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# September 2013

The Mission of the Smith College Club of Cleveland is to encourage a sense of connection and continuity with Smith past, present, and future, to promote an awareness of Smith in the Cleveland community, to encourage qualified students to apply to Smith, and to contribute to the College's scholarship fund.

Dear Friends,

I am excited and honored to lead such an active Club of dynamic alums and friends and promise to keep the flame of those before me burning bright with your help. This year marks two important milestones. First, this is the Smith Club of Cleveland's tenth year of participation in Summer on the Cuyahoga (SOTC). We plan to celebrate kicking off the year with a panel on brain gain in Cleveland on October 8 as our fall program. Second, on October 19, Kathleen McCartney will be installed as Smith's 11<sup>th</sup> president. Keep reading for details on the panel and installation. Your new board, listed to the left, encourages you to return your dues envelope so that your directory entry will be current, your suggestions are heard, and we know your volunteer interests. An updated Club directory will be published this spring. Join us for a new year of exciting events and more!

See you this fall,

Elizabeth

Elizabeth Chandler '87, President

## SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, October 8Panel Discussion: Cleveland Brain Gain & Our Role6:00 – 8:00 P.M.You won't want to miss this panel.Save the date and invite guests! In addition to the enclosedinvitation which has all the event details, you'll also receive one online, which is the preferredvehicle for your reservation.Come help kick off our celebration of the Smith Club ofCleveland's tenth year of participation in SOTC and learn more about brain gain initiatives inCleveland and their importance for Cleveland and our club!

Monday, October 14, 2013 Education, The Leading Edge 9:30 A.M. -2:00 P.M. The annual Grazella Shepherd Lecture Day, sponsored by the Association for Continuing Education (ACE), this year features Robert Bain, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History and Educational Studies at the University of Michigan speaking on the "Big History Project" and Ms. Dale Hilton from the Cleveland Museum of Art. Ms. Hilton will discuss distance learning and the new Gallery One, which uses the latest technology to map out individualized tours at the Museum. The event location is the Mayfield Sand Ridge Country Club, 1545 Sheridan Road, South Euclid 44122. Fees, including coffee and lunch, are \$30 for ACE members and \$60 for nonmembers (includes membership). Register by October 1. ACE will also conduct a <u>tour</u> of the Louis Stokes Wing of the <u>Cleveland Public Library</u> featuring its architecture and history on <u>Monday, September 23</u> from 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. with lunch after at 1890 restaurant at the Old Arcade. Cost is \$10 members and \$12 for non-members; lunch is extra. Register by September 19. Also offered this fall is <u>Off-Campus Studies</u>, a CWRU Laura and Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program, which is a series of 8 week long discussion-based courses based on common reading. Participants meet for 90 minutes once a week at various locations around town. Call ACE at 216-368-2090 or go online to <u>www.acesite.org</u> to view a schedule of classes, for more information, and to register for ACE events.

Saturday, October 19Installation Ceremony of President Kathleen McCartney3:00 P.M.Can't attend in person the inaugural events for Kathleen McCartney, Smith's new president? Rest easy as you can watch at<br/>least a part of the day's events live on your own electronic device without having to go anywhere. Alumnae can tune into a<br/>live webcast of the installation ceremony of Smith's 11<sup>th</sup> president featuring an academic processional with representatives<br/>from colleges and universities around the world at this time. For more information on this, a link to the webcast, and other<br/>inaugural day events, go to: www.smith.edu/inauguration .

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# SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Our **Annual Meeting** was held on June 1 in the Library and Garden Rooms of the north tower of Bratenahl Place thanks again to Musette Vincent '78. President Nancy Duff-Boehm '73, Ph.D., and her husband Greg X. Boehm, M.D., gave a very informative presentation entitled, "The Opiate Epidemic in Ohio and The United States."

Author Chris Bohjalian's (Amherst College) talk and book signing on July 13 at the Beachwood Library to promote his latest book, <u>The Light in the Ruins</u>, was well attended. Says Kären Pritchard '81, who is a friend of Chris' wife Victoria Blewer (Smith alumna) whose photographs have been featured on her husband's book jackets, Chris was most grateful to the SCCC for its support of his program.

Katie Collin, Hayden Howland, and Lauren Reed hosted a Welcome Picnic for the six **Summer on the Cuyahoga** interns, their hosts, and young alumnae on June 23 on a gloriously sunny day at Edgewater Park on a bluff above Lake Erie with a spectacular view of the City of Cleveland in the distance. Susan and Hal LaPine graciously opened their home for the new student send –off and SOTC summer's end Celebration and Dinner on August 4, which included book award recipients, one incoming student, current area students, and Club members in attendance. We heard from each intern about her studies at Smith, experiences in Cleveland, and future ambitions. Our six interns this year included:

Laura Clampitt '13	Fieldstone Farm TRC	New Haven, CT
Jenny Jiang '15	BioEnterprise	Elmhurst, NY
Sylvia Jung '14	KeyCorp	San Ramon, CA

Julianne Roseman '13	Monarch Teaching Technologies	Cherry Hill, NJ
Jennifer Weng '15	Lubrizol	Woburn, MA
Valerie Yuen '14	MAI	Hong Kong

Our interns are most grateful to our donors for their very large part in making this past summer such a memorable one for them contributing \$8,565 for the year. Since SOTC's inception in 2003, 85 former interns have returned to live and work in Cleveland. 49 still reside in Cleveland, including Julianne Roseman '13. Having secured a business analyst job at BioMotiv, she is looking forward to moving into her new apartment in Cleveland Heights soon. The Smith alumnae network is largely the reason Cleveland appealed to her as a place to live and work.

SOTC Co-Chairs, Marjorie Roth '67 (<u>riroth@comcast.net</u>) and Lydia Bussiere '12 (<u>lbussiere08@gmail.com</u>) hope you will join in celebrating the Club's tenth anniversary of participation in SOTC with a tax-deductible gift. You'll be receiving a letter for the fundraising campaign in October. In honor of Smith's tenth year of participation in SOTC, they and their committee have set <u>\$20,000 with 100 members participating</u> as this year's goal both to bring 7- 10 students to Cleveland in the coming summer and to help ensure the program's continuity going forward. Gifts of all sizes are important and valued. Contact Marjorie and Lydia with your questions, suggestions for employers, and or if you would like to be more involved with SOTC.

## MORE ITEMS

**Book Club** will continue under the helm of Kathy Abramczyk and meet on the <u>second</u> Wednesday of most months this year, a change from last year. September 8th the group convened to vote on member book recommendations and finalize its booklist for the year. The first book, <u>My Beloved World</u>, by Sonia Sotomayor was discussed on Wednesday, September 11. Contact Kathy at <u>kmabramczyk@gmail.com</u> or 216-375-5123 if you would like to participate or just be on the e-mail list for the Book Club.

<u>Young Alumnae</u> are fortunate to have Lauren Reed carry on as chair of the group. For information on programming and to offer suggestions, contact her at <u>smithclubclevelandyoungalums@gmail.com</u>. You may want to join the Club's Facebook page she maintains for the entire club. It is <u>http://facebook.com/groups/SmithClubCleveland</u>. Go to <u>http://bit.ly/</u> <u>SmithGateway</u> at the same time. The Club wants to more efficiently put our network to use to help current students, recent graduates, and alumnae who wish to live, work, and/or study here. We need your help to do this. If you would be willing to talk to a student or alumna about your work and/or life here in Cleveland and help a fellow Smithie network, please go to this site that this group created to let them know.

The <u>Candidates Committee</u> spearheaded by Shari Moore (<u>sharikorday@gmail.com</u>) and co-chair Kathryn Dhillon, a new board member and 2011 Smith SOTC intern, who has returned to Cleveland, is actively preparing for recruitment season. Shari and Kathryn could use more enthusiastic helpers. Contact Shari to let her know of your interest, even if it is just to attend one college fair. Also, let her know if there is a high school junior or senior you think would be a good fit for Smith whom they should contact. Three women from area schools will be starting at Smith this year, joining the four who are already there.

**Kudos** to Pam Davis '68, who was reappointed as Dean of CWRU's School Medicine for another five years this past spring. Cheers also to Cleveland Heights City Council Member Mary Dunbar '64. Mary competed in the National Senior Games in Cleveland this summer placing 6<sup>th</sup> in the 10K cycling time trial, 7<sup>th</sup> in the 20K cycling road race, 12<sup>th</sup> in the 200-yard freestyle, and 16<sup>th</sup> in the 500-yard freestyle in her age and gender group.

We are saddened to report the **deaths** of Marcia Hollington Kehres '63 and Elizabeth Rockwell Marshall '49, as well as of Pieter von Herrmann, husband of Mary von Herrmann '52, and Jere Brophy, husband of Elaine Brophy '54.

**Dues**: Please send your fully tax-deductible dues in the enclosed envelope without delay. Benefits include: free admission to the Annual Meeting Luncheon; inclusion of your name in the newsletter; an updated directory (due out this spring) with contact information for area alumnae and friends; and knowledge that you have contributed to the Scholarship Fund, which helps support several area students at Smith each year.

Just as this newsletter was ready to go to print, we received word that the Princeton and Cornell clubs have planned a **networking event /happy hour** on <u>September 19 at 5:30 p.m.</u> for local alums of the Ivy League, Seven Sisters, and Little Three at w xyz bar on the Flats East Bank at 1111 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St. in the new Ernst & Young building. The event is free. No reservations are required. Questions: contact Chris Malik from the Princeton Club at 614-316-6446.