

HARVARD CLUB OF NEW JERSEY

2017 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Harvard Alumni, Students and Parents,

Greetings from the Harvard Club of New Jersey (HCNJ). This past year was a tremendously successful and busy year for the Club as we hosted over 18 events and activities that catered to the wide range of interests of our local alumni. I would like to thank all of the members of the HCNJ, both present and past, for making the HCNJ what it is today and I would also like to thank all alumni who participate in our events and activities. Since its founding in 1904, the HCNJ has helped bring New Jersey alumni together to strengthen and maintain their connections to Harvard. Our Club has the distinction of having had Harvard's oldest living alum ever (111 years 11 months) as one of our members for many years. Our shared history of experiencing Harvard is a commonality that we can build upon to create relationships. While this may not be the panacea for all of the issues that seem to have come to the forefront of our society these days, we may at least play a positive role by strengthening the sense of community within our society. I believe that we can all agree that focusing on our commonalities and appreciating our differences are positive steps in creating a stronger sense of community.

If you are not a member or have not attended any of our events or activities, I hope you take the opportunity this year to become involved. Membership is open to all alumni of Harvard University. Current undergraduates are automatically members while they are enrolled (with annual dues waived) and parents of current undergraduates are invited to become HCNJ members at a reduced rate. The HCNJ offers a wide variety of events and activities for its members and local alumni throughout the year. Whether it is Harvard-related event such as the annual trip to the Hasty Pudding Show in New York, a cultural event such as the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey or private tours of local area museums, or a community event such as volunteering at a local New Jersey food bank, we strive to provide a broad range of events that will appeal to the varied interests of our members. Please read through this newsletter to see some of the highlights from the past year.

In addition, the HCNJ provides vital support to Harvard's admissions program. Every year, we coordinate with the Harvard College Admissions Office to ensure that every applicant in northern New Jersey has the opportunity for an alumni interview. Alumni interviewers find this a uniquely rewarding way to serve the University and to stay connected. Alumni interviewers also find that the time spent meeting such bright and motivated young students is worthwhile and inspiring for the interviewers themselves.

The HCNJ also actively supports undergraduate education. The HCNJ raises scholarship and internship funds for Harvard College students from New Jersey. Due to the generosity of our members, the HCNJ makes annual donations to a dedicated Harvard scholarship fund for New Jersey students attending Harvard College; we also fund internships for undergraduates working for not-for-profit institutions in New Jersey. This past

year, the HCNJ funded three internships for undergraduates during their January term. Your donations and your annual HCNJ membership dues are tax-deductible and go towards assisting these students from New Jersey.

I would also like to take this time to encourage everyone to regularly visit our website at http://hcnj.clubs.harvard.edu and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HarvardClubofNewJersey to find out about our upcoming events or to learn more about us. I also want to encourage you to contact us via email at webmaster@hcnj.org with any questions or suggestions.

In closing, I encourage you to join the HCNJ as a member and to come to our events. It would also be great if you would encourage other local Harvard alums with whom you are in touch to join the Club as well. We look forward to another tremendous year and we hope to see you soon!

With warm regards,

Hyeon Lee '94, President hyeon lee ab94@post.harvard.edu

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check our website for the details! http://hcnj.clubs.harvard.edu

October 28 Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey /

Shanghai Jazz

November 18 GlassRoots in Newark

May Annual Dinner

Additional events are continually being added to our calendar so please visit our website!

STAY ABREAST OF OUR EVENTS

Visit our website: http://hcnj.clubs.harvard.edu or our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/HarvardClubofNewJersey

If you haven't done so in a while, log into www.alumni.harvard.edu to ensure your email address is up-to-date and to enable emails from "Clubs and Special Interest Groups" under the Harvard Alumni Association section under Email Preferences.

If you are a current undergraduate or a parent of a current undergraduate, please register your email on our website or send your email address to webmaster@hcnj.org so that you may be included in our emails.

JOIN OR RENEW YOUR HARVARD CLUB OF NJ MEMBERSHIP

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. Some of our events are offered only to members or are offered to members at a reduced fee. As a member, you may also attend monthly HCNJ meetings and volunteer to become involved in the Executive Committee, which provides the leadership for our Club. Your membership dues and contributions support Harvard undergraduates through our scholarship fund and internship programs. Thank you for your support.

If you are a current Harvard undergraduate from New Jersey, you are automatically a member of the HCNJ while you are an undergraduate with annual membership dues waived. Parents of current undergraduates are invited to become HCNJ members at a reduced rate.

To join or renew your membership, either use the enclosed form or go online at http://hcnj.clubs.harvard.edu

SINGING BREAKS OUT AT THE FRESHMEN SUMMER PICNIC!

Incoming New Jersey Harvard College freshmen and their families gathered for the annual frosh summer picnic hosted at the home of Lily ('89) and David Yu ('88) on July 23, 2017. Delighted parents gathered to watch as 22 members of the Class of 2021 spontaneously broke out into song at the picnic. Incoming freshmen bonded as they belted out Billy Joel's *Piano Man* and Journey's *Don't Stop Believin'*. It was an afternoon of good cheer and great fun as students and their families mingled with alumni and received the inside scoop on how to make the best of their first year. All the students exchanged contact information and promised to have another sing-along as soon as they landed in the Yard.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

On May 27, the HCNJ organized a group to help the Morris Habitat for Humanity build houses for those in need of shelter. Harvard alumni and guests spent a Saturday working on four houses under construction in Dover, NJ. Besides learning new skills, the group enjoyed a rewarding experience helping others.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT & ANNUAL FALL SHAKESPEARE THEATER EVENT

The HCNJ organized several events over the past year focused on arts and entertainment. On January 7, a group of 30 HCNJ members and their guests braved a winter storm to watch Raiders of the Lost Ark at the NJPAC in Newark. This unique showing included a live orchestral accompaniment that allowed the film's booming score to soar. Later that month, on January 29, 25 HCNJ members were treated to a private, docent-led tour of Human Interest: Portraits from the Whitney's Collection at the Whitney Museum. On March 4, an HCNJ group attended an excellent evening of choral music by Bach and Handel performed by The Masterwork Chorus and Orchestra. A week later on March 11, another group of HCNJ members and their guests enjoyed a festive evening as they joined other local alumni to watch the 169th production of the Hasty Pudding Show - Casino Evil. Finally, on April 15, a group of 25 from the HCNJ watched with wonder and bewilderment as "seven of the most incredible illusionists on earth" performed amazing feats of illusion and mindreading in *The Illusionists* at the Mayo PAC.

The HCNJ annual foray to the Shakespeare Theater took place on October 15, 2016 as a group of 35 saw *Richard III* at the FM Kirby Shakespeare Theatre in Madison, NJ. The group was treated to a well-received talk-back with the cast after the show. The evening concluded with a lively post-theater dinner and live jazz at Shanghai Jazz, an award winning restaurant owned and managed by Martha Chang KSG '88 GSAS '93.



NEW INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The HCNJ initiated a new internship program this past year by offering to sponsor a January term internship for current Harvard College undergraduates. The response from current undergraduates was tremendous and through the generosity of HCNJ members, the Club was able to sponsor three 4-week student internships for the January term. The internships were with Teach for America, the Newark Charter School Fund and the Boys & Girls Club of Newark. The interns gained valuable experience and new insights while helping worthy not-for-profit organizations. Members of the Executive Committee also took them out to dinner before they headed back to school!



HELPING THE COMMUNITY

Harvard alumni have an historic tradition of public service and this past year was not different. The HCNJ was busy helping our local communities in various ways. On December 10, 2016, over 20 Harvard alumni and their guests volunteered at the CUMAC, a local food bank, to sort and repackage food and meals for distribution to families statewide.

On October 15, 2016, the HCNJ organized a college application essay workshop for seniors at Orange High School where alumni volunteers spent time with high school seniors providing feedback on draft essays. The HCNJ was back in Orange on January 7, as the HCNJ, in collaboration with the Orange School District, held an Early College Awareness Program for students and parents at Orange Preparatory Academy, the District's school for 8th and 9th graders. These Early College Awareness Programs are organized by Harvard alumni clubs around the country to underscore to students, at an early age, the importance of a good college education. Despite a winter storm, the event was very well attended and a rewarding experience for those involved.



GLOBAL NIGHTS OF NETWORKING

The HCNJ again hosted two Global Nights of Networking in coordination with the Harvard Alumni Association's semi-annual Global Networking Night program. The first event was on January 11 at Wicked Wolf Tavern in Hoboken. Our second Global Night of Networking took place on June 12 at Redd's Biergarten in Newark. Each night saw a diverse group of over 30 alumni from New Jersey and New York representing several Harvard schools and graduation classes ranging from the 1960's to recent graduates gathered together to connect, enjoy great conversations and network. Stay tuned for future networking announcements, and be sure to join the fun!





AN EVENING OF FOOD & CONVERSATION

One of the highlights from the past year was a delightful new Evening of Food & Conversation at Rod's Steak & Seafood Grille on January 28. A group of 25 Harvard alumni and their guests enjoyed a fun and lively evening full of good food and even better conversations that ranged across all topics. Attendees were able to socialize with old friends and make new ones. This event was so successful, the HCNJ hopes to have more of these events in the future. If you have any suggestions for locations, please contact the HCNJ.



ALL-IVY YOUNG ALUMNI GATHERING

The HCNJ, in conjunction with other local Ivy alumni clubs, hosted the first annual All-Ivy Young Alumni Happy Hour on September 9, 2016, at the Black Bear Bar & Grill in Hoboken. The event was open to alumni from the Classes of 2006-2016. Forty-five people attended the event including two alumni from Stanford who had heard about the event but obviously forgot that Stanford is not part of the Ivy League. Seven of the eight Ivy League schools were represented and all attendees had a great time socializing with fellow Ivy Leaguers (and West Coast pretenders!).



LECTURES & DISCUSSIONS

One of the defining traits of the Harvard community is a love of learning. The HCNJ hosted two events in the past year that provided a forum for Harvard alumni to learn. The first event was Angel Investing 101 and took place on October 25, 2016. The event was organized with the Harvard Business School Alumni Angels and featured a panel discussion by six experienced angels and venture capitalists who shared with the audience the best practices of angel investing. The second event was held on May 20 and was a talk by fellow alum, Victor Rud '72, entitled Russia and the Hacking of the American Mind, a topic that has become highly relevant in today's discourse. The talk was extremely informative and challenged many of our views of history and current events. The evening included a highly energetic question and answer session and was thoroughly enjoyed by all attendees.



HCNJ'S 113TH ANNUAL DINNER

Over 100 alumni, newly admitted students of the Class of 2021 and guests attended the HCNJ's Annual Meeting and Dinner held on May 2, 2017 at the Maplewood Country Club. In addition to the election of Executive Committee members, the Club presented a Service Recognition award to Louis G. Zachary '50 for his exemplary dedication, kindness and leadership as a long-standing member of the HCNJ's Executive Committee. Guest speaker Matthew

Liebmann, the John and Ruth Hazel Associate Professor of the Social Sciences, enthralled the audience with a talk entitled How Many People Lived in America in 1492 and Why Does it Matter. Thank you to all who attended the Annual Meeting and Dinner and we hope to see you again in the upcoming year!



THE YEAR IN ADMISSIONS

For the Class of 2021, Harvard College offered admission to 2,056 applicants from a record pool of nearly 40,000 applicants. Over 900 high school seniors from northern New Jersey applied last year.

Additional alumni interviewers are <u>always</u> welcome. The Club aims to interview every applicant and we cannot do this without your help. Many alumni interviewers discover that talking to accomplished, interesting and motivated applicants often provides the highlight of an evening or weekend hour. If you are a Harvard graduate and would like to do alumni interviewing for Harvard College, please note this on the enclosed membership form. A regional Schools Committee Chair from our Club will contact you about your interest in interviewing applicants to Harvard College. The HCNJ will also be hosting its 11th Annual Harvard Club of New Jersey Interviewers Seminar on Sunday, September 24, 2017 from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm at the Morris County Public Library. You can RSVP to Carole Reading at <u>carolerea24@gmail.com</u>.

You will find the names of the students from our area who are attending Harvard as part of the Class of 2021, together with their respective high schools, elsewhere in the newsletter (list current as of 8/2017). Congratulations to our newest students at Harvard College, and best wishes for a wonderful first year!



Harvard Club of New Jersey

2017-2018 Membership Form

A key mission of the Club is to raise scholarship and internship funds for students from New Jersey. Due to the generosity of our members, we make annual donations to the HCNJ Scholarship Fund and we fund internships for undergraduates working for not-for-profit institutions. Your donations and your annual HCNJ dues are tax-deductible and go towards assisting students from New Jersey.

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Would you like to interview Harvard applicants? (yes/no)	
Help, par	rticularly from recent graduates, is greatly appreciated.
Dues and Contributions: All dues and contributions to the HCNJ are fu	illy tax-deductible.
The 2017-2018 membership year ends on June 30, 2018.	Your payment
Membership (pick one category from below)	
Recent College Graduates (Classes '07-'17: undergraduates only)	\$20
Senior Status (Class of '67 & earlier)	None (voluntary dues appreciated)
Current College undergraduates (automatic members)	None
Parents of Current College undergraduates	\$20
All others	\$40
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Please make a check payable to Harvard Club of New Jersey and mail w	vith membership form to:
Harvard Club of New Jersey c/o 1 McVickers Lane	

Matching Gifts: If your company has a Matching Gift Program, please obtain the Matching Gift form from your employer and include with this membership form.

Please address any questions regarding HCNJ membership to Membership Chair Wendy Livingston at **wendyl55@aol.com**. Further information is available on our website at **http://hcnj.clubs.harvard.edu**.

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Indrani Das Kaitlyn DeGroot Jonathan Garzon Andrew Huang Alejandra Iglesias Maya Jenkins Zach Keller Christopher Kelser Michael Koske Gavin Lifrieri Tina Lu Jack Mahala

Michael Montella

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Colonia HS

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West Orange HS

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Academy Medical Science Tech

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Livingston HS Morristown HS Montclair HS Pingry School Summit HS Fair Lawn HS Fort Lee HS Whippany Park HS Seton Hall Prep School

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Pioneer Academy of Science

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Morris Hills HS Morristown HS

Academy Business & Finance

Newark Academy

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