



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, founded in 1898, was the first, and is now the only remaining, independent Radcliffe Club in the world.

Although Radcliffe College no longer exists, 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 <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. We sometimes have lunch in Berkeley and Oakland, too. We choose locations that are convenient to reach by public transportation.
- **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. This group needs new leadership to continue in the same monthly format. If you are interested in helping with either choosing the films or running the Zoom session, please contact Mary Claugus at maryclaugus@att.net or 415-637-2077.
- **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 periodic series features talks via Zoom by Harvard professors and RCSF members, followed by discussions with the speaker.

- **Writers' Workshop for Fiction.** This workshop meets every two to three weeks on Saturdays at 3 p.m. and is led by Gloria Wu. For more information and the next date, please contact Gloria at gwu2550@gmail.com.
- **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. This past year, we enjoyed the Class of 1975's oral history documentary 'Cliffe Notes, and a concert by the undergraduate ensemble Radcliffe Pitches.
- **Our Annual Meeting** for all members will take place on **Saturday, May 2nd at 2-3:30 p.m. (Pacific time)**. We will elect officers, decide on club contributions, and hear updates on activities and projects. **Please click [HERE](#) to register for the meeting so we will know that you are coming, or email Kathy Henschel at kghenschel@gmail.com**. All members who have registered will receive the Zoom link and materials for the meeting by email on Friday, May 1st.
- **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. Past fundraising has also supported the creation of the Radcliffe Alumnae Professorship and RCSF's Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project. Our fundraising is currently focused on the Radcliffe Club of San Francisco Scholarship Fund and the Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America.

The membership and dues form for joining or renewing your membership through April 2027 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 new members on the club's Steering Committee, so the club can continue to thrive. This committee plans the Annual Meeting, manages club activities and can act on behalf of the club when needed. The Steering Committee 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 Zoom sessions each year) and manage the Film Group's monthly Zoom events. If you are willing to help, please contact 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 2027

CONTACT INFORMATION: *(If no changes to your contact information this year, 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 organizing 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 2022-2026	Complimentary	
Newsletter by mail, as well as by email?	Please add \$5	\$ _____
<u>CONTRIBUTIONS (OPTIONAL):</u>		
RCSF Scholarship Fund (for undergraduates)		\$ _____
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 will be included with our Club contributions sent to Cambridge and will also be credited by Harvard to you individually and to your class.