

Dinner with Malala Yousafzai, BBLP Assembly, and thanks to our donors!



# ClassACT Newsletter

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## Happy New Year, HR'73!

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We got this *wonderful unsolicited comment* from Classmate **Sharman Haley** and wanted to share it with you as a start to 2019:

*I do want to tell you how much I appreciate what you are doing. It makes me feel like **you are my true community**. I am currently obsessed with pro-democracy organizing in Alaska. I was active in my youth, less active midlife, and returned to full-bore activism after retirement. It was discouraging in those intervening years how little activism I saw around me. I hoped that my generation would return to their roots after retirement. **You guys are fulfilling my dreams.***

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Thank you to all of you who responded to our year-end request for funds to keep ClassACT running. We appreciate your generosity and support! Here's the [list](#) of our 2018 donors. If you haven't donated yet, but would like to, click [here](#).

The ClassACT Board, members of the Benazir Bhutto Leadership Program Advisory Committee and BBLP Fellows were special guests at a talk and dinner in honor of Nobel Peace-Prize winner Malala Yousafzai sponsored by the Center for Public Leadership at the Kennedy School of Government. We were privileged to meet privately with Malala. BBLP Director **Merion Dwyer** presented





BBLP Director **Marion Dry** presented her with an enlargement of the portrait of Benazir created by **Linda Bond** and **Rick Brotman** '73, and Malala expressed her great admiration for Benazir, whom she considers her role model.



**(L-R) Back row:** Katie Sundstrom, Rick Brotman, George Putnam, Roohi Abdullah, Carl Muller, Malala Yousafzai, Nathasha Jehangir Khan, Kathy Putnam, Jonathan Sprague, Bahman Mossavar-Rahmani, Sallie Gouverneur, John Adams. **Front row (seated):** Holly Weeks, Peter Galbraith, Linda Bond, Marion Dry, Therese Steiner, Leigh Hafrey.

**SAVE THE DATE: Friday, April 12**

On April 12th we will co-sponsor our second Benazir Bhutto Leadership Program Assembly with the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs. This will take place at Harvard, and you are all invited. The broad topic is ***Democracy Now***, participants include Nobel Prize-winning economist and classmate **Roger Myerson**, award winning international journalist **Sylvester Monroe**, and our BBLP Fellows, and we will share more details soon.

**REMINDER:**

Haven't completed our [survey](#) yet? Please do it now!

## **IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:**

HERE ARE links to 4 inspiring stories about HR73 classmates working together and achieving positive social change in [Baltimore](#), [New Orleans](#), [Costa Rica](#) and [nationwide](#).

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