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OCTOBER 2018

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## Message from Club President Patric M. Verrone

As avid readers of this column know, there are no avid readers of this column, so I will get right to my message: The Harvard Club of Southern California does not have a permanent home. Yes, it lives in the hearts and minds of its members blah blah blah but, unlike the Harvard Clubs of Boston and New York, it does not have a physical headquarters. As such, our events are scattered across the Southland, our annual dinner is a moveable feast, and our monthly board meetings have all the locational consistency of a floating crap game (with none of the house advantage - because there is no house!)

This was not always the case. After spending its first four decades meeting and partying at various locales around L.A., on March 27, 1946, the Club purchased a building at the corner of South Loma Drive and Crown Hill Avenue, about a mile west of MacArthur Park. Little is known of the clubhouse because few Club members are alive from when it was active and fewer still responded to my email inquiries. In fact, during the Club's centennial year (2001), we undertook a Club history project, but it was apparently lost to history.

What we do know is that on September 1, 1960, the Club sold the clubhouse (and its liquor license) for \$21,637. For the morbidly curious, neighboring properties on the real estate valuation website Zillow are currently listed between \$800,000 and \$1.3 million, and we couldn't even repurchase the liquor license for \$21,637 (though today the property is a daycare center so they probably don't need it). Soonafter, a Clubhouse Proceeds Trust was created, designed to last for 10 years and one month, with the assumption that a new Clubhouse would be established in that time. Club records from this period are sketchy, and Club member memories are sketchier but, by the mid-eighties, no Clubhouse had been bought or built, the income from the Trust was being regularly distributed to needy Harvard students as scholar-

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ship funds, and the corpus of the trust fund somehow ended up in Cambridge. Some say it was hidden in a secret compartment under John Harvard's right shoe (the one that no one rubs for luck). It wasn't. But it also wasn't used to buy a new Clubhouse and so, for nearly sixty years, the Club has been homeless.

There have been numerous attempts over the years to find a permanent home for the Club but, in an age of WeWork, Soho House, and ClubhouseFinders.org (not a real thing), a new interest has emerged. So has the Harvard Club Space Task Force, a not-as-futuristic-as-its name-implies committee made up of representatives from our club, the Harvard Business School Association of Southern California, Harvardwood, and the Harvard Real Estate Alumni Organization (read more about them on page 7). The mission of the Task Force is to develop a physical space that can be used by all Harvard-affiliated clubs, SIGs, and alumni groups for social events, business meetings, applicant interviews, screenings, performances, and maybe even a floating crap game. The challenges are mighty (Where should it be located? Can it self-sustain? Will it have free WiFi?) and I invite any HCSC members with ideas or suggestions to contact me at pverrone@aol.com. If we all put our heads together, we should be able to come up with something. After all, we did go to Harvard.



## Call for Nominations for the 2019 Annual Dinner Honorees

The Board of the Harvard Club of Southern California is soliciting nominations for two awards we will present at next spring's Annual Dinner.

### The John Harvard Award for Distinguished Service to the Community

- Active in public service
- An outstanding leader in his/her field
- Harvard connection a plus but not necessary
- Significant, innovative work to improve SoCal society
- Has high personal integrity

### Excellence in Education Award

- Direct involvement in the field of education in SoCal, or in a role that affects the education of children or young adults
- Demonstrates excellence and substantial achievement in the field of education
- Has high personal integrity

Nominations are due October 19. Send nominations for the John Harvard Award to Maiya Williams Verrone at [MaiyaWV@aol.com](mailto:MaiyaWV@aol.com) and the Excellence in Education Award to Joan Chu Reese at [joan chu8@gmail.com](mailto:joan chu8@gmail.com).

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## Recent Events

### Harvard Black Alumni Society End of the Summer Party

On Saturday, July 8, the Harvard Black Alumni Society of Southern California gathered in Westwood to eat, drink, dance, converse and smoke cigars at their End of The Summer Party. Guests were greeted by President Maiya Williams Verrone '84 and host Silas Myers '90, MBA '97, then quickly ushered in for a night of fun, fellowship and pumping music. Graduates from Harvard College and all variety of Harvard graduate schools were in attendance, with classes ranging from 1972 to 2017. The Harvard Black Alumni Society seeks to build and strengthen the Harvard black alumni community. Join us for our next event, we'd love to have you! Visit [hbas.sigs.harvard.edu](https://hbas.sigs.harvard.edu) for more information.



### Crazy Rich Asians Movie Viewing Event

On Sunday, August 19, the new Los Angeles chapter of the Harvard Asian American Alumni Alliance (H4A) organized a movie viewing of *Crazy Rich Asians* at the Pacific Theaters at the Grove. The screening was followed by a meet and greet with co-screenwriter Adele Lim. A total of 194 alumni from Harvard, Stanford, U Penn, Princeton, Dartmouth, Cornell, Brown, MIT, Columbia and Yale signed up for the event. Due to the size of the group the post movie mixers were split between 2 venues: The Whisper Lounge and 189 at The Grove. If you are interested in participating in or planning future events for H4A in LA, please contact Jennifer Hsu at [jenniferhsula@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferhsula@gmail.com)



### Annenberg Photo Space Tour and Lunch

On August 30, approximately 20 Harvard alumni met at the Annenberg Photo Space in Century City. The exhibit showcases a large selection of rare and handpicked works from the vaults of the Library of Congress, many that have never before been widely available to the public. Alumni enjoyed a 30 minute group tour and were then able to explore the museum on their own. After the tour, some people enjoyed a delicious lunch and great conversation at Hinoki & The Bird.



### Hauser & Wirth Tour

On September 1, 24 Harvard alumni and their guests met for a guided tour of the Hauser & Wirth gallery in the Arts District of Downtown Los Angeles. Before the tour, gallery director Alexis Kerin met with the group to welcome them and describe the history of the gallery, which has seven locations around the world, including Hong Kong, London, New York, and Somerset. The exhibits on the tour included art by Larry Bell, Mary Hilmann, Jack Whitten, and Don McCullin. After the tour, some of the group went onto a casual lunch at EdiBOL for great food and stimulating conversation.





*In January 2018, a group of Winternship students visited Amgen.*

## Host a Harvard College Student in Your Workplace Over Winter Break: Especially if You Work in Finance

For the sixth consecutive year, the Club is coordinating opportunities for alumni to connect with undergraduates as part of the January 2019 Winternship Program, in partnership with Harvard's Office of Career Services.

A Winternship is essentially an externship, an unpaid job-shadowing in which alumni share their career paths with current Harvard students. Experiences can be 1-2 days in length and typically include activities like attending workplace meetings, taking a job site tour, conducting informational interviews with colleagues, discussing industry trends, or undertaking a voluntary small project or relevant research assignment. Proposals will be accepted through early November and reviewed by OCS to gauge student interest and potential learning outcomes. Submit your proposals via the Crimson Career website after creating an account at <https://harvard-csm.symplicity.com/employers/>

For alumni working in finance, business, and banking, the Club is presenting its third Winterbreak Finance Forum in January. Harvard undergrads who are considering finance as a career will spend a week meeting and interacting with alumni at a variety of banks, brokerage houses, financial institutions, and money management firms in the area. Interested alumni who would like to be a part of this career-launching experience should contact John Wang at [johnwang17@gmail.com](mailto:johnwang17@gmail.com) or Corey Mazza at [coreymazza@gmail.com](mailto:coreymazza@gmail.com).

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Since 2009, the Orange County alumni groups from the nation's top colleges have cooperated on an annual event designed to bring the best and brightest from Orange County together for one night. Don't miss out!



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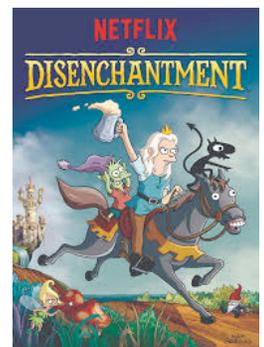
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No charge, RSVP required

German Enciso, [enciso@uci.edu](mailto:enciso@uci.edu)

### Disenchantment: Episode Screening + Discussion

Join us for a special screening of an episode from Netflix's *Disenchantment*, followed by a discussion with two of the show's writers and co-executive producers, Patric M. Verrone '81 and David X. Cohen '88.



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Madeleine Mejia, [madeleine\\_mejia@post.harvard.edu](mailto:madeleine_mejia@post.harvard.edu)

### Recent Grads Mixer - Welcome to Your City!

Please join us in welcoming the Class of 2018 this fall. This is a fun, informal way for the Harvard College Classes of 2008-2018 who may be new to town to connect with other local, recent Harvard alumni.

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Brittany Wang, [brittlynnwang@gmail.com](mailto:brittlynnwang@gmail.com)



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Alpine Village

\$25 per person

Arash Davallou, [adavallou@mba2000.hbs.edu](mailto:adavallou@mba2000.hbs.edu)



## Private Tour of the Wallis Annenberg Pet Space

PetSpace is designed to be a destination for people of all walks of life to learn about our unique relationship with pets, and it is also a center for discussion about the rapidly growing interdisciplinary field of Human-Animal Studies.

**SAT, NOV 10 @ 11:00AM**

Annenberg Pet Space

\$10, members; \$20, non-members. Limited to 16 people.

Pooja Nair, [pnair@troygould.com](mailto:pnair@troygould.com)



## Piano Recital: Great B's Through the Ages

You are cordially invited to Dr. Alan Shewmon's piano recital in Santa Monica. An accomplished pianist and pediatric neurologist, Dr Shewmon will treat us to an all "B" program, featuring composers such as Bach, Beethoven and Brahms.

**SUN, NOV 11 @ 4:00PM**

Santa Monica Public Library

No charge. RSVP required (seating is limited)

Ethel Laczko, [etheledu@yahoo.com](mailto:etheledu@yahoo.com)



## Harvard – Yale 135th Football Game Watch Party – Orange County

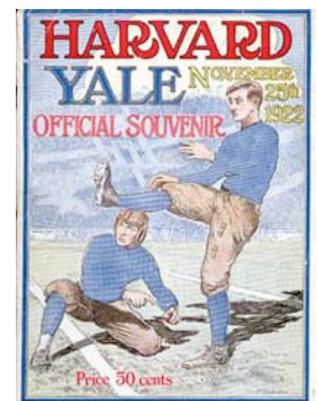
Come join other Harvard alumni and watch Harvard beat Yale in this year's version of "The Game." For the first time, the game will be played at historic Fenway Park. Wear your favorite Harvard gear for a chance to win prizes.

**SAT, NOV 19 @ 9:00AM**

Newport Beach Tennis Club

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

Matthew Stasior, [mstasior@gmail.com](mailto:mstasior@gmail.com)



Q&A from 02138:

## Ruben Reyes Jr. '19



Ruben Reyes Jr. '19, a concentrator in History and Literature, was born in Fontana, California and graduated from Diamond Bar High School. He was the co-president of the school's Best Buddies Club, an organization designed to build friendships between people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities. He is a senior residing in Leverett House. At Harvard, he has served on the board of various Latinx cultural groups, the editorial chair of *The Harvard Crimson*, and has been a columnist for the paper since his freshman year. He is also a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow. This past summer, he was in El Salvador conducting research for his senior thesis on Salvadoran immigration and poetry.

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

RR: I was surprised by the diversity of people I met.

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

RR: The first time I visited Harvard, I didn't actually step onto the campus. My aunt, who lives in Boston, worked in a Harvard Square restaurant at the time, so we had visited her at work. But it wasn't until I was an admitted student about five years later that I actually walked into the Yard. Before actually starting in the fall of 2015, Harvard was shrouded in mystery and prestige. I knew very little about it, but had the impression that Harvard students were incredibly smart. I was right in that assumption, but I didn't realize how complicated they are as well.

*HCSC: Who is one of your favorite professors?*

RR: One of my favorite professors at Harvard is definitely Lorgia Garcia-Pena. I've taken four different courses with her, and I have felt challenged to look at the process of writing history in unique and critical ways. In addition, she also emulates the way that scholarship must be accompanied by involvement in community organizing and social justice work outside of the University. She is the kind of academic I strive to be.

*HCSC: Describe how the editorial board of *The Crimson* newspaper has helped make a difference on campus.*

RR: The *Crimson* Editorial Board, for which I write, is important because it forces people to have conversations on issues they didn't know were affecting their classmates. In 2017, *The Crimson* ran a number of editorials about Harvard's lack of a bridge program for first-gen, low-income students. It started a conversation that eventually garnered support for a pilot pre-orientation program meant to help make that transition a bit better.

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

RR: The list of things I'd change is far too long to go into here, but the highlights would definitely include pushing for a department in Ethnic Studies, a physical center dedicated to supporting students of color, and an office for undocumented student affairs. I'd also abolish final clubs.

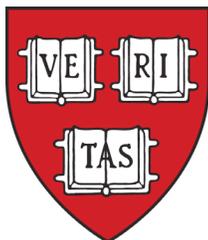
*HCSC: What do you miss most about Southern California (other than the weather and family and local cuisine)?*

RR: There's a certain vibe in SoCal that people give off that's a mix of casual relaxation and general easy-goingness. It's not just a stereotype of the lazy, beach bum. There's something about Southern California that allows me to pause, feel content with my life, and let go of the urgency of whatever project or goal I'm working on. Boston doesn't allow me to do that as easily, and definitely it has to do with the attitude of the people living in the area.

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

RR: Eventually, I hope to relocate back to Southern California. I have really enjoyed living in the East Coast for four years, and I could theoretically see myself spending a few more years out there. But there's something so alluring about Southern California, so that by the time I'm settling down and starting a family, I know I want it to be in Southern California. Ideally, I'll be able to land a teaching job out here and return permanently!

## Harvard's Shared Interest Groups - *The Harvard Real Estate Alumni Organization*



The Harvard Real Estate Alumni Organization (HREAO) is the official Harvard Alumni Association (HAA) Real Estate SIG of Harvard University. Established in 2009, HREAO is a non-profit, member-driven organization comprised of a core community of Harvard Alumni who share a common passion for real estate, from design, development, construction, and services, to finance, capital markets, and investment.

Our mission is to provide members with opportunities to enhance their knowledge of the business of real estate, to network, to mentor, and to share experiences and enhance professional relationships with students and other graduates of Harvard University. We invite alumni speakers who are leaders in their metropolitan areas and property sectors, and work closely with the University, local Harvard Clubs, and businesses to bring together a diverse and like-minded group of alumni and professional leaders for all kinds of events. HREAO works collaboratively with on-campus clubs and organizations, such as The Harvard Student Real Estate Consortium, the HBS Real Estate Club, the GSD Real Estate Club, the HKS Real Estate Club, and we work closely with the University in pursuit of our shared goals.

Members of HREAO may create a dynamic member profile, share ideas and expertise, explore career opportunities, and, most importantly, connect with fellow alumni and friends at on-campus events and at regional events across the world. For more information, please contact HREAO board member Macy Leung at [macyleung@post.harvard.edu](mailto:macyleung@post.harvard.edu).



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

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