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Newsletter

2017-18

GREETINGS

At our annual dinner in May, Professor Dr. Caroline Light provided a detailed historical account of Stand Your Ground statutes and their related biases. As part of the annual dinner, there was an uneventful transition of power and since then I am happy to report our new leadership and Executive Committee has not experienced any turnover. Our outgoing officers, led by Alice Hirsch, immediate past President for the past six years, have tirelessly led us and she left big shoes for me and the other officers to fill. We are indebted to Alice for her dutiful and dedicated service to our club. Thank you!

We look forward to seeing you in 2017-18 at the HCWPA activities described in this newsletter. We hope that the variety of events will draw everyone to at least one event, if not more. We plan to make this year another enjoyable one, filled with opportunities to spend time with other Harvard alumni/ae. You can read about and register for Harvard Club of Western Pennsylvania ("HCWPA") events through our website <http://hcwesternpennsylvania.clubs.harvard.edu>. If you have not yet visited the website, please do so. You will find a link to this newsletter on the website as well.

I encourage you to periodically visit our website and review our newsletter regarding upcoming events including, but not limited to our, Fall Picnic on Sunday September 24th, volunteer activities, Schools & Scholarship Committee's efforts, the Harvard-Yale Game on November 18th, etc. Additional updates and details for the events noted in this newsletter and reminders will be sent via email. If you are not receiving our emails, please also let us so that we can add you to our email list.

HCWPA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose dues and student-related contributions are tax deductible. The support that you provide monetarily and voluntarily (time and talent) are important in enabling us to fund and execute our Schools & Scholarship Committee activities including our recruitment activities and receptions for admitted local students. HCWPA also provides a venue for you to continue your close ties with the Harvard family.

We again thank Alice and the other prior Officers for their dutiful service. We also extend our gratitude to the current Executive committee members for their willingness to serve our Club and their commitment to you and Harvard's presence in Western PA. On behalf of the HCWPA Executive Committee, I would like to extend our best wishes to you for an exciting and productive year!

Warm regards,

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NEWS AND EVENTS

FALL PICNIC – Sunday September 24th

Please join us for a potluck family friendly picnic at Squaw Valley Park in O'Hara Township on Sunday September 24th from 2:00 PM to 6:00PM. The Dixie Docs led by Dr. Dick Paul '57, a former Harvard Band Member (*who plays the trumpet regularly at the Allegheny HYP Club when Harvard scores during the Harvard-Yale Game*) will provide lively entertainment. The Club will provide main courses (including vegetarian options) and beverages and ask that you bring a side dish or dessert. Please RSVP on our website or to Nick Picarsic directly at picarsic@gmail.com

HARVARD-YALE GAME

If you are not able to make it to New Haven this year for the 134th year of the Harvard-Yale Game, you might enjoy getting together with your fellow Harvard alumni/ae—and Yale alumni/ae, too—to watch The Game live during one of our favorite family events of the football season. Once again, the HCWPA has made arrangements, together with the Yale Club, for a broadcast of The Game. This year's game will begin at 12:30 PM, but the party begins at 11:30 AM on Saturday, November 18, 2017. The event will be held at the Allegheny HYP Club 619 William Penn Pl, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. The Allegheny HYP Club will offer a repeat of its popular, family-oriented buffet with cash bar. There will be no registration charge for the event; however, the food buffet can be purchased at the door. Please RSVP at our website.

[Go, Crimson!](#)

AMERICAN MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE BUSINESS CONFERENCE APPLE CO-FOUNDER STEVE WOZNIAK LECTURE

The American Middle East Institute, founded by longtime HCWPA board member and past President Simin Yazdgerdi Curtis, is celebrating its 10th Anniversary conference showcasing a survey of transformational technologies, and welcoming dignitaries and decision makers from the Middle East & North Africa for business, investment, and educational opportunities.

Monday, October 9 (Business conference at Fairmont Hotel, 9AM-5PM)

Tuesday Evening, October 10 (Keynote lecture by Apple Co-Founder Steve Wozniak, 8PM at Carnegie Music Hall).

Tickets at www.AmericanMei.org. Use discount code **HYP25** at checkout for 25% off all tickets. For VIP tickets, which include private dinner & reception with Steve Wozniak and dignitaries, please email mwagley@americanmei.org.

A pre-lecture dinner will be held on October 10 at 6:00 PM at Legume Restaurant, 214 N. Craig St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Contact Alice Hirsch, immediate past President, at ahirsch33@gmail.com to RSVP for dinner. Our pre-lecture dinners make the whole evening more special, so please join us!

WELCOME TO OUR CITY

For new young Harvard alumni/ae who have recently moved to Pittsburgh and for any other young Harvard alumni/alumnae who are interested in welcoming our new arrivals, a gathering will be held on Wednesday October 18th. Additional details will be circulated later by Miranda Chang, '15 and Anna Gommerstadt '13.

PITTSBURGH ARTS & LECTURES: SUSAN FALUDI '81

Please join the HCWPA for a Literary Evening with Harvard College alumna, Susan Faludi '81 (Phi Beta Kappa). In her recent book, *In the Darkroom*, Pulitzer Prize-winning feminist journalist, Susan Faludi investigates her transgender father's lifetime of identity transformations, and the mysteries of identity—personal, political and cultural—transfixing our times.” (Pgh Arts & Lectures)

Susan Faludi will speak on Monday February 26, 2018 at 7:30 PM at the Carnegie Music Hall, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Tickets are \$20.00 each. Please register online at HCWPA website <http://hcwesternpennsylvania.clubs.harvard.edu> or contact Nick Picarsic at picarsic@gmail.com or 412-607-0291.

PNC BROADWAY: WAITRESS Directed by DIANE PAULUS '88

Please join the HCWPA on Friday March 9th for “this irresistible new hit features original music and lyrics by 6-time Grammy® nominee Sara Bareilles (“Brave,” “Love Song”), a book by acclaimed screenwriter Jessie Nelson (I Am Sam) and direction by Tony Award® winner Diane Paulus (PIPPIN, FINDING NEVERLAND). Inspired by Adrienne Shelly’s beloved film, WAITRESS tells the story of Jenna – a waitress and expert pie maker, who dreams of a way out of her small town and loveless marriage.” (Pgh Cultural Trust)

HCWPA will attend Waitress on Friday March 9, 2018 at 8:00 PM at the Benedum Center, 237 7th St, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. Tickets are \$60.00 each. Please register online at HCWPA website <http://hcwesternpennsylvania.clubs.harvard.edu> or contact Nick Picarsic at picarsic@gmail.com or 412-607-0291.

GLOBAL NETWORKING NIGHT

The next Global Networking Night, sponsored by the Harvard Alumni Association (“HAA”) in conjunction with the Harvard Club of Western PA, is scheduled for Tuesday January 9, 2018 from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the [Allegheny HYP Club](#), 619 William Penn Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. If you have an interest in networking, please take advantage of this opportunity for access to your Harvard peers. There is no charge for the hors d'oeuvres or for registration, which will be arranged through HAA (so, watch for HAA's email to register). Cash bar. We hope to see you there!

HCWPA SUPPER CLUB

Attention Harvard Foodies!

The HCWPA is excited to say that the second year of The Harvard Supper Club was a tremendous success! The Harvard Supper Club meets during the second week of every other month at one of Pittsburgh's new and trendy restaurants. Upcoming restaurants are promoted via email to our member list, as well as posted on our website, <http://hcwesternpennsylvania.clubs.harvard.edu>. Everyone who attends the dinner orders individually from the restaurant's menu and pays separately. In certain situations, we may limit the number of people that can attend based on restaurant restrictions, so please secure your spot for each upcoming month via the website in a timely manner. Come to one or come to all! Guests are welcome. Suggestions for future restaurants are requested, and should be directed to Mike Dukovich at MJDukovich@gmail.com. Please join us for what has become an ongoing Harvard Club culinary get together!

Mark your calendar for future Supper Clubs:

Week of September 11th

Week of March 5th

Week of November 6th

Week of May 7th

Week of January 8th

Future restaurant options include, but are not limited to: Cure, Off the Hook, Morcilla, Butcher and the Rye, Poros, Tako, Habitat, Whitefield at the Ace Hotel. We also had requests to return to the memorable Pazzo this year! Your suggestions are also welcomed.

COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS

During the past year, HCWPA members volunteered for the [Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank](#), [Global Links](#), and [Jubilee Kitchen](#). Similar community service events have been planned for the current year, beginning with Global Links in Greentree at 700 Trumbull Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15205 on September 9 (10am – noon), followed by the Food Bank's Produce to People food distribution on November 4th at the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank in Braddock (Volunteer Firefighter Bingo Hall, 845 Talbot Ave. Braddock, PA 15104). Volunteering is a great way to spend enjoyable time with your fellow HCWPA members for a worthy cause. Family members and friends are also welcome and encouraged. Contact Kristen Mertz '82 at mertzkj@gmail.com to register and/or to receive more information.

HARVARD CLUB OF WESTERN PA ANNUAL DINNER JUNE 2018

HCWPA's 2017 Annual Dinner will be held at the Allegheny HYP Club (619 William Penn Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15219). A reception will begin at 6:00 PM; dinner at 7:00 PM. Watch for further details in the spring!

LUNCHEON LECTURES AT THE ALLEGHENY HYP CLUB

The Harvard Club is planning to host another stimulating season of luncheon lectures at The Allegheny HYP Club, 619 William Place (www.alleghenyhypclub.com) on the second Tuesday of each month. Lunch is \$20 for members of the Harvard Club and students (\$25 for non-members) and runs from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM on the second Tuesday of each month. Watch your email for further details regarding speakers and presentation topics closer to the dates of the presentations. Please call 412-281-5858 or email to David Jasper djasper@alleghenyhypclub.com at the Allegheny HYP Club for reservations. You may pay at the door, but should RSVP, if possible.

SUMMER COMMUNITY SERVICE FELLOWSHIP INTERN PROGRAM

If you are interested in helping our Club sponsor a Harvard student as a summer intern with a local community service organization, please make a donation to the Harvard Club for that purpose (donate online at <http://hcwesternpennsylvania.clubs.harvard.edu>) or see the dues sheet to donate).

SCHOOLS AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Pittsburgh Pirates Outing Hosted by William Nutting

On August 6, 2017, **William Nutting '83**, treated newly admitted students and upper classmen to a Pittsburgh Pirates game. The students sat in Mr. Nutting's private box and were treated to a delicious buffet of food and refreshments. Four of the newly admitted students attended the reception. By all appearances, the students seemed to bond very successfully, making this event a memorable start to their Harvard experience. The HCWPA is deeply grateful to Mr. Nutting for his generosity and for the time and attention that he gave to our students. A great time was truly had by all. It was an unforgettable experience for our students. A huge thank you, Bill!

The Schools and Scholarship Committee Update:

The following Western Pennsylvania students entered Harvard as members of the Class of 2021:

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| Maya AlMoussa | Pittsburgh Science And Technology Academy |
| Jonah Berger | Taylor Allderdice High School |
| Natalia Hajlasz | Taylor Allderdice High School |
| Andrew Irwin | Bishop Guilfoyle High School |
| Anna Li | North Allegheny High School |
| Sterling Myers | The Kiski School |
| Lainey Newman | Barack Obama Academy of International Studies |
| Ryan Thrush | Brookville Area Junior-Senior High School |

Last year's Harvard applicant pool of 39,506 was the largest in Harvard's history, a slight increase from the prior year's pool of 39,041. The corresponding admission rate – 5.20% – is the most competitive in the history of the College. We attracted talented applicants from more than 75 public and independent high schools, and a few who were schooled at home. Although many of the applicants reside in or near Pittsburgh, many others come from surrounding communities including as Slippery Rock, Greenville, Johnstown, Somerset, Hollidaysburg, Waynesburg, Bradford, and Uniontown.

Upcoming Schools Committee Events

College Fairs

We are seeking volunteers to help staff our tables and to talk with prospective applicants and parents at the following college fairs:

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| Beaver County College Fair at Penn State Beaver Campus | September 27, 2017 | 6:30-8:30 PM |
| North Hills College Fair at LaRoche College | October 9, 2017 | 6:00-8:00 PM |
| South Hills College Fair at Bethel Park High School | October 10, 2017 | 6:30-8:30 PM |

Please contact Nick Picarsic at picarsic@gmail.com or 412-607-0291 if you are willing and able to help in 2017.

Receptions for Admitted Students

Please join us in congratulating the local admitted students to the Harvard College Class of 2022 at the Allegheny HYP Club on January 4, 2018 from 6:00-8:00PM and April 10, 2018 from 6:00-8:00PM.

Informational Session for Prospective Minority Students – September 30, 2017

Vincent Johnson '79 and the Schools and Scholarship Committee will host an information session for prospective minority college applicants and their families on **Saturday, September 30, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**, in the Hilda Willis Room, at the Winchester Thurston Upper School (455 Morewood Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213). The session will provide information on admission requirements, financial aid, and SAT preparation for high school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors; as well as a question and answer session with a current Harvard undergraduate.

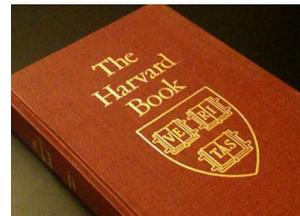
Plea of Help for Interviewers

Please consider helping out with interviewing this year. We need additional volunteers to ensure that all applicants are interviewed. It's a great way to meet some really interesting young people, to learn about college admissions, and to give back to dear old Harvard.

For more information on these events, to volunteer as an alumnus/a interviewer, please contact Nick Picarsic '03 at picarsic@gmail.com or 412-607-0291.

HARVARD PRIZE BOOK PROGRAM

In Spring 2017, the Schools and Scholarships Committee awarded the Harvard Prize Book to students at 56 schools across Western Pennsylvania. The committee would like to thank all of the alumni who contributed to the 2017 Harvard Prize Book Program. We look forward to another great year and to the potential to expand the program to more schools so as to recognize outstanding student achievement. If you have any questions about the program or are interested in presenting a Prize Book to a local student at your alma mater, please contact Nick Picarsic '03 at picarsic@gmail.com or 412-607-0291



You can help the HCWPA Schools Committee and students at your alma mater, or at any local high school of your choosing. Simply check the box on the Dues & Contributions form to donate a prize book. Doing so will encourage more local applicants, and may well lead to the application of more Western Pennsylvania students to Harvard College. Thank you for your generosity and for your Harvard pride.

Currently, Harvard Prize Books were awarded at the following 56 schools in Western Pennsylvania (approximately 17% of all schools in our region):

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| Ambridge Area High School | Hampton High School* | Pgh Taylor Allderdice High School (2)* |
| Aquinas Academy | Hickory High School* | Pgh Westinghouse Academy |
| Bethel Park High School * | Jamestown High School* | Pine-Richland High School |
| Bishop Carroll* | Kennedy Catholic* | Quaker Valley High School |
| Blacklick Valley Junior Senior High School | Laurel Highlands High School | Reynolds High School* |
| Burgettstown High School* | Mars Area High School | Seneca Valley Senior High School |
| Canon McMillan High School | McKeesport Area High School* | Seton La Salle High School |
| Cathedral Preparatory School | Mercer Area Senior High School* | Sewickley Academy |
| Central Catholic High School | Mohawk High School | Shady Side Academy |
| Charleroi High School | Mt Lebanon High School* | Shaler Area High School* |
| Deer Lakes High School | Neighborhood Academy* | Sharon High School* |
| Ellis School* | North Allegheny High School* | Sharpsville High School* |
| Farrell High School* | North Hills High School * | Thomas Jefferson High School* |
| Fox Chapel Area High School | Oakland Catholic High School | Trinity High School |
| Franklin Regional High School* | Penn-Trafford High School * | Union Town High School |
| Greensburg Central Catholic* | Pgh Brashear* | Upper St. Clair High School |
| Greensburg Salem High School* | Pgh CAPA | Washington High School* |
| Greenville High School* | Pgh Obama Academy* | West Middlesex High School* |
| Grove City Area High School* | Pgh Science & Technology Academy* | |

*Indicates specific sponsorship by a Harvard alumnus or alumna.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT 2017

Transcript of Mark Zuckerberg's 2017 Commencement address.

<http://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2017/05/mark-zuckerbergs-speech-as-written-for-harvards-class-of-2017/>

MEMBERSHIP IN THE HARVARD CLUB OF WESTERN PA

The fiscal year (9/1-8/31) dues that you pay as a member of the Harvard Club of Western Pennsylvania support the HCWPA in all of its student activities and events, including helping to recruit top-notch students for Harvard, interviewing applicants and hosting two or three receptions each year for HCWPA members and local students admitted to Harvard. The HCWPA also sponsors HAA Global Networking Nights (GNN), Annual Dinner with a Harvard professor and other social and volunteering events throughout the year as noted in this newsletter. In addition, because the HCWPA is a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status, dues and additional contributions are tax deductible. Please join us! You will be sure to realize an intellectually stimulating, engaging, and satisfying experience with great camaraderie at each Harvard Club activity. We look forward to seeing you soon!

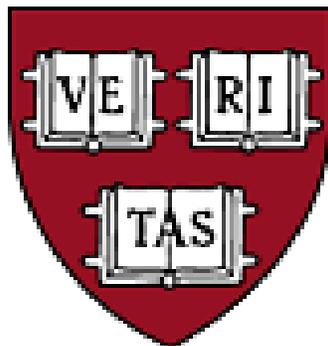
CALENDAR

If you are not already on our e-mail list, please send your e-mail address to Mike Dukovich at mjdukovich@gmail.com so that we can send details and reminders to you about upcoming events:

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| August 6 | Pittsburgh Pirates with Bill Nutting'83 | PNC Park |
| September 9 | Community Service: Global Links (10AM-noon) | Greentree |
| Wk of Sept. 11 | Harvard Club of WPA Supper Club | TBD |
| September 24 | Fall Picnic (2:00-6:00PM) | Squaw Valley Park |
| September 27 | Beaver County College Fair (6:30-8:30PM) | PSU Beaver |
| September 30 | Minority Students Outreach Program (2:00-4:00PM) | Winchester Thurston |
| October 9 | North Hills College Fair (6:00-8:00PM) | LaRoche College |
| October 10 | South Hills College Fair (6:30-8:30PM) | Bethel Park HS |
| October 10 | Steve Wozniak Lecture- AMEI Conference (Lecture at 8:00PM) | Carnegie Music Hall |
| October 17 | Welcome to Our City | TBD |
| November 4 | Community Service: Food Bank's Produce to People | Braddock |
| Wk of Nov. 6 | Harvard Club of WPA Supper Club | TBD |
| November 18 | Harvard-Yale Football (Club opens at 11:30) | Allegheny HYP Club |
| January 4 | Reception for Early Admitted Students (6:00-8:00PM) | Allegheny HYP Club |
| January 9 | Global Networking Night (6:30-8:30PM) | Allegheny HYP Club |
| Wk of Jan. 8 | Harvard Club of WPA Supper Club | TBD |
| February 26 | Susan Faludi Drue Heinz Lecture (Starts at 7:30PM) | Carnegie Music Hall |
| Wk of Mar. 5 | Harvard Club of WPA Supper Club | TBD |
| March 9 | Waitress PNC Broadway (Starts at 8:00PM) | Benedum Center |
| April 10 | Reception for Regular Action Admitted Students (6:00-8:00PM) | Allegheny HYP Club |
| Wk of May 7 | Harvard Club of WPA Supper Club | TBD |
| TBA | Annual Dinner | Allegheny HYP Club |

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[] Dues. Enclosed are my annual dues of \$60 for the year 09/01/2017 through 08/31/2018 (\$55 if sent by 10/01/2017). If you graduated in 2010 or later, dues are \$30 (\$25 if sent by 10/01/2017). To pay online: http://hcwesternpennsylvania.clubs.harvard.edu/, then choose Membership (menu at top), then Join or Renew (Visa or MasterCard). Or mail us a check. \$ []

[] Prize Book(s). I would like to sponsor one or more prize books at a cost of \$25. [If you wish to designate a high school, please do so below; otherwise, the selection will be made by our Schools Committee] \$ []

High School(s): []

[] Summer Intern. I would like to help the Harvard Club of Western Pennsylvania to sponsor a Harvard undergrad to work in Pittsburgh as an intern for a Pittsburgh non-profit organization. Enclosed is my contribution to sponsor an intern, beyond my normal dues. \$ []

[] Additional Contribution. I support the efforts of the Harvard Club of Western Pennsylvania and would like to make a contribution beyond my normal dues. \$ []

Please make check payable to HCWPA. Grand total \$ []

DONATE TO THE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

[] Scholarship Fund. I would like to support local Harvard students through the Endowed Scholarship Fund for Western Pennsylvania. Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution payable to Harvard University. (Please mail your check with this form. We will forward your check to the University.) \$ []

[] Schools Committee. I would like to help the Schools Committee interview and recruit talented local students for Harvard. I am not yet a member of the Committee.

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