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JULY/AUGUST 2019

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The Harvard Club of Southern California held its Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner on June 9 at the Huntington Library's beautiful Rose Hill Foundation Garden Court.

Early arriving guests were able to stroll through the famous gardens and view the art collections, and several opted to enjoy a tour given by noted plant expert and Club board member Maurice Levin '78, MBA '84.

The festivities began with a whimsical welcome and a report on the state of the Club by master of ceremonies and Club president Patric M. Verrone '81. Former Club president George Newhouse '76 then delivered a touching tribute to another former Club president, Don Hernandez '83, who passed away in early May.

Verrone presented certificates of appreciation to Gus Frias EdM '94 and former president Dan Medina '79, MBA '83, for their longtime service as they retired from the Club board of Directors. He then introduced recent graduate Ronni Cuccia '19, who detailed the many controversial issues that Harvard faced this past year in her informative "Year in Review" speech.

The Fred Smith Award for Outstanding Service to the Harvard Club of Southern California was presented by Membership VP Matthew Stasior '87 to former Club president Elisabeth "Betsey" Gillis '82, who gave a passionate speech about the importance, as well as the fun, of involving oneself in the Harvard alumni community. She then surprised Verrone with a rose bush in gratitude of his leadership.

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Verrone then presented the John Harvard Award for Distinguished Service to the Community to Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl JD '78. Supervisor Kuehl, who represents Los Angeles' Third District and currently chairs the Board of Supervisors, delivered an invigorating speech detailing the challenges of guiding policy decisions for a county with a population roughly the size of Ohio.

The Excellence in Education Award was presented by Jay Chen '01 to his uncle, Dr. Francis Su PhD '95, currently the Benediktsson-Karwa Professor of Mathematics at Harvey Mudd College. Dr. Su, described by *WIRED* magazine as "the mathematician who will make you fall in love with numbers," proceeded to hold the audience in thrall as he read an abridged chapter from his upcoming book *Mathematics for Human Flourishing*.

The night ended with thank yous to all involved in organizing the dinner, particularly to board member Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi EdD '81 for spearheading the event, and Eva Plaza '80, who provided the gorgeous orchid centerpieces. As the centerpieces were disbursed to the lucky attendees at each table who had traveled the farthest, goodbyes were made and congratulations given for a wonderful evening.



Fred Smith Award honoree Betsey Gillis '82 celebrating with some friends and fellow board members.



Ronni Cuccia '19 details the many controversial issues Harvard faced this past year in her "Year in Review" speech.



George B. Newhouse '76 remembers past Club president Don Hernandez '83, who passed away in May.



Jay Chen '01 presents his uncle Dr. Francis Su PhD '92 with the 2019 Excellence in Education Award.



Harvard president Patric M. Verrone '81 presents the 2019 John Harvard Award for Distinguished Service to the Community to LA Country Supervisor Sheila Kuehl JD '78.

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Recent Events

West Coast Premiere of *Song for Our People*, a New Film by Mustapha Khan '84

On May 26, about 100 people, including alumni from the Class of '84 (depicted in the photograph), days before their 35th Reunion in Cambridge, attended the West Coast premiere screening of *Song for Our People*. This new film by Mustapha Khan '84, an Emmy award-winning director and Brooklyn College film lecturer, was screened at the Venice Institute of Contemporary Art as part of the Fine Arts Film Festival. The film won the Audience award and Best Song award. Photograph courtesy of Liz Ondaatje '84 (far left.) Mustapha Khan '84 (second from left in front.)



Annenberg Photo Space Group Tour

On June 6, members of the Harvard Club of Southern California were treated to a private guided tour of *Contact High: A Visual History of Hip-Hop*, a new exhibit at the Annenberg Photo Space in Century City. The exhibit was curated by Vikki Tobak, with creative direction by Fab 5 Freddy, and includes 140 works from 60 photographers showcasing the development of hip-hop's visual culture and hip-hop's rise to the forefront of the global stage. As part of the tour, the group watched a documentary short film with interviews of the featured photographers and visited the pop-up record shop "Contact High Records" at the museum space. After the tour, they continued the conversation over lunch nearby.



CPIC Summer Community Service Fellows Mentor-Mentee Kickoff

On June 10, Harvard undergraduates and alumni mentors participated in a reception welcoming the summer fellows for the 2019 Center for Public Interest Careers Summer Community Service Fellowship. The Club founded the program in 1992 and funds stipends and provides alumni mentors for undergraduates who participate in various summer internships with organizations in Los Angeles during the summer. Board members George B. Newhouse '76 and Steven M. Arkow '84, and outgoing board member Gus Frias EdM '94 attended. Photo courtesy of Anne Y. Kim SM '13.



Casa Cool Concert Under the Stars with the Black Noise

On June 13, Harvard Club of Southern California members enjoyed a concert under the stars in the Spanish Courtyard of Casa Romantica, a 1920s historic oceanfront cultural center in San Clemente. They listened to the music of Black Noise, an indie-rock band, and enjoyed wine and light fare. Conversation flowed into the beautiful summer air. Casa Romantica Executive Director and Harvard graduate Berenika Palys '04 was thrilled to introduce her fellow alumni to the hidden gem.



Recent Events

Harvard Alumni Mixer - Dinner and Drinks at The Arsenal

On June 22, over 100 Harvard alumni came out to The Arsenal for food, drinks and dancing. It was a very lively night filled with great conversation, new friendships, and a lot of polychrome name tags, all at a really fun venue in West LA. We can't wait to do it again at our next summer event!



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Join us along with our friends at Harvardwood Helps as we assemble Operation Gratitude Care Packages, created from millions of items donated by Americans from across the country.

SAT, JUL 20 @ 9:00AM

Forward Operating Base Operation Gratitude: The FOB

No charge, RSVP required

Stacy Cohen, helps@harvardwood.org



Chicago at the Pacific Ampitheater

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California as Chicago plays at the Pacific Amphitheatre. You'll enjoy such classics as "Colour My World," "25 or 6 to 4," "Saturday in the Park," "Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?," "If You Leave Me Now"... the hits keep coming. There is limited seating for this event.

FRI, JUL 26 @ 8:15PM

Pacific Ampitheater

\$72, members; \$82, non-members (limited seating)

Eva Plaza Mandel, evisland@aol.com



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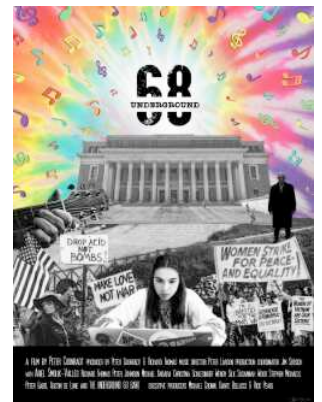
Join us for this thought-provoking and wildly original new film by independent filmmaker Peter Coonradt '68. This special screening is co-hosted by Harvardwood and the Harvard Club of Southern California.

SUN, JUL 28 @ 3:00PM

Emerson Los Angeles

\$10, members; \$20, non-members

Joan Chu, joan chu8@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

Harvard Global Networking Night in Los Angeles - COMING SOON

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.

Date TBA

Location TBA

No charge, RSVP requested

Madeleine Mejia, Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu



Private Tour of *Frank Stella: Selections from the Permanent Collection* Exhibit at LACMA

Join us for this private tour at LACMA. Drawn entirely from LACMA's extensive holdings of Stella's work, this exhibition assembles seminal examples of his artistic output that have never been shown together.

SUN, SEP 8 @ 11:00AM

Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA)

\$20, members; \$30, non-members; children under 17 free

Stephen Copen, stephen.copen@gmail.com



Save the Date!

Guided Birdwatching Event in Orange County

Join us for an enjoyable day of guided birdwatching at the San Joaquin WildLife Sanctuary. This event is not to be missed.

SAT, SEP 28 @ 8:00AM

San Joaquin WildLife Sanctuary

Cost: \$20, members; \$25, non-members

AJ Rogers, ajrogersmd@post.harvard.edu



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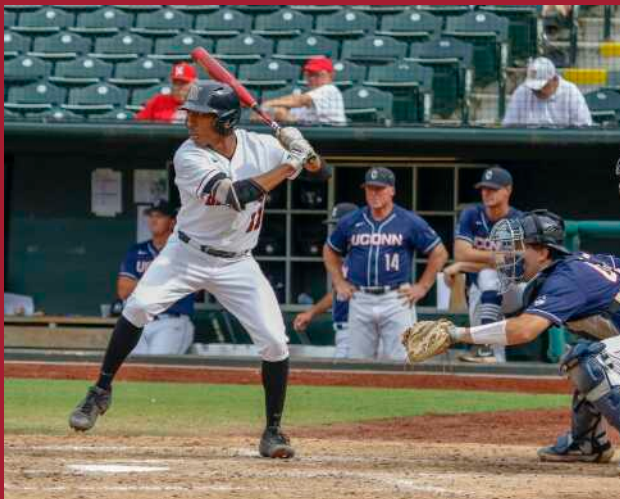
\$120 per person, includes dinner and all shows.

Maiya Williams Verrone, MaiyaWV@aol.com



Q&A from 02138:

Chase Orion Aldridge '19



Chase Orion Aldridge '19 resides in Winthrop House. He was born in Los Angeles and graduated from Harvard-Westlake High School in Studio City. He earned varsity letters three times in football, and twice in baseball. He coached 9 to 14-year olds in Inglewood since the beginning of high school for the Rockstars Baseball Club. At Harvard, he was the Blog Chair for the Harvard Sports Analysis Collective in 2018. He is a concentrator in Economics, with a secondary in Statistics and a citation in Spanish. As a junior, he earned Academic Honor Roll recognition. As a senior, he was captain of the Ivy League champion team (27-13) that earned a spot in the NCAA Regional tournament. Last summer, he worked as an intern in the San Diego Padres baseball operations department. After graduation, he will be a development coach for the Los Angeles Dodgers at their minor league affiliate in Ogden, Utah. You can read his "Written Senior Perspective" at GoCrimson.com.

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

COA: The first time I visited was the day before the early application was due. I had decided to apply the week before, and my decision was confirmed by the trip. It was a mild day in the fall, which is when the campus may be at its best. I remembered the campus being full of life. There were tours going on and teeming streets of Harvard undergrads. There was just a bounce that fit what I was looking for in my undergrad experience. Cambridge reminded me a lot of Westwood in that way. It was a community of its own, but you could feel the influence of the greater metropolitan area.

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

COA: There is a community for whatever you are interested in. There are so many ways to "do" Harvard, and a group of people that share the same interests as you. Coming in you understand that there are high ranking professors with fascinating stories, but the communities that you build within your house and through extracurriculars are special.

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

COA: The Economics of Cities. This class taught me a lot about being a better citizen by advocating for the correct policy choices when thinking about the development of cities. Also, Professor Glaeser provided us with beautiful stories about the origins of the architecture and industries that we find around the world. He is one of the best lecturers I have ever had, and was able to combine economic theory with anecdotes in seamless fashion.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

COA: I think that one of my funniest moments that I experienced was sitting in my friend's room and making music to kill the time during J Term. We made ridiculous songs using just Garage Band, and the result was...interesting to listen to. My family certainly got a kick out of it.

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

COA: I would try to create more events that bring the whole school together like HY. Whether it be sporting events, performances or concerts, I found that many of my favorite moments from college came from the shared experience of entertainment.

HCSC: What do you miss most about Southern California (other than the weather and family)?

COA: I think that I miss the authentic Mexican food that is everywhere in So Cal. While Felipe's is good, it does not measure up to the food that we find at home.

HCSC: How do you think Southern California will figure into your future after Harvard?

COA: I will be working for the Los Angeles Dodgers as a Development coach this summer, so I plan on living in So Cal in the immediate future. I think that living away from home gave me a new found appreciation of Los Angeles. I even came to miss the traffic! Getting to experience a different part of the country was a great experience that I hope many other So Cal natives will get to experience in the future.



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Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019

Time: Come as early as 5:00PM; Dinner begins @ 6:00PM

Place: Hollywood Magic Castle

Cost: \$120 per person (includes dinner and all shows)

Contact: Maiya Williams Verrone, MaiyaWV@aol.com

Parking: Valet Parking \$15

Join fellow Harvard Club Members for an elegant evening of magic at the world-famous Magic Castle!

Operated by the Academy of Magical Arts and housed in an authentic Victorian mansion in Hollywood, the Magic Castle is the most exclusive and renowned private club for magicians and supporters of magic in the world. Enjoy a three-course meal in the dining room with fellow Harvard Club members, followed by a magic show on the main stage. After that you will be free to enjoy smaller up-close magic performances and explore the historic castle, visiting unique bars, seeing rare memorabilia, and perhaps encountering a few surprises!

This is a member's only event, limited to two tickets per member. Must be over 21 to attend.

Register at hcsc.clubs.harvard.edu now.



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