

RADCLIFFE CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO

AUGUST EVENTS 2015

Culinary Adventures: San Francisco: Thursday, August 13, 12 Noon. *Kitchen Istanbul*, 349 Clement (4th and 5th). This newish spot on Clement is sunny, warm and pleasant. The chef/owner is engaged, the food is traditional, emphasizing local and organic ingredients. Lunch offers many mezes, wraps and unusual entrees. RSVP to Pat Bourne, 415.474-0212 or patriciabourne@post.harvard.edu.

Book Group: Sunday, August 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.

The book for August will be *WEST WITH THE NIGHT*, by Beryl Markham. “She and her father moved to Kenya when she was a girl, and she grew up with a zebra for a pet; horses for friends; baboons, lions, and gazelles for neighbors. She made money by scouting elephants from a tiny plane. And she would spend most of the rest of her life in East Africa as an adventurer, a racehorse trainer, and an aviatrix—she became the first person to fly nonstop from Europe to America, the first woman to fly solo east to west across the Atlantic. Hers was indisputably a life full of adventure and beauty.”

Many of the attendees at the June meeting will not be here for the September meeting and did not want to impose a choice on those who will attend. Therefore the suggested book for September is *ORPHAN TRAIN* by Christina Baker Kline. “. . .an unforgettable story of friendship and second chances that highlights a little-known but historically significant movement in America’s past. . . . Rich in detail and epic in scope, *Orphan Train* is a powerful novel of upheaval and resilience, of unexpected friendship, and of the secrets we carry that keep us from finding out who we are.” (Note that there is another recent book titled *THE ORPHAN TRAIN* by a different author—we are suggesting Kline’s book).

Film Group: Saturday, August 15, at 1 p.m., (please note the earlier date), at the San Francisco Towers home of Sue Kimball, 1661 Pine Street, #837, San Francisco CA, 94109. We will complete watching *THE WAY WE LIVE NOW*, based on the 1870’s novel of Anthony Trollope. The film has superb acting, beautiful scenery and costumes, and an enthralling story with multiple plot lines. The emotions and characters depicted are rich and varied, from decadent aristocrats to scheming widows, disobedient daughters, and nouveau riche businessmen, from greed and lust to overt antisemitism. It’s a feast for eye and ear! RSVP to Sue at 415-447-5470 or suekimball@comcast.net. Parking is available if Sue is notified ahead of time.

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, September 27, at 9:45 a.m. at the Asian Art Museum: "First Look: Collecting Contemporary Art" For the first time ever, the Asian is presenting a large-scale exhibition of contemporary highlights from the museum's collection, including painting, drawing, photography, baskets, ceramics and video. The exhibition features artists from Asia as well as from the United States. 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 Asian Art Museum and guests, \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors.

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