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**Special Northstar Ski Package
New Dates for Club Ski Weekend
Friday, March 9 – Sunday, March 11**



Due to a mixup in scheduling, the block of condominiums we attempted to book at Northstar at Tahoe is now only available for the weekend of March 9-11. We apologize for the change and urge all those interested to call the Club office at (415) 421-4700 or email hcsf@harvardclub-norcal.org so that we may confirm with Northstar no

later than Friday, January 19th.

As you will recall, the Club has negotiated an attractive package at the beautiful Northstar ski resort at Tahoe (www.skinorthstar.com). The two-night, three-day package includes lift tickets for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Each condo sleeps four in two comfortable double rooms, and is located close to restaurants and other activities. The total 3-day, 2-night package price is only \$230 per person, double occupancy, plus tax.

Don't miss out on this exhilarating weekend outing at Tahoe.

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Current Events

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- 20 Book Discussion
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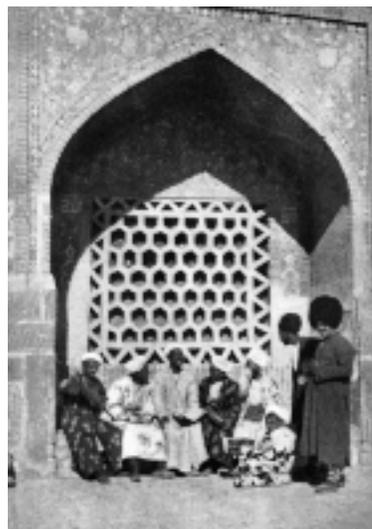
FEBRUARY

- 10 Seals at Año Nuevo
- 24 President's Dinner

MARCH

- 3 Blackhawk Museum
- 9 Ski Weekend

**An Illustrated Lecture
Cities of the Silk Road
Tuesday, January 23**



Come to the University Club on Tuesday, January 23rd and join merchants and wayfarers along the ancient Silk Road to the exotic cities of Khiva, Bukhara, and legendary Samarkand - capital of mighty Tamerlane's empire. The rulers of these three cities, seats of powerful khanates, built magnificent palaces, mosques, and mausoleums, many of which have been richly restored by Soviet and Uzbek authorities.

During this fascinating pictorial sojourn you will hear retired Foreign Service Officer, Frank Rettenberg ('52), describe the monumental architecture and unique social settings that he observed during his recent trip to Uzbekistan in June 1999. In the process, he will review the area's rich and complex historical legacy from the 10th Century Samanid dynasty through the transition from Russian to Soviet rule to independence. Mr. Rettenberg will also touch on this newly independent country's political, economic and environmental difficulties.



Don't miss this captivating historical, social, and architectural presentation by a trained observer of the international scene. *Cost is \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door for members;*

\$15 in advance, \$20 at the door for non-members. University Club, 800 Powell Street (at California). Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00; recital begins at 7:00. Reply to the Club by phone at (415) 421-4700 by fax at (415) 421-6424 or by e-mail to hcsf@harvardclub-norcal.org. The University Club dress code requires jacket for men and comparable formality for women. No denim or tennis shoes.



A once-in-a lifetime event
Farewell Dinner for President Rudenstine
Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001

Join Harvard alumni from all over Northern California at the Stanford Court Hotel on Nob Hill in San Francisco on Saturday, February 24th, for a memorable tribute and farewell dinner for outgoing Harvard President Neil Rudenstine.

In anticipation of his 2001 retirement, President Rudenstine is making a farewell tour of alumni clubs around the country, including a visit to the Bay Area. The Club is honored to have the privilege of hosting what promises to be a historic, interesting and pleasurable occasion.

Prices for the event are as follows: \$45/recent grads ('96-00), \$65/Members, \$75/Non-Members. Invitations will be mailed to alumni directly from Cambridge. If you would like to attend, please contact the Harvard Club of San Francisco Club office reserving your space with the RSVP form included in the invitation. Reservation forms and non-refundable pre-payment required. For questions call the Club office at (415) 421-4700 or email hcsf@harvardclub-norcal.org

Our perennial pinniped pilgrimage
Elephant Seals at Año Nuevo
Saturday, February 10th

Join us for a once-a-year opportunity to watch the elephant seals come ashore to rest, mate and give birth at Año Nuevo State Reserve on the San Mateo Coast. It's a unique and unforgettable natural spectacle.



The Club has been able to reserve twenty places for Saturday, February 10th. As always, we will travel by special SamTrans bus, departing from the South Side of Mervyn's in the Hillsdale Shopping Center at 10:00 am promptly. Members may use the Center's parking lots. A stop will also be made at Albertson's in Half Moon Bay around 10:20am. Return trip arrives Hillsdale around 4:30pm.

Bring a box lunch and drinks. Dress warmly, with rain protection, and comfortable shoes for rough terrain. The ranger-led walk of about three miles, will go out rain or shine. No strollers, umbrellas or pets allowed. Photographs are encouraged, but avoid flash.

Advance reservations and payment are required. \$15 per person. Tickets will be at the bus boarding spot at Hillsdale. Sorry, no refunds for cancellations.

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**Bugattis, Duesenbergs and Stutzes
Blackhawk Museum Visit & Luncheon
Saturday, March 3**



On Saturday, March 3, we have arranged for a docent-led tour of the Blackhawk Automotive Museum in Danville, followed by a private lunch at the celebrated Blackhawk Grille.

The Blackhawk Museum, which opened in 1988, showcases more than 100 classic cars from the Behring Collection in a setting which encourages visitors to experience the cars as works of art. Its collection is weighted toward custom-bodied classics, including Bugatti, Duesenberg, Daimler and Rolls-Royce. This year, the museum expanded its scope by becoming affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution in Washington in a program to bring portions of the Smithsonian collection to selected institutions around the country.

The current exhibition, "Smithsonian Treasures: Icons of American History," includes objects, photographs and paintings on loan from four different Smithsonian museums, including Isaac Singer's 1855 sewing machine, Edward Harrison May's 1869 painting of a Gilded Age dandy, a bronzed Joe Louis boxing glove and a series of sketches FDR made for U.S. stamps. There is also an exhibit on spiders, organized by the National Museum of Natural History.

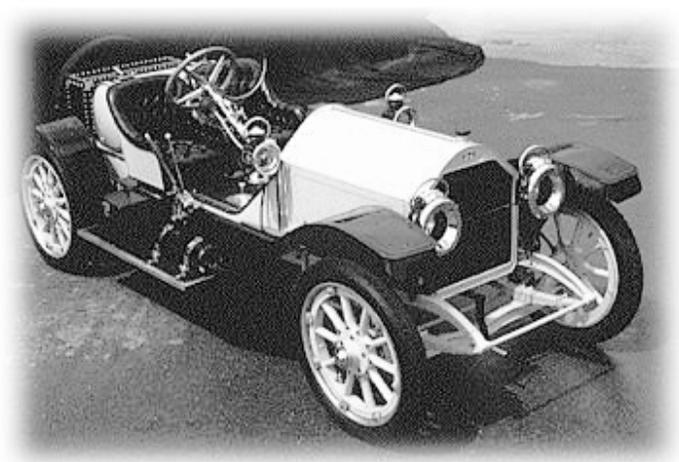
We will meet at the museum at 10 a.m. for a one-hour docent-led tour of the first floor collection, followed by a free hour for visiting other parts of the museum. At noon, we will adjourn to the nearby Blackhawk Grille for a gourmet southwestern-style lunch (choice of

four entrees) in a private dining room. After lunch, there will be opportunities for browsing in the Blackhawk Plaza shops or further exploration of the museum.

To reach the museum, take Route 24 east to Walnut Creek, then I-680 south to the Crow Canyon Road exit. Head east (left from the freeway) on Crow Canyon Road for 4.2 miles, then turn right on Camino Tassajara, then take your first left (at the Movies 7 Theater) into Blackhawk Plaza, then your second right into the closest parking area. The Museum is on the hill above the gated Plaza entrance.

The cost of this event, including museum admission and lunch (but not wine or other bottled beverages) is \$45 per person. The number of people we can accommodate is limited, so make your reservation early.

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Reservation Form (Events marked (R) require advance reservations) Advance reservation must be accompanied by payment.

The Club policy requires 48-hour notice or cancellations. No-shows will be charged. We accept Visa and MasterCard credit cards.

EVENT	DATE	COST	NO.	\$ AMT.
Cities of the Silk Road	1/23	Members \$10/advance, \$15 at the door Non-members \$15/advance, \$20 at the door	x_____ =	\$_____
Seals at Año Nuevo(R)	2/10	Members \$15/advance	x_____ =	\$_____
Blackhawk Museum (R)	3/3	\$45/advance	x_____ =	\$_____
Ski Weekend (R)	3/9-11	\$230, Reservations required by 1/19	x_____ =	\$_____/
Total				\$_____

Name _____ Degree & Graduation Year _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____
 Visa MasterCard Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____
 Signature _____ Print Name _____

You may fax credit card payment to: Harvard Club of San Francisco, (415) 421-6424. Please make checks payable to: Harvard Club of San Francisco. Note: Refunds require 48 hours notice. No confirmations are made. Door lists are maintained. All reservations made less than 48 hours prior to an event must be made by credit card. The University Club dress code requires coat and tie for men and comparable formality for women. NO denim or tennis shoes.

HOLD THE DATE**Saturday, April 28, 2001****Cruise on FDR's yacht "Potomac"**

Unfortunately, our cruise this past October was canceled due to bad weather. We have rescheduled for the cruise on Saturday, April 28, 2001.

So, mark your calendars Now! The October tickets are valid for the April cruise. A limited number of tickets will be available for other members who couldn't make the October cruise. More information will follow in the February newsletter.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

Do you have a personal interest or professional issue that you feel passionately about? Would you like the opportunity to share it with other Club Members? If so, please join us for the next Harvard Club Activities Committee meeting on Monday, January 8, 2001. Organizing your own event with the help of the San Francisco Harvard Club is fun. It's easy. And it will give you and your brain-child exposure to an intelligent, eclectic audience. Consider these examples of successful past events:

- White Water Rafting
- Shakespeare at Stinson Beach
- Anxiety in Silicon Valley - lecture with Psychiatrist, Dr. James Reich
- Cyberselfish - an evening with noted author Paulina Borsook
- San Francisco Art Galleries Tour
- The Day of the Living Dead
- Opening Night at the Nutcracker Ballet

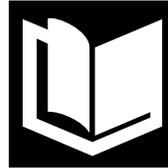
Now, what's your event idea? To find out how to make it a reality, join us for the next Activities Committee meeting (refreshments and a charming group of colleagues are complimentary) on Monday,

January 8th at 6:00 p.m. at Law Offices of McCutchen, Doyle, Brown, & Enersen at Three Embarcadero Center, 25th Floor, San Francisco. If you can't make the meeting by 6:00 p.m., please notify the Club office by phone no later than 5:00 on the 5th. There's a very cautious lobby attendant.

Do We Have your Email Address?

The Club now notifies many members via *email* of special fast-closing events which cannot make the newsletter deadlines. If you have not yet sent your email address to the Club, please forward it to hcsf@harvardclub-norcal.org. Notify us similarly if you do *not* wish to receive email from the Club.

For those members who do not have email, remember that the Club's telephone (415) 421-4700 plays a recorded listing of current and upcoming events.

Book Discussion Group**Saturday, January 20, 2001**

The Book Discussion Group will meet on Saturday, January 20, at 4pm at the home of Roger and Suzanne Park. This month's book is "Angle of Repose" by Wallace Stegner. Please phone Suzanne at (415) 440-3298 if you plan to attend. Newcomers are welcome.

Law School Alumni Announcement**All-class Harvard Law West Coast Reunion****January 5-7, 2001**

On January 5-7, 2001 the Law School will host an all-class reunion at the Palace Hotel, drawing alumni from all western states. A Friday evening reception, Saturday sessions with Dean Clark and several HLS professors, a Saturday dinner, a Sunday morning fun run, and optional Sunday tour on the Napa Valley Wine Train are all featured. For information and registration forms contact Tony Rossmann, President HLSA of Northern California: ar@landwater.com, (415) 861-1401.



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