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Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 14, 2010

Alumni Talk: Valentines Day with Ali Binazir MD '93, author of The Tao of Dating

Location: Couturier Gallery, 166 N La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles, CA

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Cost : \$5, recent grads; \$10, members; \$15, non-members

Contact: Albert Chang, AlbertChang@charter.net or 310-994-9974

Thursday, February 18, 2010

An Evening with Harvard President Faust

Location: InterContinental Los Angeles Century City
2151 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, CA

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Cost : \$25, members/recent grads; \$35, alumni

Contact: HAA, 1.800.654.6494 or clubs@harvard.edu

Saturday, February 27, 2010

Private Tour of Three Civil Rights Exhibitions at the Skirball Cultural Center

Location: Skirball Cultural Center, 701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Cost : \$8, members; \$10, non-members; \$4, children under 12

Contact: Ken Williams, kwilliams@hcmn.com

Saturday, March 6, 2010

Lunar Calendar New Year Celebration- Dinner and Book Talk with Oliver Chin'91

Location: Lincoln Seafood Restaurant, 123 S. Lincoln Avenue, Monterey Park, CA (Free parking)

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Cost : \$35, members and guests; \$40, non-members and guests; \$25, children (5-12)

Contact: Curtis Jang, curtisjang@sbcglobal.net or 626-300-0818



Harvard President Drew Gilpin Faust Coming to LA

The Harvard Alumni Association, the Harvard Club of Southern California, and Harvardwood invite you to join us for this very special event, **A Conversation with Harvard President Drew Gilpin Faust**, which will be moderated by Jeff Melvoin AB '75, Executive Producer of *Army Wives*, a dramatic series on the Lifetime network.

Space is limited. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Date: Thursday, February 18, 2010

Time: 6:00 P.M. (reception); 7:00 P.M. (program)

Location: InterContinental LA Century City,
2151 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles

Cost : \$25, members; \$35, alumni/guests;
\$25, recent grads (College '05-'09)

Contact: 1.800.654.6494 or clubs@harvard.edu

Register: <http://alumni.harvard.edu> (login req'd).

Advance registration is required and must be received by Thursday, February 11.

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President's Message

by Ken Williams

2009 ended with a bang for the Harvard Club of Southern California on December 30th, when almost 200 people braved inclement weather to attend the Global Networking Night at the Mondrian Hotel. Not to be outdone, the 2010 New Year got off to a great start on January 9th when over 300 people attended the Harvard Club of Southern California's sponsored performance of the Harvard Krokodiloes at Westwood Presbyterian Church.

As we move into February, we are honored to host Harvard President Drew Faust's visit to Los Angeles with a reception at the InterContinental Hotel in Century City. The "conversation" with President Faust will be moderated by Jeff Melvoin, a well known and successful television producer in the Hollywood community. Please sign up for what we expect to be a sold-out event.

In addition to President Faust's visit, we have several opportunities this month which illustrate the often unique and special nature of the Club's events. Discover "The Tao of Dating" on Valentine's Day with author Ali Binazir. Enjoy a private tour of the Skirball's three civil rights exhibits, including an introduction by the museum's director of education, our very own Sheri Bernstein (MA '91) and a special talk by the museum's associate curator, Erin Clancey. Or celebrate the Lunar Calendar New Year with what has now become a Club tradition - a fabulous Chinese seafood banquet and a book talk by noted author Oliver Chin AB'91.

I invite you to read about the upcoming "Harvard Serves" public service initiative that the Club will be sponsoring in April. We are seeking public service projects that could use a team of Harvard alumni volunteers. If you'd like to organize a project, please see the article on page 3. We will shortly be encouraging Harvardians to volunteer your time and talents to one of the local service organizations which are involved in this project.

Finally, there is still time to submit nominations for the Club's annual dinner honorees for the John Harvard Award and the Excellence in Education Award. Please see details on page 6 of the newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming Club event.

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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



Volunteer in a School



Here's an opportunity to do your part for education and learn first-hand about Los Angeles public schools. 32nd St./USC Magnet School--a K-12 arts and math-sci magnet-- welcomes volunteers for the coming school year. Please contact one of the following Board members for further information:

- Priscilla Heim at 310-478-4478; priheim@verizon.net
- Beverlee Bickmore at 323-255-6254; beverleeb@earthlink.net
- Ethel Seminario-Laczko at 626-462-9420



“Harvard Serves” — Club Seeks Public Service Projects for April Alumni Program

During the month of April 2010, the Harvard community, alumni and undergraduates alike, are invited to participate in a public service initiative. Inspired by Harvard President Drew Faust's exhortation to apply “our knowledge to help advance the well-being of people in the world beyond our walls,” the Harvard Club of Southern California will be working to spearhead these efforts locally, through its newly-formed Public Service Task Force. The Harvard Alumni Association (HAA) will be working to coordinate efforts nationally and globally.

The public service initiative, called “Harvard Serves,” hopes to mobilize all 330,000 Harvard alumni and the extended Harvard family - including the 12,500 in Southern California - to volunteer our time and efforts in our own communities.

Our Club’s local Public Service Task Force has already signed up 11 local service organizations to offer opportunities in an exciting range of projects: from ecological, to educational, to food delivery, to inner-city youth, to music in underserved communities. Do you sit on the board of a non-profit organization? Are you active with a favorite charity? How might they be able to use a team of people in April? Would you be interested in helping to organize our April event? Please let us know. Liz Ryan, Harvard Club of Southern California Public Service Coordinator and Elected HAA director from Los Angeles, lryan.ryanworks@gmail.com, has kindly agreed to spearhead our efforts in Southern California. For more information on Harvard’s public service activities in April, email harvardseves@post.harvard.edu.



Private Tour of Three Civil Rights Exhibitions at the Skirball Cultural Center



Join Skirball associate curator Erin Clancey and director of education Sheri Bernstein (Harvard MA, '91) for a tour of three related exhibitions on the Civil Rights Movement. The program begins with a walkthrough of the major traveling exhibition *Road to Freedom: Photographs of the Civil Rights Movement, 1956-1968*; continues with a visit to *Breach of Peace: Photographs of Freedom Riders by Eric Etheridge*; and ends with a look at several works in *An Idea Called Tomorrow*, an exhibition in which some of today's leading artists explore their visions for a more civic-minded future.

For more information on the Skirball, go to www.skirball.org. Skirball contact: Sheri Bernstein, sbernstein@skirball.org.

- Date:** Saturday, February 27, 2010
- Time:** 1:30 - 3:00 P.M. (Please meet in Skirball Main Lobby at 1:15 pm)
- Location:** Skirball Cultural Center, 701 North Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90049
- Cost :** \$8, members; \$10, non-members; \$4, children under 12
- Contact:** Ken Williams, kwilliams@hcmn.com
- Register:** www.Harvard-LA.org



Harvard Alumni Leadership Conference Highlights Building Alumni Communities

The Harvard Alumni Association will host its annual Alumni Leadership Conference on February 4-5 in Cambridge, which will be attended by approximately 150 alumni leaders from around the world. The theme of this year's conference is "Building Alumni Communities in Turbulent Times."

Harvard President Drew Gilpin Faust will provide a University update at the outset of the conference. Robert Kegan, the Meehan Professor of Adult Learning and Professional Development at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, will deliver an address on the growth of the adult mind and its implications for leadership in his talk, "In Over Our Heads?: An Adult Development Approach to Leadership."

The Conference will include numerous panels of interest to Harvard Clubs and Shared Interest Group leaders. Panel topics include Harvard's role in public service, creating vibrant communities, and membership initiatives.

Cynthia Torres AB '80, MBA '84, former President of the Harvard Club of Southern California and a current member of the HAA Executive Committee, will be leading a panel on career networking initiatives, including how alumni communities have developed programs to assist members and students in leveraging the Harvard network. The HAA's recent Global Networking Night on December 30th will be discussed.

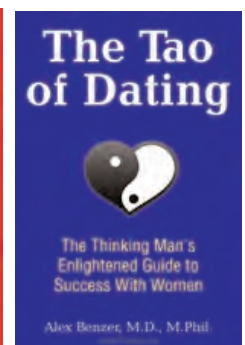
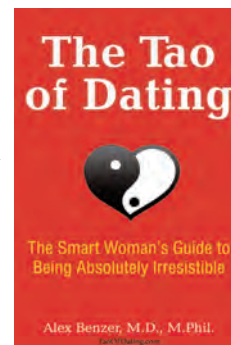


Alumni Talk: Valentines Day 2010 with Ali Binazir MD MPhil (College '93)

Celebrate Valentine's Day with the Harvard Club! Join us for an Alumni Talk, Wine and Cheese Reception, and Book Signing by HCSC Board Member, Chair of the Recent Graduates Committee and HuffingtonPost.com contributor Ali Binazir '93, MD MPhil. Ali will discuss his recent book on the science & spirit of having a fulfilling love life, "The Tao of Dating: The Smart Woman's Guide to Being Absolutely Irresistible." Space is limited.

Option of a group dinner (Dutch treat) at a nearby restaurant following the talk. If you are interested please call Albert Chang at 310-994-9974 by February 8th.

- Date:** Sunday, February 14, 2010
- Time:** 4:00 - 5:30 P.M
- Location:** Couturier Gallery, 166 N La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles, CA (just south of Beverly Blvd).
- Cost :** \$5, recent grads; \$10, members; \$15, non-members
- Contact:** Albert Chang, AlbertChang@charter.net or 310-994-9974
- Register:** www.Harvard-LA.org





Lunar Calendar New Year Celebration - Dinner and Book Talk with Children's Author Oliver Chin '91

Join us for the Lunar Calendar New Year Celebration, the Year of the Tiger! Enjoy a 10-course Chinese seafood banquet with Harvard alumnus and children's book author Oliver Chin '91. He will be visiting us from San Francisco and will discuss his very popular books based on the animals of the Zodiac. We repeat our very successful dinner celebration of last year, with our friends, the Wellesley Club of Los Angeles.

- Date:** Saturday, March 6, 2010
- Time:** 6:30 P.M
- Location:** Lincoln Seafood Restaurant, 123 S. Lincoln Avenue, Monterey Park, CA (Free parking)
- Cost :** \$35, members and guests; \$40, non-members and guests; \$25, children (5-12)
- Contact:** Curtis Jang, 626-300-0818, curtisjang@sbcglobal.net
- Register:** www.Harvard-LA.org
- Deadline:** March 1, 2010



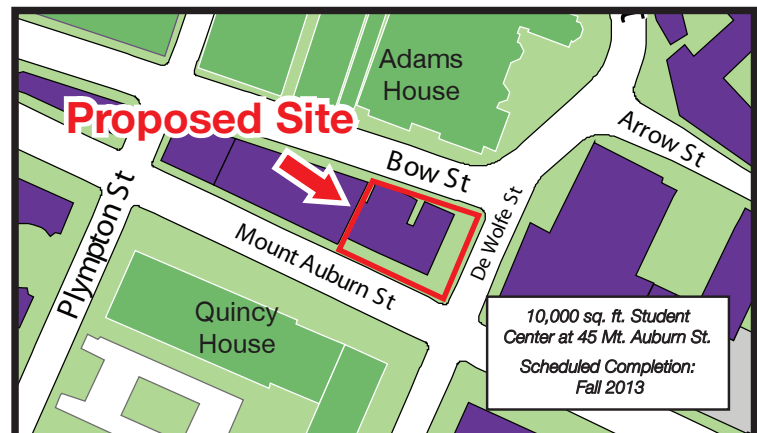
So Cal. Harvard students lead the way to build a student center in Harvard Square!

HARVARD HAS LONG STRIVED TO BE A model of excellence in higher education. While for much of its history it has succeeded and continues to attract some of the brightest students and faculty in the world, many current students believe an important piece of the undergraduate experience is lacking at Harvard College. Compared to their peers at other Ivies, surveys have suggested that Harvard undergrads are relatively more dissatisfied with social life on campus and feel there could be a much greater sense of community within the undergraduate college.

Two current Southern California Harvard undergrads, Josh Nuni '10 and Johnny Bowman '11, are trying to make a difference. They've worked with students and alumni to form the Student Community Center Foundation, a nonprofit that has launched an unprecedented campaign to acquire and develop a student center for the undergraduates of Harvard College. They are moving to purchase a site in Harvard Square that boasts the superb location and development potential necessary to become the heart of undergraduate community for years to come.

They've asked for your support. Please read their proposal and contact them to join their alumni team or learn more about making financial contributions.

Email them at:
info@ourstudentcenter.org



10,000 sq. ft. Student Center at 45 Mt. Auburn St.
Scheduled Completion: Fall 2013

View their proposal at www.ourstudentcenter.org



2010 Annual Dinner Honorees - Submit Your Nominations!



The club is now soliciting nominations for the “John Harvard Award” and the “Excellence in Education Award” to be presented at our annual dinner, traditionally held in May. Criteria established by the board are:

The John Harvard Award for Distinguished Community Service

- Active in public service
- Significant, innovative work to improve Southern California society
- Recognized by a large portion of the membership
- An outstanding leader in his/her field
- Has high personal integrity
- Harvard connection a plus
- Able to attend the dinner and give a short speech

Excellence in Education Award

- Direct involvement in the field of education
- Has high personal integrity
- Demonstrated excellence and substantial achievement in the field of education
- Either in primary, secondary, or higher education in Southern California or in a role that effects the education of children or young adults
- Able to attend the dinner

All recommendations will be submitted to the Board for evaluation and final selection early in 2010. Any suggestions for format, entertainment, and location for the dinner would also be appreciated. Anyone wishing to help on the Annual Dinner committee is welcomed. **Please submit all recommendations and information to Daniel Medina. at dan@capknowledge.com.**

The John Harvard Award has been given annually by the Club since 1974, and the Excellence in Education Award has been given annually since 1992. Recent past winners include:

The John Harvard Award:

- 2009: Father Gregory Boyle, Executive Director of Homeboy Industries
2008: David Janssen, Chief Executive Officer, Los Angeles County, 1996-2007
2007: James F. Rothenberg, AB '68, MBA '70, Harvard University Treasurer and Chairman and Principal Executive Officer of Capital Research and Management Company in Los Angeles
2006: Dr. Miguel Palos AB '76, Navy Captain (Ret) and Claudia Palos, Harvard Schools Committee Area Chairpersons

Excellence in Education Award:

- 2009: Chris Steinhauser, Superintendent, Long Beach Unified School District
2008: Joseph Thayer, Executive Director of the Colburn School of Performing Arts
2007: Dr. Paul F. Cummins, Executive Director of the New Visions Foundation and the primary founder of Crossroads School and New Roads School in Santa Monica
2006: Anne Tomlinson, Artistic Director of the Los Angeles Children's Chorus

The Harvard Club of Southern California 2009-2010 Membership Form

Stay involved with the local Harvard community:

Southern California residents who have been connected for at least one academic year with any department of Harvard University as a student or instructor are eligible for membership in the Harvard Club of Southern California. Member benefits include a monthly newsletter, reduced fees for Club events, electronic updates, and inclusion in the annual directory. Reciprocal benefits with other Ivy League clubs are also available, as determined by each respective organization.

For your added convenience, you are welcome to renew on-line on our website: www.harvard-la.org

Please fill out and return to:
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627 Aviation Way
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

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First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ H-R Class & Degree: _____

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Work Phone: _____ Work Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

<u>Membership</u>	___ Regular	\$ 55
(check one)	___ Sponsor	\$ 100
	___ Three-Year (through 6/2012)	\$ 125
	___ Lifetime Membership	\$1,000
	___ Second Graduate in same household	\$ 25
	___ Recent Graduate (Classes of 2005-2008)	\$ 20
	___ Complimentary (Undergrad & Class of 2009)	N/C
	___ Special ___ Parent ___ Widow(er)	\$ 40
<u>Additional</u>	___ Joint Membership with Harvardwood	\$ 20
	___ Joint Membership with Harvard Business School Assn (HBSASC)	\$ 20
	___ Prize Book Sponsorship(s)	\$ 35 each
	___ Scholarship Donation	\$ _____

TOTAL CHECK ENCLOSED FOR \$ _____

Involvement Interest:

___ Membership ___ Interviewing Applicants
___ Latino ___ Asian-American ___ African-American
___ Programs ___ Recent Grad

Program Preferences:

___ Lectures ___ Networking ___ Wine Tastings
___ Art/Music ___ Book Club ___ Family
___ Behind the Scene ___ Mixers ___ Dances



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www.harvard-la.org

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.

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	COST*	CONTACT
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