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Letter from the President

Spencer Rhodes, AB '00, MBA '04



I'm happy to report that the club had an outstanding year in 2006. We ended the year at nearly 1200 members. Our event calendar was packed with 75 events, and our service to Harvard and to the Bay Area was extensive as we conducted

800 interviews of high school seniors for the Admissions Office, delivered 40 Harvard Book Prizes to deserving high school juniors, conducted the Early College Awareness Program for local middle schoolers, and deepened our relationship with the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco. Thanks to all of the volunteers, officers, and board members who made this such a successful year!

As we kick off the new year, we are counting on your 2007 membership dues to replenish the club's account so that 2007 will be as productive as 2006. Although we are currently exploring new sources of revenue, at this point, dues are our only source of funds. Your dues finance the basic administration of the club, including:

- Our new professional and highly efficient Executive Director, Kirsten Pickford, who answers your calls, returns your e-mails, maintains membership records, and coordinates event registrations
- Our new professional webmaster, Pete, who maintains our wonderful website at www.harvardclubsf.org
- Administrative software licensing
- Printing and mailing fees associated with our hard copy newsletter and other mailings

Inside you will find an outline of membership levels. If you haven't done so already, I hope you will process your 2007 dues payment at your earliest convenience.

Dues can be paid online at www.harvardclubsf.org or by mailing a check to: HCSF, 369-B Third Street, # 306, San Rafael, CA 94901. Thanks for your continued support of Harvard in the Bay Area!

New Program Series: HCSF Salon

Merriam-Webster: *salon* (noun)—a fashionable assemblage of notables (such as literary figures, artists, or statesmen) held by custom at the home of a prominent person.

The HCSF is launching a new series for dues-paying members called "Salon." In this monthly event, we will bring together interesting speakers on diverse subjects, with small groups of our members, providing participants with the opportunity for interaction and dialogue. These events will take place in members' homes, in groups of 15-25, and will include light food and drink. Many of these dialogues will be with our own alumni who are involved in fascinating activities all over the world. This series will give our members a chance to hear about these activities in an informal social setting. Upcoming Salons will include "Confessions of a Washington Lobbyist" with the founder of W.I.P.P., the nation's largest public policy organization representing women business owners; "Project On

Become a Member of the Harvard Club of San Francisco Today

If you have not paid your 2007 HCSF dues, we hope you'll do so at your earliest convenience.

Dues-paying members receive the following:

- 1) The deeply discounted member price on all Club events; within as little as two events, the discount can pay for the membership
- 2) Special notices and access to members-only events
- 3) A hard copy of our newsletter in the mail to complement our electronic communication
- 4) A membership card (coming soon)
- 5) Access to the online searchable membership directory (coming soon)
- 6) Networking opportunities
- 7) The satisfaction of knowing that you've done your part to help support Harvard in San Francisco, our interviewing activities, and our community service work

Dues are what keep us going! Regular membership is only \$50; recent grad membership is only \$25.

To join or renew, please see:

<http://www.harvardclubsf.org/membership/>

Renew today for 2007!

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Negotiations” with visiting Harvard Law Professor Bob Mnookin, currently teaching at Stanford; and a dialogue with the Deputy Consul-General of Israel, the first Bedouin Arab in Israel’s Foreign Service.

If you would like to volunteer to host one of these Salons in your home, please contact Marvin Kasoff, AB ’64, at Marvk2000@aol.com. All that is required is that your place be large enough to squeeze in 15-25 people (even with a shoehorn). Refreshments will be provided by the HCSF, so that all you need to do is be present at what we hope will be a wonderful evening of fascinating company, stimulating discussion, good food, and general camaraderie.

If you have speaker suggestions, please contact Marvin Kasoff at the same email address. Watch for the announcements of upcoming Salons, beginning in February. Registration will be for HCSF members only, and will be strictly limited in numbers on a first-come, first-served basis.

New! The Member Benefit Program

As of February, HCSF members will receive discounts at a variety of organizations and businesses (listed below) when they show their HCSF membership cards. Membership cards will be mailed out starting in late January to those who have paid 2007 dues. If you haven’t paid 2007 dues yet, please do so at the “Membership” tab at www.harvardclubsf.org. Paying dues will ensure that you receive your membership card and future newsletters!

These discount partners are just the beginning; we have many more in the pipeline. Thanks to our VP Strategic Partnerships, Lin Zhu, MPA ’02, and Board Member Tania Condon, MTS ’93 for working hard to build this program!

COPIA: The American Center for Wine, Food and the Arts (Napa)

COPIA offers wine, food, arts and garden programs that are fun and educational for all levels of experience.

- \$15.00 off all levels of COPIA annual membership. Membership includes free admission to the center, a wide variety of discounts, and members-only events. 707-265-5938; www.copia.org

Exploratorium (San Francisco)

Ignite your imagination! Experience exciting interactive exhibits that make learning fun, regardless of your age or knowledge of science.

- Get a 15-month membership for the price of a 12-month membership. Also, get \$2.00 off adult admission and \$1.00 off youth admission. 415-397-5673; www.exploratorium.edu

Metronome Dance Center (San Francisco)

Voted “Best Place to Learn How to Dance in San Francisco” by both The Guardian and SF Weekly, The Center offers the largest dance floor and the most comprehensive dance calendar in the city. Offerings include over 50 classes per week including: Ballroom, Argentine Tango, Salsa, Ballet, Hip Hop, Belly Dance and more! They also host workshops and parties every weekend.

- \$10.00 off all group class series programs and \$2.00 off all parties & workshops. 415-252-9000; www.metronomedancecenter.com

The Oakland Museum of California

The museum provides unique collections, exhibits and educational opportunities designed to generate a deeper appreciation of California’s environment, history, art and people.

- 20% off new museum memberships 510-238-2200; www.museumca.org

Sports Basement (San Francisco and Sunnyvale)

Sports Basement sells new brand name performance sports gear at up to 70% off of everyday prices. They have everything you need for running, cycling, skiing, snowboarding, fitness, camping, swimming, and yoga.

- 10% discount 415-437-0100; www.sportsbasement.com

The Harvard Online Community

At www.post.harvard.edu, you can become part of the Harvard Online Community, with access to alumni profiles and contact info from all over the world, information on activities at Harvard Clubs everywhere, the latest updates on Harvard news, alumni travel programs, etc. You can also register for a yourname@post.harvard.edu e-mail forwarding address if you haven’t done so already.

The Harvard Alumni Association (HAA) is currently running a project to ensure that all of the data in the directory at www.post.harvard.edu is up to date and accurate. Please help with the project by checking the information listed for you by visiting the site and clicking “Update Profile.” You can input as much or as

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Who We Are

The HCSF has three core missions: community service, interviewing candidates for admission to Harvard College, and organizing social and educational events. We serve all alumni of Harvard regardless of school or degree, and our board is composed of graduates from almost every school at Harvard, including the Law School, Business School, School of Education, Divinity School, Kennedy School, GSAS, and College. We also include former Harvard instructors, current students, and parents of current and past students.

Founded in 1874, The Harvard Club of San Francisco is the fourth oldest Harvard Club in the world. However, unlike Boston and New York, we do not have a physical location. Instead, we leverage venues all around the city for our events and charge a modest membership fee of only \$50 per year (\$25 or less for recent grads). This dues revenue is what keeps us going. Please see www.harvardclubsf.org for information on upcoming events or to renew your membership.

Membership Levels

Membership Period Jan 1, 2007 to Dec 31, 2007

2006 Graduate: Free

Full-time Student (with copy of student ID): Free

Recent Graduate (2004–2005): \$25

Regular Member: \$50

Sponsor: \$150

- Recognition in newsletter and Annual Dinner program

- All the benefits of a Regular Member

Benefactor: \$250 or more

- Invitation to a special Board reception

- All the benefits of a Sponsor

Lifetime: \$1000

- All the benefits of a Benefactor

Children of HCSF members qualify for the \$30/rate. We have reserved spots for 18 people, so register as soon as possible, as this event will fill up quickly.

The SFSCA is located at 755 Frederick Street, near the corner of Frederick/Lincoln Way and Arguello Street. Parking is extremely limited; there is a parking lot half a block away, on the corner of Frederick and Stanyan. Please visit www.circuscenter.org for more information on the San Francisco School of Circus Arts.

Sustainable Community Design & Urban Planning

"Lessons, Challenges & Opportunities of Linking Ecology & Urbanism"

Thursday, April 19, 2007

6:00 pm Check-in/dinner

6:30 pm-8:00 pm Program

KenKay Associates

1045 Sansome Street, Studio 321

San Francisco, CA 94103

Cost (includes lecture & dinner):

\$10 members; \$15 non-members

Registration required by April 18, 2007

Join HCSF for an energetic and lively discussion on sustainable community design, urban planning and ecological restoration from Ken Kay, FASLA. Ken is an award-winning planner, urban designer, landscape architect, and the founding principal of Ken Kay Associates, a multidisciplinary design firm based in San Francisco. Through lecture and Q&A, you will learn examples of ecological restoration, sustainable community design and urban planning, and see what we can all do right now to support building a sustainable environment. Ken will present an overview of past and current projects which address how and why environmental planning, urban design and landscape architecture should focus on creating more compact and livable communities by restoring the ecology, retaining the cultural landscape and providing sustainable planning for walkable, transit-oriented communities.

Bubbles 'n' Pups: Champagne Brunch at Canine Companions for Independence

Saturday, April 28; noon-3 p.m.

Canine Companions for Independence,

Schulz Campus, Gittinger Hall

2965 Dutton Avenue

Santa Rosa, CA 95407

\$60 members; \$70 non-members

Registration required by April 14, 2007

Join fellow Harvard Club members in picturesque wine country for a champagne brunch, featuring bubbly from local vineyards, tasty eats and guest appearances from friendly and cuddly puppies courtesy of Canine Companions for Independence (CCI).

The event includes a tour of the 12-acre campus of CCI and a demonstration by a dog trainer showing off the many talents of CCI's furry friends and how they help people with disabilities live an independent life.

All proceeds from the event to benefit Canine Companions for Independence, a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships. For more information about CCI, please visit www.caninecompanions.org.

More upcoming events

As we go to print, we are finalizing the details on these and other events:

- "Creativity and Innovation in China," joint series with China Circle, starting February '07
- Comedy Series, starting February '07
- Confessions of a Washington Lobbyist, February '07
- Green Street Design, March '07
- Tour of San Francisco Ferry Building, March '07
- Purgatorio at Mystic Bison Theatre, March '07
- Gallery receptions, spring '07
- Full Moon Kayak, May '07
- Catamaran Sunset Cruise and Dinner, May '07
- Wine and Cheese Tasting at Fisher Vineyards, July '07

Visit www.harvardclubsf.org frequently for the latest event postings!

little information as you wish. At the least, an e-mail address registered at www.post.harvard.edu will ensure that old friends and Harvard itself can contact you in the future.

In addition to what the HAA offers at www.post.harvard.edu, the Harvard Club of San Francisco provides timely information on local Harvard activities at www.harvardclubsf.org. In February, the HCSF will launch its own membership directory that includes name, professional information, and e-mail address of dues paying members. If you are a dues paying member, and would like to opt out of being listed in the HCSF directory, please e-mail the club at info@harvardclubsf.org. The HCSF directory will complement the HAA's directory for Bay Area residents by providing expanded information that is updated more regularly. Access to the HCSF online directory will be limited to dues paying HCSF members.

First Annual Harvard Holiday "Reunion" Mixer

In December, we held the first of what will become an annual tradition: the gathering of alumni from all the schools, undergraduate and graduate, from graduating classes of the 1940s through 2006 for a reunion-style holiday party. Attendees were able to mingle or reunite with classmates under banners for each school. We had a great time, as nearly four hundred Bay Area alumni came to see old friends and meet new ones.

Excitement filled the air as the John Harvard "Wisdom of the Ages Awards" were bestowed on the oldest and the youngest alumni present; the "Richard Henry Dana Intrepid Explorer Awards" were granted to the alumnus who traveled the farthest to attend the event, and to the one who traveled farthest to attend Harvard; and "The Towering Intellect Awards" were given in memory of John Kenneth Galbraith (6'8") and Milton Friedman (5'3"), both of whom passed away this year. Naturally, these last awards were bestowed on the tallest, and the shortest that stepped forward. (There was a spirited contest to determine the smallest, as shoes were kicked off, hairdos flattened, etc.).

But the highlight of the evening had to be the appearance of the Harvard Hat, a Beach-Blanket-Babylon style, six-foot wide replica of Harvard Yard. The hat, first created for the 350th anniversary of Harvard's founding, has been carefully hidden, and lovingly cared for, in the home of former HCSF

President John McGuckin, AB '68, JD '71, and was brought out for public viewing for the first time in twenty years.

Next year, we hope to make this event even bigger and better. If you missed this one, don't make that mistake again!

While many of our events are open to the entire Harvard alumni community, we hold several HCSF members-only events per year. The Holiday Reunion Mixer was an example of a members-only event. To ensure that you are eligible to attend members-only events in the future, please make sure to pay your 2007 dues today!

Harvard Book Prize Program

by Bruce E. Jackson, AB '66, VP Schools

The Harvard Book Prize program was started in 1910 by Harvard Alumni to encourage talented students to apply to Harvard. Today the Prize is presented annually in more than 1900 high schools around the world. A number of years ago, the Harvard Club of San Francisco adopted the program as a way to help attract talented young people to the opportunities available in Cambridge. The Book Prize is awarded to an outstanding student in a high school's junior class who "combines excellence in scholarship and high character with achievement in other fields." Generally the honoree is selected by the school principal or guidance counselor. The award is usually made at the school's graduating

YOUNG ALUMNI

Three ways to get involved!

- 1) Young alumni (20s/30s) are encouraged to join our Young Alumni Yahoo Group at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hcsf-recentgrads/>. This Yahoo Group has been around since 1998 and has over 870 members. Share party info. Stay in the loop!
- 2) Look for our regular Ivy League Young Alum Mixers that draw over 300 Ivy Leaguers from all 8 schools!
- 3) Join the Young Alum Committee, which meets on the first Sunday of every month at 7pm for dinner, drinks, and discussion. Come have dinner, meet new people, and share your ideas for young alum activities!

exercises. In some cases, there may be the opportunity for the Prize to be presented at the school's awards assembly by a local Harvard graduate who may take that opportunity not only to praise the student but also to say a few words about Harvard. Last year, the HCSF awarded the Harvard Book Prize in over 40 schools in the Bay Area. This year, we hope to add a few more schools to our list.

HCSF has set aside some funds in its budget to help keep the program going, but the majority of funds come from donations from alumni like you. A donation of \$50 will cover the cost of one book and associated expenses. If you would like to make a donation, there are two ways to contribute:

Please mail a check to: HCSF, 369-B Third Street, # 306, San Rafael, CA 94901. Indicate that the check is for the Harvard Book Prize, and specify if you would like your donated Prize to go to a specific school.

Alternatively, you can donate online by clicking on the "Donations" button on the lower right hand corner of our home page www.harvardclubsf.org. To make a donation to the Book Prize Program, select "Community Service and Education Restricted Donations."

Thanks in advance for your support!

Upcoming Events

We are adding new events each week! For the latest list of events, please visit www.harvardclubsf.org. Unless noted otherwise, please register online for the events at www.harvardclubsf.org. Space is limited for many of these events, so register early!

China Shifts Gears: Automakers, Oil, Pollution, and Development

Kelly Sims Gallagher, Harvard University
Co-sponsored by United Commercial Bank
Thursday, February 15, noon–1:00 pm
Pacific Heritage Museum
608 Commercial Street (between Montgomery and Kearny, and Sacramento and Clay)
San Francisco, CA 94111
Free; no-host lunch with author to follow
RSVP required by February 14, 2007

Join us as Kelly Sims Gallagher, Director of the Energy Technology Innovation Project at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard's JFK School of Government, discusses her new

book, *China Shifts Gears*, an analysis of how the transfer of advanced automobile technology from U.S. firms affects the environment and economic development in China.

Alumni Mixer at Wine Bar

Friday, February 16, 5:00 pm–8:00 pm
Wine Bar and Shop (www.winebarsf.com)
Two Embarcadero Center, San Francisco
No Host Bar

Come mingle with your fellow Harvard alums at one of the hottest new wine bars in San Francisco! Wine Bar offers 40+ wines by the glass with everything from vivacious bubbly, opulent reds, succulent whites and brilliant rosés. With funky décor, a dimly lit bar and jazzy tunes, one is sure to feel at ease in this cozy atmosphere. Wine Bar prides itself on having the most diverse by-the-glass menu in the city, at the most reasonable prices.

Wine Bar is conveniently located on street level of 2 Embarcadero Center (Front St. between Sacramento & Clay) and offers validated parking every day of the week. There will be a private section reserved for our group; look for the Harvard banner.

No admission fee. No-host bar. We'd like to provide Wine Bar with an estimate of our group size so they can staff accordingly. Please RSVP at www.harvardclubsf.org.

The Year of the Pig: Children's Book Reading

Oliver Chin, AB '91
Saturday, February 17, 1:00 pm
Asian Art Museum in the Book Nook
200 Larkin Street, San Francisco, CA
Free with museum admission

Author Oliver Chin, AB '91 reads *The Year of the Pig: Tales from the Chinese Zodiac*. Follow along as Oliver leads visitors through the meaning of the lunar calendar, and then color your own zodiac animals from the fantastic illustrations in the book.

Stem Cells: Science, Politics, and the Road Ahead

Douglas A. Melton, Co-Director of the Harvard Stem Cell Institute, and Interim Dean for Life Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Co-sponsored by the California Institute for

Regenerative Medicine

February 27, 2007

5:30 pm, Reception

6:00 pm–7:30 pm, Lecture & Q&A.

The J. David Gladstone Institutes

University of California, San Francisco

Mission Bay Campus, Auditorium

1650 Owens Street, San Francisco, CA 94158

Registration required by February 25, 2007

\$10 members; \$20 non-members

Appetizers and refreshments will be served.

Join HCSF and the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) in welcoming Professor Melton to San Francisco. Professor Doug Melton will be discussing the work of the Harvard Stem Cell Institute, which draws on a wide range of fields, including science, politics, law, business, philosophy, and religion. Professor Melton will also give an overview of stem cell biology and recent advances, as well as his own research on diabetes and insulin-producing pancreatic beta cells.

Douglas A. Melton is Thomas Dudley Cabot Professor in the Natural Sciences, the Co-Director of the Harvard Stem Cell Institute, and Interim Dean for Life Sciences in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University. Professor Melton is a Howard Hughes Medical Investigator and holds responsibilities as an Associate Member of Children's Hospital in Boston.

Cooking Class and Party

Co-sponsored by Harvard Business School
Association of Northern California
Sunday, March 4, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm
Sur La Table
77 Maiden Lane (between Grant and Kearny)
San Francisco, CA 94108
Cost: \$75 HCSF and HBSANC members
Registration required by February 27, 2007
Please register at <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevalD=124073>

Learn to cook with your fellow HCSF and HBSANC members! Come join us for this upscale culinary event where you will learn cooking techniques, eat delectable food and meet fun new people. No cooking experience necessary! After an introductory cooking lesson featuring tips like the fastest way to dice an onion without a tear, guests are broken into cooking teams. Each team works on a recipe from the evening's

tapas menu, all while sipping wine to great music. The group then savors the "fruits" of their labor with new friends! After the event, copies of the recipes and digital photos are sent to the group.

HCSF Activities Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 6, 6:30 pm–8:30 pm
Offices of SMWM
989 Market Street, 3rd floor (between 5th and 6th, closer to 6th, on the south side of the street)
San Francisco, CA 94103
Dinner will be served.
Free. RSVP required by March 4, 2007

Are there any events (or types of events) you would like to see The HCSF host? The HCSF is a volunteer-run organization and all HCSF activities are organized by our members. How about organizing an activity around a topic of your expertise or passion? Bring your event ideas to this meeting!

Due to building security policies, you must RSVP by March 4 to enter the building. Your name must be on the final RVSP list in order to enter the building. A final agenda will be sent out to all those who RSVP by March 4. If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like to suggest a new event, please email activities@harvardclubsf.org.

Join The Circus For An Afternoon!

Saturday, March 10, 2:15 pm–4:30 pm
San Francisco School of Circus Art
755 Frederick Street
San Francisco, CA 94117
\$30 member; \$40 non-member by Feb 20, 2007
\$35 members; \$45 non-members after Feb 20, 2007
Cost includes instruction and use of equipment
Registration required by March 1, 2007
Space is limited!

Learn to fly through the air with the greatest of ease at the San Francisco School of Circus Arts, home of the renowned Pickle Family Circus. In a two-hour private class led by professional trainers, we will be introduced to a sampling of circus arts: the flying trapeze, acrobatics, trampoline, juggling, and balancing. Wear workout clothing, as this event will be highly interactive.

PLEASE NOTE: Children 5 years of age and older are welcome to participate; however, the School of Circus Arts does not offer special rates for children.