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Upcoming Events

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Inside FirstElement Fuel – Revolutionizing Transportation...

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Saturday, November 18th: 2024 Harvard-Yale Game Telecast Viewing Parties in LA, Orange County

Club members and their guests are invited to cheer on the Harvard Crimson as they take on the Yale Bulldogs at two telecast parties in Southern California on Saturday, November 18th. The viewing parties will be held in Brentwood and Newport Beach.

The Game is one of the Harvard Club's annual signature events, offering an opportunity to reconnect with old friends and root for the Crimson.

The 140th version of "The Game" will once again be broadcast live. The Los Angeles event will be held at Q's Billiard Club & Restaurant in Brentwood. The event is jointly sponsored with the Yale Club of Southern California. Kickoff will take place at 9:00 a.m., with doors opening at 8:45 a.m. A raffle of Harvard memorabilia will be included in the ticket price of \$10 for members, and \$15 for non-members. The event is for guests who are 21 and older.

The Orange County event will take place at the Elks Lodge on the Waterfront in Newport Beach. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m., with kickoff at 9:00 a.m. The ticket price is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members.

Recent Events

Pre-Season Ski+Board Social at Santa Monica Brew Works

The Ski Social event on October 3 enjoyed a "huge turnout," with 80 attendees, according to organizer Hannah Lee. She added, "Folks asked if we could do it again," with future events focusing on other sports and interest groups. The Club's website will post further updates.

Sunday Brunch in Old Town Pasadena

In coordination with ANHW (Alumnae-i Network for Harvard Women), 44 men and women enjoyed Sunday brunch on October 20, 2024. We enjoyed networking and catching up with dear friends, some of whom have known each other since Harvard College freshman year. The private room at True Food in Old Town Pasadena provided the ideal setting for alumni to make new acquaintances of all ages by sharing stories of career changes, tips for work—life balance, and life goals over delicious food and drinks.

Borrego Canyon Trail to Red Rock Canyon

On October 20th, 16 Harvard alumni enjoyed a beautiful hike and great conversation at Red Rock Canyon in Orange County. In attendance were Board Members Vien Nguen and Paul Bokota.







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Transitions

On a space-available basis, the Club will publish announcements concerning marriages, job changes, and deaths of Club members. Please send your announcements to HarvardSoCal@gmail.com.



Passing: Albert Chang MD, '63, the Harvard Club's former President, passed away on August 28th after battling Parkinson's for the past nine years.

Dr. Chang served as the Club's President from 2012-2014. He served on the Club's board from 2003-2020, including a long stint as the Club's Vice President for Programs. He organized lectures and trips to the Pacific Asia Museum, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and Los Angeles' Chinatown.

Dr. Chang had attended the Club's Annual Dinner in June. Tributes to Dr. Chang's meritorious service to the Harvard Club were received by Club leaders.

"Albert was a great man, a great Harvard supporter and of course a mainstay of the Club for many, many years," said George Newhouse '76, former Club President (1989-1991).

Jonathan Baskin '61, the Club's former VP for Schools and Scholarships, said he was said to hear of Dr. Chang's passing. "What a great guy, always supportive of whatever we were doing in the Club. I remember especially the terrific Chinese New Year dinners he organized, and an insider LA Chinatown tour he gave."

Susan E. Reardon, the Club's former President (2004-2006), said in an e-mail, "Albert was such a lovely person, and such a great volunteer for the Harvard Club. He was unflappably diligent and hard-working as Program Chair during my time as Club President, and always was patient and cordial in his dealings with Club members. He will be missed," she added.

"Albert was such an amazing man and a longtime stalwart of the Harvard alumni community - known as a beloved mentor to many on the board," said former Club President (2006-2008) Cynthia Torres '80, MBA '84.

Dr. Chang was born in China in 1941. After his graduation from Harvard College, he graduated from the University of Rochester's Medical School. He trained as a pediatrician and public health physician specializing in maternal and child health. For more than 30 years, he served on the faculty at several distinguished California universities. He was on the School of Public Health faculty at the University of California, Berkeley; UCLA; and California State University at San Diego. After his retirement, he served as a pediatric consultant for troubled youths at the Los Angeles County Juvenile Hall, and volunteered at the Venice Family Clinic for the homeless.

Dr. Chang is survived by Yvonne, his wife of 53 years, and his sons Jeffrey and Nick.



Harvard Moves: Marina Group Walk

Come enjoy the beautiful jetties and waterways of North America's largest man-made small craft harbor, as we walk along the popular bayside path in Marina Del Rey. Then stay for an optional lunch at one of the hotels in walking distance.

FRI, NOV 8 @ 10:30AM Marina del Rey Parking Lot (meeting place will be sent after RSVP) No charge, pay your own lunch

Harvard Moves: Bike the Beach!

Starting on the bike path at Washington Boulevard , we will ride together (oldschool bikes - no scooters or e-bikes) on one of the world's coolest bike paths up to Back on the Beach, for lunch. Then we'll return on this scenic bike path to our starting point.

SAT, NOV 9 @ 10:30AM Washington Blvd. Parking Lot (Venice Beach) No charge, pay your own lunch

Heading Into Night: A clown play about... [forgetting] - Followed by Q&A

Join us for this special performance starring Harvard alum Daniel Passer ART '93. The two creators of the piece are graduates from the ART Institute for Advanced Theater Training at Harvard. Limited seating! This event is being held in conjunction with the Cornell Alumni Club of LA.

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Join us for a walk around the beach side of this beautiful state park, as part of the Harvard Moves global event. Our meeting point will be announced to registered participants, and the hike will include a walk along the beach and tidepools as well as the cliffs overlooking the ocean.

SUN, NOV 10 @ 10:00AM Crystal Cove State Park (Laguna Beach) No charge

Inside FirstElement Fuel – Revolutionizing Transportation through Hydrogen

In the journey to reduce carbon emissions, this startup in Orange County has developed into a global leader in a technology critical to decarbonizing transportation: hydrogen infrastructure. Hear how this company has captured 90% market share and raised over \$250 million in private capital.

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"The Game" Viewing Party 2024 – Orange County

Come watch Harvard beat Yale again at the 140th version of "The Game." Enjoy watching the game with fellow Harvard alumni and cheer our Crimson on to victory.

SAT, NOV 23 @ 8:30AM Elks Lodge #1767 on the Waterfront (Newport Beach) \$10, members; \$20, nonmembers











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"The Game" Viewing Party 2024 – Los Angeles

Join fellow Harvard alumni (and some Yale Bulldogs) to watch the Crimson tame the Bulldogs at the 140th playing of "The Game." We anticipate kickoff at 9:00 AM, with doors opening at 8:45 AM (please check the Club's website for updates.) Come reconnect with old friends, make new ones and participate in a raffle of Harvard memorabilia. Age 21 and older.

SAT, NOV 23 @ 9:00AM Q's Billiard Club & Restaurant (Los Angeles) \$10, members; \$15, nonmembers

Annual Harvard—Yale Holiday Salon

Join us for the liveliest Holiday Performance Party and Mixer in LA. Do you sing? Play? Perform? Dance? Or have another unique talent that would entertain others? This is your chance for fame—if not fortune!

SAT, DEC 14 @ 6:30PM The Home of a Club Member near Larchmont Village \$25.00 per person

A Cappella Double Feature - The Dins and Kroks Return to LA

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California in welcoming two of Harvard's most prestigious a cappella groups as they return to Los Angeles. The Harvard Din & Tonics and the Harvard Krokodiloes will be performing at the Westwood Presbyterian Church.

SAT, JAN 11 @ 7:00PM Westwood Presbyterian Church (Los Angeles) \$25, members; \$35, non-members







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Q&A from 02138: Alejandro Gaytan '24



Alejandro Gaytan '24, a concentrator in neuroscience and economics, was born in Ventura, CA and graduated from Independence High School where he ran cross country and played tennis. He was captain of the varsity men's tennis team and mathematics club. He was the president of the school's community-service unit, known as the "Community Collective."

At Harvard, where he resided in Quincy House, he did research at the Center for International Development at HKS and the Behavioral Group in the Neuroscience Department. He's spending his summer working at the Mexican Consulate with a special focus on education. Immigration is the cornerstone of not only the Californian identity but also the human experience. He seeks to use this summer as an opportunity to explore a career in Latin American development and politics. He said he is thankful to his mentors and the alumni community for the opportunities that have been given to him. Alejandro is a past recipient of a summer scholarship funded by the Harvard Club of Southern California.

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

AG: Everyone on campus is so open to new experiences and ideas.

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

AG: Freshman move-in (we didn't have VISITAS in person because of the pandemic). It was a difficult moment in time, having so many restrictions as a freshman. It made me perceive college as a very isolating environment, when in reality, it was just the circumstances that dictated said environment.

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

AG: My favorite class so far has been SOCIO 1101, because it's allowed me to think more closely about what a developed society should look like: what constitutes developed ?

HCSC: What was your funniest moment at Harvard?

AG: Harvard—Yale games are always full of memories and many laughs!

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

AG: One's childhood memories create ties to spaces, foods and people that become a part of who you are no matter where you go. It's not that I miss something in particular about Southern California, but rather that I will reminisce about my time there.

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

AG: I'm unsure as to how Southern California might fit into my post-graduate plans, but I do know I'd like to go back at some point in my career.



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