



# Smith College Club of Central Mass

*Keeping current with the Smith alumnae of Central Massachusetts*

Fall 2015



## Message from the President

It was another busy year for the Smith College Club of Central Mass. Thanks to the generosity of our area alums, we continue to be able to be active in outreach and recruiting of prospective students, support current Smith students from the Central Mass area and foster that special camaraderie and sisterhood that Smith alums share and cherish. Listed, below are some of highlights of the past year. More information can be found throughout this newsletter.

**October 2014 – Alumnae Networking Event – Paint Nite in Holden:** The Club continues to host alumnae networking events. These events are at no cost to the Club and are great opportunities to network with other area alums.

**November 2014 – Cold Weather Clothing Drive:** In support of a cold weather clothing drive promoted by the College, the SCCCM collected warm winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves, etc. and drove them to Campus in early December. The winter clothing is given to students from warm climates who do not own winter clothes and do not have the means to purchase warm clothing needed for our harsh New England winters.

**December 2014 – Holiday Cards to Alums:** The SCCCM Board sent holiday greeting cards to local alums from the Class of 1954 and prior. Many of these alums are not able to join us any longer at many of our events and its one way for us to let them know they remain treasured members of our Club.

**December 2014 – Best Wishes on Fall Exams to Current Students**

**January 2015 – Pizza Party:** Liz Kennedy DeHoratius, '96, once again hosted us at her house for the Annual Prospective Student Pizza Party! Every year this is

one of our most successful events and this year was no different.

**April 2015 – Poofs and Pastries!** This year, rather than the traditional Sunday afternoon tea, we invited alums and admitted students to an evening of dessert and accapella with the one and only Smiffenpoofs who traveled from campus to sing for us at the home of Jennifer Wiza, '90.

**May 2015 – Book Awards**

**May 2015 - Best Wishes on Spring Exams to Current Students**

**May 2015 – Congratulations to Seniors:** 14 women from the Central Mass and Fitchburg areas graduated from Smith in May. The SCCCM sent hand-written graduation cards and \$10 gift cards to Herrell's ice-cream to congratulate these women on their accomplishments, wish them well in their future endeavors and welcome them to the alumnae community.

**May 2015 – Inaugural Smith College Club of Central Mass Scholarships Awarded**

**May 2015 – Annual Meeting of the Smith College Club of Central Mass at Broad Meadow Brook. Presentation by Dwight Hamilton, Chief Diversity Officer at Smith College.**

The Board will work hard to continue to strengthen our footprint in the area for prospective students, current students, and area alums. If you have an idea for a program or an event, please feel free to contact us at anytime at [smithclubworchester@gmail.com](mailto:smithclubworchester@gmail.com) or [Janelle.banks.bradshaw@gmail.com](mailto:Janelle.banks.bradshaw@gmail.com). Our year would not have been this successful without your ongoing support and commitment to the College and our Club. We look forward to your continued support next year!

*Janelle Bradshaw*

## Introducing the Board



**Janelle Bradshaw '00, President** is a member of the Class of 2000. She was a Government Major and Education Minor. She lived in King House. She also has been active in the leadership of her class serving as the immediate past Class President and current Class Fund Agent. She now resides in Worcester, MA with her family.



**Caroline Foster Deans '90, Vice President and Chief Nut Job** was a Government Major and Economics Minor. She lived in Jordan House and served as the Social Chair. She also participated in Crew and was a Gold Key Guide. She also has been active in the leadership of her class, serving as Vice President / Reunion Chair and Class Fund Agent. Caroline resides in Holden, MA with her husband, 4 kids and dog. She loves to be outdoors (kayaking, hiking) as much as the weather allows.



**Cindy Parker '97, Treasurer** was a French Major who went JYA to Geneva. She lived in Jordan House and now resides in Worcester, MA with her family and two dogs.



**Rachel Gerstein '84, Secretary** lived in Lamont and Hover (now Parson's Annex) house. She was a Biological Sciences major and played volleyball and softball at Smith. Rachel now resides in Jefferson, MA with her wife and dog. She loves riding her horse every day that the weather allows.



**Jennifer Guli Wiza '90, Alumnae Admissions Coordinator** was a government major. She lived in a different house each year: Cutter, King, Wilder and the Friedman apartments! She currently lives in North Grafton, MA with her family.



**Lisa Kramer '90, Newsletter Editor, Member at Large** was an English and Theater Double Major. She lived in Morris House. She resides in Auburn, MA with her husband, daughter and dos. She spends time writing books, directing and advocating for arts education



**Rachel Sasseville '09, Book Award Chair** majored in Spanish and lived in Morrow House. She currently lives in Worcester, is studying for her Masters of Social Work, and interns at Burncoat High School.



**Karen Smith Alves '90, Member at Large** was a biology major and lived in Baldwin House. She spent a semester in the Williams-Mystic program for American Maritime Studies. She is also active in her class, currently serving as Vice President/Reunion Chair. She resides in Hudson with her husband and two dogs.

# Pecan Parlor

In 2014, we resumed Pecan Sales for the club as a way of raising funds to support our new local student scholarships. We are pleased to announce how successful we were!

The goal of the scholarship fund was to grant two scholarships of \$500 each, one to a newly admitted student and the other to a current student from the Central MA area to support Smith students from our area in their academic and intellectual endeavors. The competition was intense and we ultimately decided to grant 3 scholarships this year. We were able to do this as a result of the success of our pecan sales. Separate donations from alums target to the scholarship (totaling \$469) were also much appreciated!

Please congratulate once again our scholarship winners!

Our Scholarship Winners received their award at the Annual Meeting.



**Congratulations to Megan Baker, Aleice Goodman, and Alexys Nicole!**

## Pecan Sales by the Numbers



This year, we hope to improve our numbers by increasing sales by 25%! This is an ambitious goal but we can reach it with a little help for you! Please support these scholarships by:

- Completing and returning your Order Form by **November 10, 2015**
- Asking friends, neighbors, colleagues and family to support the scholarships by adding to your order
- Making a separate contribution to the scholarship fund on your Membership Form
- Emailing Caroline with any suggestions you have to increase sales

Caroline Foster Deans '90, Chief Nut Job  
[LRW3GWW@me.com](mailto:LRW3GWW@me.com) (774) 364-4380

**PLEASE WRITE SEPARATE CHECKS FOR DUES AND PECANS!**



## Smith College Club of Central Mass Annual Pecan Sales

Caroline Foster Dean '90—Head Nut Job\* 12 Wayland Circle, Holden, MA  
Phone: (774) 364-4380 \* E-Mail: [lrw3gww@me.com](mailto:lrw3gww@me.com)

Name	
Street Address	
City, State ZIP	
Phone	
Email	

Description	Unit Price*	# Units	Subtotal
16 oz. Mammoth Pecan Halves	\$12.00		
12 oz. Chocolate-covered Pecans	\$10.00		
12 oz. Roasted & Salted Cashews	\$10.00		
8 oz. Pecan Caramel Clusters	\$8.00		

Total:	
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**Instructions:**

- 1) Complete personal information. We will use this to contact you regarding your order, including order pick-up
- 2) Complete order, indicating number of bags and total cost
- 3) Make check payable to “*Smith College Club of Central Massachusetts*”
- 4) Return completed order form and payment to:

**Caroline Deans  
12 Wayland Cir  
Holden, MA 01520**

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\* Net proceeds from sales will be used to fund scholarships for local Smith students. As a result, a portion of your cost may be tax-deductible given the charitable status of our Club:

- 16 oz. Mammoth Pecans: \$3.00 per bag
- 12 oz. Chocolate-covered Pecans: \$5.00 per bag
- 12 oz. Roasted & Salted Cashews: \$4.00 per bag
- 8 oz. Pecan Caramel Clusters: \$4.00 per bag

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# Admissions and Recruitment Activities

## AAC Report

We had another busy year with recruitment activities like interviews and college fairs.

We had 44 applicants from the area, of which, 10 were admitted to Smith and, of those, 3 accepted Smith's offer to be a part of the Smith College Class of 2019.

We are so happy to welcome these young women to Smith, and wish them all the best during their first year:

Adela Escobar '19  
Andrea Sweeney '19  
Maia Russell '19

We are always looking for people to conduct interviews or go to college fairs. Let us know if you might want to get involved. [smithclubworchester@gmail.com](mailto:smithclubworchester@gmail.com)



At the annual meeting!!!



Summer Send-off!

## Smith Book Award



This year, our Club reached new heights by handing out 35 book awards-- ten more than last year!-- to deserving local high school juniors as recommended by the schools' guidance department and faculty. Students received a copy of *Gift from the Sea* by Smith alumna Anne Morrow Lindbergh.


For the first time ever, book award winners were invited to the Club's Summer Send-off. One winner attended and was delighted to meet with current Smith students and alumnae! We wish to keep in touch with the book award winners in hopes that they apply to Smith, and they will be invited to January's Pizza Party for prospective students.

If you would like to sponsor a local high school's book award in 2016, please contact **Book Award Chair Rachel Sasseville** at [rachel.sasseville@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.sasseville@gmail.com).

**\*\*Visit our [Website](http://alumnae.smith.edu/smithcms/centralma/) for a schedule of upcoming events and date changes!**  
<http://alumnae.smith.edu/smithcms/centralma/>

# Alumnae Networking Opportunities

## Upcoming Events

<p><b>November 2015</b></p>	<p>Cocktails &amp; Theatre Meet at Joey's on Chandler Street for cocktails before we all head over to the Worcester State College Theatre for the opening night of <i>Good Night Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)</i> directed by our very own, Lisa Kramer '90.</p> <p>About the play:</p> <p><i>The feminist revolution reaches back in time, taking Shakespeare to task as Constance Ledbelly, a Shakespearian critic, mystically finds herself face-to-face with Desdemona and Juliet. In pushing these women to be heroines instead of victims, Constance discovers her own inner rebel and inner lover.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday, November 19</li> <li>• Meet at Joey's at 6:00</li> <li>• The play will begin at 8:00</li> <li>• Order tickets in advance by calling the WSU box office at 508-929-8843 or emailing <a href="mailto:VPABoxOffice@worchester.edu">VPABoxOffice@worchester.edu</a></li> </ul> <div data-bbox="967 741 1416 1102" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Poofs Get Ready to Perform</b></p>  </div>
<p><b>January 2016</b></p>	<p>Pizza party for current, admitted, and prospective students</p>	<p>Jan 7 with a snow day Jan 14<sup>th</sup>. Location TBA</p>
<p><b>March</b></p>	<p>Spring Networking Event "Smith Perfect." We will be inviting one of the acapella groups for this event</p>	<p>TBA</p>
<p><b>April</b></p>	<p>Tea for admitted students</p>	<p>Sunday afternoon TBA</p>
<p><b>June</b></p>	<p>Annual Meeting</p>	<p>June 1, 2015</p>
<p><b>August</b></p>	<p>Summer Send-Off</p>	<p>TBA</p>

## How to Get Involved

- **Support** the Alumnae Admissions Coordinator by attending college fairs and conducting interviews.
- **Pay your dues** to support our programs. For more information about membership dues and donations, see attached membership form.
- [E-mail](#) the club with new ideas/suggestions for club activities.
- **Return** the attached membership form to be sure we have your most recent information.



## Smith Sports in Worcester

Sport	Date	Event	Time
Crew	10/10/15	Snake Regatta @ Lake Quinsigamond	TBA
Field Hockey	10/31/15	vs. Clark University	1pm
Swimming & Diving	11/8/15	vs. Brandeis, Babson & WPI	1pm
Basketball	1/14/16	vs. WPI	7pm
Crew	4/2/16	vs. WPI	TBA
Softball	4/15/16	vs. WPI	3pm
Crew	4/23/16	NEWMAC Championship	All Day
Crew	4/30/16	New England Rowing Championship	All Day
Crew	5/8/16	RECAC Regatta	All Day

### STAY CONNECTED

Club Website: <http://alumnae.smith.edu/smithcms/centralma/>



[Smith College Club of Central Massachusetts](#). Just ask to join!



[@SmithClub\\_CMASS](#)

Email: [smithclubworcester@gmail.com](mailto:smithclubworcester@gmail.com)



**Summer  
Sendoff  
Fun!!!**

# Treasurer's Report

**Cindy (Redding) Parker '97**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Year Ended 6/30/2015</b>	
Dues	\$	1,410.00
Voluntary Dues	\$	402.00
Book Award	\$	414.00
Gift Card Sponsorship	\$	230.00
Scholarship Donation	\$	469.00
Interest	\$	0.51
Other	\$	40.00
<b>Total Income 2014-2015</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,965.51</b>

## **Expenses**

### **Club**

Fall Newsletter	\$	(130.45)
Annual Meeting 2015	\$	(765.82)
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(896.27)</b>

### **Alumnae Admissions**

Exam Gift Cards - Fall	\$	(36.44)
Pizza Party	\$	(310.46)
Poof & Pastries Event	\$	(390.14)
Exam Gift Cards - Spring	\$	(245.00)
Graduating Seniors Gift Cards	\$	(145.91)
Book Awards	\$	(367.55)
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(1,495.50)</b>

### **Other**

PayPal Fees	\$	(2.34)
Donations designated for scholarship	\$	(469.00)
Other	\$	(69.85)
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(541.19)</b>

<b>Total Expenses 2014-2015</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(2,932.96)</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>32.55</b>

Last year our income was about equal to our expenses as our members once again were so generous in supporting the Club through timely dues payments. Through your generosity we were able to provide close to 30 book awards to local area high schools, send gift cards for coffee on us to almost 50 students at Smith from our local area, support our alumnae through sending holiday cards to our senior alums, host programs such as the annual pizza party, admitted students tea and annual meeting and much more.

We will be mailing dues forms for the 2015-2016 Club year. We have another great year planned with recruiting events, outreach to current students and networking with local alumnae. Please consider supporting the Club again by paying your dues, sponsoring a gift card for coffee a current student to be sent at exam time or by sponsoring a local area book award. All donations are appreciated and help us in our mission to promote the interests of the College and to bring the members into closer relationships with the College and with each other.

**We would like to thank and recognize those members who have continued to support the Club by paying dues for 2 or more consecutive years.**

Debra Ragosta  
 Nancy Rice  
 Christina Rosi  
 Rachel Sasseville  
 Elizabeth Seidler  
 Karen Smith  
 Liesl Smith  
 Katy Sullivan  
 Mary Tanona  
 Marianne Tompkins  
 Mary Tonry  
 Danielle Wahba  
 Meredith Walsh  
 Amy Whitehead-Pleaux  
 Nancy Wilson  
 Jennifer Wiza  
 Virginia Woodbury

Gayle Bannister	Kathy Chrismer	Martha Grace
Giselle Beaulieu	Brenda Conlin	Joanna Jalbert
Jeanne Blauner	Marie-Laure Couët	Catherine Jenkins
Elissa Boisvert	Marjory Dearborn	Lisa Kramer
Elisabeth Borg	Elizabeth DeHoratius	Mary Lively
Erin Bradbury	Martha Densmore	Stephanie McClung
Janelle Bradshaw	Shelagh Ellman-Pearl	Michelle Mondoux
Ellen Brown	Lauren Foley	Anne Moore
Sarah Caliri	Caroline Foster Deans	Anne O'Connell
Liz Cardoza	Helen Garcia	Cynthia Parker
Deborah Cary	Rachel Gerstein	Marsha Platt
Carla Cataldo	Gayle Golden	Kathleen Pruncnal
Deb Chad	Karen Goudey	Rea Rabinowitz





# SMITH COLLEGE CLUB OF CENTRAL MASS

## MEMBERSHIP FORM: JULY 2015 – JUNE 2016

*A portion of your Annual Dues are tax deductible and help to defray the costs of mailings, book awards, alumnae admissions, events & other Club expenses*

CONTACT INFORMATION			
NAME:		CLASS:	
COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS:			

PRIMARY TELEPHONE:		SECONDARY TELEPHONE:	
*EMAIL ADDRESS:			

MEMBERSHIP		
	Amount	Description
√	\$30	Regular Membership: Class years 2009-2015
	\$*	Membership: Class years 1954 and prior & class years 2015-2010 *(Dues are voluntary for members of these class years.)
	\$_____	Voluntary sustaining dues: Discretionary donation to be used toward club mailings, events and to defray other club expenses
	\$_____	<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</b>

SCHOLARSHIP		
	Amount	Description
√	\$_____	Scholarship Donation, the SCCCM will be awarding a minimum of two scholarships to local area women to help defray the cost of books, supplies, etc. Scholarships will be presented to the recipients at our <b>Annual Meeting</b> .

ALUMNAE ADMISSIONS		
	Amount	Description
√	\$18	Book Award Sponsorship
	\$10	Current Student Exam Gift Cards (The SCCM sends well wishes and a Campus Center gift card to students from our area during Fall and Spring exams).
	\$_____	<b>TOTAL ALUMNAE ADMISSIONS</b>

<b>SEND THIS FORM TO:</b> Smith College Club of Central Mass, 3 Oakview Street, Worcester, MA 01605 <b>CHECKS SHOULD BE PAYABLE TO THE SMITH COLLEGE CLUB OF CENTRAL MASS.</b>
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