



HARVARD-RADCLIFFE CLASS OF 1966

Dear Classmates,

December, 2020

You know I get many "thank yous" for doing this letter., and I've been thinking about that. I don't really feel like they are necessary. At my age, 77, the struggle is to remain relevant and productive. This newsletter allows me that opportunity. Anyway, here's the December issue:

Anne Sobol

Hi. Doesn't seem appropriate to say "Happy Holidays," but I do hope you all are doing okay and that you and your families are healthy.

I assume you've received email from Harvard Forward about this year's campaign to get another three Harvard Forward candidates on this year's ballot for the Board of Overseers. I encourage you to sign petitions for the three HF candidates as soon as possible. You can read about the three extraordinary women who are running at harvardforward.org.

Signing the petitions is not as difficult to do this year, the whole thing is online. Go to <https://www.harvardforward.org/sign>. If you're lucky, you saved your Harvard Key number from the last go round. Only tip I can give you is to "copy" the names of the candidates, one by one, so that you can easily drop them into the petition format.

Most of the people receiving this email are in the 95472 zip code. Some of you know that after my husband's death last spring I decided to move back east where my family lives. Incredibly, this has happened, and now I'm sitting in a motel quarantining, watching the snow fall (!), and worrying about the delivery of my stuff to a storage space tomorrow morning at 8 am and another covid test in the afternoon to make sure I didn't pick up anything en route by plane. Hopefully, tomorrow will go alright and I'll have Christmas with my sister here in Massachusetts. The scenery here is quaint, but I have to say it doesn't really complete with the glorious drive from my now ex-house in West County to Sebastopol!

So, please sign the petitions, one for each of the three candidates. Please, please, please. Stay safe, Anne

William Neaves

I missed Priscilla intensely during the holiday season, but I derived some relief by photographing her most-loved bird – the cardinal. She delighted in their abundance here on the mesa top where we had our home. This cardinal was photographed on 12/25/2020.



David Adelman

OK, so I have a terrific note for our next Alumni Bulletin!!!

On January 5, Pegasus/Simon & Schuster published David A. Andelman's fifth, and most truly ground-breaking, book: "[A Red Line in the Sand: Diplomacy, Strategy, and the History of Wars That Might Still Happen](#)". The day before, Evergreen debuted the first episode of the [12-episode podcast](#) based on the book. The gestation of this project is back to David's studies in diplomatic history under Professor Ernest May at Harvard and continued throughout his years as a foreign correspondent and editor including *The New York Times* and CBS News. He completed it in his cabin-in-the-woods in northeast Pennsylvania, secluding from covid. For members of the Harvard Club of NYC there will be a zoom event devoted to the book at 7 pm on January 25. The Overseas Press Club of America is holding [a zoom event for it](#) on January 8 at 7 pm that is open to all !

Mark Packer

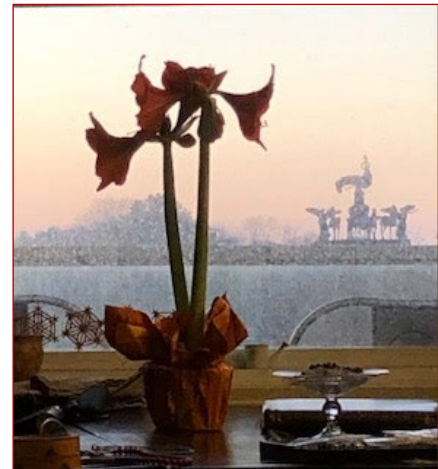
I've just finished up facilitating 30 years of Heavy Culture discussions on great literature. Heavy Culture is my pride and joy. The reading list was initially based on Clifton Fadiman's *Lifetime Reading Plan*, 3rd edition. We've branched out from that list somewhat over the decades, not always successfully, to be polite about it. If anyone is interested, I can send them the complete reading list we've discussed since January of 1991. Just write me at packer@openaccess.org. and I'll forward a copy on to you.

Elayne Archer

At this time of year I buy myself several amaryllis—so beautiful and vibrant as the days grow darker. I often give them to friends. Then for many days and weeks I receive texts and emails with photos of their flowering plants. My favorite photo this year is attached of an amaryllis blooming against the backdrop of the top of the victory arch in Grand Army Plaza in Brooklyn.

I attach another photo from the front of the arch of a sculpture, called "Angels Unawares. It is a replica of a statute that stands permanently in Vatican Square commissioned by Pope Francis in 2019 to celebrate world migrant and refugee day. This replica came to Brooklyn because of the borough's long history of welcoming immigrants. It shows people in a boat, among them Mary and Joseph, as well as an angel (you can see the wings). The text accompanying the statue comes from the book of *Hebrews*: "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

When I was growing up, people always invited someone to Christmas dinner who had no place to go in remembrance that there had been "no room at the inn." Foreign students at the university received many such invitations, as did my family. I have early memories of going to someone's house for Christmas dinner. I was not happy to be the poor family at the door but I do have vivid memories of being welcomed, after a long cold walk because the trains did not run on Christmas day, into lovely, warm houses with beautiful trees, lights, Christmas music, and all the smells of Christmas. I feel fortunate, all these years later, to have such a house (not as big!), and especially, at the end of this hard year, to have celebrated the holidays in comfort and with some joy.



In Memoriam:

AL AB65 *	Maria Revesz Eigerman	09/28/2020	Columbus, OH	
AL AB65 *	Mr. Arthur Thomas Jr.	11/18/2020	Pearland, TX	
AL AB65 *	Mr. E. Ralph Walker	11/04/2020	Reno, NV	Mrs. Linda Faber Walker 420 Hidden Meadows Court Reno, NV89502
AL AB66 *	N. Branson Call M.D.	11/19/2020	Salt Lake City, UT	Ms. Kathleen Lach Call 4135 S 635 E Salt Lake City, 84107
AL AB66 *	Dr. Carl W. Anderson	10/21/2020	Chapel Hill, NC	Ms. Mary E. Anderson 907 Kings Mill Rd Chapel Hill, NC 27517
AL AB67 *	Mr. Richard H. Gleason	08/16/2020	Claremont, CA	
AL AB68 *	Mr. Joel B. Nichols	09/29/2020	Reinach, Switzerland	Ms. Thessy Schoenholzer Nichols Fiechtenweg 6 4153 Reinach BL, Switzerland

We'll communicate in the new year that has to be better than this one!

Your co-class secretary,

Tom Black