

MERTON COLLEGE

CHARITABLE CORPORATION

Reunion Weekend &
Annual Meeting
Brooklyn, NY
April 10 – 12, 2015





FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2015

Check-In

Hotel Accommodations: A block of rooms have been reserved at the New York Marriott, Brooklyn Bridge, located at 333 Adams Street in the heart of Downtown Brooklyn. To reserve, call 877-303-0104 and refer to the Merton College room block. For more hotel information go to www.marriott.com

5:30 – 6:45pm

Cocktail Reception at Hill Country: A private reception for Mertonians will be held at Hill Country, located just down the block from the Marriott at 345 Adams Street, and featuring full bar and barbecue inspired by the legendary meat markets and barbecue joints of Texas' Hill Country.

7:30pm

Following the reception, transportation will be provided for Mertonians to Brooklyn's artistic and cultural hub to participate in one of the two followings programs, both starting at 7:30pm.

Tickets are available for \$75:

- **Suite accommodations to see Brooklyn Nets basketball team** take on the Washington Wizards at the new and cutting edge Barclays Center, the top grossing entertainment venue in the United States. Participants will enjoy the game in comfort and style from the one of a kind Owner's Suite. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited.
- **Orchestra seating to Ghosts at the Brooklyn Academy of Music's Harvey Theater.** Ibsen's play is given chilling new life in this production from the Almeida Theatre, featuring an Olivier Award-winning performance by Lesley Manville and directed by Richard Eyre.

Post-game and post-theater guests will have the opportunity to explore on their own the vibrant Brooklyn nightlife and restaurant scene or to return to the Marriott.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015

8:30am - Noon

MC3 Annual Meeting of the Board & Members

- Continental Breakfast: 8:30 – 9:30am
- Board Meeting: 9:30am – Noon

The breakfast and meeting will be held in Brooklyn Law School's Subotnick Center, located at 250 Joralemon Street, 10th Floor, approximately one block from the Marriott.

Noon

Lunch on your own: Mertonians will be able to enjoy lunch from one of the many recommended dining establishments located within blocks of the Marriott and Brooklyn Law School.

1:15pm

Mertonians will meet in the Courtyard of Brooklyn Law School, which will be the starting point of a **guided walk through Cadman Plaza and across the iconic Brooklyn Bridge**. Guests will take in stunning views of the Manhattan skyline from over the East River, while guides share the fascinating history of the bridge. (Alternative transportation can be provided if required, or if weather is inclement.)

2:00pm

Upon arrival in Manhattan, guests will board transportation to the **9-11 Memorial and Museum**. Once at the memorial Mertonians will be given a guided tour as well as time to explore on their own. At **3:45pm** guests will be transported back to the Brooklyn Marriott.

5:30pm

Tolkien at Merton: A lively illustrated talk by John Bowers (Virginia and Merton, 1973), Professor of English, University of Las Vegas. This talk will be held in Geraldo's Café, located on the ground floor of the Brooklyn Law School's Feil Hall at 205 State Street. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be served.

TOLKIEN AT MERTON

Professor John Bowers (1973) will give a lively talk covering J.R.R. Tolkien's outsized academic and cultural impact beyond the shimmering spires and intellectual salons of Oxford that continues today in popular books, movies, electronic games and various forms of fantasy throughout the world. Professor Bowers will also share the details of his incredible discovery of a forgotten unpublished Tolkien manuscript on Chaucer that he found in the bowels of the Bodleian Library.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015 (CONTINUED)

6:30pm

Cocktail Reception and Dinner: Mertonians will gather at the 22nd Floor Forchelli Conference Center at Brooklyn Law School, 205 State Street, to enjoy cocktails, a seated dinner, and stunning views of the Manhattan and Brooklyn Skyline and New York City Harbor.



Brooklyn Law School © Joseph Barillari via Wikimedia Commons

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015

11am

A **Sunday Brunch** will be held for all Mertonians on the 10th floor Subotnick Center of Brooklyn Law School at 250 Joralemon Street. Following Brunch guests will have the afternoon to explore, on their own, or they will be able to join a walking tour of historic Brooklyn Heights, a thriving Brooklyn community since 1834 that has been home to Walt Whitman, Truman Capote, Arthur Miller and many other famous people. The tour will continue along the scenic promenade overlooking Brooklyn Bridge Park and the timeless New York city skyline, and down into Brooklyn Bridge Park, where, schedule permitting, they will be able to participate in the culinary experience that is Smorgasburg, featuring over 100 of the area's finest food purveyors.

RESTAURANTS NEAR BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL (AND BEYOND)

B = SUGGESTED FOR BREAKFAST/BRUNCH | L = SUGGESTED FOR LUNCH

F = NEAR BAM/BARCLAYS CENTER (FRIDAY EVENING VENUES)

Bar Tabac (B)

French Bistro-style. Serves, brunch, lunch and dinner
128 Smith Street (Corner of Dean)
718-923-0918

Buon Gusto (L)

Classic Italian. Pasta, Paninis, Salads, Dinner entrees.
151 Montague Street
718-624-3838

Buttermilk Channel

American fare with an emphasis on local, seasonal ingredients. Serves Brunch and Dinner.
524 Court Street
718-852-8490

Chez Moi

Classic French bistro-style menu. Serves lunch, brunch on weekends, and dinner.
135 Atlantic Avenue
347-227-8337

Court Order (B)

Made to order take out deli for breakfast and lunch.
52 Court Street
718-935-9300

Colonie

American Nouveau. Open for dinner and Sat/Sun. brunch.
127 Atlantic Avenue
718-855 - 7500

Convivium Osteria (F)

Old world culinary traditions of Italy, Spain and Portugal. Open for dinner only.
68 5th Avenue
718-857-1833

Custom House

Casual pub-style menu. Serving lunch and bar food.
139 Montague Street
718-643-6000

French Louie

French-American fare, serving lunch, dinner and brunch on weekends.
320 Atlantic Avenue (Between Smith and Hoyt)
718-933-1200

Grimaldi's Pizza

Coal-fired brick oven pizza in the heart of DUMBO.
1 Front Street
718-858-4300

Happy Days Diner (B)

Standard American diner. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.
148 Montague Street
718-875-8361

Heights Café

New American, casual dining restaurant serving salads, burgers, pasta, etc. Open for lunch, dinner and weekend brunch.
84 Montague Street
718-625-5555

Henry's End

American fare with emphasis on local, seasonal ingredients. Serving dinner only.
44 Henry Street
718-834-1776

Hill Country BBQ (L)

Texas-style barbeque, classic comfort foods, and signature desserts in a casual setting. Open for lunch and dinner.
345 Adams Street
718-885-4608

Jack the Horse Tavern

American bistro in a warm and inviting setting. Open for dinner and brunch.
66 Hicks Street
718-852-5084

Juniors (B)

American diner-style food, with classic NY deli sandwiches and their world renowned cheesecake. Serving brunch, lunch, and dinner.
386 Flatbush Avenue
718-852-5257

La Caye Restaurant (F)

Authentic Haitian Cuisine. Open for dinner and brunch.
35 Lafayette Avenue
718-858-4160

Mitoushi

Traditional Japanese. Open for lunch and dinner.
177 Atlantic Avenue (between Clinton and Court Streets)
(718) 935-1300

No. 7 (F)

American-fusion. Open for dinner and Sat/Sun brunch.
7 Greene Avenue
718-522-6370

Noodle Pudding

Cozy neighborhood spot offering top-notch Italian food. Open for dinner. Cash only.
38 Henry Street
718-625-3737

Olea Mediterranean

Taverna (F) Mediterranean Cuisine. Open for lunch, brunch, dinner.
171 Lafayette Ave
718-643-7003

Pete's Ale House

Neighborhood saloon serving burgers, salads, etc. Open for lunch and dinner.
155 Atlantic Avenue (Between Henry & Clinton)
718-522-3794

Queen Restaurant (L)
Classic Italian restaurant
is a Brooklyn Heights
Institution. Open for lunch
and dinner.
84 Court Street
718-596-5955

Red Gravy
Southern Italian cuisine.
Open for dinner and
Sunday brunch.
151 Atlantic Avenue
718-855-0051

River Café
Classic New American,
fine-dining restaurant.
Spectacular views of the
NY Harbor and Manhattan
Skyline. Serving Dinner,
Saturday Lunch and
Sunday Brunch.
1 Water Street
718-522-5200

**Rocco's Tacos & Tequila
Bar (L)**
Classic Mexican cuisine a
few doors down from the
Bklyn. Marriott. Serving
lunch, Sat/Sun. brunch and
dinner.
339 Adams Street
718-246-8226

Scopello (F)
Fine Italian and Sicilian
Cuisine. Open for dinner
and brunch.
63 Lafayette Ave
718-852-1100

Shake Shack (F)
Casual fast-food style twist
on the classic American
Burgers, shakes, hot dogs,
and "Custards." Within
walking distance of the
Brooklyn Marriott. Open
for lunch through 11pm
daily.
409 Fulton
718-307-7590

Smoke Joint (F)
New York Barbecue in a
casual, comfortable urban-
roadhouse setting. Open for
lunch and dinner.
87 South Elliott Place
718-797-1011

The Grocery
American fare with focus on
local, seasonal ingredients.
Open for dinner only.
288 Smith Street
718-596-3335

**The Vanderbilt
Restaurant and Bar (F)**
American fare, with
an emphasis on local
ingredients. Open for
dinner and weekend
brunch.
570 Vanderbilt Avenue (at
Bergen
718-623-0570

Theresa's (B)
Classic Polish diner.
Serving breakfast, lunch
and dinner.
80 Montague (at Hicks
Street)
718-797-3996

Watty and Meg
Farm-to-table restaurant
in Cobble Hill, Brooklyn.
Serving lunch, brunch and
dinner.
248 Court Street
718-643-0007

**Yemen Café &
Restaurant (L)**
Authentic Yemeni food in
a casual setting. Open for
lunch and dinner.
176 Atlantic Avenue
718-834-9533

SPECIAL BROOKLYN DESTINATION RESTAURANTS

Blue Ribbon (Park Slope)
Steaks, Chops and Seafood.
NY Magazine "Best
restaurant in Brooklyn. "
280 5th Avenue
718-840-0404

Gargiulo's (Coney Island)
Classic Italian operating
since 1907. Within walking
distance of Coney Island
attractions. Serving lunch
and dinner.
2911 West 15th Street
718-266-4891

**Peter Luger Steakhouse
(est. 1887) (Williamsburg)**
World famous dry-aged
porterhouse. New York's
"best steakhouse" (ZAGAT).
Open for lunch and dinner.
Cash only.
178 Broadway
718-387-7400

**Vinegar Hill House
(Vinegar Hill)**
American themed
restaurant focusing on
seasonal fare.
72 Hudson Avenue
718-522-1018