

July 21, 2020

Dear Friends of Prologue,

Well, we certainly didn't see this coming!

All of us at The Prologue Society hope that you and your extended families are staying safe, strong, healthy, and sane.

Since 1992, The Prologue Society has brought some of the greatest authors of our age to Miami. We have broken bread, shared intimacies and argued with, learned from, and been amazed by Ron Chernow, Andrew Roberts, Antony Beevor, Doris Kearns Goodwin, David Grann, Simon Sebag Montefiore, Walter Isaacson, James Holland, Ross King, Jon Meacham, Stacy Schiff, Erik Larson, Hampton Sides, Dava Sobel, and Simon Winchester, to name just a few!

The Board has determined that we are not going to allow Covid-19 to prevent us from presenting the same class of outstanding authors as we have in the past. One way to get through this terrible time is to share great books and great ideas with great authors and your friends through The Prologue Society, so we've come up with a plan!

Since luncheon meetings are not feasible for the foreseeable future, our presentations will be on the Internet using a program called Crowdcast, which Books & Books has been using with great success. Crowdcast is simple and user-friendly, and it allows interaction between the author and the viewers.

As we have done in the past, members will receive books with each presentation, only now, instead of picking up your books at the luncheon, we will mail them to you.

In order for this plan to work and, just as importantly, <u>for Prologue to survive as a major cultural asset for our community in the non-Covid future and to continue to bring authors to you,</u> we need the total support of our members.

Please continue reading and reply as appropriate to let us know that we can count on your support and so we can begin enlisting our 2020-2021 authors. Membership fees remain at \$295 for individuals and \$495 for couples. Of course, there will be no luncheon charges.

It's vitally important that you respond as soon as possible, but a response is requested by July 31, 2020.

Please call or email to expedite.

## **2020-2021 Membership Options**

Yes	I/We will renew or register a membership for the 2020-2021 season —
	Individual (\$295)
	Membership invoices will be generated immediately upon receipt of your reply; payment is due September 1, 2020.
No	I/We will not be renewing or registering a membership for the 2020-2021 season.
	Please reply to let us know why we appreciate your feedback.
Donate	I/We would like to make a tax-deductible donation in the amount of
	\$ to help preserve this cultural gem.
	The Prologue Society is a $501(c)(3)$ corporation in the state of Florida. Thank you for your generosity!

Please call or email with your replies, rather than mailing your responses to us. Donations may be made online, mailed in, or you may call with your credit card details.

On behalf of the entire Board, please allow me to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to our wonderful members and friends for their support over these past many years. We simply cannot do this without you.

Sincerely,

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Teresa Gutierrez Haskett Chair