

SMITH COLLEGE CLUB OF CLEVELAND

September 2009

The Mission of the Smith College Club of Cleveland is to encourage a sense of connection and continuity with Smith, past, present, and future, to promote an awareness of Smith in the Cleveland community, to encourage qualified students to apply to Smith, and to contribute to the college's scholarship fund.

Dear Fellow Smith Alumnae,

As I begin my first year as your new president, I would like to reflect on our Cleveland Smith Club, which began in 1902 with the first president, Grace Browne Broomell, class of 1897. It is an honor to be not only a part of that history but also a part of one of the most active Smith Clubs in the country. I hope you will join us at the many programs throughout the year. We have an energetic and talented board that has been working very hard to make this year exceptional for you.

SAVE THE DATES

Wed., Oct. 14, 2009:

**Pam Bowes Davis '68, M.D., Ph.D.,
Dean of Case Western Reserve University Medical School,
will speak to us on
"Perspectives on Health Care Reform"
St. Paul's Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights, 7-9 P.M.**

Please bring your spouses and friends and join us for an enlightening talk, as well as a question and answer period and social gathering before and afterwards.

Sun., Dec. 6, 2009: Annual Holiday Party approximately 5-7 PM

We are still looking for a home to accommodate 90 guests for this festive catered annual event. If you would like to volunteer your home, please e-mail Nancy Duff-Boehm at Nduff611@aol.com or call her at (216) 292-0480.

Monday, Oct. 5, 2009: The Association for Continuing Education (ACE) invites you to attend the Grazella Shepherd Lecture Day from 9:15-2 PM at Mayfield Country Club. The topic is "Changing Climate-Changing Lives" with Al Werner, geology professor from Mount Holyoke College and Susan Clayton, psychology professor from the College of Wooster, speaking. Registration is required by Sept. 28. Use the registration form in the back of the ACE bulletin or call the ACE office at 216-368-2090 to register for the class (\$25 for ACE members and \$50 for non-members).

SPRING AND SUMMER ACTIVITIES

We had a large gathering at our Annual Meeting, which was held on June 6, 2009, at the home of Jane Meyer '74. Charlise Lyles '81 gave a very inspiring talk about her book *Do I Dare Disturb the Universe? From the Projects to Prep School*. She has been recognized by the National Association for Women in Communications by winning a 2009 Clarion award for *Catalyst Ohio*, the magazine she co-founded in 1999, for a series titled "Early Education: Neediest Moms and Kids Miss Out."

On Sunday, July 26, 2009, Hal and Susan La Pine '68 hosted a wonderful evening with a rich mix of students and alumnae celebrating the end of the Summer on the Cuyahoga season, the Smith Book Award winners from local high schools, the recently accepted first-year Smith students, current undergraduates, and alumnae hosts for SOTC, as well as Cleveland Board members. With all those generations, there was a lot of interaction among the groups. This should become an annual event for our club.

On Sunday, August 16, 2009, several local Smith alums celebrated the life and work of Julia Child '34 by attending the film, Julie and Julia, at the Cedar Lee Theatre. Several enjoyed dinner afterwards at Jimmy O'Neill's Tavern.

FALL ACTIVITIES

Summer on the Cuyahoga continues to bring a talented group of Smith women to Cleveland. Because of the economy, there were about half the employment opportunities this year. Our interns were small in number but outstanding in every other way. Rachel Pryzby '09 worked at Cuyahoga Community College and is now studying for a masters degree in public health at U. Conn, and Veselina Radeva '09 worked at Longbow Research. We are pleased to announce that Veselina will continue her Smith connection by heading up sales for eastern Europe from Berlin, Germany, in October for CPI, Inc., of North Canton, Ohio, which is owned by Smith alum, Brenda Benthien and her husband Dirk.

Book Club, guided by Kathy Abramczyk, meets the first Wednesday of most months. The first meeting will be on Oct. 7 at Kathy's home, 16801 Aldersyde Drive, Shaker Heights 44120. The book is *Offshore* by Penelope Fitzgerald. On Nov. 4, 2009, the group will read *The Man Who Made Vermeers* by Jonathan Lopez. Please e-mail Kathy at kmabramczyk@gmail.com or call her at 216-283-4717 for more information.

The Candidates Committee is pleased to announce that we have 5 first-year students from Cleveland attending Smith this year. There are also 3 sophomores, 1 junior, and 3 seniors from this area for a total of 12 undergraduates. We are grateful for the hard work of Ginger Van Wagenen, Joy Caires, Amelia Hough-Ross, and Cynthia Carroll. They guided a Smith Admissions Officer, Maureen Pine, who was in Cleveland visiting schools recently on Sept. 15 and 16, 2009.

Dues envelopes are included in this mailing. Please send in your dues and update your address, phone, and e-mail address at the same time. We would appreciate your volunteering to work on the Smith Board or the Summer on the Cuyahoga program or offering your home for future events. Thanks to your contributions to the scholarship fund, several local girls were able to attend Smith. This year, we distributed \$5,396 to the college for the fund.

Once again, please feel free to call or e-mail me if you have any questions, ideas for programs, or desire to volunteer to help us. Please join us for our exciting future programs.

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