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Welcome to New England Circle

This evening's discussion on the AIDS epidemic is led by JONATHAN MANN, M.D., M.P.H., professor of epidemiology and international health at the Harvard School of Public Health, and director of the International AIDS Center of the Harvard AIDS Institute.

In Dr. Mann's perspective AIDS-related work has been principally at two radically different levels: community and global. He feels there is a need, therefore, for political creativity to bridge this gap, to link individual aspirations and global reality. But unfortunately practical thought, political thought and action lag behind this need. Dr. Mann advocates declaring a firm intent to claim involvement in the world, so this legacy is not left to others. Dr. Mann advocates speaking and acting as citizens of the world against AIDS, against illness, against fear and hate and prejudice, in order to leave our mark in the fight against AIDS as participants in a global revolution which links the individual and the world - a revolution which carries hope, not despair: hope against AIDS, hope for ourselves, and hope for our world's future.

Tonight's moderator is JEANNE BLAKE, WBZ-TV Channel 4's medical reporter and author of Risky Times: How to be AIDS Smart and Stay Healthy, a guide for teenagers. Blake's coverage of the AIDS epidemic has earned her local and national recognition. She was also the recipient of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Journalism Award for the documentary *Living with AIDS: The Paul Cronan Story*.

New England Circle invites men and women of different cultures, political persuasions and professions to exchange ideas and opinions. The Circle evolved out of a 19th century Parker House tradition called The Saturday Club, a group of concerned individuals such as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Charles Sumner, and James Russell Lowell who gathered monthly for lively, informal discussions. Tonight's discussion on the AIDS epidemic could awaken the spirit of those who inaugurated this tradition. Their meetings continue to influence today's Circle which started here seventeen years ago.

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