
RADCLIFFE CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO

MAY EVENTS 2015

Culinary Adventures: San Francisco: Wednesday, May 13, 11:30 a.m. *Hawker Fare*, 680 Valencia (@18th). We've been having to listen to the critics and the lists rave about James Syhabout, the hyper-active, very in, East Bay chef (Commis, The Dock at Linden Street and Hawker Fare) for some time, but now he's "expanded" the latter to a hip location in the Mission. And our version is nicer!!! The food is Thai-and-Laotian-inspired (his roots are Thai) and gets three stars from MB; the interior goes for a street market vibe, casual and inventive. It's one of the few places open for weekday lunch on Valencia, so we'll miss the buzz, but that can be a blessing! RSVP to Pat Bourne, 415.474-0212 or patriciabourne@post.harvard.edu. BART/Muni 16th and Mission station, the 49 Van Ness, the 33 on 18th or the 14 on Mission.

Book Group: Sunday, May 10, 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. The book for May will be *STRENGTH IN WHAT REMAINS* by Tracy Kidder. "Deo arrives in the United States from Burundi in search of a new life. Having survived a civil war and genocide, he lands at JFK airport with two hundred dollars, no English, and no contacts. He ekes out a precarious existence delivering groceries, living in Central Park, and learning English by reading dictionaries in bookstores. Then Deo begins to meet the strangers who will change his life, pointing him eventually in the direction of Columbia University, medical school, and a life devoted to healing. Kidder breaks new ground in telling this unforgettable story as he travels with Deo back over a turbulent life and shows us what it means to be fully human."

The book for June will be *THE POWER OF HABIT: WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO IN LIFE AND BUSINESS* by Charles Duhigg. "Pulitzer Prize-winning business reporter Charles Duhigg takes us to the thrilling edge of scientific discoveries that explain why habits exist and how they can be changed. Distilling vast amounts of information into engrossing narratives that take us from the boardrooms of Procter & Gamble to sidelines of the NFL to the front lines of the civil rights movement, Duhigg presents a whole new understanding of human nature and its potential."

Film Group: The Film Group will not meet in May. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, June 27 at 1 p.m. The film will be *The Debt*, starring Helen Mirren.

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 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, May 17, 9:30 a.m. at the Legion of Honor museum: "High Style" Gowns, accessories, and other looks by the most influential designers of the last one hundred years—including Chanel, Givenchy, Dior, and Charles James—trace the evolution of fashion in the 20th century. Exclusive West Coast presentation from the Brooklyn Museum's distinguished costume collection. Private docent tour. Cost \$15 for members of the FAMSF and guests; \$30 for non-member adults; \$20 for non-member seniors.

Sunday, July 26, 9:30 a.m. at the de Young Museum "J. M. W. Turner: Painting Set Free" Bringing together more than sixty oil paintings and watercolors from a host of international lenders, this is the first major exhibition devoted to Turner's achievements during his final period of productivity, when some of his most iconic works were created. Private docent tour. Details in July newsletter.

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