



Radcliffe Club of San Francisco

www.radcliffeclubsf.org

April 2025

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.

We hope you will join us. 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. Activities are listed in our monthly newsletter and on the club website at 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 self-guided tours or private docent 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 features talks via Zoom by Harvard professors and RCSF members, followed by discussions with the speaker. Our next speaker is Dr. Ann-Christine Duhaime, Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School, discussing "Climate Change and Health" on Saturday, April 19, at 4 p.m. Pacific time via Zoom.
- **Writers' Workshops.** We have had two fiction and nonfiction workshops, each led by an RCSF member. Participants met online to share and discuss their current work. Members of the original workshops have completed their projects, but a new group can be convened if there is interest.

- **Special Events.** We frequently hold a traditional “Cambridge time” New Year’s Eve party, with a champagne toast at 9 p.m. 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 at 10:30 a.m. Pacific time on Saturday, May 10th. Please save the date! We will elect officers, decide on club contributions, and hear updates on activities and projects. RCSF member Cynthia Travis will give a brief “TED talk” on her Writers’ Workshop project. Please register [HERE](#) for the meeting so we will know that you are coming. All members will receive the Zoom link and materials for the meeting by email on May 9th.
- **Support for women at Harvard.** Our club has a long tradition of supporting women at Harvard. The Radcliffe Club of San Francisco Scholarship Fund, founded in 1959, aids undergraduate students from the San Francisco Bay Area. In the early 2000s, the 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, and the Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project. (More than 300 oral histories have already been completed, from alumnae from the 1940s to 1970s, and will be archived at the Schlesinger Library.)

The membership and dues form for joining or renewing your membership through April 2026 is attached. You can print the form and send it with a check to the club treasurer at the address shown on the form. Or you can fill it out online, and pay your dues and make optional contributions using a credit card. Click [HERE](#) to enter your contact information, and click [HERE](#) to pay by credit card.

For the upcoming year, we would appreciate the help of two or three new members on the club’s Steering Committee, so the club can continue to thrive. This committee plans the Annual Meeting, reviews club activities and can call special meetings or act on behalf of the club when needed. The members are the elected officers and others appointed by the president. We split the club’s work into “small enough chunks” that no one has too much to do! We are looking for online event organizers to run our Speakers Series (a few sessions each year), good writers to update the club's history (some research involved), good organizers to help organize the club's files, and someone with some financial expertise to be a Co-Treasurer. If you are interested, please contact one of us.

If you have any questions, please contact Co-President Kathy Henschel.

Sincerely,

Radcliffe Club of San Francisco Co-Presidents



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Attachment: Membership form

Radcliffe Club of San Francisco – Membership through April 2026

CONTACT INFORMATION: *(If no changes to your contact information this year, please just say so!)*

Name: _____ Degree / Year: _____

Address: _____

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

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 RCSF, 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: _____

<u>DUES:</u>		
Patron Membership	\$100 or more	\$ _____
Sustaining Membership	\$50	\$ _____
Regular Membership	\$25	\$ _____
Recent Graduate Membership 2021-2025	Complimentary	
Newsletter by mail, as well as email?	Please add \$5	\$ _____
<u>CONTRIBUTIONS (OPTIONAL):</u>		
RCSF Scholarship Fund (for undergraduates)		\$ _____
Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project		\$ _____
Schlesinger Library at Radcliffe Institute		\$ _____
	TOTAL	\$ _____

Please print this form and mail with your check (payable to Radcliffe Club of San Francisco) to the club Treasurer: **Kathy Henschel, 108 Poppy Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94596**. If you prefer, you can fill out the form and pay online. Click [HERE](#) to enter your contact information, and Click [HERE](#) to pay/contribute by credit card.

RCSF is a tax-exempt 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.