



ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF
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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.

November 2011

Dear Friends,

We are off to another great start to the academic year, and we have more events coming! On September 29, we had a great turn-out at the private tour of the new **African Elephant Crossing** exhibit at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Everyone who attended was very impressed with the project and excited that this city has this remarkable resource. Return trips are planned.

Our own Smith Professor **Giovanna Bellesia** was one of two presenters discussing the State of the European Union at the ACE Lecture Day on October 24. Her talk was engaging and stimulating and gave personal illustrations that complemented Case Professor Kenneth Ledford's presentation, which was packed with historical and political information. We all felt we had learned much by the end, and we Smith alumnae were very proud of our alma mater. On Sunday, October 23, Betsy Sampliner hosted a pot-luck brunch for Professor Bellesia. We shared a delightful meal and had a fascinating discussion of stories written by Italian women during the years of Fascism (1920 to 1940).

The **Annual Holiday Party** will be at the home of Mary Herrick '60 on Sunday, December 4, from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. Her address is 21150 Brantley Road in Shaker Heights. Look for the invitation in this mailing. This event is always great fun, a festive opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. The Akron Club is selling pecans again, and they request pre-orders this year by emailing Rebecca at rogersrebecca50@aol.com *. They offer 12 oz. bags of plain, dark- and milk-chocolate-covered pecans at \$12 each. They will be delivered at the Holiday Party.

Smith grad **Luma Mufleh** is speaking at Garfield Middle School in Lakewood on Tuesday, December 6 at 7 P.M. Her moving story of creating a successful, American school out of a ragtag group of refugee children playing soccer in the streets near Atlanta is featured in a CBS news piece at this link: <http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7385646n>. Watch this and you will find it hard to resist signing up for the event immediately! Seating is limited. Click [here](#) to RSVP or visit facinghistory.org/communityconversations. **Mention you are from our club!**

Once again, the Harvard Club invites us to participate in a **Scavenger Hunt at the Cleveland Museum of Art** on Friday, January 13, 2012, at 6 P.M. They promise to make it more challenging this time, but regardless, it is a fun event, as we enjoy an evening at the museum with over a hundred alumnae/i from several competitive colleges and universities. And anyway, last year the Smith group won the prize! More information to come.

The Candidates Committee has been active this fall. Shari Moore, Chair of the Candidates Committee, and I traveled to Northampton on November 7 to meet with Carol Christ and other officials at the College to coordinate efforts to increase applications of qualified students from the Cleveland area. We learned a lot about the admissions process and have returned with ideas about how to increase applications and enrollment. More about how members might help in the future... Shari has also been visiting local schools and interviewing potential applicants.

Summer on the Cuyahoga is in the inform-and-recruit phase of the calendar. Bernie Gosky, the Program Director hosted an information session for Smith students on November 7, and Shari and I were there to provide some color for her. It was a fun evening with students with economics, math, science and literature majors who seemed very enthusiastic about this unique program. SOTC pays for the interns' entertainment and housing, which will be at Cleveland State's recently renovated Fenn Tower in 2012. Please think of any Cleveland employers you know who love their city and want to attract very bright and motivated college students to move here. Mention the program to them, and if they show any interest, suggest they talk to Bernie – then tell Bernie at bgosky@summeronthecuyahoga.com *. That's all it takes. For more information, visit www.summeronthecuyahoga.com. Coming to you this month is a letter asking for donations to this worthy program, which has brought so much young talent back to Cleveland. **Please give generously.** Our goal is to attract 10 Smith students this year, and this will require \$10,000.

Condolences: I am so sorry to convey that Elizabeth Emlin Walker '35 died on June 15, 2011. We offer sincere condolences to her family. Her daughter Elizabeth Walker Boncella graduated from Smith in 1968.

The Book Club is already up and running this year. Each month we have 15 to 20 participants with a steady core group and others who come when they can. The discussions are always thought-provoking and linger on the mind for weeks. New faces are warmly welcomed. If you would like to be on the e-mailing list for the Book Club, contact Kathy Abramczyk at kmabramczyk@gmail.com * or 216 375-5123. Remaining books and hosts are as follows:

Date	Title	Author	Host
November 16, 2011	<u>The Piano Teacher</u>	Janice Y.K. Lee	Betsy Sampliner
December 14, 2011	<u>Persuasion</u>	Jane Austen	Nancy Duff-Boehm
January 18, 2012	<u>Room</u>	Emma Donoghue	Suzanne Hartford
February 15, 2012	<u>The Sisters of Sinai</u>	Janet Soskice	TBD
March 21, 2012	<u>Vaclav and Lena</u>	Haley Tanner	Evelyn Krent
April 18, 2012	<u>Caleb's Crossing</u>	Geraldine Brooks	Susan LaPine
May 16, 2012	<u>A Visit from the Goon Squad</u>	Jennifer Egan	Jan Mottinger
June 20, 2012	<u>History: A Novel</u>	Elsa Morante	Suzanne Mars

Young Alums Committee continues to thrive, as Hayden, Lauren and Dara continue to plan activities for the year. Next on the agenda is a tour of the Women Who Rock exhibit at the Rock and Roll Hall this fall. Contact them at smithclubclevelandyoungalums@gmail.com *. Also, join them on the "Facebook" page.

Notes from Paradise, the one-page, monthly alumnae e-newsletter, has a fascinating, brief video about Smith's early contribution to the field of women's competitive sports, a scandalous idea in 1900! There are great pictures of the Alumnae gym packed with over 1,000 fans to witness the world's first women's basketball competition. Here is the link: <http://alumnae.smith.edu/enews/enews.php>.

Dues: Attached is a list of members whose dues for the year are paid. Please review the list, and if you are not on it, either contact Nancy Lavelle to make the correction or send in your check as soon as possible. Again, your donations to the scholarship fund help us support Smith educations for up to four bright young women from the area each year. Thank you!

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

*Copy and paste e-mail addresses onto your own e-mail server's "Compose" page.

Membership Update

We are pleased to list and thank the following 88 alums and friends who have paid dues and/or made scholarship contributions for 2011-2012 as of November 1, 2011. We are particularly grateful to the sustaining members and contributors to the scholarship fund.

Glen Anderson*	Nancy Duff-Boehm*	Lucy Kistler	Jane Moore*	Elizabeth Saloman
Pat Ashton*	Mary Dunbar	Anita Koblitz*	Rita Moore	Betsy Sampliner*
Bonnie Baker*	Mary Emerson	Evelyn Krent*	Caroline Morgan	Julia Siegel*
Virginia Benjamin	Ruth Eppig	Marjorie Lamport	Sally Morley*	Suzanne Stratton-Crooke
Ruth Berger	Ann Fabens	Marilyn Langmack*	Joanne Mortimer*	Ilga Svechs
Christina Bittenbender	Barbara Galvin*	Siobhan LaPiana	Rebecca Moseley	May Targett*
Holly Brooks*	John Gardner	Susan LaPine	Janice Mottinger*	Elizabeth Tone
Elaine Brophy*	Pamela Gibbon*	Jean Latimer*	Margaret Mueller	Nancy Treadway
Amy Carlson	Eileen Gold*	Nancy Lavelle*	Pam O'Halloran	Virginia Van Wagenen
Nancy Carpenter	Nomi Greber*	Kathryn Makley	Sue Pacini	Vincent Musette
Ann Case*	Marjorie Grodin	Ann McConnell	Kathy Pender*	Mary von Herrmann*
Elizabeth Chandler*	Suzanne Hartford*	Nancy McCormack*	Carol Posner	Alice Webster*
Diane Collier*	Ann Herbruck	Eleanor McCoy	Ella Quintrell*	Nancy West
Katherine Collin*	Mary Herrick*	Nancy McCrickard	Clara Rankin	Victoria Winbush
Juanita Dalton-Robinson*	Yen Izanec*	Judith McMillan*	Lauren Reed	Carol Wykoff*
Gainor Davis*	Alison Jones*	Jane Meyer	Donna Reid*	Dudley Yost
Pamela Davis	Ann Kiggen	Amy Miller*	Nancy Relyea	Margot Youngs*
Virginia Dawson*		Samantha Mishne*	Lois Roulston	

Bold denotes Sustaining Members * Denotes Scholarship Fund Contributions

Please support our programs by sending in your dues. Dues payments are for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. If you have not yet paid your dues, you may send your check payable to the Smith College Club of Cleveland along with the form at the bottom of this page to: Nancy Lavelle, 12526 Cedar Road, #6, Cleveland Heights, OH 44106.

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Name _____ Class _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Membership Categories (please check one):

\$75 Sustaining _____ \$45 Regular _____

\$15 Junior (classes 1997-2006) _____

Free introductory membership for classes 2007-2011

My scholarship contribution is \$250 _____ \$100 _____ \$50 _____ Other _____

I am willing to open my home for a meeting _____

Thank You !

