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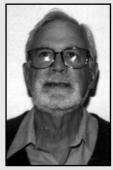
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SPOTLIGHT On...

Activities Committee Frank Rettenberg '52

At Harvard, Frank lived in Adams

House, was business manager of the Harvard Dramatic Club, and graduated with a B.A. in political theory and comparative government. After three years in the Navy and



a year's study in Turkey, he joined the US Foreign Service, where he served, inter alia, in Istanbul, Madras, New Delhi, and Copenhagen.

He retired in 1989 and moved with his wife to Marin County, where he is Chairman of the local chapter of the World Affairs Council. His hobbies and interests include Turkish studies; music (piano); tennis; and bridge.

On the Activities Committee, Frank has arranged club outings at productions of Humanities West, a San Francisco cultural non-profit where he serves as a director. Currently he is hoping to arrange a bridge tournament, either intra or intermural.

Current Events

Date	<u>Event</u>
11/15	Terrorism & its Aftermath
11/17	Harvard Yale Football Game
11/17	HCSF Bridge Tournament
11/18	Audra McDonald Concert
12/1	Book Club: Islam
12/4	President Lawrence Summers
12/6	Pianist William Watson

12/11 Nutcracker SF Ballet

Harvard-Yale Football

Saturday, November 17th Door opens 9:00, Kickoff 9:30 am Boat House, Harding Park, SF

Join your classmates, friends, and the Yalies at the 116th playing of THE GAME via closed circuit telecast. We will gather at the Boat House Bar and Restaurant at the entrance to the golf course, just off Skyline Boulevard, 1/2 mile south of the San Francisco Zoo.

With your support, senior quarterback Neil Rose (Mililani, HI) junior receiver Carl Morris (Sterling, VA) will lead the Crimson onward to victory!

A full bar service is available, along with a menu of meals. Guests are responsible for their own charges and tips. Tickets are \$10 reserved and \$15



at the door. Children under 12 are free.

Directions from the City: take 19th Avenue to Sloat Blvd, turn to go West,

cross Sunset Blvd, and get in the left lane as you near the SF Zoo. Skyline Blvd. begins at the left turn Stop sign. Go about 1/2 mile, and the Harding Park sign will be on your left, with the Boat House (415-681-2727) and parking inside on the right.

- Paul Toulmin

Get in Tune with Ms. Audra McDonald

Sunday, November 18th, 8:00 pm SF Symphony, San Francisco, CA

Join us for this special concert of the San Francisco Symphony featuring the

world-renowned soprano, Audra McDonald.

A three-time Tony Award winner (Ragtime (1998), Master Class (1996), and Caronsel (1994)) and local favorite, she received her classical vocal training at The Julliard School, graduating in 1993. She made her

Carnegie Hall debut singing selections from Porgy and Bess with Michael Tilson Thomas and the symphony.

Audra will perform a program of "swing" hits from the 1930s and 1940s.

Accompanied by a dance band, the program features tunes by Duke Ellington, George Gershwin, Harold Arlen and many others.

Davis Symphony Hall is at 201 Van Ness Avenue, between Hayes and Grove Streets. Tickets are \$60.00 per person with paid reservations. Please

RSVP to the club office.

- Andre Brown



Bioterrorism Panel

Thursday, November 15th, noon World Affairs Center, SF

Are we prepared? "Terrorism and Its Aftermath" is a joint presentation of the World Affairs Council and the HCSF September 11th Committee. Panelists will address the communication, technologies and decision support systems that are essential in detecting and responding to a bioterrorist event.

Panelists include:

- John Lightfoot, Special Agent, Weapons of Mass Destruction Coordinator, FBI SF Division
- Douglas K. Owens, VA Health Care System, Asso. Professor of Medicine and Health Research Policy, Stanford
- Jonathan Tucker, Director of the Chemical and Biological Weapons Nonproliferation Program, Monterrey Institute of International Studies, Author, *Scourge: The Once* and Future Threat of Smallpox

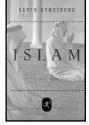
To receive the special HCSF member discounted price of \$8, register and prepay through the Club Office at least 24 hours in advance.

Registration starts at 11:30 am and the program begins at 12:00 pm at the World Affairs Center, 312 Sutter St., Suite 200, San Francisco, CA 94108.

Understanding Islam

Book Discussion Group Saturday, December 1st, 4:00 pm

We'll discuss "Islam: A Short History" by Karen Armstrong, the author of *Muhammad* and *A History of God.* Please RSVP to George Duke, JD '59 San Rafael, CA



San Rafael, CA (415) 456-5204 for driving directions.

"September 11th" Series

Upcoming Programs to Discuss Current Events & Public Policy

HCSF's new committee has organized more events to promote the discussion and understanding of the historical, political, cultural, economic, military, psychological, and religious issues surrounding the terrorist attacks and the USA's developing response.

Event 2: Surviving Trauma Late November, Evening

A moderated discussion featuring trauma therapists specializing in adult and children's issues.

Event 3: How Did We Get Here? Early December, Evening

A panel discussion of Middle-Eastern development in the 20th Century, relations with the West, and how these dynamics have led to our current situation. A forward-looking summary of what the future might hold will conclude the evening.

Event 4:

Understanding the Nature of Evil January 2002 (Saturday, Half Day)

A panel discussion on the "good vs. evil" duality as it relates to Sept. 11th and subsequent events. After the introductory discussion, participants can choose between different "break out" sessions focused on culture, religion, racism, and technology.

Event 5:

USA's choice: to war or not to war? Late January 2002, Evening

An interview with Barbara Lee on dissension in times of national crisis

We welcome your participation! For more details, contact Marc Miller: mmiller@crimsonlanguage.com.

Let's Make a Deal!

HCSF Bridge Tournament Saturday, November 17th, 1:00 pm

If Bill Gates and Warren Buffet can play together, so can you. Show off those analytical skills you acquired at Harvard!



We will play in pairs format, with prizes for the best North-South and East-West scores. Not only are spouses wel-

come, but if you have a regular partner who is not a member, please bring him or her along.

Cost is \$25 per person, which includes the services of a top-notch professional director plus coffee, tea, and light refreshments. RSVP to the club office.

- Frank Rettenberg

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Inaugural Dinner for Harvard President Lawrence H. Summers

Tuesday, December 4th, 2001



The Harvard Alumni
Association and the HCSF cordially invite you to an inaugural dinner for Lawrence H. Summers, 27th President of Harvard University.

Join us to celebrate President Summers's leadership at a reception for the president, followed by dinner and his remarks. Stay tuned for time and location details, as well as information on registering for this event on-line. For more information, please contact the Clubs and Programs Office, Harvard Alumni Association, at 800-654-6494 or clubs@harvard.edu.

Celebrate the Festive Nutcracker

SF Ballet Gala Opening Night Tuesday, December 11th, 6:30 pm Opera House, San Francisco, CA

Join our 2nd annual evening at Gala Opening Night of the San Francisco Ballet's Nutcracker. Be dazzled by the splendid performance, holiday decorations and fabulous treats in the grand foyer of the Opera House.

Opening Night is a very special San Francisco tradition, with snow falling as guests arrive on the Opera House steps and a Sugar Plum

world of fantasy and feast awaiting inside the resplendent lobby.

Our guests will be greeted and entertained, with special

photo opportunities, by the Fairy Princess, clowns, a stilt walker, Nutcrackers, and other players in costume. The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Pre-performance festivities and special effects (snow) begin at 5:30 pm.

Complimentary desserts will be served at intermission along with no-host

champagne. Ticket price, including pre-performance and intermission desserts and entertainment, is \$55.00 per person. Reservations must be paid for by November 16.

Last year's tickets sold like hot cakes! RSVP to the club office immediately.

The event planner, Elaine Black, will distribute paid tickets in the Opera House lobby from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Latecomers may pick up their tickets at the lobby ticket window. Please arrive no later than 7:15 pm.

- Elaine Black

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Bioterrorism/911 Discussion	(R)	11/15	\$8	X		=		City:
Surviving Trauma/911 Panel	(R)	TBD	TBD					State: Zip:
Harvard-Yale Football Game	(R)	11/17	\$ 10	X		=		_
Bridge Tournament	(R)	11/17	\$25	X		=		Phone (Day): (
Audra McDonald Concert	(R)	11/18	\$60	X		=		Phone (Eve): (
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Nutcracker SF Ballet	(R)	12/11	\$55	X		=		Card Number:
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RSVP - phone: (415) 750-1442 fax: (415) 750-1446 hcsf@harvardclub-norca	Or mail this form & make check payable to: Harvard Club of San Francisco 4200 California St. # 207, SF, CA 94118						Exp. Date:// Signature:/	

Note: No confirmations are sent. Door lists are maintained. Reservations made less than 48 hours before an event must be placed with a credit card. Events at the University Club require a dress code: men wear a coat and tie and women wear comparable formality (no jeans or tennis shoes).

Harvard Alum becomes President of Brown

HCSF President Modesta Garcia joined in the weekend celebration of Brown University's new 18th President, Ruth J. Simmons (Ph.D.'70, Romance

Languages) on October 13th. Ruth is

the first African-American and third woman to lead an Ivy League school.

Performances highlighted art's value to a chang-

ing society and academic community. Well-wishers included Nobel Laureate Toni Morrison, poets Paul Muldoon and Sonia Sanchez, playwrights Paula Vogel and Tony Kushner, actors Anna Deavere Smith and James Naughton, and academics Cornel West and Henry Louis Gates.

Simmons spoke passionately about the

University's mission and the importance of teaching and education. "A teacher is the lifeline for individuals, for communities, for nations and for the world," Simmons said. "It is to the

teachers that we owe the liveliness and the way of life." Reared in Houston's impoverished Fifth Ward, Simmons graduated from Dillard University, worked at

Princeton (where she was a colleague of Garcia's) and Spelman College, and recently was Smith College's President.

At Simmons' home, Garcia met Ms. Morrison, Spelman President Emeritus Johnetta Cole, and Ms. Sanchez. "It was an honor and privilege to have been embraced as a family member by Ruth," noted Garcia.

SUPPORTING MEMBERS (\$150)

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Walter Hewlett
David Lentini
Elizabeth Parent
Eduardo Perez
Tery Vogt
Matt Wachowicz

Pianist William Watson

Thursday, December 6th, 7:00 pm University Club, San Francisco



Join us for a wonderful evening of holiday music.

Hailed by critics as one of today's top pianists, William Watson has received awards from New Age Voice (Top

Five Best Acoustic Instrumental, 1999), Crossroads Music Magazine (Contemporary Instrumentalist of the Year - 2000), The Gay Lesbian American Music Awards (nominated for Pop Instrumentalist of the Year -2000 and Male Artist of the Year -1998) and Wind and Wire Magazine (Year's Best List (1997/1999).

His music appeals to both classical and "new acoustic" audiences. Critics have termed it "stunningly beautiful and emotionally deep."

Tickets are \$10 for members in advance or \$15 at the door (\$15/\$20 for non-members). Appetizers and cash bar start at 6:30 p.m. RSVP to the club office. The Winter Holiday Event is sponsored by the Diversity Committee.

Club Appreciation

We thank the following members for their support for the 2000-2001 year:

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