

Smith Club of the Peninsula



Welcome back!

Did you know there are over 1,500 Smith alumna in the San Francisco Bay Area? Because you live south of San Francisco and north of Monterey, you are one of the 600 Smithies that call the Peninsula home. As an alumnae of the Peninsula, we encourage you to participate in the Smith College Club of the Peninsula events and programs.

This fall the Club has several upcoming events and opportunities to volunteer.

To kick off the year, Anne Flegel has generously offered to host us all again for the annual fall potluck at her home in Atherton. It is a great way to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones (and enjoy an excellent meal!). We hope to see you there.

Additional events come up throughout the year and most invitations go out by email. To ensure you receive invitations via email, please confirm your contact information with the college. Visit alumnae.smith.edu or call 413-585-2040.

If you are interested in sharing your time and talents with the Smith Club, please consider joining the board. We currently have several open positions including Club President and Care Package Coordinator. To find out more about these positions, please reach out to Taress Reyering via email (taressreyering@gmail.com) or ask a board member at the upcoming potluck!

2010- 2011 Past Events

- ◆ **Larry Meinert, Smith Dept. of Geology "Wine and Terroir - The Science of Good Taste"**
Friday, March 18, 2011. Over 30 Smithies and guests gathered at the home of Shana Nelson Middler in Woodside to hear Professor Larry Meinert present the science behind what makes the best wines of the world. The short answer, geology! We followed his lecture with a blind taste test of wines from Washington, California and France. Napa beware...To our surprise Washington won by a landslide of votes for both red and white.
- ◆ **Annual Hot Cider Party**
Sunday, February 13, 2011 at the home of Laura Selznick in Palo Alto. Over 30 alumnae and prospectives gathered for this annual event where prospective students and families can ask their questions from current students and recent alumnae while sipping delicious hot cider!
- ◆ **Annual Smith Club Cookie Exchange and Care Package Party**
Sunday, December 5, 2010 at the home of Shana Nelson Middler in Woodside. Smithies showed their inner Julia Child this time when they gathered to exchange delicious homemade holiday creations. Mmmmm.
- ◆ **Sunset Magazine Headquarters Private Tour**
Friday, October 18, 2010. Sixteen Smithies enjoyed a tour led by Erin Shitama, Executive Assistant to the President, through the offices, event spaces and test kitchens. We learned about the history of the building and its unique furnishings, the legacy of the magazine since 1898, and how each recipe found in the magazine is tested multiple times by their writer, editors and readers. Sally Smith (Smith Club member and former employee of *Sunset*) led our group on a tour of the gardens.
- ◆ **Fall Club Potluck**
Sunday, September 19, 2010. Anne Flegel graciously hosted this annual event again. Thank you for having us, Anne! If you missed this annual tradition, be sure to join us this year on September 25.

For news and events visit our club website:
<http://alumnae.smith.edu/smithcms/peninsula>

To join the book club email list, contact Sally Smith swslaurelcreek@comcast.net

2010-2011 Book Club Selections

January 19
The Iliad by Homer,
Lattimore translation

February 16
Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay

March 16
All in the Day's Work by Ada Tarbell

April 20
The Island of Dr. Moreau, The Time Machine and *The Invisible Man* by H.G. Wells

May 18 -
The Male Brain by Louanne Brizendine

June 22
The Feminine Mystique by Betty Friedan (Special Guest, Smith Professor Nancy Whittier discussed results from original Friedan Survey given to the Class of 1982)

July 20
The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford

Smith Book Club

The Peninsula Smith Book Club provides a friendly, open and inquiring setting for discussing various works of literature (both classic and contemporary). Meetings take place at 7 PM on the third Wednesday of the month at the home of Anne Flegel in Atherton. If you are interested in joining, please contact our Book Club Coordinator Sally Smith via email at swslaurelcreek@comcast.net.



Each month Kepler's Books in Menlo Park carries our book selections on the Peninsula Smith Club shelf, for which you will receive 15% off the purchase of the book.

Upcoming books:

- ◆ September 21, 2011 *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini
- ◆ October 19, 2011 *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell
- ◆ November 16, 2011 *Tinkers* by Paul Harding
- ◆ No meeting in December
- ◆ January 2012 *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith

Welcome to the Class of 2015!

Alumnae Area Coordinator (AAC) Chris Conklin '82 is happy to report that ten young women from the Peninsula will be attending Smith next fall as first-years or transfers. They will be joining the approximately twenty current Smithies from the Peninsula! This is a great yield number for our area and recruiting efforts this year included many local interviews conducted by our volunteer alumnae, our annual Hot Cider Party in February, a yield party co-hosted in Berkeley by the East Bay, SF and Marin Clubs in April and most recently the Summer Send Off celebration.



Several of the students who attended the recruiting events along with their parents, said that they felt the alumnae contact, during their interviews and afterward while they were making their decisions, played a big role in their choice to go to Smith. This is what the College consistently tells us—Smith alums make all the difference!

Would you like to help make a difference? Do you have an hour or more to reach out to a prospective student or attend a social event? The club is looking for volunteers to help Smith attract and reach prospective candidates in the San Francisco Bay Area. Please take a look at the list below of ways you can help and consider volunteering in one or more ways in the upcoming year.

- ◆ Interview an applicant to Smith (Nov-Jan)
- ◆ Co-host a Smith College booth at an area college fair:
 - + East Side Union High Schools Mon Sept 19, San Jose (Independence HS)
 - + Cupertino High Schools College Fair Wed Sept 21, Cupertino (Homestead HS)
 - + Palo Alto High Schools, Mon Oct 10, Palo Alto (Paly HS)
- ◆ Contact a prospective student (Sept-Dec)
- ◆ Make a book award (June)
- ◆ Co-host or attend social events such as the prospectives party in January, the yield event in April or the summer send-off in August.

To sign up or request further information please contact Alumnae Area Coordinator (AAC) Chris Conklin, chris@ckfamily.org.

Join the Smith Club of the Peninsula Club Year 2011-2012

The Club receives no funding from the College. We rely 100% on dues. To renew your membership or to become a member for the upcoming club year, just complete the form and mail with a check for your dues.

The Smith Club of the Peninsula collects dues for the upcoming club year every September for the following year. The club year coincides with the academic year (September - August).

As a member you receive:

- ◆ All club mailings
- ◆ Discounted admission to club events
- ◆ Newsletters highlighting club events, Smith news, regional alumnae events
- ◆ Advanced notice of upcoming events and programs
- ◆ Interesting programs geared toward the varying interests of local alumnae
- ◆ The opportunity to meet other interesting alumnae
- ◆ A sense of hope and satisfaction knowing that club funds contribute to events to attract outstanding young women of the Peninsula to Smith and scholarships to enable them to attend.

Where do dues and donations go?

- ◆ **Events and Mailings**
Paper and postage costs for club events and newsletters.
- ◆ **Admissions Recruiting**
One of the club's most important roles is to keep Smith competitive and to encourage bright and talented high school students of the Bay Area to continue to apply to and attend Smith.
- ◆ **Book Awards**
Every year the club purchases books for the Annual Smith Book Awards for outstanding young women in their junior year at Peninsula-area high schools.
- ◆ **Exam Care Packages**
Every year the club sends exam care packages to current students from the Bay Area.
- ◆ **Peninsula Scholarship Fund**
The Peninsula Scholarship Fund supports current Smith students from the Peninsula. Check out our website to read a thank you letter from our most recent recipient, Angelica Patlan from San Jose (Class of 2014, Morris House).

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September 2011- August 2012 Membership Form

Please support your local Smith Club by sending in your dues!

Name and Class:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Membership Dues for September 2011 - August 2012

Please make checks out to "Peninsula Smith Club".

_____ \$15 Young Alumnae (Class of 2001-2011)

_____ \$30 Regular

_____ \$60 Contributing

_____ Additional Donation

Please send your dues to:

Jennifer Chang, Club Treasurer

153 N. San Mateo Dr. #307

San Mateo, CA 94401

The Smith College Club
of the Peninsula
Invites you to the
Annual Potluck Dinner
(for alumnae only)

When: Sunday, September 25 at 5 PM

Where: Anne Flegel's House
Atherton, CA

If you wish to attend, please RSVP to
Jean Davidson at
jean@davi.net
or 650-330-0552
by September 18.

Please RSVP only if you WILL be attending and please include what dish you will be bringing. Responses by email preferred.

We need volunteers for main courses, salads/sides 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)

Directions to Anne's home in Atherton will be included with a confirmation of your RSVP by Monday, September 19th.

We look forward to seeing many familiar and new faces!

How to Contact Us

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Club Website

[http://alumnae.smith.edu/smithcms/
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Special Thanks

As they retire from their positions we would like to thank our outgoing club officers.

This year we will be saying farewell to our President, Taress Reyerling and Treasurer, Jennifer Chang. Both have served the club for multiple years and graciously honored us with their time and talent.

The club thanks you both for generously volunteering for Smith and enabling us to continue as a thriving club. Your leadership, service and energy gave life to our club and supported the Smith alumnae spirit of connection throughout the San Francisco Peninsula.

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