

## JANUARY EVENTS 2013

Culinary Adventures: **San Francisco: Wednesday, January 9th, 11:30 a.m. *Le Soleil***, 133 Clement (between 2nd and 3rd Avenues). It's been ages and ages since we've eaten on Clement Street. A standby in the neighborhood, Le Soleil closed for 6 months last year for a remodel and reopened with a pared-down menu, a whole new look and "gently innovative" cooking that the chef/owner calls "New Vietnamese Cuisine" RSVP to Pat Bourne, 474-0212 or patriciabourne@post.harvard.edu. Parking can be had; the 33 runs on Arguello, the 1 on California, the 38 on Geary, and the 2 on Clement.

Book Group: **Sunday, January 13, at 11 a.m., at the home of Christie Coffin**, 1622 Spruce Street, Berkeley. For directions and to RSVP contact Christie at 510-548-2146 or christieandsteve@yahoo.com. The book is *THE IMMORTAL LIFE OF HENRIETTA LACKS* by Rebecca Skloot. "As Rebecca Skloot so brilliantly shows, the story of the Lacks family—past and present—is inextricably connected to the dark history of experimentation on African Americans, the birth of bioethics, and the legal battles over whether we control the stuff we are made of." The book for February is *TWILIGHT SLEEP*, by Edith Wharton. "Here is Edith Wharton's superb satirical novel of the Jazz Age, a critically praised best-seller when it was first published in 1927. Sex, drugs, work, money, infatuation with the occult and spiritual healing -- these are the remarkably modern themes that animate *Twilight Sleep*. . . . And though the characters and their actions may seem more in keeping with today's society, this is still a classic Wharton tale of the upper crust and its undoing -- wittily, masterfully told."

Writing Group: **will meet on Thursday, January 24, 2013, at 2 p.m.**, at the home of Grace Gentry, 17 Sunset Court, Kensington, CA 94707. For directions and to RSVP, contact Grace at (510) 526-3050, or grace@gentryfamily.com.

Film Group: **Film Group**: We would like to encourage people to join our friendly group for lively discussions as well as wonderful food treats! Our next meeting is **Saturday January 12 at 2 p.m. at the San Francisco Towers home of Sue Kimball**, 1661 Pine Street, #837, San Francisco CA 94109. We will watch, *84 CHARING CROSS ROAD*, a delightful, lively, and charming 1987 film based on a true story. It tells the tale of a feisty New York City writer who contacts a small London bookshop looking for some rare English classics. The reserved very English bookshop owner answers, and thus begins a witty, humorous and touching correspondence that lasts over the course of 20 years. Starring Anne Bancroft, Anthony Hopkins, and Judi Dench, all of whom are terrific in this film. RSVP to Sue at 415-447-5470, or suekimball@comcast.net. Parking is available if Sue is notified ahead of time.

Museum Dates: **Private Docent Tours**. Guests welcome! Please arrive 10 minutes early. Join us afterwards for coffee or lunch at the museum café or other local place. RSVP to Alison Boeckmann at 415-661-5849 (home), 415-317-2150 (cell) or alison\_boeckmann@post.harvard.edu. Send check (made out to Alison Boeckmann) to Alison Boeckmann, 1536 Willard Street, SF 94117.

**Sunday, January 6 at 11 a.m. at the SFMOMA:** "*Jasper Johns: Seeing with the Mind's Eye.*" This major exhibition -- the artist's first Bay Area museum survey in 35 years-- represents the full range of his career. It both reveals the scope of Johns's achievement and reflects the particular interest in his art in the Bay Area. Cost: \$10 plus admission.

**Sunday Feb. 17 at 9:30 a.m. at the Legion of Honor:** "*Royal Treasures from the Louvre: Louis XIV to Marie-Antoinette.*" An unparalleled collection of decorative arts from the Musée du Louvre, Paris, including some of the most exquisite treasures of the French monarchy from the time of Louis XIV until the Revolution of 1789. No docent. This will be an experiment with a self-guided or audio tour followed by our usual coffee break at the café at 11:00 a.m. Free with museum admission; entry to the exhibit is not timed.

**Sunday, March 17 at 9:45 a.m. at the Asian Art Museum:** "*China's Terracotta Warriors: The First Emperor's Legacy.*" The Emperor conquered much in this life, but his driving purpose was even greater: He sought to conquer death. In order to achieve immortality, he built himself a tomb—a vast underground city guarded by a life-size terracotta army. This exhibition includes ten figures. Cost: \$10 for museum members, \$20 for adults, \$17 for seniors.

In Memoriam: Sheila Berg died on January 4, 2013, just shy of her 91st birthday. She had been in a nursing home since October because of a broken hip. She was a joyful, kind, humorous person, a long time member and secretary of the club. We will miss her.

**\* REMINDER: If you have not renewed your membership for the Radcliffe Club of San Francisco** you will have a green stripe on your address label. You may download a form at our website below.

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