

## ClassACT Bulletin

### UP NEXT:

CAMBRIDGE, MA, Monday, Dec. 5:

ClassACT and the Weatherhead Institute for International Affairs present:

#### **Leading in the Muslim World: What would Benazir do today?**

Leaders and experts from some of the most troubled countries in the Muslim world investigate barriers to effective leadership and, joining with members of Benazir's Harvard/Radcliffe Class of '73 alongside current Kennedy School and other Harvard scholars from Muslim countries here studying leadership, talk about ways to work together to meet the many challenges. **Watch your inbox for more details** and an invitation, coming very soon.



*Linda Bond and Rick Brotman*

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### Board News!

**Rob Adams**, one of our founding **ClassACT Board** members, resigned earlier this year. We want to thank Rob for his work on the Board, especially in relation to the genesis of the Benazir Bhutto Leadership Program.

We are thrilled to announce that **Bahman Mossavar-Rahmani** has joined the ClassACT Board. Bahman is an active member of the Benazir Bhutto Steering Committee and we look forward to his wisdom and guidance as part of the ClassACT Board. **WELCOME BAHMAN!**

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### ClassACT Quiz:

*Do you know who these old geezers are? Two of them feature in our coverage of our Washington Weekend extravaganza. Both of them are ClassACT Bridge Project sponsors. Hint: They're in the very front row of this group.\**



\*That's David Weeks on the left and Steve Milliken on the right, on their knees.

## Our ClassACT Washington Weekend extravaganza

started on **Tuesday evening, May 10th** when **JusticeAid** founder and chair/classmate **Steve Milliken** put together an incredible panel featuring two pioneers in "Juvenile Justice in the US": **Seth Waxman** and Bryan Stevens on. Stevens on, whom Bishop Tutu has called "America's young Nelson Mandela," and former Solicitor General and classmate Waxman met at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr for a conversation about the juvenile justice reforms each has won in the Supreme Court, and the landscape ahead in commemoration of the 50th anniversary year of the 1967 Supreme Court Gault decision on due process for juvenile offenders.



*Sara Greenberg, Anne Bailowitz, Cathy Putnam, Sallie Gouverneur, Marion Dry, Andrea Kirsh, Therese Steiner and Wilsey York Minor vamped at the Hirshhorn for Rick Weil's camera.*

**Saturday morning** found us on the Mall at the food trucks for a picnic followed by a terrific tour of the Hirshhorn's exhibit of Robert Irwin's work led by **Andrea Kirsh** (and photographed by **Rick Weil**). Classmates found each other's company good and the art thought-provoking, especially with the insight Andrea was able to provide.

**Saturday Night:** A cocktail party at the home of **Steve and Rebecca Milliken** attended by some 25+ HR73 with partners or children. ClassACT Co-chair Marion Dry spoke about ClassACT, and there was a short presentation by JusticeAid beneficiaries Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth and the National Juvenile Defender Center, nonprofits supporting juvenile justice, including a very moving

statement by former juvenile inmate and **CFSY Youth Justice Advocate Xavier McElrath-Bey**.

**May 15th:** Our planned Sunday morning kayak, to have been captained by **George Putnam**, was canceled due to high winds on the Potomac (who knew?) but a large group braved Washington traffic to meet near the river for lunch, then an early dinner, then the JusticeAid concert presenting Grammy-winners Ozomatli and Washington's own Trouble Funk, with a special appearance by the Duke Ellington School of Music Show Band: in the spirit of New Orleans' Roots of Music marching band who played for us at the House of Blues last fall, the Duke Ellington band marched us to, and into the Lincoln Theatre. 100% of ticket sales of the (sometimes pretty loud) concert, nearly \$100,000, went to the Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth and the National Juvenile Defender Center, nonprofits supporting juvenile justice.

Over 30 classmates and partners/children and guests participated in ClassACT weekend activities including: **Lee Allen, Anne Bailowitz, Charles Bush & daughter Amber Mason Thomson, Hannah Cheever (daughter of Harry and Mitzi Cheever), ClassACT co-founder Marion Dry, Petria Horner Fossel & daughter Christina Fossel, Julia Frank, ClassACT Board member Sallie Gouverneur & John Riley, Sara Greenberg & Craig Lambert, Jane Luxton & Charlie Horn, Steve Milliken & Rebecca Milliken, Wilsie York Minor, Debbie Neipris Hendler & Cliff Hendler, ClassACT Board member George Putnam & Cathy Putnam, Jimmy Rowe, ClassACT Board member Therese Steiner, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Seth Waxman & Debra Goldberg, David Weeks, Rick Weil, and Debbie Winn.**



*Rick Weil, Anne Bailowitz, Cliff Hendler, Marion Dry, Debbie Neipris Hendler and George Putnam happy to be together*

Later on we heard from **Deborah Neipris Hendler**, "A big THANK YOU to all of the organizers for creating a wonderful opportunity this past weekend to connect with classmates previously known and unknown, all in the context of providing support for our classmates and the ideas and issues they care about. It took a big effort by the organizers, was enlightening and fun for the participants, and I hope raised significant money for the Justice Aid beneficiaries. Thanks to you all."

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## **October ClassACT Board retreat**

**Holly Weeks** joined **Marion Dry, Jonathan Sprague, Sallie Gouverneur and Therese Steiner** during the day for energizing brainstorming meetings Friday 9/30 with Julia Cavanaugh of the Radcliffe Institute, Suzanne Shende, Director of the Mason Fellowships at the Kennedy School, and four HKS scholars who represent our constituency for the Bhutto Fellowship (Emaad Siddiqui, Yasmin Radjy, Maroof Syed, Amad Ghafoor):



**Carl Muller** was not able to join us, so with **George Putnam** we made a cozy group of five and repaired to Marion's home for dinner and beginning to tackle our agenda, visiting issues like classmate engagement, board development, our Bridge projects and our Class Acts and having a tasty meal.

Saturday morning at the Science Center we dug into some exciting prospects in detail:

gathering classmates for a **nonprofit task force**, developing ideas for stimulating gatherings at the time of JusticeAid's **New York concert in May 2017** which will focus on the role of mental health in prison reform; and recruiting **classmate-connected nonprofits** on important areas such as Health and Education.

We had some new ideas about the richness of our class expertise in the general subject area of **climate change and the health of the environment**, reviewed the status of our planning for the **December 5 Assembly on Leadership in the Muslim World**, and discussed in detail the goal of identifying classmates who can serve as mentors, in a flexible fashion, for fellows and associates of the Bhutto Leadership Program. We were happy to be joined by **Holly Weeks** in our discussions about the Bhutto Program.

(Then, for Something Completely Different, some of us took a break to sit in on a panel of Lampoon grads who have changed the face of comedy on television-The Simpsons, The Office, 30 Rock, for example-in connection with a Lampoon Archive exhibit at the Pusey Library.)

Saturday night found **Ellen Faran** and cousin **Charlotte Crane**, **Peter Mazareas**, **Holly Weeks**, **Jonathan Sprague**, **George Putnam**, **Marion Dry** and **Therese Steiner** at dinner together in Harvard Square.

Sunday morning we returned to Marion's table. We took stock again, reviewed our financial condition, used the word bandwidth a lot (as in, "we don't have the bandwidth to take that on right now"), arrived at some decisions and left with long lists of "to-do"s in our heads.



*Maroof Syed, Holly Weeks,  
and Sallie Gouverneur,  
listening*

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## ***Don't Forget***

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This portrait of Benazir was created by Rick Brotman HR73 and his wife Linda Bond, who run Pocketsizeart through [pocketsizeart.com](http://pocketsizeart.com). You will be seeing it again as we let you know about our December Assembly and other news about the Bhutto Leadership Program, going forward.

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