

FEBRUARY EVENTS 2021

Culinary Adventures: Wednesday, February 10, at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. We'll eat at home and discuss any inspired lunch dishes that have been invented since last time! Be thinking of other things you'd like to talk about too. RSVP to Pat Bourne at patriciabourne@post.harvard.edu or her cell 415-867-0410 . She'll send a Zoom link the day before the lunch to those who've RSVP'd.

Book Group: Sunday, February 14, at 3 p.m. via Zoom. . RSVP to Alison Boeckmann at 415-589-7001 or alison_boeckmann@post.harvard.edu or. She will send an email with instructions for joining the meeting.

The book for February will be **The Mystery of Edwin Drood** by Charles Dickens. His last, unfinished, novel has themes of death, violence, and obsession, but its greatest mystery is the lack of an ending.

The book for March will be **Hammer and Hoe: Alabama Communists During the Great Depression** by Robin D. G. Kelley. "A groundbreaking contribution to the history of the "long Civil Rights movement," [it] tells the story of how, during the 1930s and 40s, Communists took on Alabama's repressive, racist police state to fight for economic justice, civil and political rights, and racial equality. The Alabama Communist Party was made up of working people without a Euro-American radical political tradition: devoutly religious and semiliterate black laborers and sharecroppers, and a handful of whites, including unemployed industrial workers, housewives, youth, and renegade liberals." (publisher's website). NOTE: this book is available in a fairly expensive paperback, as an e-book, and at some local libraries. If you want to get a library book, you may want to check waiting lists and timing.

QUESTION: The current book group participants are open to a change of day or time if the schedule has been a barrier for others who would like to participate. If 3 pm on Sunday has posed a problem, please send suggestions of alternatives (day and/or time) that might encourage regular attendance to me at jghankin@jps.net and we'll see what could be helpful.

Film Group: .Saturday February 20 at 1:30 p.m via Zoom. We are continuing with Great Directors Great Films. Our film will be The Shop Around the Corner, filmed in 1940, another light hearted romantic comedy directed by Ernst Lubitsch, starring James Stewart and Margaret Sullivan. They play employees of a gift shop who can barely stand one another. However they do not realize that they are secret pen pals, and are falling in love with each other via the mail. This film is listed in the National Film Registry as one of our best films. It was updated and remade in 1998 as You've Got Mail, starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. To join us, please send an email to Lucille Poskanzer at LBPoskanzer@icloud.com. I will send you the link.

Writers' Workshop: Gloria Wu and Cynthia Travis invite members to join their fiction and non-fiction Writers' Workshops, respectively. We meet via Zoom to share our current output and discuss one another's work. To join, or for more information, please contact Gloria at gwu2550@gmail.com or Cynthia at ctravis@sonic.net.

Update on Radcliffe Alumnae Professorship: Two new Radcliffe Alumnae Professors have been named. You can read the history of the professorship at www.radcliffeclubsf.org/radcliffe-alumnae-professorship-fellowship.htm.

Membership: You can renew your membership, join the club or make donations to Harvard organizations supporting women at the club website at www.radcliffeclubsf.org. The "For Members" section contains the updated Membership Directory, a Membership Update and a Treasurer's Report. The website also contains the minutes of the September 12 Annual Meeting, including Alice Abarbanel's report on the Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project. Please send changes in your directory information to kghenschel@gmail.com.

The Radcliffe Club's **Annual Meeting** is tentatively scheduled for **May 22**. Save the date and stay tuned!