

# WILLIAMS CLUB

## FEBRUARY 2000

# NEWSLETTER

## WILLIAMS CONVERSATIONS

### Coach Carl Samuelson

#### Reception and Buffet Dinner

Wednesday, February 16th

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Price is \$15 for members, \$25 for non-members and guests.

Join beloved Williams swimming coach Carl Samuelson for a night to be remembered. Beyond achieving a truly remarkable and distinguished coaching record during his 32 seasons as Head Coach of the "Williams Swimming Family," Coach Sam and his wife Nancy are responsible for the even more exemplary and impressive accomplishment of positively influencing the lives of the athletes fortunate enough to be on their team. The many testimonials from alumni/ae who were swimmers during their time at Williams speak to the effectiveness of Coach Sam's leadership and philosophy in teaching them the valuable lessons from their experiences that continue to apply to and shape their lives today.

Coach Samuelson earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Springfield College in 1957 and his master's degree in 1964 while a graduate assistant coach there. During this time, he started a swim team at nearby Suffield Academy and continued to serve as freshman coach at Springfield before coming to Williams in 1966 to succeed Coach Bob Muir. At Coach Sam's retirement this May, Williams' Olympic-size pool will be dedicated in the names of both men as a fitting tribute to their successful careers as coaches and mentors.



*Coach Sam and members of last year's team.*

## LECTURES

### Edward Stein '87

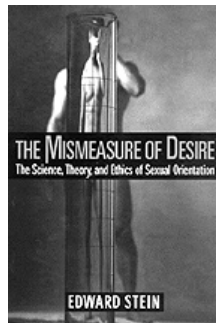
#### "The Mismeasure of Desire: The Science, Theory and Ethics of Sexual Orientation"

Thursday, February 24th

6:00 PM Reception, 6:30 PM Lecture

Price is gratis for members, \$15 for guests.

Ed Stein '87 will talk about his new book, which is a detailed discussion of current thinking about sexual orientations, what they are, how they develop, and why it matters. His book, *The Mismeasure of Desire: The Science, Theory and Ethics of Sexual Orientation*, is the first comprehensive analysis of scientific research on sexual orientation, its theoretical underpinnings, and its legal and ethical implications. Scientific research and popular opinion favor the idea that sexual orientations are determined at birth, but he argues that this claim, along with much of what we think we know about the origins of sexual orientation, is probably wrong. He uses an interdisciplinary approach towards a range of socially, politically, and scientifically significant topics. The result is an accessible and contentious book that pushes readers to question their assumptions about human sexuality. In the aftermath of the brutal killing of Matthew Shepard and in the wake of several important court cases concerning lesbian and gay rights, his work provides a unique foundation for thinking about sexual orientation and the panoply of issues related to it.



Mr. Stein holds a B.A. in philosophy with highest honors from Williams, earned his Ph.D. in philosophy from M.I.T. in 1992 and is expected to receive a J.D. from Yale Law School in 2000. He has taught philosophy and lesbian and gay studies for six years at New York University, NYU Law School, Yale, Williams College and Mount Holyoke College. For more information on the book, please visit Mr. Stein's website at: <http://go.to/mismeasure>.

## Sweater Drive a Success!

Thank you to all of our members who were able to donate to the Holiday Sweater Drive. The Williams Club topped all other clubs with donations that have shown a number of unfortunate people some unexpected kindness during the holiday season. Thank you for opening your hearts to those in need.

## MET Lectures

### Abraham Lincoln in the Graphic Arts

Friday, February 11th at 6:00 PM

Price is \$20 per person.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art (Fifth Ave. at 83rd St.)

An illustrated lecture by Harold Holzer examines a popular hero as he was seen in popular prints - the engravings and lithographs of Abraham Lincoln that decorated American homes in the Civil War era. These prints introduced, celebrated, and deified the prairie politician who became a national saint, and they became domestic icons that testified to the devotion of his admirers.

## Champagne and Chamber Music

Friday, February 4th

Concert at 8:00 PM

Price is \$38 (all-inclusive).

Alice Tully Hall (65th Street & Broadway @ Lincoln Center)

The period from the early 1920s to the end of World War II was a time of great upheaval, with freedom-seeking musicians and composers "changing countries more often than shoes," according to Bertholt Brecht. The concerts and companion lectures in the series, Musical Evolutions II: Crisis and Creativity (1922-1945), offer a fascinating look at the seminal music and ideas of this turbulent era.

Tonight's program focuses on The American Scene, celebrating the quintessentially American music of Copland, Barber, and others with acclaimed singers Mary Nessinger, mezzo-soprano, Jerry Hadley, tenor, the Orion String Quartet and Jeffrey Swann, pianist. The concert will be followed by a Champagne Veuve Clicquot party with live jazz at the nearby Reebok Sports Club/NY.

To take advantage of this special offer, please RSVP with The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center by Wednesday, February 2nd at (212) 875-5788. When calling, identify yourself as a Williams Club member and be prepared to make payment with your credit card. Reserved tickets will be held at the Patrons Table in the lobby (no acknowledgement is sent). Tickets are limited, non-refundable and will not be sold at the door.

## Millennium Movie: The Graduate

Friday, February 11th at 6:30 PM

Price is \$10 plus tax and gratuity reserved by February 10th, \$17 at the door (cash only)

The Cornell Club (6 East 44th Street)



Start the Valentine's weekend off with a different kind of love story. Mike Nichols won an academy award for his direction of this touching, funny, unsettling and unforgettable release about a young man (Dustin Hoffman) attempting to chart his future and develop his own set of values. He falls in love with Katherine Ross, but finds himself seduced by her wily, sexy mother, Mrs. Robinson (Anne Bancroft). Don't forget the superb soundtrack with music by Simon and Garfunkel. Enjoy a themed dinner and movie with a cash bar available for beer and wine.

## Cooking with Williams Club

### Executive Chef Christopher James

Wednesday, February 23rd

Cooking begins at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM

Price is \$50 per person plus tax and surcharge.

Come and experience the thrill of cooking in a professional kitchen and learn how to prepare some of the Williams Club's Classic dishes. Unlike a traditional cooking class, you will witness the kitchen in full service while rubbing elbows with the rest of the crew while helping to prepare tonight's meal. The Chef will explain and demonstrate different aspects of the production of the menu that will be enjoyed later in the Oakley Room. After tonight, you will hopefully walk away with the ability to produce some of your favorite Club items in your own home. Recipes cards, torques, aprons and wine will be provided for your cooking pleasure. Please dress comfortably so as not to get too hot in the kitchen.

## Meet Theo Theoharis

Saturday, February 26th at 2:00 PM

Price is gratis.

The Harvard Club (27 West 44th Street)

Theo Theoharis, Editor of the Boston Book Review, will speak on the value of artistic emotions. He will also speak about editing a leading literary and cultural journal. His new translation of the complete poetic works of the noted Greek poet Constantine P. Cavafy, will be published in 2001. He is also the author of books on Joyce and Ibsen.

## Going to the Movies? Why pay full price?

The Williams Club offers discounted ticket vouchers which can be used at any Loews, Cineplex Odeon, Sony, Magic Johnson, Star, Sony Imax and Loews Imax Theater throughout the country! The tickets are good anytime, including holidays, weekends, and even opening night. These Loews Galaxy Ticket vouchers are only \$7.50! Call the Williams Club Program Manager, Rich von Bargen at (212) 697-5300 x204. We'll send you the vouchers (or leave them for you to pick up) and charge it to your Club account. A great deal!

## CANCELLATION POLICY

In order to ensure equitable service for all Club members, the Williams Club adheres to the following policy regarding cancellations. Event reservations may be canceled, free of charge by 5:00 PM, two working days prior to the event. Members cancelling after this time, as well as no-shows, will be charged the full cost of the event. Out of house ticketed events are non-cancelable. Advanced cancellations for free events are also appreciated. See individual event descriptions for

## SOCIAL

### Valentine's Day Williams Club Members Cocktail Hour

Monday, February 14th  
From 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Price is gratis.

The Chef's "Aphrodisiacs' Buffet" will include the Williams Raw Seafood Bar; Oysters Florentine, Baked Clams, Cold Poached Salmon, Brie en Croûte and Viagra substitutes. The Dessert Station will have Chocolate Dipped Fruits, Petits Fours, Truffles, Cookies and Sabayon. As always, drinks are at Happy Hour prices and the bar will be stocked with all kinds of love potions. We hope that you will make the Williams Club a part of your Valentine's Day festivities. A special invitation is extended to all new Club members. Reservations recommended.

## INTERCLUB SCENE

### Pre-Valentine's Day Mixer

Thursday, February 10th from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM  
Price is \$35 plus tax and gratuity,  
\$40 at the door with membership card.  
Price includes cash bar for cocktails, complimentary wine,  
beer and Valentine punch.  
The Penn Club (30 West 44th Street)

Perched in the clouds, way up above  
Cupid is ready for the big day of love  
His arrow takes aim, and you're in his sight  
You're struck with an invite to this special night  
Of dancing and music and friends and hors d'oeuvres  
If you don't have a date, then get up the nerve!  
All Ivy's are welcome, so give us a call  
We promise one thing - a good time for all

### From "My Boyfriend's Back" To "Baby Come Back": A Baby Boomer Singles Dinner Party

Thursday, February 17th at 6:30 PM  
Price is \$40 per person or \$70 per co-ed pair plus tax and gratuity.  
RSVP by 12 Noon on Tuesday, February 15th.  
The Columbia Club (15 West 43rd Street)

Do you remember what the number one song was your freshman year in college? Was it "It's My Party?" "Mrs. Robinson?" "Bad, Bad, Leroy Brown?" "Stayin' Alive?" If you remember these songs and all the hits recorded in the years in between, join fellow members from the Ivy League Clubs and their guests for a Singles Dinner Party. We'll start with a cash-bar cocktail hour, followed by a full three-course dinner. The seating will change with each course to guarantee you meet the maximum number of people. All evening we'll play the songs you remember from that era (and some you've probably forgotten). At the end of the night, we will send some lucky winners home with fabulous door prizes. In order to ensure an equal number of men and women, we are asking each person to invite a friend of the opposite sex to join him or her for dinner. (You know that friend you've always wanted to set up? Here's your chance.)

## CAREERS & BUSINESS

### Williams Club Business Salon Lloyd Kaufman, "All I Need to Know About Business I Learned from Making The Toxic Avenger, Tromeo and Juliet, and

### Big Gus - What's the Fuss?"

Thursday, February 10th  
Reception at 7:30 PM, Program at 8:00 PM  
Price is \$15 for members, \$30 for guests.

Lloyd Kaufman is the CEO of Troma Pictures, one of the nation's largest and most successful independent film studios. He graduated from Yale University in 1969, and together with Michael Herz founded Troma Studios in the early 1970s. Under Mr. Kaufman's direction, Troma has produced hundreds of films -- most notably the Toxic Avenger series. He has been honored at the San Sebastian Film Festival, the British Film Festival, the American Cinematheque, the Tokyo Film Festival, the Roma Fanta Festival and the Raindance Film Festival, among others. Mr. Kaufman is the author of the 1998 book, All I Need to Know About Filmmaking I Learned From The Toxic Avenger. He is the father of three daughters and serves on the Board of Trustees of the American Film Marketing Association and Trinity School. His wife of 25 years, Patricia, is the New York State Film Commissioner.

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

### What are your interests?

Currently the Williams Club has Special Interest Groups devoted to Bridge, Art, and a Book Group. If you'd like to join any of these (the level of commitment is always up to you), please contact Rich von Barga at (212) 697-5300 x204 or via email at [programs@williamsclub.org](mailto:programs@williamsclub.org).

If those groups don't suit you, why not start a new one? It's a great way to meet like-minded Club members and an excellent way to have fun. The Club would like to have groups for Music, Film, and Chess by summertime, but we're always open to suggestions!

Get involved. Join a Williams Club SIG.

### Play Bridge with Club Members

The Williams Club Bridge Special Interest Group is seeking additional members for its weekly Tuesday night meetings. Locations vary. To get on the mailing list, just e-mail Jared Levine at [BoxMaster@alumni.williams.edu](mailto:BoxMaster@alumni.williams.edu). We look forward to hearing from you.

## PROPOSED NEW SIGS

- MUSIC - FILM - CHESS -

## From the General Manager's Desk: New Year's Resolutions for 2000

Where did the century go? It seems like just yesterday when the Club opened in 1913. I will try to reflect a bit on what happened this past year, but if you have any stories that you would like to share with us about your experiences at the Club (i.e. father-son/daughter lunches, class reunions, President's Cup dinner etc.) please share them with us. You can send them by e-mail to Frank Vigorito or myself, or use the conventional method of U.S. mail. We are looking to revive a tradition at the Club which hasn't been done in 25 years. The President's Cup was a trophy awarded each year to the Williams class which had the largest number of members present at the Annual Dinner held at the Club. Recently our Annual Meeting has been a smaller affair with just a cocktail reception, but duty calls, and in the next few months you will receive literature on the meeting and the dinner. We will have a prominent guest speaker and plenty of cigars to pass around.

This past year saw the passing of the torch of one great administration to a future great administration. Richard Levy, Jr. '74 has relinquished his duties as President of the Williams Club to Edwin Wiggers '90. Mr. Levy leaves the Presidency with great admiration from the staff and a world of gratitude.

Last year we also completed numerous renovations around the Club and will continue to upgrade the facilities as they are needed. We have expanded our marketing department to better serve you with a variety of different programs and events that will hopefully fulfill the interests of all our members.

We look forward to this next decade and I hope that you will continue to be a part of our family at the Williams Club. If you have any ideas or suggestions that will better serve you and your guests please forward them to me at the Club.

As always, see you around the clubhouse,

Michael Smith

## Friday Lunch Buffets in the Purple Cow Grill Room

Every Friday afternoon enjoy lunch in the Purple Cow Grill Room, where from Noon to 2:30 PM we offer an all-you-can-eat lunch buffet of the Chef's specialties. Hot and cold entrees, soup, and dessert are always served. The buffet lunch is a great way to end the work week. We hope to see you there soon!

### FAX BACK RESERVATION FORM

To make reservations, simply fill out this form by marking the number of tickets you want at the left of each event title, and then send it via FAX to the number listed at the bottom. Your reservations will be confirmed by phone in the order in which they are received. Questions or comments may be directed to Rich von Barga at (212) 697-5300 ext. 204.

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- Theo Theoharis
- Baby Boomer Dinner
- Bridge SIG
- Please sign me up for the \_\_\_\_\_ SIG

ACCOUNT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE: There are no cancellations for ticketed events outside the Club such as theater and opera outings.

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(212) 697-2008. No cover sheet necessary.

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SUNDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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13	14 Valentine's Day Members Cocktail Party	15	16 Coach Carl Samuelson	17 Baby Boomer Dinner Party @ Columbia	18	19	
20	21 President's Day Club closed; bedrooms open	22	23 Cooking with Chef Christopher James	24 Edward Stein: The Mismeasure of Desire	25	26 Theo Theoharis @ Harvard	
27	28	29	March Madness is Coming...				

## NEW MEMBERS

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# Valentine's Day Cocktail



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