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#### **JUNE 2016**

### **Upcoming Events**

Wednesday, June 15, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M. Harvard Global Networking Night in Los Angeles The Parlor (Los Angeles) Location: No charge, RSVP requested Cost:

Saturday, June 18, 2016 (a) 12:30 P.M. Learn to Dance! Special Dance Lesson/Event Location: Arthur Murray Dance Studio (Sherman Oaks) \$40, members/guests; \$45, non-members Cost:

Sunday, June 19, 2016 (a) 11:00 A.M. Discover Your City - Smorgasburg LA! Location: Alameda Produce Market (Downtown LA) No charge, RSVP requested Cost:

### Wednesday, July 6, 2016 @ 8:00 P.M. Hollywood Bowl: Harry Potter & The Sorcerer 's Stone

Hollywood Bowl (Los Angeles) Location: Cost: \$25 per person

Thursday, July 14, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M. Harvard Alumni in Healthcare SIG Cocktail Party Location: Wilshire Restaurant (Santa Monica) No charge, RSVP requested Cost:

#### Saturday, July 16, 2016 @ 9:00 A.M. STROLLFIT - 60-Minute Fitness Class for Harvard Mothers

Westside Pavilion (Los Angeles) Location: 1st class is free Cost:

# Friday, July 29, 2016 @ 8:30 P.M. 2016 Pageant of the Masters: Partners

Location: Festival of the Arts (Laguna Beach) Cost: \$75 (Main Tier Center)

Sunday, August 7, 2016 @ 12:30 P.M. Harvard Latino Mentor Forum

Location: TBD No charge, RSVP requested Cost:

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Left to right: Incoming President Steven Arkow AB '84, current President Kay immediate past President Albert Chang, MD, AB '63.

## **Black and** White Themed **Annual Dinner** and Awards Ceremony

The Harvard Club's "Black and White" themed Annual Dinner and Awards Park, MD, AB '87 and on May 22 lived up to expectations. Almost all guests wore black or white

or both black and white - lavish beautiful gowns or bowtie business attire. It was easy to imagine the 1966 dinner hosted by Truman Capote at the Plaza Hotel in New York City, with all its glitz and glam our, save for the masks. The night started with a reception with wine and cheer on a beautiful after noon in the outdoor patio of the UCLA Faculty Center, as guests encountered new and old class mates and friends. The Harvard Y ardbirds serenaded the guests as they were seated at their tables, and the food, company and cheer simply made it a night to remember.

Board Member Patric Verrone AB '81, and his son, Patric '18, gave a rousing presentation on how Harvard was then and is now . President Kay Park, MD, AB '87 followed with a State of the Club and Albert Chang, MD, AB '63, former president and nominations committee chair, announced the election of new of ficers and directors and intro duced new incoming President Steven Arkow AB '84, vice president, communications. This presentation was followed by Board Vice-President Lisa

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Left to right: President Kay Park, MD, AB '87, Isabelle Fox '47 and Eva Plaza AB '80.



Left to right: Madeleine Mejia EdM '00, President Kay Park, MD, AB Medina AB '79, MBA '81



Left to right: President Kay Park, MD, AB '87, Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi EdD '81. and Educator of the Year recipient, Anthony Yom.



Left to right: President Kay Park, MD, AB '87, John Harvard Award recipient Rabbi Marvin Heir and Eva Plaza AB '80

Watanabe-Peagler's introduction of Isabelle Fox AB '47, who was given a certificate of appreciation for her committed service to the Club and spon sorship of the annual lunch held at her for Radclif fe graduates. home Madeleine Mejia EdM '00, V ice President of Programs then introduced Dan Medina AB '79, MBA '83, who received the Fred Smith A ward for Outstanding Service to the Harvard Club of Southern California. Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi EdD '81, Executive Vice President, presented the 2016 Educator of the Y ear award to Anthony Yom. The final honor was presented by outgoing President Kay Park, MD, AB '87. She introduced Rabbi Marvin Heir, who received the John Harvard Award for Distinguished '87, Laura Martin MBA '83 and Community Service and gave an Fred Smith Award recipient, Daniel impassioned speech about the continuing persecution of Jews and the Holocaust.

> The event was made possible by a team of board members, including Dinner Chair and V ice-President of Schools, Eva Plaza AB '80; President Kay Park, MD, AB '87; Vice President of Programs Madeleine Mejia EdM '00, incoming V ice President of Finance John W ang AB '88, and Vice President of Programs Lisa Watanabe-Peagler AB '02. In addition, board member Maurice Levin AB '79, MBA '84, donated six large cycad plants, which were awarded to the 6 "Best Dressed" women and men attending the dinner.

#### HARVARD CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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#### **CLUB NEWSLETTER/ WEBSITE**

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This newsletter accepts items for publication. Materials must be submitted by the 12th of the prior month to appear in the following newsletter. Please include a phone number or email address with all submissions. Email submissions to: HarvardSoCal@gmail.com

# RECENT EVENTS...



# Spring Back to Harvard at Dodger Stadium - April 16, 2016

Although the Dodgers' late rally against the Giants fell just short of pushing the game into extra innings, it was still great to see so many SoCal alums gather at Chavez Ravine on a warm Saturday afternoon for our inaugural Spring Back to Harvard meet-up. Folks braved the infamous LA traf fic to come in from Thousand Oaks, the Inland Empire, and the South Bay Several schools from the University were represented -- we had alums from the

College, GSAS, GSE, GSD, HLS, and HBS, among others. Our contingent in the Right Field Pavilion also included multiple generations, as well as several "future alums" who took full advantage of the All-Y ou-Can-Eat privileges that came with our seats. A few alums were wearing the wrong colors – Giants' black-and-orange – but we won't hold that against them; there was plenty of Crimson to go around.



Left to Right: Madeleine Mejia, Ed.M '00; Barbara Lindemann, MAT '64; Albert Lindemann, PhD '68, several friends and Jamilah Ryan, AB '05 (forefront)

# **Private Wine Tasting Event with Santa Barbara Club Members**

On Saturday, April 29, 2016 members from the Harvard Club of Southern California and the Santa Barbara Club met for a private wine tasting event at V illa Wine Bar. The three hour event included appetizers, paninis and a variety of white and red wines from local wineries. The group's favorite tasting was the Grenache from Stolpman Vineyards.



Pictured: Lisa Sweeney, ALM '10 and Joyce Cao, SM '12

# **Discover Your City | Get Fit: Deuce CrossFit Gym**

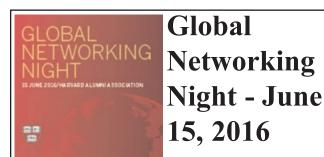
On May 2 several alumni from across Harvard schools met for a CrossFit workout at Deuce Gym in Venice Beach. The group worked out as pairs and were coached in a circuit workout that included a 400 meter run, five 1-minute planks, lifting hand-held weights, burpees, air squats and some stretching to complete the cycle. Ropes and tires will be used at our next workout. Stay tuned and join us!



Left to right: Herbert D. Goldman, M.D., AB '76, Kay Park, M.D., AB '87, Professor and Former Dean of Harvard College Harry Lewis, AB '68, PhD '74, John Wang AB '88

# **Professor Harry Lewis visits HCSC**

On Tuesday, May 3, Gordon McKay Professor of Computer Science and for mer Dean of Harvard College Harry R. Lewis spoke to Harvard Club members at the USC University Club. He presented a revealing biographical snapshot of Gordon McKay, the engineer who made his fortune inventing and then leasing a machine for manufacturing shoes. Mr. McKay left money to Harvard University to endow engineering professorships and laboratories. Professor Lewis also pre sented future plans for the John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences on the Allston campus, and surveyed engineering research projects under way at Harvard.



Twice a year, thousands of Harvard alumni make new connections at Global Networking Night (GNN) events in cities across the globe. The last GNN drew more than 5,000 alumni in 85 cities worldwide! The next opportunity to tap into your Harvard Network is on W ednesday, June 15. Attendance is free.

Date:Wednesday, June 15, 2016Time:6:00 P.M.Place:The Parlor (Los Angeles)Cost:No charge, RSVP requestedContact:Madeleine MejiaMadeleine\_Mejia@post.harvard.edu

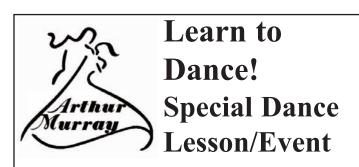


# Discover Your City: Smorgasburg LA!

Join us as we get to know and learn about the dozens of exciting food vendors, plus sophisticated shopping from the realms of design, craft, style, vin tage, wellness, and more at Smorgasburg LA.

Smorgasburg LA is the sister event to the famous Sunday specialty food and shopping festival in Brooklyn.

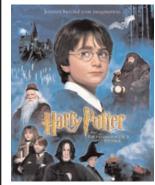
| Date:    | Sunday, June 19, 2016                |
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| Time:    | 11:00 A.M.                           |
| Place:   | Alameda Produce Market (Los Angeles) |
| Cost:    | No charge, RSVP requested            |
| Contact: | Madeleine Mejia                      |
|          | Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu     |
|          |                                      |



Harvard Club Members will have the opportunity to receive instruction and learn how to do the most popular ballroom and club dances, in a comfortable environment, taught by some of the industry' s finest and most experienced dance coaches. Then we will have our own special "Dance Party" where we'll have the chance to practice and show off what we've learned.

| Date:    | Saturday, June 18, 2016                 |  |  |  |
|----------|---|--|--|--|
| Time:    | 12:30 P.M.                              |  |  |  |
| Place:   | Arthur Murray Dance Studio              |  |  |  |
| Cost:    | \$40, members/guests; \$45, non-members |  |  |  |
| Contact: | Maurice Levin, maurice@cycads.com       |  |  |  |
| Attire:  | Festive (comfortable dancing shoes)     |  |  |  |
|          |   |  |  |  |

## Harvardwood & the HCSC Go to the Hollywood Bowl:



Harry Potter & The Sorcerer's Stone

Harvardwood joins forces with the Harvard Club of Southern California to head to the Hollywood

Bowl this summer for a screening of the first Harry Potter movie, while the score is performed live by the L.A. Phil!

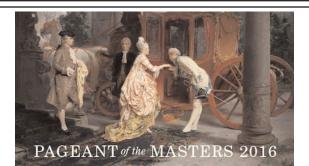
| Date:            | Wednesday, July 6, 2016               |  |  |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Time:            | 8:30 P.M.                             |  |  |
| Location:        | Hollywood Bowl (Los Angeles)          |  |  |
| Cost:            | \$25 per person, limited availability |  |  |
| Contact:         | Madeleine Mejia,                      |  |  |
|                  | Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu      |  |  |
| <b>Register:</b> | http://www.Harvard-LA.org             |  |  |



# Harvard Healthcare SIG Cocktail Party

We are building an international community for Harvard Alumni with an interest in Healthcare. If you have a Harvard degree and an interest in health care, then join us!

| Date:     | Thursday, July 14, 2016                |
|-----------|--|
| Time:     | 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.                       |
| Location: | Wilshire Restaurant (Santa Monica)     |
| Cost:     | No charge, RSVP requested              |
| Contact:  | Dr. Keith Gross '83:                   |
|           | KeithGross@harvardalumnihealthcare.com |
|           |  |



# 2016 Pageant of the Masters: *Partners*

Please join us for our annual trip to see the beautiful and memorable Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach. This year the show features provocative and passionate tales of some of art's dynamic duos – artists and patrons, models, muses, even dance partners.

Date:Friday, July 29, 2016Time:8:30 P.M.Location:Festival of the Arts (Laguna Beach)Cost:\$75 (Main Tier Center)Contact:German Enciso, enciso@uci.edu



# STROLLFIT -Fitness Class for Harvard Mothers

Please join other Harvard Mother Alums to stay fit by participating in STROLLFIT, a Baby Boot Camp class! STROLLFIT is a 60-minute class for mat for mothers and babies that caters to all fitness levels: pregnant moms, new moms recovering from pregnancy, and conditioned moms with one or more stroller-aged children.

| Date:     | Saturday, July 16, 2016          |  |  |  |
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| Time:     | 9:00 A.M.                        |  |  |  |
| Location: | Westside Pavilion (Santa Monica) |  |  |  |
| Cost:     | No charge, RSVP requested        |  |  |  |
| Contact:  | Lisa Watanabe-Peagler,           |  |  |  |
|           | lmwpeagler@gmail.com             |  |  |  |



## Harvard Latino Mentor Program

The Harvard Latino Alumni Alliance and The Harvard Club of Southern

California invite you to attend the HARVARD LATI-NO MENTOR FORUM. This Forum will introduce the New Harvard Latino Mentorship Initiative, which will help identify Harvard mentors for current Harvard students, recent Harvard graduates, or local needy youth. Presenters will include alumni from Harvard's Education, Business, Government, Medical, and Law Schools. All Harvard students and graduates are welcome.

Date:Sunday, August 7, 2016Time:12:30 P.M.Location:TBDCost:No charge, RSVP requestedContact:Dr. Gus Frias, dr.gfrias@gmail.com.

The Harvard Club of Southern California Newsletter



## Discover Your City | Field Archery in Pasadena

Come join the Harvard Club of Southern California for an archery class! Archery is a universal sport, found throughout history in virtually all cul tures over the last 50,000 years. It is also a modern sport that is gaining popularity since it is increasing ly embedded in popular media. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced shooter, this is an excel lent opportunity to practice the numerous skills involved in this sport.

Date:Saturday, September 10, 2016Time:12:30 P.M.Location:Pasadena Roving Archers (Pasadena)Cost:\$15, members; \$20, non-membersContact:Alain Koyama, alain.koyama@gmail.com



## Save the Date - Nov 4-6, 2016! Harvard Women's Weekend

We are excited to announce the first-ever Harvard Women's Weekend. Save November 4–6, 2016 to explore the topics most relevant, interesting, and top of mind to women connected with Harvard and around the world.

Date:November 4-6, 2016Location:Harvard University (Cambridge, MA)Contact:HAA\_AlumniEducation@harvard.edu



# Q&A from 02138... Zena Edosomwan '17

**Zena Edosomwan '17**, a concentrator in East Asian Studies, was born in Houston, Texas and graduated from Harvard W estlake High School, where he helped the basketball team win division championships in 2009 and 2011 and was team captain as a junior and senior . He was rated as the No. 76 prospect in the Class of 2013.

During his time at Harvard he started a project with his roommate Cyrus Motanya '17 and other Harvard students called The #BlackIs Project that turned into a movement across campus and spread to a few other schools across U.S. The

project tried to dispel stereotypes and give people individuality to write their own story before others had preconceived notions about them. The project was featured in the *Boston Globe*.

Edosomwan also created a summer camp with the W orld Leadership Schools Association (WLSA) school group that will be holding an academic camp in Shanghai with 150 students from across the globe who want to go college in the United States. He is currently a member of the Harvard Black Men's Forum and also plays on the Varsity Men's Basketball team, where this past year he was one of the co-winners of the Raymond P. Lavietes '36 Most Valuable Player Award. He led the team in both scoring and rebounding, narrowly miss - ing out on a double-double by posting averages of 13.1 points and 9.9 rebounds on the season. He ranked third among regulars by shooting just over 50 percent from the floor as the team's primary offensive option.

Last summer, Edosomwan went to China with the WLSA program for three weeks, spending time in

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Xi'an, Shanghai, and Beijing teaching and giving presentations both in English and Mandarin about American college, along with coaching Chinese and Japanese students at these schools.

#### HCSC: What surprised you about being a student at Harvard?

**ZE:** Everyone at Harvard is very down to earth. Initially, I was worried that Harvard might be a pretentious and elitist place. So far, that has not been the case and I have truly enjoyed my experience.

#### HCSC: When was the first time you visited Harvard and what were your impressions at that time?

**ZE:** I first visited Harvard the fall of my senior year and immediately fell in love with the campus. I loved the rich history reflected in Harvard's buildings and the nostalgia of being on the country's oldest campus.

#### HCSC: What was your favorite class (or professor) and why?

**ZE:** My favorite professor has been Dr. Henry Louis "Skip" Gates. He was extremely charismatic, charming, and humble. I remember watching all his videos and learning about him in high school and now coming to Harvard and sitting in his office, simply fascinated by his vast knowledge and work. I've learned from Professor Gates to make the most of your days and to control your mood. Whenever I see him, he is always up-beat, hum ble, joking and laughing. He is constantly connecting himself with his students simply by talking to them after class and engaging with them on a personal level. He makes you feel comfortable and not intimidated, especially for someone who has achieved a lot of success. Who knows what he may be going through personally but he doesn't let that affect how he treats others.

#### HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

**ZE:** My funniest moment has been seeing my Head Coach, Tommy Amaker, do the popular "dab" dance after a great team victory.

#### HCSC: If you were president of Harvard, what would you change?

**ZE:** I truly wouldn't change anything if I were President at Harvard. I would just try and make sure we continue to grow as an institution that smoothly adapts and responds in a swift manner to the ever-changing world.

#### HCSC: What do you miss most about Southern California?

**ZE:** I miss my family especially my two 10-year -old siblings, Ola and Lola. It's hard being away from them especially as they grow up so quickly.

#### HCSC: What do you plan to do after graduating?

**ZE:** I plan on returning to southern California to live and raise a family here. I love southern California. It's a melting pot full of diversity. It has great food, weather, beaches, and amazing people. The only bad thing is the 405 freeway, especially in the morning.

#### HCSC: What are your summer plans?

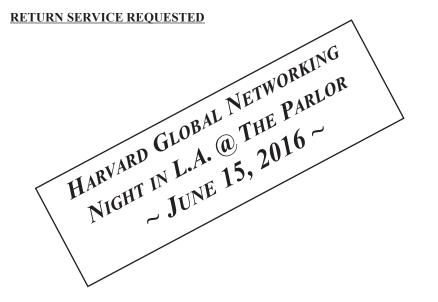
ZE: This summer I plan on going to China to teach, coordinate, and moderate a summer camp/conference. I

created an academic summer camp in Shanghai, China for 150 students across the globe. It serves to help students with an in depth understand ing of the college admissions process, SAT's, leadership, and being better critical and creative thinkers. I am bringing 8 students from Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Columbia, and Princeton as part of my team. I partnered with the World Leadership Schools Association (WLSA) in order to create this conference and camp.





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For more information on events and general Club news, visit the Club web site at www.harvard-la.org

# **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

To recommend an event or volunteer for one, contact one of our Programs VPs. Contact information can be found on page 2. \*All checks for events are non-refundable unless explicitly stated otherwise. <u>Unless specifically noted, RSVPs are not confirme d.</u>

| DATE/TIME                      | Event                          | LOCATION                   | Cost*                | Contact                               |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| June 15, Wed.                  | Harvard Global Networking      | The Parlor                 | No charge            | Madeleine Mejia,                      |
| 6:00 P.M.                      | Night in L.A.                  | Los Angeles, CA            | Made                 | eleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu         |
| June 18, Saturday 12:30 P.M.   | Learn to Dance! Special        | Arthur Murray Dance Studio | \$40, members/guests | Maurice Levin,                        |
|                                | Dance Lesson/Event             | Sherman Oaks, CA           | \$45, non-members    | maurice@cycads.com                    |
| June 19, Sunday                | Discover Your City -           | Alameda Produce Market     | No charge            | Madeleine Mejia,                      |
| 11:00 A.M.                     | Smorgasburg LA!                | Los Angeles, CA            | Made                 | eleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu         |
| July 6, Wednesday              | Hollywood Bowl: Harry          | Hollywood Bowl             | \$25 per person      | Madeleine Mejia,                      |
| 8:00 P.M.                      | Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone  | Los Angeles, CA            | Made                 | eleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu         |
| July 14, Thursday 6:00 P.M.    | Harvard Alumni in Healthcare   | e Wilshire Restaurant      | No charge            | Keith Gross,                          |
|                                | SIG Cocktail Party             | Santa Monica, CA           | KeithGross           | s@harvardalumnihealthcare.com         |
| July 16, Saturday              | STROLLFIT - 60-Minute          | Westside Pavilion          | 1st class free       | Lisa Watanabe-Peagler,                |
| 9:00 A.M.                      | Fitness Class for Mmothers     | Los Angeles, CA            |                      | lmwpeagler@gmail.com                  |
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| Sept. 10, Saturday             | Discover Your City -           | Pasadena Roving Archers    | \$15, members        | Alain Koyama,                         |
| 12:30 P.M.                     | Field Archery in Pasadena      | Pasadena, CA               | \$20, non-members    | alain.koyama@gmail.com                |