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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,

Yes, this is the September newsletter a month early! Carol Christ, Smith College President, is coming to Cleveland September 6, and we on the board wanted to be sure you have enough time to save the date and tell your friends about the event. See details below and on the enclosed invitation. Notice your new board, listed to the left. We are ready as ever to respond to your suggestions, so please write them on the enclosed dues envelope before you send it in.

SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, September 6 Educating Women for Global Leadership 5:30-8 P.M.

Throughout her tenure, **Smith College President Carol Christ** has been a powerful advocate for increasing the number and strength of women in leadership positions in the world. She was a featured speaker in December, 2011, at the inaugural symposium of the Women in Public Service Project, a collaborative effort by the State Department and the five leading women's colleges. The project's mission is to double the number of leadership positions in the world filled by women by the year 2050. In addition, Carol has committed Smith to serve as the academic planning partner for the Asian Women's Leadership University in Malaysia. We will meet at the Western Reserve Historical Society's newly renovated building at University Circle, courtesy of Gainor Davis, Ph.D. '71, President and CEO of the museum.

Monday, October 8, 2012 Brazil: The Explosive Giant 9:15 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

The annual Grazella Shepherd Lecture Day, sponsored by the Association for Continuing Education (ACE,) this year features Brian Godfrey, Ph.D., Professor of Geography and director of Urban Studies at Vassar College and Nicholas Lemann, Ph.D., Dean and Henry R. Luce Professor of Journalism at Columbia University School of Journalism. The event will be held at the Mayfield Sand Ridge Country Club, 1545 Sheridan Road, South Euclid 44121. Fees, including coffee and lunch, are \$30 for ACE Members, \$50 for Nonmembers (includes membership). Register by October 1 by calling ACE at 216 368-2090.

Sunday, December 2 Annual Holiday Party 5 to 7 P.M.

Ginger '78 and Stuart VanWagonen have again offered their lovely home to us for this always fun and well-attended event. We are very grateful. Save the Date!!!

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Our **Annual Meeting** on June 2 was again a hit this year. Clara Rankin '38 and Susan Lapine '68 presented about Hopwell Therapeutic Community, a residential treatment facility for the seriously mentally ill in Mesopotamia, Ohio. Clara initiated the project with a dream and persevered through its development into the world-class treatment facility it is today. Susan, currently President of the Board, has been active on the board for decades. Rick Kerges, the Clinical Director of Hopwell, spoke about the program and illustrated his talk with slides and video. Courtesy of Musette Vincent '78, we met in the Library and Garden Rooms of the north tower of Bratenahl Place.

Amy Miller and her husband Nikhail kindly opened their home for a Welcome Bunch for the six **Summer on the Cuyahoga** interns and their hosts in the beginning of July. Jan and Don Mottinger hosted the SOTC send-off picnic on July 29. We shared a great meal and were treated to brief speeches from each intern about her program at Smith, her experiences in Cleveland and her future aspirations. Smith had six interns this year:

Ellis Greene	Dakota Software	2013
Cornelia Beckett	ASPIRE at Hathaway Brown	2014
Janika Parsons	Breakthrough Schools	2013

Najneen Sultana	American Environmental Grp	2014
Linda Loi	enlight	2013
Morgyn-Britney-Hall	Gund Foundation and Policy Matters	2013

The interns hail from around the world this year. Najneen is from Bangladesh, Ellis from Alaska, Morgyn from Los Angeles, Cornelia (Nellie) from Washington, DC, Linda from San Francisco and Janika from New Jersey. All were extremely grateful for a great summer experience, and all expressed an interest in returning to Cleveland, some quite passionately. The new dorms at Fenn Tower at CSU were especially appealing, with kitchenettes, air conditioning, work out room and laundry facilities.

Since its start the SOTC program has resulted in over 60 interns returning to Cleveland for at least a year after graduating. **Please remember SOTC in your charitable giving this year.** You will be receiving a letter for the fund-raising campaign at the beginning of 2013. Keep in mind that it costs the club \$5000 to host 5 interns, and we aspire to have another 6 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 History by Eliza Morante, which we postponed discussing from this past June. Giovanna Bellesia, the Smith Professor of Italian Literature and Language, will be available by Skype to discuss the book with us. Stay tuned for details. If you would like to participate or just be on the e-mailing list for the Book Club, contact Kathy at kmabramczyk@gmail.com or 216 375-5123. Kathy is now open for suggestions for books to read in the coming year. Recommend only books you have already read.

Young Alums Committee, under the leadership of Lauren Reed and Hayden Howland, continues to generate creative and dynamic ideas for keeping us connected to each other and to Smith. The Gateway Project is an initiative to help near and recent graduates come to Cleveland with great prospects for a satisfying life and career. They need your help. If you would like to be available to talk to a graduating student about your work and/or your life in our North Coast, please sign up on the website they have developed. The link is: <http://bit.ly/SmithGateway>. For other issues and to find out about the near-monthly programs scheduled this year, contact them at smithclubclevelandyoungalums@gmail.com. They have also revised the club's "Facebook" page and invite the entire club to join them there.

The **Candidates Committee** is gearing up for another recruitment season. Four local young women are starting Smith careers this September, joining the four already there. Chairperson Shari Moore and Nancy Duff-Boehm are looking forward to attending a special Women's Global Leadership Summit and Volunteer Conference organized by Smith In Northampton this October.

We are saddened to announce the deaths Virginia Becker '38 and of Eleanor Everett '33. Both alumnae were long-time Smith Club members. Virginia was active on the board in earlier years. Eleanor was a generous donor to Summer on the Cuyahoga.

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