

MARCH EVENTS 2021

Culinary Adventures: Wednesday, March 10, at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. Well, here we are; it's March again!!! The City's rules are still in flux, as is the vaccine supply, so let's content ourselves with at-home lunch. Things may develop by April, so be noticing what's going on out there. I'm thinking that Zoom lunch will be with us for a while yet ... maybe always??? RSVP to Pat Bourne at patriciabourne@post.harvard.edu or her cell 415-867-0410; let her know of any topics you'd like to put on the table. She'll send a Zoom link the day before the lunch to those who have RSVPd.

Book Group: Sunday, March 14, at 3 p.m. via Zoom. The book is "**Hammer and Hoe: Alabama Communists During the Great Depression**" by Robin D. G. Kelley. RSVP to Alison Boeckmann at alisonboeckmann@fastmail.fm or 415-589-7001 and she will send you the link for the meeting. "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, where you may need to check waiting lists. The book for April is "**Norwegian by Night**" by Derek B. Miller.

Film Group: Saturday, March 20, at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom. We are continuing with "Great Directors Great Films." Our film will be "**Witness for the Prosecution**," filmed in 1957, based on a mystery by Agatha Christie, directed by Billy Wilder, starring Charles Laughton, Tyrone Power and Marlene Dietrich, with Elsa Lanchester in a smaller role. The film won many awards and is often referred to as the mother of all courtroom dramas/thrillers. Laughton plays an ailing barrister who takes on the case of a man (Power) accused of murdering a wealthy woman. He also has to deal with the defendant's cold-hearted wife (Dietrich). The last 10 minutes of the film are breath-stopping! If you are interested in joining us, please send an email to Lucille Poskanzer at LBPoskanzer@icloud.com, and I will send you the link.

Writers' Workshops: 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 Wu at gwu2550@gmail.com or Cynthia Travis at ctravis@sonic.net.

Membership: Thank you to all those who renewed their membership or joined the club for the year ending April 2022. If you haven't already done so, you can renew or join by via the "Membership Information" link on the club website at www.radcliffeclubsf.org. The "For Members" section of the website has the latest Membership Update and Treasurer's Report, as well as the club's Membership Directory. Please send any changes in your directory information to kghenschel@gmail.com.

Save the date: Radcliffe Club of San Francisco Annual Meeting, Saturday, May 22. In addition to election of officers, we'll have an update by Alice Abarbanel on the Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project, and possibly a guest speaker. More details next month.