Assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology and staff perinatologist, Mount Sinai Hospital.

Elizabeth Ryan ’81, Los Angeles. Producer and director for film and television.


John Trasvina ’80, Los Angeles. President and general counsel, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

Meg Vaillancourt ’78, Boston. Vice president, corporate and community affairs, Boston Red Sox.

Congratulations

The HAA clubs committee awards honor individuals who provide exemplary service to a Harvard club or shared interest group (SIG), as well as to clubs and SIGs that have organized exceptional programming. Awards were presented to the following recipients at the HAA Board of Directors winter meeting on February 5 at the Charles Hotel.

R. Clive Gard, AMP ’78, of Australia. A member of the Harvard Club of Australia for 25 years, Gard has served as councilor on the executive committee and as club administrator. He has professionalized club operations, enriched the alumni experience in Australia, and strengthened programs focused on education, scholarship, and philanthropy.

John F. Kirk, CSS ’90, of San Antonio. Kirk has served Harvard in various roles, including past president of the Harvard Club of San Antonio, former HAA regional director for Texas, and former HAA national chair for the Early College Awareness Program, which grew considerably under his leadership.

The Harvard Club of San Francisco, founded in 1874, has increased and diversified its activities within the last three years, and seen membership grow from 200 to nearly 1,400 people. The club now operates about a hundred events annually, from community-service activities to lectures and ice-cream tastings. In the last decade, it has also initiated an award for human-rights leadership and created a college-mentorship program for inner-city high-schoolers.

The Harvard Glee Club Foundation supports the Glee Club logistically and financially, and organizes reunion sings and summer-reunion tours. (The Glee Club, America’s oldest college chorus, celebrated its sesquicentennial last April; see “150 Years of Glee,” March-April 2008, page 69.)

Comings and Goings

This spring, Harvard clubs offer varied social and intellectual events, including University-affiliated speakers (see a partial list below). For more information, contact clubs directly, call the HAA at 617-495-3070 or 800-654-6494, e-mail clubs@harvard.edu, or visit www.haa.harvard.edu.

On March 5, the Harvard Club of Houston hears Timothy Colton, Feldberg professor of government and Russian studies and director of the Russian Research Center, address “How to Deal with a Resurgent Russia.” Marshall Goldman, senior scholar in the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, discusses his book Petrostate: Putin, Power, and the New Russia at the Harvard Club of Long Island (March 14), the Harvard Club of Phoenix (March 25), and the Harvard Club of Seattle (March 26).


A Special Notice Regarding Commencement Exercises

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Morning Exercises

To accommodate the increasing number of those wishing to attend Harvard’s Commencement Exercises, the following guidelines are proposed to facilitate admission into Tercentenary Theatre on Commencement Morning:

• Degree candidates will receive a limited number of tickets to Commencement. Parents and guests of degree candidates must have tickets, which they will be required to show at the gates in order to enter Tercentenary Theatre. Seating capacity is limited; however, there is standing room on the Widener steps and at the rear and sides of the Theatre for viewing the exercises.

Note: A ticket allows admission into the Theatre, but does not guarantee a seat. The sale of Commencement tickets is prohibited.

• Alumni/ae attending their major reunions (25th, 35th, 50th) will receive tickets at their reunions. Alumni/ae in classes beyond the 50th may obtain tickets from the Classes and Reunions Office, 124 Mount Auburn Street, sixth floor, Cambridge.

• For alumni/ae from non-major reunion years and their spouses, there is televised viewing of the Morning Exercises in the Science Center and at designated locations in most of the undergraduate Houses and professional schools. These locations provide ample seating, and tickets are not required.

• A very limited supply of tickets will be made available to all other alumni/ae on a first-come, first-served basis through the Harvard Alumni Association, 124 Mount Auburn Street, sixth floor, Cambridge.

Afternoon Exercises

The Harvard Alumni Association’s Annual Meeting convenes in Tercentenary Theatre on Commencement afternoon. All alumni and alumnae, faculty, students, parents, and guests are invited to attend and hear Harvard’s President and the Commencement Speaker deliver their addresses. Tickets for the afternoon ceremony will be available through the Harvard Alumni Association, 124 Mount Auburn Street, sixth floor, Cambridge.

—Jacqueline A. O’Neill, University Marshal