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# RADCLIFFE CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO

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## NOVEMBER EVENTS 2014

**Culinary Adventures: San Francisco: Wednesday, November 12, at 11:30 a.m.,** *Dim Sum Club*, 2550 Van Ness (between Filbert and Union, close to Filbert). What an unlikely spot!! Nestled in the Da Vinci Villa hotel/motel, nowhere near Chinatown or the Richmond or the Sunset, this dim sum spot has sprung up, replacing something pretty awful. Write-ups and reviews started rolling in as soon as they opened and are as unequivocally enthusiastic as any can be in this town. Dumplings, noodle rolls, barbecue, porridge and desserts along with some lunch specials. RSVP to Pat Bourne, 415-474-0212 or [patriciabourne@post.harvard.edu](mailto:patriciabourne@post.harvard.edu). Muni 47 and 49 Van Ness, of course; plus the 45 Union, 19 Polk and the 1 is only a few blocks away.

**Book Group:, Sunday, November 9, at 3 p.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](mailto:christieandsteve@yahoo.com). The book for November is PLEASE LOOK AFTER MOM by Kyung-Sook Shin. "Told through the piercing voices and urgent perspectives of a daughter, son, husband, and mother, Please Look After Mom is at once an authentic picture of contemporary life in Korea and a universal story of family love." It was awarded the Man Asian Literary prize. The book for December will be BOOK OF AGES: THE LIFE AND OPINIONS OF JANE FRANKLIN by Jill Lepore. "... a revelatory portrait of Benjamin Franklin's youngest sister, Jane, whose obscurity and poverty were matched only by her brother's fame and wealth but who, like him, was a passionate reader, a gifted writer, and an astonishingly shrewd political commentator. ... Jill Lepore brings Jane Franklin to life in a way that illuminates not only this one extraordinary woman but an entire world." National Book Award finalist.

**Film Group: Saturday, November 22 at 1 p.m.,** at the San Francisco Towers home of Sue Kimball, 1661 Pine Street, Apt #837, San Francisco 94109. We will watch MOOSTRUCK, a comic opera of a film from 1987, which is still thoroughly enjoyable even after numerous viewings. The plot involves a Brooklyn, New York City woman who has been widowed for a number of years, and accepts the proposal of a nice decent middle aged man, even though she doesn't really love him. She is determined to do the safe and sure thing to do, until she meets her intended's younger brother, a moody, passionate, and thoroughly unsuitable choice. What ensues is complicated, very funny, and very human. Starring Cher and Olympia Dukakis, both of whom won the Oscar and Golden Globe awards for best actress. Nicholas Cage plays the younger brother, in one of the best roles of his career. RSVP to Sue at 415-447-5470 or [suekimball@comcast.net](mailto:suekimball@comcast.net). Parking is available if Sue is notified ahead of time. Please note: There will be no meeting in December.

**Museum Dates:** Guests welcome! Please arrive 10 minutes early. Join us afterwards for coffee or lunch at the museum café. RSVP to Alison Boeckmann at [alison\\_boeckmann@post.harvard.edu](mailto:alison_boeckmann@post.harvard.edu) or 415-661-5849 (home), 415-317-2150 (cell). Send check (made out to Alison Boeckmann) to Alison Boeckmann, 1536 Willard Street, SF 94117. Museum events are joint with the Harvard Club of San Francisco.

**Sunday, November 16 at 9:45 a.m. Asian Art Museum "Roads of Arabia: Archaeology and History of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia."** An eye-opening look at the largely unknown ancient past of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Roads of Arabia features objects recently excavated from throughout the Arabian Peninsula. These artifacts trace the impact of ancient trade routes and pilgrimage roads stretching from Yemen in the south to Iraq and Mediterranean cultures in the north. Elegant alabaster bowls, Hellenistic bronze statues, gilded candlesticks and Egyptian blown glass testify to a lively mercantile and cultural interchange among distant civilizations spanning antiquity through the early centuries of Islam. For more information, see also <http://www.roadsofarabia.com>. Private Docent Tour with admission to the museum before the general public. Join us afterwards for coffee or lunch at the museum café. Kathy Henschel will try to arrange for us to have exclusive use of the beautiful Peterson room and garden. The cost is \$10 for members of the Asian Art Museum and guests; \$27 for adults; \$23 for seniors. Includes docent and admission.

**Sunday, January 18 at 9:30 a.m. at the de Young Museum: "Celebrating the Spectrum: Highlights from the Anderson Collection."** A brilliant display of colorful prints is on display at the de Young. Opening in conjunction with the inauguration of the Anderson Collection at Stanford University, the de Young's exhibition illuminates how artists of the past 60 years—including such greats as Josef Albers, Anni Albers, Jasper Johns, Roy Lichtenstein, Ad Reinhardt, and Frank Stella—have used color as a principal element in their printmaking. Individually, each work explores color as its primary subject; shown collectively, the featured works investigate the aesthetic qualities of modern print processes such as lithography and screenprint. "Celebrating the Spectrum" features some of the most significant prints in the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco's Anderson Graphic Arts Collection. This will be an artist-led talk with Binta Ayofemi, an artist who lectures on art and design at SFMOMA, Stanford University, and California College of the Arts. Join us afterwards for coffee or lunch at the museum café. The cost is \$20 plus general admission to the museum. Tickets are not timed and can be purchased at the door or from the museum web site <http://deyoung.famsf.org>. Adults \$10, seniors \$7, members free.

**SAVE THE DATE: New Year's Eve Supper, Wednesday, December 31 at 7 p.m.** Cynthia Travis has opened her home at 58 Woodland Avenue, San Francisco, for this special gathering for our club's traditional Celebration of New Year "Cambridge-Time" with a champagne toast at 9 p.m.! Cynthia's house is around the corner from Alison's house on Willard, so you will be familiar with transportation (43, 6, N) and parking (on Woodland, Willard, Edgewood). Please let Cynthia know if you'd like to collaborate on food, wine and/or champagne. RSVP by Monday, December 29 to Cynthia at (415) 665-5925 or via [ctravis@post.harvard.edu](mailto:ctravis@post.harvard.edu)

If you have a change of address, please contact Janet Taber-Coppola at 415-515-5646 or [janet@tabercoppola.com](mailto:janet@tabercoppola.com).