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Achieving Change Together

February 2021 ClassACTions Bulletin

Punxsutawney Phil predicts 6 more weeks of winter. However, even as the major winter storms blow across the country, the daylight hours lengthen, the sun feels warmer, and we begin to see signs of the promise of spring. It is easier to feel optimistic. ClassACT sends our classmates and their families and friends continuing best wishes for good health, positive engagement and satisfying endeavors.

SURVEY SAYS...

If you are a member of the Great Class of 1973, by now you should have received ClassACT HR73's classmate participation survey. Whatever your current involvement with ClassACTHR73, we hope to include you and others in the vibrant and growing network of classmates whose range of passions and activities make ClassACT so satisfying. We are expanding our activities and look forward to sharing our plans and enabling you to share your interests and expertise with us. Your participation is key!

The first link to the survey went out Tuesday, February 2nd - please check your inbox for an email from classacthr73@gmail.com titled "ClassACT Survey: Please fill out!" It only takes about 6 minutes. The results will help ClassACT immeasurably to plan our future engagements with the issues and

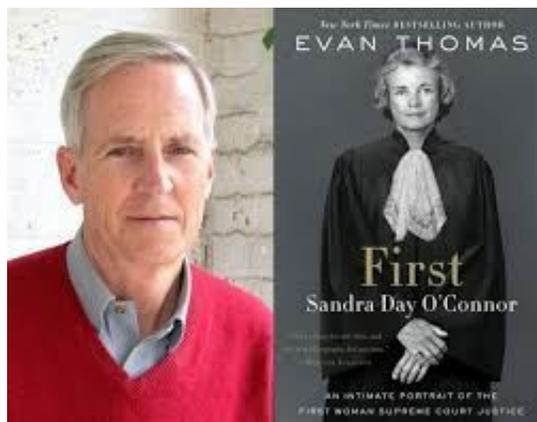
organizations most important to HR73 classmates.

Our thanks in advance for your response; we look forward to hearing from you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR'S LIFE AND LEGACY

Monday, February 22, 8pm ET



Classmate **Evan Thomas** author of the Sandra Day O'Connor biography, "*First: Sandra Day O'Connor*"

[Click here for more information](#)

On Monday, February 22, 7 pm Central Time (8pm Eastern, 6 pm Pacific), classmate **Cliff Greene** will facilitate a discussion with classmate and bestselling author **Evan Thomas** and his co-author and wife, Oscie, concerning the Thomases' new book, *First: Sandra Day O'Connor*. Joined by two of Justice O'Connor's clerks, the conversation will provide insights into O'Connor's life and her hopeful lessons on repairing American civic life. Presented by Temple Israel in Minneapolis and co-sponsored by ClassACTHR73 along with several other organizations, the evening should prove to be a thought-provoking conversation.

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**ATTENTION NEW YORK CITY VOTERS
OUR SISTER CLASSACTHR79 PRESENTS...**

**A Conversation With Ray McGuire, Candidate for Mayor of New
York City**

Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 6:00 - 7:15 pm EST



The banner features a red background with a blue gradient at the bottom. At the top left, a white box contains the text "ClassACT HR79 Forum". Below this, two portrait photos are shown side-by-side. The photo on the left is of Ray McGuire, a man in a dark suit and yellow tie, with his arms crossed. Below his photo is a white box with the text "Ray McGuire HR79, HLS & HBS 84". The photo on the right is of Michel Martin, a woman with short dark hair, wearing a white top, with her hand near her chin. Below her photo is a white box with the text "Michel Martin HR80". At the bottom of the banner, a white box contains the text "A Conversation With Ray McGuire, Candidate for Mayor of New York City Moderated by NPR's Michel Martin".

From www.classacthr79.org

The Class of '79 reports that New York City has been hit hard by the pandemic, and today the city must overcome its greatest economic crisis in 50 years, rising crime, and a devastated transportation system, along with the widespread distrust of the police and problems with racial, gender, income, and healthcare inequity found across our country.

Please join them on February 23 at 6:00 pm EST for a conversation with Ray McGuire (HBS/HLS 84), who's running for mayor of New York City. The talk will be moderated by NPR's Michel Martin, HR80. Learn about what brought Ray to enter the growing field for "the second toughest job in America."

Register [here!](#)

The conversation will focus on Ray's journey through Harvard and its impact on his career, and you will have a chance to explore the personal reflections

that led him to decide to enter public service and run for mayor of the City of New York in this trying time. Notable among his other achievements before he left finance, Ray is co-author of a recent landmark Citi report titled [Closing the Racial Inequality Gaps](#), that states how racial inequity has cost the U.S. GDP \$16 trillion over the last 20 years.

SAVE THE DATE FOR A #CLASSACTFORUM

Racism and the Criminal System: Communities Fight for Justice

Thursday, March 25, 2021, 7-8:30pm ET



From <https://neighborhooddefender.org/pace/>

Thursday, March 25th at 7pm ET, ClassACT will present a ClassACT Forum: **Racism and the Criminal System: Communities Fight for Justice**, as part of its [Justice & Civic Engagement Initiative](#). Classmate **Sylvester Monroe**, journalist and author, will moderate the panel featuring **Gina Clayton-Johnson**, Executive Director & Founder Essie Justice Group; **Rick Jones**, Executive Director of the Neighborhood Defender Society's PACE (Police Accountability and Community Empowerment Program); **Christy E Lopez**, Georgetown Law Professor, co-leading the Center for Innovative Policing; and **Jason Williams**, District Attorney New Orleans. The panel will focus on issues of community activism, prosecution, policing and public defense, as it relates to understanding racism in the criminal system and ending mass incarceration and police abuse of BIPOC communities. The NDS- PACE program is the 2021 grantee-partner of JusticeAid, founded by classmate and CEO Stephen Milliken. For additional information on PACE and its work,

click [here](#).

JUSTICEAID- COMING UP

NDS | PACE
**POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY/
COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT**

- Sunday, May 2nd: JusticeAid & Riverside Church Public Forum
- Thursday, May 27th: JusticeAid virtual concert benefitting JusticeAid's 2021 grantee-partner NDS/ PACE
- Tuesday, October 19th: Concert in Washington, D.C. benefitting NDS/ PACE

HR'73 ZOOM COCKTAIL PARTY

Saturday, February 6, 2021

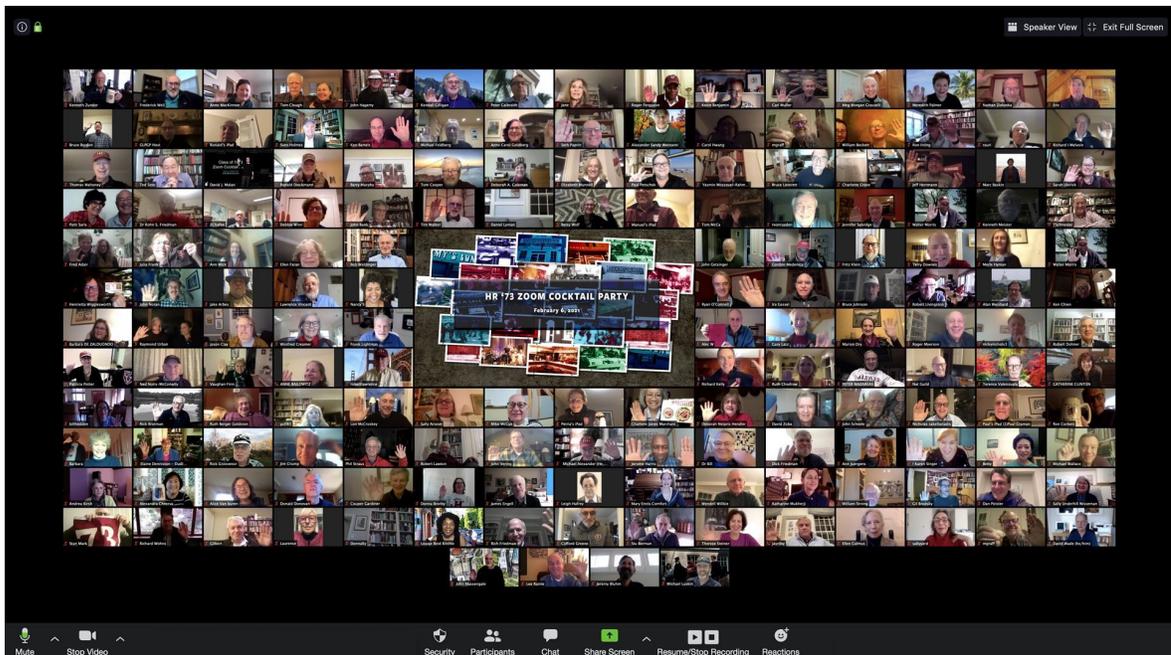


Photo by Tara Kavanaugh

Wow! What a night!

Between reunions our classmates who head up the Harvard College Fund effort host regional dinners. They are always lots of fun! With the pandemic, they decided to go on Zoom instead! They invited leaders from our HR73 Reunion Committee, as well as some of our ClassACT leaders worked with them to put this great event together. It was a great team effort!

The consensus was clear...everyone who participated in the HR73 Zoom Cocktail Party event, both the prelude presented by two Harvard academics, one of whom was our classmate, **Meg Morgan Grasselli**, and the House parties, was blown away by how much fun they had. Most of the House parties went way beyond the predicted time...everyone enjoyed catching up with old friends as well as making new ones.

Post-Cocktail Comments:

“It was an amazing evening!”

“Such a terrific evening...a wonderfully nostalgic walk down memory lane...”

“That was lots of fun...great stories...nice comments...so much accomplishment and adventure...totally amazing really...”

“Can’t wait for our 2023 50th Reunion Tour!”

Get Involved!

Classmates expressed heartfelt gratitude to all classmates who helped plan and organize this special cocktail party. The leadership of ClassACT HR73 was prominent in all aspects of the evening. In the course of the evening a number of classmates asked how they could get involved in ClassACT. All you have to do is e-mail classacthr73@gmail.com or sign up on our [website](#).

OUR THANKS!

ClassACTHR73 would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to classmates who

contributed to our recent fundraising request. We were able to raise over \$64,000 for ClassACT thanks to you! Without your generosity, we wouldn't have been able to do all of the important things we've done – from the Benazir Bhutto Leadership Program to our #ClassACTForums. We'd also like to thank all who read our communications, attend and participate in our forums, and offer their time, expertise and suggestions. Whatever form your participation takes, we appreciate it.

Interested in Helping ClassACT?

ClassACT is built on classmate participation and we are interested in having every classmate as a member of our ClassACT community. If you are interested in learning more about ClassACT and how you can be involved, please visit our [website](#) or send us an [email](#).

While encouraging the sharing of time and willingness to work together, ClassACT also welcomes financial support. To support our work in this way you can donate below.

[Donate Here](#)

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