



ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF
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SMITH CLUB OF CLEVELAND



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September 2011

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 Friends,

As your new Club President, I am delighted to present our fall schedule of activities created, organized, sponsored and/or promoted by your trusty Alumnae Club board. Our new board, listed to the left, has great ideas and lots of energy to bring them to fruition. If you have more ideas for us, please do not hesitate to jot them down on your enclosed dues envelope; we really do pay attention to your suggestions and welcome everyone's involvement.

SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, September 29 Cleveland Zoo Elephant Crossing 7 to 9 P.M.

Join us for a private "behind the scenes tour" of the fabulous new African Elephant Crossing exhibit, where we will meet some of the elephant keepers and see how the new exhibit improves animal care. After the tour, we'll enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar in the Roaring Lion Café. The fee is \$25 per person, and guests are more than welcome. We are grateful to GiGi Benjamin '73, the President of the Cleveland Zoo Board of Trustees, who is our host for the event.

Thursday, September 8 Harvard Lampoon Comes to Cleveland 6 to 9 P.M.

Join the Harvard Alumnae Club at the Skating Club for an entertaining talk by four Harvard Lampoon Alumni. Cash bar starts at 6, dinner at 7, and presentation at 8. Our discounted cost for dinner and the talk is \$45 per person and \$15 for the talk only. Register directly by September 5 by going to www.hcneo.org and clicking on "event calendar".

Monday, October 24, 2011 Mayfield Country Club 9:15 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

We welcome back to Cleveland **Giovanna Bellesia, Ph.D., Professor of Italian Language and Literature**, who was here in March. The annual Grazella Shepherd Lecture Day, sponsored by the Association for Continuing Education (ACE) features Professor Bellesia and Kenneth Ledford, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History and Law, CWRU, discussing **The State of the European Union**. Call ACE at 216 368-2090 by October 10 to register or use the form on the back of the ACE bulletin. Fees, including lunch, are \$30 for ACE Members, \$50 for Nonmembers (includes membership).

Sunday, December 4 Annual Holiday Party 5 to 7 P.M.

We appreciate our Smith Alums who offer their homes each year to host this festive, catered event in early December. If your home can accommodate 70 to 90 people (mostly standing), please consider volunteering and contact GiGi Benjamin at vbenjamin@calfee.com

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

A record number (67) attended our **Annual Meeting** on June 4 in the penthouse room of Bratenahl Place. The speaker was Beth Mooney, the recently appointed CEO of KeyCorp. Ms. Mooney spoke with strength and humor about her "Journey to the Corner Office," and how she advanced from an entry-level teller position at a bank in Texas. The setting for the meeting was perfect with its expansive views of Lake Erie and downtown - including Key Tower. Our thanks to Jane Meyer '74, who invited our speaker, and to our host, Louinia Mae Whittlesey '45.

Summer on the Cuyahoga wound up the season with another engaging evening at Susan and Hal LaPine's on July 31st. We shared a great meal and heard about everyone's summer highlights. Smith had eight interns this year:

Dhillon, Kathryn	SOTC	2011
Santos, Danielle	Friends of E Prep	2011
Bussiere, Lydia	Cotsworks	2012
Santiago, Mariana	JumpStart	2013

Fisher, Kylie	ASPIRE @ Hathaway Brown	2013
Tolo, Hallie	REACH @ University School	2012
Ortiz, Elena	Policy Matters, Ohio	2011
Negusie, Hanna	E Prep School	2012

They come from all over the USA. Kylie is from Oakland, CA, Elena from Tucson, AZ, Hallie from Minneapolis, MN, Mariana from CT, Lydia and Hanna from Western MA, and Kathryn and Danielle from OH.

Since its start the program has resulted in 60 interns returning to Cleveland for at least a year after graduating. This year Lydia Bussiere has agreed to continue to work for Cotsworks long-distance from Northampton, and she announced with great enthusiasm that she has already been offered a job at the company after she graduates!

Please remember SOTC in your charitable giving this year. You will be receiving a letter for the fall fund-raising campaign in the months to come. Keep in mind that it costs the club \$5000 to host 5 interns, and we aspire to have another 8 to 10 next summer!

MORE ITEMS

Book Club, still under the thoughtful guidance of Kathy Abramczyk, is scheduled again to meet the third Wednesday of most months. The first book will be Nothing Daunted, the true story of two 1916 Smith grads, who detoured from the traditional path of New York society girls and accepted jobs teaching in a settlement school near Colorado Springs. We will meet on September 21, at 7 P.M., at the home of Joanne Mortimer. The full schedule for the year is enclosed. If you would like to host a meeting or discuss a book, or just be on the e-mailing list for the Book Club, contact Kathy at kmabramczyk@gmail.com or 216 375-5123.

Young Alums Committee continues to meet regularly. Their survey of the young membership so far indicates that teas are favored events. If you haven't yet, please respond to the survey to help Hayden, Lauren and Dara plan activities for the year. Contact them and find the survey link at smithclubcleveandyoungalums@gmail.com. They are also revising the club's "Facebook" page and invite the entire club to join them there.

The **Candidates Committee** is gearing up for another recruitment season. Currently nine local young women are attending Smith, four of whom are supported by our club's local scholarship funds. Unfortunately, none of the applicants last year have enrolled this fall although two were accepted and one wait-listed. Chairperson Shari Moore is looking forward to attending an admissions training event to be hosted by Smith College in December.

We are so very sad to announce that **Mary Hellerstein '43** died on August 30 after a brief illness. A devoted Smith Club member and area pediatrician, Mary touched many of our lives. As a board member she planned the Senior Smith Luncheon last May, and was always available to help out and participate in Club activities. We extend our sincere condolences to her family. Mary's daughter Elizabeth Hellerstein '85 also went to Smith.

Dues: Please submit your dues without delay so that our organization may continue to thrive. Our scholarship fund continues to allow local talent to benefit from a Smith education, a resource that returns the investment to the community exponentially. Please be generous. Don't forget to jot down your ideas for programs and any volunteering you would like to contribute. We welcome you to join our board or host an event.

Looking forward to a fabulous fall,

Nancy Duff-Boehm '73, President, Smith College Club of Cleveland