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JULY/AUGUST 2018

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President's Parting Shot

by Steven M. Arkow '84

In her valedictory commencement address before thousands of members of the university community gathered in Tercentenary Theatre this past May, Harvard President Drew Faust spoke about the school's mission to reward "talented individuals from the widest possible range of backgrounds, experiences, and interests, from the broadest diversity of perspectives." She also warned that "this isn't easy" and requires graduates "to question long-held assumptions, to open their minds and their hearts to ideas and arguments that may seem not just unfamiliar, but even disturbing and disorienting."

Those words resonated a week later when my final ceremonial act as president of the Harvard Club of Southern California at our annual dinner was to award the Club's *John Harvard Award for Distinguished Service to the Community* to the former president of the Yale Club of Southern California, Justice Carlos R. Moreno. I was able to put the Harvard-Yale rivalry aside, however. As Erwin Chemerinsky JD '78, Dean of Berkeley Law School, said on this occasion: "Carlos Moreno is a model for all of us in how he has devoted his career to public service." And, as it turned out, Justice Moreno informed us he actually did attend Harvard. Namely, the Business School – for about a month.

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It has been my privilege to serve as president these past two years. I hope that you have been able to join us at some of the Club's nearly 200 events and activities during this time. With our vice presidents of programs, Madeleine Mejia EdM '00 and Lisa Watanabe-Peagler '02 at the helm, and other dedicated board members and volunteers, we've organized social networking mixers (Global Networking Night, Welcome to Your City, and insta-Harvard), concerts, plays, faculty lectures, alumni panels, cheered on Harvard sports teams (wait until November for redemption at The Game), and celebrated with President Faust on her farewell alumni tour, which came to the Wilshire Ebell Theater earlier this year.

Our Schools and Scholarship Committee is unique among clubs in arranging alumni interviews for more than 3,000 high school applicants and hosting events for matriculating students and their parents. Harry Kim '86, Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi EdD '81, and Eva Plaza '80 lead this committee under the guidance of our own Dan Medina '79, MBA '83, the national chair of the Harvard Alumni Association Schools Committee.

As we head into summer, our Club sponsors paid stipends for internships that enable college students to perform public service in Los Angeles, a program started by George Newhouse '76, vice president of membership, which he continues to coordinate.

Membership and revenue have steadily increased, allowing us to continue the mission of funding programs for our alumni and their friends. And if you are reading this, you know of our monthly newsletter – unique among alumni clubs. Edited by Hollywood screenwriters Jonathan Aibel '91 and Patric M. Verrone '81, vice presidents of communications, it reaches your mailboxes by the first of each month (well, summer is a combined issue). Patric's proofreading skills will serve him well as he begins his term as Club president.

Our collective enterprise to engage alumni, 3,000 miles away from our alma mater, continues and hopefully you can be a part of it. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming Harvard Club event -- it may even be co-sponsored by the Yale Club. Or take place in our club's own SoCal headquarters. Sounds like a remote possibility? It reminds me of how William Fitzsimmons '67, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, offers hope that anything is possible in answering older alumni who ask if they would be admitted into Harvard now with its 5% admit rate: "You figured out a way before."

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2018 Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner Recap

The Harvard Club of Southern California held its annual meeting and awards dinner on a warm Sunday night on June 3, 2018 at the Rose Hills Foundation Garden Court of the Huntington Library in San Marino.



Prior to the ceremonies, attendees were treated to admission into the Huntington and a dozen strolled on a personal tour of the botanical gardens led by noted plant expert and Club board member Maurice Levin '78, MBA '84.

The festivities were called to order by master of ceremonies Patric M. Verrone '81, who welcomed the members and guests of the "Harvard Club of Tropical California." Outgoing Club President Steven Arkow '84 presented a thoughtful and gracious "State of the Club Address" concluding with the invocation that dinner is served.



Following dinner, Eduardo González '18 gave a lively recitation of the "Harvard Year in Review," much to the prideful glee of a table of his fellow freshly minted Harvard College grads.

The *Fred Smith Award for Outstanding Service to HCSC* was presented by former Club President Ken Williams '78 to longtime board member Beverlee Bickmore, Radcliffe '64, who invoked the attendees to "remember the ladies." Another former Club President, Kay Park '87, presented a second *Fred Smith Award* award to Isabelle Fox, Radcliffe '47, who was not able to attend the ceremonies.



Club Executive Vice President Marsha Hirano Nakanishi EdD '81 presented the *Excellence in Education Award* to Fidel A. Vargas '90, MBA '99, CEO and President of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund. Vargas gave a delightful reminiscence about how he learned of his admission to Harvard from his mother who frantically drove the family car onto his high school baseball practice field (and who was in the audience that evening). Club board member Gus Frias EdM '94 presented an additional honor to Vargas on behalf of the Harvard Latino Alumni Alliance.

The *John Harvard Award for Distinguished Service to the Community* was presented by Steven Arkow to Hon. Carlos R. Moreno, former justice of the California Supreme Court and U.S. Ambassador to Belize. Moreno, a graduate of Yale College and Stanford Law School, punctuated an inspirational acceptance speech by attempting to validate his Harvard bona fides with his Harvard Business School bursar's card from his brief time at HBS in the late seventies.



The evening was capped with the presentation to Steven Arkow of a temporary "Harvard chair" (until the more traditional one, given to outgoing Club presidents, arrives) as well as bouquets of flowers (allegedly picked while the Huntington docents weren't looking) rewarding the party planning efforts of Eva Plaza '80 and Maiya Williams Verrone '84, which resulted in the largest annual dinner crowd ever. Period. No effort was made to dispute that assertion.

Recent Events

Newport Beach Beerfest

On May 26, 2018, Harvard Club of Southern California members and guests spent a beautiful day at the Newport Beach Beerfest. The alumni, from Orange County, Los Angeles, and even as far as Las Vegas, enjoyed live music and the opportunity to sample over 150 craft beers, wines, and spirits. Lest they drink on empty stomachs, there was also a food truck fair.



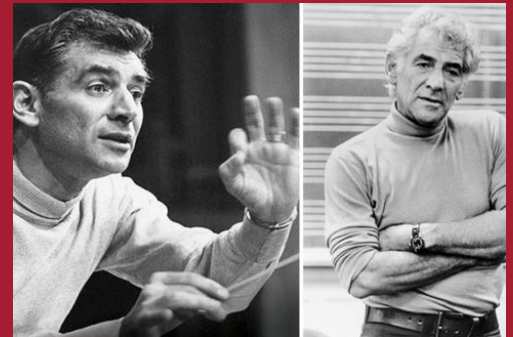
The Sisters Rosensweig - Dinner and a Play

On June 2, 2018, 40 Club members and guests gathered at the South Coast Repertory in Costa Mesa to watch the production of Wendy Wasserstein's award-winning play *The Sisters Rosensweig*, starring Amy Aquino '79. Club members enjoyed a pre-theater buffet and were treated to a Q&A session with Amy in which she talked about her career since leaving Harvard and answered questions. Club members also heard from Kat Zukaitis, the South Coast Repertory's Literary Associate and Assistant Dramaturg, who gave Club members background about the playwright, the play, and the South Coast Repertory's other offerings this season.



Tour of *Leonard Bernstein at 100* at Skirball

On June 9, 2018, 35 HCSC members and guests received a docent guided tour of *Leonard Bernstein at 100*, a new exhibition at the Skirball Cultural Center. The exhibition celebrates the life and work of Leonard Bernstein '39, the great American composer and conductor who dedicated his life to making classical music a vibrant part of American culture. For those who weren't able to attend this special event, the exhibition will be open until September 2.



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Twice a year, thousands of Harvard alumni make new connections at Global Networking Night (GNN) events in cities across the globe. The last GNN drew more than 5,000 alumni in 85 cities worldwide. Attendance is free.

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Behind the Ballet: A Members-Only Conversation and Performance

An exclusive members-only conversation with Kara Medoff Barnett MBA '07, head of American Ballet Theatre, before watching the performance of *La Bayadere* at the Music Center in downtown L.A.

SAT, JUL 14 @ 6:15PM

The Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

Tickets vary between \$38 and \$138 (Limited Availability)

Contact Shilla Kim-Parker to purchase, skimparker@yahoo.com



Members Only - Guided Tour of the Hollywood Bowl Museum

The Hollywood Bowl Museum tour will immerse you in a unique, behind-the-scenes experience. This event is open to members and their guests only. Space is limited.

FRI, AUG 3 @ 10:00AM

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Pooja Nair, pnair@troygould.com



Annenberg Photo Space Tour and Optional Lunch

Join us for a group tour of the Annenberg Photo Space's new exhibit of collections from the Library of Congress.

THU, AUG 30 @ 12:00PM

Annenberg Space for Photography

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Guided Tour of Hauser & Wirth Gallery in Downtown L.A.'s Arts District

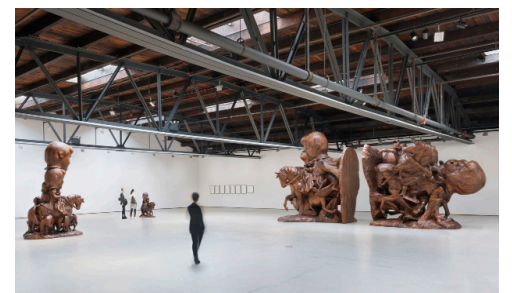
Join us for this guided tour of the Hauser & Wirth Gallery. We will see several exhibitions, including *Don McCullin*; *Portable Art: A Project by Celia Forner*; *Larry Bell: Complete Cubes*; *Jack Whitten: Self Portrait With Satellites*; and *Mary Heilmann: Memory Remix*.

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Q&A from 02138:

Hunter Worland '19



Hunter Worland '19, a concentrator in History, was born in Santa Monica and graduated from Polytechnic School, where he served as editor of the newspaper and president of the Black Student Union. In athletics, he captained the soccer and track teams in which he won multiple league championships. He is a rising senior residing in Pforzheimer House. His brother Justin Worland '14 lived in Adams House and now works at *Time* magazine in Washington, D.C. At Harvard, Hunter served as director of the Suffolk County prison tutoring program and is a member of the Crimson Key Society. Last summer, he volunteered at a Syrian and Iraqi refugee camp in Thessaloniki, Greece as well as interned at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. This summer, he is conducting thesis research in French Guiana and then interning at Bridgewater Associates in Westport, Connecticut.

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

HW: I was pleasantly surprised by the academic freedom that founds the university's educational program. With the exception of a few general education courses and concentration requirements, I have been free to follow my intellectual curiosity.

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

HW: I visited Harvard a couple of times when my brother was a student. I walked around Harvard Square, had a bite at my soon-to-be favorite pizza place (Pinocchio's), and even shadowed my brother in a few classes. I was excited by the campus and by the students I met, but disgusted at the state of my brother's Adams dorm room. Of course, my dorm is now messier than his ever was.

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

My favorite class has been "Cold War in the Global South," a history seminar led by Mateo Jarquin. The course explored all the conflicts of the period from Nicaragua to Mozambique, emphasizing that the Cold War was not so cold. I loved the global dimension of the course and the lively discussions.

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

HW: I would move all sophomores to the quad after a year in The Yard and then place juniors into Houses for the next two years. As a "quadling," I can attest to the difficulties of living so far away from the hubs of campus. Sophomore year in the quad would not only foster more friendships within the class, but eliminate the pain (might I say misery) of the being "quaded." I'd also remove broccoli stuffed chicken from the menu in the dining halls. Does anyone actually like that?

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

HW: I miss Southern California's warmth, and I am not talking about the weather. Californians have a natural friendliness and welcoming personalities. While

Harvard students might have the warmth I am used to, I can't say the same for Bostonians.

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

HW: California is an incredible place to live and an even better place to grow up. However, I hope to experience different places and cultures. Nonetheless, be it my love of hiking, comfort behind the wheel, or appreciation for quality food truck cuisine, California will always be a part of me.

HCSC: What is your thesis topic?

HW: I am researching development in French Guiana starting after World War II. In the 1960s, the French government installed the Guiana Space Center as not only "Europe's spaceport," but a promise of development to one of France's most distressed regions. While the space center did bring higher levels of development, only a small minority of Guianese (largely those involved in the space industry) benefited while the majority lagged behind. I hope to connect my research to contemporary frustrations. The inequalities borne out of this investment, I have found, are actually not too different from the social anxieties we see across the West today.

Harvard's Shared Interest Groups - *Harvard Latino Alumni Alliance*



The Harvard Latino Alumni Alliance is the Harvard-wide Shared Interest Group that represents all Latino alumni, as well as students and their families, with chapters in California, New York, Boston, Washington, D.C., and Texas. Its mission is to strengthen the Harvard Latino community through leadership development, mentorships, and professional networking opportunities. Co-founded by HCSC board member Gus Frias EdM '94, its members are Hispanic Americans who are descendants of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, and Central and South American families.

HAAA regularly organizes Early College Awareness Programs and Harvard Student Leadership Academies for students attending secondary schools throughout the Southland. The purpose of these initiatives is to foster the leadership development of students, motivate them to pursue higher education at top American universities, and inspire them to use their education to improve themselves, their families, their communities, and the world. HAAA leaders are also involved in helping Harvard's undocumented DACA students ensure their rights to study and succeed in a safe and supportive learning environment.

The Alliance also sponsors Harvard Latino Mentorship Projects and special presentations that offer students and alumni scholarships, internships, and employment opportunities at prestigious public and private sector organizations.

Membership in the Harvard Latino Alumni Alliance offers Harvard students and alumni professional connections and resources to help maximize their success, and it also offers them the opportunity to share their talents with our younger brothers and sisters to help them succeed in academia and in the world. **For further information, please contact HAAA President Adan Acevedo at adan.acevedo@gmail.com or info@harvardlatinoalumni.org.**



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