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Greetings!

Class ACT (Achieving Change Together) HR73 invites you to join fellow Harvard-Radcliffe Class of 1973 classmates to work together to create positive social and environmental change.

Over the past year, we have:

- Identified two potential long-term initiatives- "CLASS ACTS" - one honoring classmate Benazir Bhutto and the other centering on climate change - and four classmate driven projects.
- Launched a website www.classacthr73.org where YOU TOO can sign up and share your talents around issues that matter to you.
- Reached out to Harvard, including the Alumni Association whose director, Philip Lovejoy, is intrigued and expressed an interest in making ClassACT HR73 a model for other classes!
- Formed a Board, become a 501 (c) non-profit, etc. and instituted all that formal stuff
- Hosted a dinner in Washington DC with Ellen Calmus and Roger Myerson to introduce the work of Ellen's Corner Institute.
- WE ARE READY TO ROCK AND ROLL!

Who are we?

We are YOU.

Leverage your talents, special interests and expertise by working with classmates to make a difference.

Join Class ACT HR73 Board members and fellow and sister classmates (*partial list below*).

For those of us who have been working on this, the reward of time spent doing good, solving problems and just plain hanging out with classmates is fabulous. The best way to describe it is that it is like ***a marathon reunion -- intellectual, provocative, and fun.***



Class ACT HR73 Board Members:

Rob Adams, Marion Dry (*Co-Chair*), Sallie Gouverneur (*website developer*), Carl Muller, George Putnam (*Treasurer*), Jonathan Sprague (*Co-Chair*), Therese Steiner and Kevin Crane (*non-board member Clerk*)

A Few Participating Classmates:

Bob Bowie, Ellen Calmus, Kimball Chen, Peter Galbraith, Nat Guild, Terry Hunt, Andrea Kirsh, Peter Mazareas, Walter Morris, Roger Myerson, Patty Potter, Jono Quick, Alec Smythe, Linda Sowell, Sharon Shurts Tisher, David Weeks, Holly Weeks, Rick Weil, Steve Wessler.

What are we doing?

The work of Class ACT falls into two categories:

- **Class ACTS** - initiatives of topical interest to classmates
- **Bridges** - providing assistance to classmate-sponsored non-profits by helping them find classmates with expertise and time to assist them.

Class ACTS

We are in discussion for the following two initiatives:

- A Class ACT in honor of **Benazir Bhutto**, led by Rob Adams, Therese Steiner, and Marion Dry with classmates Peter Galbraith, Holly Weeks. The initiative will have three progressive goals:
Phase I: to create a symposium (Spring 2016) around issues of importance to Benazir– the education of women/leadership/politics in the Muslim world; **Phase II:** to provide scholarships for women from Muslim countries to study at Harvard; **Phase III:** to endow a Chair in the name of Benazir Bhutto. Check out [1986 LIFE Magazine article by Anne Fadiman](#). Contact Marion Dry: mdry@wellesley.edu
- **Climate Change** led by Jonathan Sprague
2014 was the warmest year on record. Join classmates concerned with the impact of Global Warming on the environment, global politics, and future generations in developing solutions to address one of the most critical issues of our time. Check out more info on our website: [HERE](#).
Contact Jonathan Sprague: jonathansprague@rockycoastconsulting.com



BRIDGES (Classmate sponsored projects needing assistance)

- **The Corner Institute** - Educational and economic development, community-based partnering programs in Malinalco, Mexico.
- **Osiliqi/ Hope Foundation** - Empowering the Masaai community of Kenya's Rift Valley, especially women and school-age children.
- **The Roots of Music** - Providing year-round free music education, academic tutoring and mentorship for youth in New Orleans.
- **Salih Self-Development Center** - A self-development center for the people of Aboabo, Kumasi, Ghana to address community health and educational disadvantage.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED!!!

Log onto www.classACThr73.org and click on the yellow "Register Now" button. Once you've registered, we will be CONNECTED.

If you have questions, contact one of our board members:

- Marion Dry: mdry@wellesley.edu
- Jonathan Sprague: jonathansprague@rockycoastconsulting.com
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The ClassACT board has created a structure that enables HR73 classmates to collaborate on issues that are of concern to us all. Each classmate who joins us strengthens our collective power to create positive change in our world. ***Join us now!***

Sincerely,

Marion Dry and Jonathan Sprague
Co-Chairs
Class ACT HR73

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