

Radcliffe Club of San Francisco
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, the first Radcliffe College club in the world, was founded in 1898 and is the only remaining independent 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 anyone who attended Radcliffe College or has been connected with any department of Harvard University.

Like many organizations, our club has been affected by the pandemic. During the past two years, we successfully adapted most of our activities to online meetings via Zoom; more members are participating because of the convenience of attending online. We have recently been able to resume some activities in person. We look forward to continuing to adapt, in whatever ways are best for our members.

All members are welcome to participate in our club activities and get-togethers, which are described in the Radcliffe Club of San Francisco newsletter sent to all members each month and also at our website: www.radcliffeclubsf.org. Ongoing events include:

Culinary Adventures. This sociable gathering meets monthly. In normal times, we venture to restaurants that are new and unusual or in favorite parts of the city. During the pandemic, this gathering has usually continued to meet in monthly lunchtime Zoom get-togethers, which provide an enjoyable opportunity for conversation, sometimes on a particular topic. When it has seemed safe to do so, the lunch group has met in easily accessible venues.

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 Film Group currently uses Zoom to watch and discuss films and to socialize.

Book Group. Online Zoom meetings have also worked very well for this group's monthly discussions of a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books. Previously, the group met in members' homes in San Francisco, Berkeley and Marin. Zoom meetings have attracted new members from a wider geographic area. Book Group Reading Lists can be found on the club's website.

Museum Events. Our popular museum events have included private docent tours and self-guided tours of San Francisco museum exhibits, followed by coffee or lunch in the museum café. We were able to resume two tours in 2021 and look forward to the gradual resumption of more in 2022.

Writers' Workshops. In 2020, two RCSF members established fiction and non-fiction writers' workshops. Participants meet via Zoom to share and discuss their current work.

Special Events. These include the Annual Meeting, successfully held by Zoom during the past two years, and our traditional New Year's Eve party on Cambridge time. Other programs are scheduled on the basis of member interest. A new speakers series features talks via Zoom by Harvard faculty members, followed by discussions with the speaker. We have also presented updates on the Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project, led by RCSF member Alice Abarbanel and initiated by our club in 2019. The next update by Alice and other participants in the project will be given in a Zoom program on March 19.

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. Our fundraising is currently 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 April 30th via Zoom. Please save the date! In addition to club business, we'll have updates on programs including the Oral History Project, and possibly a guest speaker. Our monthly newsletters will have more details.

We hope you will join us. The membership and dues form for joining or renewing membership through April 2023 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

The Radcliffe Club of San Francisco
Membership through April 2023

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Degree / Year: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____ (Work) _____
Please circle preferred number for calls.

Email address: _____
Our email list is private.

Profession/Occupation: _____
If retired or not presently employed, please identify past profession.

A directory, exclusively for the personal and confidential use of the members of the Radcliffe Club of San Francisco, will be published. Please indicate any information you wish to exclude from the directory.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Do you have a special field of interest around which we might consider building a meeting?

I could organize a program about: _____

I have the following experience, skills or training to offer the club: _____

DUES:

Patron Membership	\$100 or more	\$ _____
Sustaining Membership	\$50	\$ _____
Regular Membership	\$25	\$ _____
Introductory Recent Graduate Membership 2016-2022		Complimentary

The RCSF Newsletter will be sent via email. Would you also like a printed copy in the mail?

Yes _____ No _____ (If yes, please add \$5 to your dues.) \$ _____

CONTRIBUTIONS (OPTIONAL):

The Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America	\$ _____
Radcliffe Club of San Francisco Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
Harvard College Women's Center	\$ _____
Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project	\$ _____
Total:	\$ _____

Please print this form and mail with your check (payable to the Radcliffe Club of San Francisco) to the club Treasurer: **Kathy Henschel, 108 Poppy Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94596**. Alternatively, if you prefer, you can fill out the form and pay online at <https://www.radcliffeclubsf.org/membership-information.html> and <https://www.radcliffeclubsf.org/dues-and-contributions.html>.

The RCSF is a 501(c)(3) organization. Dues and contributions are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law. Your individual contributions (with the exception of the Oral History Project) will be included with our Club contributions sent to Cambridge, and will also be credited by Harvard to you individually and to your class.