

# Smithsonian *Young Benefactors*

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Dear %%FIRST\_NAME%% %%LAST\_NAME%%,

We hope you enjoyed a safe, healthy and happy holidays! In the new year, we are looking forward to many new beginnings, new members and new friends.

We are delighted to introduce a new Gala Co-Chair, Lindsay Rosenthal, who joins the YB Leadership committee from a pool of very qualified and dedicated candidates. Lindsay has a background in meeting and event planning and boundless energy for the Young Benefactors. Please join us in welcoming Lindsay to the YB Leadership Committee and we look forward to hearing more exciting news about the 2009 Spring YB Gala from committee Co-Chairs Jennifer Lee and Lindsay Rosenthal. Stay tuned for more event details!

In the new year, be sure to take advantage of your Resident Associate Program (RAP) membership benefits and join us on Tuesday, January 13th for an evening with Tom and David Gardner, founders of The Motley Fool, as they share savvy investment tips and strategies. For event details, please see additional information below.

There are many wonderful things happening on the Mall this month, and we hope you have the opportunity to take advantage of them. We're looking forward to another exciting and eventful year!



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](http://www.YoungBenefactors.org) or email [yb@si.edu](mailto:yb@si.edu).

## *Voices to Access Volunteer Project*

Saturday, January 24, 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.

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Since the American History Museum has now re-opened, you may now enter the museum through the main Entrance. If you arrive before the Museum opens, please check in through the Staff Entrance in the parking tunnel. 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 *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 Second Saturday Tour*

Saturday, January 10, 12 noon

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

14th Street and Constitution Avenue

Metro: Smithsonian (Blue and Orange Lines)

**FREE** for Members Only

### “Highlights of American History”

After two years of renovations and revitalizations to the collection, The Smithsonian National Museum of American History has reopened incorporating open vistas, a grand staircase and a light-filled atrium. The museum shows the evolution of American culture, family life, government and entertainment as seen in photos, writings, innovations and media. Our tour will take a new look at the general collection. Highlights include the nearly 200 year old Star-Spangled Banner – popularized in American culture and the national anthem lovingly restored to its former glory; the “First Ladies at the Smithsonian” exhibit displaying the dresses and other objects from former First Ladies and additional memorable items include Julie Child’s kitchen, Dorothy’s ruby red slippers, and Kermit the Frog.

Space is limited! Email [ybsecsat@yahoo.com](mailto:ybsecsat@yahoo.com) by January 7th 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:

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

## *YB New Member Dinner*

Monday, January 12th, 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](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.

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## *YB Happy Hour*

Tuesday, January 13th, 6 to 9 p.m.

Location: [Co Co. Sala](#)

929 F Street, NW, Washington, DC

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



Nonmembers Welcome! \$10 Suggested Donation for the YB Culture4Kids Fund

This month the Young Benefactors head to Co Co. Sala, one of DC's newest dessert boutiques. Described by the Washington Post as "moody and romantic," this spot has no problem combining fun and delicious food. In addition to a terrific atmosphere, YBs will enjoy \$6 beer, \$7 wine, and a special on one of their signature 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 \$10), which provides support for local area schoolchildren to attend the educational and cultural programs presented by The Smithsonian Associates, such as, Smithsonian Summer Camp and Discovery Theater performances.

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

## YB Spotlight

### Openings, Events, and Exhibitions of Interest

#### American History Museum

[Abraham Lincoln: An Extraordinary Life](#) (Jan. 16, 2009–Jan. 2011)

[America's New Birth of Freedom](#): Documents from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (Jan. 16, 2009–March 22, 2009)

#### American Indian Museum

[A Century Ago: "They Came as Sovereign Leaders"](#) (Jan. 14, 2009–Feb. 17, 2009)

#### Natural History Museum

[Orchids through Darwin's Eyes: 15th Annual Orchid Show](#) (Jan. 23, 2009–April 26, 2009)

#### Portrait Gallery

[Presidents in Waiting](#) (Jan. 20, 2009–Jan. 3, 2010)

For other new and upcoming events at the Smithsonian, [click here](#).

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## 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.

### [Advice from a Couple of Fools](#)

Tuesday, January 13, 6:45 PM



The financially savvy duo behind The Motley Fool are back, this time sharing tips and strategies they put to work in "Million Dollar Portfolio"—a one-of-a-kind service that allows investors to follow along as Tom Gardner invests and manages \$1 million of The Motley Fool's own money. Record demand closed the service to new applicants; however, this evening participants are offered a chance to learn what the members gleaned from their glimpse into the inner workings of The Motley Fool machine. In their inimitable fashion, Tom and David Gardner reveal the methods analysts use to uncover market-beating investment ideas and explain how almost any serious investor can learn to create a winning portfolio—in any kind of market. The Gardners co-founded The Motley Fool, a multimedia financial education company, in 1993. Their book *The Motley Fool Million Dollar Portfolio: How to Build and Grow a Panic-Proof Investment Portfolio* is available for signing after the program.

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### [Emerson String Quartet](#)

Saturday, January 31, 6 p.m.



One of the most impressive of American string quartets – *The New York Times*

This evening, the Emerson String Quartet's program features some fascinating points of similarity and contrast to



be found in the works of the great composers: Joseph Haydn and Anton Dvorak. Listeners can enjoy the perfect synthesis of thematic development, burnished lyricism, and propulsive excitement that Haydn achieved in his String Quartet in G Minor, Op. 74, and the idiomatic transcriptions that Dvorak himself made of his touching and beautiful song cycle "Cypresses."

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## [PhotoShop I](#)

Monday and Wednesday, January 12-Feb 4, 6:00 PM OR  
Monday and Wednesday, March 9-30, 6:00 PM



Photographers, artists, graphic designers, Web designers, and computer enthusiasts can benefit from this introduction to Photoshop, the industry-standard software used to edit pictures and create designs for print and Web use. Through demonstrations, discussion, and extensive hands on work on individual computer terminals, learn how to use Photoshop and its interface, colors, layers, brush tools, painting masks, channels, cloning, typography, and color correction. Emphasis is placed on how all the pieces fit together to allow you to create more complex work. Printed instructions are provided.

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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:

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%%\$temp\_password%%

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

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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