

**THE WOLFE PACK NEWSLETTER
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**FORTIETH ANNUAL BLACK ORCHID WEEKEND
December 1, 2, 3, 2017**

As always, the Wolfe Pack's Black Orchid weekend events will take place the first weekend of December – December 2, 3, and 4, 2017. The registration form with details regarding times, locations, and costs for the weekend's events is enclosed, and can also be found online at [http://www.nerowolfe.org/pdf/events/2017 Black Orchid Registration.pdf](http://www.nerowolfe.org/pdf/events/2017%20Black%20Orchid%20Registration.pdf). Please send in your registration as early as possible, because capacities are limited. For any questions, please e-mail werowance@nerowolfe.org

Schedule of Events

Friday, December 1, 2017

6:30 PM

Black Orchid Book Discussion

Pete's Tavern

129 East 18th Street

(corner of Irving Place)

Our Friday night event this year will be a book discussion of the novella "Before I Die." This novella is of special interest because it was published in two different versions – one in magazine form in *The American Magazine* and a second, with significant variations including a different ending, in the book *Trouble in Triplicate*. Those registering for the event will be provided in advance with a reprint of the magazine version so that everyone can read both versions before the discussion. The A&E TV series adaptation of the story will be shown during the discussion. We will serve a buffet dinner including an open bar (beer, wine, and soft-drink selections). Room capacity is limited – please register early!

Saturday, December 2, 2017

Arno Ristorante

141 West 38th Street

(East of Seventh Avenue)

Black Orchid Assembly

2:00 to 4:30 PM

Our speakers will discuss a range of Wolfean and Rex Stout-related topics. The intermission will include refreshments and a “swap & shop” (sale and exchange of books and merchandise – feel free to bring Wolfe or Stout-related items for sale or exchange).

**Black Orchid Happy Hour
5:30 to 6:30 PM**

Mingle with fellow Wolfeans at the same location as the Assembly and Banquet, while enjoying scrumptious appetizers and a cash bar.

**Black Orchid Banquet
6:30 PM**

This year will be our **Fortieth Annual** Black Orchid Banquet and as usual, it will be filled with toasts, song parodies, themed quizzes, literary award presentations, small gifts for each attendee, and general hilarity and conviviality as we celebrate Rex Stout’s magnificent legacy. The evening will also include a tribute to the past 40 years of the Wolfe Pack. The four-course dinner will include a choice of entrée (vegetarian meal available by request). Our keynote banquet speaker this year is JOSEPH GOODRICH, Edgar Award winning playwright who authored the first two legitimate stage adaptations of Nero Wolfe novels, *The Red Box* and *Might As Well Be Dead*. We hope you will join us!

**Sunday, December 3, 2017
Informal Brunch
Pete's Tavern
129 East 18th Street
(corner of Irving Place)**

11:30 AM

Complete your Black Orchid Weekend festivities with an informal get-together for Sunday brunch at historic Pete's Tavern near Gramercy Park.