



# WHAT IS PAST IS PROLOGUE

The Prologue Society Newsletter

September 29, 2016

## FROM THE CHAIR

The Prologue Society had a wonderful start to our 2016-2017 season. Catherine Fletcher brought Renaissance Florence to life with a terrific presentation about Alessandro de' Medici, *The Black Prince of Florence*.

Please register as soon as possible for our [October 21 luncheon with Jon Meacham](#) and his book *Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush*. Meacham, one of the pre-eminent biographers of our time, won the Pulitzer Prize for his 2008 biography of Andrew Jackson. **IMPORTANT:** This event will be sold out and this is the **only** notice you will receive to register for this luncheon.

Remember that we welcome you to clear your bookshelves throughout the season and bring to our luncheons any Prologue-type books that you no longer want—they will be donated to [The Education Fund](#).

Jim Herron  
Acting Chair

**NEXT LUNCHEON: Jon Meacham, October 21 at 12:00noon**

*Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush*

### To register:

- **The deadline for members to register for this luncheon is Monday, October 17.**
- **Online:** Go to [www.theprologuesociety.org](http://www.theprologuesociety.org) and follow the instructions;
- **OR by telephone:** Call 305-323-1154 and talk to Debbie Hirshson or leave a voicemail message that you plan to attend;
- **OR by regular mail:** Send note with a check for \$50.00 per person to The Prologue Society, 18495 S. Dixie Highway #373, Miami, FL 33157.
- **Include** the names of your guests.
- **IMPORTANT: IF YOU REGISTER BY MAIL, you must also call Debbie** (or reply to this email) so that she knows to expect you!

**To pay:**

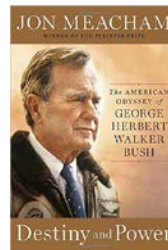
- **Enter your credit card number** on the website;
- **OR mail a check** for \$50.00 per person to The Prologue Society, 18495 S. Dixie Highway #373, Miami, FL 33157;
- **OR bring a check** to the luncheon.

**Note:**

- **IMPORTANT: Remember that all luncheons are held at Riviera Country Club (Ballroom), 1155 Blue Road, Coral Gables, FL 33146.**
- To speed up luncheon check-in and accounting, our preference is that you: 1) pay online, OR 2) mail a check well in advance of the luncheon.
- Mail is taking a while to reach us. (Remember to call or email Debbie right away if you're registering via the mail.)
- **If you haven't yet sent in your membership application**, please do so right away (or activate and pay for your membership online). You will need to be on the membership rolls before we can accept your reservation for this and all future luncheons of this season.

**OCTOBER 21: JON MEACHAM**

*Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush*



Drawing on President Bush's personal diaries; on the diaries of his wife, Barbara; and on extraordinary access to the 41<sup>st</sup> President and to his family, Jon Meacham has written a surprising portrait of an intensely private man who led the nation through tumultuous times. From the Oval Office to Camp David, from his study in the private quarters of the White House to Air Force One, from the fall of the Berlin Wall to the first Gulf War to the end of communism, *Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush* charts the thoughts, decisions, and emotions of a man who was, like the nation he led, at once noble and flawed.

**Jon Meacham** received the Pulitzer Prize for his 2008 biography of Andrew Jackson, *American Lion*. An executive editor at Random House, he is also the author of the *New York Times* bestsellers *Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power*, *American Gospel*, and *Franklin and Winston*. Meacham, who teaches at Vanderbilt University and at The University of the South, is a fellow of the Society of American Historians. He lives in Nashville and in Sewanee with his wife and children.

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## RECENT LUNCHEONS

On September 22, we were delighted to open our 2016-2017 season with a visit from Catherine Fletcher, a historian of the Renaissance and early modern Europe.



Jim Herron and Catherine Fletcher

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