

RENAISSANCE WEEKEND®

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Dear Ms. Burns:

With encouraging public health projections, we again hope you can join us at any of our upcoming Renaissance Weekends – invitation-only and non-partisan – in this, our 2022, 40th-anniversary year: New Year's in historic Charleston; Presidents' Day on Amelia Island, Florida; July 4th at Banff's parklands; Labor Day on Monterey Bay; or Autumn in Boston.

We founded this tradition to help bridge some of our nation's many divides – professions, politics, race, religion, regions and generations – and to celebrate the transforming power of ideas and relationships. Consequently, significant ventures have been launched; public policies, personal practices and even careers influenced; long-held opinions modified. Enduring friendships, often unlikely, have been forged; several dozen marriages, too. Acts of kindness among "Renaissance friends" are seemingly endless.

Yet the fractiousness of American society is even more pervasive. That's why – after 145 Weekends – we continue on. For Renaissance's lectures, discussions and informal conversations, candor rules; commercialism is banned. Authoritative presentations; diverse perspectives; passionate, entirely off-the-record discussions. A culture which prompts "more light than heat." Civility. . . . "An island of sane discourse," in a prominent participant's view. "Rocks my brain, lifts my soul," some say.

Who comes? Experts, thought-leaders, distinguished professionals, rising stars, tomorrow's disrupters – across disciplines and generations. Innovators all.

What's discussed? Both critical issues of our time and ageless personal questions: "Saving the Planet," "Covid-19's Hidden Consequences" and "What Can Today's Washington Get Done?" "Is 'Crypto' Too Big to Fail?" "The Brain's Greatest Mysteries" and "Can Social Media Be Regulated?" "Creating an Economy that Works for All," "Redefining 'Work'" and "MeToo & BLM – What's Next?" "Hollywood's Tectonic Shifts" and "Charitable Gifts that Keep Giving." "The Overused Tranquilizer of 'Gradualism.'" "AI's Promise & Perils," "Where Your Money Should Be Now" and "The Alchemy of Romance."

Your being with us would add considerably to the gathering's breadth and fuel informed discussion. To learn more about Renaissance's objectives, history, and content – and to register, explore www.RenaissanceWeekend.org. If you need personalized log-in details or assistance, or have any questions, don't hesitate to contact our team at Info@RenWkd.org. And please send us any changes in your USPS, e-mail and other contact details.

For Charleston and possibly into the new year, Covid-cautious practices (e.g., vaccination, masks, on-site testing and spacing) will limit capacity, so early registration is advised. Upon public health authorities' continuing advice, any Weekend will be cancelled if we are not comfortable with evolving conditions, and transfer of payment to a future Weekend or full refund will be made.

We invite your inquiry and would especially welcome your contribution to Renaissance's continuing conversation, legacy and spirit!

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