



HARVARD-RADCLIFFE CLASS OF 1966

Dear Classmates,

April 2022

Spring! Which means reunion time, and just a reminder that **Alumni Day** starts on Thursday, June 2 and continues on to the next day. I hope to see many of you there.

With Elon Musk taking over Twitter, much talk of censorship or the lack of. So thought I ought to tell you about our rules for this newsletter. We follow the same rules as those for the Red Books. That is, no slandering of another person that might give rise to legal action. And pretty much everything else is wide open, as you can tell by reading the Red Books. So you might read stuff that is offensive, but there it is.

Now the news:

Julie Cheever:

An update on the Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project will be given as part of the Harvard virtual reunion on Friday, May 27, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. ET via Zoom. Project Director Alice Abarbanel, Julie Cheever and Connie Gibb of the Class of 1966 and Suzy Underwood of the Class of 1972 will talk about milestones reached in the project in the past year, and next steps. There will be time for questions and answers. To attend, go to: <https://alumni.harvard.edu/programs-events/radcliffe-college-alumnae-oral-history-project-0> and scroll down to the RSVP form to register.

Wendy Sanford:

I recently served as Quaker in Residence at Haverford College, where the Haverford Library hosted a rich interview about *These Walls Between Us: A Memoir of Friendship Across Race and Class*. Dean Theresa Tensuan interviewed both myself and the book's co-creator, Ms. Mary Norman. <https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/691582881/ecbef26762> I'm happy to report, too, that a number of Radcliffe classmates have invited me to their book groups for rousing discussions by thoughtful readers.

These Walls Between Us: A Memoir of Friendship Across Race and Class

<https://www.wendysanford-thesewallsbetweenus.com/>

GOLD in Multicultural Nonfiction, Nonfiction Authors Association 2022

T.D. Allman:

Free Money! Free Money! Free Money! Free Money!

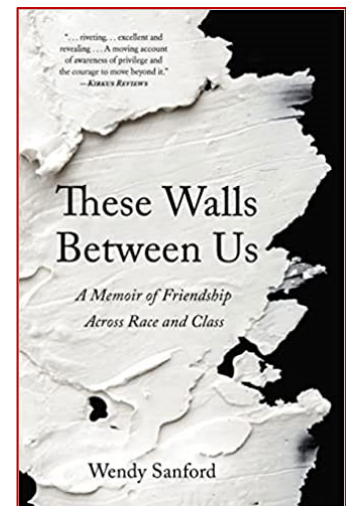
Now here's something you never expected to get via Harvard.

NOT a demand for money.

INSTEAD an offer of money.

I'm giving away money. The aim is to provide small grants that actually help actual humans live better lives, or achieve some good for others, right now in real life.

You will not fail to notice that by doing this I am betraying Harvard's most cherished principles – viz., grab big money, grab it all the time, stick it in an endowment, use it to benefit institutions as opposed



to people. Above all: Never be satisfied, no matter how much people give you because Harvard and its institutions always must have more!

Only people -- unimportant, needy people -- will benefit. So I will understand if the great preponderance of you reject this appeal, in favor of giving ever bigger amounts of money to Harvard, as opposed to accepting teensy, weensy free gifts of money from me.

Nonetheless, should you happen to know of any truly deserving recipients, please send your suggestions, in complete confidence, within one week, to: focus.foundation@aol.com

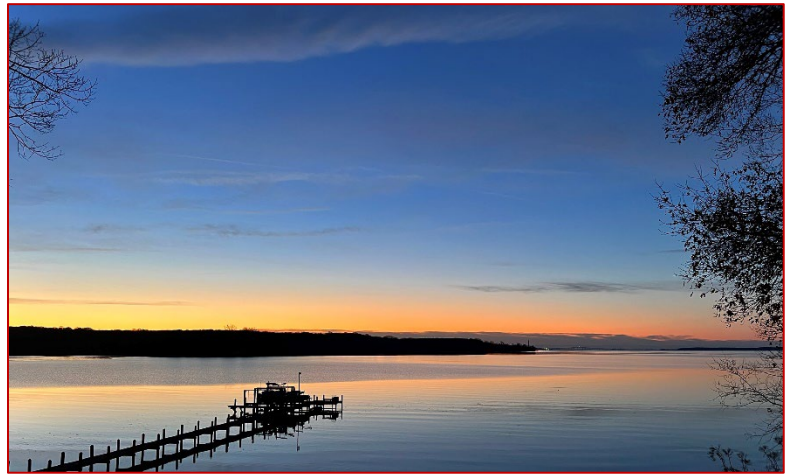
Charles Jackson:

Our life is pleasant but any account would be boring.

We are in good health. Our children and grandchildren live nearby and we see them often.

My hobbies are cooking and photography. I'm mediocre at both but I enjoy them anyway. I don't spend enough time on photography.

Attached is a photo of sunrise last December taken near our home in Southern Maryland.



William Neaves:

Photographing wildlife here on the mesa top in Northwest Texas continues to distract me from less pleasant matters.

Here's a gray fox on 23 April 2022

In Memoriam:

Jonathan Cohen:

With great sorrow, I must report that our classmate **Paul Jefferson** died on March 23, 2023 in Southampton, PA. I am attaching a draft death notice that I submitted to *Harvard Magazine* on April 5, but I haven't heard back from them since then so I don't know when it will be published. He is survived by his life partner, Lydia P. Quill (home address: 835 Woods Rd., Southampton, PA 18966).

Paul Channing Jefferson '66 *mcl*, Ph.D. '76 died March 23, 2022 in Southampton, PA. He was a professor emeritus of history at Haverford College. Paul was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on September 26, 1944 and grew up in Chicago where he graduated from the Francis W. Parker School. At Harvard he majored in History and Literature and received a Ph.D. in History of American Civilization. He declined a Fulbright Fellowship to the University of Paris in 1967 in order to serve as Associate Director of Yale Summer High School 1967 – 1968

Paul taught history, philosophy, economics, and African American studies at the Commonwealth School in Boston from 1977 to 1981. He joined the faculty of Haverford College in 1981. He was recognized as an enthusiastic, dedicated and highly regarded teacher who delighted in introducing generations of students to the value of clear thinking and close reading in the courses he taught about American intellectual history, including upper level seminars on American constitutional law and African American intellectual history. He retired from Haverford in 2010 to enjoy his interests in chess, traveling, and scholarly thought and spirited discussion.

He leaves his life partner, Lydia P. Quill, 3 step-children, 7 step-grandchildren, and his sister, Kristin Jefferson.

Susan (Mrs Frank) Tarantino:

Frank Tarantino (my husband) Harvard '66, HBS 71 died July 9, 2021 after a battle with mesothelioma. Your recent messages came through on his iPad, which I understood had been cleared. Not so! Some time ago I notified Harvard with the news online, as requested, but apparently those records have yet to be updated. I'll try again, and in the meantime want you to have the information

Ellen Leopold:

From *The New York Times*:

James Maraniss, Librettist of Long-Silent Opera, Dies at 76

A Spanish scholar who taught for more than four decades at Amherst College, he waited, along with the composer, 32 years for "Life Is a Dream" to be staged.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/01/24/arts/music/james-maraniss-dead.html?smid=em-share>

'65	Mr. Hugh T. Field	01/17/2022	Henderson, NV / Mrs. Sharon Field 26 Myrtle Beach Dr, Henderson, NV
'66	Caroline Balderston Parry	02/09/2022	Ottawa, Quebec / David MacKenzie Parry 90 Britannia Road, Ottawa, Canada
'66	James E. Maraniss	01/09/2022	Amherst, MA / Virginia Kaeser Maraniss 36 Island Street, West Chesterfield, MA

Next month's issue will be slightly earlier in the month, as there will be announcements pertaining to Alumni Day, and I'll be reminding you of Alice's talk on May 27.

Stay well!

Tom Black
co-class secretary