

# THE HARVARD CLUB

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## Spotlight On...

#### President Modesta García, Ed.M. '79

As Club president, Modesta's goal for the year is to build coalitions within the directorship and membership as well as with other organizations.

Modesta has completed 8 years of service to HCSF: 2 director terms; secretary; and president-elect. She has

co-chaired Harvard Comes to San Francisco and has served on the Activities, Annual Dinner, Marketing, Nominating committees.



Modesta helped rewrite the 125-yearold Club Mission Statement to reflect the participation of women and diverse groups in the alumni ranks; launched the Club's Diversity and Latino committees; and instituted the annual Human Rights Leadership Award. Last fall, she convened a panel, "Diversity by Design," at HAA's Alumni Leadership Conference (ALC) at Cambridge. Currently, Modesta is Associate Professor/Counselor at the College of (continued on page 2)

## **Current Events**

#### Date Event

- 9/3 SF Giants Baseball Game
- 9/8 Shakespeare at Stinson
- 9/8 Book Club: "Persuasion"
- **10/4** Harvard Volunteer Night
- 10/13 1st Annual Golf Tournament
- 10/26 Opera Night: Tosca
- 10/27 Yerba Buena Music/Dance

## Watch the Merry Wives of Windsor

#### Shakespeare in the Park Saturday, September 8th, 3:30 pm Stinson Beach, CA

Take part in our 7th Annual dinner

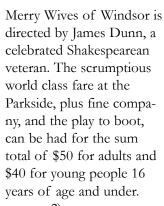
▲ and theatre night.. Due to changes by the National Seashore Park, we've revised our dinner schedule for the performance as follows:

3:30 pm - Gather to begin the festivities at John Gilbert's *four star* Parkside Café for a predinner, no host bar. 4:00 pm - Partake in an e

4:00 pm - Partake in an early supper.

# SHAKESPEARE <u>at Stiason</u>

5:30 pm - Find seating at the theater. 6:00 p.m - Play begins (2:15 run time) Note: We must be seated by 5:30 due to reserved seating for our large group.



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## **Attention Golfers!**

1st Annual HCSF Golf Tournament Saturday, October 13th, 10:00 am Oakhurst Country Club, Clayton, CA

Join duffers of all ages for a fun day on the East Bay links. Enjoy this scenic course designed by Ron Fream, located at 1001 Peacock Drive (behind the Chronicle Concord Pavilion).

Built in 1990, this semi-private course is nestled in the Mt. Diablo foothills. Traversing hillsides, creeks, and valleys, the championship course combines scenic beauty with plenty of challenges. We welcome golfers of all abilities, high and low handicappers, amateurs, and weekend hackers.

Golfers will face both open and narrow fairways with fast greens. Course amenities include a double-sided driv-



ing range with three putting greens, men's and women's locker rooms, restaurant and lounge, a junior Olympic-size, heated swimming pool and a state-of-the art fitness room.

Admission includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, cocktails and prizes for the lucky winners. Space is limited. The cost is \$140.00 per person; RSVP to the club office. Golf club rentals are available on site at an extra cost. - Andre Brown

## **Enjoy the Festivities of the Nutcracker**

SF Ballet Gala Opening Night Tuesday, December 11th, 6:30 pm Opera House, San Francisco, CA

Join our 2nd annual evening at Gala Opening Night of the San Francisco Ballet's Nutcracker. Be dazzled by the splendid performance, holiday decorations and fabulous treats in the grand foyer of the Opera House.

Opening Night is a very special San Francisco tradition, with snow falling

as guests arrive on the Opera House steps and a Sugar Plum world of fantasy and feast awaiting inside the resplendent lobby.

Our guests will be greeted and entertained, with special photo opportunities, by the Fairy Princess, clowns, a

#### Night at the Opera - Tosca

#### San Francisco Opera Friday, October 26, 8:00 pm Opera House, San Francisco, CA

The last hours of three people in the 19th century Rome are the focus of Giacomo Puccini's harrowing verismo work, a masterpiece of drama and score.

The fates of Tosca (soprano Eva Urbanova), the beautiful opera diva; Mario Cavaradossi (tenor Richard Leech), her lover; and Baron Scarpia (Franz Grundheber) - one of the most diabolical villains ever - entwine.

Tickets are \$110.00 per person. RSVP to the club office. -David Balabanian stilt walker, Nutcrackers, and other players in costume. The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Pre-performance festivities and special effects (SNOW) begin at 5:30 pm.

Complimentary desserts will be served at intermission along with no-host champagne. Ticket price, including pre-performance and intermission desserts and entertainment, is \$55.00 per person. Reservations must be paid for by November 16.

We sold out last year within the first hour of ticket sales! RSVP to the club

office immediately.

The event planner, Elaine Black, will distribute paid tickets in the Opera House lobby from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Latecomers may pick up their tickets at the lobby ticket window. Note; you should not arrive later than 7:15 pm. - Elaine Black

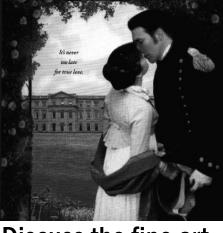
#### **Merry Wives of Windsor**

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The Stinson Beach Theatre and the Parkside Cafe are located next door to the Stinson Beach Post Office on Highway One, the town's main street. Park for free at National Seashore Park behind the theatre. Dress in layers to be prepared to enjoy the late afternoon warm sun and the later evening air. - Elaine Black

#### Spotlight On (cont. from page 1)

San Mateo. She previously held administrator/counselor positions at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, Santa Clara University, and Princeton University. A resident of Daly City, she likes to read, travel and study Mandarin.



## Discuss the fine art of "Persuasion"

Book Discussion Group Saturday, September 8th, 4:00 pm

After taking a summer break, we will meet at the home of::

Roger and Suzanne Park 999 Green Street, San Francisco (415) 440-3298

This month's book is Jane Austin's "Persuasion". Please RSVP to the Parks. Newcomers are welcome.

#### HARVARD CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO

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#### **Audra McDonald Concert**

#### Sunday, November 18th, 8:00 pm SF Symphony, San Francisco, CA

Three-time Tony Award winner and local favorite, Audra McDonald performs "swing" hits from the 30s and 40s. Accompanied by a dance band, the program features tunes from Duke Ellington, George Gershwin, Harold Arle, and many others.

Davis Symphony Hall is at 201 Van Ness Avenue in the Civic Center, between Hayes and Grove. Tickets are \$60.00 per person with paid reservations. RSVP to the club office. - Andre Brown

#### **Bridge Players Unite!**

We need a show of hands! HCSF is considering staging a bridge tournament and creating a team. If you are interested in participating, let us know and bring your friends!

Entrants are limited to 48 players (12 tables). RSVP to Frank Rettenberg at (415) 472-1339 (fsretten@msn.com).

### Music & Dance of "People of the Forest"

#### Saturday, October 27, 2001, 7:00 pm Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA

The People of the Forest project is a stunning collaboration between Alonzo King's LINES Ballet and Nzamba Lela, a group of 16 Aka Pygmy musicians from the Central African Republic's forests. King's evocative work uncovers the spirit behind form and combines the Pygmys' transformative music with the LINES' phenomenal agility. Experience music that inhabitants of the central Africa rainforests have enjoyed for a millenia.

Prior to the performance, the Theater Terrace Lobby features a conversation with Dr. Joni Jones. A Performance Ethnographer from the University of Texas, Dr. Jones will discuss the lifestyle of the inhabitants of the Ituri forest. The cost is \$40.00 per person with paid reservations. RSVP to the club office. - Verna Gibbs

#### See The First Tango in SF! Tango Network Inauguration Party Sunday, September 16, 2:00-6:00 pm 1830-17th Street, San Francisco, CA

Put on your dancing shoes for the inaugural San Francisco Tango Network Party. In the Metronome Ballroom, learn the steps from Daniel Trenner, who holds a Master of Education in Dance and has been a professional dancer for 18 years. The SF Tango Network offers beginner to advanced lessons, practice sessions, and



Name:

Address:

outings to dance venues around the bay area. Receive general dancing and instruction for \$20 per person. RSVP at (415) 252-9000, fax 252-1559, or online at www.metronomeballroom.com.

#### Event Reservations - September 2001

Events marked (R) require advance reservations and payment. Club policy requires a 48hour notice for cancellations. No-shows will be charged.. Reserve your seats by phone, fax or mail. You may pay by credit card (Visa, MasterCard) or with a personal check.

| Current Events                                      | <u>Res</u>                                     | <u>Date</u>   | <u>Cost</u>  | Qty |     | <u>\$ Total</u> | City:                       |
|---|--|---|--------------|-----|-----|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Shakespeare on the Beach                            | (R)  | 9/8 \$5   | 50/\$40 kids | X   | _ = |                 | State: Zip:                 |
| 1st Annual Golf Tournament                          | (R)  | 10/13   | \$140 x      |     | =   |                 |                             |
| Opera/Puccini's Tosca                               | (R)  | 10/26   | \$110 x      |     | =   |                 | Phone (Day): ()             |
| Yerba Buena Music/Dance                             | (R)  | 10/27   | \$40 x       |     | =   |                 | Phone (Eve): ()             |
| Audra McDonald Concert                              | (R)  | 11/18   | \$60 x       |     | =   |                 | Pay by: Visa 🔲 MasterCard 🔲 |
| SF Ballet Nutcracker                                | (R)  | 12/12   | \$55 x       |     | =   |                 | Card Number:                |
| \$ Total  |  |   |              |     |     |                 |                             |
| RSVP - phone: (415) 750-1442<br>fax: (415) 750-1446 |  | Or mail this form & make check payable to:<br>Harvard Club of San Francisco |              |     |     | payable to:     | Exp. Date:/                 |
| hcsf@harvardclub-norcal.                            | 4200 California St. <i>#</i> 207, SF, CA 94118 |   |              |     |     | Signature:      |                             |

Note: No confirmations are sent. Door lists are maintained. Reservations made less than 48 hours before an event must be placed with a credit card. Events at the University Club require a dress code: men wear a coat and tie and women wear comparable formality (no jeans or tennis shoes).

Oakland, CA

#### Volunteer Night to Benefit East Bay Community

#### Thursday, October 4th, 5:30-9:00 pm

Make a difference! Join Harvard grads to build a customized wood play structure in the Rockridge-Temescal neighborhood. No previous construction experience necessary! FROG (Friends of the Greenbelt, www.frogpark.org) will oversee the project. Kids (ages 10 and up) are welcome to help their parents. RSVP to Colleen Gaard (510.553.0280 x.30, colleeng@sonc.org) by September 21.

FROG's mission is to increase Oakland's limited amount of park and recreation space, such as transforming two vacant lots into playgrounds for area residents later in October. If you can't make "Harvard Night" but want to help, contact FROG's Volunteer Coordinator Lisa Kaplan (510.653.587, lisak\_k@yahoo.com). - Colleen Guard

#### **Club Appreciation**

We thank the following members for their valuable support for the 2000-2001 year:

#### **CRIMSON MEMBERS (\$250)**

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#### Welcome to Recent Grads

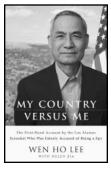
Attention recent graduates: stay tuned to the HCSF web site for information

regarding the October "Welcome to the City" event. This is a great way to meet fellow graduates and HCSF Board members! Full



details to come in the next bulletin, so be sure to tell your fellow classmates.

#### Save the Date:



Book Signing by Helen Zia November 27th The Oakland writer and co-author of Wen Ho Lee's account of his life at Los Alamos. Co-sponsored by Organization of

Chinese Americans (SF chapter) and HCSF Diversity and Latino committees. - Modesta García



**Piano Recital by William Watson December 6th** Back by popular demand! The Winter Holiday Event is

sponsored by the Diversity Committee. - Modesta García



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