

**Radcliffe Club of San Francisco**  
**[www.radcliffeclubsf.org](http://www.radcliffeclubsf.org)**

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Dear Alumna,

We are writing to invite you to join, or renew your membership in, the Radcliffe Club of San Francisco. Our club is the first Radcliffe Club in the world, founded in 1898, and the last remaining stand-alone Radcliffe Club.

Although there is no longer a Radcliffe College, the Radcliffe Club of San Francisco continues as an active member club of the Harvard Alumni Association. Membership is open to any Northern California resident who attended Radcliffe College or has been connected with any department of Harvard University as a student, instructor, parent of a student, or surviving spouse of a member. We also have honorary members.

We offer a number of activities and get-togethers, described in our monthly newsletter and at our website at [www.radcliffeclubsf.org](http://www.radcliffeclubsf.org). Like many organizations, our club has been affected by the pandemic. We have successfully adapted most of our activities to online meetings via Zoom, and they are going as strong as ever, or even stronger, with more members participating because of the convenience of attending online. We look forward to adapting again, in whatever ways are best for our members, in the post-pandemic world.

All members are welcome to participate in all activities, whether on a regular or occasional basis. Our events include:

**Culinary Adventures.** This sociable gathering meets at lunchtime on the second Wednesday of each month. In normal times, we venture to restaurants that are new and unusual or in favorite parts of the city. During the pandemic, we have continued to meet in monthly lunchtime Zoom get-togethers that are an enjoyable opportunity for conversation, sometimes on a particular topic.

**Film Group.** This group meets monthly to watch an eclectic mix of films, ranging from retrospectives of the work of great directors, actors or actresses to adaptations of classic novels. The group now meets by using screen-sharing on Zoom to watch the films, with time for socializing and discussion afterwards.

**Book Group.** Online Zoom meetings have also worked very well for this group's monthly discussions on a range of books, shown in the Book Group Reading Lists link on the club website. Previously, the group met in members' homes in San Francisco, Berkeley and Marin County.

**Writers' Workshops.** Last year, two RCSF members established a pair of fiction and nonfiction writers' workshops. Participants meet via Zoom to share their current output and discuss one another's work.

**Museum Events.** Our popular museum events have included private before-hours docent tours and self-guided tours of San Francisco museum exhibits, followed by coffee or lunch in the

museum café. Unfortunately, the museums have been closed or partially closed with private tours not allowed for the past year. We look forward to celebrating their reopening.

**Special Events.** These include the Annual Meeting, our traditional New Year's Eve party on Cambridge time – both successfully held by Zoom last year --- and other programs that we schedule on the basis of member interest. The well-attended Annual Meeting last year included a report by RCSF member and Project Director Alice Abarbanel on the Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project, which was initiated by a committee of the club in 2019.

**Support for women at Harvard.** We have a long tradition of support for women at Harvard University. The Radcliffe Club of San Francisco Scholarship Fund has been aiding students from the Bay Area since 1959. In the early 2000s, our club was the co-leader of the national drive by Radcliffe alumnae to advocate and raise funds for the Radcliffe Alumnae Professorship at Harvard. Currently, our fundraising is focused on the Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America, the Radcliffe Club of San Francisco Scholarship Fund, the Harvard College Women's Center, and the Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project.

Our Annual Meeting will take place this year on Saturday, May 22, via Zoom. Please save the date! In addition to club business, we'll have an update by Alice Abarbanel on the Oral History Project, and possibly a guest speaker. Future newsletters will have more details.

We hope you will join us. The membership and dues form for joining or renewing membership through April 2022 is attached. You can print the form and send it with a check to the club Treasurer at the address shown on the form. Alternatively, you can fill it out online and pay using a credit card. See <https://www.radcliffeclubsf.org/membership-information.html> and <https://www.radcliffeclubsf.org/dues-and-contributions.html>.

If you have any questions about the online form or payment, please contact Co-President Alison Boeckmann. If you have other questions, please contact Co-President Patricia Bourne.

Sincerely,

Co-Presidents



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Attachment: Membership form