



# Harvard Club of New Jersey 2013 Winter Newsletter

## Upcoming Events:

- OLIVER!  
Dec 14, 2013
- Harvard v. Yale  
Rivalry on Ice  
Jan 11, 2014
- Metropolitan Museum  
of Art Tour  
Jan 19, 2014
- CUMAC Service  
Event  
Jan 25, 2014
- Beatles: The Classical  
Mystery Tour  
Feb 8, 2014
- Harvard v. Princeton  
Men's Basketball  
Feb 22, 2014
- The Golden Dragon  
Acrobats  
Mar 8, 2014
- Alvin Ailey @ NJPAC  
May 11, 2014
- Annual Dinner  
May 21, 2014

## Message from the President

As we celebrate another victory by Harvard in The Game, with the holiday season in full swing and 2014 just around the corner, I want to thank you for joining the Harvard Club of New Jersey, or to invite you to join if you haven't. We've had an active calendar so far this year, and we look forward to a wide variety of events next year. I should also note that the HCNJ is a recognized 501(c)(3) organization, so your dues and contributions to the Scholarship Fund and Summer Internship are fully tax deductible. Speaking of the Summer Internship, we were all very excited to learn that Alex Diaz '14, a former HCNJ Summer Intern, was recently named a Rhodes Scholar!

We held our annual Interviewer's Seminar in September and the interviewing of local applicants, one of our most important functions, is about to kick into high gear. There were over 850 applicants from our area last year, and we can expect a similar number this year. If you're interested in getting involved with interviewing, simply

indicate so on your membership form, and an area chairperson will contact you.

I am very pleased to announce that Michael B. McElroy, the Gilbert Butler Professor of Environmental Studies at Harvard's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, will be the speaker at our 2014 Annual Dinner. The dinner is scheduled to be held next year on Wednesday, May 21. Mark your calendars. More details will be forthcoming.

We are very interested in your ideas for events as well as for how we can better support Harvard and our diverse membership here in Northern New Jersey. Please contact me with any suggestions, and we welcome your involvement.

Best wishes for a happy holiday to you and your family and have a wonderful New Year!

Sincerely,  
Warren B. Hrung '94  
wbhrung@post.harvard.edu

## Recent Events

Interview Seminar  
September 22, 2013



Hackensack EcoCruise  
September 29, 2013



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Or our website: [www.hcnj.org](http://www.hcnj.org)

## Something Interesting

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater @ NJPAC on May 11, 2014. Discount tickets for the 1pm matinee performance range from \$62.50 to \$80.50 per person. If you are interested in attending, please email [webmaster@hcnj.org](mailto:webmaster@hcnj.org) by Dec. 30th.

## Our Town

October 26, 2013



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*"People are meant to go  
through life two by two  
'Tain't natural to be  
lonesome."  
Thornton Wilder*

A lively group of Harvard Club members, family, and guests attended the New Jersey Shakespeare Theater's performance of *Our Town* on October 26th, a perfect autumn day. For many, driving through downtown Madison on the way to the theater during Halloween weekend, set the stage for the small-town slice of life glimpsed in Thornton Wilder's view of Grover's Corners. This 75th anniversary production of the Pulitzer Prize winning play turned out to be a tremendously appealing choice for our group members, most of whom had read, seen, or even acted in the play during early student days. The talented actors in this performance beautifully expressed the play's themes revolving around coming-of-age experiences, the phenomena of everyday life, the meaning of friendship, and reflections on the passage of time.

As the director of the play explained during the fascinating talk-back after the show, in which the cast responded to audience questions about the play, *Our*

*Town* touches on aspects of life, both "mundane and magnificent." Thought-provoking inquiries by Sharon Dennis Wyeth '70 about the director's personal conception of the themes of the play and by Richard Dixon '58, Ph.D. '64 about the use of a cappella music in the production enlivened the discussion for all.

With thoughts and emotions stimulated by this inspiring production, club members and guests gathered for dinner at Shanghai Jazz for a sumptuous Chinese food banquet. Martha Chang KSG '88 GSAS '93, the owner of the restaurant, welcomed our group warmly and provided an atmosphere of "jazz and joy." This fall Harvard Club event exemplified the pleasures of savoring good company, new and old friendships, and the art of theater. Thornton Wilder asks "Do any human beings ever realize life while they live it? – every, every minute?" Harvard club members and guests would have to answer "yes" in response to a splendid day!

## Early College Awareness Event

October 29, 2013

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*"Education is the kindling  
of a flame, not the filling of  
a vessel."  
Socrates*

On October 29, the Harvard Club of New Jersey hosted an Early College Awareness event at Passaic Valley High School for eighth and ninth graders and their parents. More than 150 students and parents attended the program, which featured a lively discussion among a panel comprised of one current PVHS senior, and seven PVHS alums who graduated from selective four-year colleges and have gone on to rewarding careers in fields such as teaching, medicine and law. Other highlights of the program included a keynote "motivational" talk by Santosh

Bhaskarabhatla '10, a 2006 graduate of Passaic Valley, and additional presentations by HCNJ members on financial aid; making the most of high school coursework and extracurricular opportunities; and the critical role of parental support for students striving to attend college.

HCNJ plans to collaborate with another North Jersey school district on an Early College Awareness event this spring. Alumni interested in helping with planning and/or presenting should feel free to contact Jonathan Ratner, [jdr82957@aol.com](mailto:jdr82957@aol.com).

## Renew Your Membership or Join Now

- Please go to [www.hcnj.org](http://www.hcnj.org) for more information.
- The direct link to renew or join is [www.eventbrite.com/e/harvard-club-of-new-jersey-join-the-club-renew-donate-tickets-242746060](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/harvard-club-of-new-jersey-join-the-club-renew-donate-tickets-242746060).
- Alternately, print the form on the next page and mail it to us.

# Harvard Club of New Jersey

## 2013-2014 Membership Form

Please Print Legibly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name at Harvard/Radcliffe (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Would you interview? We are always seeking additional alumni to interview applicants to Harvard College. Any help, particularly from recent College graduates, is greatly appreciated.**

Would you like to interview this year? \_\_\_\_\_ (yes/no)

**Dues and Contributions Schedule: All dues and contributions to the HCNJ are fully tax-deductible.**

The 2013-2014 membership year ends on June 30, 2014.

Recent College Graduates (Classes '03-'13: undergraduates only)	\$20
Senior Status (Class of '63 and earlier)	none ( <i>voluntary dues appreciated</i> )
Current College undergraduates (automatic members)	none
All others, including parents of current undergraduates	\$40

Scholarship And Internship Contribution Recommendation \$100 (*any amount appreciated*)  
(If you have a preference, please indicate below how you would like to allocate your contribution to the scholarship and internship programs by using the percentage lines below.)

**Dues:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship & Internship:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Scholarship %:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Internship %:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please address any questions regarding HCNJ membership to Membership Chair Hyeon Lee at [hyeon.lee2@verizon.net](mailto:hyeon.lee2@verizon.net).  
Further information is available on our website at [www.hcnj.org](http://www.hcnj.org).*

**Thank You for Supporting the Harvard Club of New Jersey!**