

SMITH COLLEGE CLUB OF CLEVELAND

November 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,

The Smith Club is off to another informative and fun-filled year, and we hope you will join us in our many activities.

On October 14, 2009, approximately 80 Smith alums and guests filled St. Paul's Church in Cleveland Heights to hear Dr. Pamela Bowes Davis '68, Dean of the School of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University, discuss health care reform. Our thanks go out to Pam for a very enlightening talk.

The next important upcoming event is:

**THE CLEVELAND SMITH CLUB'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
GINGER AND STUART VAN WAGENEN'S HOME
17440 SHELBURNE ROAD, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS
ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2009, from 5 to 7 PM.
\$20 PER PERSON**

This is our most popular event, and it is a wonderful opportunity to see old friends at this festive time of the year. Feel free to bring spouses and guests. It is very important that you send in your **RSVP by December 1st by sending a check to Nancy Duff-Boehm at 22100 McCauley Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122**. You should have received an invitation in the mail in the past few weeks. You may preorder pecans from the Akron Smith Club, which will send a representative to our holiday event, by e-mailing Rebecca Rogers at rogersrebecca@yahoo.com. A one lb. bag of pecan halves or 12 ounces of milk or dark chocolate-covered halves are \$10 each.

Our **CONDOLENCES** go out to the family of Marilyn Sumner Babcox '40, who passed away this fall.

SUMMER ON THE CUYAHOGA is Smith's very successful internship program, which has brought almost 50 undergrads to Cleveland for employment during the summers since 2005. Because of the economy, there were fewer employers, jobs, and interns last summer. Also, some of the expected revenue from grants was decreased or eliminated. Thus, almost of the colleges involved in the program, including Smith, did their part to decrease the deficit this past year. There are now five colleges remaining in the program, Smith, Yale, Colgate, Case Western, and the University of Chicago. The program has been reduced from 10 weeks to 8 weeks for next summer and reduced in size to approximately 40 interns. If you have an employment opportunity to suggest, please call Susan LaPine at 440-720-1927, Lynn-Ann Gries at 216-921-5768 or Barbara Galvin at 216-382-7220.

Ginger Van Wagenen and Cynthia Carroll of the **CANDIDATES COMMITTEE** spent September 14 and 15, 2009, with Maureen Pine, Assistant Director of Admissions at Smith. They visited Shaker Heights High School, Laurel, Cleveland School of the Arts, Andrews Osborne, Hawken, Beachwood, and Western Reserve Academy with her, and then had dinner with Maureen in the evening. Presently, the Cleveland area has 3 seniors, 1 junior, 3 sophomores, and 5 first years at Smith.

THE SMITH BOOK CLUB is a wonderful way to rediscover why you went to Smith in the first place! The 15 or so Smith women who come together the first Wednesday of each month contribute to an insightful appreciation of books. Please join us for all or as many discussions as possible. Call Kathy Abramczyk at 216-283-4717 for more information. Listed below are the assigned books for the year:

Dec. 2, 2009	<u>Too Far to Go - The Maple Stories</u> by John Updike	Suzy Hartford's home
Jan. 6, 2010	<u>Moral Disorder</u> by Margaret Atwood	to be announced
Feb. 3, 2010	<u>Snowflower and the Secret Fan</u> by Lisa See	Marilyn Langmack's home
Mar. 3, 2010	<u>Pompeii</u>	to be announced
April 7, 2010	<u>Olive Kitteridge</u> by Elizabeth Strout	Eileen Gold's home
May 5, 2010	<u>Little Bee</u> by Chris Cleave	Jan Mottinger's home
June 2, 2010	<u>The Book Thief</u> by Markus Zusak	Suzanne Mars' home

If you have mailed in your **DUES**, we thank you and your name will be listed on the next page. If not, there is a tear-out sheet for your convenience included in this mailing. Please send your dues to Nancy Lavelle, 12526 Cedar Road #6, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44016.

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.

Have a wonderful holiday season. We look forward to seeing you at the holiday party!

Sincerely,

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