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# NEWS & NOTES

## Smith College Club of the Peninsula

Welcome to our newest students and welcome home to our current students!

This past month, we sent out our spring care packages to our current students, held a hike at Rancho San Antonio in Cupertino and took a tour of the SF Botanical Gardens.

Upcoming events include our **annual summer afternoon tea on June 8th** in San Jose and a **CDO evening career talk in Los Altos along with free, daytime individual career counseling on July 8th**. If you are interested in the individual counseling, please email [thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com](mailto:thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com) so that we can determine whether there is enough interest to offer the one-on-one sessions. See below for more details on both events.

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

## Admissions Update

The recruiting results for the class of 2018 are in and once again we have had a terrific yield! Of the 51 applicants from the Peninsula and South Bay this year, 31 were accepted and 10 will be matriculating. Of that total, local alumnae interviewed 32 of them; a record number for us. They are coming from the following public high schools: Abraham Lincoln in San Jose, Gunn and Paly in Palo Alto, Westmont in Campbell, Sequoia in Redwood City, Los Altos and Los Gatos High Schools, and Monta Vista in Cupertino. We also have two students coming from private schools: Kehillah Jewish High School and Sacred Heart Prep. Five of these schools are sending us students for the first time in recent history so that is also exciting. We are using our Club Book Awards Program strategically, to encourage applicants from schools we haven't heard from by building relationships with counselors and teachers

Of these newest Smithies, four were Early Decision which is another record. One of these ED students told us that she decided to apply ED after her interview with an alumna here,

which really confirms our mission to make a difference for Smith!

**Chris Conklin '82**, our Alumnae Admissions Coordinator, adds: I am SO grateful to my fabulous interviewers and I always welcome more alumnae who would like to do interviews or participate in recruiting in other ways. I am also looking for someone who would like to co-chair the Alumnae Admissions Committee with me this coming year-it is really a lot of fun and so rewarding. If you have any interest in learning more, please contact me at [thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com](mailto:thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com)

We will be having our annual Summer Send Off Party for these newest Smithies as well as current students in mid-August.

## 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](mailto:thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com).

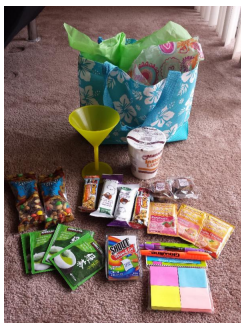
## Recent Events

### Hike at Rancho San Antonio, Cupertino

Smithies came together on April 23 for a sunny Saturday morning hike at Rancho San Antonio Park in Los Altos hosted by **Mindy Chu '11**. The hike was leisurely and we exchanged memorable stories from their days on campus in Northampton. In addition to the hike, a visit to the Deer Hollow Farm was very much enjoyed. There were animals such as sheep, pigs, chickens and cows. We even purchased farm fresh eggs to take home!



### Current Student Care Packages



Young alums gathered on Saturday, April 19 to put together Spring semester care packages for current Peninsula Smithies. Fun items included colorful post-it notes and highlighters, green tea, ramen, kashi energy bars and emergen-c.

We will be assembling care packages again in November/December for winter 2014 finals so please let us know if you have ideas and/or want to help out! Please contact

**Mindy Chu '11** at [thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com](mailto:thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com).

## SF Botanical Garden Tour

On Saturday, May 10th, 14 Smithies enjoyed a lovely afternoon in San Francisco. We began with lunch at the De Young Museum Cafe and then walked over to the San Francisco Botanical Garden in Golden Gate Park. Mary Pitts, a Trustee of the Garden Society, gave us a fascinating private tour of the California native plants found in the Garden. **Sue Ann Levin Schiff '69**, Executive Director of the S.F. Botanical Garden Society, joined us as well. The Club hosted us for the tour's admission fees.



This 55-acre Garden includes specimens of more than 8,000 different kinds of plants from around the world. California itself has nearly 6,000 native plants, more than all other states combined, and the Garden offers a rare chance to see many of them in one place. In addition to its California Native Garden and century-old Redwood Grove, the Garden offers unique Mesamerican, Andean and Southeast Asian Cloud Forest collections, as well as the most significant magnolia collection for conservation purposes outside of China. It's the perfect place to stroll along meandering paths, taking in the buzzing bees, beautiful butterflies, and flowers in an amazing setting. If you haven't yet explored this wonderful resource, we highly recommend a visit soon!

## Upcoming Events

### Annual Afternoon Tea - June 8th

We will once again be hosting our very popular afternoon tea. Please join us on Sunday, June 8th from 2pm to 5pm to kick off the summer with local Smithies. Alums, grads, current students and new students are invited to this early summer party, and we hope you can attend. This is a popular event with over 20 Smithies in attendance at last year's early Summer Tea.

The parents of **Catharine Wallace '07** have kindly opened their home in San Jose to the Peninsula Smith Club again for tea. Though there is shade, we do suggest that you bring a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen as it will be in the afternoon, and it will be warm. We would love to have all you there the entire time, but we understand busy schedules. That is why we have a large window of opportunity in which we welcome you to arrive and leave as it is convenient for your Sunday afternoon.

Your RSVP is requested by Thursday, June 5th so that we may prepare enough food. 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](mailto:thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com).

### Career Talk on July 8th

On Tuesday, July 8th, at 7pm, Colleen DelVecchio, Associate Director Alumnae Engagement for Smith, will be giving a talk entitled "Tap Into Your Talents" in Los Altos. 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 email **Nisha Thatte-Potter '88** at [thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com](mailto:thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com) so that we can determine whether or not to provide this. We will need to know of your interest by June 15th.

Additionally, if you have a space near Los Altos that we can use during the day where Colleen can meet with alumnae to hold the one-on-one counseling, please contact us at [thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com](mailto:thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com).

## Book Club Update



A good-sized group gathered to discuss "The Sisters" by Mary Lovell. We all enjoyed the book but not the sisters. The general opinion was that the six Mitfords were very self-indulgent and, although interesting and vivid personalities, not very likeable. The book itself seemed well written but not superb compared to others we have read such as "Unbroken" or Doris Kearns Goodwin's books.

Many thanks to **Nisha Thatte-Potter '88** 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](mailto: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

Are you a graduating Smith Senior? Consider joining your local Smith Club now to receive newsletters and Evites about our upcoming Club events. Annual membership dues are payable based on the Club's fiscal year (September 1 through August 31). Our membership levels are based on a graduated fee system. Current Smith students may become members of the Club with no fee. Graduating Smithies are given a free membership for the summer after graduation and thereafter would pay \$20 annually for a Young Alumna membership. All Alumnae graduating in the last 10 years are eligible for this Young Alumna membership level. Regular Alumna membership costs \$40 per year. Contributing and Sustaining Alumnae membership levels include a charitable donation to the Club.

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](mailto:thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com) for consideration.

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