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JULY/AUGUST 2022

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MON, AUG 29 @ 6:00PM

Various Locations

No charge - volunteer opportunity



2022 Pageant of the Masters: Wonderful World - July 29th

Please join us for our annual trip to see the beautiful and memorable Pageant of the Masters. Tickets are limited!

WHEN: Friday, July 29th 2022, Show starts 8:30pm.

WHERE: Festival of the Arts, Laguna Beach, CA

COST: \$70 members, \$80 nonmembers (Main Tier Side)

REGISTER: <http://www.harvardsocal.org>

The Pageant of the Masters is one of the most unique productions in the country. Audiences are amazed and enchanted by ninety minutes of tableaux vivants ("living pictures"), incredibly faithful re-creations of classical and contemporary works of art, with real people posing to look like their counterparts in the original pieces.

A kaleidoscope of international art becomes your passport to distant lands, cultural celebrations and fascinating history in the 2022 production of Wonderful World. Transported through the theatrical art of living pictures, the Pageant sets sail in pursuit of seasonal festivities, ancient and modern, promising new surprises at every turn. Prepare to be amazed by the Pageant's intoxicating blend of original music, storytelling and stage illusions. WONDERFUL WORLD is a love letter to our common humanity, and the countless ways in which artists have asked the eternal question: "Why are we here?"

Annual Meeting at Kenneth Hahn Park

On Sunday, June 26, the Harvard Club hosted its annual meeting and picnic at Kenneth Hahn State Recreational Area. Board members Eva Plaza '80 and Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi EdD '81 reserved picnic space and organized family-friendly activities. Over 40 board and club members and their families attended.

Club president Joan Chu Reese '85 recognized outgoing board members Jon Aibel '91, Laura Gomez '86, John McHugh MD '94 and E. Dryden Pence III '82 for their service to the club. Alumni and their families enjoyed beautiful summer weather and outdoor games, including a beanbag toss and croquet. Thanks to everyone who joined us for this fun outing!



Patric Verrone '81 and Steven Arkow '84 present the new slate for the Harvard Club of Southern California Board of Directors, including 3 new Directors: Catherine Bond '20, Jose Sanchez '89, and Glenn Nano '98



The day provided a welcome opportunity for new members to meet each other, plan new activities (a hiking group has started up!), and get to know board members.



Club members gather to hear announcements about the Club's renewed Mission and Values Statement and the three Summer Community Service Fellowships funded by the Club this year.

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Recent Events

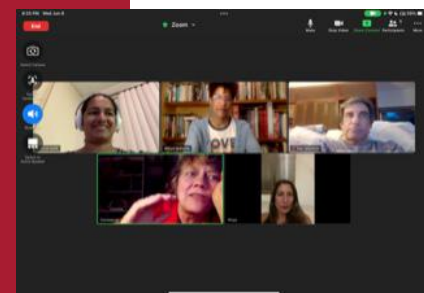
Harvard Krokodiloes Concert In Newport Beach

A magical time was had by all who attended the Harvard Krokodiloes performance in Newport Beach on May 28. The concert overlooked the Newport bay as the sun was setting. The crowd was entertained by an a cappella concert. Southern California was the first stop of the Kroks' 2022 Summer World Tour. They will be performing in Thailand, Australia, Singapore, Bangladesh, Mauritius, Zambia, Albania, Cyprus, Macedonia, Monaco, France, Italy, Germany, among other global destinations.



HCSC Crimson Book Club- *The Lathe of Heaven*

On June 8, an engaged group of alumni readers met on Zoom to discuss Ursula K. Le Guin's 1971 science fiction novel *The Lathe of Heaven*. The book is about a character whose dreams alter reality, and spurred a spirited discussion. Our next book will be *Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead '91. A family saga masquerading as a crime novel, *Harlem Shuffle* is set against a backdrop of the 1964 Harlem race riots, looting, gentrification, and corrupt Black capitalists, a story about property and the vexed relationship that African Americans have with it. The discussion will be in September, and a date will be announced soon.



John Bowman Memorial

On June 12, alumni met for an afternoon of laughs and tears as friends and family paid tribute to John Bowman '80, MBA '85. John was a Harvard alum, spouse, and father who served on the Club board for a decade as well as being an HAA elected director and Lampoon trustee. The event was held at the Writers Guild Theater in Beverly Hills.



July 4th Picnic

On July 4, Harvard Club members met at Brookside Park in Pasadena for a morning picnic. They enjoyed healthy snacks and picnic games. They then explored Downtown Pasadena and had lunch in the area. The event was organized by Saeed Taheri, MD '10, who plans to organize similar activities in other other parts of LA.



GLOBAL DAY OF SERVICE

AUGUST 29, 2022

Harvard's Global Day of Service - August 29, 2022

Harvard's Global Day of Service welcomes the Class of 2026 to a vibrant culture that promotes civic engagement across the greater Harvard community! All class years and alumni are welcome to sign up as volunteers! Potential projects include organizing supply drives; developing lesson plans, resource guides, and curriculum; conducting voter registration drives; organizing social media campaigns on key social issues, working on multimedia and technical projects. Projects will be organized as a mix of in-person and remotely-based assignments.

Harvard's Global Day of Service will be held during first-year orientation on Monday, August 29, 2022. Site information and a final program schedule will be shared in mid-August. Most projects are scheduled to run between 9am to 2pm Eastern time. (Most of last year's assignments had a 2-3 hour time commitment.)

*If you know of any nonprofit organizations that could use a team of 20+ students and alums to work on project assignments, please reach out to Travis Lovett at tlovett@fas.harvard.edu.

Click <https://tinyurl.com/harvardserver2022> to sign up to volunteer!



Got a Great Idea for an HCSC Event? Share It With Us!

We're always looking for new fun and educational events to give our members opportunities to get together and enjoy what Southern California has to offer!

If you have an idea for an event, please email Madeleine Mejia, EdM '00 at madeleine_mejia@post.harvard.edu or Maiya Williams Verrone '84 at MaiyaWV@aol.com.

You can review the current Harvard Club of Southern California policies for events document, on our website at <https://hcsc.clubs.harvard.edu/article.html?aid=106>.

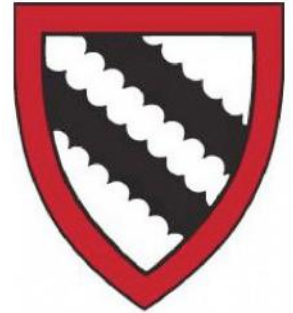
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All Cliffies and Harvard alumni are invited to join us at beautiful Mountaingate (Ridge Clubhouse) to reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

SAT, JUL 16 @ 12:00PM

Mountaingate Ridge Clubhouse (Los Angeles)
\$35 per person



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Join us to see this memorable event in Laguna Beach. We have Main Tier Side seats on the second and third rows of the section. Attendees can also see live music and visit the Festival of Arts, one of the nation's oldest fine art shows.

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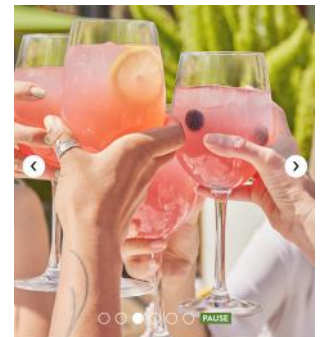


Brunch at True Food Kitchen in Pasadena

Enjoy an outing at the Alumnae-i Network for Harvard Women (ANHW) brunch on Sunday, July 31 at 10am at True Food Kitchen in Pasadena.

SAT, JUL 31 @ 10:00AM

True Food Kitchen (Pasadena)
Pay your own meal



Summer Soirée: A Special Edition of the Recent Grads First Mondays Happy Hour

Start off your month with good food and new friends! We'll be meeting at Village Workspaces on West Olympic Blvd. for Happy Hour from 5-7PM.

MON, AUG 1 @ 5:00PM

Village Workspaces (Los Angeles)
Cost TBA



Q&A from 02138:

Grace Thawley '22



Grace Thawley, social class of 2022 (but will be graduating in May of 2023 due to a gap year during the COVID-19 Pandemic), concentrator in Psychology with a secondary in Studio Art, was born in Orange, California and graduated from Mater Dei High School. She was a starter and the captain of the Women's Water Polo team for four years, and was a starter on her club water polo team, Socal Water Polo, where she was a multiple-year National Champion. She was very involved in the AP Art & Ceramics Program at her high school, where she was named Ceramics Artist of the Year 2015/16/17 and was also named a top 10 Artist of the Year 2018 in Orange County, California. She is now a rising senior in Adams House. At Harvard, she captains and starts for the Varsity women's water polo team, is a board member in her social club, La Vie Club, and enjoys exploring Boston and surrounding areas during her free time.

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

GT: I was most surprised by the level of normalcy on campus. Everyone knows about imposter's syndrome, and how the Harvard Campus in particular can feel really intimidating, with so many young, successful individuals. But if you look close enough, we're all just normal people, with strengths and weaknesses, sometimes just trying to make it through the week. Finding this reality in friends and through teachers has helped me realize the beauty of this incredibly high-achieving, challenging, but inclusive community. Again, it doesn't just show itself to you, you have to give the effort to seek out this view on Harvard.

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

GT: I visited Harvard my sophomore year of high school. My dad and I flew to the east coast to look at colleges during my spring break. I took one look at campus and was absolutely enamored. The opportunity, the beauty, the history and the contributions to society — I knew immediately I would be a fool to say no to a place like this, should I be lucky enough to have the opportunity to attend. I wanted to be a part of something big, and I knew I would be challenged immensely, but at the same time, my world would grow immensely.

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

GT: My favorite class (taught by my favorite professor) thus far at Harvard was psychology seminar called "Self, Identity, and Physical Spaces." It was a perfect blend of my major, psychology, my career path of interest, architecture and real estate, and my hobby, art, design and self-expression. I learned about the intersection of the psychological self and the physical spaces we occupy. While it might seem fairly rudimentary to say that we are inextricably bound somehow to the spaces we occupy, this is a very understudied subfield in psychology, sociology, and the like. As someone who wants to go into real estate, and is interested in home design, it's of extreme importance to me to know how a space might affect the people that utilize it, for the better or worse. In curating the syllabus for this new, never before offered (at ANY university), my professor Dr. Jennifer Perry was essentially creating a new subfield of psychological study. It was incredible to be a part of a new frontier in my favorite line of academia.

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HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

GT: Easy — primal scream. Never have I seen so many naked bodies in my life, and I probably will never see that again. A worthy tradition.



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

GT: I think there are parts of Harvard that are still victim to traditions of the past that have never changed. The social scene at Harvard, as well as the dining services, need to be more diverse and inclusive on a University-wide level. I can't wait for the day that the dining hall has a respectful amount of vegan and vegetarian options, and when our foods are sourced sustainably. I also can't wait for the day that Harvard College sponsors and endorses football tailgates, or more events like Yardfest. This will come with the university growing in self-awareness. As it cultivates an environment for leaders, it should also support the fun college experience of young adults.

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

GT: I miss the ocean. At home, surfing is a weekly occurrence. I'm not usually without a heaping dosage of salt water and vitamin D.

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

GT: Southern California will always be home. With the majority of my extended family in Southern California, as well as my love for the ocean and the climate, I don't see myself being anywhere else long term. While I would like to live in New York for a year or two working in Real Estate, my ultimate goal is to be working intensely in real estate in Southern California (residential real estate, to be specific). Having grown up with parents restoring historic California homes, I have a love for the single family California estate. I hope to utilize my Harvard education to create and renovate homes to be both sustainable and with psychological impacts in mind.

HCSC: How did you manage the transition to virtual classes?

GT: The transition was hard but my professors were incredibly understanding. It's particularly helpful to study psychology, where most of my professors are significantly attuned to the psychological repercussions that 2020 brought with it. Needless to say, I was well supported. During the Fall of 2020, I decided to stay enrolled in online classes, but I ended up moving to the UK for the semester. It was a lovely experience to "be abroad" and live on my own for a while. It was tough at times, but I knew I needed to go explore, and online school allowed the flexibility to do so safely.

HCSC: How do you intend to spend the summer?

GT: I had received an offer to work as a Production and Design Intern at URBN, in Philadelphia. URBN owns a few very popular International clothing and lifestyle brands (Free People, Anthropologie, Urban Outfitters, etc). I was incredibly excited, but unfortunately the internship got cancelled due to the pandemic. So, I spent that summer tutoring international students and professors in English through a company called Ringle. I also was commissioned to design and install a mosaic on a Sicilian pizza oven. This summer, I am currently seeking a job in real estate in Southern California. I am enthusiastic to learn and am excited for a wide variety of opportunities.



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

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