

## HSC Schedule of Speaker and Special Events

for September, 2022, through February, 2023

This is, of course, updated & corrected, both for future events and events that have already occurred.

Date of this update is 9-11, 2023

Note: All scheduled Speaker Events are entered through February, 2024. The 4-5 monthly Hybrid Lunch Discussion Events have been entered through December, 2024. You can assume they will continue to occur in 2024, even if the date needs to sometimes not be the regular date (e.g., the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday).

There is a link to this schedule at the top of the club website's Calendar page.

The 3 ways the club alerts you to and gives you descriptions of club events:

This schedule serves to give an overview of the full year both for advance notice and for an archival record of the year and now further back in time. But usually the descriptions of events are short. The Calendar, in contrast, usually contains more detailed descriptions. But the Calendar does not give access to them, if they occurred more than one month ago. The weekly Friday "NEXT Week" emails contain only future events for about the next month.

The descriptions in the NEXT Week for just the coming week are the most detailed and up to date, compared to what is in this "Schedule" and in the "Calendar." The NEXT Week emails also include photos and graphics.

This is facilitated by the use of the Constant Contact software for these weekly emails.

Notes about types of events in this Schedule:

Note 1: "Special Events" at lunchtime include monthly "Discussion Events" and a "Brainstorming" event. There are five such recurring events each month.

Week Day of Hybrid Event?  
of Mo. Week as of 4-03-23

Discussion:

Book 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Yes

Short Story 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Yes

Current Events 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. or Fri. Yes

Luckiest Generation 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Friday Yes

Varied topics, e.g. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Yes

Meet a Member  
Announced Guest  
Good Old Days  
Brainstorming

Note 2: Other “Special Events”

A. Recurring:

New Member Party Sept.  
Holiday Party 2 nd or 3 rd Sat. in Dec.  
Garden Party & Annual Meeting 3 rd Saturday in May  
Mint Julep Party 2 nd or 3 rd Sat. in June

B. Less Recurring

Saturday Cocktail parties at homes of members (1 st in Jan. '22)  
Walking tour, sometimes combined with lunch at club  
Exhibit at Walters Museum before or after lunch at club  
Concert at Peabody Conservatory after dinner at club  
“Meet a Member” lunch at club; may be hybrid  
“Announced Guest” lunch at club; may be hybrid  
Lunch with “Good Ole Days” member talk at club; may be hybrid

Note 3: Speaker Events

A. Recurring after dinner presentations:

2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays of most months  
2 nd Wed. only in Nov., Dec. and May  
4 th Wed. only in June,  
Professionally managed hybrid event in club’s Living Room

B. Less Recurring after lunch presentations

Any regular lunch day or Saturday  
To permit offering  
more speakers than the above schedule allows  
speakers who are unavailable in evening

Note 4: New events not yet conceived or attempted

Members are invited to suggest them. The January “Brainstorming Lunch” was created specifically to generate ideas for such new events as well for ideas for future speakers and improving the existing design of club events. And such monthly brainstorming will continue on the 3 rd Thursday of the month at lunch.

Note 5: This Schedule does not include the lunches in the club that have no special attraction that was scheduled in advance. Neither does it include the Noon Zooms that are offered as a substitute to members who cannot visit the club in person for these lunches.

Committees that Create and Manage the Above Event

## Speaker Events Committee

Sam Hopkins, Chair

Members: Art Hildreth, Mike Franch, Bruce Barnett, David Zoll, Bettina Jenkins, Ed Henry, Eric Brown, Frank Pine, George Ferris, Jim Ulmer, Josh Ewen, Lois Schenck, Rich Gardella, Skip Isaacs, Peter Quint, Barret Freedlander, Snowden Stanley, Tim Wolf, Steve Scott, Norman Smith, Greg Cukor, Ed Stringer

## Special Events Committee

Sam Hopkins and Lois Schenck, Co-Chairs

Members: Mark Cammock and Frank Pine

Noon Zoom Committee/Hosts:

Sam Hopkins, Chair

Other hosts (past and present) : Mike Franch, Bruce Barnett, Gus Lewis, Jeff Sawyer, Jim Ulmer, Bill Reynolds, Frank Pine, Mitch Koppelman

## Schedule of Events

### 2022

Thurs., 9-8, 12:30 pm – Lunch in club with Hybrid Book Discussion.

Fri., 9-9, 12:30 pm. – Zoom only - Current Events Monthly Discussion. Tim Wolf is moderator.

Sat., 9-10, 6:30 pm cocktails; 7 pm buffet dinner. This resumes the annual dinner we do jointly with H.L. Mencken Society

Dinner will be followed by an “after-dinner conversation” about “Writers’ Homes as Relics: Mencken, Poe, and their Baltimore Houses.”

Description: People flock to the former residences of literary and political figures long after the occupants of those homes have left planet earth. The reasons for the appeal of such homes may be obvious, but the Saturday Night Club Program allows two people with ongoing involvement in the administration of the Mencken House and the Poe House to speculate about the appeal of these facilities. Brigitte Fesseden, from the Mencken House, and Thomas Brown, from the Poe House, will participate in an informal conversation, led by D. G. Hart, president of the Mencken Society. This after-dinner conversation will conclude the annual meeting of the Saturday Night Club, a meal co-sponsored by the Hamilton Street Club and the Mencken Society as part of Baltimore’s annual celebration of Mencken Day.

Wed., 9-14: Speaker Event was postponed to Jan. 11

Tues., 9-20: 12:30 pm - Lunch in club with Hybrid Short Story Discussion: Bruce Barnett, host

Fri., 9-23: 12:30 pm – Zoom only - Luckiest Generation Monthly Discussion. Sam Hopkins, moderator.

How several kinds of unprecedented growth have made us luckier than previous generations by compensating for many repeated and new political problems of civilization. But only fossil fuels have made this growth possible. And this will include another look at the writings of William Ophuls since 1973. See Amazon.com for his

books.

Sat., 9-24: 6-8 pm - In Club Special Event: New Members Party. "New Members" are all who joined since the last party in 2019.

Wed., 9-28, 6:30 pm - In Club Cocktails, Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event:

Catherine Wyler, daughter of the late William Wyler, and her husband will join us for cocktails and dinner in the club. Then, Ms. Wyler will show part of the documentary she produced about her father, talk about him, and answer our questions. The film title is "Directed by William Wyler." Thanks to George Ferris for arranging this unique club event.

Ms. Wyler will explain her father's continuing influence in cinema. She will also give personal stories about visiting the sets on his movies as a child and as she grew up. Every list of the great directors from Hollywood's golden era includes the name of William Wyler. From the 1920's until 1970, William Wyler painstakingly crafted over sixty feature films which are cherished by audiences today – features like Jezebel, Wuthering Heights, The Best Years of Our Lives, The Heiress, Roman Holiday, Ben Hur, and Funny Girl. Not only did he win three Academy Awards as best director, William Wyler also brought more Oscars to his leading men and women than any other director (the number is 40). He flew combat missions in World War II, in order to make The Memphis Belle, the documentary that brought home to American audiences the realities of the war in the air. Never associated with any particular genre or technique,

Mr. Wyler chose his material carefully and invested his projects with demanding perfectionism. Audiences recognize that William Wyler's films today reflect consistently high quality and unmatched good taste.

The first of his four children, Catherine Wyler has had a distinguished career of her own. Most notably she produced in partnership with David Puttnam the 1990 adaptation of her father's documentary into a full-length feature film, The Memphis Belle. She was Senior Vice-President of Production at Columbia Pictures. She was Director of Cultural and Children's Programming at PBS. She was assistant director of the Media Arts Program at the National Endowment for the Arts and helped create the Sundance Institute. Deeply immersed in film aesthetics, she has been a juror at the Venice, Sundance, Berlin, Chicago, and Istanbul film festivals.

Recently she and her husband Richard Rymland have returned from Mulhouse, France, her father's birthplace, to attend a city-wide celebration of the centenary of William Wyler's birth. Active and engaged to this day, they currently live in Washington, D. C.

George Ferris is host

Thurs. 10-6, 12:30 pm Lunch in club with Hybrid Book Discussion. Book TBA

Wed., 10-12, 6:30 pm - In Club Cocktails, Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event: Dr. Gary Pasternack, club member, will speak.

Topic: "So You Have a Great Business Idea - What Next?"

Description: Starting a business is always fraught with challenges. Starting a business in the pharmaceutical or diagnostic sectors is several orders of magnitude more

complex. Dr. Pasternack has been starting and managing early stage businesses in these sectors since the late 1980's. In describing his journeys and wrong turns, he will provide a vade mecum that will touch on the mixed blessing of venture capital, the ebullient diffidence of investment banking, the kabuki of the FDA, the Machiavelli of the European Medicines Agency, and the inscrutability of the elusive IPO.

Dr Gary Pasternack received his MD and PhD degrees from Johns Hopkins, then moved to Yale for his residency in pathology and postdoctoral training. He was on the full-time faculty in pathology at Johns Hopkins from 1984 to 2005, when he resigned his position to pursue private sector interests. He has served as CEO of Asklepiion Pharmaceuticals since 2008, and is also managing director of the Aliceanna Group, a seed stage fund operated by his business partner, Jeff Courtney, and himself. He maintains an adjunct appointment at Hopkins and amuses himself by attending on the autopsy service several days per month.

Host is Sam Hopkins

Fri., 10-14, 12:30 pm. – Zoom - Current Events Monthly Discussion. Tim Wolf is moderator

Mon., 10-17, 12n – Hybrid Board Meeting

Tues., 10-18: 12:30 pm - Lunch in club with Hybrid Short Story Discussion: Bruce Barnett, host

Sat., 10-22, 6-8 pm - Special Event at Member's Home: Cocktails again at home of Lois Schenck and Todd Meyers

Wed., 10-26, 6:30 pm - In Club Cocktails, Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event: Dr. Jean Fernandez about her book on effect of U.K.'s imperialism on English writers. Speaker is Chair of Dept. of English at UMBC.

Her book is: Geography and the Literary Imagination in Victorian Fictions of Empire: The Poetics of Imperial Space ( Routledge, 2020). It explores how the rise of institutional geography in Victorian England impacted the treatment of space and place in fictions of empire. The study engages with late Victorian fiction by R.L.Stevenson, Olive Schreiner, Joseph Conrad, Winwood Reade, Flora Annie Steel, and Rudyard Kipling.

Mike Franch is host.

Wed., 10-28, 12:30 pm – Zoom only - Luckiest Generation Monthly Discussion. Sam Hopkins, moderator.

Thurs. 11-3, 12:30 pm Lunch in club with Hybrid Book Discussion. Book TBA

Tues., 11-08, 12:30 pm - Lunch in club with Hybrid Short Story Discussion: Bruce Barnett, host (2 nd Tues.)

Wed. 11-09, 6:30 pm - In Club Cocktails, Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event: Frank Barranco will talk about the burden on Baltimore today of having been such an early and major player in the industrial revolution in the U.S. Toxic pollution from the earliest days of that revolution in Baltimore still need remediation today.

Mr. Barranco's career has been at a unique Baltimore engineering firm, EA

Engineering, Science and Technology, Inc. or "EA."  
EA is a 100% employee-owned public benefit corporation that provides environmental, compliance, natural resources, and infrastructure engineering and management solutions to a wide range of public and private sector clients. EA has earned an outstanding reputation for technical expertise, responsive service, and judicious use of client resources.

Host is Frank Pine.

Fri., 11-11, 12:30 pm. – Zoom only - Current Events Monthly Discussion. Tim Wolf is moderator

Mon., 11-14, 12n – Hybrid Board Meeting (2 nd Mon.)

Tues., 11-15: 12:30 pm - Lunch in club with Hybrid Short Story Discussion: Bruce Barnett, host (2 nd Tues.)

Fri. 11-25, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm – Zoom only - Luckiest Generation Monthly Discussion. Sam Hopkins, moderator.

Wed., 11-30, , 6:30 pm - In Club Cocktails, Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event: Dr. Hal Weaver on the JHU APL DART Mission to Protect Our Earth from an Asteroid Disaster

Bruce Barnett is host.

Thurs. 12-1, 12:30 pm - Lunch in club with Hybrid Book Discussion. Book TBA

Fri., 12-9, 12:30 pm. – Zoom only - Current Events Monthly Discussion. Tim Wolf is moderator

Mon., 12-12, 12n – Zoom Board meeting (2 nd Mon.)

Tues., 12-13: 12:30 pm - Lunch in club with Hybrid Short Story Discussion: Bruce Barnett, host (2 nd Tues.)

Wed. 12-14, 6:30 pm - In Club Cocktails, Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event: Mitch Koppelman on the Evolution of News Photography in print journalism.

Mike Franch is host.

Sat., 12-17, 6 pm – In Club Special Event – Holiday Party

Mon., 12-19 – Club closes until Jan. 2

Fri. (last Fri.) , 12-30: 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm– Zoom only - Luckiest Generation Monthly Discussion. Sam Hopkins is moderator.

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Mon., 1-2 – Club opens for New Year

Thurs., 1-5, 12:30 pm – Lunch in club with Hybrid Book Discussion.

Tues., 1-10: 12:30 pm - Lunch in club with Hybrid Short Story Discussion

Bruce Barnett, host

Wed, 1-11-23, 6:30 pm – Cocktails, Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event: George W. Liebmann will speak on of his book, America's Political Inventors: The Lost Art of Legislation.

George is a long time member, retired attorney, and historian specializing in American and international history. He has more than a dozen books to his credit. He graduated from Dartmouth with high honors and was a managing editor of the law review at the University of Chicago. For the past twenty-five years he has frequently been a Visiting Fellow of Wolfson College, Cambridge. George's law office was on Hamilton Street for many years and he and his wife Anne-Lise live on Mount Vernon Place. George is President of the Baltimore Bar Library.

Jim Ulmer is host.

Thurs., 1-19, 12:30 pm – New Hybrid Lunch Event: Brainstorming for an Even Better Club: Meeting of Speaker Events and Special Events Committees with leaders of monthly discussion events and any other members who wish to join in this stimulating exercise to do as a group what it is harder to do alone

Fri., 1-20, 12:30 pm. – Zoom only - Current Events Monthly Discussion. Rich Gardella or Skip Isaacs will be moderator.

Sat., 1-21, 12:30 pm – Special Event – Lunch in Club, followed by visit to exhibit at Walters Museum

Frank Pine will arrange the event. Member, Joaneath Spicer, curator of exhibit will lead tour of it.

Wed., 1-25-23, 6:30 pm - Cocktails, Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event: Dr. Stephen Oppenheimer will give dramatic reading of two of his short stories.

Stephen Oppenheimer first performed readings for us in July. He will return in January by popular demand.

Stephen was born, was educated and pursued a totally uneventful and inauspicious career. He is retired but not retiring. He will read two stories from his collection of short stories. The first continues on board the Queen Mary in 1937 during a winter transatlantic crossing. It explores the lives of two of the six passengers seated with Mr. Pettibone and the Major in the first class dining room. The second story has yet to be decided but will likely come from the next volume of stories.

Bruce Barnett is host

Fri. 1-27 , 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm – Zoom only - Luckiest Generation Monthly Discussion. Sam Hopkins is moderator.

Thurs., 2-2, 12:30 pm – Lunch in club with Hybrid Book Discussion.

Wed, 2-8-23, 6:30 pm – Cocktails, Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event: Dr. Ralph Hruban on his book, "A Scientific Revolution"; The sub-title is "Ten Men and Women

Who Reinvented American Medicine." The underlying theme is that all were at Hopkins

Hospital, most of them in the late 19th century ---people such as Mary Elizabeth Garrett, John Shaw Billings, William H. Welch, William Osler, etc.

Ralph is Chairman of Pathology at JHH.

Steve Achuff is host

Tues., 2-14: 12:30 pm - Lunch in club with Hybrid Short Story Discussion

Bruce Barnett, host

Thurs., 2-16, 12:30 pm – 3 pm – Brainstorming lunch event is moved to 2-23 for this month.

Fri., 2-17, 12:30 pm. – First ever Hybrid Current Events Monthly Discussion. Previously Zoom only. Rich Gardella and Tim Wolf will be moderate. They will be on Zoom and still moderate all who attend. Sam Hopkins will be in club to help moderate as needed.

Wed, 2-22-23, Cocktails, Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event: Rush Loving on his new book, *Fat Boy and the Champagne Salesman: Göring, Ribbentrop, and the Nazi Invasion of Poland*.

The book offers a compelling behind-the-scenes exploration of the road to World War II and the invasion of Poland by the Hitler's Third Reich. Focusing on the personal power plays within Hitler's inner circle, author Rush Loving details the struggle for Hitler's approval, long before the battle for Poland had begun.

David Zoll is host.

Thurs., 2-23, Lunch, 12:30p – 2p – Hybrid Event  
Brainstorming for an Even Better Club.

Peggy Sparr will be our guest at this second monthly Hybrid Lunch Event. Peggy has used brainstorming in the Women's Hamilton St. Club and in her earlier career. For her club she used it for both to increase membership and to help the nominating committee.

Before this event she will brief Sam Hopkins, Jim Ulmer and Lynn Davidson on how she did this.

Then, this month we shall focus the brainstorming on member recruiting and retention, using Peggy's methods.

So, we especially ask all Membership Committee members to attend. We invite Jim Ulmer to moderate. Sam Hopkins will record the brainstorming suggestions.

But, again, all club members are invited to join in this stimulating exercise to do as a group what is harder to do alone.

Fri. 2-24 , 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm – Zoom only - Luckiest Generation Monthly Discussion.  
Sam Hopkins is moderator.

Thurs., 3-2, 12:30 pm – Lunch in club with Hybrid Book Discussion

Wed, 3-8-23, 6:30 pm – Cocktails, Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event: Rob Kamigel about his new memoir on Baltimore in the 1960's.

Robert Kanigel spoke to us in September 2021 on Hearing Homer's Song: The Brief Life and Big Idea of Milman Parry. On Wednesday March 8 he'll be back to talk about



himself, Baltimore in the 1960s, and his search as a young engineer who didn't yet know he was a writer. He describes this in his new book, *Young Man, Muddled*, his well-regarded autobiography and his tenth book. In a review of this book, club member Charles Duff writes, Kanigel "has a marvelous gift of finding interesting characters and using them to reveal the world in which they lived, and which they usually helped shape. In this book, he turns his sights on himself. Writing with revealing honesty and marvelous grace, he uses the story of his own life to illuminate an important moment in American life."

Mike Franch will host

Tues., 3-14: 12:30 pm - Lunch in club with Hybrid Short Story Discussion

Bruce Barnett, host

Fri., 3-17, 12:30 pm. – Hybrid - Current Events Monthly Discussion. Rich Gardella and Tim Wolf will moderate

Wed, 3-22-23, 6:30 pm – Cocktails, Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event: James Bond, President and CEO of Baltimore's Living Classrooms Foundation

TOPIC: LIVING CLASSROOMS—A MAJOR FORCE IN THE TRANSFORMATION OF EAST BALTIMORE AND BEYOND.

Living Classrooms accomplishments under Mr. Bond's energetic leadership are remarkable.

Living Classrooms programming occurs at multiple locations in Baltimore and the National Capital Region which have been developed in collaboration with residents in the surrounding neighborhoods, these include their Community Hubs – the UA House, POWER House, Patterson Park House, in Baltimore, and the James C. Dent House in DC; environmental education campuses that preserve and showcase urban green spaces and serve as outdoor learning laboratories; a public charter middle school; and a fleet of ships including active floating classrooms and stationary historic museum vessels that offer activities in STEM, ecology, and cultural and maritime heritage.

Using a multigenerational approach reaching from young children to senior citizens, Living Classrooms implements community-driven, research-based, best practices that value the priorities and aspirations of the communities, providing hands-on experiential learning opportunities for individuals of all ages through unique learning environments. Living Classrooms also provides Head Start programs and offers nutritional support, and workforce development and job training programs for young people and adults including citizens returning from incarceration.

Its stewardship of historic vessels such as the USS Constellation, USS Torsk, and Chesapeake Lightship have delighted visitors to the Inner Harbor for many years while its development of the Frederick Douglass Isaac Myers Maritime Park have provided a

window into the thriving free black business community in 19th Century Baltimore and its importance to the City's maritime history.

About 20 years ago, Living Classrooms began to replicate its highly successful programs in the Anacostia River basin where it focuses on providing educational,

workforce development and job training services to the residents of District of Columbia Wards 5, 6, 7 and 8.

In partnership with a wide variety of corporations and governmental entities, Living Classrooms Foundation is committed to working with communities, partners, and supporters to ensure every person has access to the programs, skills, resources, and opportunities to succeed and thrive.

Snowden Stanley is host.

Fri. 3-24 , 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm – Hybrid at 12:30 pm; Zoom only at 5:30 pm - Luckiest Generation Monthly Discussion. Sam Hopkins is moderator.

Dr. Gary Hufbauer will be our guest expert to help us understand how lucky our generation has been because of the enormous growth in international trade. Gary is an economist specializing in international trade. He has been a speaker at our club on international trade agreements.

Click on this link for more information about Gary:

<https://www.piie.com/experts/senior-research-staff/gary-clyde-hufbauer>

Thurs., 3-30, Lunch, 12:30p – 2p – Hybrid Event - Brainstorming for an Even Better Club.

We will be brainstorming about communications this month. Share your freewheeling thoughts about the Club website, calendar, weekly Friday NEXT Week email, and any other suggestions that come to mind. Think about whether you would like to know more about whom to call about any suggestions or requests. This brainstorming lunch gives you a chance to present your ideas directly to some board members. Since this is a brainstorming session, there won't be any criticism of the ideas presented. Sam and others on the board will take notes for discussion at a later time.

Thurs., 4-6, 12:30 pm – Lunch in club with Hybrid Book Discussion

Tues., 4-11, 12:30 pm - Lunch in club with Hybrid Short Story Discussion

Bruce Barnett, host

Wed, 4-12, 6:30 pm – Cocktails, Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event: Kristina Gaddy

Uncovering the Banjo's Hidden History

In an extraordinary story unfolding across more than two hundred years, Kristina Gaddy uncovers the banjo's key role in Black spirituality, ritual, and rebellion, establishing it as an instrument born from African American beliefs and traditions. Weaving together the

stories of people who played and observed the banjo, Gaddy follows the instrument from the 17th century, when enslaved people of African descent created it out of gourds and calabashes, to the beginning of Blackface Minstrelsy and the instrument's appropriation by white Americans. Using the few remaining early banjos, portrayals in art, and the diaries, letters, and accounts of European and white Americans, she reveals a landscape of African American music, dance, and religion from which the banjo was born as a spiritual device. She will illustrate some of these themes with on a

banjo (and maybe banjos). Mike Franch will host.

Kristina R. Gaddy is the author of *Well of Souls: Uncovering the Banjo's Hidden History* (W.W. Norton & Co., 1922) and *Flowers in the Gutter: The True Story of the Edelweiss Pirates, Teenagers Who Resisted the Nazis*. She has received the Parsons Fund Award from the Library of Congress, a Logan Nonfiction Fellowship, and a Robert W. Deutsch Foundation Rubys Artist Grant. Her writing has appeared in *The Washington Post*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Washington City Paper*, *Baltimore magazine*, and other publications. She lives in Baltimore in the Waverly neighborhood with her partner Pete Ross and their cat. She graduated from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County with degrees in History and Modern Languages (German and Spanish) and holds an MFA in Nonfiction Writing from Goucher College. She is also a weaver and fiddle and banjo player.

Mike Franch is host.

Fri., 4-14 (exception to 3rd Fri.), 12:30 pm. – Lunch in club with Hybrid Event - Current Events Monthly Discussion. Rich Gardella and Tim Wolf will moderate

Wed., 4-19, 12:30p – Lunch in club with Hybrid Event - Brainstorming for an Even Better Club.

Fri., 4-21, 12:30 pm – Lunch with Hybrid Speaker Event: Carol Graham will speak on her many years of research and writing on Happiness, Hope, and Despair in Economics

Carol Graham is Interim Vice President and Director of Economic Studies at Brookings, College Park Professor at the University of Maryland, and a Gallup Senior Scientist. More information about Carol is below the following explanation of what she will talk about.

We live in increasingly polarized and unequal societies, not only when it comes to incomes and opportunities but also in terms of how people feel about their lives. Why should economists and other social scientists care about how people feel? Feelings of subjective well-being, such as happiness and life satisfaction and hope, have become important metrics in these disciplines because they predict health, productivity, and labor market outcomes, among other things.

Carol's most recent book is about the importance of hope, and why we should consider it an additional independent dimension of well-being. Hope, which is in part genetically determined and in part shaped by the environments that individuals develop in, is perhaps the most important dimension of well-being for future outcomes. We have been tracking trends in hope as a key factor in understanding the rising numbers of "deaths of despair" and premature mortality in the United States; mental health concerns have since been highlighted by COVID. We use well-being metrics to track warning indicators of despair in the U.S. and beyond. We also have conducted surveys of hope among low-income adolescents in Peru and in Missouri, and the implications of those findings for the futures of those young adults. We are also exploring the extent to which lessons from well-being research as well as from other disciplines can provide strategies for restoring hope in populations where it has been lost, and why doing so matters to our society's health, well-being, civil society, and even national security.

Now for more about Prof. Graham. She has served on a National Academy of Sciences panel on well-being metrics in 2012-13, received Pioneer Awards from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in 2017 and 2021, and a Lifetime Distinguished Scholar award from the International Society of Quality of Life Studies (2018).

She has served as a Vice President at Brookings, as Special Advisor to the Inter-American Development Bank, Visiting Fellow at the World Bank, and consultant to the IMF.

Her most recent books (published in several languages) are: *The Power of Hope: How Wellbeing Science Can Save us from Despair* (Princeton, 2023); *Happiness for All? Unequal Hopes and Lives in Pursuit of the American Dream* (Princeton, 2017); *The Pursuit of Happiness* (Brookings, 2011); and *Happiness around the World: The Paradox of Happy Peasants and Miserable Millionaires* (Oxford, 2010).

She has published articles in journals including *Science*, *Social Science and Medicine*, the *Journal of Population Economics*, *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, *World Bank Research Observer*; *Health Affairs*, *Health Economics*; the *Journal of Development Studies*; the *Journal of Human Development*; and the *Journal of Economic Literature*; and her work has been reviewed in *Science*, the *New Yorker*, and the *New York Review of Books*, among others, and is senior editor at *Behavioral Science and Policy*. She has an A.B. from Princeton, an M.A. from Johns Hopkins, a D.Phil from Oxford, and three beautiful children.

### Sam

Hopkins is host

Wed, 4-26-23, 6:30 pm – Cocktails, Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event: E. Evans Paull, a retired city planner and author of the highly-praised 2022 book *Stop the Road: Stories from the Trenches of Baltimore's Road Wars*.

The book takes us from Robert Moses's 1940s plan to put a freeway almost in the club's

backyard through the battle to stop running roads across Federal Hill, the Inner Harbor, and Fells' Point, and the construction of the "highway to nowhere" in West Baltimore.

The battle changed the physical and political landscape of Baltimore. Barbara Mikulski

came to prominence as one of the voices against the road. The author conducted extensive interviews, including with club members Charlie Duff, David Gleason, and the late Jack Lapidus.

Evans Paull spent 45 years as a city planner, working in Baltimore and nationally on urban redevelopment issues, and particularly on the redevelopment of brownfields. He lives in Northwest Baltimore. Mike Franch is host.

Fri. 4-28, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm – Hybrid at 12:30 pm; Zoom only at 5:30 pm - Luckiest Generation Monthly Discussion. Sam Hopkins is moderator.

Thurs., 5-4, 12:30 pm – Lunch in club with Hybrid Book Discussion

Tues., 5-9: 12:30 pm - Lunch in club with Hybrid Short Story Discussion

Bruce Barnett, host

Wed, 5-10-23, 6:30 pm – Cocktails, Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event:  
Dr. Kellogg J. Schwab on the history and current status of the Baltimore City water system.

Dr. Schwab is the Abel Wolman Professor in Water and Public Health with dual appointments at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health and the Whiting School of Engineering Department of Environmental Health and Engineering.

Snowden Stanley is host.

Wed. 5-17, 12:30 pm. – Hybrid - Current Events Monthly Discussion. Rich Gardella and Tim Wolf will moderate. (moved from 5-19 to allow more time on 5-19 for Garden Party preparation)

Sat., 5-20, 4-6 pm – Spring Garden Party and Annual Meeting Event: At parish hall and garden of St. Christopher's by the Sea Church at Gibson Island, MD

Note: A second speaker event in May is not scheduled because of proximity of 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of month to both the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of month Garden Party and Memorial Day weekend (May 27-29)

Wed., 5-24, 12:30 pm – Hybrid – Brainstorming for an Even Better Club. Sam Hopkins will moderate.

Topic: Events Outside the Clubhouse, including but not limited to:

- \* Critique of Past Events, e.g., cocktail parties, exhibitions at Walters Museum, Garden Parties, walking tours of historic sights,

Birthday Party for Johns Hopkins at Clifton Mansion

- \* Imagining other events like

- \* Other day trips, two day trips, and even one week trips

- \* Trips that use hiking, biking, boats, buses or ski lifts

We shall start with this topic but, again, not be limited to it. After all, this is brainstorming!!

Fri. 5-26 , 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm – Hybrid at 12:30 pm; Zoom only at 5:30 pm - Luckiest Generation Monthly Discussion. Sam Hopkins is moderator.

We shall discuss how inducing feelings of "gratitude" and "wonder" have been found

to have great value for mental health. This is relevant to our discussion. The fundamental purpose of steadily, month after month, increasing our understanding of how lucky we are compared to civilizations 200 and even 20 years ago should induce the recommended emotions of both gratitude and wonder. Here are a book and an article about the very new findings on the value of "wonder."

Here is the link to the Amazon page for the book.

<https://www.amazon.com/Power-Wonder-Extraordinary-Emotion->

[Change/dp/0593419367/ref=tmm\\_hrd\\_swatch\\_0?\\_encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=](https://www.fastcompany.com/90885111/focusing-happiness-make-you-unhappy-do-this-instead)

Here is a link to an article about the book and the author:

<https://www.fastcompany.com/90885111/focusing-happiness-make-you-unhappy-do-this-instead>

The article finds the word, &quot;Wonder&quot; to be the best word for describing the state of being

that we are seeking to create I am trying to create (among others) in these discussions.

The understanding of the benefits of feeling gratitude is much older of course. Just Google &quot;the benefits of feeling gratitude&quot; for many good articles. Here is a link to one

from Harvard.

<https://www.health.harvard.edu/healthbeat/giving-thanks-can-make-you-happier>

Here is another from the Mayo Clinic:

<https://www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org/hometown-health/speaking-of-health/can-expressing-gratitude-improve-health>

Thurs., 6-1, 12:30 pm – Lunch in club with Hybrid Book Discussion

Mon.-Sat., 6-5 through 6-11: Club closed for spring vacation of staff

Sun., 6-11, Boating Event for 20 members and 2 guest at Gibson Island and Magothy River

Tues., 6-13: 12:30 pm - Lunch in club with Hybrid Short Story Discussion

Bruce Barnett, host

Wed., 6-14, 2 nd Wed. speaker event was moved to 6-7 because 6-17 event is so close to 6-17 Mint Julep Party.

But then 6-7 had to be cancelled because travel plans had already been made for some staff to be on vacation from club on 6-7. So, a day trip to NYC is offered, requiring no staff to be in club.

Wed., 6-14, 12:30 pm. – Hybrid - Current Events Monthly Discussion. Rich Gardella and Tim Wolf will moderate.

Sat., 6-17, 4-6 pm – Mint Julep Party: At home of David and Robin Zoll

Wed., 6-21, 12:30 pm – Hybrid Lunch – Brainstorming for an Even Better Club.

--for whomever did not signup in March for the exciting new NYC daytrip special event that is described next.

Sam Hopkins will moderate

Wed., 6-21 – Day Trip by bus to NYC to see Sweeny Todd musical. Organizer is Lois Schenck. Reservations had to be made in March or 1 st week of April

Fri. 6-23 , 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm – Hybrid at 12:30 pm; Zoom only at 5:30 pm - Luckiest Generation Monthly Discussion. Sam Hopkins is moderator.

Wed, 6-28, 6:30 pm – Cocktails, Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event:

Speaker: Betty Loafmann, President of Renaissance Institute

Topic: The Renaissance Institute and the importance of “Life Long Learning”

Thurs., 7-6, 12:30 pm – Lunch in club with Hybrid Book Discussion

Tues., 7-11: 12:30 pm - Lunch in club with Hybrid Short Story Discussion

Bruce Barnett, host

Wed., 7-12, 6:30 pm – Cocktails, Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event:

Speaker: Heidi Schreiber-Pan, Ph.D., LCPC, is the clinical director at Chesapeake Mental Health Collaborative and founder of the newly launched Center for Nature Informed Therapy.

Topic: Nature-Based Mental Health

Nature-based mental health explores nature-based methods of psychological healing, grounded in the belief that nature has profound mental health effects specifically for anxiety and stress-related mental health challenges. This topic is particularly relevant as many individuals struggle with an uptick in anxiety in the aftermath of the Covid-19 epidemic.

Both Chesapeake Mental Health Collaborative and the Center for Nature Informed Therapy are located at 1010 Dulany Valley Road Towson, MD 21204

More about the Speaker:

Dr. Schreiber-Pan is a licensed professional counselor and board-approved supervisor. Her clinical specialization in the treatment of anxiety disorders, PTSD, OCD, stress reduction, and occupational burnout has made her a sought-after international speaker.

As an affiliate and former faculty member of Loyola University, Maryland, her past research has focused on resiliency, psychological well-being, and nature-informed therapy.

Dr. Schreiber-Pan has worked with various organizations, schools, and corporations to reduce stress on a communal level and to increase organizational well-being through training in positive psychology as well as the integration of nature into mental health. She is the author of the successful self-help book: Taming the Anxious Mind. Her new book The Outside Within: Stories of Nature's Role in Psychological Well-being was just published in April of 2023.

Links for more information:

Center for Nature Informed Therapy

<https://www.cmhcweb.com/about>

Heidi Schreiber-Pan, Ph.D., LCPC

Sam Hopkins and Frank Pine are hosts

Wed., 7-19, 12:30 - 2 pm – Lunch in club & Hybrid Event: “Assessment of Our 6 Months of Brainstorming for an Even Better Club.”

This will be our first “Assessment of Our Brainstorming” lunch, rather than pure Brainstorming itself.

Josh Ewen will report on his assessment of the 6 monthly Brainstorming sessions and his recommendations for what to report and recommend to the Board of Directors at

their September meeting.

Josh will do this in part by examining the notes taken on these 6 sessions.

Then, we shall discuss Josh's recommendations and welcome others from attendees.

All attendees who have made reservations or who are joining by Zoom will receive before July 19 a copy of these same notes on the first 6 sessions. So, this event will be a discussion event, not a brainstorming event.

Please call Sam Hopkins, if you have any questions or suggestions. 410 935 8540.

Sam Hopkins and Josh Ewen, Moderators.

Fri., 7-21, 12:30 pm. – Hybrid - Current Events Monthly Discussion. Rich Gardella and Tim Wolf will moderate.

Wed, 7-26, 6:30 pm – Cocktails, Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event: Jack Gohn will do a presentation based on his book, What I Was Listening To When.

The book is dedicated to the proposition that the music that you were listening to at moments when important things happened to you evokes the moments, and the moments evoke the music. In a series of short essays, therefore, my book presents pairs of moments (candidly recalled) and music, mostly songs, (thoughtfully discussed). There are accompanying free, publicly available playlists, in both Spotify and YouTube. When I do a reading, it's a multimedia experience, including slides and videos, and clips from the songs discussed.

Mike Franch is host.

Fri. 7-28 , 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm – Hybrid at 12:30 pm; Zoom only at 5:30 pm - Luckiest Generation Monthly Discussion. Topic will be explosive increase in leisure activities and related mobility increases during our lifetimes, like all kinds of travel for pleasure. We shall reminisce with each other.

Sam Hopkins is moderator.

8-1 through 8-31: The club is closed and no Zoom events occur.

Sat., 9-9, 6:30 pm cocktails; 7 pm buffet dinner, and 8 pm speaker, This resumes the annual dinner we do jointly with H.L. Mencken Society. The speaker will be Michael Downs, who gave the Pratt Mencken lecture a few years ago and teaches creative and non-fiction writing at Towson. Prof. Downs will soon publish a piece in the LA Times on Mencken and his current relevance to the country.

Wed. 9-13, 12:30 pm lunch at club

2 pm: Visit Emmanuel Church for guide tour of new art exhibit

Wed., 9-13, 6:30 pm -- Cocktails, Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event: REPLACED just this month by the New Members Party. See next item

Sat., 9-16: 6-8 pm - In Club Special Event: New Members Party. "New Members" are all who joined since the last party in 2022.

Fri., 9-22: 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. -- Hybrid Event -- Current Events Discussion  
Tim Wolf will Host

Wed., 9-27, 6:30 pm -- Cocktails, Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event:



Rick Striner, a club member and past speaker at the club, will talk about his new book on Dwight Eisenhower, titled *Ike in Love and War*.

Rick is a retired professor of history at Washington College and author of many books of history.

The book will Shed Light on Eisenhower's Personal Conflicts and How He Overcame them to Achieve Greatness.

Behind the demeanor that made Dwight D. Eisenhower so popular was a cold-as-steel intelligence that kept his country prosperous and out of danger. Because his operating methods were so deeply hidden, it is only in the past few decades that historians have grasped the full extent of his achievements.

*Ike in Love and War* shows the hidden sacrifices that made Eisenhower remarkable. It probes the mission that was driving him: the quest to reconcile his skill as a fighter with his mother's pacifism, which led him to become the greatest peacekeeper of his age. It also probes his haunted quest for love. Perhaps his greatest sacrifice was leaving the woman

who was probably the love of his life, thus making him one of the great tragic heroes in our history.

Bernie Shiffman is host.

Fri., 9-29: Luckiest Generation discussion

12:30 – 2 pm - Hybrid lunch event

5:30 – 6:30 pm – Zoom only

Thurs., 10-05, 12:30 – 2 pm – Hybrid Event – Book discussion

Sat., 10-07, 10:30 am – Guided Tour of Jim Henson exhibit at MCHS

12:30 pm – Lunch at club to discuss the exhibit

Tues., 10-10, 12:30 – 2 pm – Hybrid lunch event – Short Story Discussion

Wed., 10-11, 6:30 pm – Cocktails, Dinner 7 pm, and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event: John Emond, club member, will speak about Northern Ireland At The Crossroads: Lessons For the United States.

This will cover last year's general election and the crossroads which is Northern Ireland. For the first time in the century-long existence of Northern Ireland (1921 to the present), the predominantly Catholic, Nationalist Sinn Fein party became the lead political party in Northern Ireland as a result of the election. This presentation briefly provides visual background to the "Troubles"; as seen in "Return To Derry"; covers the

May 2022 election and its results; and underscores both the positive evolution in Northern Ireland from the days of "bombs, bullets and British Army"; yet still recognizes

the challenges that are still quite evident including the aftermath of "Brexit"; and the "Irish

Sea Border". This presentation would also provide some comparison between the election that took place last May particularly in Derry, and our own recent election history.

Jim Ulmer is host.

Wed., 10-18, 12:30 – 2 pm – Hybrid lunch event – Good Ole Days with Jacques Kelly

Fri., 10-20, 12:30 – 2 pm – Hybrid lunch event – Current Events Discussion

Wed., 10-25, 6:30 pm Cocktails, 7 pm Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event:

Speaker is Gus Russo, musician, composer, and writer

Topic: Why the Writers and Actors Strike Is So Important to Understand

How the digital revolution with computers, audio and then video recording, cable TV, the internet, and now web based streaming of audio and video have created new professional careers and then destroyed them, and how this is happening at this very moment in Hollywood.

More About the Speaker: For over 20 years, Gus was a professional musician, instructor, and composer.

He has since written ten books (nine non-fiction), and reported or co-produced a dozen feature documentary specials for all the major networks here and abroad.

He has had dozens of Hollywood film options for his books and screenplays.

Thus, he has had a front row seat to the immense changes that have occurred in the creative arts as a result of computers and the Internet.

As a result, musicians, authors, and filmmakers have undergone a sea change in their ways of life, a change that is largely unknown to the public.

This sea change will be the focus of his presentation.

Sam Hopkins is host.

Fri., 10-27, 12:30 – 2 pm – Hybrid event – Luckiest Generation discussion

Thurs., 11-2, 12:30 – 2 pm – Hybrid event – Book discussion

Wed., 11-8, 6:30 pm Cocktails, 7 pm Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event:

Jack Gerbes will speak about “Baltimore in the Movies.” This is part of the clubs “YOUR BALTIMORE” series.

Jack Gerbes is Director of the Maryland Film Office. He will talk about, and show film clips of the many movies and television series that were filmed in the City of Baltimore, including the various films of John Waters and Barry Levinson, Ladder 49, Enemy of the State, Runaway Bride, 12 Monkeys, the Accidental Tourist, House of Cards, the Wire and many others, and how the Maryland Film Commission helped to bring them to life, from scouting locations and providing financial incentives to closing I-95 to blow up a nearby building for real.

Hosted by Peggy Israel.

Tues., 11-14, 12:30 - 2 pm – Hybrid event - Short Story discussion

Fri., 11-17, 12:30 – 2 pm – Hybrid event – Current Events discussion

Wed., 11-29, 12:30 – 2 pm – Hybrid event – Meet a Member

Fri., 12-01, 12:30 – 2 pm – Hybrid event – Luckiest Generation discussion

Wed., 12-06, 6:30 pm Cocktails, 7 pm Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event:

Speaker TBA

(exception to usual 2 nd Wednesday date?)

Thurs., 12-07, 12:30-2 pm – Hybrid book discussion

Tues., 12-12, 12:30-2 pm – Hybrid short story discussion

Fri., 12-15, 12:30-2 pm hybrid discussion event for Current Events

Sat., 12-16, 6-8 pm – Holiday Party at club – cocktails and buffet.

Club closes after this party and does not reopen until after New Year's Day

The following two monthly events are cancelled because the club is closed:

Cancelled: Wed., 12-20, 12:30-2 pm hybrid discussion event for TBA

Cancelled: Fri., 12-22, 12:30-2 pm hybrid discussion event for "Luckiest Generation."  
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Postponed to 2024 with date not yet determined:

Wed., 6:30 pm Cocktails, 7 pm Dinner, and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event:

Stan Mazaroff about his long research and unique article about

"Saint Jerome, Pope Nicholas V and the remarkably studious Italian painting that brought them together in 1451"

Sam Hopkins is host.

Wed. 02-14, 6:30 pm – Cocktails, Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event:

Mike Johnson, retired history professor at Johns Hopkins University, on his new book:

"Lincoln, Slavery and the Civil War"

Host is Bruce Barnett