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Contact : Visit www.Summit.HAAAA.Net

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Please visit www.Harvard-LA.org for a complete list of upcoming events



Club President's Message

by Dan Medina

Dear Fellow Alumni,

I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing summer. It is a great honor to have the opportunity to lead our diverse, talented and passionate alumni organization and it is with much hope and enthusiasm that I look forward to my two year tenure.

On behalf of the entire Board and all Harvard Club members, I want to thank Ken Williams for his outstanding leadership over the past two years. The Club stands as strong as it ever has and it is due in large part to Ken's guidance and leadership during his tenure as President. I am looking forward to working with, and building on the good works of, Ken, and his predecessors, Cynthia Torres and Susan Reardon.

My simple goal as President is to make the Club more relevant for the Southern California Harvard alumni community. To accomplish that, I would like to see the Club continue to offer an interesting range of activities that will appeal to a diverse and dynamic alumni group, add new Board members, and be responsive to the needs of our alumni community. Thanks to the hard work of your Board, we have many exciting events coming up and I know you will find some interesting events to attend.

I welcome any and all of your thoughts and suggestions and look forward to meeting many of you in the months ahead.



Join Our Communications Team

The HCSC newsletter is our "hub" - the way we stay in touch as members and find out about the exciting events we can attend. It's also an important part of our identity, bridging our Cambridge ties to our Southern California lives.

As the incoming VP of Communications, I'd like to invite any and all members to become part of the newsletter team. If you have interest in writing an article, editing or proofing monthly copy, or even have skills in graphic design please consider sharing your talents with the club. We are also looking for someone to organize and archive photos of our events for both the newsletter and the HCSC website.

It's a fun and creative way to be a part of our community so let me know if you'd like to volunteer or if you have any suggestions for new features you'd like see in future issues. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thania St. John AB '83
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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

Interested in helping out in a Los Angeles public school and observing public education first hand? Tutors in all fields and all grades are needed throughout the school system, with budget cuts making the need this year even more urgent. The Harvard Club sponsors such a program at the 32nd Street/USC Magnet School, where our efforts have been welcome for fifteen years.

For further information please contact Priscilla Heim at priheim@verizon.net or call 310-472-4478.

RECENT EVENTS...



Levitt Pavilion Pasadena Dinner & Concert

A delightful evening was had by all on August 14, when over 60 HCSC members met for a gourmet *al fresco* dinner at the Levitt Pavilion Pasadena, followed by a concert under the stars by Charanga Cakewalk, fresh from the South-by-Southwest Music Festival. Jointly sponsored by the Levitt Foundation for the second year in a row, the event drew guests from as far as San Diego and Riverside. Guests enjoyed meeting venture philanthropist Liz Levitt Hirsch, Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard, Riverside Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge, and Glen Williams MBA '82, President of the Levitt Pavilions organization.

Among the speakers, Club President Dan Medina AB '79, MBA '83, and President of the Friends of the Levitt Pavilion Pasadena, Daryl G. Brooke, addressed the crowd, while HAA Elected Director and event organizer Liz Ryan AB '81 served as Master of Ceremonies. Over dessert, George Newhouse AB '76, entertained the assemblage with a rousing recount of the famous 1968 game when Harvard beat Yale, 29-29. Said HCSC VP of Programs Albert Chang, MD, AB '63, "We should make this an annual event!"



Left to right: Reena Desai, Novellyn Heard MD '94, Lance Heard, Carole H. Field, Liz Levitt Hirsch, Liz Ryan AB '81



Left to right, Ade Lawal MBA '02, Emi Onishi, Liz Levitt Hirsch, and George Newhouse AB '76



Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard addressing club members and guests, with MC and event coordinator Liz Ryan AB '81, in the background.



"Harvard Serves" Wrap Party

On July 14, over 50 alumni and friends gathered to celebrate their month of volunteering during Los Angeles' first "Harvard Serves" effort. In April, over 150 Harvard volunteers had assisted 19 non-profit organizations in areas as diverse as ecology, education, global poverty, hunger, and medicine. Drawing alumni from throughout the Southland, the experience spawned the creation of a new Community Service Committee of the Harvard Club of Southern California.

For three hours over cocktails at Wokano Restaurant in Santa Monica, volunteers and interested alumni compared notes, shared photographs, made new friends, and organized plans for next year. Representatives of participating organizations were also present. For those who missed the April opportunities, HAA Director Liz Ryan AB '81, chair of the CSC Committee, announced that efforts will now continue year-round, accessible through the HCSC website, at <http://www.harvard-la.org>, under "Service." For next April, the Committee aims to include even more organizations, and hopes yet more alumni will join the fun.



UPCOMING EVENTS...

Two Exclusive Events For Harvard Club Members at the...

HOLLYWOOD BOWL



The Big Picture: The Films of Twentieth Century Fox

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Contact: Beverlee Bickmore, (323) 254-0837 or beverleeb@earthlink.net
Cost: \$40 per ticket, reserved parking at \$15
More Info: <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>

From *The Sound of Music* to *Star Wars* to *Avatar*, a sweeping tribute to the amazing 75-year legacy of 20th Century Fox, with award-winning scores and scenes projected on the big screen.



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Pink Martini (founded by Harvard alums) returns with their extraordinary blend of French chanson, Argentine tango, soft merengue beats and vintage-chic style, accompanied by the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra.



Keys to a Winning MBA Application with Alex Leventhal MBA '98

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Register: <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>

Are you considering applying to business schools? The competition for a spot at one of the top MBA programs is intense. With GMAT scores and GPAs coming in a tight band, the essays and interviews are where candidates distinguish themselves. Learn from an experienced admissions consultant what it takes to set your application apart.



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Recent grads! New to Los Angeles? Come get drinks! Join your fellow classmates for a "Welcome to Your City" mixer.

Make new friends or reconnect with old ones. It'll be a great chance to meet up and hang out with everyone from the Classes of 2006-2010 who has recently made the move from Harvard Square to Hollywood. Graduates from all schools welcome!

Sponsored by the Recent Alumni Committee of the HAA in conjunction with HCSC





Historical and Cultural Preservation in China: A Panel Discussion

Join two Harvard alumni and a representative of the People's Republic of China in a discussion of current preservation activities in that country. A pre-session lunch at the California Pizza Kitchen (Los Robles and Union Streets) is an option. Location: Pacific Asia Museum, 46 Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, CA; Date: Sunday, October 10, 2010, Lunch at 12 Noon, Panel Discussion 2-4 PM; Following the discussion, guests may visit current special exhibits. Museum closes at 6 PM. Registration: Members and guests \$ 10 (includes Museum admission), non-members and their guests \$15; optional lunch \$ 15 per person. Museum has limited free parking in adjacent lot. **Deadline to register: October 8, 2010.**



Elizabeth Gill Lui
photo by M.E. Harris



Albert Chang AB '63,
MD

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Register: <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>



First Harvard Asian American Alumni Summit

Date: Friday through Sunday, October 15-17, 2010
Location: Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Contact: Details and registration at Summit.HAAAA.Net.
Questions? Email summit@haaaa.net

Don't miss this milestone event! Reconnect with five decades of Asian alumni from all schools. Speakers include novelists Gish Jen '77 and V.V. (Sugi) Ganeshananthan '02; Chris Lu JD '91, Secretary of the Cabinet; David Eun '89, JD '93, president, AOL Media; Slate medical columnist Dr. Darshak Sanghavi '92; Joanne Chang '91, award-winning chef, Flour Bakery; CNBC anchor Melissa Lee '95; William Lee '72, the first Asian-American on the Harvard Corporation; ESPN poker pro Bernard Lee '92; Harvard President Drew Gilpin Faust; and many more. Enter your groundbreaking business, social enterprise or arts idea in the Elevate Pitch Competition, featuring over \$25K in prizes (deadline: Sept. 20) and a judging panel of prominent alum entrepreneurs, executives and venture capitalists. Sponsored by the Harvard Asian American Alumni Alliance, with the support of the Harvard Alumni Association.

Register by Sept. 15 for early rates; online registration continues through Oct. 10.





Harvard in Hollywood Symposium, 5th Annual - SAVE THE DATE!

Date: Saturday, October 30, 2010
Time: TBA
Location: TBA
Cost: TBA
More Info: <http://www.harvardwood.org/?page=HarvardinHollywood>

Harvardwood is pleased to present the 5th annual "Harvard in Hollywood" program. This half-day event brings together several panels of distinguished alumni speakers to address topics relevant to the arts, media and entertainment industry. The 2010 symposium will address the theme of "The NEW New Media."

Confirmed speakers include: Stephen Chao AB '77, MBA '81, Founder & CEO of WonderHowTo.com and former President of Fox TV; Albert Cheng MBA '97, EVP Digital Media, Disney ABC Television Group; Jon Goldman AB '87, CEO of Qlipso, former CEO of Foundation 9; and Larry Tanz AB '92, AM '93, CEO of Vuguru, former CEO of LivePlanet.

"Harvard in Hollywood" is a collaboration among Harvardwood, the Harvard Club of Southern California and the Harvard Business School Association of Southern California.



L.A. Opera: Verdi's Rigoletto

Join the Harvard Club of Southern California at the Los Angeles Opera for this very special performance of Verdi's *Rigoletto*. Also attend an optional pre-performance lecture 1 hour prior.

Verdi's beloved masterwork *Rigoletto* returns to the repertoire, conducted by **James Conlon**. The title role will be performed by Georgian baritone **George Gagnidze** in his Company debut, with soprano **Sarah Coburn** as Gilda and Italian tenor **Gianluca Terranova** as the Duke of Mantua. Several of opera's best known arias, including Gilda's dreamy "Caro nome" and the Duke's instantly recognizable "La donna è mobile," illuminate this timeless tragedy.

Deadline to Register is November 1, 2010.

Date: Thursday, December 2, 2010
Time: 7:30 P.M. (optional pre-performance lecture 1 hour prior)
Location: Dorothy Chandler Pavilion
Cost: \$80 (Rear Loge Seats)
Contact: Kay Park, kayparkmd@yahoo.com
Register: <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>



The Harvard Club of Southern California

2010-2011 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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| | <input type="checkbox"/> Three-Year (through 6/2013) | \$ 135 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Membership | \$1,000 |
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| | <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Graduate (Classes of 2006-2009) | \$ 20 |
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| | <input type="checkbox"/> Special <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Widow(er) | \$ 50 |
| <u>Additional</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Membership with Harvardwood | \$ 20 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Membership with Harvard Business School Assn (HBSASC) | \$ 20 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Prize Book Sponsorship(s) | \$ 35 each |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Donation | \$ _____ |

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 ~ SEPTEMBER 10, 2010 ~**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EVENTS AND GENERAL CLUB NEWS, VISIT THE CLUB WEB SITE AT
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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.

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