at the rate of one floor every 3 to 4 days.

ANNUAL MEETING, May 9:

5:30 Meeting in the Theater

- Consider and act upon the report of the Nominating Committee for the election of Officers, Directors, and new Members of the Committee on Elections.
- Hear the reports of the Officers, and to consider such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.
- Award twenty-five-year and fifty-year member medals.

7:00 Dinner (Black tie, medals)

- Award new member medals
- President’s Speech



The Annual Meeting will be preceded by a Board Meeting of the Boylston Place Foundation at 5pm.

Committee on Elections

Sandy Righter, Chair
David Brooks
Vivian Spiro
William Thorndike, Jr.
Albert LaFarge
Jeff Peters
John Tittmann
Katharine Boden
Mark Green
Rob Loomis

Do you have a candidate for membership?

<http://www.tavernclub.org/gallimaufry/proposing-a-candidate-for-membership>

This is a good time to think about introducing a good friend as a new Club member, so here's how: Bring your friend around to various events to make sure it seems a good fit, and that he/she is known and liked by others.

Send a proposing letter (email is fine) to Sandy Righter, Chair, Committee on Elections, giving interesting information about your friend, why this person would make a fine member, etc., and then have another Taverner send a seconding letter at the same time.

Name in your letter at least four other members whom our Committee may call for verbal references and for letters. A candidate needs a total of six letters and plenty of good will. We will try to move things along swiftly and with tact. Courage! - Sandy Righter
sandyrighter@gmail.com

CHECK THE BOOK IN THE LIBRARY FOR NEW CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

Arts Round Table

Wednesday, May 11, 11.00am, yes 11.00 am sharp!

Thanks to the efforts of **Bobo Devens**, a small number of Taverners will be welcomed by Horace "Woody" Brock to his home in Annuquam, for a guided tour of his remarkable collection of French and English 18th and 19th Century furniture and decorative arts. His grounds feature a stone quarry and sculpture garden. Lunch will be served, but space is limited and sign up deadline is May 6. Guests are welcome, but tarry not and call Tony Fay. Directions will follow in good time.



Committee on Elections Meeting

Monday, May 16, 5:30pm, Library

Book Club Lunch, Wednesday May 18

Noon for 12.30 – Guests welcome.
The Tavern Book Club welcomes Susan Solomon, Professor of Atmospheric Chemistry and Climate Science at MIT, who will discuss her book, *The Coldest March: Scott's Fatal Antarctic Expedition*. Professor Solomon has made many visits to the Antarctic, and was chair of one the groups reporting to the International Panel on Climate Change, which shared the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. She is a wonderful speaker and this is a great book : an occasion not to be missed.

History Lunch, May 25, Noon for 12.15 sharp!

Elliott Davis, John Moors Cabot Chair, Art of the Americas, at the Museum of Fine Arts.
Thomas Sully's Passage of the Delaware: Forging an "Historical Portrait".

Elliot Davis will explore the genesis of Thomas Sully's monumental portrayal of General George Washington and the members of the Continental Army on the banks of the Delaware River, on Christmas night 1776. She will discuss the terms of the commission for the Senate Chamber of the North Carolina Statehouse in Raleigh, NC, Sully's conception of the scene based on a range of sources both artistic and literary, and the fate of the painting that brought it to Boston. Guests very welcome, please call Tony Fay.



SPECIAL EVENT – Boston Jazz Voices
Thursday May 26

Taverner **Elaine Woo's** singing group, Boston Jazz Voices, is coming to the Tavern for a performance on May 26. Recently featured on WGBH's "Sing That Thing," the group is an 18-voice *a cappella* ensemble devoted to vocal jazz. They sing sophisticated and complex vocal arrangements with a sound that has been described as "lush and fabulous."

They've been in Boston for over 25 years, with performances including Old Sturbridge Village, and the Parish Center for the Arts in Westford. At Merrimack College they produce, host, and perform an annual All A Cappella show.

You've seen them on TV, now hear them live at the Tavern.

<http://www.bostonjazzvoices.org>

No **Poetry Lunch** for May.

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 manager@tavernclub.org
Tony Fay AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE to reserve for all lunches, dinners, special events.

To access the Tavern Club website:

Go to <http://www.tavernclub.org>,
Click on "Register" (top right) even if you've already registered.
Register if you have not yet done so.
If you have registered, scroll to the very bottom of the Registration page, and click on the tiny little "Log In" box.
That's all!

In Case You Missed It :

On April 14, Christopher Weyant, cartoonist for the New Yorker, discussed the history, art and power of editorial cartoons as political weapons. An engaging speaker, Christopher illustrated his talk with various famous cartoons, and after dinner he and his wife Anna Kang answered wide-ranging questions from the full house – including a tip on how to win the Cartoon Caption competition ...

The MeistUrsingers Concert for 2016 took place on Thursday evening, April 28. The MeistUrsingers entertained an enthusiastic group of Taverners and their guests to an evening Concert of songs in English, German, Swedish, Old Italian and Latin (including the Tavern hymn), followed by Dinner and some informal singing by all assembled of some Cole Porter classics. Maestro **Thomas Kelly** led our fearless troupe, introducing each offering with his usual urbane and knowledgeable wit, though temporarily nonplussed when (thanks to **Jim Terry**) his unruly chorus substituted the lyrics of *Viva Tommy!* for *Viva Tutti. Uti var Hage* was memorably introduced in Swedish by **Staffan Ericsson. Mike Scott** and **Elaine Woo** at the piano led the post prandial Porter, the food was delicious and a good time had by all, singers and supporters.

Remember: Try to sign up in a timely manner for ALL lunches and dinners: Call Tony Fay at 617 338 9682 or email manager@tavernclub.org

Art Gallery: The portraits, landscapes and seascapes of Dick Perkins remain on view.

Long Term

June 16 - **Summer Shorts – 3 short plays**

The Tavern vs St Botolph Club **SoftBall Game** will not be played this year, leaving another twelve months for the Tavern to prepare for a reversal of the disputed result of the 2015 match.

Book Club will be reading **Peter Rand's** *China Boys*, and Peter will lead the discussion on June 22. The summer gathering of the Book Club without Borders will be reading Darwin's *On the Origin of Species*.

July 14 - **Fête Champêtre** The annual Fête Champêtre will be held at "Wellesley", the house of Mrs. Luisa Hunnewell, cousin of **Elizabeth Hunnewell**, on the Hunnewell estate in Wellesley.



One floor every three or four days ...

New Tavern Club email address:
manager@tavernclub.org
(old address will forward, also)

Christopher Smallhorn
Secretary

