

## **HSC Schedule of Speaker and Special Events for Sept 2022 through July, 2023**

This is constantly updated & corrected during this 11 month period  
Past events are NOT deleted as they are in weekly emails.  
Date of this update is Oct. 15, 2022

**Note: There will be four discussion events each month. But as of this update, they are not entered in this schedule beyond Dec., 2022**

**Note 2: This Schedule does not include the lunches in the club that have no special attraction or the Noon Zooms that are offered as a substitute to members who cannot visit the club in person.**

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 Asklepion 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

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

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

Mon., **11-21**, 12n – Hybrid Board Meeting

Fri. **11-25**, 12:30 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

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

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

Wed. **12-14**, 6:30 pm - In Club Cocktails, Dinner and 8 pm Hybrid Speaker Event: Mitch Koppleman 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 – Zoom **only** - Luckiest Generation Monthly Discussion. Sam Hopkins, moderator.

Mon., **1-2** – Club opens for New Year

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 W. Liebmann is an historian and lawyer specializing in American and international history, with 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.

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.

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.