



Tavern Club

October 2017

CALENDAR

Mon October 2
Monday Night Dinner

Tues. October 3
Poetry Lunch

Thurs. October 5
MeistUrsingers

Mon. October 9
CLUB CLOSED

Weds. October 11
Arts Round Table Lunch

Thurs. October 12
SPECIAL EVENT
Brian McGrory, Globe
Editor

Mon October 16
Gallery opening
Comm. on Elections
Monday Night Dinner

Weds. October 18
History Lunch

Thurs. October 19
MeistUrsingers

Mon October 23
Monday Night Dinner

Tues. October 24
Book Club Lunch

Weds. October 25
Plays Rehearsal Night

Thurs. October 26
Halloween Plays

Mon October 30
Monday Night Dinner

Tues. October 31
Poetry Lunch

Poetry Lunch

On **Tuesday, October 3**, the Poetry Lunch will be led by Sallie Spence, editor of *Speculum*, Harvard's quarterly journal of things medieval. Sallie, a respected Latinist, will lead us to Hell and back: "Everyone knows the story of Orpheus and his descent to the Underworld, but not everyone knows Vergil's version and its importance to later literary texts. Come join us as we read and discuss Vergil, Georgics.4.453ff; text and translation will be provided." Guests are welcome.

We can't wait for the "November" Poetry Lunch so we're having it on October 31, with **Bob Osteen** taking the lead in a discussion of Schubert's settings of the *Schwangengesang* (*Swan Song*) poems by Heinrich Heine.

Arts Round Table Lunch

On **Wednesday, October 11**, Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winner, Tracy Kidder, will speak at the Arts Roundtable Lunch. Over the years, Kidder has covered a broad array of topics in his many books and articles, ranging from railroads, architecture, the world of high-tech corporate America to the story of two international health crises--TB and AIDS--and the physician, Paul Farmer, who helped stem the tide of these infections in Haiti. "A lot of the job of a person trying to write stories that are true is to make what's true believable," Kidder has said. And at lunch, he will talk to Taverners about how he came to choose the people who are the subjects of his writing. Lunch at 12:30. Guests welcome.

MeistUrsingers

Thursdays, October 5 and 19, at 12.20. Remember to sign up with Tony Fay if you can stay for lunch.

Gallery Opening

There will be an exhibit of paintings by Jack Cobb, including work by his daughters Vicki, Susan, and daughter-in-law Rosemary. The Exhibit can be seen beginning on Tuesday, October 10th, and the official opening will be on October 16. The exhibit will continue until October 27.

SPECIAL EVENT: Brian McGrory, Globe Editor

On Thursday, October 12, we are delighted to welcome as guest speaker Brian McGrory, who has been editor of the Globe for the past five years, during which his paper won a Pulitzer Prize for its coverage of the Boston Marathon bombing. He is Boston born and was educated in the former Massachusetts colony of Maine at Bates College. A veteran of 27 years at the Globe, McGrory has been a White House correspondent, a must-read columnist, and editor of the Metro section in charge of local news before he was named editor. In addition he has written 4 novels, and what can only be described as homage to a rooster subtitled: "How a rooster made me a family man." Like all newspaper editors in this day and age Brian has been struggling with how to survive in world of the internet and social media in what may turn out to be the twilight of print journalism. Cocktails 6.00pm, Dinner 7pm, followed by talk. Guests welcome.

Committee on Elections

Meets in the Library at 5.30pm.

Committee on Elections

Ed Tarlov, Chair
Katharine Boden
Mark Green
Rob Loomis
Polly Drinkwater
Jock Herron
James Houghton
Nick Clark
Rusty Tunnard
Elaine Woo

Do you have a candidate for membership?

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

As a reminder for general information here is a précis of the process for proposing a new member of the Tavern Club:

- Let Ed Tarlov, the Chair of the Committee on Elections, know of your intent.
- Then if the path seems clear write a flavorful letter proposing the candidate and your reasons for doing so.
- Ask two Taverners who know the candidate to write supporting letters and identify if possible four other Taverners who know the candidate whom the Committee may contact.
- If the candidate is not known to Taverners it is very acceptable to introduce him or her to Taverners, within or outside the Club itself.
- The letters can be sent by email.
- The Committee on Elections will hold its meetings monthly.

CHECK THE BOOK!
Taverners are reminded to check the Book in the Library to see names that have been added by the Committee on Elections. Names remain in the Book for two weeks before confirmation.

History Lunch

Wednesday, October 18, 12 for 12:15: *Vietnam and the Choices We Made*. Sandy Righter will lead Tavern vets Ron Fleming, Peter Haines and David Lawrence in a conversation inspired by the PBS series. The focus will be on our own choices and experiences through that period of turmoil and tragedy. Come share your experiences or listen. Guests welcome.

Book Club Lunch

On **Tuesday, October 24**, the Tavern Book Club will meet at noon for **Tom Kelly's** discussion of his book *First Nights*--a remarkable musical historical analysis of the opening night performances of Handel's *Messiah*, Monteverdi's *Orfeo*, Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring*, Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony* and Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique* --who was there, who played the instruments, the concert hall, the world situation at the time and more. Guests welcome.

Almost coincident with this will be a concert **in honor of Tom Kelly** at Harvard at 7.30 in Memorial Church on October 21 when he will play the harpsichord in the orchestra for Monteverdi's *Orfeo*.

Halloween Plays Competition

Rehearsals have begun, lines are being learned for three plays, twelve actors, one Bruin.

Come on October 26, Thursday evening (members only, black tie) for the Tavern's grand fall event. Vote for the best play, and cheer on the yet to be revealed playwrights. You need to sign up early.

In Case You Missed It

The first Tavern fall evening event, Moroccan Night, was a culinary triumph and magical transformation of the Club. Chef Salem Kmichem provided a feast centered on Chicken Tagine and paired with fine wines. **Jane Manopoli, Mary Rhinelander** and **Bobo Devens** made the place look like Fez and **Natalie Williams** designed a beautiful menu card. **Bobo** and **Bob Turner** organized the evening. In an opening salute, Bob read an A. J. Liebling's praise of the Tavel Rosé served with the first course. Fortunate were we who ate and drank.

Slater Museum Exhibit: Bela Pratt, Sculptor of Monument

Sunday, October 15 from 1-3pm – An exhibit opens at the Slater Museum in Norwich, Connecticut, including our Bela bust of Henry Lee Higginson, (brilliantly brushed up by **Peter Haines** from its ignominious exile for many years in our boiler room), *The Swimmer* who normally reclines in the dining room, and a portrait bust of Richard Hodgson.

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.

Access the Tavern Club

website, go to:

<http://www.tavernclub.org>,

1. Click on "Register" (top right) even if you've already registered.
2. Register if you have not yet done so.
3. If you have registered, scroll to the very bottom of the Registration page, and click on the tiny little "Log In" box.
4. That's all!

Some Tavern Events to date for 2017 to January 2018

Oct. 25/26	Halloween Plays
Monday, Nov. 6	Executive Committee
Thursday, Nov. 23-24	Club closed
Dec. 13/14	Christmas Feast, Play
Monday, Dec. 18	Christmas Carols
Dec. 19-Jan. 2, 2018	Club closed
Tuesday, Jan. 2	Club reopens

Parking

No parking behind Club until further notice, due to construction

Construction

Construction has been delayed by City of Boston Inspectional Services Department. Completion expected by mid-October. **Brigid Williams, Deb Bornheimer and Brett Donham** are on the case with a lively mix of charm and intimidation.

Transportation Building Entrances

Due to work on the Boylston Place Alley, Transportation Building entrances will be closed November 15 to December 15.

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Hugh Shepley
September 4, 2017
Bedford, Ma.

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Nancy Maull, Secretary