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

Now that Fall is officially here, the Smithsonian is delighted to celebrate the long awaited re-opening of the National Museum of American History, which is due to open November 21st. Be sure to visit the new state of the art Star Spangled Banner Gallery – it is quite spectacular!

With the changing of the leaves comes the changing of the seasons – the Holidays are near! Save the Date for the 19th Annual Jolly Holiday event on Saturday, December 6th at the Smithsonian Castle. Tickets will be available online and through the Box Office starting November 4th. Be sure to purchase your tickets before Wednesday, November 26th when ticket prices will increase by \$10. Remember to buy early!

In addition to the changes of the season, you may have noticed there have been changes made to the YB website. Last month, we were able to upgrade the functionality of our site, which will allow for us to sell tickets online in real time. This should not only streamline your online experience, but also enable you to update your contact information, communication preferences, and renew your membership through the “My Account” feature. An email was sent to you recently with your temporary log-in and password. If for any reason you are having problems logging into the website, please feel free to contact yb@si.edu.

We hope the new website is easy to use, and appreciate your patience as we incorporate this new feature. Hope you get to enjoy everything the seasons have to offer and look forward to seeing you at future YB events.

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.

Voices to Access Volunteer Project

Saturday, November 15, 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)

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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.

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YB Second Saturday Tour

Saturday, November 8, 12 noon

Location: [National Gallery of Art](#)

4th St. and Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, DC

Metro: Judiciary Square, Archives, Smithsonian (Red, Yellow/Green, and Blue/Orange lines)

FREE for Members Only

“Modern”

Contemporary art is our focus this month as the Young Benefactors make a stop at the National Gallery of Art.

Spend a Saturday immersed in the works of visionaries who catapulted art into the modern age. Names like: Calder, Matisse, Miró, Picasso, Pollock, and Rothko are distinctive and notable and we will experience their style and sophistication.

Masterworks by these and other 20th-century painters and sculptors are highlights of each tour. Designed by I. M. Pei, with construction funds donated by members of the Mellon family and foundation, the East Building opened to the public in 1978 and is widely regarded as an architectural monument of the 20th century.

Space is limited! Email ybsecsat@yahoo.com by **November 5th** 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:

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

YB New Member Dinner

Monday, November 17, 6:45 to 9 p.m.

NEW Location: [The Melting Pot](#)

1220 19th 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 a salad and two fondue courses for \$20 (plus tax and gratuity), 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 (15 to 30 people per dinner). Therefore, we require that all interested attendees RSVP. Seats for each 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 a 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.



YB Happy Hour

Mandarin Oriental's Empress Lounge

Thursday, November 20, 6 to 9 p.m.

Location: [Mandarin Oriental, Washington D.C.](#)

1330 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC

Metro: Smithsonian (Orange and Blue Lines)



Nonmembers Welcome! \$5 Suggested Donation for the YB Culture4Kids Fund

This month the Young Benefactors head to Mandarin Oriental, Washington D.C. – named one of the top five venues for Jazz by Washingtonian Magazine! The Brazilian Jazz performance will start at 7:00p.m., so come and enjoy the music while you sip on a special “YB” cocktail and meet your fellow YB members. The performance will take place in the Empress Lounge, located just off the hotel’s lobby. The lounge offers light fare and a complete bar menu. A discount on wine and a special YB cocktail will be offered.

Mandarin Oriental is located at 1330 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC, just three blocks from the National Mall. If you’re in Washington, D.C. on 14th Street heading south toward the 14th Street Bridge, cross the mall and turn left on Independence Avenue, then turn right on 12th Street. Travel three blocks and turn right onto Maryland Avenue SW. Travel 3/4 around the circle and the hotel will be on your right.

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.



Jolly Holiday

Saturday, December 6, 8 p.m. – Midnight

Location: Smithsonian Castle

1000 Jefferson Drive, SW Washington, DC

Metro: Smithsonian (Orange and Blue Line)

The holidays are fast approaching and this year’s Jolly Holiday is right around the corner! Tickets will go on sale on November 4th for this year’s event, and Santa is already suiting up in anticipation. Guests will enjoy hors d’oeuvres, savory sweets, open bar, dancing, a visit from Santa, and more!

Purchase your tickets for Jolly Holiday beginning November 4th.

YB Spotlight

Openings, Events, and Exhibitions of Interest

[The Sant Ocean Hall](#)

What do you get when the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) team up to create an exhibit about the ocean? The breathtaking new Sant Ocean Hall! After more than five years of planning and construction, the hall celebrated its grand opening September 27 to rave reviews from media members and museum visitors alike. It is the single largest exhibit at the National Museum of Natural History with 23,000 square feet of specimens, models, and displays. Explore the ocean, see the sea creatures, learn about protecting our planet and don't forget to check out the 3-D IMAX films on your way out. [Click here](#) for additional information.

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.

[Wineries of Northern Virginia](#)

Saturday, November 8, 7:15 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.



Find out why Virginia is one of the most popular destinations for new wineries as we head over to the Blue Ridge Mountains for tours of some of the most popular wineries in the area. Explore the wine making process from the grape to the glass, sample some award-winning wines and enjoy a three-course lunch—all complimented by the spectacular backdrop of sleepy mountains and ranches. Wine expert Rob Stewart and horticulture consultant Cindy Brown lead this day.

[➔ RESERVE TICKETS](#)

[Behind the Scenes of the 2008 Presidential Election](#)

Wednesday, November 12, 6:45 p.m.



By the time of this program, our country will have elected a new President. This evening a panel of experts including Geoffrey Garin, pollster and strategist for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign; Cornell Blecher, pollster for Barack Obama's presidential campaign; Frank Donatelli, deputy chairman of the Republican National Committee and senior adviser to the John McCain campaign; Kevin Madden, Mitt Romney's national press secretary and senior communications specialist; and Howard Dean, DNC chairman and past presidential candidate, talk with moderator Kenneth Walsh, White House correspondent for

US News and World Report, about what strategies worked, what lessons were learned and what mistakes were shouldered during the campaign—and finally, how the winner prevailed.

[➔ RESERVE TICKETS](#)

[Everyday Language: How We Talk to Each Other](#)

Saturday, November 22, 10 a.m.



We depend on language everyday but rarely consider how we communicate our needs



and interests in daily situations. In this lively seminar, linguistics experts Deborah Schiffrin and Anna Trester share the ways we interact with each other verbally: how and why we tell stories to our friends, families, and co-workers, how we take turns in conversation, why we use words such as “oh well, like” and “I mean”, and how we use language to perform actions including asking questions, complaining, apologizing and threatening.

[➔ RESERVE TICKETS](#)

In order to purchase tickets online, you will need to login to our website. Only current Young Benefactors members are able to purchase tickets at the member rate for both Young Benefactors and Resident Associate programs/ events.

If you have not yet used your Temporary Login, which is linked to your Smithsonian account, please use the information that appears below:

%%\$temp_login%%

%%\$temp_password%%

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 <http://youngbenefactors.org/ticketing/contact.aspx>.

For more information on the Young Benefactors of the Smithsonian Institution, visit www.YoungBenefactors.org.

For more information on the Smithsonian Resident Associate Program, visit www.ResidentAssociates.org.

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