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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,

Is it possible that spring is just around the corner with the winter we have had this year? With it, you have lots to look forward to as far as the Smith Club is concerned. A good time was had by the more than eighty people who attended the holiday party celebration held at Sara's Place in Gates Mills and organized by Heather Stoll '94 and Karen Pritchard '82. Keep reading for details on our upcoming March 13 spring program on the health insurance marketplace, ACE events, a library event featuring Kitty Makley '60, Annual Meeting, Summer on the Cuyahoga, and decade parties happening this month for classes 1977-1989 (March 2) and classes 1990-2013 (March 8). All promise that same spirit.

Come spring, all dues paying members will receive an updated directory, which gets printed every two years, thanks to the efforts of Laura Whay Klein '88 and Amy Miller '99. To make it as current and complete as possible, please let Amy know at amyemiller@gmail.com or 216-342-4748 if any of your contact information has changed. If you don't receive any communication from the Club via email, let her know your email address as well.

Though attendance at our events continues to be robust, we have noticed that there are many people we don't see as much as we would like. To that end, a short survey will be emailed to you separately. Please open it, fill it out, and submit it online by March 24. We really do want to hear from you and learn your thoughts and interests. Past president Nancy Duff-Boehm '73 is putting together the nominating slate for next year's board. If you have any interest in joining this fun group or becoming more involved in a non-board capacity, perhaps as a student mentor, let Nancy know at nduff611@aol.com or 216-292-0480.

If you haven't already paid your dues for the year, please do. We rely on dues to provide the enriching level of programming we do and are below where we were to date last year. A form is included for your convenience. Here's to spring – join us!

Elizabeth Chandler '87, President

COMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 13 Spring Program 6:00- 7:30 p.m.

“Health Insurance Market Marketplace – Answers to Your Questions” is the title of our spring program panel presentation and discussion. It will be held at Sisters of Charity Health System, 2475 East 22nd Street, 6th Floor, in Cleveland. Please see the enclosed invitation for the interesting line up of speakers Program Chair, Heather Stoll '94, has put together, as well as for registration information for this free program to which Smith alumnae and their guests are invited. This program will provide context around the implementation of the marketplace. It is not just for those interested in taking advantage of it, rather for everyone who wants to understand the social and economic implications of it from multiple angles. Alumnae interested in carpooling or needing a ride should let Heather know by email at hstoll@sistersofcharityhealth.org or by phone at 216-798-0194 when they RSVP by March 10.

Monday, March 31 ACE Discusssion Day 9:30-2 p.m.

Friday, May 9 ACE Annual Meeting 11:30-1:30 p.m.

The Association for Continuing Education Education's (ACE) Discussion Day on March 31 will center around the book “Hateship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage” by Nobel Prize winning author, Alice Munro. Morning discussion groups led by committee members will engage attendees in thinking critically about the multiple themes presented in this collection of stories. Professor of Canadian Studies at St. Lawrence University, Robert Thacker, Ph.D., will be the post luncheon speaker. Fees including lunch are \$25 for members; \$30 for non-members. Register by calling 216-368-2090 or online at www.acesite.org. Location is Suburban Temple-Kol Ami, 22401 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood.

ACE's Annual Meeting on May 9 will feature Evalyn Gates, Ph.D., Executive Director and CEO of The Cleveland Museum of Natural History on “Portal to the Universe.” Cost for the event and lunch is \$28 for members; \$33 for non-members. It will be held at Mayfield Sandridge Club, 1545 Sheridan Road, South Euclid.

Friday, May 2 Senior Smith Luncheon at Cleveland Skating Club 12 noon

Featured speaker Amy Miller, owner of “branch and bloom,” a boutique floral design studio in Pepper Pike, will discuss the local flower farm movement, environmental sustainability, and the role that Ohio farmers are playing in reversing the globalization of the floral industry. All alumnae are invited. Lunch is free for all graduates before 1964 and \$20 for those after. RSVP to Suzanne Stratton-Crooke at 216-561-7500 or suzanne338@aol.com.

Tuesday, April 15 Beachwood Library, 25501 Shaker Blvd, Beachwood 7:00 p.m.

For those who missed **Kitty Lewis Makley's '60** interesting talk about a notable time and figure in Cleveland's history and her book, “Samuel Mather: First Citizen of Cleveland,” at last spring's Senior Smith luncheon, you will have another chance on this date. The event is free, but registration is required by visiting www.cuyahogalibrary.org or calling 216-831-6868. Books will be available for purchase and signing. The book is based on Kitty's research on the history of the family, community, and house when the Junior League of Cleveland joined with Cleveland State University to renovate the Mather Mansion on CSU's campus for the landmark's grand opening to the public in May 1978. Combined with additional research made possible by the availability of the Mather family papers and the urging of friends, she has written this book thirty five years later.

June Annual Meeting Luncheon 12 Noon

Stay tuned for details on this annual event, which have yet to be determined. Look for your invitation to this luncheon and program that is free to dues paying members in May.

MORE ITEMS

Exciting News! We are pleased to report that Anja Block, granddaughter of Mary von Herrmann '52 and a senior at Shaker Heights High School, was accepted and will attend Smith in the fall. Her experience meeting alumnae and Smith interns at the Smith SOTC Farewell Picnic at Susan '68 and Hal LaPine's home last August and again with alumnae at December's Holiday Celebration were really what convinced her that Smith was her college of choice, says Anja. She will be the 7th person in her family to attend Smith and represent the fourth generation at Smith. Anja '18 will graduate almost 100 years after her great-grandmother '17, who was the first to matriculate. Also accepted was Claudia Stoll, the granddaughter of Kathy Stoll '58 and niece of Heather Stoll '94, who lives in Chicago, making her a sixth generation legacy.

Summer on the Cuyahoga's website went live for students to apply for internships on November 8. The hiring process concludes April 18. Promotional events were held at Smith on February 7 and 19th. Last year's Smith SOTC interns, Jenny Jiang, Valerie Yuan, and Jenny Weng, were a great help with them. SOTC interns arrive June 7-8 this summer and start work June 9. They will be housed in the newer, air-conditioned CSU dorms again this year. Their summer here will officially end August 9, when they need to vacate CSU. SOTC Co-chairs Marjorie Roth '67 and Lydia Bussiere '12 are seeking co-hosts for each Smith intern and alumnae to help organize events for our interns and serve as mentors. Contact Marjorie at riroth@comcast.net if this interests you and to learn more. SOTC is still looking for bikes for their interns to explore the city for summer 2014. Anyone who would like to donate a bike should let Marjorie know.

Should you know students at any of the eight participating schools (CWRU, Colgate, Cornell, Ohio Wesleyan University, University of Chicago, Yale University, Smith, and Denison, which joined this year) let them know about the program. Encourage them to go to www.summeronthecuyahoga.com for more information and apply. In case you or someone you know were thinking of hiring an intern and wondering how much it costs, it is \$1,100 for intern housing and events plus the intern's salary, which must be \$8 at a minimum (most pay more). This translates to \$2,880 in wages for nine 40 hour weeks for a very talented intern. The reason our Club's fundraising efforts for the program are so critical is that the Smith Club also has a financial obligation to participate in the program. Any questions you may have regarding this should be directed to Marjorie or Lydia (lbussiere08@gmail.com). Without contributions from alumnae like you, Smith could not participate in this program and we wouldn't have the three former SOTC interns we now have serving on our Club's board this year.

Thanks go to the 40 alumnae who have contributed \$13,655 toward our **goal of raising \$20,000 with 100 members participating** this year as we celebrate 10 years of Smith's participation in SOTC. Our donors to date include:

Patricia Ashton	Pamela Davis	Alison Jones	Beth Rankin	Ginger Van Wagener
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We are getting closer but aren't there yet! Help us to reach our goal and make us the envy of other schools. If you haven't yet answered to our challenge to help ensure the continuity of this program going forward, it isn't too late. Gifts of all sizes are encouraged and welcome for this program that is such a win-win for Cleveland and Smith. **Checks may be made payable to "Smith College Club of Cleveland" with "SOTC" in the memo and sent to: Smith College Club of Cleveland, Summer on the Cuyahoga, C/O Yin Mei Lim, 1388 Blackmore Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118.**

It is never too late to join the **Book Club**. Should you have questions or like to join, contact Kathy Abramczyk '74 (kmabramczyk@gmail.com). The book list and schedule for the remainder of the year follow. It is also posted on the Club's website <http://tinyurl.com/smithcle>.

Date	Title	Author	Host (H)/Discussion Leader
March 12, 2014	The Celestials	Karen Shepard	Joanne Mortimer (H), Kathy A. & Marilyn L.
April 9, 2014	The Calligrapher's Daughter	Eugenia Kim	Susan LaPine (H)
May 14, 2014	Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood With Britain in its Darkest, Finest Hour	Lynne Olson	Diane Collier (H), D. Collier
June 11, 2014	And the Mountain Echoed	Khaled Hosseini	Ginnie Dawson (H), Betsy Sampliner & Carol Posner

We are saddened to report the death of Louinia Mae Whittlesey '45 and Dorothy "Dee" Tremaine Hildt '49 on January 3 and also Eleanor Bonnie McCoy '48 on February 12. Our deepest sympathies go to their families.

Our **young alum** reps Lauren Reed '06 and Julianne Roseman '13, along with Amy Miller and other Club members, helped assemble and send at December exam time 13 care packages to current area students at Smith, as well as to former Smith SOTC interns who are at Smith. Included with each was a note letting them know the Club was thinking of them with an offer to help connect them with an alumna in their field of interest. They were very enthusiastically received. Lauren and Julianne have been joining forces with other clubs to plan events for young alums. To keep abreast of young alum happenings, go to the Club's Facebook page at <http://bit.ly/SmithCle>. If you are on Facebook and haven't joined the group, you should. The page is not just for young alums. It includes information on other Club happenings and pictures from events. Young alums can also contact Lauren and Julianne directly at smithclubclevelandyoungalums@gmail.com. They welcome your ideas for multi-club or Smith only young alum events.

News from the Smith Campus: A graduate of Chagrin Falls High School and resident of Cushing House, Victoria von Saucken is in her second year at Smith. "I am grateful to be at Smith," she says, "because each day provides me with a new challenge. The Smith experience transforms you, and it's only now as a sophomore that I am starting to see the difference." Smith's neuroscience major is largely what attracted her to Smith. She is a premed neuroscience major, who is actively studying for the MCATs. Her goal is to become a physician scientist focusing on Alzheimer's disease. Victoria is also a STRIDE scholar. Since 1992, Smith has awarded 50 of the finest first-year students a merit scholarship of \$15,000 per year for four years making them STRIDE scholars. The scholarship includes a paid research position with a Smith professor. As part of the STRIDE program, Victoria did an internship abroad between her first and second year. At Smith, she conducts research on neurodevelopment using a zebrafish model in the lab of Professor Michael Baresi, who is with the Biological Sciences and Neuroscience Department. Victoria is also on the student government. She serves on its curriculum committee and a subcommittee focusing on study abroad preparedness and opportunities for students. She writes for Smith's International Advancement blog and tutors and mentors first-year college and high school students. For this coming summer, she is pursuing opportunities involving Alzheimer's research and experimental research in neuroscience. Should you know of any such summer opportunities or be willing to be a mentor to her, or you are able to connect her with someone who does or would, please contact Victoria at vvonsaucken@smith.edu.