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NEWS & NOTES

Smith College Club of the Peninsula

This past month, we gathered in San Jose for our annual summer afternoon tea to welcome our newest alums and newest students along with catching up with other alumnae. We also finished our book award presentations to local high schools.

Our next event is **an evening career talk, "Tap Into Your Talents", in Los Altos on July 8th at 7pm.** Please see below for more details.

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

Book Awards Update

Smith College book awards recognize outstanding young women in our community. Research shows that book awards are not only an excellent means of congratulating students on their academic and personal achievements, but also serve to increase Smith's name recognition in high schools and encourage young women to consider Smith as their college choice.

We had a total of seven schools participating in the Smith College book awards. We want to especially thank **Becky Stirn '75** for sponsoring five of the awards. The students received either "*The Spine of the Continent*" by Mary Ellen Hannibel '81, "*My Life in France*" by Julia Child '34, or "*Smith College Museum of Art European and American Painting and Sculpture, 1760-1960*" by John Davis, Alice Pratt Brown Professor of Art.

This year's schools and award recipients were:

- Isabella Zhang, Monta Vista High School, Cupertino
- Marijke Silberman, Sequoia High School, Redwood City
- Julia Wang, Lynbrook High School, San Jose
- Katherine (Katie) Webb, Menlo-Atherton High School, Atherton
- Rachel Bontempi, Woodside High School, Woodside
- Joanna Aleman, Eastside College Prep School, East Palo Alto,

- Carly Cohen, Los Altos High School, Los Altos

We would like to expand the strategic outreach of this program on the Peninsula. If there is a local high school where you would like to raise awareness of Smith, please consider sponsoring a book award next year.

Recent Events

Afternoon Summer Tea

On Sunday, June 8, from 2pm to 5pm, we kicked off the summer with local Smithies at an Afternoon Tea. The weather and conversations were warm. Alums, grads, and new students offered stories, and our newest grads shared their graduation news with us and old friends caught up with each other. It was a great casual event that was well attended by representatives from the classes of '18 through '60s. We are glad to find that this is a popular event, and will continue to keep this one on the calendar. Happy Summer, Smithies!



Many thanks to **Catharine Wallace '07**, seated left, and her parents who kindly opened their home in San Jose to us again.

Upcoming Events

Career Talk on July 8th

On Tuesday, July 8th, at 7pm, Colleen DelVecchio, Associate Director for Alumnae Engagement for Smith, will be giving a talk entitled "Tap Into Your Talents" at Box Inc in Los Altos. Spend the evening discovering your talents and find out how to incorporate them into a career that you love. If you have attended a recent Reunion, she has given career workshops as part of the weekend events. Colleen focuses on supporting alumnae career development.

Members will have already received an Evite. If you are not a member but interested in attending, please email **Nisha Thatte-Potter '88** at thepeninsulasmithclub@gmail.com

What's coming up?

August: Summer Student Sendoff

September: Annual Potluck; Mountain Day Apple Picking

October: College Admissions (not just to Smith!) Talk

November: Young Alumnae Event

December: Cookie Exchange

Book Club Update



Book Club members met on May 21 to discuss the *The Goldfinch*. Not everyone liked the book. Nonetheless, for the most part we were glad we read it because of its depth and the writing: beautiful, impressive, and very realistic, with jewel-like descriptions. Most loved the beginning: the mother-son relationship, the descriptions of the museum and New York, and the characters such as the Barbers. But some disliked the Las Vegas section and most began to be disappointed with the novel and the main character upon his return to New York. The end seemed to a number to be too "preachy" and a bit contrived. Some felt the novel could have been shorter.

Many thanks to **Jennifer Bock-Hughes '84** for hosting this month.

Upcoming books are:

July 16: *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan

NOTE: the July book is a change from the previously chosen book

August: no meeting

Sept. 17: *The Monuments Men* by Robert M. Edsel

Oct. 15: *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin

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.

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 for consideration.

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