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## WELCOME TO YOUR HCUK NEWSLETTER

Dear Harvard Club Members,

Led by our events chair Caroline Costin AB '01 and team of tireless volunteers we have had an exciting season of events—from our very popular walks led by Jane Baird AB '74 to our Harvard-Yale get together led by Bob Gould AB '67. The winter season kicks off on January 12th with Global Networking Night at a new venue, the Villandry St James in Mayfair. We look forward to seeing many of you there. Also, our Public Service team is already preparing for the April Global Month of Service, so please contact George Arvanitis ([georgearv@icloud.com](mailto:georgearv@icloud.com)) if you would like to learn more about the upcoming event.

Finally, Harvard College welcomed 21 new admits to Harvard's class of 2020. Thank you to the interviewers who met with over 90 candidates in the Early Action applicant pool.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season on behalf of the HCUK board.

Best wishes,  
Martha Genieser AB '91

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More than 85 Harvard and Yale alumni, friends and family watched Harvard trounce Yale 38-19 in the live THE Game telecast at Baker & McKenzie on Saturday, 21 November. It was the Crimson's 9th consecutive victory and 13th win this century over the Bulldogs giving Harvard claim to the Ivy League title (shared with Dartmouth and Penn this year) for the third season in a row. As always, it was primarily a young, recent grads crowd with most Yalies' disappointment assuaged by abundant pizza, tacos and beverage. This was the 20th consecutive live THE Game telecast the Harvard and Yale clubs have staged and we are once again indebted to former HCUK president Don Guiney for providing the venue. As is the tradition between the two clubs, the winning club has to organize the event for the following year so it will be same time, same station for the 133rd meeting of the ancient football rivals next year. It's getting to be a predictable habit.



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### HARVARD PRIZE BOOK

In June, 135 Harvard Prize Book Program awards were mailed to UK based schools to be presented. The Harvard Prize Book is awarded to "an outstanding student in the penultimate year who is academically excellent, exhibits exceptional personal qualities and makes a significant contribution to the school or community." The objective of the HCUK program is to raise Harvard's visibility amongst UK secondary schools and to encourage talented students to apply to Harvard College. Many UK students may have heard of Harvard University but still be unfamiliar with the opportunities afforded by our undergraduate education or unaware of the availability of financial aid. The program was started by Harvard alumni in 1910. Today, more than 1700 Harvard Prize Books are awarded annually around the world. The HCUK manages the largest program outside of the US. Special thanks and congratulations go to Claudio Siniscalco AB '97 MBA '04 and Daphne Siniscalco AB '99 MBA '04 for their continued outstanding management of this important aspect of our student outreach initiative! We encourage all members to consider making a minimum contribution (to fund one prize) of £30 annually. Go to [www.hcuk.org](http://www.hcuk.org) and click the Harvard Prize Book tab.

Thank you to those of you who have already made your commitment to fund a Harvard Prize Book this year! We are pleased that this important element of the HCUK Outreach effort is receiving the support of so many!

A periodic review of the HPB initiative with our recipient schools has just been completed. Of the 134 schools currently on our list, 133 expressed how much they value being able to make this award to a deserving student each year. Below is an example of an unsolicited response we received from a recent recipient of the prize:

"...I recently won the Harvard Book Prize and so would like to first and foremost express my multitudinous gratifications for such a prestigious consideration. Not to try and paint a sob story, but I genuinely could not believe the letter (I cried from shock). Although it wasn't addressed to me specifically and although I am aware that there is probably a standard letter sent to everyone who wins this award, I couldn't help but feel, for the first time, recognised for my efforts. I go to a regular state school and belong to a lower socio-economic household so Harvard (sometimes even university as a concept) is really such stuff that dreams are made of. Its a dream I put away a long time ago as a 14 year old, and a dream that this letter has summoned. I am now happily forced to consider Harvard as one of my potential university applications. ...."

I hope you enjoyed reading this testimonial and that you will consider funding a Harvard Prize Book yourself! Go to [www.hcuk.org](http://www.hcuk.org) and click the Harvard Prize Book tab. Thank you!

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## PUBLIC SERVICE

### **HCUK Public Service**

Did you know that the Harvard Club UK has a Public Services Group? It's worth a reminder for those of you who like to 'get involved' and do volunteering activities. We are happy to:

- Take suggestions for volunteering opportunities
- Advertise Alumni associated charities that need help (skills, rather than money – please)
- Listen to good ideas about what more we as an alumni community, might do.

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### **Calling all full time, professional writers/agents/editors**

At the next Harvard Authors event I would like to focus on individuals Earning a living through writing. If you have a story to tell and would consider being a panellist next March, (in London)

Please contact me. [Tamara.howard@btinternet.com](mailto:Tamara.howard@btinternet.com)

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

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### **Putting the Soul Back into Business – An Update**

Putting the Soul Back into Business has now been running – twice yearly – since early 2013. For those of you who haven't attended, the event has become part of a Harvard-Oxford Social Business Network and 100s of attendees have attended the event since May, 2013. The event still follows its original format – a panel of 4 or 5 individuals who have taken different routes to putting more 'meaning' back into their jobs. Routes taken have ranged from changing the way large corporations/departments work, to setting up charities, social enterprises or support groups. Many successful contacts have been made – including more funding for some ventures, jobs, and organisational connections.

As usual, we are limited in our resources and depend on the generosity of others for locations that will accommodate the 100+ attendees. Despite the request of many attendees who cannot make selected dates, we do not have the resources to film the event. However, a book is now available which chronicles the stories of many of the past (and some future!) speakers. The book is titled: Putting the Soul Back into Business.

If you know of any individuals with inspirational stories, (or want to know more about the event or the book) – please contact me: [tamara.howard@btinternet.com](mailto:tamara.howard@btinternet.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JANUARY

Jan 12th Global Networking Night [https://haa.proximate.com/global-networking-night-london-england-january-2016?utm\\_source=proximate\\_directory#?p=np](https://haa.proximate.com/global-networking-night-london-england-january-2016?utm_source=proximate_directory#?p=np)

Jan 22nd An Evening at the V & A <http://www.hcuk.org/article.html?aid=385>

Feb 25th-28th HCUK Short Haul Travel Excursion <http://www.hcuk.org/article.html?aid=381>

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### MAY

May 18th SAVE THE DATE! The Seven College Conference presents Tracey Chevalier at their annual luncheon

Please get in touch if you have space to donate for an event. Contact [vll@me.com](mailto:vll@me.com)

## NON CLUB EVENTS



## HARVARD COLLEGE BRITISH CLUB / CAMPUS NEWS

Coming soon

## BULLETIN BOARD

Razia Velji, M.Ed, HGSE, 2001

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My name is Hanel Baveja and I am a Sophomore at Harvard in Pforzheimer House, studying Economics and English (with a focus on creative writing). On campus, I work as a research assistant in the Institute for Quantitative Social Science, and I am involved in Harvard Undergraduate Women in Business and the Harvard College Consulting Group as a case-team leader. This summer, I would love to find an internship that involves creative business strategy – possibly in consulting, marketing, or other areas of business development. I am especially interested in working and living in the UK this summer – particularly in London. I hope that this kind of new international experience will not only allow me to gain business and work experience, but will also provide new insights and opportunities for personal growth. Any information on summer opportunities in London/the UK would be incredibly helpful and I would really appreciate any advice or assistance! Please feel free to contact me via email at [hanelbaveja@college.harvard.edu](mailto:hanelbaveja@college.harvard.edu) or by cellphone at 734.276.1015. Thank you very much!

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