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President's Message: Survey Says...

by Patric M. Verrone

The Club has been reaching out to the SoCal Harvard community with an invitation to "Tell the Harvard Club What You Think." To date, 561 alums responded to our online survey designed to gauge what they want from the Club. That number includes almost a third of the Club membership. (Thanks, if you were among them.) It also includes more than twice as many alums who have never been Club members or have fallen out of membership. Like the alumni base itself, the majority of respondents were graduates of the college but, unlike it, more graduated within the last ten years than any other alumni decade grouping. This may say more about the popularity of online polling among recent grads than anything else, but it also calls for a special shout out to our one respondent from the Class of 1948.

Despite advice to the contrary, I even included my personal email address (pverrone@aol.com - there, I did it again) and received an unprecedented number of direct responses. Six. I didn't say it was a large number, just unprecedented.

So, when asked to tell the Club, what do Harvard alumni think? Among the important thoughts were what we could do to improve the Club (or, for non-members, what is keeping them from joining or renewing)? First off, a handful of you said we shouldn't change a thing. Thanks again if you were among them, too. The overwhelming number of suggestions for improvement had to do with programming. But not the nature or subject of our programs -- rather, the location. For example, there were about an equal number of respondents who said we do too many programs on the west side as there were who said we do too few programs on the west side.

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Unfortunately, this may be a problem that will only find a solution when Elon Musk bores enough tunnels under LA.

It was gratifying to see that Club members seem to enjoy the current crop of events we sponsor, especially Harvard-centric speakers, educational programs, and cultural or artistic activities. Many members want us to ramp up the networking and social events, including some that are more intimate or devoted to a particular age group, industry or geographic location. Dining and culinary experiences were popular responses. So were family-friendly events and dating opportunities (but not on the same surveys for the most part).

An additional set of questions asked about interest in developing a Clubhouse. Over 240 alums answered those questions with an overwhelming 90% approving of the concept. Moving beyond just a concept may be equally “overwhelming,” however, as those respondents were about equally divided on location and the types of services to be offered. Still, when asked if they would be interested in helping to develop the Clubhouse into a reality, over 80 alums provided their email address.

Thanks, if you were among them. You will be hearing from me soon...

Recent Events

Alumni Talk: *How I Became an Architect* with Ed Ogosta MAR '01

On February 24, Harvard alumni and their guests received a walking tour of the award-winning “Rear Window House,” designed by Ed Ogosta MAR '01. Though the Rear Window House was built in 1944 the interior is modern. An additional 500 square feet space (to an existing 1050) was added for a library and master bedroom. Large size windows are displayed throughout the house. There is a sense of ease and relaxation. Ed considers Los Angeles as one of the leading cities for innovation in architecture. Photo (from left): Ed Ogosta MAR '01, Lynn Woo, Charles Woo '95, Albert Chang '63, and Jake Lazere.



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2019-2020 CLUB ELECTION SLATE

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Club By-Laws, the Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following nominations for officers and directors of the Harvard Club of Southern California for the year 2019-2020:

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VP Radcliffe	Elizabeth Gillis '82
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Director	Jaime Mendez '04, MBA '09
Director	George B. Newhouse, Jr. '76
Director	Ethel Seminario-Laczko GSE '84

This slate of candidates has been approved by the Board of Directors. All candidates are running unopposed. On or before April 15, 2019, any 25 or more active members of the Club are entitled to file with the Club Secretary (German Enciso, enciso@uci.edu) a nomination of any other eligible member for any office. The Ballot will be sent out with the May Newsletter. Members may vote for every candidate on the Election Slate should they choose to do so.

Note: Applicants for the Harvard Club of Southern California Board of Directors are welcome. Please write to Harvard Club of Southern California Nominations Committee at HarvardSoCal@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

Springtime Happy Hour at Pelican Hill

Join Fellow Harvardians at this networking event at the Pelican Hill Resort in Newport Coast. Watch the sun slide into the Pacific while making new acquaintances. No host bar. A vocalist will perform.



WED, APR 3 @ 6:00PM

The Resort at Pelican Hill

No charge for members; \$10 for non-members

Matthew Stasior, mstasior@gmail.com

Thirteenth Annual Radcliffe College Alumnae Luncheon

Join us as we reminisce, eat, drink, and keep abreast of our current plans, passions or concerns. We are happy to welcome Distinguished Professor of Psychology at UCLA Patricia Greenfield '62, PhD '66, Radcliffe Institute '87, who will speak to us about *Intergenerational Change in Parenting Practices and Child Behavior, Seen Through the Eyes of Grandparents*.



SUN, APR 7 @ 12:00PM

Fountainview at Gonda Westside

\$30 per person

Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com

SOLD OUT - Guided Tour of *Annie Leibovitz: The Early Years* at Hauser & Wirth Gallery

Join us for the first comprehensive exhibition in Los Angeles devoted to the earliest work of this renowned American photographer. *The Early Years* features more than 5,000 photographs taken between 1970 - 1983. Limited space!



SAT, APR 15 @ 11:00AM

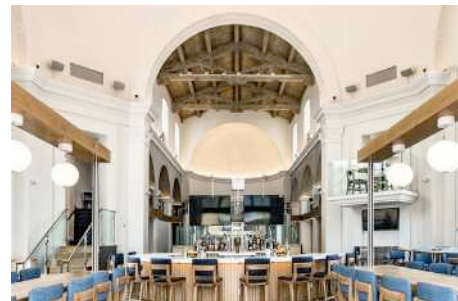
Hauser & Wirth Gallery

\$5, members; \$15, non-members

Pooja Nair, pnair@troygould.com

Cornell-Harvard Inter-Ivy Mixer

Meet fellow Harvard alumni and make new friends among Cornell graduates at this Westwood venue owned by the Artisanal Brewers Collective. One free drink included with registration.



SAT, APR 20 @ 7:00PM

Broxton Brewery

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

German Enciso, enciso@uci.edu

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Science Pub Series #15 – Our Changing Ocean

Join us for an Orange County lecture in honor of Earth Day by Dr. Katherine Mackey, who will talk about causes, consequences, and solutions to current problems affecting the earth's oceans. Dr. Mackey is the Clare Boothe Luce Assistant Professor of Earth System Science at the University of California, Irvine.

SUN, APR 28 @ 2:30PM

Private home in Irvine, CA

\$20, members; \$30, non-members

German Enciso, enciso@uci.edu



SOLD OUT - LA Opera, *El Gato Montés (The Wildcat)* starring Placido Domingo

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California at the Los Angeles Opera for this very special performance of *El Gato Montés (The Wildcat)* with an optional pre-performance lecture one hour prior to showtime. This event is now sold out!

THU, MAY 16 @ 7:30PM

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

\$86, members; \$96, non-members

Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com



Annenberg Photo Space Group Tour and Optional Lunch

Join us for this special tour of the Annenberg Photo Space's new exhibit *Contact High: A Visual History of Hip Hop*, celebrating the photographers who have played a critical role in bringing hip-hop's visual culture to the global stage.

THU, JUN 6 @ 11:00AM

Annenberg Photo Space

No charge, RSVP Required (lunch on your own)

Pooja Nair, pnair@troygould.com



Chicago at the Pacific Amphitheater

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 Amphitheater

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

Eva Plaza Mandel, evisland@aol.com



Q&A from 02138:

Albert Choi '19



Albert Choi '19, a concentrator in Social Studies, was born and raised in Sherman Oaks and graduated from Harvard-Westlake High School. As a senior, he captained the varsity football team, served as Head Prefect, and was selected as a 2015 U.S. Presidential Scholar. He is currently a senior at the college residing in Kirkland House. His sister Cathi Choi graduated from Harvard Law School in 2018 and practices law in New York for Cleary Gottlieb. At Harvard, Albert has been active in serving both the Harvard and greater Cambridge communities through his work with the Asian American Brotherhood and Big Brother Boston. He has worked at Harvard Business School assisting Professor Anita Elberse with her course “The Business of Entertainment, Media and Sports” and has conducted behavioral economics research for Dr. Mike Norton and Dr. Ashley Whillans. His senior thesis researches the purpose and evolution of public art, in which he compares the 1930’s government-sponsored Federal Art Project (the visual arts arm of the Works Progress Administration) to the more subversive public art of today, specifically exploring the dynamic between the intention, creation, and reception. Outside of his extracurricular activities, Albert enjoys meditating, writing short stories, and making music with friends. He also enjoys opportunities to discover new cuisines and recipes to cook on his own. Finally, he has spent each of his summers back in the sunshine of California — at Stanford Medical School and Revolution Ventures in Northern California, and most recently at William Morris Endeavor in Los Angeles.

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

AC: I was most surprised by the staggering amount of opportunities readily available to Harvard students. Every semester I find an exciting activity, fellowship or internship through a seemingly innocuous email or conversation. Likely the most influential of these discoveries was a silent mindfulness meditation retreat through iBme [Inward Bound Mindfulness Education], one that inspired my further daily commitment to meditation. I have been further amazed by the hospitality of Harvard alumni, with whom I had no prior connection, yet who were generous with both their time and resources.

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

AC: I first visited Harvard in 2009 with my family during my sister’s east coast university tour. I can only remember being begrudgingly dragged through a chilly, snow laden Harvard Yard. Feet frozen and nose runny, I had made up my mind. I wasn’t going to college on the east coast.

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

AC: My favorite class at Harvard has been “Global Hollywood,” a History and Literature seminar led by Dr. Jordan Brower. Growing up in LA, I was constantly surrounded by the sights and sounds of Hollywood, but never really understood the economic, social, and political reach of the entertainment industry. Adopting an academic lens to something I grew up taking for granted was revelatory and provided inspiration for my future academic and professional pursuits.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

AC: During my time working for Professor Elberse, Gwyneth Paltrow came to visit as a guest lecturer for BEMS [The Business of Entertainment, Media, and Sports.] At the conclusion of the day, she gave me a hug and called me a “nice young man.” Inspired, I considered starting a clothing label, “NYM.”

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

AC: I would strive to establish a formal Asian American Studies concentration. Given the complex, diverse and misunderstood history of Asian America, I believe that Harvard students should be given the opportunity to pursue a degree dedicated solely to its examination. Furthermore, the recent lawsuit against Harvard has shed light on the unanswered questions facing Asian America in the 21st century, questions that can only begin to be answered with concerted and focused academic study.

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

AC: I miss the art readily available in Southern California. From MOCA and the Getty Center, to the smaller pop-up exhibits in Venice, to the graffiti and murals lining the streets of Fairfax, the vibrant art scene of Los Angeles has been sorely missed.

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

AC: Southern California will always be home. After spending some time consulting in New York, I plan on returning to Los Angeles to pursue a career in film production, bringing my academic and professional path full circle.

Featured Event

Harvard Club Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner



Supervisor Sheila Kuehl JD '78 (left) and Dr. Francis Su PhD '95 (right) are this year's award recipients

The Harvard Club of Southern California's Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner once again will be held at the lovely Huntington Library, Art Collection and Botanical Gardens. Please join us in honoring two distinguished members of our community.

The 2019 John Harvard Award for Distinguished Public Service will be presented to Supervisor Sheila Kuehl JD '78, who represents Los Angeles County's Third District and currently chairs the Board of Supervisors. The 2019 Educator of the Year Award will be presented to Dr. Francis Su PhD '95, the Benediktsson-Karwa Professor of Mathematics at Harvey Mudd College.

You can also take advantage of a special Harvard discount if you would like to arrive early to tour the library and gardens. Entry will be \$10 for Annual Dinner attendees (normally \$29).

Date: Sunday, June 9, 2019

Location: Huntington Library, Art Collection and Botanical Gardens]

Time: 5:00PM reception, 6:00PM dinner and awards ceremony

Cost: \$95 members; \$110 non-members; \$55 recent graduates ('15-'19)

Register: <http://www.Harvard-LA.org> or call 310-546-5252





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To recommend an event or volunteer for one, contact one of our Programs VPs.

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