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Dear %%FIRST_NAME%% %%LAST_NAME%%,

Despite polo's status as the oldest team sport, many Americans have never had the pleasure of experiencing a polo match. For those of you who fall into this category, you may find yourself questioning what one does, says, or sees at a polo match.

- Did you know that the earliest recorded polo tournament was played in Persia in 600 B.C.?
- The size of a polo field is 300 yards long and 160 yards wide. A polo field is larger than 9 football fields, and the largest field in organized sports.
- Each team is comprised of four players, who are assigned a number "1" to "4." The number on a player's jersey refers to a player's position and skill level. The player wearing a number "3" is usually the highest-rated and most experience player on the team.
- A chukker, also known as a chukka, is a period of play in polo. A typical game consists of six chukkers of play, each lasting seven and a half minutes.
- Notable players include: John Walsh, Tommy Lee Jones, Sylvester Stallone, and Princes William and Harry.
- Instead of the traditional sporting half-time show, Polo's half-time is referred to as the "Stomping of the Divots" ritual where the spectators are invited onto the field to replace the mounds of earth (aka divots) that are torn up by the horses' hooves. Be careful and be sure to watch out for the steaming divot!

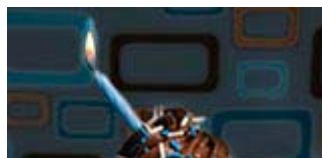
Now that you are a polo expert, get your tickets to the 2nd Annual Smithsonian Young Benefactors Cup on Saturday, September 6. Please visit the Young Benefactors online at www.YoungBenefactors.org or call 202-633-3030.

Sincerely,



Katharine Reishman

Encourage your friends to join! Please forward this newsletter and bring a friend to our monthly Happy Hour events. For membership or event information, go to www.YoungBenefactors.org or email yb@si.edu.



Smithsonian Young Benefactors

19th Birthday Bash

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Wednesday, July 23, 6 to 9 p.m.

Location: City Club of Washington
1300 Eye Street, NW, Washington, DC
Metro: McPherson Square (Blue and Orange lines)

This July, the Smithsonian Young Benefactors celebrates its 19th year as the leading museum-based cultural organization for young professionals in our nation's capital. Enjoy a cocktail reception with beer and wine, light hors d'oeuvres, and birthday cupcakes provided by Georgetown Cupcake at the City Club of Washington while enjoying the view of Franklin Park.

Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Be sure to buy yours early as ticket prices increase by \$10 on Monday, July 14th.

Due to space restrictions, there are a limited number of tickets available. Online and phone sales will close at 12 noon on Wednesday, July 23. Tickets will be available at the door while they last.

To purchase tickets, [click here](#) or call 202-633-3030.

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YB Second Saturday Tour

Saturday, July 12, 9:45 a.m.

Location: National Zoological Park
3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC
Metro: Woodley Park/Zoo/Adams Morgan (Red line)

FREE for Members Only!

"Exotic and Familiar Wildlife"

Come out and be a kid again by spending a special morning with the unusual, exotic, and just plain familiar at the National Zoo.

At this special Second Saturday stop, you will have a chance to get up close and personal with the adorable international celebrity Tai Shan the panda. The Zoo also boasts many other celebrity animals such as the elephant baby Kandula and three rare Sumatran tiger cubs.

In addition, we will be visiting the Amazonia Exhibition, which includes animals from the planet's most diverse ecosystem; the Small Mammals area, which displays important, but tiny, mammals like the baby Wallaby Joey; and the new Asian Trail.

Space is limited! Email ybsecsat@yahoo.com by **July 9th** to reserve your space. **Reservations will be taken by email at this address only and are required to attend.** 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:

- "July Tour Reservation Request" in the subject line
- Your name and your YB Member ID

YB New Member Dinners

Monday, July 14, 6:45 to 9:00 p.m.

NEW Location: [The Melting Pot](#)

701 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC

Metro: Dupont Circle (Red Line)



Calling All New Members!

The Young Benefactors Leadership Committee invites you to attend our New Member Dinners now at The Melting Pot. 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 The Melting Pot, the YBs will enjoy a prix fixe menu of 4 courses for \$28, wine specials, and use of a private room.

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 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.

Evening at the Museum

Wednesday, July 16, 6 to 9 p.m.

Location: Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture

8th and F Streets, NW, Washington, DC – Use F Street Entrance

Metro: Gallery Place/Chinatown (Red, Green, and Yellow lines)

Indebleu (following the visit to the museum)

707 G Street, NW, Washington, DC

Metro: Gallery Place/Chinatown (Red, Green, and Yellow lines)



Nonmembers Welcome! \$5 suggested donation for the YB Culture4Kids Fund

Join the Young Benefactors from 6 to 7 p.m. as we visit two exhibitions at the Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture – ***America's Presidents*** and the new exhibition ***Ballyhoo! Posters as Portraiture***. Both exhibitions use portraits to tell the American story through the individuals who have shaped it, in completely unique ways. ***America's Presidents*** is the nation's only complete collection of presidential portraits outside of the White House. ***Ballyhoo! Posters and Portraiture*** demonstrates how posters function as portraiture while exploring how the use of certain individuals can enhance the poster's mission to attract attention and persuade. For additional information about these exhibitions, visit <http://www.npg.si.edu/exhibit/curex1.htm#bally>.

At 7 p.m. the Young Benefactors will move on to happy hour at Indebledu for \$4 Heinekens, \$5 'Executive' Rails, \$6 Wines, and \$7 Specialty Cocktails.

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 (suggested amount \$5), which provides local youth with access to the diverse, educational experiences offered by Smithsonian Summer Camp and Discovery Theater.

For more information, please contact yb@si.edu.

Voices to Access Volunteer Project

Saturday, July 19, 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 fall 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.

YB Spotlight

Openings, Events, and Exhibitions of Interest

[Screen on the Green](#)

Screen on the Green returns to Washington, DC again this year. Bring a blanket and a picnic to the National Mall on Monday nights starting on July 14th and watch a classic film on a 20 by 40 foot movie screen. The films start at dusk, between 8:30 and 9 p.m., but plan to arrive early as many people claim their spot as early as 5 p.m. [Click here](#) for the schedule and additional information.

[Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition](#)

What is today's portrait? The National Portrait Gallery invites artists all over America to answer. Enter your portrait June 2 through July 31, 2008. Finalists will be included in an exhibition and will have a chance to win cash prizes up to \$25,000. The contest is open to all visual arts media. [Click here](#) for entry rules and additional information.

Extended Museum Hours

Did you know that many of the Smithsonian museums are open past 5:30 p.m.? The American Art Museum and the National Portrait Gallery are always open until 7 p.m., and the National Air and Space Museum and the Natural History Museum stay open until 7:30 p.m. most days during the summer months. This is a great time to visit the museums as the majority of the crowds have gone home for the day. However, be sure to check each museum's website before attending as they occasionally close early for special events. Stay tuned for future Evenings at the Museum to take advantage of these extended hours, and we hope you will join us on July 16th!

Recommended Resident Associate Events

As a Young Benefactors Member, you receive member discounts to the nearly 1,200 Resident Associate programs offered each year. Visit [ResidentAssociates.org](#) or grab a copy of the monthly *Smithsonian Associate* catalog for a complete program listing and ticket information.

[Straight Up: All About Rum](#)

Tuesday, July 8, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m.



Rum is a libation with a certain roguish charm and swagger. Thought to have been created in the Caribbean 400 years ago, it became a very popular potable in the American colonies and is now the second-most popular distilled spirit, vodka being the first. In fact, the premium rum category is exploding with complex and diverse flavors. Today, its variety and subtlety are beginning to rival those of wine. **Edward**

Hamilton, founder of [MinistryofRum.com](#), explores the origin of the drink and the types of rum and how they were developed.

Through guided tastings, learn the differences among light rums, aged rums, and rum agricole, and explore regional variations.

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[Election Fever: The Role of Emotion in Voting](#)

Monday, July 14, 6:45 to 9 p.m.



We vote with our hearts, not with our minds. At least that is the argument of psychologist **Drew Westen**. He has studied presidential election data from the 1950s through the 2008 primaries and provides a clinical view of what candidates have said – or could have said – in debates, speeches, and ads to win our votes. Westen believes that elections are won in the marketplace of emotion, a place filled with images, moral sentiments, and moving oratory, where logic plays only a supporting

role. The evidence indicated that the strongest predictors of how people vote are their feelings toward the candidates.

Candidates who try to win on position statements are missing what's most important about the brain of the voter: It is emotional and moved by compelling narratives.

Westen is a professor of psychology at Emory University and author of *The Political Brain* (PublicAffairs), which is available for signing at the program..

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[The Wilds of Alaska](#)

Tuesday, July 15, 6:45 to 9 p.m.



Alaska today has some of the country's last wild places. Naturalist **Mark Garland** takes us to the rugged heart of Alaska by analyzing the unique aspects of this natural world and how it works as a tapestry of wildlife, plant communities, and landscapes. He describes unpredictable encounters with nature that define the Alaska experience, including a bear foraging on the Denali tundra; the humpback whales of Glacier Bay; the intimidating walls of the Aialik Glacier; otters and sea lions at Kenai Fjords; and stunning bird life such as Smith's Longspurs and rhinoceros auklets.

Garland is a naturalist for the Audubon Naturalist Society and nature editor for WAMU's *Metro Connection* program.

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[The Insider's Washington, D.C.](#)

Tuesday, July 15, 6:45 to 9 p.m.



How well do you think you know the nation's capital? Whether or not you live here, Washington, D.C., demands deeper exploration. Travel writer and District resident **Andrew Evans** transcends the tourist clichés and veers off the beaten path to reveal the city's unexpected sides. Discover its hidden gems and learn how it is the closest foreign destination you've never visited.

6:45 to 7:45 p.m. The District You Don't Know

Lesser-known monuments; obscure museums; architectural treasures; and secluded parks. Appreciating the capital's cuisine, theater, music, fashion, and art.

8 to 9 p.m. Neighborhoods

Washington's shifting neighborhoods. Exploring the other three quadrants – Northeast, Southeast, and Southwest. The district's vibrant ethnic communities.

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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 www.youngbenefactors.org/contact.shtm.

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