

**Radcliffe Club of San Francisco**  
**www.radcliffeclubsf.org**

March 10, 2023

Dear Alumna,

We are writing to invite you to join or renew your membership in the Radcliffe Club of San Francisco. Our club, founded in 1898, is the oldest and only remaining independent Radcliffe Club in the world.

Although Radcliffe College no longer exists, 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.

All members are welcome to participate in our activities on either a regular or drop-in basis. We have a mix of in-person and Zoom events. During the pandemic, we found that the Zoom format enables more people to participate in some types of meetings, such as those of our book group, film group and Speakers Series. Activities are listed in our monthly newsletter and on the club website at [www.radcliffeclubsf.org](http://www.radcliffeclubsf.org). They include:

- **Culinary Adventures.** This sociable group meets once a month on a weekday for lunch at restaurants that are new and unusual or in favorite parts of the city. The lunches offer enjoyable conversation with fellow alumnae and a chance to sample different cuisines.
- **Film Group.** This group meets monthly via Zoom on Saturday afternoons to watch an eclectic mix of films and then discuss the film. The films range from retrospectives of the work of great directors, actors and actresses to adaptations of classic novels.
- **Book Group.** Participants meet via Zoom once a month on Sunday afternoons to discuss a variety of fiction and non-fiction books. To get a sense of the books read, see the Book Group Reading Lists page on the club's website.
- **Museum Events.** Our popular museum events provide private docent tours or self-guided tours of important exhibits at San Francisco museums, followed by coffee or lunch in the museum café. We have occasionally visited East Bay museums as well.
- **Speakers Series.** This series, which we began two years ago, features talks via Zoom by Harvard professors, followed by discussions with the speaker. Our next speaker will be Vice Provost Sara Bleich speaking on "Harvard & the Legacy of Slavery" on April 13.
- **Writers' Workshops.** These two fiction and nonfiction workshops are each led by an RCSF member. Participants meet online to share and discuss their current work.
- **Special Events.** We have a traditional "Cambridge time" New Year's Eve party, with a potluck dinner and then a champagne toast at 9 p.m. During the pandemic, we held these gatherings via Zoom; we hope to resume them in person when appropriate. Other special

programs are scheduled on the basis of member interest. They include updates on the Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project, initiated by our club in 2019 and led by RCSF member Alice Abarbanel.

- Our **Annual Meeting** for all members will take place via Zoom on May 20. Please save the date! Future newsletters will have more details.
- **Support for women at Harvard.** Our club has a long tradition of support for women at Harvard. The Radcliffe Club of San Francisco Scholarship Fund, founded in 1959, aids students from the Bay Area. In the early 2000s, the RCSF 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.

We hope you will join us. The membership and dues form for joining or renewing membership through April 2024 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 Kathy Henschel. If you have other questions, please contact Co-President Patricia Bourne.

Sincerely,

Radcliffe Club of San Francisco Co-Presidents



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Attachment: Membership form

**The Radcliffe Club of San Francisco**  
**Membership through April 2024**

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 available online to RCSF members only. 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 2017-2023		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.