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JULY/AUGUST 2014

Upcoming Events

Thursday, August 7, 2014 @ 9:30 AM

Jet Propulsion Laboratory Tour

Location: Jet Propulsion Laboratory (Pasadena)

Cost: No charge (please RSVP on the club website)

Thursday, August 7, 2014 @ 6:00PM

Summer Outdoor Concert and Picnic Series:

Yana Reznik – Piano

Location: Burton Chase Park (Marina del Rey)

Cost: No charge (please RSVP on the club website)

Thursday, August 14, 2014 @ 7:00 PM

Asian Inter-Ivy Tech Talk

Location: Cross Campus (Pasadena)

Cost: No charge (please RSVP on the club website)

Friday, August 15, 2014 @ 8:30 PM

2014 Pageant of the Masters - The Art Detective

Location: Festival of the Arts (Laguna Beach)

Cost: \$90 (Loge Side); \$65 (Main Tier Side);
\$55 (Director's Tier Center)

Wednesday, August 20, 2014 @ 6:30 PM

Ivy Pride Alliance LA Presents... Women's Wine Night

Location: Silverlake Wine (Los Angeles)

Cost: \$22 wine tasting

Friday, August 29, 2014 @ 8:00 PM

Persians by Aeschylus at the Getty Villa's Outdoor Amphitheater

Location: Getty Villa (Pacific Palisades)

Cost: \$30 per person (parking at the event is \$9)

Sunday, September 14, 2014 @ 4:00 PM

Ivy Pride Alliance LA Presents... 8th Annual Singles Extravaganza

Location: Eleven (West Hollywood)

Cost: \$5 for entry, cash bar

Tuesday, September 16, 2014 @ 7:00 PM

5th Annual Keys to a Winning MBA Application

Location: Blankspaces (Los Angeles)

Cost: \$15, members; \$20, non-members

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



State of the Club 2014: We Are Improving...

(These remarks were prepared by outgoing Club President Albert Chang AB '63, MD, who delivered the State of the Club speech at the Club's annual dinner held at the UCLA Faculty Center on June 29, 2014).

Even in his nineties, the eminent cellist Pablo Casals practiced for hours every day. When asked why he did this, he answered "I think I am improving." Last year, I reported that our Club was doing "Not Bad." This year "we are improving."

Under the leadership of our Schools Committee, over 700 alumni volunteers completed the almost impossible task of interviewing 2,719 applicants which resulted in the early admission of 52 students, and in the Spring, an additional 73 students. We welcomed these 125 successful applicants at three reception parties.

Under the leadership of our Programs Committee, we continue to sponsor about six to seven social and educational events every month. Our signature events like the annual H-Y Football game telecast, the Holiday Performance Party, and the Lunar Calendar New Year Dinner drew sold-out crowds. Two highlights were the Harvard vs. University of San Diego football game in the fall of 2013 and the Spring Harvard Re-Connect where we heard President Drew Faust's report on the Harvard

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Campaign and her vision of a future Harvard. In order to stay current, our Club accommodates the interests of our members. Examples are the large attendance at the recent “Porgy and Bess” performance, the tour and performance at the Magic Castle, and the new Science Pub series.

We reviewed and modified our By-laws to make our Club a more nimble organization. These changes were described in the Club's June 2014 newsletter. Yet there are areas that our Club can do better: the recruitment of members, especially, recent graduates, participation in the Winter J term, and the Harvard-Ex on-line series. As we said, “we are improving.” It has been a distinct honor for me to serve as your President for these past two years.

With best wishes,

Albert Chang AB '63, MD

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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 an
Inner-City School**



As fall approaches, most of us automatically think of the first day of school, and as we study the world around us, far and near, we see how essential education is to a democratic society.

Harvard IS education, but, as President Faust has been reminding us, Harvard also serves. So come join those who are serving our community, which is both Harvard and Los Angeles, by volunteering in the 32nd Street/USC Magnet School!

32nd Street is an unusual institution: Across from USC, it is a K-12 school comprising two magnets, performing arts from K-5 and math-science/engineering/film from 9-12, with a new transitional, 5-8, component involving film. Most volunteers have been tutoring, and usually tutoring young students in reading or math. Whatever your interests and inclinations, your involvement will be greatly appreciated, and you yourself will learn a lot.

For further information, call or email Priscilla Heim at 310-472-4478; priheim@verizon.net and make an appointment to see the school and see how you might fit in.

Thursday Night Summer Outdoor Concert and Picnic Series in Marina Del Rey

Join us for an evening picnic filled with fun and music at Burton Chase Park in Marina Del Rey - two great concerts to choose from (or come to both!)

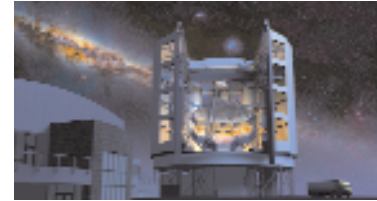


July 24, 2014 at 6:00 PM
William Hagen – Violin
*Prokofiev, Respighi, Mussorgsky,
Tchaikovsky*

August 7, 2014 at 6:00 PM
Yana Reznik – Piano
Gershwin, Addinsell, Safan



Cost: No charge
Place: Burton Chase Park (Marina del Rey)
Contact: Arash Davallou, adavallou@post.harvard.edu
RSVP: <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>



Science Pub Series #4 - The Giant Magellan Telescope

Join us for a talk with Michael Long, University of Chicago physics graduate and vice president of the organization in charge of building the telescope, on the challenges of this exciting project.

The Giant Magellan Telescope will be one member of the next class of super giant earth-based telescopes that promises to revolutionize our view and understanding of the universe. It will be constructed in the Las Campanas Observatory in Chile. Commissioning of the telescope is scheduled to begin in 2020. With a resolving power 10 times greater than that of the Hubble Space Telescope, GMT will collect more light than any other telescope in history.

Date/Time: TBA (Sep/Oct 2014)
Place: Trattoria Neapolis (Pasadena)
Cost: TBA
Contact: German Enciso, enciso@uci.edu



Jet Propulsion Laboratory Tour - 2 Dates!

Join the Harvard Club on a tour of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. JPL is a federally funded research and development facility managed by CalTech for NASA. Meeting the challenges of robotic space exploration has resulted in new knowledge that has kept JPL a world leader in science and technology. The ongoing invention of ever more-sensitive space sensors has also resulted in a myriad of applications widely used for medical, industrial and commercial uses on Earth. Guests may also visit the von Karman Visitor Center, the Space Flight Operations Facility, and the Spacecraft Assembly Facility.

Note: Tour involves considerable walking and stair climbing.

Date/Time #1: Thursday, August 7th, 2014 @ 9:30 AM
Date/Time #2: Tuesday, October 28th, 2014 @ 1:00 PM (EVENT FULL)
Location: Jet Propulsion Laboratory (Pasadena)
Cost: No Charge
Contact: Jonathan Baskin, jnbaskin@pacbell.net



5th Annual Workshop: Keys to a Winning MBA Application with Alex Leventhal MBA '98

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2014
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Location: Blankspaces (Los Angeles)
Cost: \$15, Members; \$20 Non-members
Contact: Alex Leventhal, alex@prepmba.com
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.

2014 Pageant of the Masters: *The Art Detective*



Date: Friday, August 15, 2014
Time: 8:30 P.M.
Place: Festival of Arts, Laguna Beach, CA
Cost: \$90 (Loge Side); \$65 (Main Tier Side); \$55 (Director's Tier Center)
Contact: German Enciso, enciso@uci.edu

Please join us for our annual trip to see the beautiful and memorable Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach. Sign up early, as these seats will sell out quickly.

Asian Inter-Ivy Tech Talk



Date: Thursday, August 14, 2014
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Location: Cross Campus (Santa Monica)
Cost: No charge
Register: <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>

Accomplished members of our Asian Ivy alumni community share their thoughts and expertise in a TED-like talk format, short talks of 15 minutes each. Q&A and plenty of networking will be involved.



Persians by Aeschylus at the Getty Villa's Outdoor Amphitheater

Date: Friday, August 29, 2014
Time: 8:00 P.M.
Location: Getty Villa (Pacific Palisades)
Cost: \$30 per person (parking at the event is \$9)
Contact: Albert Chang, albertchang@charter.net
Register: <http://www.Harvard-LA.org>

Each fall, this series features a classical tragedy or comedy in the Getty Villa's dramatic Barbara and Lawrence Fleischman Theater, an outdoor venue modeled after ancient Greek and Roman theaters. Preview performance, exclusively for HCSC members. Limit of 2 tickets per order. First come, first served.



Q&A from 02138... Veronica Wickline '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.)

Veronica Wickline '16, a resident of Kirkland House, is one of the first students to take part in the Joint Concentration Track between Classics and History known as Ancient History. She spent her middle and high school years at Polytechnic School in Pasadena, where she founded and served as co-president for SPQR, the Latin Club. She also participated significantly in Poly's debate, performing arts, and visual arts programs.

At Harvard, she is an active member of the Christian fellowship, Harvard College Faith and Action (HCFA), as well as the having played one of the two lead roles and worked as a staff writer and producer for the longtime television show, Ivory Tower. Inspired by the work being done to serve adults with intellectual disabilities in a Southern Californian church near her home, Veronica worked part-time helping a family in Cambridge care for a son with severe disabilities. Currently, she is studying abroad in Nafplion, Greece.

HCSC: What has been your funniest moment at Harvard?

VW: There really is no one answer, but perhaps one of the funnier stories comes from one of the nights before Winter Term Finals when the First Year Social Committee hosted a gingerbread house contest study break in Annenberg. I was sick; my roommate was goofing off; we were in no mood to craft a masterpiece. Consequently, our entry looked like a hurricane-swept hut. As we were placing the crowning gumdrops, the freshman dean walked by and said, "Sometimes, you're in the middle of a task, say a three-hour task, and you have to complete the task even when things aren't looking too bright... Maybe you should ask some of the other students for help with your house."

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

VW: The uneventful melting of snow. I remember sharing this observation with last season's Ivory Tower producer in early March. For months we had all been expecting the snow, and then it came, and then it melted away. Last year, there were many similarly anticipated milestones (e.g. getting into college, meeting my college roommates, deciding on a major). I am surprised that they have come and gone so quietly.

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

VW: I can honestly say Harvard was the first school to attain the "dream school" title. I had already gotten in when I first visited, but I was expecting to find the rude, rich Harvard student stereotype on campus. On the contrary, I wound up in a black box theatre, a basement seder, and a fascinating lecture on Abnormal Psychology. The student body was not the crowd I had expected but rather a community humbly and eagerly striving for artistic, intellectual, and religious insight.

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

VW: It's very hard to pick, but Dr. Adam Kelly's David Foster Wallace and His Generation may top the list. In this English seminar, a group of 16 students examined authors attempting to push past the irony of postmodernism. I felt like we were watching a new history of ideas unfold as we read novels such as *Infinite Jest*, *Eat the Document*, and *Apex Hides the Hurt*. The deep sense of community in that course made discussing the material feel more like a quest than a class.

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HCSC: What do you learn during the Summer Community Fellowship (the Harvard Club of Southern California selects and funds the summer grant)?

VW: The summer after freshman year, I worked for State Senator Carol Liu in her satellite office, thanks to Harvard's Center for Public Interest Careers Summer Community Fellowship Grant. Optimizing my office time and finding accurate information quickly were the two most valuable skills I took from my internship. There are always seven or eight things to do at once, and you have to be actively engaged every moment you're working. Having the chance to research Southern Californian issues and organizations in preparing representatives for events improved my ability to gather information quickly while also providing vital information on the issues facing my own home community.

HCSC: How did the senator you interned for serve as a role model?

VW: The Senator is both caring and effective. There's a stereotype of the ideal businessman who bulldozes past social issues to accomplish his goals, and there's another image of the sweet but useless activist or stakeholder. Senator Carol Liu is neither. The way she conducts affairs of state has proven to me that you don't have to leave your soul at the door if you want to accomplish great things.

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

VW: I would reform the treatment of General Education at Harvard. In the current General Education program, most departments offer either very easy courses or courses designed to winnow down a vast pool of prospective concentrators. The former courses offer little to no lasting educational benefit, while the latter require students to devote the vast majority of their study time to one course. This leaves many students in a double bind: Do I throw away a quarter of my schedule to a course that promises little in return, or do I devote 80% of my time or more to an interesting course with a fiercely competitive group of students in which I am almost guaranteed to receive a less than satisfactory grade?

Were I the president of Harvard, I would encourage departments to find a happy medium. On the one hand, make senior seminars and junior tutorials available for GE credit to students with the aptitude to take them. On the other, create a set of courses for non-concentrators separate from those designed to winnow out those who won't devote the vast majority of their time to the subject.

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

VW: My family. My friends, although many of them have moved away from our hometown, as I have. It still makes me sad that—barring weddings and funerals—all of the people I love may never all be in the same room at once.

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

VW: Ideally, I would settle down in the LA area. I'm considering the Peace Corp after graduation, and I'll probably move wherever I can find a job for the first few years after college. I look forward to joining the community of Harvard alumni in Southern California as a friend and colleague in the years ahead.

The Harvard Club of Southern California

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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.

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| (check one) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor | \$ 100 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Three-Year (36 months) | \$ 135 |
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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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Sep 30, Tuesday 6:30 P.M.	Ivy Pride Alliance Presents... Downtown LA Happy Hour	Perch LA Los Angeles, CA	No cover, cash bar	Kevin Wegener, kevin.wegener@gmail.com
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