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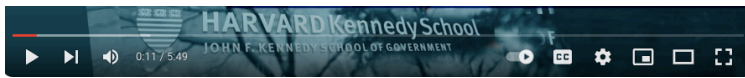
There is a great deal going on now locally, nationally and worldwide that is causing many of us to be in an almost constant state of anger, fear, anxiety, division and distrust. During the upcoming holiday season, ClassACT HR73 urges you to take the time to find gratitude and beauty in your lives, along with making positive and empathetic connections with others.

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MEET OUR NEW BENAZIR BHUTTO LEADERSHIP FELLOW NAZMUL HAQUE





On October 24, 2023, ClassACT sponsored an online opportunity to hear in depth from our latest BBLP fellow, **Nazmul Haque**. Beginning with classmate and Board member **Leigh Hafrey**'s interview and continuing with the questions and answers from the audience, Nazmul provided insights into his talents, experience and goals. He described his plans for utilizing what he learns at HKS this year in order to foster economic and social growth in his home country, Bangladesh. Please view the video, created by classmate **Rick Brotman**, to hear from Nazmul.

FOURTH ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

OLE & NU FELLAS SOCIAL AID AND PLEASURE CLUB

[Click to donate a coat](#)

**Please make sure you select the option for "Sue Press' Gift Registry Address."*



Sue Press and Coat Drive participants from 2022

You can help keep kids warm this winter. For the fourth year in a row, ClassACT HR73 will impact children's lives in New Orleans by participating in the annual coat drive sponsored by ClassACT HR73's Bridge, [The Ole & Nu Style Fellas Social Aid & Pleasure Club](#).

The organization was founded by the extraordinary leader and activist **Sue Press** and is sponsored by Board member **Rick Weil '73**. In three previous years, members of the Class of '73 have donated more than 100 coats each year, helping keep kids--toddlers to teens--from the Tremé section of New Orleans warm and dry in the winter. Sue has told us that our donations have been extremely helpful and much appreciated. Please join us by donating a coat/s this year and go to the Amazon wish list link above!

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING CLASSACT HR73 RELATED?

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!



ALL of ClassACT HR73's events, publications and other activities can be in the palm of your hand. Did you know that you can find your HR73 classmates, watch a forum that you missed, read a past bulletin you meant to get to, volunteer your talents for a Bridge program or ClassACT itself, or even donate funds? These options and more are now accessible through your cell phone, smartphone, or tablet.

Download the ClassACT HR73 mobile App today!

Just scan the QR code below.



If you are already a member of ClassACT HR73, log in to the app with the same username and password that you set up for our [website](#).

If you are a new user, you can [register](#) on either the app or the website and be registered for both.

Need help? Or want to provide us with feedback/suggestions for the app? Email: classacthr73@gmail.com.

CLASSACT HR73@50 VIDEO PROJECT

MEET JIM HARBISON AND RYAN O'CONNELL

Two of the more active members of ClassACT HR73's Justice and Civic Engagement committee are **Jim Harbison** and **Ryan O'Connell**. This month they are featured classmates in our [@50 Video Project](#) created by classmates **Rick Brotman**. In a few short minutes, you can learn how Jim and Ryan became strong voices for preserving democracy in our country now

and in the future.



Jim tells of his Quaker high school's emphasis on service to others and his ongoing curiosity at Harvard that fostered a lifelong belief in democracy as an essential component and unifying thread that connects his work on voting rights, helping the unhoused and valuing biodiversity and our natural environment.



Ryan describes how his lively family debates, Latin American experiences after college, Catholic upbringing and Wall Street-focused career influenced his current thinking about our democracy and maintaining and enhancing its rights and opportunities. You'll enjoy getting to know Jim and Ryan by clicking on the links above.

JUSTICEAID CONCERT AND FORUM BENEFITS

BLACK VOTERS MATTER



Cliff Albright, Latosha Brown, and Dave Hewitt at the JusticeAid 2023 Forum, photo by [Day 1 Pictures](#)

[Click here for recording and transcript of forum](#)

“Why should Black communities overcome fear to vote?” On October 16th, moderator and MSNBC host Joy Reid ‘91 posed this question and others to Latosha Brown and Cliff Albridge, Co-Founders of Black Voters Matter, and Damon Hewitt, President and Executive Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, at Boots to the Ballot Box: JusticeAid's 2023 Fall Public Forum for Black Voters Matter at the True Reformers Building in Washington, D.C.

The dynamic and insightful discussion on everything from the importance of local elections as a means to engage new voters to the overall struggle for democracy is a conversation not to be missed. Click above for the recording and transcript.



*ClassACT HR73 Board Member **Therese Steiner** with Moderator Joy Reid, photos by [Day 1 Pictures](#)*

Later that same evening, Classmate and JusticeAid Co-Founder and CEO **Steve Milliken** was joined (on and off the dance floor) by HR'73 classmates **Charles Bush, Marion Dry, Therese Steiner** and **Seth Waxman** at JusticeAid's concert featuring Tank and the Bangas. Ticket and table sales will go to Black Voters Matter.

A shout-out to the many HR'73 classmates who have donated to JusticeAid in support of overcoming voter suppression!

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CIVIC EDUCATION





Do you believe that teaching young Americans about democracy and how our government works is critical to the future of our country? You're in good company! Check out Nickelodeon's new animated web series Well Versed, hosted by First Lady Jill Biden and with participation by former First Lady Laura Bush. Here's a link to a song from Episode 1- "[Functions of Government](#)." Full series on YouTube.

Classmate **Andy Marks** is leading a new [Justice & Civic Engagement](#) initiative on Civic Education, and is putting together a group of classmates to brainstorm ideas. If you are interested please contact Andy amarks@markslawoffices.com.

HEALTHCARE WORKING GROUP UPDATE



Classmates **Debbie Winn** and **Stan Mark** have been working diligently to create a project in 2024 for the Healthcare Working Group. A couple of months ago, a number of working group members met, brainstormed and decided upon six areas of interest in healthcare from which to choose a project. These areas are:

- Vaccines/Pandemics
- Global Health Concerns
- Reproductive Issues
- Mental Health Problems
- Aging Challenges
- Inequities in Healthcare

Co-Chairs for each of these topics have been identified and work has begun on narrowing specific topics that could be worthy projects. The Healthcare Working Group plans to meet and decide on the most appropriate project sometime in early December so the actual work can begin in early January.

Please note that it is not too late to volunteer and join the group; in fact, the group welcomes your thoughts and ideas for possible projects. If interested, please contact ClassACT at: Classacthr73@gmail.com.

THE CLASSACT MOVEMENT CONTINUES



Jonathan Sprague '73 and **Stan Mark '73** have been working to engage other Harvard classes to join the ClassACT Movement. So far there are approximately 14 other classes that have either set up a structure or are in the process of doing so. Most recently, detailed discussions have taken place with the HAA in order to work with Reunion classes every year so ClassACT becomes a part of reunion plans. There have been a number of meetings with representatives from interested classes and the concept is gaining some momentum. In addition, ClassACT HR73 has met with Travis Lovett, the Assistant Dean of Civic Engagement and Service, to further engage other Harvard alumni and students. Most importantly, there is a pilot program underway whereby a number of classes have identified the environment and climate change as a hot topic that all the classes can work on together. The multi-class group has met several times and has plans to host a forum on environmental issues. Concurrently, there is interest in doing the same in the justice and civic engagement arena. If interested in volunteering or helping out with our multi-class initiative, please email us at: Classacthr73@gmail.com.

BRIDGE UPDATES

CLASSACT HR73 OFFERS ASSISTANCE

ClassACT HR73 offers pro bono assistance to nonprofits either founded or run by classmates as well as supporting classmates who are involved in organizations that want to change the world. In order to help these organizations to further their objectives, we plan to offer assistance via a series of webinars that will be recorded and archived on the ClassACT HR73 website for their use and access at any time.

Don't miss our first one on [Tuesday, December 12th @7pm EST](#), featuring Board Member and founder of ClassACT Bridge [Kids Care Everywhere](#) **Ron Dieckmann**, who will address the topic of board development and answer any questions.

[Register here](#)

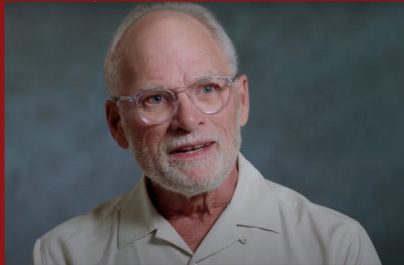
TUES. 12/12 @7PM EST

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CLASSACT HR73 WEBINARS

Dr. Ron Dieckmann '73

On Board Development



The webinars will include other topics such as:

- Setting up a 501c3
- Grant writing
- The ins and outs of nonprofit organizational fundraising
- Tips on leveraging communications to keep all stakeholders up to date
- How to develop a meaningful strategy for your organization
- How to use social media to your advantage

The format for these webinars would be a 15-minute talk, usually by a classmate presenter, followed by a 15-minute Q&A. Each session will be recorded and available within a week on the ClassACT website. Be on the lookout for an announcement of our first webinar coming soon. If you have a particular expertise and would like to participate or if you have thoughts on additional topics and/or subject matter, please email us at:

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SPORTS ANALYTICS CLUB PROGRAM

"ON THE NATIONAL STAGE!"



Classmate **Bobby Clayton** reports that [The Sports Analytics Club Program, Inc.](#), a ClassACT HR73 Bridge, was recognized by Stanford University's

Youcubed Center, in their [September, 2023 Newsletter](#) as an organization doing "great work" in the delivery of data science education.

The center is dedicated to helping people develop positive relationships with mathematics and realize their potential as 21st-century mathematical thinkers. For more information about the center click [here](#).

Bobby also reports that the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) District 1 fully funds participation in the SACP at three district high schools. Washington Preparatory High, Crenshaw High School STEM Magnet and Boys Academic Leadership Academy are hosting SACP Clubs in the 2023-24 school year. All three high schools are under the progressive leadership of Board member George J. McKenna III. A former principal at Washington Prep, Dr. McKenna transformed the academic stature of this school with his actions re-enacted in the 1986 biographical film The George McKenna Story, where he was portrayed by Denzel Washington. Nick Melvoin, nephew of classmate Rick Melvoin, is the Board member for LAUSD District 4.

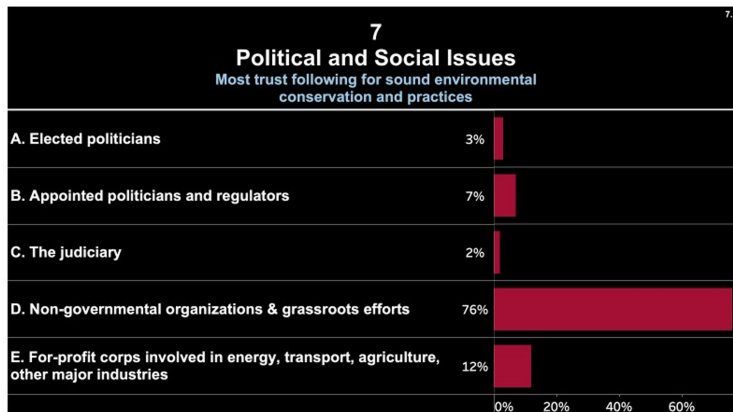
AND THE SURVEY SAYS...

The Class of 1973 survey was sent to all classmates prior to the reunion. Asking about everything from demographics to hobbies to the Harvard experience, it provides insight into our classmates, both funny and poignant.

Now, every month we will send out aggregated, anonymous results to one question from the survey so you can see how you stack up compared to your classmates!

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This month's question: **Which do you trust most in following sound environmental conservation and practices?**



*If you would like to view all the aggregated results, [click here](#).

Interested in helping ClassACT HR73?

ClassACT HR73 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 HR73 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 HR73 also welcomes financial support. To support our work in this way you can donate below.

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