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Penn Club News



Updating the database

During the summer, Venus Choi, Pen student, updated the Penn Club database.

Thanks to the 300 that responded, the database has finally been updated and we hope to be able to stay in touch.

Penn News

Former Penn President appointed head of the Rockefeller Foundation.

Dr. Judith Rodin, CW'66, has been named the next president of the Rockefeller Foundation, a New York-based organization dedicated to improving the lives of the world's poor? With roughly \$3 billion in assets, the 91-year-old Rockefeller Foundation is a highly respected name in the world of philanthropy. The foundation devotes most of its resources to international concerns, such as global health, hunger in sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia, and the effects of globalization. Dr. Rodin will assume the presidency in March.

"I am deeply honored to be given this opportunity to lead an organization committed to using knowledge-based initiatives to improve the lives of poor and excluded people throughout the world," Rodin said in a press release.

Events

August Dinner at the Yacht Club

A total of 34 persons, 7 freshmen, 5 current students, 5 alums and their guests had a delicious dinner get together at the Gun Room of the Yacht Club.

Peter Lui donated raffle prizes which were enjoyed by all the winners.



Inauguration of the Eighth President



Dr. Amy Gutmann

Watch a video invitation from Penn's President:

http://beansidhe.isc-net.upenn.edu:8080/ramgen/alumni/red_and_blue/gutmann_alumni0804.rm

Visit the inauguration website for Ceremony and Symposium details, locations, and registration information: <http://www.upenn.edu/secretary/inauguration/>

Political Forecasting

For information on the forthcoming American Presidential election turn to politicalforecasting.com. The Political Forecasting Special Interest Group is a resource for scholars and practitioners interested in forecasting elections and other political events. This being a presidential election year, between now and November it will deal almost exclusively with the race for the White House. It will post the results of public opinion surveys as they are published, forecasts made with presidential election models, commentaries on the same, bibliographies, and other items of interest.

Alumni Education

If you are interested in staying connected to Penn's intellectual community on-campus, off-campus and online—<http://www.alumni.upenn.edu/education> will keep you abreast of what is happening.

Site designer and **Wharton Professor J. Scott Armstrong** devised the "Pollyvote," an average of the results of election polls and forecasting models. The polls are compiled and posted on "Polly's Table," which is updated regularly as new poll results are released. The website is hosted at the **University of Pennsylvania Wharton School's Marketing department**.

From now through November, the site is compiling and reporting the results of Bush-Kerry match-ups in public opinion surveys conducted by polling or news organizations such as the Gallup Organization, Washington Post/ABC News, Fox News, and the Associated Press.