



A LETTER FROM CLUB PRESIDENT TYLER RULLMAN

Dear Harvard Alumni-

As we begin 2009, I want to share with you an exciting initiative your local Harvard Club has cooked up for this year. Our Board has voted to provide a \$3500 stipend to a local undergraduate at the College to return home to North Carolina next summer and pursue a summer internship at a nonprofit organization serving our state. In the best of times, pursuing a non-paying summer internship presents difficulties for many students; in times like these, it can become impossible. Through the Harvard Community Service Fellowship Program, we can make this option available this year to at least one talented student from Central/Eastern North Carolina. We expect to choose our initial recipient this spring and will keep you abreast of the progress. Hopefully we will also have a short report from our award winner to share with you, detailing the mission and accomplishments of the summer position.

The Club will use dues receipts to fund this award. We think it is a worthy use of the funds and hope you agree. To make this award an annual occurrence, we need your help. We need to significantly increase our membership base to cover the cost of an annual award. If you are not a member, please consider joining the Club. If you are currently a member, please renew your membership and reach out to Harvard friends and encourage them to join as well. Supporting the club is easy and you can fill and print the membership form online at: <http://harvardtriangle.com/join.html>.

There are many reasons other than supporting the new community service fellowship to join the Harvard Club of the Research Triangle (HCRT). First and foremost, as a member, you will receive a healthy discount on tickets to our events. Were you aware of our private Harvard showing at the Ackland Museum in October? Did you see Reverend Gomes in April? And did you realize that these Club events were spiced up with a range of Yale and other Ivy events to which our Club members are invited? Perhaps not, because if you are not a member of our club, Alumni Association rules prevent us from sending notices to you. We are lining up another great year of programs for 2009 and hope you will be part of the fun!

Also, did you know we walked as a Harvard team (and had a blast) to raise money for Leukemia research in September? And we recently announced a new Club Award created in the name of Roland Giduz GSA '59. The Roland Giduz HCRT Community Service Award will honor Roland's exemplary work on behalf of his community and his long-time service to our Club. The award will be presented annually to the individual best representing Roland's commitment to the region served by the Harvard Club of the Research Triangle. All of us who knew Roland look forward to recognizing those who continue our friend's rich legacy of service.

Finally, I am happy to announce that in 2009, our club will be celebrating its 80th birthday! Details to follow, but we are currently planning a celebration sometime next year.

I would like to close with a quick "thank you" to the Board for helping to guide me through this first year as President. I appreciate all of your kind words and kicks in the pants. I look forward to meeting many more of our members in 2009 and to hearing your ideas on how we can make this Club the preeminent Club in the Southeast. I know the human capital is out there; I hope you will decide to join us and help shape our Club.

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