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## PREVIEW: 2017 ANNUAL DINNER - WHY DYLAN MATTERS

Bob Dylan rocketed to fame half a century ago with songs like *Blowin' in the Wind* and *The Times They Are a-Changin'*. He has sold more than 100 million records and has won 11 Grammy Awards. But when Dylan was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in December, in a ceremony he did not attend, some questioned whether he deserved to join a list that included Kipling, Shaw, Camus and Hemingway. Does a songwriter belong on this list? That is the topic – *Why Dylan Matters* - that Harvard Professor, Richard Thomas, will address as the guest speaker at our **Annual Dinner** on **June 6** at Choate. This will be a talk you won't want to miss.



Join us for a very special evening to celebrate Harvard in southern Connecticut. We will meet our newest students, the Class of 2021, as well as the recipients of the Club's 2017 Community Fellowship Awards. Visit the website to reserve your tickets.

## Opportunity to Own Original Harvard Artwork by a Connecticut Artist



**Artist:**  
**Robert Childress**  
**(1915-1983)**  
**Oil pastel on paper**  
**ca. 1970**  
**13 x 18.5 inches (sight size)**  
**18.5 x 24 (framed)**  
**Signed lower left**

This original piece, which has been donated to the Harvard Club, shows the Charles River on an autumn afternoon, seen from the south bank.

Two single sculls are about to pass beneath the Weeks Bridge. The Weld (Radcliffe) Boathouse is seen through one of the arches of the bridge, and the cupola of Eliot House is visible through trees. The artist's son, Brooks, AB '62, lived in Eliot House.

The artwork will be auctioned at the Annual Dinner with all proceeds benefiting the Harvard Club's book prize program. Brooks Childress, who grew up in Old Saybrook, was a Harvard Book Prize recipient.

Visit the Club's website to learn more details about the artist and the auction process.

Sculling on the Charles  
c. 1970  
This painting is given to the Harvard Club of Southern Connecticut in memory of the artist Robert B. Childress (1915-1983) and of his son my husband Robert Brooks Childress Harvard College Class of 1962 & Recipient of the Harvard Book Prize  
*Sandra Childress*  
March 15, 2017

## Claim Your HarvardKey

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Make sure to visit the Club's website and claim your *HarvardKey*, your Harvard login credentials for life. You'll find instructions for establishing your new credentials on the website and the process should take just five minutes. If you need help, it's just a phone call away.

## Why Membership Matters

## Join The Harvard Club

What's keeping you? Together we support Harvard in southern Connecticut. Your dues and donations keep our Club strong and allow us to find and support our area's finest young people and then continue to support them with valuable internships during their college years. Please complete and return the enclosed dues request.

To join, complete the enclosed form or join online at:  
[HarvardClubSouthernCT.org](http://HarvardClubSouthernCT.org)

## Harvard Club Events

Where we've been. . .

### Ethiopian Culture & Food



Harvard alumni gathered at **Lalibela** in New Haven on **March 27** for an evening of Ethiopian culture, music and delicious food. Harvard connections permeated the sold-out event: Lalibela owners, Shilmat and Wub



Tessema are parents of current Harvard freshman, Mikael Tessema and our music and education for the evening was provided by

Charlie Sutton, AB '62.

### Community Service Project

HCSC members helped families in the *Pathfinder Hopkins School* program prepare applications to **A Better Chance** at a workshop on **April 4**. *Pathfinder* is a free program for high-achieving middle school students with financial need in the greater New Haven area that provides academic enrichment and high school admissions counseling.



*Pathfinder Assistant Director Ian Guthrie, Pathfinder Director Michael Van Leesten, HCSC members Dahlia Grace, Elaine Chapman, Susan Lipka, Jennifer Cannada, Christine Dokko*

## Coming Up:

### • Bird Walk – May 6

There is no better way to mark the coming of spring than to welcome migrating birds back to Connecticut. Bring the family to the **Bent of River Audubon Preserve** in Southbury for a two-hour guided walking tour. This is a **FREE** event, but please RSVP on the website so we can plan for a great morning.

### • Annual Dinner – June 6

### • Swallow Cruise – September 16

It sold out last year so mark your calendar now for our 2<sup>nd</sup> **Connecticut River Swallow Cruise**. We'll cruise out of Haddam to a special spot on the river where the swallows return for the evening. If we're as lucky as we were last year, we'll see hundreds of thousands of swallows dancing in the sunset before suddenly diving into the brush for the night. This is a spectacular sight that you will not forget. Save the date.



## Perspective of an Interviewer – Nehal Khokhar, AB '02

Everyone gets nostalgic for their time at Harvard. For me, interviewing candidates is a way that nostalgia can be put to a REAL use.

The high school students can be both an entertaining and awe-inspiring bunch, from wide-eyed and clueless, to accomplished, well-spoken, and impressive. After interviewing, I am left feeling proud to have represented Harvard, helped the Club, and most of all, potentially have shaped the college in my own little way, by assessing these folks who could join the Harvard family and go on to achieve great things.

Now, while I had anticipated that rewarding feeling, one surprising aspect of interviewing candidates is that I discovered in myself a pride in the Harvard Club of Southern Connecticut itself. Being a Boston native, it felt new and strange to think that I've planted Harvard roots here now, and that these candidates may one day become my local Alumni friends. I encourage you to interview applicants any chance you get. . . and not as a favor to the Club, but for the fulfillment I promise you will feel. We need interviewers for the **Class of 2022**. If you want to help, please contact:



Schools Committee Chair, Emilie de Brigard at [edebigard@gmail.com](mailto:edebigard@gmail.com).



April 1 marked the end of the admissions season for the Class of 2021. Harvard received over 39,000 applications for admission, 350 from southern Connecticut. 2,056 students were offered admission including **23 from our area**, thanks to the great efforts of the Club's *Schools Committee* and its small army of interviewers. The students headed to Cambridge for *Visitas*, Harvard's formal visiting program, before making their college **decisions on May 1**.

Admitted students come from the following schools:

**Beth Chana (Orange)—1**  
**Bunnell High School (Stratford)—1**  
**Cheshire Academy—1**  
**Choate Rosemary Hall—7**  
**Daniel Hand High School (Madison)—1**  
**Guilford High School—1**  
**Hamden High School—1**  
**Hillhouse High School (New Haven)—1**

**Hopkins School—1**  
**Lauralton Hall (Milford)—1**  
**Naugatuck High School—1**  
**Norwich Free Academy—1**  
**Seymour High School—1**  
**Stratford High School—1**  
**Taft School—3**



Alumni interviewer, Mark Goumas, AB '82 (left), greeted excited Seymour High School senior, Sirhiy Sokhan and his father, Roman, at the *Schools Committee* reception hosted on April 5 for newly admitted students.

Only a handful of alumni have met these students at the Schools Committee reception on April 6 and they are truly impressive. You will have your chance to meet them at the Annual Dinner at Choate on June 6. You will not be disappointed. Visit the website to reserve your spot at the Annual Dinner.

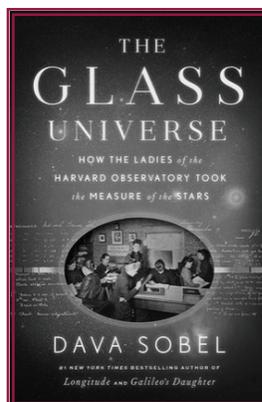
## Harvard Book Prize

### The Glass Universe

How the Ladies of the Harvard Observatory  
Took the Measure of the Stars

by Dava Sobel

With your continued support, the Harvard Club will again be able to award **102 Book Prizes** at high schools across our region. The prize is awarded each spring to an outstanding Junior in recognition of their academic achievement. Please help us continue this honored tradition by sponsoring a book prize for a local high school.

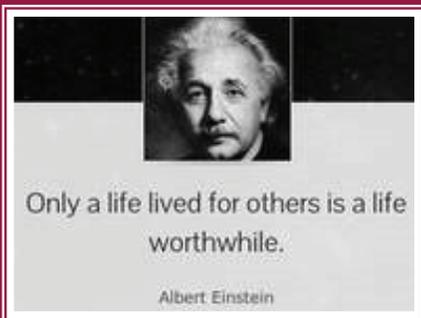


## Did You Know



. . . Bob Dylan played to a sell out crowd at Harvard's Gordon Track & Tennis Center in November 2004?

# Harvard Club Summer Fellowship Program



The Harvard Club has been providing stipends for over a decade to Harvard students from the area to work in summer community service internships. This successful program has been possible through the generous support of our alumni and a gift from the *Estelle and Ray Lavietes Foundation*.

Please consider a donation to the Harvard Club to help sustain the Fellowship Program for another decade. You can meet this year's Fellowship recipients and hear their summer plans at the Annual Dinner. Visit the Club's website to learn more about the program and reserve your tickets for the Annual Dinner.

## Leadership

The Harvard Club is blessed with a hard working, passionate board of directors composed of alumni from across the university. If you share that passion and would like to get more involved in Club activities, please contact Bob Mazzone at [bobmazzone@post.harvard.edu](mailto:bobmazzone@post.harvard.edu).

Thank you to the 2016-17 Directors.

## 2016/17 Harvard Club Directors

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