

The Smith College Club of the Peninsula



August 2012 Newsletter

Welcome back!

Did you know that there are more than 1,500 Smithies living in the San Francisco Bay Area, with roughly 600 alumnae living on the Peninsula? We encourage you to participate in events and programs sponsored by your local Club, the Smith College Club of the Peninsula. It's a great way to meet new friends and reconnect with old ones!

The Club's fiscal year runs from September through August, with the annual meeting and potluck held each September to kick off the new year. The incoming Club board already has planned many exciting events to be held throughout this year and will be adding more later on. We try to vary our activities and their geographic locations to appeal to a broad range of members' interests and age groups.

Most Club invitations are sent by email using email addresses in the College's database. To ensure that you receive all of these invitations, please confirm your contact information with the College. Visit www.alumnae.smith.edu or call (413) 585-2040.

Right now, we are looking for a volunteer to help plan some professional networking events for our members. If you are interested in sharing your time and talents with the Club or if you have suggestions for possible activities, please reach out to our incoming President **Anne Halsey '06** at annehalsey@hotmail.com or to any board member.

Upcoming Events

- **Students Summer Sendoff Party**
Saturday, August 11, 2012, hosted by **Chris Conklin '82** in San Jose.
- **2012 Annual Meeting and Potluck**
Sunday, September 9, 2012, hosted by **Jean Davidson '73** in Atherton.
- **Mountain Day Apple Picking**
Sunday in Fall 2012 immediately following Mountain Day, coordinated by **Catharine Wallace '07** in Petaluma.
- **Holiday Tea and Cookie Exchange**
Sunday, December 2, 2012, hosted by **Laurie Daniels '81** in Hillsborough.
- **Hot Cider Party**
January 5 or 6, 2013, hosted by **Laura Selznick '68** in Palo Alto
- **Wine Tasting with Sommelier Lauren Kemp '05**
- **Faculty Speaker Event**
March 2013, hosted by **Shana Nelson Middler '89** in Woodside
- **Accepted Students Yield Party**
Weekend, April 2013
- **Sunset Magazine Garden Private Tour**
Weekday, April 2013, coordinated by **Sally Smith '64** in Menlo Park
- **2013 Students Summer Sendoff Party**

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

2011 -2012 Past Events

- **Behind-the-Scenes Tour of the Exploratorium**

Saturday, April 14, 2012, hosted by **Ellen Henson '66** and Paul Doherty in San Francisco

Alumna **Ellen Henson '66** and her husband Paul Doherty, Senior Staff Scientist and Co-director of the Teacher Institute, generously offered a private behind-the-scenes tour of the Exploratorium to members and their families. This incredible 2-hour tour was a delight! We explored the shop spaces not open to the public, tested numerous exhibits and hands-on demonstrations, and heard about the history of this amazing museum of science, art, and perception!

- **Prospective Students Yield Party**

Saturday, April 14, 2012, at the home of **Elena Andreakis '83** in Berkeley, as a joint event sponsored by the East Bay, San Francisco/Marin, and Peninsula Clubs

All 76 admitted students from the Bay Area were invited to this party to meet fellow students and alumnae and learn more about the College. As always, it was a fun celebration and attendees felt it was very helpful in making their decisions.

- **Professor Andrew Guswa, Director, Center for the Environment, Ecological Design and Sustainability, and Associate Professor, Picker Engineering Program**

Quenching Our Thirst: Sustainable Water for a Changing World

Friday, March 30, 2012, at the home of **Shana Nelson-Middler '89** in Woodside and coordinated by **Lori Kahn '92**

Over 26 alumnae and guests spent an informative evening learning more about these important environmental issues. Professor Guswa's presentation included discussions about water conservation and reuse, the California aqueduct, the Delta, and the unique water issues of the Bay Area. He also gave an update about the greening of the campus and the engineering program.

- **Hot Cider Party for Prospective and Current Students and Alumnae**

Saturday, January 7, 2012, at the home of **Jean Davidson '73** in Atherton

One of our best-attended parties in years! More than 50 people gathered for this annual recruiting event where prospective students and families could ask their questions of current Smith students and recent alumnae while sipping delicious hot cider. It was also a great opportunity for alumnae to meet and network with each other. Attendees included 25 alumnae, 15 prospective students, 5 parents, 5 current Smithies, and 1 little one.

- **Holiday Tea and Cookie Exchange**

Sunday, December 11, 2011, at the home of **Wendy Marti '95** in Sunnyvale

Smithies showed their inner Julia Child as they shared tea, recipes, and delicious homemade holiday treats. Participants took home a variety of cookies for their families' enjoyment. What a great way to start the holidays!

Additional 2011 – 2012 Events

- **Mountain Day Apple Picking**

Sunday, October 9, 2011, coordinated by **Catharine Wallace '07** in Petaluma

This was the first annual apple-picking event in honor of Smith's Mountain Day tradition. It will be held each year on the Sunday immediately following the College's celebration of Mountain Day. We visited the Chileno Valley Ranch, which was wonderful. Not only did it have a wide variety of apples, but also corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, and grass-fed organic ground beef too. Be sure to join us from now on and rediscover the joys of your college experiences!

- **2011 Annual Meeting and Potluck**

Sunday, September 24, 2011, at the home of **Anne Flegel '64** in Atherton

Twenty-eight alumnae of all age gathered for the annual meeting and potluck in Anne's lovely home and garden for the ninth consecutive year. After dinner, the board presented an overview of upcoming Club events, recruiting news, and volunteer opportunities. This continues to be one of our most popular events, thanks to Anne's gracious hospitality!

- **Monthly Book Club Meetings**

Third Wednesday evening of each month, hosted by **Anne Flegel '64** in Atherton

Book Awards Program

In Spring 2012, the Club presented two book awards to juniors at local high schools. Thanks to alumnae **Kathleen Horley Loia '92** and **Chris Conklin '82**, we were able to invite Lynbrook High School and Los Altos High School to participate this year. The books were *As Always, Julia: The Letters of Julia Child* and *Avis DeVoto* by Joan Reardon and *Gift from the Sea* by Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

Through this program, participating schools nominate a junior student as a candidate for the award. The 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 they 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 \$25 - \$30), please email Book Awards/Outreach Coordinator **Mindy Chu '11** at mindychu@gmail.com.

2011 – 2012

Selections

September 21, 2011

A Thousand Splendid Suns

by Khaled Hosseini

October 19, 2011

Outliers

by Malcolm Gladwell

November 16, 2011

Tinkers by Paul Harding

January 18, 2012

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn

by Betty Smith

February 15, 2012

Half Broke Horses

by Jeannette Walls

March 21, 2012

Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy

by John LeCarre

April 18, 2012

Confessions of a Failed

Southern Lady

by Florence King

May 16, 2012

Love in the Time of Cholera

by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

June 20, 2012

Don't Let's Go to the Dogs

Tonight by Alexandra Fuller

July 18, 2012

The Distant Land of my Father

by Bo Caldwell

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 - 9 pm, generally on the third Wednesday each month (except August and December) and usually at the home of **Anne Flegel '64** in Atherton. Any Smith alumna is welcome and you don't have to "join"—just come to the meetings whenever they fit your interests and schedule. If you are interested in attending our meetings, please contact the Book Club Coordinator, **Sally Smith '64**, via email at swslaurelcreek@comcast.net and she will add you to the distribution list.

Each month Kepler's Books in Menlo Park carries our book selections on the Peninsula Smith Club shelf in their 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.

Upcoming Books:

- September 19: *Citizens of London* by Lynne Olson
- October 17: *The Lacuna* by Barbara Kingsolver
- November 14: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

Student Exam Care Packages

Twice each year, Student Care Packages Coordinator **Fatima Hanif '88** tries to recall the stress of her own college exams and creates wonderful care packages for current Smithies from the Peninsula. Designed to arrive each semester as classes end and students hunker down to study for their final exams, these packages have different contents each time—from highlighters and post-it notes to nail polish and emery boards. 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 all costs of the care packages as a goodwill gesture to develop strong connections among current and future alumnae. Additional donations are welcome!

If you would like to help assemble these care packages before mailing or have suggestions of interesting things to include, please contact Fatima at tima88@gmail.com. Based on students' rave reviews, they are much appreciated!

College News Update

Chris Conklin '82 attended a small gathering of alumnae in Palo Alto in March 2012 to hear Provost Marilyn Schuster and Professor Susan Van Dyne speak about what's going on at Smith. She reports back that the news is great!

The endowment is recovering well after the recession due to wise moves by Trustees and President Christ. New faculty members have been hired across many departments, including Computer Science, French, Math, and English.

New "concentrations" have been created to take advantage of the incredible campus resources Smith already has and to draw together faculty from various departments to work with students on "experiential learning." The following concentrations have been approved: Archives, Museums, Book Studies, Poetry, Buddhist Studies, South Asia, BioMath, Community Engagement and Social Change, and Sustainable Food.

In addition, Wright Hall has been renovated to create space for several new "centers" (and a latte bar!) including a Poetry Center, Global Studies Center, a Center for Work and Life, Community Collaborations, and a Center for the Environment, Ecological Design and Sustainability (CEEDS). This last one also includes a new 200-acre field station in West Whately where students can pursue environmental research, outdoor education and low-impact recreation. These programs appeal to what students are currently looking for in a liberal arts college. Since Smith has always had an open curriculum and diverse faculty, it has been uniquely poised to take advantage quickly.

In addition, several Global Engagement Seminars are being offered that involve students initially on campus and then during summer in intensive off-campus experiences in Costa Rica, Jerusalem and (soon) Greece.

Lastly, the search is on for the next President of Smith, with Carol Christ retiring (and returning to her home in Berkeley!) at the end of the 2012 - 2113 academic year. Very exciting times!

Who's New?

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

Shira Burns '16 (Palo Alto): "I attended Henry M. Gunn High School in Palo Alto and also participated in Amigos de las Americas [Peninsula Chapter]. I plan to study English and Film Studies at Smith, and I'm also hoping to take a drawing class and participate in an a cappella group there. I first heard about Smith because my parents actually had their wedding reception there, and for good reason: the campus is absolutely beautiful. I'm really excited to meet everyone!"

Gerricka Hamilton '16 (East Palo Alto): "I went to Eastside College Preparatory School for high school. I was on the dean's list for my whole senior year and participated in yearbook (for 3 years) and art (for 2 years, I was in advanced art this year). I plan to study biology at Smith and I am most excited about this because I have wanted to be a forensic scientist since fourth grade and going off to college will help me to get closer to achieving this dream! I initially heard about Smith through Sylvia Plath, an author I really enjoy and who also attended Smith, because she talked about the school in her book, *The Bell Jar*."

Getting to Know You...

Hannah Kistler '13 (San Jose): "I am a rising senior majoring in Psychology and minoring in Spanish. I have had amazing opportunities to explore my interests both inside and outside my major at Smith. I am a proud member of an a cappella group on campus, "The Noteables," and I have had so much fun traveling with the group to sing at other schools, making our TV debut in a "Sing-Off"-type competition, and hosting our 30th anniversary concert! To improve my Spanish, I studied abroad in Córdoba, Spain last fall. I was completely immersed in the culture, taking classes at the University of Córdoba and living with a host family. Though I fell in love with Spain, I was also glad to return to Smith to continue my psychology research...in Peter and Jill DeVilliers' developmental psychology lab as a STRIDE scholar....exploring the impacts of an education intervention program on preschoolers in impoverished communities. This project has enhanced my interest in education reform and I am very grateful to be a recipient of the PRAXIS stipend, which allowed me to take a summer internship exploring education reform with the DC Public Schools. I look forward to returning to Smith to take classes on education and public policy, reunite with friends who studied abroad in the spring, and see what senior year has to offer!"

Angelica Patlan '14 (San Jose, Recipient of Smith College Club of the Peninsula Scholarship Award): "...I chose to come to Smith because I found the academic rigor and welcoming environment to be to my liking. I am on the Pre-Veterinary medicine track and am planning to major in Biology and minor in Dance....My experience at Smith so far has been an eye-opening one. I have been able to meet many different women from all over the country and world....I am proud to be a part of the Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority at U Mass....Next year I will be working for the Office of Student Engagement in the campus center as part of the customer service crew. I am very excited for this job....My favorite course so far has been Jazz/Hip-Hop with Stephen Ursprung....[whose] enthusiasm, dedication, and charisma while dancing really inspired me. All in all, my first year at Smith College has been amazing and it is because of you that I am able to be here. I really appreciate your support and consideration. Thank you very much."

Alice Wolff '15 (Mountain View): "I'm a rising sophomore in Baldwin House. I'm also a Medieval Studies major who is trying to decide between adding a minor in Archaeology or a second major in English. My interest is in medieval languages, and I want to pursue the Museums Concentration. I loved my first year at Smith, and I'm counting down the days until I get back in the fall! I was a member of the First Year Chorus, and I'm hoping to continue with Glee Club. Smith has been such a wonderful experience for me, and I'm very excited both for my sophomore year and for meeting the incoming first years and helping them enjoy Smith as much as I have."

Harleen Kaur '16 (San Jose): "I attended Notre Dame High School, a small all-girls school in downtown San Jose. ...My teachers and classes emphasized social justice, making a greater difference within this world,...community and sisterhood, which is...why I am so drawn to Smith College....Smith was...not only my "dream school", but also exceeded my expectations. In a sense, Smith chose me: The teeshirt was quite cute, but more importantly, Smith also offered me the STRIDE scholarship and paid for my trip to campus (for Discovery Weekend), both of which were strong factors in my decision to attend....I hope to major in Psychology and International Relations (Government), as well as take plenty of classes in sociology, philosophy, history, and Spanish....I aspire to go onto law school and/or a career in diplomacy and international relations....I am oozing with passion and excitement for Smith...seen by my extensive display of Smith spirit through my lanyard, sweatshirt, and TWO Smith bags. I am excited to continue "finding myself" and making a difference in these next 4 years!"

Nicole Wong '16 (Palo Alto): "I attended the International High School (aka the French American International School) in San Francisco. Its international community has exposed me to many languages and cultures, which I grew to cherish. I hope to continue my adventure and make new connections with new global friends at Smith. I learned about Smith through my attendance at the Seven Sisters event. I was unsure about the idea of an all-women college until I researched it, but what really solidified my decision was the visit to the Smith campus. Smithies are driven and ambitious in their studies and life, and I hope to achieve the same for myself. As for my future plans, I want to study Computer Science in hopes of becoming a digital animator. I look forward to freshman orientation to meet my classmates and settle into my new life at Smith."

Welcome to the Class of 2016!

Alumnae Admissions Coordinator **Chris Conklin '82** is delighted to report that 10 young women from the Peninsula will be attending Smith next fall as first years or transfer students. They will be joining approximately 23 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, the Yield Party for accepted students in April (which was co-hosted by the East Bay, SF, Marin, and Peninsula Clubs), Book Awards at 2 local high schools, and most recently, 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 (Nov. – Jan.)
- Co-host a Smith College booth at a local high school college fair (Sept. – Oct.)
 - 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)
 - Eastside College Prep High School (East Palo Alto)
- Contact a prospective student (Sept. – Dec.)
- Present a Book Award (May - 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.

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

Sunday, September 9
5 – 7 PM

Home of Jean Davidson '73
47 Linda Vista Avenue
Atherton

RSVP by September 4
to Catharine Wallace '07 at
catharine.l.wallace@gmail.com
or (408) 828-5062

Please 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 2012 – August 2013 Club Year

The Smith College Club of the Peninsula receives no funding from the College. We rely 100% on members' dues and donations to fund our activities. The more dues-paying members we have, the more events we can sponsor.

The Club collects annual dues at the beginning of each fiscal year, which runs from September 1 through August 31. To renew your membership or to become a member for the upcoming year, please complete the [membership form](#) and mail it along with a check for your dues to the address listed.

As a member, you receive:

- All Club mailings
- Discounted admission to Club events
- Newsletters providing advance notice of upcoming Club events, Smith news, and regional alumnae events
- Interesting programs geared toward the varying interests of local alumnae
- The opportunity to meet other interesting alumnae!
- A sense of satisfaction knowing that Club funds help Smith attract outstanding young women of the Peninsula and provide scholarship funds to enable them to attend

Where do dues and donations go?

- **Mailings**
Printing and postage costs for Club events and the annual newsletter.
- **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.
- **Book Awards**
Every year the Club purchases books for the annual Smith Book Awards 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 twice a year during end of term exams.
- **Peninsula Scholarship Fund**
Your donations to the Peninsula Scholarship Fund provide funds to help local young women attend Smith.
- **Club Events**
Dues also support Club events and provide the opportunity to meet other interesting alumnae.

Smith College Club of the Peninsula

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

Name: _____ Class Yr: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

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

Would you like to get involved in Club activities as a volunteer? Please indicate your interests below:

- _____ Candidates Admissions/Interviews
- _____ College Fairs
- _____ Club Events (Hostess or Coordinator)
- _____ Website Management
- _____ Book Club Participation

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR SEPTEMBER 2012 – AUGUST 2013

- _____ \$ 15 Young Alumnae Member (Class of 2002 through 2012)
- _____ \$ 30 Regular Member
- _____ \$ 60 Contributing Member
- _____ \$ Additional Donation (used for scholarships, book awards, students' exam care packages, and Club events)

Please make your check payable to "Smith College Club of the Peninsula" and mail it with your completed form to:

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Special Thanks

We would like to thank our board members and event hostesses for their generous donation of time, talents, and hospitality during the past year. **Chris Conklin, Jean Davidson, Anne Flegel, Fatima Hanif, Ellen Henson, Lori Kahn, Wendy Marti, Shana Nelson Middler, Taress Reyering, Sally Smith, and Catharine Wallace** all helped make this a fun and productive year for our members. They have enabled the Club to thrive and supported deeper connections among Smith alumnae throughout the San Francisco Peninsula. We are very grateful!

In addition, special thanks go to **Wendy Marti**, who has done an amazing job in various board positions for many years and is now stepping down from the board. Her exceptional leadership has made a huge difference in the continued vitality of our Club. Thank you, Wendy, for all you have done on our behalf!

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: **Fahmida Ahmed, Renate Albrecht, Alison Armstrong, Janice Caine, Jennifer Chang, Robin Chang, Cassie Chao, Mindy Chu, Chris Conklin, Ellen Cousins, Jean Davidson, Cara Dodge, Alison Amato Falk, Sara Filipek, Anne Flegel, Katie Green, Fatima Hanif, Nancy Hawes, Ellen Henson, Marilyn Higuera, Kathryn Hohl, Stannie Holt, Ariadne Horstman, Lori Kahn, Lori Krauss, Grace Lee, Kathleen Horley Loia, Karen Martell, Wendy Marti, Shana Nelson-Middler, Nashat Moin, Lindsey Nguyen, Michelle Ploutz, Taress Reyering, Sarah Rivers, Julia Scott, Laura Selznick, Dori Storbeck, Emma Strong, Nisha Thatte-Potter, Katie McShane Tkach, and Catherine Wallace.**

We also thank current Smithies **Christine Chang, Hannah Conklin Kistler, Hanna Lauritzen, and Alice Wolff** for taking the time to attend Club recruiting events and share their college experiences with prospective students and their parents. Their up-to-date information is very helpful in the admissions process!

Finally, we thank all Club members for paying their dues, which provide the financial resources needed to support our activities. Also, the Club has gratefully received additional cash and in-kind donations from numerous alumnae. Many thanks go to **Fahmida Ahmed, Louise Beattie, Martha Clayton, Chris Conklin, Jean Davidson, Susan Garratt, Natalie Graham, Jennifer Bock Hughes, Lori Kahn, Arlene Klainer, Joan Lane, Kathleen Horley Loia, Wendy Marti, Shana Nelson Middler, Sarah Ngola, Julia O'Connor, Sarah Rivers, Peggy Rossi, and Becky Stirn** for their generosity. The Club can offer many more activities due to your donations!

Our Scholarship Fund

Through fundraisers and generous alumnae donations over the years, our Club has raised significant monies for student scholarships. The Smith College Club of the Peninsula Scholarship Fund (#568040) 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 \$211,813.

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. Scholarship awards 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 currently or through your estate plan, please contact Smith College Stewardship Coordinator Kay Barbieri at (413) 585-2675 or kbarbier@smith.edu for more information about the process.

Constitution and Bylaws Revision Proposed

A proposed revision of the Club’s Constitution and Bylaws will be presented to members for their approval at the Annual Meeting/Potluck on September 9. The new document will reflect current practices and volunteer positions. The last modification was adopted in October 1997.

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OR CURRENT RESIDENT