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NEWS & NOTES

Smith College Club of the Peninsula

Do you have memories of the club that you would like to share? We are especially looking to find out how the scholarship fund was created. Please see below for details on how to help us capture the wonderful history of this club.

This month we met several of the newly accepted students and soon the spring care packages will go out to current students.

Coming up this weekend, **April 26th**, we will be hiking at Rancho San Antonio in Cupertino and on **May 10th**, we will be taking a tour of the SF Botanical Gardens. Save the date, **July 8th**, for a CDO career talk along with individual career counseling.

We now have three ways to stay connected with other Peninsula Smithies including a new Twitter account. You don't have to be a club member to join any of these groups. We look forward to connecting with you!

Lori Kahn '92 and Nisha Thatte-Potter '88
SCCP Communications

Call for Action!

Looking for the History of the Club

Do you have memories of the Smith Club from before the electronic age? We are looking for oral/written histories, photos, or anything you want to share with us of past Smith Club activities. We are especially looking for information on the creation of our club's scholarship fund back in 1960 and what fundraising projects have supported it over the years. The scholarship fund is still going strong to this day and its income benefits a local Smith student every year. Please contact **Sally Smith '64** at thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com.

Recent Events

Yield Coffee

On April 5th, the Club hosted a yield coffee for all accepted students from the Peninsula. Six accepted students (three of them Early Decision), each with one or two parents in tow attended. We had a nice quorum of alums there to answer their questions and talk about Smith. We heard from many parents how easy and stress-free Smith made the process and that our interviewers had made a huge difference – even inspiring one applicant to go Early Decision! Many thanks to **Susan Cleary Garratt '59** for hosting and providing us with lovely refreshments.

Students need to make a decision by May 1st so we will have an update in the next newsletter of how many new students will be attending Smith in the fall.

Upcoming Events

Hike at Rancho San Antonio, Cupertino

On Saturday, April 26th at 10am we will be walking at [Rancho San Antonio in Cupertino](#). This is a great scenic, shady and moderate hike and everyone is welcome. Members have received an Evite but if you are not a member and interested in attending, please send an email to hike organizer, **Mindy Chu '11**, at thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com.

SF Botanical Garden Tour

All Peninsula Smithies are invited to join us on a guided tour of the San Francisco Botanical Garden in the Golden Gate Park on Saturday, May 10 at 2pm. We have a wonderful docent, Mary Pitts, to lead the tour. **Sue Ann Levin Schiff '69**, Executive Director of the SF Botanical Garden, will be joining us.

Prior to the tour, anyone interested in having a bite to eat is welcome to join us at the DeYoung Museum Cafe at 12:30pm.

The Club will be hosting us for the tour's admission fees, but not for the cost of lunch.

Because the Garden requires an advance reservation and pre-payment of tour fees, please RSVP by May 1st. Members have received an Evite but if you are not a member and interested in attending, please contact **Catherine Wallace '07** at thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com.

Career Talk in July - Save the Date!

On the evening of Tuesday, July 8th, Colleen DeVecchio, Associate Director Alumnae Engagement with the Smith CDO, will be giving a talk entitled "Tap Into Your Talents". If you have attended a recent reunion, she has given career workshops as part of the weekend events.

She will also be available during the day for one-on-one career counseling. If you would be interested in taking advantage of this, please contact **Nisha Thatte-Potter '88** at thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com so that we can determine if there is enough interest.

Book Club Update

We discussed "A Tale for the Time Being," by Ruth Ozeki '80, which we all enjoyed. The



characters are vivid, with perhaps the slight exception of Ruth; the voice of the teenage Nao is especially good. We discussed bullying, "apron cafes" and the multigenerational structure of the book. Some of us felt it was a bit hard to get into but we were all caught up in it eventually. We had mixed opinions about the "magic/mystical" episodes at the end.

Many thanks to **Jean Davidson '73** for hosting this month.

Upcoming books are:

May 21: *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt

June 18: *Orange is the New Black* by Piper Kerman (Smith '92)

July 16: *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles

Books are available at Kepler's in Menlo Park at least one month before the meeting - be sure to ask for the book club discount. We meet every third Wednesday and we always welcome new members! Contact **Sally Smith '64** at thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com to get on the email list.

How to connect to other Peninsula Smithies

We now have three ways to stay connected with other Peninsula Smithies. You don't have to be a club member to join any of these groups.

1. **Twitter:** We have a brand new Twitter account! Follow us [@PeninsulaSCC](https://twitter.com/PeninsulaSCC). This is a public account that will share event notifications and re-tweets from official college accounts. Since this will be visible to the public, this will not be used to give out names or specific address details about events.
2. **Facebook:** [The Smith College Club of the Peninsula Facebook Group](#) This is a closed group so that information shared there can be private. Just click on the join button and you can be added. This is primarily a social group and anyone can post upcoming event notifications (with details), pictures, memories, or anything you want to share with other area Smithies.
3. **LinkedIn:** [The Smith College of the Peninsula LinkedIn Group](#) This is also a closed group but all you need to do is click on the Join button to join. This group is primarily for networking with other local alums.

Membership Update and Reminder

Annual membership dues are payable for the Club's fiscal year September 2013 through August 2014. We want to thank the 86 alumnae who have paid membership dues and the 40 members who also made additional charitable donations to support Club activities this year. We really appreciate your generous sponsorship!

To become a Club member for the current year, please select one of two options from our website [here](#):

1. You can print out the membership form and mail it along with a dues check to the address listed, OR

2. You can fill out the membership form online and pay dues via PayPal.

We are an inclusive group and encourage all alumnae to join the Club and participate in our activities. ***The Club will waive membership dues for alumnae experiencing current financial hardships.***

Please note that the Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization which has been granted tax-exempt status by both the IRS and the CA Franchise Tax Board. Contributions to the Club are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

Only members receive Evites to all of our fun and interesting Club events, so be sure to join the Club so you receive these invitations too!

Community Notices

We welcome events that would be of interest to the Smith College Community. Please send them to thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com for consideration.

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