

JUNE EVENTS 2024

Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project: Friday, May 31, at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom, or 3:30 p.m. EDT in Cambridge in person. This year's Harvard Alumni Day in Cambridge will feature a program on the Oral History Project along with a five-year anniversary celebration of the project. Project Director Alice Abarbanel and Assistant Project Director Suzy Underwood will recount some memorable moments from interviews with alumnae from the classes of the 1940s to 1970s.

To attend via Zoom, RSVP here: <https://alumni.harvard.edu/programs-events/harvard-alumni-day>, then click on **View Schedule**. About halfway down the Schedule (at 3:30 p.m.), click on the link to register for the Oral History Project program, https://harvard.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1MJkGKfAJfiMw3s.

Book Group: Sunday, June 9, at 3 p.m., via Zoom. Janet Hankin will send an email to the book group with instructions for joining the meeting. Others who would like to join, or have questions, can contact her at jghankin@jps.net.

The book for June will be *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks. "... a thundering, gritty, emotionally devastating reconsideration of the story of King David" (Alana Newhouse, NYT). "... powerful storytelling, its landscape and time evoked in lyrical prose" (Merideth Jaffe, The Guardian).

The book for July will be *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin. In 2019, the novel was ranked 51st on The Guardian's list of the 100 best books of the 21st century. "Colm Toibin quietly, modestly shows how place can assert itself, enfolding the visitor, staking its claim" Lisel Schillinger, NYTimes. NOTE: Just released is a sequel, *Long Island*.

We decided to save *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride for a future month when library waiting lists will be shorter. It won the National Book Award.

Culinary Adventures, Bay Area: (second) Wednesday, June 12, at 11:45 a.m. Let's return to **Delancey Street Restaurant, 600 The Embarcadero, SF at Brannan**. Choice of indoor or outdoor seating. For questions or to RSVP, contact Pat Bourne at 415-867-0410 or patriciageraldbourne@gmail.com.

Film Group: Saturday, June 22, at 1:30 p.m. on Zoom. The film will be *Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day*, a 2008 film based on a popular 1938 novel by Winifred Watson, starring Frances McDormand and Amy Adams. As War threatens London, Miss Pettigrew, a destitute governess, filches a client's credit card from her agency, and presents herself at the door of an ambitious singer who is looking for a social secretary to further her career. This is only the start of multiple complications and an amusing, delightful film. It was originally to be made in 1938, starring Billie Burke, but the start of WWII ended those plans and the film was finally made after 60+ years. If you are interested in joining us, please send an email to Lucille Poskanzer at LBPoskanzer@icloud.com and she will send you the link.

RCSF Annual Meeting: On May 11th, we elected officers for 2024-25, including Co-Presidents Kathy Henschel '70 and Suzy Underwood '72, Vice President Julie Cheever '66, Secretary Mary Claugus '72, and Treasurer Kathy Henschel. Many, many thanks to Pat Bourne for her years of service as Co-President! Pallas Chou '23 shared her experiences as an undergraduate and now a graduate student at Stanford. In support of the next generation, we announced our first Harvard Prize Book awards to a junior class woman at Los Altos High School, and a junior class woman at Bret Harte High School in Angels Camp. The members voted to make our RCSF Scholarship Fund contribution in memory of our past Club leaders Ellie Zuckerman '53, Ellen La Follette '54, Gerrie Shoet '56, and Carland Nicholson '62, all wonderful examples of Radcliffe College's lasting "Tradition of Remarkable Women."

Membership Renewal: We invite you to renew your membership, or join the club, through April 2025. Visit the club website, <https://www.radcliffeclubsf.org/membership-information.html>. The "For Members" section contains the up-to-date Membership Directory, Membership Update, and Treasurer's Report. To change your contact information or to get help with the "For Members" password, contact kghenschel@gmail.com.