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Upcoming Events

Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014 @ 6:00 P.M. ***Happy Hour Networking with HBSASC and Harvardwood***

Location: Seasons52 (Santa Monica)
Cost: Cash only for food & drinks

Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014 @ 12:30 P.M. ***Issues in Education - Educators' Roundtable***

Location: Home of Priscilla Heim (Los Angeles)
Cost: No charge (bring an item for potluck)

Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014 @ 6:30 P.M. ***Inter-Ivy Asian Fall Welcome***

Location: Alibi Room (Los Angeles)
Cost: No charge

Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M. ***Recent Grads Mixer at The Village Idiot***

Location: The Village Idiot (Los Angeles)
Cost: Attendance is free—cash bar available

Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014 @ 10:00 A.M. ***Ivy Pride Alliance LA Presents... Griffith Park Observatory Loop Hike and Lunch***

Location: Griffith Park Observatory Loop Trail (LA)
Cost: No charge

Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014 @ 4:00 P.M. ***Ivy Pride Alliance LA Presents... Hot Writers & Cold Drinks - A Literary Evening for Women***

Location: The Last Bookstore (Los Angeles)
Cost: No charge

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2014 @ 1:00 P.M. ***Jet Propulsion Laboratory Tour (EVENT FULL)***

Location: Jet Propulsion Laboratories (Pasadena)
Cost: No charge (please RSVP on the club website)

Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014 @ 12:00 P.M. ***Inter-Ivy Golden Road Brewery Tour & Lunch***

Location: Golden Road Brewery (Los Angeles)
Cost: No charge

Thursday, Nov. 13, 2014 @ 5:30 P.M. ***A Conversation with Morgan Chu JD '76***

Location: UCLA Law School (Room 1314) (Los Angeles)
Cost: No charge (please RSVP on the club website)



President's Message

by Kay Park, MD, AB '87

The Board of Directors of the Harvard Club of Southern California welcomed six new members for the 2014-2015 term and elevated several continuing members to committee co-chair positions. With the addition of new faces, we started the term off with an all-day board meeting in Orange County. Twenty-five officers of the Club assembled to discuss ways to enhance membership benefits and to improve the experience for all alumni and friends in the Southern California area.

The Harvard Club website will be one focus of our efforts to better communicate with alumni, with new sections dedicated to networking. Another focus will be improving our presence on social media as well as emailing the monthly newsletter to the approximately 10,000 alumni in Southern California.

In addition to our current schedule of programs, we plan to expand our offerings to include more showcase events, and more events aimed at our younger alumni who have recently moved to the area. We will also strengthen our affiliation with other Harvard alumni clubs, such as the Harvard Business School, Harvardwood and the Orange County-Harvard Business School Clubs ("OCHBS"), in order to facilitate co-memberships and increase attendance at programs.

After discussions moderated by past Club President Susan Reardon AB '78, JD '80, the directors enjoyed lunch and boating in the Newport Beach harbor, and the opportunity to get to know board members from the OC-HBS Club, including Karen Hernandez MBA '00 (president), Lance Stuart MBA '78, and Mark Wilser MBA '88.

Many thanks to our energetic Orange County contingent, including our generous hosts, Elizabeth Gillis AB '82, and Dryden Pence AB '82. AJ Rogers, MD '79 and his wife, Laronda, treated everyone to specialty cookies made by Angel Wings Bakery, which donates 100% of its profits to charity.

RECENT EVENTS...

Harvard Club of Southern California Board of Directors Meeting August 2014, Newport Beach, CA



Club officers discuss ways to increase and enhance Club membership.



Left to right: Lance Stewart MBA '78, Club President Kay Park, MD, AB '87, and Vice President, Finance/Financial Aid Aaron Wilson AB '03.

UPCOMING EVENTS...



A Conversation with Morgan Chu JD '76

Join us for this very special opportunity to hear from Morgan Chu JD '76, president of the Harvard Board of Overseers.

Recognized as one of "The Decade's Most Influential Lawyers" by *The National Law Journal*, Morgan Chu JD '76 will talk about his life as a trial lawyer, managing a national law firm, developments and trends in the law and the legal profession, his role on Harvard's governing board since 2009, and his recent elevation to serve as president of Harvard's Board of Overseers.

Join us for an optional dinner following the conversation at the UCLA Faculty Center. Space is limited.

Date/Time: Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 5:30 P.M.
Location: UCLA Law School (Room 1314)
Talk: No charge for the talk (RSVP required)
Dinner: Optional, as long as seating is available. Registration and payment prior to the event is required.
Contact: Steven Arkow, stevenarkow@sbcglobal.net
Register: www.Harvard-LA.org

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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

Happy Hour Networking Event with Harvard Business School Association of Southern California, HLS and Harvardwood



Join us for cocktails and networking with the Harvard Business School Association of Southern California, the Harvard Law School Association and Harvardwood.

Date: Thursday, October 9, 2014
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: Seasons52 (Santa Monica)
Cost: No Charge
RSVP: <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>
Contact: Madeleine Mejia,
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Issues in Education Educators' Roundtable Evaluation

If Democracy requires an educated populace, then what happens in our schools should be among the nation's major concerns. The Harvard Club periodically provides a forum to explore these issues in education with roundtable discussions, one of which will take place Oct 11.

Come to a pot-luck luncheon Saturday, October 11 at the home of Priscilla Heim and present your views. To start us off JoAnn McKenna '65, educator and innovator herself, will discuss the interesting new book *Building a Better Teacher* by Elizabeth Green.

Date: Saturday, October 11, 2014
Time: 12:30 P.M.
Location: The Home of Priscilla Heim
Cost: Contribution to a pot-luck luncheon.
Contact: Priscilla Heim, priheim@verizon.net
 or 310-472-4478



Inter-Ivy Asian Fall Welcome

Welcome newcomers to the greater Los Angeles area and catch up with old friends at our next Ivy Asian Alumni event.

Date: Saturday, October 11, 2014
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Location: Alibi Room (Los Angeles)
Cost: No charge
More Info: Vicki Chou, vicki.chou@gmail.com

The 131st Harvard-Yale Football Game Telecast



Save the Date! ~ Nov 22, 2014



Recent Grads Mixer at the Village Idiot - Welcome to Your City!

Please join us in welcoming the Class of 2014 this fall! The College Classes of 2005-2014 will be coming together for Welcome to Your City during October 2014. These events are a fun, informal way for recent graduates who may be new to town to connect with other local, recent Harvard alumni.

Register with your LinkedIn profile and other social media accounts to see who's coming and connect with other attendees before, during, and after the event.

Date: Thursday, October 16, 2014
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Location: The Village Idiot, Los Angeles, CA
Cost: Attendance is free—cash bar available.
Contact: Jordan Reddout Wilhoit '10
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Inter-Ivy Golden Road Brewery Tour & Buffet Lunch

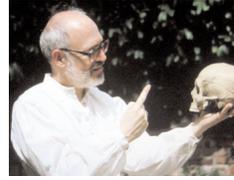
Join members of the Yale, Brown, Columbia, Dartmouth, Harvard, Princeton & Penn Clubs on this special tour and lunch.

Meet Meg Gill, Yale alum and President & Co-Founder of the Golden Road Brewery! Limited capacity event.

Date: Sunday, November 9, 2014
Time: 12:00 P.M.
Location: Golden Road Brewery
Cost*: \$45, members; \$55, non-members
Contact: Lisa Watanabe-Peagler,
lisawatanabe@post.harvard.edu

** Price includes: Tour, Buffet Lunch with dessert and 1 drink ticket*

Science Pub Series #4 -



William Shakespeare: Renaissance Neurologist

Join us on a literary and medical journey through Shakespeare's works led by Lance Fogan, published author and Clinical Professor of Neurology at UCLA.

William Shakespeare's plays and poetry contain references of interest for most medical specialties. This presentation will review many signs and symptoms of nervous system afflictions such as epilepsy, stroke and dementia.

Date: Sunday, November 16, 2014
Time: 3:00 P.M.
Location: Trattoria Neapolis (Pasadena)
Cost: \$25 per person
Contact: Ethel Seminario Laczko,
etheledu@gmail.com



Behind the Scenes Tour of the Los Angeles City Central Library (And Lunch)

Unique members-only event - Limited capacity!

City Librarian John Szabo will provide a behind-the-scenes tour of the Los Angeles Central Library -- listed as one of the most spectacular libraries in the world. He will provide glimpses of its largesse of treasures and the extraordinary ways in which libraries reach out to help transform Los Angelenos' lives. Lunch follows a short walking distance from the Library at the Border Grill. This urban cantina from Chefs Mary Sue Milliken and Susan Feniger, of Bravo's "Top Chef Masters" and Food Network's "Too Hot Tamales," will give us a chance to refresh and reflect with each other.

This event is open to members and their guests only, and is limited to the first 20 people to register (first-come, first-served).

Date/Time: Saturday, November 15, 2014 at 10:15 A.M.
Location: Los Angeles Central Library
Cost*: \$34.75 per person
Contact: Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi, mjhnakanishi@gmail.com

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Interview with Alumni Interviewer... Miguel Palos, AB '76

Each admissions season, alumni interviewers, under the leadership of our Club's Schools Committees, help the Admissions Office evaluate applicants to Harvard College. The Schools Committee is the Club's largest volunteering activity. Each year, over 700 graduates of Harvard College and graduate schools interview over 2,700 candidates from our region. In the process, alumni participate in college fairs throughout the area and give presentations on Harvard, initiating and maintaining relationships with parents, guidance counselors, other alumni/ae, and the general public. Executive Vice President Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi EdD '81 is our Club's vice president for Schools, and she coordinates the Schools Committee's work with the area chairs who divide up the interview assignments among alumni and manage the operations for their geographic area. The newsletter will feature profiles of the area chairs.

Miguel Palos '76 is the Area Chair for the San Gabriel Valley and has been interviewing applicants for more than 25 years.

I graduated from the College in 1976. I had three glorious years in Adams House. My claim to fame while in college is to say that Yo Yo Ma was my classmate (although, I did not know at the time). Just as impressive was the fact that Leonard Bernstein was a music tutor for a year. Less well known is that our own George Newhouse was also a classmate. While he was a star football player, I was a star football fan.

I majored in biology and went to UCLA Medical School. I stayed on for a short time as faculty then went into private practice in the San Gabriel Valley and have been here ever since. I started interviewing while Jonathan Baskin '61 Ph.D. was the area chair in San Gabriel. When he became vice president of the Schools and Scholarships Committee for the club, I stepped in as area chair. Claudia, my wife of 31 years, and I have now been doing this for over 25 years.

The connection to the College and the therapy of talking to young people are the obvious rewards. The greatest satisfaction comes from "mentoring" students in whatever their aspirations are through the interview. The hardest part of the job is dealing with the disappointed parents each year. The most memorable interview is truly always the last, because even after over 25 years there is always a question that can't be answered, a smile that is too engaging and a dream that you want to be a part of. However, you can never underestimate students or be unprepared. Like the time there was a major earthquake in Los Angeles and public transportation and some phone lines and utilities were down. A student who planned to use the bus had to walk and got to the interview two hours late and wondered why I wasn't there. We did do the interview. Or the time I got through an entire interview and asked, as usual, if he had any questions and he asked me if Princeton had early action, thinking this was his Princeton interview. So now I make sure of my facts before we start.

The need for additional interviewers is ever increasing, with more than 44,000 applications last year and each getting a personal interview. The need in the San Gabriel Valley, San Fernando Valley, North Orange County, and Riverside always seems greatest. It's a great way to get involved and I encourage you to do so.

I am also a Navy Reserve Officer, in the Medical Corps. After a year in Kuwait in 2005, Claudia and I were given the "John Harvard" award in 2006. After a year in Afganistan in 2012, the College honored Claudia and me with the Hiram Hunn award in 2013. I expect that if I do another year abroad, supporting the troops I will be named "President of the University," or at least be given the "Luckiset Man Alive Award" for living the dream. His daughters are Megan Palos '12 and Monica Palos '15.

Alumni interviewers needed for certain geographic areas:

Alumni are encouraged to interview high schools applicants from Southern California. For further information, contact **Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi at mjhnakanishi@gmail.com** who is handling the Club's Schools and Scholarship Committee. Please include information about where you live or work, since there is a need for interviewers who can interview in the Claremont area, North Orange County (Santa Ana across to Huntington Beach), and the San Fernando Valley.



Q&A from 02138... Tania Amarillas '16

(These interviews are a regular contribution to the HCSC Newsletter and will spotlight students enrolled at Harvard who are from Southern California. Nominations to profile students from our region are invited.)

Tania Amarillas '16, a concentrator in Statistics with a Government secondary, was born in Sinaloa, Mexico and moved to northeast Los Angeles when she was five years old. She graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Los Angeles. She resides in Quincy House. At Harvard, she serves as co-director of PBHA's Boston Refugee Youth Enrichment (BRYE) Tutoring Program, an organization committed to providing quality tutoring services to low-income, immigrant children in the Dorchester area of Boston. She also served as Director of Resources and Director of Legislative Affairs of Act on a Dream which advocates for immigration reform nationally and access to resources for undocumented students at the College. She spent last summer volunteering with BRYE's summer program as a Senior Counselor teaching a class of ten students. She was the team manager of the Harvard Women's Tennis Team from 2011 to 2013, handling team logistics such as tournament travel, alumni events, fundraising, and budgeting. She is currently on a leave of absence from February 2014 through January 2015, during which time she has been interning for law firms and studying for the LSAT in December 2014. After Harvard, she hopes to return to California for law school.

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

TA: My first time visiting Harvard was Visitas Weekend 2011. Harvard has been my dream school since I was eight and I had grand expectations. And thankfully, Harvard was all I imagined and more! Cambridge was beautiful and campus was breathtaking. It was the first time I had ever seen colonial architecture and instantly fell in love with it all. I honestly could not believe that I would be spending the next four years in such a wonderful place.

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

TA: The diversity. Coming from a predominantly Latino community, I'd never really been exposed to many cultures. At Harvard, my peers are from all over the world and have such unique stories to share. I think we learn from each other just as much as we learn from our professors, and I'm thankful to have met such extraordinary and dynamic people at Harvard.

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

TA: It's a toss-up between Statistics 110: Introduction to Probability and Government 1295: Comparative Politics in Latin America, taught by Professor Joe Blitzstein and Professor Steven Levitsky, respectively. Stat 110 has been one of the most challenging and interesting classes I've taken at Harvard. I learned so much in Stat 110 week after week, and it set a great foundation for the rest of my courses in Statistics. Gov 1295 was one of the most thought-provoking classes I've taken. Professor Levitsky is passionate about what he teaches and it makes for a great class.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

TA: I think most of the funniest and most memorable moments for me have been volunteering and directing BRYE Tutoring. After we finish with the academic portion of the day, we have recreational time with the students. My favorite activity is playing foosball with one of our pair of twins, who are six. They always challenge a fellow volunteer and me to a match, and they mean business! Their reactions throughout the game are hilarious to watch — there's never a dull moment.

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

TA: As much as I love Harvard, there are a lot of policies that need to be reconsidered, updated or created on campus. I think Our Harvard Can Do Better has been doing a wonderful job advocating for sexual assault policies that are fair to victims. Divest Harvard has been tirelessly trying to get the University to divest from fossil fuels, and I

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think Harvard should follow the many universities who have made this commitment. Act on a Dream has been working for years to get Harvard's endorsement on comprehensive immigration reform which could truly make a difference in getting meaningful legislation passed. Moreover, I, Too, Am Harvard, the LatinX Town Hall and other similar events clearly show the need for a more inclusive culture on campus.

HCSC: You're currently taking a year off, what have you been doing during your time back in Southern California?

TA: After returning, I needed some downtime, so I spent the first few weeks lounging around the house and playing plenty of tennis with my dad. I reached out to some local alumni and found out about an internship opportunity in Eva Plaza's law office. She's currently serving as secretary for the Club and called to see if I was interested in helping her with a big case she was working on. She's been an amazing mentor and has provided me with plenty of hands-on experience that I couldn't have gotten elsewhere. I have the chance to draft motions and pleadings, attend hearings, and speak with clients - something that even very few law students get the chance to do. I've also been studying for the LSAT, which is a perfect combination with my internship at The Plaza Law Group.

HCSC: What do you miss most about Southern California?

TA: Well, besides the superb (and predictable) weather, I always miss my family. We're all very close, and I still call my parents every day. I just wish HUDS could make my mom's enchiladas once in a while.

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

TA: I would definitely love to come back to California for law school and practice law in the Los Angeles area. I hope to someday run for Mayor of Los Angeles and help make this great city even greater. I'm especially interested in reforming LAUSD and making higher education more accessible for our students. I think there's a lot of room for improvement and residents want to see genuine change coming from genuine politicians. And I hope to be able to offer that.



JANUARY WINTERSHIPS: Host a Harvard College Student in Your Organization Over Winter Break

For the third straight year, the Club is coordinating opportunities for alumni to connect with undergraduates as part of the 2015 January Winternship Program, through Harvard's Office of Career Services.

A Winternship is typically an unpaid job-shadowing experience in your workplace, lasting anywhere from one to 18 days during the January winter break (January 2-25, 2015). Winternships are designed to provide participants with hands-on experiences; educate students about particular organizations and industries; and build relationships between students and potential alumni employers. In the past, Winternships have offered opportunities to students interested in the fields of law, finance, media, medicine, and business. The experience itself can range from a single meeting or meal to a few days of volunteer project assignments and even to several weeks of paid employment. Students are responsible for their own travel and housing but Harvard's Office of Career Services has funding available to cover the travel costs for students with financial need.

More information can be found on OCS's website at www.ocs.fas.harvard.edu/employers/externship.htm. There you will find the online form used to submit a Winternship proposal. Students begin searching for Winternships in mid-October so submit your proposal ASAP.

As in years past, there will also be a mixer held in January to allow local undergraduates and alumni to arrange last minute Winternship experiences and discuss career paths and industry trends in various fields. For more information about attending that event or the Winternship Program in Southern California in general, please contact HCSC board member Patric M. Verrone at pverrone@aol.com.

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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. Unless specifically noted, RSVPs are not confirmed.

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