



# Smithsonian *Young Benefactors*

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Dear YB Member,

As we kick off a new year for the Young Benefactors, I am delighted to announce a few exciting changes for our organization. First, please join me in welcoming our new Director of the Young Benefactors, Katharine Ordway Reishman. Katharine spent several years as the Director of Special Events for the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. In that capacity, she planned and managed thirteen annual Emmy Award ceremonies in New York and Los Angeles. Since returning to Washington, she has developed, financed and executed a business plan to establish a high end women's fashion store in DC and has served as a Board member for OneBrick DC. Katharine brings significant knowledge and experience, as well as enthusiasm, to the Young Benefactors, and I look forward to much success under her leadership. You can reach Katharine at [ReishmanK@si.edu](mailto:ReishmanK@si.edu).

Secondly, Angela Markelonis has been appointed to Chair of the Young Benefactors Leadership Committee. Angela will be replacing Amy Anda, who has decided to use her talents in other YB projects after nearly four years of service as our chair. Angela is currently the Senior Manager of Corporate Finance for the National Geographic Society. In addition, she has served as the Development Committee Co-chair for the past year and a half and has been a YB member for the past two years. Angela has the passion and enthusiasm to lead the YBs into our 19th year as the nation's leading museum-based young professionals' organization.

In addition, we will have three co-chair positions available on our Leadership Committee. Position descriptions and an application are posted on our website, and applications are due on Friday, February 8. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your potential interest, please contact me at [ReimannJ@si.edu](mailto:ReimannJ@si.edu). This is a wonderful opportunity to increase your involvement, meet new people, and directly contribute to the Young Benefactors' success!

For information about our events, go to [www.YoungBenefactors.org](http://www.YoungBenefactors.org) or email [yb@si.edu](mailto:yb@si.edu).

Sincerely,

Jaclyn Reimann, YB Coordinator

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## *YB Second Saturday Tour*

**Saturday, February 9, 12:00 p.m.**

**Location:** National Gallery of Art  
4th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC  
**Metro:** Archives/Navy Memorial (Yellow and Green lines)

## Members Only! **FREE!**

### “Masterpieces from the West Building”

The Young Benefactors are delighted to offer a first-ever tour of some of the world’s most famous, beautiful, and thought-provoking art. The West Building, a gift of Andrew W. Mellon, opened to the public in 1941. Designed by John Russell Pope, this location displays European and American art from the 13th to the early 20th centuries. Masterpieces of Italian painting and sculpture, including the Western Hemisphere’s only painting by Leonardo da Vinci, join works by Dutch masters, French impressionists, and American artists. Tour participants will view major works by influential artists such as Bierstadt, Turner, Van Eyck, Goya, Rembrandt, Vermeer, Botticelli, Dürer, Grünewald, Cassatt, and Monet, among many others.

Space is limited! Email [ybsecsat@yahoo.com](mailto:ybsecsat@yahoo.com) by February 7th to reserve your space. **Reservations will be taken by email at this address only and are required to attend.** Our group will be meeting in the Rotunda of the West Building. Entrances are located on the National Mall, 7th Street, Constitution Avenue at 6th Street, and 4th Street. The Smithsonian Young Benefactors are planning to go to lunch following the event. Attendees will be responsible for their own lunch and any applicable gratuities. All are invited to attend.

Please provide the following information in your email:

- “February Tour Reservation Request” in the subject line
- Your name and your YB Member ID

## *YB New Member Dinners*

**Monday, February 11, 6:45 to 9:00 p.m.**

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**Location:** [Tallula](#)

2761 Washington Blvd, Arlington, VA – 202.778.5051  
(Clarendon Metro, Orange line)

See [Menu](#)

### **Calling All New Members!**

The Young Benefactor Leadership Committee invites you to attend our New Member Dinners at Tallula. These dinners provide a perfect opportunity to meet other new Young Benefactors as well as current members and chairs of our committees. There is no charge to attend the dinner; however, attendees are responsible for their food and drink costs along with any applicable gratuities.

At Tallula, you will enjoy use of their semi-private Wine Room, discounted beer and wine specials, complimentary platters of “Amuse Yourself” items, and



separate checks.

**Reservation Policy:** New Member Dinners are designed to provide new members with an opportunity to meet each other and learn about the organization in a small group setting (10 to 15 people per dinner). Therefore, we require that all interested attendees RSVP. Seats for each monthly dinner will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. If the available seats have been filled for the dinner you request, your name will be placed on the waitlist, and you will be confirmed for a seat at a future dinner.

**To RSVP:** Send an email to [ybnewmembers@yahoo.com](mailto:ybnewmembers@yahoo.com) with the following information: "New Member Dinner" (Subject Line), your name, email, phone, date of dinner you would like to attend, month/year you joined, and your YB member ID.

## *YB Happy Hour*

**Wednesday, February 20th, 6 to 9 p.m.**

**Location: Lotus Lounge**

1420 K Street, NW, Washington, DC

**Metro:** McPherson Square (Blue and Orange lines)

**Nonmembers Welcome! FREE!**

Relax after a long day of work by listening to the sounds of a sixteen foot waterfall in the soothing interior of DC's Lotus Lounge. The lounge, which is shaped like its namesake, will be offering \$5 beer, wine, call liquor, sake, dumplings, and the chef's choice of a sushi roll. Be sure to bring your friends as our monthly happy hours provide nonmembers with a great venue for learning about our organization. And, as your mixing and mingling, don't forget to make a donation to the YB Culture4Kids Fund, which provides local youth with access to the diverse, educational experiences offered by The Smithsonian Associates' Summer Camp and Discovery Theater.

For more information, please contact [yb@si.edu](mailto:yb@si.edu).

## *Voices to Access Volunteer Project*

**Saturday, February 23rd, 10:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Location: [National Museum of American History](#)**

14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

**Metro:** Federal Triangle or Smithsonian Metro (Blue and Orange lines)

The Voices to Access Project provides cassette recordings of the *Smithsonian* magazine and other printed materials to more than 800 people monthly who are visually impaired. YB members volunteer in the packaging and mailing process, allowing the Smithsonian to offer the recordings free to those who need it. It is a wonderful way to give back to the Smithsonian while meeting other YB members in a small group setting. The group may go to lunch afterwards.

Since the museum is now closed for renovation until summer 2008, you will receive instructions on how to enter the museum upon signing up. The Voices to Access Project takes place in the Accessibility Office (Room 2100A) on the second floor. The office is situated near the end of the *Communities in a Changing Nation* exhibition.

For information or to sign up, e-mail [voicestoaccess@yahoo.com](mailto:voicestoaccess@yahoo.com).

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## *YB Spotlight*

### **Smithsonian Jazz Café**

**Location: National Museum of Natural History's Atrium Café**

Constitution Avenue and 10th Street, NW

**Metro:** Federal Triangle or Smithsonian Stations (Blue and Orange lines)

Since 2001, the Smithsonian Jazz Café has featured the best in national and local jazz musicians in addition to fabulous food and drinks at the Natural History Museum's Atrium Café! Admission is \$12, and tickets can be purchased online or at the door. February will include performances by Maurice Hines, Frederic Yonnet, and Frank Vignola. Be sure to check the website for updates regarding Latin Jazz Night on February 22nd during which attendees will enjoy jazz, salsa dancing, and Latin entertainment.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [SmithsonianJazzCafe.org](http://SmithsonianJazzCafe.org).

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Please share your thoughts and/or questions. The YB Committees value your input and welcome all volunteers -- Contact information and Committee descriptions are available at [YoungBenefactors.org](http://YoungBenefactors.org).

For more information on the Young Benefactors of the Smithsonian Institution, visit [www.youngbenefactors.org](http://www.youngbenefactors.org).

For more information on the Smithsonian Resident Associate Program, visit [www.residentassociates.org](http://www.residentassociates.org).

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