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Greetings from the President:

Resolve to Get Involved!

Stephen Watkins, AM '96



Happy 2008! The advent of the New Year invites reflection on the past year and resolutions for the one ahead. In that regard, I can say with pride and confidence that there's never a better time to be a member of the Harvard Club of San

Francisco. At this point in the Club's 2007/2008 year, we've witnessed some significant accomplishments in HCSF's evolution, just a few of which I'm happy to share with you.

Most significantly, the close of 2007 saw HCSF's membership reach the unprecedented level of 1,300 alumni and affiliates. Just to provide some perspective, our total membership at this time in 2004 totaled approximately 350. And while HCSF's phenomenal growth story has generated a buzz back in Cambridge—the Club was recently nominated for the Harvard Alumni Association's growth award—this shows us that our fellow Bay Area alumni are responding like never before to our ample and wide-ranging slate of public service, social, educational, and cultural activities. Indeed, we surpassed 75 events per year in 2006 and 2007. In the process, HCSF leveraged the boundless energy and creativity of Charlene Nee, EdM '95; Sheela Zemlin, MBA '98; and Marv Kasoff, AB '64; our Activities Co-VPs and Membership VP, respectively. Looking back on recent past events—our Holiday Reunion and Annual Dinner (see related articles), Lunch for the Homeless at Glide Memorial Church, our Salon Series and Keiretsu Forum partnered events, the San Francisco Opera's *M. Butterfly* Reception, the Ivy Plus Singles Mixer—it's clear that the Harvard community recognizes the true value in belonging to

the HCSF network. It is simultaneously satisfying and humbling to know that with a rich variety of opportunity available in their lives, hundreds of local alumni have chosen to make HCSF their preferred destination for giving meaning to their Harvard experience.

Internally, our financial position remains quite strong, thanks in no small part to the diligence and expertise of our Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair, Andy Cohen, AB '92. Moreover, we continue to explore ways to reinforce the Club's management structure through refinement of our committee charters.

Looking forward, I'd also like to encourage those among you who make New Year's resolutions to make 2008 the year that you resolve to get actively involved with HCSF. Here, I offer just a few special ways to make that happen.

One clear challenge the Club will face is how to continue to leverage our momentum and deliver the value that our members and community partners have

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come to expect. With that objective in mind, I invite all of you with an interest in the Club's governance to stay tuned in the weeks ahead for HCSF's next leadership recruitment event. In the meantime, you can contact me at president@harvardclubsf.org to discuss how we might work together to make a great club even greater.

Secondly, those drawn by satisfying, hands-on community work would do well to check out the HCSF Community Service Committee. CSC develops, plans, sponsors, and coordinates volunteer service activities and events that strengthen HCSF's role in the Bay Area community as a catalyst for positive change. In that regard, we continue to strengthen our ties with our community partners, Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco and Habitat for Humanity San Francisco. For information on CSC's meeting schedule, email Preston Dodd, EdM '94, VP, Community Service, at community@harvardclubsf.org.

In addition, CSC's flagship event, the Early College Awareness Program (ECAP) is currently in its early planning stages, being slated for spring 2008. ECAP is a half-day informational and inspirational seminar that encourages lower-income middle school students and their families to prepare for college by jump-starting them on financial aid, academics, the application process, and related topics. To get involved and help make ECAP '08 the best yet, contact ECAP Co-Chairs Ray Mertens, AB '94, MBA '03 (rmertens@mba2003.hbs.edu), or Meredith Osborn, AB '02, JD '06 (osborn@post.harvard.edu).

Finally, HCSF is currently seeking volunteers to contribute their ideas, energy, and time toward the Club's Annual Dinner Planning Committee. Previous venues for this event have included the St. Francis Yacht Club, the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, and most recently the Financial District Hilton. We could use alumni with passion or expertise in event planning. We'll need ideas for keynote speakers, volunteer commitments, nominees for distinguished public citizen awards, etc. Serving as an Annual Dinner Committee Volunteer could be a great introduction to the Bay Area's vibrant and diverse Harvard community. To learn more, contact president@harvardclubsf.org.

On behalf of HCSF, here's to a healthy, happy, peaceful, and prosperous New Year.

Annual Dinner 2007: Fellowship, Science, and Comedy

Stephen Watkins, AM '96

On November 9, the Harvard Club of San Francisco hosted its 2007 Annual Dinner. The Annual Dinner traditionally serves as the Club's premier social event, uniting alumni from various generations, academic backgrounds, and professions. This particular evening was no exception, as more than 200 Harvard-affiliated guests packed the Financial District Hilton dining room to capacity.

At the Annual Dinner, HCSF traditionally honors Bay Area public citizens who have made special contributions in the areas such as human rights, education, public policy, or science. This year's honoree and keynote speaker was University of California Professor John Harte, AB '61. Over dinner, Professor Harte shared his insights on the effects of global climate change and its implications not only for public policy, but for everyday living.

Following the presentation of Professor Harte's award, the Club also honored its own Immediate Past President, Spencer Rhodes, AB '00, MBA '04, for his integral contributions to the growth and management of the Club before and during his tenure. Spencer will continue to provide leadership in his new role as HCSF Chairman.

Guests were then introduced to Kurt Bodden, AB '85, comedian, entrepreneur, and writer, who reminded us how the perception of our "Harvard-ness" often colors the way we experience the world.

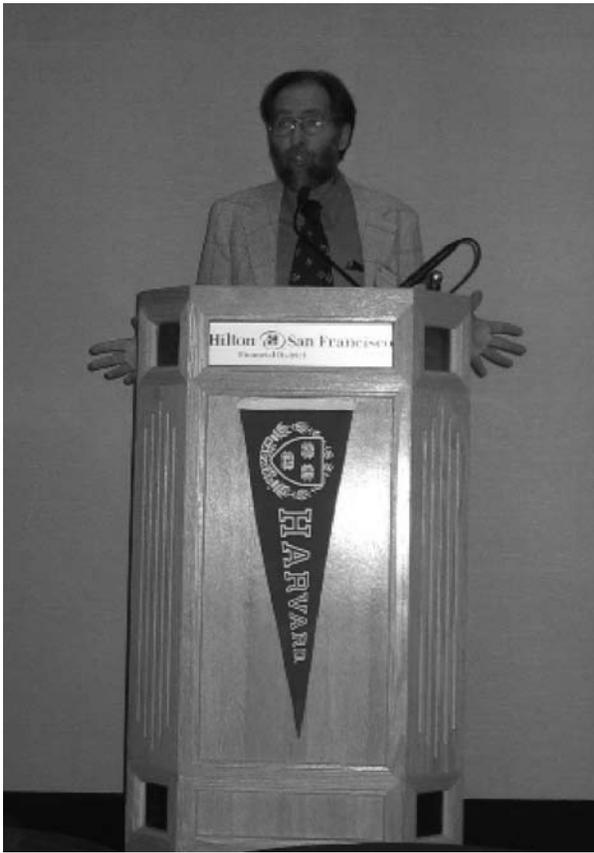
All in all, the Annual Dinner was a time to reaffirm a great tradition and to feed the soul, intellect, and body. None of that would have been possible without the time, energy, and leadership of our volunteers, Laure (Voop) de Vulpillieres, AB '02; Lauren Kwan, AB '98; and Lev Pevzner, AB '01, SM '01.

For more information on volunteering for the HCSF Annual Dinner Planning Committee, please contact president@harvardclubsf.org

HCSF Community Service: Enriching Ourselves and Our Community

Lara Fox, AB '99, Co-VP, Community Service

The Community Service Committee had a busy fall! Sixteen HCSF members kicked it off with a fun eve-



Professor John Harte, AB '61, speaking at the Harvard Club Annual Dinner.

ning of pizza and a Giants game with a Boys & Girls Club Clubhouse. An HCSF group also spent a Saturday morning at school, helping eighth graders at KIPP Bayview Academy write high school application essays.

Alongside the Stanford Club, HCSF also initiated a career panel for potential first-generation college attendees at First Graduate. Panelists shared their paths to various careers—including law, medicine, marketing at iTunes, and software engineering at Google—and answered many savvy questions from the teenagers.

Just after Thanksgiving, 14 HCSF members and friends met at Glide Memorial Church to pack 600 lunches for the homeless. Another 10 spent a day moving sheetrock, installing fiberglass, and attaching sewer connections at a Habitat for Humanity build site.

In the coming year, HCSF and First Graduate will team up for a second career panel. We will also host the Early College Awareness Program in April; hold more Boys & Girls Clubs, Habitat, Glide, and KIPP events; and head outdoors to do some habitat restoration at San Bruno Mountain. Please join us at

our bi-monthly meetings if you have ideas for other projects we should undertake!

For information on CSC's meeting schedule, e-mail Preston Dodd, EdM '94, VP, Community Service, at community@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!

Young Alumni

Three ways to get involved!!!

1. Young Alumni (20s/30s) are encouraged to join our Young Alum Yahoo group at groups.yahoo.com/group/hcsf-recentgrads/. This Yahoo group has been around since 1998 and has over 815 members. Share party info. Stay in the loop!
2. Look for our regular Ivy League Young Alum Mixers that draw over 300 Ivy Leaguers from all 8 schools!
3. Join the Young Alum Committee, which meets on the first Sunday of every month at 7pm for dinner, drinks, and discussion. Come have dinner, meet new people, and share your ideas for young alum activities!

Renew Your Membership or Become a Member of HCSF Today!

This is an appeal to all HCSF members who have not yet done so to take a moment now to log on to our web site at www.harvardclubsf.org to renew your membership for 2008. Or, if it's easier, please call our Executive Director Kirsten Pickford at (415) 621-3900 and renew right over the phone.

Our club has completed a remarkably successful 2007. During the course of this year, our members have interviewed and helped to recruit over 125 applicants to Harvard from the Bay Area; we have organized and participated in numerous community service projects, including serving meals to the homeless, joining Habitat for Humanity, raising money for Canine Companions, taking the Boys & Girls Club to a Giants game, and leading a College Awareness program; and we have conducted over 75 social, cultural and educational events for our membership. We have hiked all over the Bay Area; kayaked at midnight on the Bay; stairway-walked in San Francisco; participated in specially-priced jazz, opera, theater, and antiques events; and attended lectures by eminent Harvard faculty as well as by our own membership. We have organized mixers and reunions for different age groups, angel investment forums, cooking classes, wine and cheese tasting classes, tango dance classes, trapeze classes and classes on comedy improvisation. We have held family events including picnics, sea surfing lessons, and readings from authors of children's books. We have taken insider tours of the Arboretum, private vineyards, KQED, the Ferry Building, the DeYoung Museum, and the Asian Art Museum.

Next year, with your help, we will be even bigger and better. Take a moment to renew your membership at www.harvardclubsf.org (or call 415-621-3900). Better yet, consider increasing your membership level to Sponsor, Benefactor, or even Lifetime (and then you won't need to remember to renew). Even better, after you have renewed your membership, resolve to participate in these varied opportunities with your fellow members. Really want to benefit personally from your membership? Join one of our committees—Activities, Schools, Community Service—and bring your interests, expertise and energy to making our club the best in the country. We really can use more volunteers, and we promise to take advantage of your energy and enthusiasm in the year ahead.

If you are not currently a paid member of the HCSF, we hope that you will consider joining—or re-joining—the Club. By doing so, you will receive the following:

- 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) **NEW!** A membership card entitling you to discounts at a variety of organizations and businesses
- 5) Access to the online searchable membership directory (coming soon)
- 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

Simply log on to www.harvardclubsf.org/membership/membership_form.html and register now!

We invite you to join the organization that brings together hundreds of your fellow alumni, who reflect the diversity of the Bay Area.

The Harvard Club of San Francisco offers a wide variety of activities and programs designed to capture your interest and take advantage of your talents and passions.

Join us today—and join any of the committee activities that interest you. We welcome your participation!

Dues are what keep us going! HCSF is a 501(c)3 organization, and membership dues and donations to the Club may be tax deductible.

Dues: 2008

2007 Graduate: FREE!

Full-time Student (with copy of student ID): FREE!

Recent Graduate (2005-2006): \$25

Regular Member: \$50

Supporting Member: \$150

Crimson Member: \$250 or more

Lifetime Member: \$1000 **NEW!**

Join or renew online at: www.harvardclubsf.org/membership/membership_form.html

Find out more at: www.harvardclubsf.org/membership/index.html

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.

Summer Internships/Jobs Needed! We Need Your Help!

From time to time throughout the year, Harvard undergraduates from the Bay Area contact the Club with inquiries about local summer internships and jobs. Positions sought are in a variety of fields, especially science, computer science, law, and general business. We are looking for local Harvard alums who might have such positions available this summer and whom these young grads can contact. If you are interested in talking to lively and intelligent undergrads about internship and job opportunities, please contact our Executive Director, Kirsten Pickford, at info@harvardclubsf.org. Thank you in advance for your participation!

Upcoming Events

We are adding new events each week! For the latest listing please visit www.harvardclubsf.org/events/index.html. Unless noted otherwise, please register online at www.harvardclubsf.org/events/index.html. Space is limited for many of these events, so register early!

Rock Climbing Class: Belay Safety for Beginners! Members Only!

Sunday, February 24, 2008

2:00 pm–4:00 pm

Mission Cliffs Climbing & Fitness

2295 Harrison Street

San Francisco, CA 94110

\$28 HCSF members only! Limit two tickets per member!

Registration required by February 19, 2008

Class size is limited!

Learn how to rock climb with your HCSF friends in a safe and fun indoor environment! Enjoy an immediate climbing experience with instructors as they guide you through the proper use of belay equipment, knot tying and basic top rope climbing. Personal responsibility and safe climbing practices are emphasized.

Recommended for first-time climbers. No equipment or prior climbing experience required. Please arrive 15 minutes before the scheduled class start time.

If you would like to suggest or organize sports-related events, please contact sportsevent@harvardclubsf.org.

If you would like to pay with a credit card over the phone, please call our office at 415-621-3900. Members may bring one guest at member price. Registration and payment required by 2/19/2008. No refund after 2/18/2008. No walk-ins.

Alumni Mixer at The Bubble Lounge

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

6:00–8:00pm

714 Montgomery Street

San Francisco, CA 94111

No Host Bar

Registration required by February 27, 2008

The Bubble Lounge is a unique gem and the only true champagne bar in San Francisco. Please join us for a special HCSF Happy Hour in the bar's "Magnum Lounge," an exclusive and private lounge area that boasts high ceilings, red velvet couches, overstuffed chairs and an elegant mahogany bar. Relax and mingle with fellow alums over a glass of bubbly or one of the memorable mixed champagne cocktails. For the event, the Bubble Lounge will offer HCSF members \$2 off Bubble Bellinis or Mini "Bubble" Zaza champagne drinks. No-host bar.

Ivy Plus PrimeTime Singles Alumni Cocktail Party

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

6 pm–10 pm

Sports Club/LA, Four Seasons Tower

747 Market Street

San Francisco, CA 94103

\$15 in advance, cash bar

Registration required by Friday, February 29, 2008

The Harvard Club of San Francisco invites you to join us for a special evening with Ivy Plus Singles.

We are delighted to invite alums (age 40-55) of Ivy League colleges and grad schools for an evening of drinks and appetizers at Sports Club/LA. Located in the Four Seasons Tower, the Sports Club/LA offers stunning views of the city and Asian-inspired cuisine.

We have limited space so please sign up as soon as possible. To maintain a balanced gender ratio, priority reservations will be given to women who bring a male friend. In addition to having their friend register separately, women should note their male friend's name in their own registration.

Due to the gender balance requirement, please provide your email address so we can confirm your registration via email prior to the event. You must receive this email confirmation to attend. Registrants must be a graduate of Ivy Plus schools: Cambridge, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, MIT, Oxford, Penn, Princeton, Stanford and Yale.

Spread the word to your Ivy Plus friends! We look forward to seeing you on March 5th at the beautiful Sports Club/LA.

Dress: Business casual, \$15 cover fee paid in advance at time of registration. Cash bar.

Ivy League Plus Young Alumni Mixer for a Cause

Thursday, March 6, 2008

6:00 pm–9:00 pm

7:30 pm Presentation by Asylum Access

Bruno's

2389 Mission Street

San Francisco, CA 94110

Suggested minimum donation of \$10, at the door

Registration required by March 5, 2008

Mingle with young alumni from the Ivy Leagues, MIT, Duke, and Stanford. Have a drink and support a great cause!

Asylum Access: All proceeds will be donated to Asylum Access, a non-profit organization based in San Francisco that provides legal aid to refugees in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Legal aid enables refugees to obtain asylum, or legal sanctuary, in their first country of refuge. Asylum protects refugees from unjust deportation, detention, or death, helps them to assert their human rights and rebuild their lives.

Emily Arnold-Fernandez, refugee rights activist and founder of Asylum Access, will speak about her work at 7:30 pm. A recent graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, Emily Arnold-Fernandez has practiced in the areas of human rights, employment, and civil rights law on behalf of a variety of disenfranchised communities. In 2006, she received the Inspirational Young Alumna Award from her undergraduate university, Pomona College.

More upcoming events! As we go to press, we are finalizing the details on these and other events:

Chinese New Year Happy Hour with China Circle –
February 2008

After-work Urban Hiker – February 2008

Bay Model Tour – March 2008

Go Cart Racing – Spring 2008

Sustainable Lighting Design – Spring 2008

German Roundtable – Spring 2008

Jazz in North Beach – Spring 2008

Run and Brunch in Golden Gate Park – Spring 2008

So visit www.harvardclubsf.org frequently for the latest event postings!

Are you receiving the HCSF weekly event email updates? If not, please check your spam filter setup or make sure we have your most up-to-date email address.

This is your newsletter—what do you want to see in it? E-mail your suggestions and feedback to Yvonne Tsang at ytsang@post.harvard.edu.

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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, Divinity School, 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 \$50 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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To join or renew, please see:

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

Join today!