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## *Upcoming Events*

### **Saturday, December 14, 2013 @ 7PM**

#### ***Annual Harvard Holiday Salon***

**Location:** The Home of a Club Member in Los Angeles  
**Cost:** \$20 per person, \$30 at the door

### **Wednesday, December 18, 2013 @ 6PM**

#### ***Newport Beach Boat Parade***

**Location:** Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club (Newport Beach)  
**Cost:** \$75 per person

### **Thursday, January 9, 2014 @ 7:30PM**

#### ***Ivy Pride Alliance LA Presents...LGBT Welcome Back From the Holidays Party***

**Location:** The Abbey (Hollywood)  
**Cost:** Free entry, regularly priced drinks

### **Sunday, January 12, 2014 @ 3PM**

#### ***Sunday Musicales: "Chick Songs: Art Songs by Women Composers"***

**Location:** The Newport Beach Public Library  
**Cost:** No charge, RSVP requested

### **Monday, January 13, 2014 @ 7PM**

#### ***Global Networking Night***

**Location:** TBA  
**Cost:** No charge, cash bar  
**Contact:** Mac Bartels, mac.bartels@gmail.com

### **Wednesday, January 15, 2014 @ 7PM**

#### ***Ivy Pride Alliance LA Presents...LGBT Event Planning Meeting***

**Location:** Le Pain Quotidien (Los Angeles)  
**Cost:** No cover, cash food and beverages

### **Thursday, January 16, 2014 @ 7:30PM**

#### ***Harvard Glee Club Comes to SoCal (Westside)***

**Location:** Westwood Presbyterian Church (Los Angeles)  
**Cost:** \$20 advance; \$25 at the door

### **Friday, January 17, 2014 @ 7:30PM**

#### ***Harvard Glee Club Comes to SoCal (Eastside)***

**Location:** Altadena Community Church (Altadena)  
**Cost:** \$20 advance and at the door

Please visit [www.Harvard-LA.org](http://www.Harvard-LA.org) for a complete list of upcoming events and to register.

## **SoCal Alumni Celebrate Harvard Victory over Yale and Ivy Crown in 130th Edition of The Game**



Over 100 Harvard and Yale alumni and fans gathered at the Bru Haus in West Los Angeles to cheer on their respective teams in the 130th edition of The Game on November 23, 2013. For Crimson supporters looking to see Harvard continue its millennial dominance over the Bulldogs and make one last attempt at the 2013 Ivy League crown, it turned out to be a perfect morning.

Harvard's 34-7 romp over Yale not only extended its winning streak over its rival to seven consecutive victories, but with Dartmouth upsetting Princeton later in the day, also secured Harvard (9-1, 7-1 Ivy) a share of the Ivy League championship and its best finish since 2004. The championship is Crimson coach Tim Murphy's second title in three years, and seventh in 20 seasons. As icing on the cake, Harvard sophomore tail-back Paul Stanton '16 scored four first-half touchdowns, a feat not seen in a Harvard-Yale game since 1915.

Result aside, attendees from both clubs shared an enjoyable morning of food, football, and good

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old-fashioned camaraderie, all hallmarks of The Game in Southern California. With an almost even split of Crimson and Bulldog partisans mixed together throughout venue, enjoyable conversations and good cheer were the order of the day.

Crimson attendees of the event enjoyed a buffet breakfast and a halftime raffle of Harvard football memorabilia, with prizes including football paraphernalia, DVDs and a football trading card of John F. Kennedy A.B. '40 from his Harvard days. There was also a salute to former band members and football players from Games past. Graduating classes in attendance ranged from 1964 to 2013, and the cozy setting of the Bru Haus ensured an energetic and engaged crowd.

Can the Crimson add to their historic run over Yale next year and inch closer to history with another win in 2014? Attend our next telecast event and find out!

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**Alumni Needed to Offer  
January "Winternships" to  
Harvard Undergrads**

Harvard's winter recess is a time for undergraduates to not only rest and relax with family and friends but also to develop career opportunities and professional connections. Many students look to accomplish the latter through the Office of Career Services's January Winternship Program. Alumni are encouraged during "J-Term" (January 2 through 26, 2014) to open their workplaces to interested undergrads to meet, mentor, and otherwise help advance the professional lives of these potential future colleagues. In years past, club members have created Winternships in engineering, law, business, medicine, public service, entertainment, and related fields. These experiences are as diverse and unique as the participants themselves, ranging from a lunchtime Q&A session to informational, one-day workplace "shadowing," to paid, multi-week project-based internships. Some have led to summer placement and even long-term employment.

Winternships are an excellent chance for alumni to reconnect with Harvard and to open mutually beneficial career pathways for the next generation of Harvard alumni. If you have an opportunity to offer or are just interested in finding out more, please contact Patric M. Verrone '81 at pverrone@aol.com. You can also submit a proposal directly to OCS online at <http://tinyurl.com/WinternshipProposals>.

Students are searching for Winternships now so please submit your proposal today!



## Interview with Alumni Interviewer... Ron Cuccia AB '82 - Central Los Angeles Chair

*Each admissions season, alumni interviewers, under the leadership of our Club's Schools Committee, help the Admissions Office evaluate applicants to Harvard College. The Schools Committee is the Club's largest volunteering activity. Each year, over 700 graduates of Harvard College and graduate schools interview over 2,700 candidates from our region. In the process, alumni participate in college fairs throughout the area and give presentations on Harvard, initiating and maintaining relationships with parents, guidance counselors, other alumni/ae, and the general public. Immediate Past President Daniel A. Medina, A.B. '79, M.B.A. '83 is our Club's vice president for Schools, and he coordinates the Schools Committee's work with the area chairs who divide up the interview assignments among alumni and manage the operations for their geographic area. The newsletter will feature profiles of the area chairs.*

Ron Cuccia AB '82 is the Area Chair for Central Los Angeles. Ron has served as Area Chair for the past four years, covering the Inland Empire and Central Los Angeles. Ron has been an alumni interviewer for twelve years.

While at Harvard, Ron majored in History. He lived at Kirkland House and he played football (quarterback and wide receiver) for four years. At the beginning of his freshman year in 1978, The Harvard Crimson ran a profile that stated he was "the most publicized athlete ever to enter Harvard," having won eight national passing and yardage records and receiving an MVP award (California) in leading Woodrow Wilson High School to three consecutive years of undefeated (39-0) play and four consecutive City Division 3-A titles from 1975-1978. (The Cuccia name was heralded at Wilson, where Ron's father, Vic, was an all-league center and coached the team from 1955-1977. The football stadium was renamed in his honor). At Harvard, Ron was a member of the DU Club and worked at the Fogg Art Museum for three years.

After graduating, Ron entered the workforce while he continued his studies. After graduate school, he opened his own business as a chiropractor in Pico Rivera.

Ron has continued to be actively involved in the community, serving as a coach for youth football, including working as an offensive coordinator with Wilson's varsity football program, and soccer. Ron keeps busy as a consultant for quarterbacks and as a personal trainer. He manages his daughter Ronni's Club Soccer team and he is actively involved in supporting youth within the community.

Ron enjoys interviewing students because of the many memorable and unique students that he meets. He once interviewed two students from Central Los Angeles. Both students were admitted into Harvard and six years later they were married. He recently met with both of them at an orientation meeting for Central Los Angeles and he was thrilled to have been a part of their Harvard experience. Ron describes interviewing and being an area chair as extremely rewarding experiences



## Recent Grads Mixer at The Village Idiot - Welcome to Your City!

On the evening of Thursday, October 24th, a group of approximately 40 recent graduates of Harvard College congregated in West Hollywood for the Fall 2013 edition of "Welcome To Your City". Fresh faces to the Los Angeles area reconfirmed how attractive the weather in Southern California is in comparison to Cambridge! One of the principal goals of these WTYC events is to showcase to attendees who exactly lives in their chosen city. It always is fun to re-engage with classmates across the country. The Harvard community in LA is thriving indeed!





## Annual Harvard 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!

**Deadline to register is December 10, 2013.**

**Date:** Saturday, December 14, 2013  
**Time:** 7:00 - 11:00 P.M.  
**Cost:** \$20 per person, \$30 at the door  
**Location:** The Home of a Club Member in LA  
(Address to be sent after registration)  
**Contact:** Madeleine Mejia,  
Madeleine\_Mejia@post.harvard.edu  
**Register:** <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>



## Newport Beach Boat Parade

Join us for a scrumptious buffet, roasts and toasts as we continue the Club tradition at the Newport Beach Boat parade. This is the 105th year of this spectacular tradition. Over 200 beautifully decorated yachts, boats, kayaks and canoes sail around the Newport Harbor. The event will be held at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club in Newport Beach. Carolers in period dress roam the premises singing Christmas carols.

**Date:** Wednesday, December 18, 2013  
**Time:** 6:00 P.M.  
**Place:** Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club  
**Cost:** \$75 per person  
**Contact:** Betsey Gillis, [newport1@flash.net](mailto:newport1@flash.net)



## Sunday Musicale: “Chick Songs: Art Songs by Women Composers”

Featuring vocalist Karen Benjamin with pianist Alan Chapman. Admission is Free - a no host reception follows. Karen Benjamin has over twenty years of performing experience in musical theatre, opera, and cabaret. In the last few years she has focused on producing and performing vocal recitals specializing in art song. She is currently presenting “Chick Songs: Art Songs by Women Composers” around the southland area. Her husband Alan Chapman will provide accompaniment and commentary.

**Date:** Sunday, January 12, 2014  
**Time:** 3:00 P.M.  
**Place:** The Newport Beach Public Library  
**Cost:** No charge, RSVP requested  
**Contact:** Betsey Gillis, [newport1@flash.net](mailto:newport1@flash.net)



## Harvard Jeremy Lin Clippers Event

Join fellow Harvard Alums to see the LA Clippers take on the Houston Rockets. Houston is currently led by Harvard Grad Jeremy Lin (AB '10) and the Clippers are among the most exciting and best teams in the NBA.

Each ticket includes early entry (5:30 PM for a 7:30 game) and a special post-game event on the famous STAPLES Center court.

**Date:** Wednesday, February 26, 2013  
**Time:** 7:30 P.M.  
**Cost:** TBA  
**Location:** Staples Center (Downtown LA)  
**Contact:** Maurice Levin, [maurice@cycads.com](mailto:maurice@cycads.com)



# 2014 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 (site and date TBA - June 2014). Here are the features we are seeking in nominees:

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

All recommendations will be submitted to the Board for evaluation and final selection in January 2014. **Please submit all recommendations and information to Betsey Gillis at [Newport1@flash.net](mailto:Newport1@flash.net) by December 31, 2013.**

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 winners include:

### The John Harvard Award:

- 2013: Lucy Fisher AB '71, Vice Chairman of the Columbia Tri-Star Motion Picture Group at Sony Pictures
- 2012: Michael Lynton AB '81, MBA '87, CEO of Sony Corporation of America
- 2011: Sumner Redstone AB '44, LLB '47, Chairman of Viacom and CBS
- 2010: David W. Oxtoby AB '72, President of Pomona College

### Excellence in Education Award:

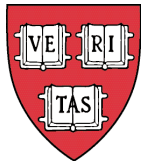
- 2013: Thomas C. Hudnut, President and CEO of Harvard-Westlake School
- 2012: George J. Sanchez AB '81, Professor at USC
- 2011: Father William Muller, SJ, President of Verbum Dei High School
- 2010: Judy Burton, President and CEO of Alliance College-Ready Public Schools



## Global Networking Night - Save the Date!

- Date:** Monday, January 13, 2014
- Time:** 7:00 P.M to 10:00 PM
- Location:** TBA
- Contact:** Mac Bartels, [mac.bartels@gmail.com](mailto:mac.bartels@gmail.com)

Please join the Harvard Alumni Association, the Harvard Club of Southern California, Harvardwood, the Harvard Business School Association of Southern California and Harvard Clubs worldwide at our Global Networking Night on Monday, January 13!



# Harvard Glee Club Coming To SoCal - 2 Dates, 2 Locations



America's oldest college chorus, founded in 1858, the Harvard Glee Club will perform repertoire ranging from Renaissance polyphony, to classic American folk songs and, of course, our traditional football songs. The Glee Club will be conducted at these concerts by Andrew Clark, Harvard's Director of Choral Activities and Harris Ipock, the Glee Club's Resident Conductor. Following the Westside concert there will be a complimentary meet the singers and dessert reception.

Housing is needed for the nights of the 16th on the Westside and the 17th in the Pasadena area. Please let the contacts know if you can help.

## WESTSIDE - JANUARY 16th in Westwood

Purchase advance tickets through the Harvard Club website at [www.Harvard-LA.org](http://www.Harvard-LA.org).

**Date:** Thursday, January 16, 2014  
**Time:** 7:30 P.M.  
**Location:** Westwood Presbyterian Church  
 10822 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA  
**Cost:** \$20 (advance); \$25 at the door  
**Contact:** Ken Williams,  
[kenneth\\_s\\_williams@hotmail.com](mailto:kenneth_s_williams@hotmail.com)

## EASTSIDE - JANUARY 17th in Altadena

Purchase advance tickets through the Pasadena Master Chorale's website at [pasadenamasterchorale.org](http://pasadenamasterchorale.org).

**Date:** Friday, January 17, 2014  
**Time:** 7:30 P.M.  
**Location:** Altadena Community Church  
 943 E. Altadena Drive, Altadena, CA  
**Cost:** \$20 (advance and at the door )  
**Contact:** George Reardon,  
[george.reardon1@gmail.com](mailto:george.reardon1@gmail.com)



## Sunday Musicale: Trio Céleste

Featuring Handbell Ensemble from Concordia University led by Nancy Jessup. Admission is Free - a no host reception follows.

Sunday Musicale Presents Trio Céleste:

- Haydn: Piano Trio No. 39 in G Major, Hob. XV: 25 "Gypsy"
- Jalbert: Trio for Violin, Cello, and Piano
- Beethoven: Piano Trio in D Major, Op. 70, No. 1 "Ghost"

**Date:** Sunday, March 9, 2014  
**Time:** 3:00 P.M.  
**Place:** The Newport Beach Public Library  
**Cost:** No charge, RSVP requested  
**Contact:** Betsey Gillis, [newport1@flash.net](mailto:newport1@flash.net)



## LA Opera: Lucia di Lammermoor

Join us for Gaetano Donizetti's darkly romantic tale of family honor, betrayal and madness with Russian coloratura soprano Albina Shagimuratova as Lucia. We have seats in a new section this year in the Orchestra Ring.

Deadline to register is February 5, 2014. There are a limited number of tickets, which will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Date:** Thursday, March 20, 2014  
**Time:** 7:30 P.M.  
**Location:** Dorothy Chandler Pavilion  
**Cost:** \$83 (new - Orch Ring section)  
**Contact:** Kay Park, [kayparkmd@yahoo.com](mailto:kayparkmd@yahoo.com)



## Q&A from 02138... Colin Woolway '16

*(These interviews are a regular contribution to the HCSC Newsletter and will spotlight students enrolled at Harvard who are from Southern California. Nominations to profile students from our region are invited.)*

Colin Woolway '16 was born in Pasadena and graduated from Polytechnic School. He was captain of both the water polo and volleyball teams and awarded All-Around Outstanding Male Athlete of his senior class. He was an elected member of the school's Student Athlete Leadership Council and elected mentor of the

Pasadena Independent Schools Foundation. He is a sophomore residing in Quincy House. At Harvard, he is the starting goalie on the water polo team and a member of the Harvard Financial Analysts Club and Black Diamond Investment Club. The Harvard Financial Analysts Club is a financial club which has corporate sponsors that donate money that Harvard students invest. There are a variety of teams like Investment Research, Risk Management, and Special Operations. The Black Diamond Club is a group of Harvard students that pool their own capital together and hold weekly meetings to invest their money in the stock market. This past summer he was an intern at Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors, LP in the accounting department where he updated clients' financial documents and sent out daily trade reports to upper management. He expects to major in Economics.

**HCSC: What surprised you most about Harvard?**

**CW:** Coming into Harvard, I was under the impression that Harvard students were incredibly diverse and varied, and I was right. However, I also was worried that this might make it too hard to identify and make friends with these diverse individuals. In fact, I have found that Harvard students are not only diverse, but also extremely friendly and easy to get along with.

**HCSC: When was the first time you visited Harvard?**

**CW:** The first time I visited Harvard was for my dad's 25th reunion (Robert Joseph Woolway, '81, Winthrop House), when I was about 12 years old. I was wowed by the size and grandeur of Harvard, but at the same time felt completely at home.

**HCSC: What do you enjoy most about your Harvard experience?**

**CW:** The thing I miss most about Cambridge when I am home for winter or summer break is definitely the people. This includes both the intriguing professors who are leaders in their fields and my diverse group of peers. Being at Harvard has given me the opportunity to interact with all of these remarkable people, and this is definitely the part of Harvard I miss most when I am home.

**HCSC: What has been your favorite class so far?**

**CW:** My favorite class thus far has been SLS 20, the introduction to psychology class, taught by Dan Gilbert. He is an extremely interesting professor who does a great job of keeping lectures fun and fast-paced. I have also found learning about how people think and behave both interesting and applicable to every day life. For instance, as a likely economics concentrator, I am predisposed to believe that humans are largely rational in their decision making, but this class has opened up my eyes to how irrational, short-sighted, and over-confident we can be. I've found that knowing my own tendency to make mistakes has allowed me to be more rational by anticipating and therefore preventing some of the common errors people make.

**HCSC: Describe a funny experience at Harvard?**

**CW:** I think one of my funniest moments at Harvard so far has been sledding down the steps of Widener after the blizzard. Most of my teammates on the water polo team are also from California, so most of us were sledding for the first time and we had a great time.

**HCSC: What would you change if you were Harvard's President?**

**CW:** The only thing I would change is extending dining hall hours (because 7:15 p.m. closing is way too early).

**HCSC: How do you compare your college experience with your high school friends?**

**CW:** My Harvard experience seems, even objectively speaking, far better than the experiences my high school friends have been having at other colleges. One thing that I really appreciate about Harvard is that everyone is encouraged to partake in extracurricular activities. I think these activities allow students to remain sane while also developing skills that would otherwise not be developed. My impression is that many other schools do not place the same emphasis on extracurricular activities, and student life is thus less balanced and enjoyable.

**HCSC: What do you miss most about Southern California (other than, of course, the weather)?**

**CW:** The thing I miss most about Southern California is my family. Being so far away from my mom, dad, and sister has really given me the chance to appreciate them and the time that we do get to spend together.

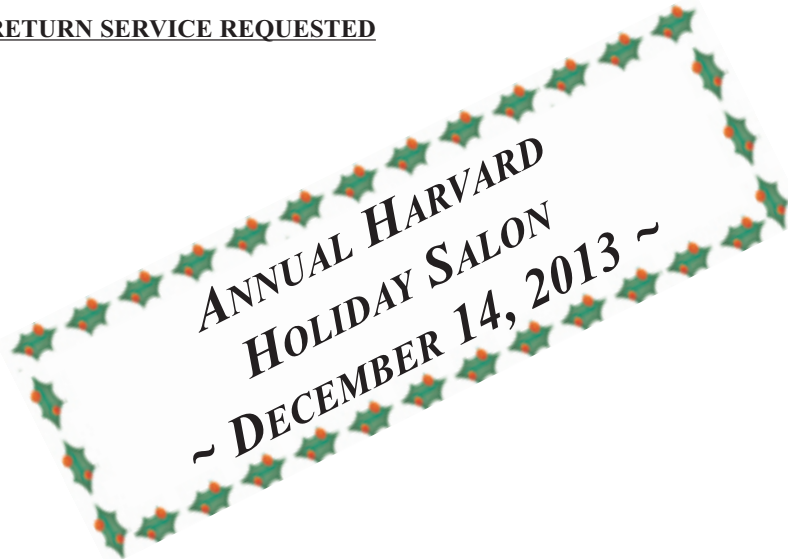
**HCSC: Will you return to Southern California after Harvard?**

**CW:** Southern California is definitely in my future. I have really enjoyed the East Coast so far, and I may decide to spend a couple of years here after college, but I cannot see myself living anywhere other than the West Coast long-term.



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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.

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	COST*	CONTACT
Dec. 14, Saturday 7:00 P.M.	Annual Harvard Holiday Salon	The Home of a Club Member Los Angeles, CA	\$20 per person	Madeleine Mejia, Madeleine_Mejia@post.harvard.edu
Dec. 18, Wed. 6:00 P.M.	Newport Beach Boat Parade	Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club Newport Beach, CA	\$75 per person	Betsy Gillis, newport1@flash.net
Jan. 9, Thursday 7:30 P.M.	Ivy Pride Alliance LA... LGBT Welcome Back Party	The Abbey Hollywood, CA	Free entry, regularly priced drinks	Welde Carmichael, weldecarr@gmail.com
Jan. 12, Sunday 3:00 P.M.	Sunday Musicales: "Art Songs by Women Composers"	The Newport Beach Public Library Newport Beach, CA	No charge, RSVP requested	Betsy Gillis, newport1@flash.net
Jan 13, Monday 7:00 P.M.	Global Networking Night	Location TBA	No charge	Mac Bartels, mac.bartels@gmail.com
Jan. 15, Wed. 7:00 P.M.	Ivy Pride Alliance LA... LGBT Event Planning Mtg.	Le Pain Quotidien Los Angeles, CA	No cover, cash food and beverages	Kevin Wegener, kevin.wegener@gmail.com
Jan. 16, Thursday 7:30 P.M.	Harvard Glee Club Comes to SoCal (Westside)	Westwood Presbyterian Church Los Angeles, CA	\$20 advance \$25 at the door	Ken Williams, kenneth_s_williams@hotmail.com
Jan. 17, Friday 7:30 P.M.	Harvard Glee Club Comes to SoCal (Eastside)	Altadena Community Church Altadena, CA	\$20 advance and at the door	George Reardon, george.reardon1@gmail.com
Feb. 26, Wed. 7:30 P.M.	Harvard Jeremy Lin Clippers Event	Staples Center Los Angeles, CA	Cost TBA	Maurice Levin, maurice@cycads.com
Mar. 9, Sunday 3:00 P.M.	Sunday Musicales: Trio Céleste	The Newport Beach Public Library Newport Beach, CA	No charge, RSVP requested	Betsy Gillis, newport1@flash.net