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Letter from the President

Amy Hanson, AB '92



Greetings, HCSF Members and Friends!

I'm honored to follow Stephen Watkins as President of HCSF and would like to thank him for his leadership of the Club over the past year. For those of you who don't know

me, I first joined HCSF four years ago, when I became the Vice President of Activities. Before then, I had had very little involvement with the Harvard Club in the 12 years since my college graduation. It's not that I didn't have good feelings toward Harvard; I had a great undergraduate experience, and I had gone back to Cambridge for my five- and ten-year reunions. I simply had not, for whatever reason, felt a strong need to connect with other Bay Area Harvard alumni.

In the summer of 2004, I responded to a posting on the Recent Grads e-mail list (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hcsf-recentgrads/> for more information), announcing openings on the board of the Club. I remember my initial excitement when I was chosen for the Activities VP position—*My first board seat! A chance to plan an outing to the San Francisco trapeze school I had read about in a magazine!* Yes, we did have a trapeze class. More satisfying than learning how to hang upside-down from the trapeze bar, however, was seeing that my efforts in planning events were helping provide unique opportunities for Bay Area Harvard alumni to come together.

My story is similar to those of many other board members, and I am sharing it to encourage those of you who may want to become more involved with the Club to act upon your interest. There are many ways in which you can contribute to the growth and vitality of the Club. Here are just a few:

Activities Committee: We have a new VP of Activities, Jen Shin, PhD '08. See our website for the next Committee meeting or e-mail Jen at activities@harvardclubsf.org if you would like to organize an event. Our meetings are informal, friendly, and fun. If you are passionate about a hobby, sport, or intellectual topic, there's a good chance that you can transform that energy into an event that you and other members will enjoy.

Community Service: We have forged relationships with the Boys & Girls Club and Habitat for Humanity, among other service organizations. E-mail Preston Dodd, our VP of Community Service, at community@harvardclubsf.org to learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities.

There are many other areas where we can use more resources: Information Technology, Finance, and Communications are just a few.

Don't see something here that matches your interests or background? E-mail me to let me know how you'd like to become more involved in the Club. As a volunteer organization, we are always glad to hear from active alumni.

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Annual Dinner 2008 Report

On Monday, June 9, 2008, over 200 Harvard alumni and friends met at the Mark Hopkins Intercontinental Hotel on Nob Hill in San Francisco for the HCSF Annual Dinner. The Dinner traditionally serves as an occasion for the installation of new Club officers, recognition of outstanding Bay Area leaders, and a time for Bay Area Harvard alumni to meet and enjoy each other's company.

This year, the Club presented awards to Carl Pope AB '67, Executive Director of the Sierra Club, and Carlos Garcia, Superintendent of the San Francisco Unified School District. A veteran leader in the environmental movement, Mr. Pope has been with the Sierra Club for nearly thirty years. In that time he has served as Associate Conservation Director, Political Director and Conservation Director. Mr. Garcia is also a veteran in his field, having worked in K-12 education for over thirty years. He has been in his current position for just over a year and has already made many changes to improve education in San Francisco, focusing on issues such as narrowing the achievement gap, increasing the use of technology in the classroom,

and working toward creative solutions in the face of budget cuts.

Dinner guests also enjoyed a special treat—a performance by the Veritones, all the way from Cambridge!

Mark your calendars for next year's Annual Dinner, slated for June 2009.

Membership Renewal Reminder

Have you renewed your HCSF membership for 2008? Simply log onto <http://www.harvardclubsf.org> or call our office at 415-621-3900 to renew. Do it *now* to make sure you continue to receive early notification of events, access to members-only activities, special reduced registration fees, and access to our new web site features for members.

Call for Venues

Have a meeting room that is seldom used? With its full roster of activities, HCSF is always looking for venues of all sizes, and especially those for 40–50 people. Free venues help us keep our event prices low. For more information, please contact HCSF Executive Director Kirsten Pickford at 415-621-3900 or info@harvardclubsf.org.

Harvard Book Prize Program

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 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

For details and registration information on the following events, please visit www.harvardclubsf.org/events.

HCSF Activities Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 3, 2008

7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

North Beach, San Francisco

Exact location will be emailed to the registrants a few days before the meeting.

Dinner will be served.

Free. RSVP required by September 1, 2008

Is there any event (or types of events) you would like to see HCSF host? 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?

Some suggestions for future events include:

- Social and cultural activities
- Lectures and panel discussions on current events and topical issues
- Book talk; book club
- Outdoor events
- Recreational and sporting events

Bring your event ideas to this meeting! If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like to suggest a new event, please email activities@harvardclubsf.org. Thanks!

No War Is Just: How Religions Must Think About Violence

Sponsored by the Harvard Divinity School

A PRESENTATION BY JAMES CARROLL

Harvard Divinity School San Francisco Luncheon

Friday, September 5, 2008

Registration at 11:30 a.m.

The Fairmont San Francisco

950 Mason Street

San Francisco, 94108

Free!

HDS is hosting an alumni luncheon on September 5 at the Fairmont San Francisco on 950 Mason Street. The luncheon program, *No War is Just: How Religions Must Think About Violence*, features a presentation by Boston Globe columnist and New York Times bestselling author, James Carroll. Online registration is available via www.hds.harvard.edu/alumni (which leads alumni to the post.harvard.edu site). If you have any questions about this event, please contact Caty Capo at alums@hds.harvard.edu.

There is no fee for attending this Harvard Divinity School special event. Your voluntary donation to the HDS Annual Fund will support the continuation of programs like this, furthering crucial discourse about the most pressing religious issues and questions today.

PARKING INFORMATION:

Guests are invited to park in any of the following locations*:

Fairmont Hotel Garage: Powell and California Streets

Brocklebank Garage: 1040 Sacramento Street

Masonic Garage: Masonic Auditorium, 1111 California Street

Grace Cathedral: 1051 Taylor Street

City Parking: Pier 45, Jefferson & Taylor

Imperial Parking: AT & T Park Stadium, Pier 30

*The above information is provided by the Fairmont Hotel for your assistance.

Book Talk and Signing:

Dr. Margaret Benefiel, “Soul of a Leader”

Sponsored by Stacey’s Bookstore

Monday, September 8, 2008

12:30 p.m.

Stacey’s Bookstore

582 Market Street, San Francisco

Free!

Registration required by 9/7/08

In your leadership roles (at work, at home, in your faith community, etc.), do you feel isolated, misunderstood, or on the edge of burnout? Is your soul withering under the strain of the demands on you?

From Dr. Margaret Benefiel’s book talk, you’ll learn:

- How to be your best self as a leader
- How to keep your soul thriving in the midst of the demands on you
- How to recognize which strains are normal and which are the danger signals of burnout
- How to use the challenges of leadership to develop as a leader and to develop your organization
- Simple practices you can use to be a more effective leader



The Veritones, an undergraduate a capella group, provided the musical accompaniment to the Harvard Club of San Francisco’s annual dinner.

This event is for parents, committee chairs, teachers, CEOs, and government leaders. Whatever your sphere of influence is, come learn how to be a more effective and fulfilled leader within that sphere.

Dr. Margaret Benefiel is a professor at Andover Newton Theological Seminary in Boston and a Quaker minister. She is the CEO of ExecutiveSoul.com, working as a consultant and trainer with businesses, nonprofits, healthcare agencies, and churches on the intersection between spirituality and business. She is the author of “Soul at Work: Spiritual Leadership in Organizations” as well as her new book, “Soul of a Leader: Finding Your Path to Success and Fulfillment.” She has keynoted everything from the Missouri Hospital Association Annual Meeting to the American Academy of Management Annual Conference.

Social, Political & Economic Consequences of Counterterrorism

Sponsored by Stanford San Francisco Club

Thursday, September 11, 2008

11:30 a.m. check-in, 12–1 p.m. program

Commonwealth Club

595 Market Street, San Francisco

(415) 597-6700

\$8 Stanford SF Club, Harvard Club of SF, and Commonwealth Club members, \$15 non-members (Lunch will not be provided)

Registration required by 9/9/08

Speaker: Laura K. Donohue, JD, PhD, Fellow at both Stanford’s Center for International Security & Cooperation and Center for Constitutional Law; Author, *The Cost of Counterterrorism*

On the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorists attacks, the stakes remain high for national security. Donohue re-calculates the cost of counterterrorist law to the United States and United Kingdom. She warns that the proliferation of biological and nuclear materials, together with extremists willing to sacrifice themselves, may drive each country to take increasingly drastic measures. And the dominant “Security or Freedom” framework for evaluating counterterrorist law fails to capture an important characteristic: increased executive power that shifts the balance between branches of government.

REGISTER ONLINE AT <http://pgnet.stanford.edu/goto/event4758reg> (Non-Stanford alumni may

register as a guest by clicking “Register for the Website” then “Register as Our Guest” to complete your registration.)

REGISTER BY MAIL: Make check payable to the Stanford San Francisco Club–Sept Luncheon Seminar. Send by Sept 8 to Jeanne Glennon, 3600 Lyon Street, San Francisco, CA 94123, (415-567-5054, jfglennon@comcast.net).

Private Tour and Reception with the New Director of the Asian Art Museum

Thursday, September 18, 2008

5:30–8:30pm

Docent-led tours 5:45–7 p.m., reception at 7 p.m.

Asian Art Museum

200 Larkin Street at Fulton Street, San Francisco

Cost: \$40 for members, \$60 for non-members

The Harvard Business School Association of Northern California is proud to sponsor a private, docent-led tour and reception with new Director, Jay Jie Xu, of “Power and Glory: Court Arts of China’s Ming Dynasty”—a limited engagement exhibition at the San Francisco Asian Art Museum.

Power & Glory is a major groundbreaking exhibition explores the grandeur and opulence of one of the most important dynasties in Chinese history. The exhibition marks the Asian Art Museum’s first collaboration with three of China’s most prestigious institutions: The Palace Museum (Forbidden City) in Beijing, the Nanjing Municipal Museum, and the Shanghai Museum. Some of the most precious artworks from the Ming dynasty (1368–1644) from these museums, along with some of the finest items from this period owned by the Asian Art Museum, make up “Power & Glory,” the first exhibition in the U. S. to focus on the full range of Ming court arts. Many of the more than 240 artworks—porcelain, paintings, textiles, lacquer, jade, jewelry, architectural elements, and more—will be on public view for the first time.

Space is limited: Experienced museum docents will lead a tour group beginning at 5:45pm, with participation limited to 20 persons per group. Following the tour, the new Director of the Asian Art Museum, Jay Xu, will give welcoming remarks during a lovely reception in the exclusive Peterson Room and gardens.

Note: Price includes docent-led tour and cocktail reception with the Director. Museum admittance is

free for the first 35 attendees and afterwards, \$5 must be paid at the door separately, per adult.

Salon Talk: from Sex Toys to Cohousing

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Location is very close to the 12th St. BART station in Oakland; exact address/directions will be sent to registrants a few days before the event.

Members only: \$12/person for Harvard and Stanford Club Members. Members may bring one guest at member price/person. Registration and payment required by 9/15/08. No walk-ins. No refunds after 9/08/08. The price includes dinner and beverages. Both men and women are welcome to this talk.

It would be an understatement to call Joani Blank a sex maven. As the founder of Good Vibrations, a purveyor of sex toys and education-minded erotica, and her publishing company, Down There Press, Joani is THE fairy godmother of sexual pleasure for the post-Pill woman. If the Pill had lifted women from the burden of unwanted pregnancies, Joani, along with a handful of other pioneering women, forever liberated women's middle fingers for other "higher" purposes, enabling them to enjoy sex with their best partners—themselves! Post-Joani, countless women would never look back, as the "art" of self-satisfaction and achieving orgasm (*avec* or *sans les hommes*) would never be the same; the homo sapiens masculus is now optional, as far as women's orgasmic pleasures are concerned.

Come and join fellow Harvard alumni to hear Joani tell her own story about her adventures with Good Vibrations, Down There Press, and her latest passion: cohousing. No, it's not the share-your-spouse-while-smoking-a-joint *vie décadente* of the go-go sixties, but a noble cause to create an old-fashioned neighborhood in an environment of sustainable living. This Salon event will be hosted at Joani's cohousing complex, and Joani will offer us a tour of the complex after the Salon discussion.

Men are highly encouraged to attend—you might just learn (from the mother of sexual self-pleasure) a trick or two on what makes women tick. Dinner will be served.

The complex is very close to the 12th St. BART station in Oakland. Extra brownie points given to those

who come on muscle power or via public transit, as our gracious speaker herself has asked people to drive as little as possible. Joani's exact address will be mailed to the registrants. For public transit planning, visit: www.transit.511.org; for BART, visit www.bart.gov. Websites to check out before attending: www.goodvibes.com, www.cohousing.org.

Quarterly Meeting of the Harvard Angels

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

5:00 p.m.

Davis Wright Tremaine, LLP

505 Montgomery Street, 8th Floor

San Francisco, 94111

\$25 members/\$45 non-members

Take a look at some promising ventures with your classmates as part of the "Harvard Angels." Our group will meet again in September to hear presentations from three startups (with a preference for companies started by HBS and Harvard Club SF alum entrepreneurs) that can benefit from our advice and/or investment as they seek early stage investors. The format is simple: 15 minutes of presentation, 10 minutes Q&A, and 5 minutes of feedback for the entrepreneurs. Companies to be announced.

We are currently reviewing business plans from companies that would like to present at our September 17 meeting. To have your company considered, please upload your executive summary at www.hbsanc.org/article.html?aid=328. To attend the meeting as an "angel" you must be an accredited investor. You are welcome to join us whether or not you have made early stage investments previously.

Organizers: Tom Cervantez '91 and David Diciocio '85.

Please hold December 10 for the next meeting of the Harvard Angels.

Classic Fiction Book Club

Sunday afternoon, September 28, 2008

Location: San Francisco

Join us for a lively discussion of a classic fiction book! Let's finally enjoy those books that we always meant to read. Please e-mail Yvonne Tsang at ytsang@gmail.com for details, to find out about future meetings, or to suggest a book.

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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, 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 \$60 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.

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Return Service Requested

Membership Benefits

Dues-paying member benefits include:

- 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
- 5) Access to the online searchable membership directory
- 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 \$60; recent grad membership is only \$25.

To join or renew, please see:

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

Join or renew today!