

The Smith College Club of the Peninsula



August 2013 Newsletter

President's Message

Dear Smithies,

Welcome to the Club's annual newsletter! This past year, the Peninsula Club has had *a lot* going on – hikes, teas, student care packages, monthly book club meetings, e-newsletters, and many other projects and events.

We did some great foundation building this year. We have improved our communications system, our website, and our online payment options. Looking forward, plans are in the works to extend networking opportunities, family friendly events, and our membership. In order to get the best perspective on new activities and initiatives, the board wants to expand to include a Membership Chair and a Career-Networking Chair. We are also looking for a coordinator for Student Care Packages. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please let me know at halsey.anne@gmail.com.

Speaking of membership, our members provide inspiration for activities, locations for events, funds for refreshments, book awards, and witty repartee. Smith alums provide camaraderie and fun for each other and inspiration to future Smithies. As you mark your calendar for the annual potluck, please reach out to other Smithies you know and invite them to go with you. When it comes to Smithies, the more, the merrier!

See you at the potluck!

Anne Halsey '06
President

Upcoming Events

- **Students Summer Sendoff Party**
Saturday, August 17, 2013, hosted by **Marilyn Higuera '65** in Burlingame
- **Book Drive Kickoff and Picnic**
Sunday, August 25, hosted by **Catharine Wallace '07** in Mountain View
- **2013 Annual Meeting and Potluck**
Sunday, September 15, 2013, hosted by **Maria Allo '68** in Los Altos
- **Mountain Day Apple Picking**
Sunday in September/October 2013
immediately after Mountain Day, coordinated by **Catharine Wallace '07** in Watsonville
- **Film Trailer for "Petals in the Dust: India's Missing Girls" and Discussion**
October 2013, hosted by **Jean Davidson '73** in Atherton
- **Student Care Packages Assembly Party**
November 2013
- **Holiday Tea and Cookie Exchange**
Sunday, December 8, 2013, hosted by **Laurie Daniels '81** in Hillsborough
- **Hot Cider Party**
January 4 or 5, 2014, hosted by **Laura Selznick '68** in Palo Alto
- **Wine Tasting**
February 2013
- **Faculty Speaker Event**
March 2014, hosted by **Shana Nelson Middler '89** in Woodside
- **Accepted Students Yield Party**
April 2014
- **Sunset Gardens Tour and Tea**
April 2014, guided by **Sally Smith '64** in Menlo Park
- **Hiking the Stanford Dish**
May 2014 in Palo Alto

For news and events, visit our Club website:

<http://alumnae.smith.edu/smithcms/peninsula>

Recent Club Events

- **Sunday, June 2, 2013 – Afternoon Tea (San Jose)**

Host: **Catharine Wallace '07**

Nineteen Smithies enjoyed afternoon tea with yummy snacks in Catharine Wallace's lovely garden from 3 – 6 PM. This event served to welcome home current Smithies, congratulate graduating seniors, and congratulate incoming first year students. Of course, there is nothing like the simple joy of gathering around good food, fragrant tea, and intelligent company.

- **Saturday, May 11, 2013 – Hiking the Stanford Dish (Palo Alto)**

Coordinator: **Mindy Chu '11**

After being rained out last November, Mindy Chu rescheduled our hike to take advantage of the beautiful spring weather. Fellow Smithies enjoyed this scenic 4-mile hike with great views of Stanford University and the San Francisco Bay Area. Do plan to join us next time...

- **Friday, April 19, 2013 – Sunset Gardens Tour and Afternoon Tea (Menlo Park)**

Coordinator: **Sally Smith '64**

On April 19th, Sally Smith led a tour of the gardens at the headquarters of *Sunset* magazine. Established in 1951, the gardens feature habitat areas plus a rose garden, test gardens for the editors, and an outdoor entertainment kitchen. Twenty alumnae and guests strolled around on a warm, sunny, blue-sky afternoon, enjoying the plantings, including camellias emerging in the California sections, hellebores in flower in the Pacific Northwest section, and Celebration Roses just beginning to unfold. The tour was followed by tea at Lisa's Tea Treasures, where a dozen of us savored salads, finger sandwiches, scones with lemon curd and clotted cream, and scrumptious desserts, accompanied by three kinds of tea. It seemed fitting to be having tea with fellow Smithies on Friday afternoon.

- **Tuesday, March 19, 2013 – “Perfecting the Pitch” Business Plan Competition Review (San Francisco)**

Coordinator: **Susan Strom '04**, President of the Smith Club of the East Bay

Sponsored by venture capitalist Tim Draper and **Melissa Draper '77**, the Draper Business Plan Competition was an exclusive opportunity for current Smith College students to compete for \$20,000 in prize money. The Perfecting the Pitch event was our opportunity to connect with the semi-finalists back in Northampton and send constructive criticism their way. This event brought the innovative business thinking of Bay Area alumnae to Smith students, and gave us an opportunity to meet our local alumnae peers.

- **Sunday, March 17, 2013 – Faculty Speaker, Susan Van Dyne (Woodside)**

Host: **Shana Nelson Middler '89**

Alumnae and guests gathered for a great discussion with Faculty Member, Susan Van Dyne, Professor of the Study of Women and Gender and Director of Archives Concentration, as she discussed “the emergence of modern womanhood” which she covers in her J-Term class. The website describes the class as: “Studying archival photographs from the early days of Smith College, Susan Van Dyne traces the changing styles, attitudes and modes of dress of Smith students, who defied Victorian-era convention to express themselves through academics, athletics and dramatics.” We had a great history of the evolution of women in modern society, and we loved hearing about it from Susan Van Dyne. See a short video on the website: <http://www.smith.edu/video/becoming-college-woman>.

Additional 2012 - 2013 Club Events

- **Saturday, February 9, 2013 - Wine Tasting at the Village Pub (Woodside)**
Coordinators: **Anne Halsey '06** and **Lauren Kemp '05**

The Smith Club enjoyed a winter wine tasting with Lauren Kemp, the Sommelier at the Village Pub. Lauren shared her considerable knowledge of some of her favorite European varietals, including champagne, a chardonnay, a white burgundy, and two of her favorite red wines. Attendees were treated to information about each wine, light refreshments, and the company of fellow Smithies!

- **Sunday, January 6, 2013 – Prospective Cider Party (Palo Alto)**
Host: **Laura Selznick '68**

Alumnae, current Smith students home on winter break, and prospective Smith applicants (class of 2017!) gathered for a casual afternoon of socializing and sharing the Smith experience at Laura Selznick's lovely home. This annual event combined hot cider, sweet and savory treats, and – of course – smart women!

- **Sunday, December 2, 2012 – Holiday Tea and Cookie Exchange (Hillsborough)**
Host: **Laurie Daniels '81**

If the holidays inspire you to fire up the oven and mix up a batch of your favorite holiday treats, then you didn't want to miss the Fifth Annual Peninsula Smith Club Tea and Cookie Exchange. This was a great chance to meet fellow Smithie home bakers, enjoy tea with friends, share recipes, and sample unique homemade baked creations and confections. Attendees brought 2 – 3 dozen of one kind of cookie and left with a variety of delicious holiday cookies to impress their friends and family.

- **Friday, November 2, 2012 – Literary Salon (Willow Glen neighborhood of San Jose)**
Host: **Chris Conklin '82**

The Smith College Club of the Peninsula gathered for a literary evening during which **Mary Ellen Hannibal '81** read from her recently published book, *The Spine of the Continent: The Most Ambitious Wildlife Conservation Project Ever Undertaken*, and discussed her adventures during its research and writing.

According to *Publisher's Weekly*, Mary Ellen's book "offers a gripping and informative look at the founding of bio-conservation...and the ambitious, necessary extension of theoretical knowledge into practical application with the formation of connected wildlife corridors from Canada to Mexico. Giving equal time to anecdotes and interviews, Hannibal supports her engaging and swift narrative with hard facts. This book is far more engrossing and dramatic than the title suggests...A thoroughly satisfying gem, readers will find themselves in the company of America's best minds and heroes as Hannibal travels through landscapes chronicling the efforts underway to keep North America habitable for the plants and animals that first lived here and the people who now call it home. This is what scientific writing should be: fascinating and true."

Other Past Club Events

- **Friday, October 12, 2012 – Afternoon Tea (San Jose)**

Host: **Catharine Wallace '07**

Smithies dropped in on Friday afternoon, October 12th, from 3 pm to 7 pm in Catharine Wallace's lovely garden for some tea sandwiches, tea desserts, and of course, *tea*. We left a wide window open for anyone to participate: those who want to arrive early to avoid rush-hour traffic coming into the Los Gatos area, all the way to those who work through to the end of Friday afternoon. It was a great opportunity to close the week and relax into the weekend with Smithies.

- **Sunday, September 23, 2012 – Mountain Day Apple Picking (Watsonville)**

Coordinator: **Catharine Wallace '07**

On a lovely fall day, alumnae and their families enjoyed their time picking apples with fellow Smithies at the organic Clearview Orchard in Watsonville. It was a great opportunity to experience some of California's beautiful landscape and reminisce about past Mountain Day excursions while in college.

- **Sunday, September 9, 2012 – Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner (Atherton)**

Host: **Jean Davidson '73**

All alumnae living on the Peninsula were invited to the Club's Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner hosted at Jean Davidson's beautiful home in Atherton. Potluck dishes and drinks accompanied animated conversations and laughter as the Club voted on updates to our constitution and bylaws and elected new board members. Attending alumnae ranged in age from the latest graduates to members of the Class of 1941!

- **Saturday, August 11, 2012 – Student Summer Sendoff Party (San Jose)**

Host: **Chris Conklin '82**

The Summer Sendoff party was a big success – literally! It was very lively with a great mix of 26 new and current students, alumnae, and parents of “first years” and current students. The students were all so great and excited, it left all of the alums wishing they were going back to the College too!

- **Third Wednesday of Month – Book Club Meetings (Atherton)**

Coordinator: **Sally Smith '64**

The Book Club meets on the third Wednesday evening of each month (except for August and December) and has been generously hosted by **Anne Flegel '64** in her lovely home for the past 13 years. Thank you, Anne, for your gracious hospitality over the years!

We are now changing to a new system in which the meeting location will rotate among various central sites on the Peninsula.

Book Awards Program

Thanks to the generosity of **Becky Stirn '75**, the Club was able to invite five local high schools to participate in the Book Awards program this year. The award recipients included the following high school juniors:

Julia Gupil	Los Altos High School
Angela Tong	Monta Vista High School
Monet Timmons	Eastside College Preparatory School (East Palo Alto)
Rachel Song	Lynbrook High School
Megan Pockalny	Woodside High School

Each student received a copy of *The Spine of the Continent: The Most Ambitious Wildlife Conservation Project Ever Undertaken* by **Mary Ellen Hannibal '81** or *The Feminine Mystique* by **Betty Friedan '42**.

Through this program, participating schools nominate a junior student as a candidate for the award. Eligibility criteria are a combination of academic strength, intellectual curiosity, and community service. The Club or the sponsoring alumna chooses a book (usually one related to Smith or written by a Smith faculty member or alumna) that matches the student's personal interests and we affix a recognition bookplate. The book and award certificate are presented to the student at her high school's awards ceremony. We also provide the student's contact information to the College so the Admissions Office can keep track of her should she decide to apply.

Book awards fulfill dual goals: having Smith's name recognized by the student/parent community during these ceremonies and encouraging a promising junior to learn more about Smith and possibly apply. While many factors impact enrollment numbers, the Admissions Office says that these awards historically have been a very successful recruitment strategy for the College. The reality is that Smith is far away and California high school students are flooded with information about other colleges and universities closer to home. Thus, the book award program is an invaluable public relations tool.

We would like to expand this program on the Peninsula. If there is a local high school where you would like to raise awareness of Smith through sponsorship of a book award (at a cost of \$35), please email Book Awards/Outreach Coordinator **Fatima Hanif '88** at tima88@gmail.com.

KEEP OUR MEMBERSHIP ROSTER CURRENT

If your mailing address, phone number, or email address changes during the year, please send the updated information to our Treasurer/Membership Chair **Jean Davidson '73** at jean@davi.net. Please also update your contact information with the College at <http://alumnae.smith.edu/cms>, as we use alumnae's mailing addresses provided by the College for our annual print newsletter.

2012 – 2013 Book Selections

Citizens of London
by Lynne Olson

The Lacuna
by Barbara Kingsolver

*The Immortal Life of
Henrietta Lacks*
by Rebecca Skloot

The Greater Journey
by David McCullough

Madame Bovary
by Gustav Flaubert

Finding Nouf
by Zoe Ferraris

Nothing Daunted
by Dorothy Wickenden

The Reluctant Fundamentalist
by Mohsin Hamid

The Valleys of the Assassins
by Freya Stark

*Passionate Nomad, a
biography of Stark*
by Jane Fletcher Geniesse

The Devil in the White City
by Erik Larson

American Gods
By Neil Gaiman

Smith Book Club

The Book Club provides a friendly, open, and inquiring setting for discussing various works of literature (both contemporary and classic). Meetings take place from 7 to 9 pm, generally on the third Wednesday each month (except for August and December). We rotate the meeting location among various central sites on the Peninsula. Any Smith alumna (or current student) is welcome to participate and you don't have to "join" — just come to the meetings whenever they fit your interest and schedule. If you are interested in attending our meetings, please contact the Book Club Coordinator, **Sally Smith '64**, via email at swlaurelcreek@comcast.net and she will add you to the email distribution list.

Upcoming meetings and books to be discussed include:

September 18 *American Gods* by Neil Gaiman
October 16 *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand

Each month Kepler's Books in Menlo Park carries our book selections on the Peninsula Smith Club shelf in its book club section. At the cash register, tell the sales clerk that this is a Peninsula Smith Club purchase and you will receive a 15% discount.

Student Care Packages

Twice this past year, Student Care Packages Coordinator **Fatima Hanif '88** created wonderful exam care packages for current Smithies from the Peninsula. Designed to arrive each semester as classes end and students settle down to study for their final exams, these packages have different contents each time—sometimes breakfast bars and popcorn or tea and highlighters. Fatima also includes items that remind students of the Bay Area, such as See's candies, Starbucks gift cards, treats from Trader Joe's, and the like. The Club pays for all costs of the care packages as a goodwill gesture to develop strong connections among current and future alumnae. Additional donations are always welcome! Based on the students' comments, they are much appreciated!

This coming year, we plan to have parties for alumnae to write encouraging notes and assemble these care packages before mailing. If you are interested in being our Student Care Packages Coordinator this year, please contact **Anne Halsey '06** at halsey.anne@gmail.com.

College News Update

Amanda Wallis '74 reports that she recently returned to campus to attend the Inaugural Draper Business Plan Competition. Sponsored by Tim and **Melissa Draper '77**, this competition awards a Grand Prize of \$10,000 and a scholarship to the Draper University of Heroes to the student with the most compelling entrepreneurial idea. There were fourteen finalists presenting a myriad of intriguing business ventures. The winner was **Melody Setoodenhnia '14** whose idea, Your Market Match, is an online matching service for real estate agents and home and property buyers and sellers.

The competition is another example of the wonderful work being done by the Center for Women and Financial Independence at Smith. Smith launched the WFI program in fall 2001 to ensure that Smith students acquire the skills to understand and manage finances in their personal, professional, family, and community lives. By transitioning from a program to a permanent Center in spring 2011, Smith recognizes financial literacy as vital to achieving leadership of all kinds in today's complex world.

The majority of women consider "financial security" to be one of their top priorities, yet many women feel they do not have the knowledge to address financial matters. The Center for Women and Financial Independence (WFI) is a resource at Smith College providing women with the skills and knowledge necessary to address financial issues that may arise in their personal, professional, family and community lives. This includes lessons in basic financial literacy, the opportunity to build an in-depth understanding of global financial markets, and tools for entrepreneurs and those seeking skills for successful self-employment.

Yet another example of Smith being on the forefront of giving its graduates not only an exceptional intellectual experience but also equipping them with tools and knowledge to be successful in life itself.

Hosts Wanted!

The Club is always in need of volunteers to host its events. Whether your home is big or small, we would be grateful for all offers to host. Some events are geared to have just a few people attending, while others may have a bigger crowd. We can match your home to the most suitable event that interests you.

If you are interested in hosting a Club event, please contact our **Vice President and Programs Chair Catharine Wallace '07** at catharine.l.wallace@gmail.com. Thank you!

Communications Help Is Needed

Volunteers are needed to help the Club communicate with area alumnae (via the annual newsletter, monthly e-newsletters, Facebook and LinkedIn groups, etc.). Interested? Please contact **Anne Halsey '06** at halsey.anne@gmail.com for more info.

Who's New?

The Club asked incoming first year and transfer students from the Peninsula to share short profiles with our members so we can get to know them better.

Kaylynn Crawford '17 (Woodside)

"I graduated from Woodside High School. I'm starting at Smith in the fall, class of '17. Right now, I'm planning on double majoring in Psychology and Computer Science, with either a minor or a concentration in Neuroscience. I don't really know what career I want to pursue, but I'm currently leaning toward something in the medical field, like pediatrics or psychiatry. In terms of extracurricular activities, I plan to join the Equestrian team and continue community service in one form or another. I'm looking forward to starting at Smith."

Getting to Know You...

Here are some additional profiles that current students have shared with us:

Emma Ulriksen '14 (San Francisco): “I attended the Ruth Asawa School of the Arts (SOTA). My main interests lie in the sustainable food movement. Ever since my junior year of high school, learning of the many deceptions and discrepancies embedded in our food system, I've become keenly aware and passionate about this issue. As a San Francisco native, purchasing from local farmers markets and buying organic seemed a norm versus a luxury. However, this perception quickly changed as I began to recognize my bubble of an upbringing and the reality that good food has become a luxury in modern America. This past year I studied abroad in Florence, Italy where my comprehensive study of the language gave me the unique opportunity to engage with the slow food movement, local farmers, and traditional artisans. I chose to study abroad in order to draw a comparison between our current food system and that of a culture renowned for its steady attention to the output of high quality goods, valued and accessible to the majority of its citizens. I am doing my summer praxis internship with a sustainably focused non-profit, Seedling Projects, here in San Francisco.”

Brittany Caine '14 (Half Moon Bay): “I'm not originally from the Bay Area, but I've been a proud resident since 2010. I'm a graduate of Sierra Canyon High School in Chatsworth, CA, and I now live in Half Moon Bay. I'm currently (almost done!) pursuing a double major in Theatre and Jewish Studies, complemented by a recently completed (and best ever) semester in Israel. I'm spending this summer in St. Paul, Minnesota, working for the Minnesota Jewish Theatre Company as their first-ever intern! My plans for the future are up in the air . . . but in the theatre world, anything can happen. Smith highlights include Wednesday night breakfast-for-dinner, playing Bottom in *Midsummer*, planning QuadProm, and, of course, Emerson House. I'm so proud to be a Smithie—and here's a shout-out to my mom, **Janice Caine '80:** my favorite Smith alumna and former resident of Emerson House!”

Harleen Kaur '16 (San Jose): “I attended Notre Dame High School. I am planning on double majoring in Government and Economics, and I also hope to pursue the Global Financial Institutions concentration. This summer, I am interning at the International Rescue Committee in San Jose as a vocational E.S.L. and job development intern. I am working with newly arrived refugees, most of whom are from the Middle East and African countries and are trying to rebuild their lives through job development, resettlement, and English classes. In late June and July, I will also be working full-time with “tweens” (middle school children) at Galileo Summer Quest in Almaden as an assistant instructor. My ultimate dream is to work in the field of international relations and to pursue law school, because I believe in justice and think that every single person is entitled to it. Conducting research through STRIDE with Smith's Government Department has only increased my passion for law and justice.”

Hope Wu '16 (Palo Alto): “I attended Henry M. Gunn High School. I am majoring in biochemistry and minoring in psychology. I plan on going to medical school after graduating from Smith. During my first year, I joined the Smith Chorus and discovered my love of singing. Next semester I will continue to sing in Glee Club. This summer I am interning at Elizabeth Blackburn's research lab at UCSF. I am researching how telomere (ends of DNA chromosomes) lengths are related to different diseases, aging, and death. I am also planning on getting my [driver's] license this summer because my parents are tired of being my chauffeurs.”

Heartfelt Thanks

We want to share the following letter from **Carolina Rodríguez '13**, the recipient of our 2012 - 13 Smith College Club of the Peninsula (CA) scholarship:



“Dear Club Members,

I wanted to extend to you a heartfelt thank you for making the financial aid I received through Smith College possible! I am a graduating senior from San Jose, CA, and because of your generosity I was able to fulfill my dream of studying at an amazing school for women’s education. At Smith College, I am blessed to be surrounded by women who want to continue pushing themselves academically and mentally through their visions of excellence and activism.

I am a studio art major, and mechanical engineering minor. My interest in these fields was a result of being given the opportunity to explore different subjects in a way that only liberal arts colleges can provide. I have certainly felt that Smith was the right fit for me, due to its diverse and encompassing goal to support women from all backgrounds to succeed in their professional and personal endeavors. I could not have experienced the tremendous growth as a student and young woman if not for your support.

I come from a low-income family of five, and since graduating high school, I have been inspired by the teachers and mentors that believed in me and challenged my ideas of what I thought was possible for me. Now as a senior at Smith College, I am extremely grateful to have been given the opportunity to continue creating these close relationships and support networks with students, staff, and faculty across departments. The tools and knowledge that Smith has provided have already been put to use through my internships at the de Young Museum Ambassador Program, the non-profit MACLA gallery, and a summer teaching position instructing incoming freshmen at my former high school, Downtown College Prep. I am looking forward to continuing to form these connections as I look toward starting the next step in my life with a career in the arts. The opportunity to work with amazing professors and students across departments has emphasized my passion for collaborations between fields and also to continue my education in the arts.

I want to thank you again for giving me the resources that have impacted my life in such a beautiful way, and that your gift has contributed to my enthusiasm to join the legacy of Smith women out in the world.

With Much Gratitude,

Carolina Rodríguez
Class of 2013

P.S. In addition, I wanted to thank you for the sweet care packages; it was always great to get something in the mail during finals!”

Welcome to the Class of 2017!

Alumnae Admissions Coordinator **Chris Conklin '82** is delighted to report that nine young women from the Peninsula will be attending Smith next fall as first years or transfer students. They will be joining approximately 20 current Smithies from the Peninsula! This is a great yield result for our area, thanks to the help of our amazing AAC and alumnae volunteers. Our recruiting efforts this year included many local interviews of candidates by our alumnae volunteers, various local college fairs, the annual Hot Cider Party in January, Book Awards at five local high schools, and the Summer Sendoff Party in August.

Many of the students and their families who attended the recruiting events mentioned that the alumnae contact, both during their interviews and afterwards while they were making their decisions, played a major role in their choice to go to Smith. This message confirms what the College constantly tells us – Smith alums make all the difference!

If you would like to help with our recruiting efforts, please check out the volunteer opportunities described below.

Admissions Volunteer Opportunities

Would you like to get involved with the Club's admission activities? Our admissions recruiting activities are extensive, so the more volunteers we have, the better! Whether you conduct a single student interview or become more heavily involved, your participation is most welcome. We would be delighted to have you help out at whatever level of commitment you feel most comfortable. Please take a look at some of the available opportunities:

- ***Interview an applicant*** to Smith (September – January)
- ***Co-host a Smith College booth*** at a local high school college fair (September – October)
We usually participate in college fairs sponsored by the following schools/districts:
 - East Side Union High Schools (San Jose)
 - Cupertino High Schools
 - Palo Alto High Schools
 - Archbishop Mitty High School (San Jose)
- ***Present a book award*** (April - June)
- ***Co-host or attend recruiting social events***, such as the Hot Cider Party for prospective students in January, the Yield Party for accepted students in April, or the Students Summer Sendoff Party in August

To sign up to volunteer or request more information, please contact Alumnae Admissions Coordinator **Chris Conklin '82** at chris@ckfamily.org.

Community Service Project:

Book Drive to benefit the Public Library of Loiza, Puerto Rico

Through Smith professor Julio Alves, the College has established a connection with this public library in an impoverished Puerto Rican town. Smith students have raised money, contributed books, and served as interns at the library; in addition, the College has contributed cast-off computers. This summer, our Club is collecting books to help the library.

Kickoff Date: Sunday, August 25, 11 am to 2 pm. Join us for iced tea, cookies, and conversation; there's a shady spot for a picnic lunch if you're so inclined.

Where: Home of **Catharine Wallace '07**, 1526 Canna Court, Mountain View

Book Donation Criteria: The library has limited space, so we are trying to be very targeted in the books we collect. Luis Daniel Pizarro, the library director, has asked that we focus on the following:

- books in Spanish
- bilingual books (Spanish/English)
- recent best-sellers, either fiction or nonfiction, in English or Spanish
- children's and young adult books, especially in Spanish

Books should be in very good condition and preferably hard-cover; if paperback, they should be the sturdy kind, as cheaper paperbacks won't survive library use.

Questions: Seeking additional information or other donation times? Please contact co-chairs **Sally Smith '64** (swslaurelcreek@comcast.net or 650-571-5681) or **Catharine Wallace '07** (catharine.l.wallace@gmail.com or 408-828-5062).

NOTE: We can use helpers on Sunday, September 22, to box up the books for shipping; please contact Sally or Catharine if you'd like to help.

On behalf of Director Pizarro and the Loiza Public Library, we thank everyone who can donate!

Endowed Scholarship Fund

This year, thanks to the generosity of **Louise Beattie '62** and the Contributing Members of the Club, we were able to donate \$1,050 to the Smith College Club of the Peninsula Scholarship Fund (#568040) for student scholarships. This is an endowed fund whose "earned income" is awarded to a Smith student each year as part of the regular financial aid process. To be eligible, the recipient must be from the Peninsula region and have a high G.P.A. **The fund is administered entirely by the College and the Club does not participate in the decision of which student receives the scholarship award.** The fund's assets are invested in conjunction with the College's endowment and the fund has a current market value of \$205,608.

As tuition and living expenses continue to rise, Smith students are increasingly dependent on taking out student loans in order to pay for their Smith education. Scholarships like ours are highly prized by their recipients for helping those students graduate without crushing levels of student loan debt to repay.

Additional contributions to this fund are most welcome! If you are interested in making a donation to this scholarship fund now or through your estate plan, please contact Smith College Stewardship Coordinator Kay Barbieri at (413) 585-2675 or kbarbier@smith.edu for more information.

The Smith College Club of the Peninsula
invites you to its
Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner
(for alumnae only)

Sunday, September 15
5 – 7 PM

Home of Maria Allo '68
896 Shadow Creek Place
Los Altos

RSVP by September 8
to **Catharine Wallace '07** at
thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com
or (408) 828-5062

RSVP only if you WILL be attending. Responses by email are preferred. Please mention what dish you would like to bring so we can balance the menu.

We will need hors d'oeuvres, entrées, salads, vegetables, and dessert.

As always, the Club will provide beverages
(both alcoholic and non-alcoholic).

Please remember that this is an OUTDOOR event and dress accordingly.

A sweater or jacket is recommended.

We look forward to seeing many familiar and new faces!

Join the Smith College Club of the Peninsula!

September 2013 – August 2014

The Smith College Club of the Peninsula is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) charitable organization that sponsors social, cultural, and educational programs for the 600+ alumnae living on the Peninsula and recruits prospective students through college fairs, book awards, candidate parties, high school visits, and interviews. We do not receive any funding from the College and rely 100% on members' dues and donations to fund our activities.

To renew your membership or to become a member for the upcoming year, please complete this [membership form](#) and mail it along with a check for your dues to the address listed. ***You now can fill out the membership form online and pay dues via PayPal on the Club's website too!***

As a member, you will receive:

- Discounted admission to Club events, including lectures by faculty from the College
- Monthly e-newsletters providing advance notice of upcoming Club events and Smith news
- E-vite invitations to fun programs geared toward the varying interests of local alumnae
- The opportunity to meet and form lifelong connections with intelligent, interesting alumnae!
- A sense of satisfaction knowing that Club funds help Smith attract outstanding young women from the Peninsula and provide scholarship funds to enable them to attend the College.

Where do dues and donations go?

- **Mailings, Digital Communications, and Online Payments**
Dues pay for printing and postage costs for the annual print newsletter mailed to all local alumnae, as well as the fees related to our Constant Contact monthly email newsletters and PayPal online payment options on the Club's website.
- **Admissions Recruiting**
One of the Club's most important roles is to keep Smith competitive and to encourage bright and talented high school students in the Bay Area to continue to apply to and attend Smith. 29 Peninsula students are currently at Smith and 45 alumnae helped with recruiting.
- **Book Awards**
The Club purchases books for the annual Smith Book Awards given to outstanding young women in their junior year at Peninsula-area high schools.
- **Students Exam Care Packages**
As a way of connecting with our current Peninsula students at Smith, the Club sends care packages to students twice a year during end of term exams.
- **Peninsula Scholarship Fund**
Club and alumnae donations to the Smith College Club of the Peninsula Scholarship Fund provide funds to help local young women attend Smith.
- **Club Events**
Our events provide opportunities to meet interesting alumnae of diverse ages and backgrounds.

Membership Form
September 2013 – August 2014

Smith College Club of the Peninsula

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SMITH CLUB BY SENDING IN YOUR DUES TODAY!

Name:

Class Year:

Phone:

Email Address:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Occupation:

Employer:

Suggested activities you'd like to see the Club sponsor:

Would you like to get more involved in the Club? Please indicate your interests below:

____ Candidate Recruiting / Admissions / Interviews / College Fairs

____ Book Awards

____ Club Events (____ Hostess or ____ Coordinator)

____ Book Club Participation

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____ Newsletter / e-Newsletter

____ Career Networking

____ Student Care Packages

PLEASE SELECT MEMBERSHIP DUES LEVEL FOR SEPTEMBER 2013 – AUGUST 2014:

____	No Fee	Current Smith Student Membership
____	\$ 20	Young Alumna Membership (Classes of 2003 through 2013)
____	\$ 40	Regular Alumna Membership
____	\$ 60	Contributing Alumna Membership
____	\$ 100	Sustaining Alumna Membership
____	\$ ____	Additional Charitable Donation (to be used for scholarships, book awards, students' exam care packages, and Club events)

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Admissions' recruiting is one of the most important efforts the Club makes on behalf of Smith. It takes many, many volunteers to interview and follow up with prospective students, host college fair booths, host or attend our recruiting events, and sponsor book awards. Special thanks go to the following alumnae who helped out in one or more of these ways: **Jennifer Chang, Cassie Chao, Mindy Chu, Chris Conklin, Alison Amato Falk, Sara Filipek, Fatima Hanif, Marilyn Higuera, Stannie Holt, Ariadne Horstman, Lori Kahn, Lori Krauss, Karen Martell, Wendy Marti, Shana Nelson-Middler, Sarah Rivers, Erika Rodriguez, Julia Scott, Laura Selznick, Becky Stirn, Emma Strong, Nisha Thatte-Potter, and Catherine Wallace.**

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Are You Receiving Our Invitations?

As most of you know, the Club has moved to using Evite.com to send our event invitations and receive your RSVPs. This service helps us manage the details of the long list of events we have this year and we want to make sure you receive them. If you have not received these invitations in the past and would like to, please consider the following troubleshooting options:

- Become a Club member so you are on the distribution list to receive event invitations
- Verify that your contact information is correct on the Alumnae Association's website
- Check your spam folder and change the filter settings to keep Evites in your inbox