



Tavern Club

December 2019

SAVE THE DATE:

Monday, Dec. 2
**Monday Night
Dinner**

Tuesday, Dec. 3
Book Club Lunch

Wednesday, Dec. 4
History Lunch

Thursday, Dec. 5
MeistUrsingers

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**SPECIAL EVENT
Dinner – Steve
Kinzer**

Monday, Dec. 9
**Monday Night
Dinner**

Tuesday, Dec. 10
Play Reading Lunch

Thursday, Dec. 12
**SPECIAL EVENT
Dinner – CAROLS**

Monday, Dec. 16
**Monday Night
Dinner
Comm. on Elections**

Wednesday, Dec. 18
**Rehearsal Night for
Play**

Thursday, Dec. 19
**SPECIAL EVENT
Dinner – Feast and
Play**

**Tavern closes after
Lunch Friday, Dec.
20, Re-opens
Thursday, Jan. 2**

Tuesday, December 3; Book Club Lunch



John Finley on the *Gift of the Magi* by O. Henry:

A young wife sells her hair to buy her husband a chain for his treasured gold watch. He sells his watch to buy her a special comb for her hair. John will lead a discussion of gift giving. Guests are welcome. Reserve with Mr. Fay.

Wednesday, December 4; History Lunch

Writing with both a daughter's deep affection and the forensic candor of the Pulitzer Prize-winning *New York Times* reporter she once was, Janny Scott will discuss her masterful memoir *The Beneficiary: Fortune, Misfortune and the Story of My Father*. Implausible as a fictional character and unique to his time and Philadelphia place, her father Robert Montgomery Scott was a man of extremes: institutional leadership in the arts, patrician privilege, drink, astounding constitutional resilience, devotion to a familial architectural legacy, more drink, more than a little disappointment in life, charm to spare and a candid diarist who shared little about himself otherwise. Guests are welcome. Reserve with Mr. Fay.

Thursday, December 5; MeistUrsingers

Rehearsal with Jim Terry - Tavern Christmas songs for fun, 12.20. Lunch if you sign up early with Mr. Fay.

**RESERVATIONS:
RESERVE ALL
LUNCHEAS AND
DINNERS WITH
MR. FAY**

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WEBSITE:

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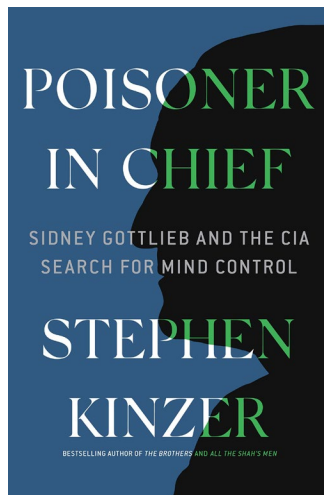
Guests are warmly
welcomed at lunches
and special events;
also, at Monday Night
dinners with the
Secretary's
permission.

**IMPORTANT
DATES:**

Narrenabend
- March 26, 2020

Annual Meeting
- May 11, 2020

Thursday, December 5; SPECIAL EVENT DINNER: Stephen Kinzer



Remember the LSD culture: LSD guru Timothy Leary; Ken Kesey and *One flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*; and Robert Hunter, lyricist for the Grateful Dead, to name a few. Unbeknownst to them, they—and legions of users during the 1950s and 60s—were part of a grand CIA experiment in mind control. In his latest book, Stephen Kinzer reveals this secret program, orchestrated by a CIA chemist: *Poisoner in Chief: Sidney Gottlieb and The CIA Search for Mind Control*. Kinzer is a long-time foreign correspondent for the *Boston Globe* and the *New York Times*, who now teaches at Brown.

Drinks at 6, dinner at 7 presentation and discussion after dessert. Guests are welcome. Please reserve with Mr. Fay.

Tuesday, December 10; Play Reading Lunch

Calling all Shavians! The Play-Reading Luncheon Series will begin an excursion into the works of GBS on Tuesday, December 10. Our text will be *Mrs. Warren's Profession*, Shaw's first big success, in which he takes on prostitution, bourgeois Victorian morality, hypocrisy, and even daughters' harsh judgments of their mothers! i.e., there's a role here for everybody. The play surely merits two sessions, over December 10 and January 21. Please sign up with Mr. Fay and convene at 12:15. Guests welcome.

Thursday, December 12; Caroling

Caroling begins with drinks at 6 and proceeds to dinner and song at 7. Reserve early, as this evening fills very quickly with Taverners and guests.

Thursday, December 19, Holiday Feast and Play



Following drinks at 6, dinner at 7 and the traditional antic festivities (song, boar's head, gold buttons, Santa and Bear), the musical play for the holiday season commences. This year **Bill Strong** directs *SPACED OUT*, penned by **Mary Rhineland** with music composed by **George Perkins**. The story will carry us out of this world and set us on the New International Space Station where all is not quite right. Alien, that is, non-earthling, stowaways are discovered. Will Santa's arc of sleigh travel intersect the Station? Don't miss it. Members only. Formal attire and medals. Reserve with Mr. Fay.

Tavern Club closed for the Holidays from after Friday lunch, December 20 and re-opens Thursday, January 2, 2020

In case you missed it:

November 14 Special Event. Peter Galison, Harvard historian and philosopher of science, talked about black holes and his search, with colleagues, for a reliable scientific image of, well, Nothing. It was a dazzling presentation followed by lively questioning. One of the attendees remarked, “Only at the Tavern Club among all other clubs, could you find a discussion of black holes.”

November 21 Special Event. To a full house, Republican presidential candidate Bill Weld shared experiences on the campaign trail. The former governor of Massachusetts—and former Taverner—described the mood of the electorate as he pounds Main Streets and speaks to groups in primary states. With Yankee grace and humor, he elaborated on the constitutional issues at stake and took many questions.

A few early January previews and reminders

January 8; Arts Roundtable: Taverner **Pieranna Cavalchini** will speak to us about her current exhibition at the Gardner Museum, *In the Company of Artists: 25 Years of Artists-in-Residence*. As curator of contemporary art at the Gardener, Pieranna has hosted artists from around the world to produce works in a variety of media in a dialog with the museum's collections and the spirit of its inimitable founder.

January 13; Art Gallery Opening: Brett and Will Donham, father and son, will show drawings and photographs.

January 16; Charades Night

January 30; Musical Retrospective

The **Committee on Elections** asks members to note there is a new Name in the Book. Please take a look.

New Members:

Mary Waters Shepley
Transplanted Southerner
Seasoned Actor

Peter Brooke
Painter of Northern Landscapes

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Lois “Bisi” Starkey
November 5, 2019
Lexington, MA

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W. Lincoln Boyden
November 11, 2019
Concord, MA

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-- Nancy Maull
Secretary