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Dear Fellow Phi Beta Kappa Member:

I hope this letter finds your New Year off to a successful and prosperous start! We here at the Cleveland Association of Phi Beta Kappa have a number of reasons to be excited this year, our 60th year of service, and I want to take a few moments to tell you why.

An Evening at The Kalliope Stage Theatre

For the third time in the past two years, Cleveland PBK is teaming up with our friends at the Kalliope Stage to host a member night out. Please mark your calendars for **Friday, March 9, 2007** when the troupe at Kalliope will be performing *Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris* exclusively for PBK members. The event will be catered and we will have the opportunity to mingle with the cast after the show. Details on how to order tickets are enclosed with this letter. I encourage all of you to come out and see the fantastic production Kalliope Stage puts on! As always, your continued support of our great cause, in heart and in deed, is appreciated and needed.

The 2007 Scholastic Awards Banquet

As I write this, we are again busy planning this year's Annual Scholastic Awards Banquet, and are working hard to foster the Association's long-term prosperity. Here are brief highlights about what we have been doing:

The 2007 Banquet will be held on **Sunday, May 6, 2007** at Executive Caterers of Landerhaven. Our keynote speaker will be former US Ambassador to Norway, and fellow PBK member, John D. Ong. At these annual banquets, the Cleveland Association of Phi Beta Kappa honors outstanding seniors from about 120 Northeast Ohio high schools with a Phi Beta Kappa Award. One graduating senior from each school is selected from the top ten percent of the class. The winners demonstrate qualities of academic honesty, inquiry into scholarship matters beyond assignments and requirements, a creative involvement in scholarship, and a great interest in things of the mind. Emphasis is placed on students who contribute to the "intellectual environment" of their community. Extracurricular activities are taken

into account as well. Winners and their families, teachers, and counselors are invited to join us at the Banquet.

Last Year's Banquet

Last year's Banquet at Landerhaven featured Jason Kamras, the 2005 National Teacher of the Year, who gave a truly memorable address to the Award winners and their guests. We also awarded two scholarships:

- A \$1,000 scholarship, renewable for four years, to Aaron Quarles of St. Edward's High School in Lakewood, OH.
- A \$500 PBK 1-year scholarship, sponsored by Jones Day, to Brian Michal of Brecksville/Broadview Heights High School.

Additionally, working in partnership with the City Club of Cleveland, we arranged for Mr. Kamras to participate in a City Club Forum along with fellow teachers in Northeast Ohio. This event was an important milestone for Cleveland PBK in that it represented a major attempt to broaden our community reach by working with other organizations in the area. Hopefully you will see us doing more of this sort of thing in the future.

Please be sure to visit our website (www.pbkcleveland.org) to learn more about our past and future events. And thank you in advance for your 2006-2007 Cleveland PBK membership dues and contributions. A response form is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Matthew Ottaway

President
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