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Dear PBKACA Key Holder,

If you appreciate everything you receive from the Phi Beta Kappa Association of the Chicago Area, this is the opportunity to show it by renewing your membership. Annual dues payments provide the bulk of our operating funds. This money keeps the association going and enables it to offer all the events you enjoy: the annual dinner, meetings for young professionals, book group, neighborhood tours, visits to cultural events, and other trailblazing programs.

Remember that PBKACA is a 501(c)(3) organization, so all of your contributions are tax deductible. You might also remember that we recently switched over to an electronic membership system. Perhaps your membership has lapsed and we are still trying to catch up with you, or perhaps you are one of those who opted last year to continue receiving paper membership forms. If so, we are still here to make it convenient for you; enclosed you will find a paper form to fill in and mail out with your dues payment.

However, we encourage you to leave paper behind. Our website allows you to easily renew a membership, make a donation, and register and pay for events. PBKACA has shifted to an electronic member data system, and you can help us and the planet by not filling out a paper form and not writing a check. Instead, log in at pbkaca.org, make sure your contact information is current (in particular your email address), click a button to pay your dues through PayPal using your own credit card, and receive a receipt within seconds. If you had an active membership within the last few years, you already have a partial profile on the website. If you need help with logging in or PayPal, email our webmaster at webmaster@pbkaca.org. In fact, you can take full advantage of the database by logging in through the Wild Apricot member portal at pbkaca.wildapricot.org.

Using the online system helps everyone. You save time because you don't have to write checks, take letters to the post office, or wait for a receipt. PBKACA saves a considerable amount on postage, which means more money for programs, and it saves volunteer time that can be used to further the organization's goals.

Very truly yours,

John C. Ashton
President, PBKACA