



ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF
SMITH COLLEGE

SMITH CLUB OF CLEVELAND



Newsletter for March 2013

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.

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Dear Friends,

Here we are already three quarters of the way through the academic year! In December we had another fun and festive **Holiday Party** at the home of Stuart and **Ginger VanWagenen '78**. They are wonderful and generous hosts, and everyone had a great time. In mid-December a group of us gathered at Amy Miller's to assemble care packages for our local students and SOTC alumnae in time for exam week. We sent out 16 packages, which included teas, coffees, sweets, socks, some little toys and Ohio memorabilia, and we received many hearty thanks in return. **Suzu Hartford** has done a fantastic job organizing our decade parties this year. On February 10 a group of 20 alumnae from the classes of 1964 to 1976 and their guests enjoyed a potluck dinner at Chris and **Marilyn Langmack's** home. On March 3 **Amy Miller '99** hosted a potluck brunch for the classes of 1990 to 2012. Still to happen are the cocktail party for the classes of 1977 to 1989 hosted by David and **Pam O'Halloran '80** and the Senior Smith luncheon (see below). At the Cleveland Skating Club on Thursday evening, January 31, **Virginia Dawson '65** gave an insightful and stimulating talk about the Mather family letters, elucidating Cleveland's industrial history. Of the nearly ninety attendees, more than 20 were Smithies! On Sunday, February 24, **Shari Moore '08**, our Candidates Chair, hosted a tea at my house for high school seniors who have applied to Smith for this fall. Six applicants came, and one brought an interested junior as well. They had fabulous questions, and we had a delightful discussion stimulated by the Smith Admissions DVD and by thoughts and memories of our board members Elizabeth, Amy and Lauren as well as Shari and me. This tea has become a nice tradition. We plan to do something special for the applicants who are accepted.

COMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, April 16 **University Heights Library, 13866 Cedar Rd.** **6:00-8:30 P.M.**
Our **Spring Program** will be a showing and discussion of the documentary film ***Saving Face***. **Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy '02** won the Oscar in 2012 for this film, but it has not yet been shown in Cleveland. The film chronicles the lives of three Pakistani women whose husbands have punished them by throwing acid in their faces, severely disfiguring them. Also, the brave attorneys and physicians whose mission has been to change this hideous but traditional practice describe the work they have done. We will have a discussion about the film after the screening. See the invitation on the back panel of this newsletter.

Monday, April 15 **Suburban Temple, 22401 Chagrin Blvd.** **9:30 A.M. to 2 P.M.**
ACE Discussion Day this year features Tan Twang Eng's second novel, **The Garden of Evening Mists**, which has been short-listed for the Man Booker prize 2012. Dr. William Deal and his wife, Lisa Robertson, will be the speakers. Dr. Deal is the Severance Professor of the History of Religion

in the Department of Religious Studies at CWRU. He is also Director of the University's Asian Studies program and teaches courses that focus on East Asian religious and ethical traditions, Buddhism, and the cognitive science of ethics. Ms. Robertson, who has her MA in Art History from CWRU and studied under several curators in Asian Art at the Cleveland Museum of Art, is a Lecturer in East Asian Art History at CSU where she has taught for the past 12 years. She is an avid gardener who appreciates Japanese gardens. The fees are \$30 for Non-ACE members, \$25 for members, including lunch. Call 216 368-2090 or register online at acesite.org/discussion-day/. Keep your eyes open for summer events from ACE as well.

Friday, May 3 **Senior Smith Luncheon at Cleveland Skating Club** **12 Noon**

Bob Cheshire, Director of the Little Red Schoolhouse project, will be our featured speaker this year. His program seeks to involve inner-city parents in their children's education by promoting reading to them and by providing easily accessible books. All alumnae are welcome. Lunch for graduates after 1963 is \$15. RSVP to Suzanne Stratton-Crooke 216 561-7500 or suzanne338@aol.com.

Friday, March 8 **St. Paul's Church, Fairmount and Coventry, Shaker Hts.** **5-7 P.M.**

Marjorie Roth '67 is a featured artist in a show opening on this date. Marjorie creates colorful, textured landscapes with pastels. Her work has been shown in Longboat Key, Minneapolis and Gates Mills. Northeast Ohio Metroparks, Alaska and New Mexico are all subjects of her work. I hope we can show our support for Marjorie, who moved here in 2005, at this exciting time in her second career. The show runs through June 9.

Saturday, June 1 **Annual Meeting** **12 Noon**

This year our Annual Meeting will be held again at Bratenahl Place, in the Garden Room and Library in Tower 2 (the North Tower), courtesy of **Musette Vincent '78**. This beautiful setting worked perfectly last year. It is awkward talking about myself here, but: The speakers will be Nancy Duff-Boehm, Ph.D. '73 and her husband Gregory X. Boehm, M.D., discussing the Opiate Epidemic in Ohio and the United States. Nancy is a Clinical Psychologist with a Certificate of Proficiency in Treatment of Substance Abuse from the American Psychological Association, and Gregory is a psychiatrist board-certified in Adult and Child-adolescent psychiatry and in Addiction Medicine. They have a private practice together with offices in Beachwood and North Olmsted, and Greg is also the Medical Director of Stella Maris, a detox center in downtown Cleveland.

Wednesday, April 10 **Rock 'n Roll Scavenger Hunt** **6:30 P.M.**

The annual multi-club scavenger hunt sponsored by the Harvard Alumni Club will take place at the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame this year. The proceeds from the event will go toward \$500 scholarships for Cleveland Metropolitan Schools' seniors for the college of the student's choosing. Go to <http://clubs.harvard.edu/olc/pub/HAA/university/events.jsp?chapter=130> to register and pay on-line. Tickets for adults are \$20, seniors \$18 and kids \$15 (under 9 free). Or contact John Miller at 216 321-5018 or johnmiller@nasw.org.

Monday, May 6 **YMCA Women of Achievement Awards** **11:45 A.M.**

Clara Rankin '38 and **GiGi Benjamin '73** are among this year's honorees at this annual event at the Renaissance Hotel. We are very proud of these strong, productive women and excited that their lives of distinction are being recognized publicly. If you are interested in helping to sponsor a table for this event, please contact me at nduff611@aol.com or 216 292-0480.

The **Candidates Committee Chair Shari Moore '08** has been working hard to recruit applicants from the list of prospective students that the college sent us in the fall. This year we have 17 applicants, up from 8 last year, so her efforts have been well rewarded. The applicants this year are both highly accomplished and especially enthusiastic about Smith. **Mittie Jordan '75** has been organizing the book awards to be given to promising juniors in the spring.

Summer on the Cuyahoga has received 68 applications from Smith students so far this year, compared to 31 by March last year! Two internships have been confirmed, and others are still under consideration. Three of our 2012 interns conducted an information session for Smith students at Smith on February 13, and 25 students responded. The interns had created a power point game in which the group had to identify whether each of 20 pictures was of New York or Cleveland; many were fooled and impressed. Time is running short, but it is not too late for employers to become involved by offering an internship. Have the employer contact Bernie Gosky at bgosky@summeroncuyahoga.com. Our fund-raising committee, **Elizabeth Chandler '87** and **Suzanne Stratton-Crooke '61**, send their sincere thanks to this year's donors, listed below. So far we have received \$7,565, less than last year's mark and less than we need to fund the ten positions we hope to support this summer. Send checks, made out to Smith College Club of Cleveland, SOTC

on the "Memo" line, to Elizabeth Chandler, 3010 Torrington Rd, Shaker Hts, OH 44122.

Patricia Ashton	Elizabeth Chandler	Pamela Gibbon	Susan LaPine	Margaret Mueller	Betty Tone
Ruth Berger	Diane Collier	Eileen Gold	Nancy Lavelle	Ella Quintrell	Ginger Van Wagenen
Christy Bittenbender	Pamela Davis	Annette Himes	Kathryn Makley	Clara Rankin	Musette Vincent
Holly Brooks	Virginia Dawson	Alison Jones	Ann McConnell	Marjorie Roth	Mary von Herrmann
Elaine Brophy	Nancy Duff-Boehm	Lucy Kistler	Judith McMillan	Betsy Sampliner	Alice Webster
Amy Carlson	Barbara Galvin	Evelyn Krent	Jane Meyer	Suzanne Stratton-Crooke	Margot Youngs

Thanks again to **Kathy Abramczyk** for her leadership and organization of the **book club**. Kathy is looking for a volunteer to help her with this task next year. Here is the remaining schedule:

Date	Title	Author	Host (H) / Discussion Leader
March 20, 2013	<u>The Cat's Table</u>	Michael Ondaatje	M Langmack and M Lee
April 17, 2013	<u>The Greater Journey</u>	David McCullough	
May 15, 2013	<u>Canada</u>	Richard Ford	Nancy Lavelle (H)
June 19, 2013	<u>The Art of Fielding</u>	Chad Harbach	Carol Posner

The **Gateway Project** is gathering steam on the initiative of **Lauren Reed '06**. She has begun to identify seniors at Smith who are connected to Northeast Ohio and has developed a phone interview to engage them in a conversation about their interests and hopes for the future. Her team will then find local alumnae in those fields of interest to be contacts for the graduating students, to act in any capacity that is comfortable for both individuals from a single phone talk to networking advisor to mentor. Like SOTC, the program promises to bring more talented, energetic, intelligent graduates back to the Cleveland area. She already has some volunteers but needs several more for this project to start moving. We need young alums interested in calling the students and alumnae who are already established in their fields and willing to share their stories and advice with someone just entering the workforce. Contact Lauren at lauren.reed.e@gmail.com.

College Now, a mentorship program for inner city teen and adult students, is in need of volunteer mentors. **GiGi Benjamin '73** has been involved with the program for years and finds it rewarding. The website is www.collegenowgc.org/. Contact GiGi at vbenjamin@calfee.com or 216 622-8200.

Our club is active and thriving and a lot of fun for the board members. If you would like to spend one evening a month planning and implementing projects with other bright and energetic women, join us! We have a strong sense of accomplishment by the end of the year as well as a heartfelt camaraderie. **Jan Mottinger** is in the process of building next year's board. Contact her at 440 247-1099 or janmottinger@gmail.com.

Remember your dues! For the price of annual dues, members receive free admission to the annual luncheon in June, discounts in other programs, a paper Directory of contact information for all alumnae in the Northeast Ohio area, your name in the newsletter, the ability to post your event in the newsletter, the knowledge that you have contributed to our scholarship fund, which allows five to six students annually to attend Smith, and a tax deduction for the full amount. Really, you can't afford not to send in your check! A downloadable form is on our website under the "Membership" tab: <http://alumnae.smith.edu/smithcms/cleveland/> or contact Sarah Kostick at skostick@gmail.com or 216 421-0777.

Stay connected. We have so many ways to communicate and inform others of our activities these days; please take advantage of the electronic sites we have established. Visit our website at <http://alumnae.smith.edu/smithcms/cleveland/> and see past newsletters, photos from recent and past years, and links to the college and alumnae news. To post your pictures and stories, contact our dedicated web coordinator **Sue Pacini '65** at mspacini@yahoo.com. Also, join us on Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/SmithClubCleveland/>

Warmly,



Nancy Duff-Boehm, Ph.D., President

The Smith College Club of Cleveland
welcomes you to our Spring Program:

A showing of "Saving Face"

a documentary film by Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy '02

Sharmeen won an Academy Award for this film in 2012, thereby becoming Pakistan's first female Oscar winner. The President of Pakistan gave her a special award for bringing honor to her native country as a filmmaker. Also in 2012, TIME magazine named Sharmeen one of the 100 most influential people in the world. As a journalist and filmmaker, she likes to give attention to 'people whose voices are never heard'.

Tuesday, April 16th

6:00 pm

Film will be shown at 6:30 pm

Light snacks and beverages

Admission free, but registration required

University Heights Library, Room A

13866 Cedar Road

University Heights, 44118

Parking in back of the library

Guests are welcome,

but the space is limited to the first 75 people to rsvp

rsvp: Margaret Plumpton, mplum3@aol.com or 440-655-8612