



# HARVARD CLUB OF NEW JERSEY

## 2010 NEWSLETTER

### President's Message

Dear Harvard Alumni, Students, and Parents,

Greetings from the center of the visible universe, the land of milk and honey- New Jersey. It is my honor to lead the Club this year. It is my sincere hope that we can get many of you involved in Club activities over the next year.

Why get involved? There are several reasons. First, the Club sponsors a full calendar of activities throughout the year. From Harvard-related sporting activities in the fall to our annual sojourn to the Hasty Pudding in New York in late winter to our annual dinner in the spring, we do our best to maintain a steady stream of events.

Among the key events held over the last year were:

- Shakespeare at the NJ Shakespeare Theatre
- Programs on hawks and owls at the Raptor Trust
- A night hike in the Great Swamp
- The Annual Musicale featuring Harvard Undergrads

Second, we provide vital support to the University's admissions program. Every year we coordinate with the Admissions Office to make sure that every applicant in northern New Jersey gets an alumni interview. Participants find this a uniquely rewarding way to serve the College.

Third, we actively support undergraduate education. The Harvard Club of New Jersey makes regular donations to the scholarship fund. In addition, this year we sponsored two internships, both related to environmental stewardships.

Best regards,

Ken Abbott '83, *President*  
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### Crimson Calendar

|       |                                  |
|-------|----------------------------------|
| Aug 8 | Incoming Freshman Picnic         |
| Oct 2 | Shakespeare in the Afternoon     |
|       | — <i>Dates to be announced</i> — |
| Oct   | Interviewers' Seminar            |
| Oct   | Raptor Trust Event               |
| Oct   | Fall Habitat for Humanity        |
| Nov   | Childrens' Rock Climbing Outing  |
| Dec   | HAA Global Night of Networking   |
| Feb   | Musicale                         |
| Mar   | Hasty Pudding Theatricals        |
| Apr   | Spring Habitat for Humanity      |
| Apr   | HAA Global Month of Service      |
| May   | Annual Meeting & Dinner          |
| June  | HAA Global Night of Networking   |

*Check our website for more details.*  
<http://clubs.harvard.edu/university/hcnj>

### Join or Renew Your HCNJ Membership

By joining the HCNJ you are supporting the Club's scholarship program, the summer intern program, and the Club activities during the year. Your membership will also entitle you to entry or reduced fees at various events such as the Musicale. To join, either fill out and mail the enclosed membership form, or join on line at [www.hcnj.eventbrite.com](http://www.hcnj.eventbrite.com).

If you haven't done so in a while, please visit [www.post.harvard.edu](http://www.post.harvard.edu) online and make sure that you are registered there with a user ID and password, and that your address and email information are current.

### Why Join Your Club?

You may have asked yourself "Why join the Club?" Who we are as a Club and what we do is determined by our members. As a member you can make your voice heard about our events, activities, and speakers. You can volunteer for our Executive Committee and help run the Club, or for an alumni interviewer position to interview Harvard College applicants.

Your membership dues and contributions directly support Harvard undergraduates through our scholarship fund and summer internship program. And many of our events are for members only.

## Internship for Students in Public Service

This summer our Club sponsored two internships for Harvard students in New Jersey through the Harvard Clubs Summer Community Service Fellowships. Alex Brenner, a rising senior from Basking Ridge, is working as an intern at the Great Swamp Watershed Association. Willow Latham, a rising sophomore, is working with the Hackensack Riverkeeper. Events at both venues are planned for this summer so we can see our interns in action.

Harvard established this program to provide funds for students eager to pursue a summer internship with a non-profit that otherwise could not fund such an internship. Thanks to the generosity of our members, our Club has been able to sponsor eleven interns since 1998. Past interns have worked at a foundation supporting educational opportunities in Newark, a school for the arts, and a center for civic responsibility, among other organizations.

Our Club is one of 16 Clubs sponsoring these internships, which are administered by the Center for Public Interest Careers at Phillips Brooks House. Interested Harvard students in NJ are urged to apply for our Club's sponsored internships through the Center.

When you fill out the membership form, please consider a gift for the Club's very worthwhile program sponsoring summer internships. Thank you for your support.

*"The Hackensack Riverkeeper and the Waterkeeper program in general embody the essence of citizen action and of environmental rights—concepts that I've read about in my classes but wanted to see firsthand. This internship is an exciting foray into the world of environmental policy, so I'm thrilled to have this chance. Working as an intern for the Hackensack Riverkeeper has provided valuable insight into the workings of a successful environmental organization as well as given me a real-world experience to bring to future studies and careers." – Willow Latham '13*

*"I heard about the Harvard Club of New Jersey summer internship through the CPIC at Harvard, and when I found out that the Great Swamp Watershed Association, which takes responsibility for the environment in my home town, was hosting an intern, I knew it would be a great fit for me this summer. . . . With the knowledge and experience I am gaining through this internship, and having seen the impact that a local organization can make, I will probably look to work with a grassroots, non-profit conservation organization to continue where I will leave off at the end of the summer. I would like to thank HCNJ for providing me with support for this great experience." – Alex Brenner '11*

### A GROUP EVENT

The HCNJ is organizing a group event to see "All's Well that Ends Well" at the Shakespeare Theatre in Madison, NJ on Saturday, October 2nd at 2:00 pm. Last performed on stage at the Shakespeare Theatre over a decade ago, director Stephen Fried presents a new vision of Shakespeare's mercurial romance featuring an ensemble cast of nine actors switching identities as the play moves from Rossillion to Paris to Florence and back again. Whether or not the love story actually ends well is often a matter of spirited debate and has made this tale so compelling for audiences for over four centuries. To reserve your tickets, please contact David & Lily Yu at [dgyu88@gmail.com](mailto:dgyu88@gmail.com) or Wendy Livingston at [wendyl55@aol.com](mailto:wendyl55@aol.com). Tickets are \$35, plus handling fees. You may also reserve tickets at [www.hcnj.eventbrite.com](http://www.hcnj.eventbrite.com).

## Harvard Networking Night

On June 22, 2010, the Harvard Club of New Jersey and the New Jersey Chapter of Harvardwood co-hosted a Networking Night for Harvard graduates and undergraduates at the 3 Forty Grill in Hoboken. The Club's event was coordinated with the HAA's semi-annual Global Networking Night program. The June GNN included networking events sponsored by local Harvard Clubs in 27 cities around the world.

The event attracted a diverse group of over 40 participants with fields of interest in Government, Healthcare, Internet Commerce, Higher Education, Non-Profits, International Affairs, Medicine, Law, and Finance among others. Approximately, 25% of the participants graduated between the years of 2000 and 2010.

As you might expect, the group was engaged and interactive with a majority of participants staying well past the 8:00pm scheduled ending time. We were very pleased to expand the Club's reach to additional Harvard graduates and with the interest shown by many of the participants to join the Club.

## HCNJ Honors Josh Levin

At the annual Dinner, the HCNJ honored one of its own, Josh Levin, for years of tireless service. Josh Levin was born in Elizabeth, NJ in March of 1933 and entered Harvard College graduating with an AB in 1954. He served two years as a lieutenant in the Army in Military Intelligence after which he returned to Cambridge, graduating from Harvard Law School in 1959.

In 2005, after spending 45 years in private practice he retired from the bar. While in practice, he served on multiple non-profit and community boards and also taught for the NJ Bar Association and Rutgers Law School.

In 1982, Josh and Carter Hagaman '60 established a musical evening with artists from Harvard performing for the Club, an event that is a perennial favorite and continues to this day. Josh was deeply involved in the HAA and the Harvard Club of NJ, serving as Chair of the Schools Committee, and was ultimately elected President of the Club in the late 1970's. In the 1990's, he received the Hiram Hun Award for admissions work and the HAA Award for services rendered as a Regional Director and committee member of the HAA.

Josh and his wife Letitia have three children, one of whom graduated from Harvard in 1993 and married a 1991 Harvard graduate, and are proud grandparents to five grandchildren as well.

## HCNJ Community Service

This past June the HCNJ organized a volunteer event with Habitat for Humanity (HfH) of Bergen County. Thirteen alumni helped to demolish portions of an old building which will be reconstructed into a home for a future family. For the past three years the Club has organized volunteers for projects in Newark and Bergen County, and is planning similar projects for this fall and spring.

Tools, materials, and training are donated by sponsors, and no prior experience is necessary. The finished houses are sold at cost to partner families utilizing affordable mortgages. HfH is a nonprofit ecumenical organization founded in 1976 to build and rehabilitate affordable housing for those in need of shelter, and has built over 200,000 houses for more than 1,000,000 people worldwide. Please watch the Club's website for announcements about future HfH events.

## The Class of 2014

Harvard received a record 30,489 applications for the class of 2014, a 4.7% increase over last year, and a resulting decline in admission rate from last year's 7.0% to this year's 6.9%. Harvard admitted 2,110 students for the 1,600-odd openings in the class. More than 3,000 applicants had a perfect SAT critical reading score, 4,100 had a perfect SAT math score, and almost 3,600 were high school valedictorians.

The class is very diverse. The incoming freshmen class is composed of 18.2% Asian-American, 11.3% Afro-American, 10.3% Latino, 2.7% Native American, and 0.4% Native Hawaiian.

Applications to Harvard have doubled since 1994, and about half the increase has come since the University implemented a series of financial aid initiatives over the past five years to ensure that a Harvard education remains accessible and affordable for the best students from all economic backgrounds. The cost of a Harvard education now stands at \$54,350 annually.

Geographic representation remained similar to last year's figures. Nearly 24% of the admitted students are from the mid-Atlantic states, 21% from the Western and Mountain states, 18% from the South, 16% from New England, 11% from the Midwest, and 10% from the U.S. territories and abroad. Foreign citizens make up 9% of the admitted students.

Over the years the Club has made gifts to the HCNJ Scholarship Fund, which included several large gifts early on. Our Scholarship Fund has grown to be the second-largest Harvard Club scholarship fund and stands at approximately \$4 million. The Club typically makes an annual contribution to the Scholarship Fund, composed of a contribution from the Club's general funds as well as those amounts earmarked by Club members. Income from the Fund is paid out to New Jersey financial aid recipients, and their financial aid letters credit our Club's Scholarship Fund. Please consider a scholarship gift when joining the Club.

The Club's Schools & Scholarships Committee interviewed more than 750 Harvard College applicants for the class of 2014. The alumni interview is an integral part of the Harvard application, and every applicant is expected to have an interview. The interview gives the Admissions Office a chance to get other insights into the student applying. Often the Harvard alumni interviewer may be the only person connected with Harvard whom the applicant ever meets.

The Club's Schools & Scholarships Committee continues to seek additional alumni interviewers. If you are a Harvard College graduate within the last 20 years and would like to do alumni interviewing for Harvard, please note this on the enclosed membership form. A regional Schools & Scholarships Chair from our Club will then contact you about your interest in interviewing applicants to Harvard College.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the students attending Harvard in the class of 2014 together with their respective high schools. Congratulations to them, and best wishes for a wonderful freshman year.

## Immediate Use Funds Need

Over the last decade, the FAS has relied increasingly on the income generated by the endowment. With the onset of the economic downturn, Harvard and many of its Ivy League peers were faced with suddenly and dramatically constrained resources. When FAS Dean Michael D. Smith took office in July 2007, he asked for a shift in Harvard's culture of philanthropy from mostly endowed support to one that sought leadership-level immediate-use annual gifts. Dean Smith also moved to enhance fiscal transparency and positioned the FAS to reshape the budget while preserving the core priorities and elements of the Harvard experience. Clark native Alan Jones AB'83, MBA'87 has taken on the role of Vice Chair for Leadership.

During the last 18 months, Dean Smith has worked to slow spending across the FAS. He has engaged working groups in six areas to uncover potential cost reductions and revenue enhancements, and to address administrative re-design and academic re-design. His work has resulted in the reduction of a potential deficit over three fiscal years from \$350 million to a projected \$35 million remaining for fiscal year 2011.

The Harvard College Fund, and many of our fellow alumni volunteers have spent the last year working toward the first-ever goal to raise \$40 million in immediate-use funds through alumni donations. This type of goal will become a mainstay of FAS fundraising moving forward. As of the end of April 2010, \$39.4 million dollars had been raised that can be deployed right away to financial aid, undergraduate advising, course development, the arts, residential life, and athletics, among many other areas.

## Early College Awareness

The Harvard Club of New Jersey has recently renewed its involvement with the Early College Awareness (ECA) program at the University. The program is designed to help raise awareness among middle school students and their families of the preparations required before applying to college. In less affluent areas many of the students' families have little experience with the college application process, or knowledge of the coursework prerequisites many colleges need. Waiting until high school for this kind of program is often too late, as students must be encouraged and advised to take the appropriate courses before they enter high school. Here's the link if you'd like to read more about the program. <http://ecaprogram.wordpress.com>

The ECA program of the HCNJ is currently searching for superintendents and middle school principals who would be receptive to this work. Once we have identified a partner school or district, the next step will be designing the program with input from the district. Other Clubs have sponsored day-long affairs that include workshops and inspirational speakers - usually a famous figure from sports or entertainment - to motivate parents and students as well as to disseminate information. All activities are funded by the ECA program, which received a generous contribution from one particular family as well as funding from other donors. Ray Paltiel and Fran Schumer are spearheading this effort for our Club. Please let us know if you would like to help.



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## HCNJ 106th Annual Meeting & Dinner

Around 170 Harvard alumni, entering freshmen, and guests attended the Club's Annual Meeting & Dinner held in May at the Maplewood Country Club. The Club elected its new officers and Executive Committee members, and announced some of the upcoming events. Guest speaker Dwight Miller, Senior Admissions Officer, gave a talk on his perspectives on New Jersey admissions. The Club thanks all the Sponsors, Patrons, and Benefactors who supported the Annual Meeting & Dinner, and the Club's Programs.

## Summer Picnic

Incoming New Jersey Harvard freshmen and their families are invited to a summer picnic at Pleasant Valley Park, Basking Ridge, New Jersey on August 8, 2010 from 12:15 pm to 2:30 pm - rain or shine. This is a great opportunity for freshmen to meet each other before leaving for Cambridge. Upper classmen will be there to answer questions, give "unofficial advice" on classes to consider, what to bring (twin extra long sheets), what to leave at home, and the best way to purchase textbooks.

This annual event, sponsored by the Harvard Club of New Jersey, is free. It is always well attended and the only thing that is required is an RSVP (noreenverbrugge@hotmail.com).

## Mr. and Mrs. Fitch

This spring more than 75 Club members were treated to an off-Broadway rendition of the play Mr. and Mrs. Fitch starring John Lithgow '67. After a wonderful portrayal of a society journalist in decline, John Lithgow made a presentation to the Club members, and answered questions, about his service as a Harvard Overseer for the arts at Harvard, his pivotal role in Harvard's Arts First Festival, and the importance of the arts at Harvard.

## The Class of 2014

Riana C Balahadia . . . . . High Tech HS  
Samantha A Berstler . . . . . Villa Walsh Academy  
Alexandra J Booth . . . . . Summit HS  
Brandon E Brier . . . . . Pingry School  
Julianna N Brunini . . . . . Millburn HS  
Lotus Cannon . . . . . Wardlaw-Hartridge School  
Lauren M Chaleff . . . . . Newark Academy  
Amy Z Chen . . . . . Millburn HS  
Kaishuo Chen . . . . . J P Stevens HS  
Philip Choi . . . . . Millburn HS  
Tyler J Cusick . . . . . Westfield Senior HS  
Sayantan Deb . . . . . Middlesex County Academy  
Saagar M Deshpande . . . . . Livingston HS  
Alexander J Diaz . . . . . St Peters Prep School  
Josef A Durand . . . . . Don Bosco Prep HS  
Erik M Gobbo . . . . . Delbarton School  
Sophie E Heller . . . . . Cresskill High Sch

Emily Hu . . . . . Summit HS  
David E Kersen . . . . . Delbarton School  
Soyoung Kim . . . . . Highland Park H S  
Sandra Y Korn . . . . . Ridge HS  
Dolapo F Lawal . . . . . Livingston HS  
Mitchell W Lawrence . . . . . Delbarton School  
Charlene C Lee . . . . . J P Stevens HS  
Yoo Jin Lim . . . . . Bogota HS  
Xinyi Lin . . . . . Northern Valley Reg HS  
Francis E Loh . . . . . Dwight-Englewood School  
Janet J Lu . . . . . Rutherford HS  
Akhil Mathew . . . . . Madison HS  
Hannah R Mayer . . . . . No Highlands Reg HS  
Justin D Meretab . . . . . Montclair HS  
Nathaniel J Miller . . . . . Newark Academy  
Anise Molina . . . . . Summit HS  
Kelsey Muller . . . . . Academy Medical Science  
Megan G Murdock . . . . . Pope John XXIII Reg HS

Rainie E Opel . . . . . Pingry School  
Jim Parmar . . . . . Hasbrouck Heights HS  
Joseph R Petrucci . . . . . Delbarton School  
Laura C Polding . . . . . Montclair Kimberley  
Alberto M Rivera . . . . . Mcnair Academic HS  
Karolina Dos Santos . . . . . Union County Academy  
Joseph C Schiavone . . . . . Middlesex County Acad  
Raquel A Schreiber . . . . . Frisch School  
Anuj N Shah . . . . . Montclair HS  
Richa A Shah . . . . . Paramus HS  
Jennifer T Soong . . . . . Pingry School  
Vanessa Y Tan . . . . . Ridge HS  
Yixiao Wang . . . . . Westfield Senior HS  
Samuel J Waters . . . . . Millburn HS  
Kevin J Wu . . . . . New Providence HS  
Melody Wu . . . . . Hanover Park HS  
Michael C Zochowski . . . . . Delbarton School

## Club Officers and Directors

Kenneth Abbott '83 President  
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Andrew Childs '84 Treasurer

## Executive Committee Class of 2011

Rozlyn L. Anderson '77 JD '80  
Robert Howard '93 MBA '98  
Suzanne Keusch '62  
Diane Klein '70  
Hyeon Lee '94  
Wendy Livingston '83  
Jay Mattlin '82  
Brenda Pagan-Duran '93  
David Yu '88  
Louis Zachary '50

## Executive Committee Class of 2012

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Deborah Derby '85  
Susan Hertzberg '77 MBA '82  
Mona Karim '93  
Fran Schumer McNulty '74  
Miriam Nolan KSG Certif. '02  
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Rodney Sunada-Wong '85  
Sharon Dennis Wyeth '70

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