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SMITH CLUB OF CLEVELAND



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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,

Fall is in the air and with it starts another year for the Smith College Club of Cleveland. The board has been gearing up. Make your reservation now for our October 15 fall program – a presentation and tour of Cleveland's Global Center for Health Innovation. Now is also the time to send in your dues to renew your Club membership. Your dues are what allow us to sustain all that we do as a club.

This year's new Candidates Chair, Robin Walker '87, and I have recently returned from Smith's two-day Volunteer Leadership Conference at Smith that confirmed we are among Smith's most active clubs. The campus never looked better, the College was celebrating its 7th consecutive year with a record number of applications, and booths were set up around the circle outside the campus center with students signing up for more activities than I ever knew existed at Smith. We heard from President McCartney, who is loved by the students and faculty alike. You would have been awed and proud to listen to the student panel. Each student was so poised and different than the next. Smith has provided each one the environment within which to find her way, explore, and soar with her own unique interests. We each have our own story. Share it and spread the word! In addition to our financial support, this is how we can help bring Smith the best and most qualified students.

See you this fall,

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SAVE THE DATES

Wednesday, October 15

Global Center for Health Innovation

5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Haven't seen the new Global Center for Health Innovation (formerly called the Medical Mart) and renovated Cleveland Convention Center yet? Well, now you will get your chance! You won't want to miss this presentation and tour to bring you up to speed with what's happening here at Cleveland's newest attraction. The topic is the "Importance of Health Innovation for the Growth and Development of our Community." If the Club has your email address, you should have already received an invitation with all the details. Another copy is enclosed with this newsletter. Now is the time to make your reservation if you haven't already! Feel free to invite guests to this free program. Alums and their guests from the CLE Ivy+ and Summer on the Cuyahoga participating schools have also been invited.

Monday, October 13

Sustainability – Act Now!

9:15 – 2:00 P.M.

The annual Grazella Shepherd Lecture Day, sponsored by the Association for Continuing Education (ACE), this year features Milene Z. Morfei, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, Wells College and Peter Walker, Ph.D., Dean of the Falk School of Sustainability, Chatham University with Q&A moderated by Hunter Morrison, Director of Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium (NEOSCC). The event location is the Mayfield Sand Ridge Country Club, 1545 Sheridan Road, South Euclid 44121. Fees, including coffee and lunch, are \$30 for ACE members and \$50 for non-members.

ACE will also conduct a tour of the Severance Hall on Friday, October 24 from 12:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$14 members and \$20 for non-members; lunch prior to the tour and parking are extra. Register by October 20. Also offered this fall is Off-Campus Studies, a CWRU Laura and Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program, which is a series at various locations around town of 8 week long discussion-based courses based on common reading. Call ACE at 216-368-2090 or go online to www.acesite.org to view a schedule of classes, for more information, and to register for ACE events.

Sunday, December 7

Annual Holiday Party

5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

Ruth '73 and Michael Eppig have agreed to host this year's party in their lovely home in Bratenahl on Lakeshore Blvd. An invitation will be sent closer to time of the event, but for now be sure to mark your calendar and save the date for this favorite Smith Club event.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Our **Annual Meeting** was held on June 7 at the First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland in Shaker Heights. We were pleased to have three of our four Summer on the Cuyahoga interns who had just arrived to spend their summer here as well as Anja Block from Shaker Heights High School, who started at Smith this fall, and a few book award recipients. The George P. Bickford Curator of Indian and Southeast Asian Art at Cleveland Museum of Art, **Sonya Rhie Quintanilla '93**, gave a very inspiring talk entitled, "Art, Religion, and India: My journey from Smith College to the Cleveland Museum of Art." This journey began at age four when she sat in the back of the room as her mother taught art history and continued with her rich experiences as a student at Smith. We and Cleveland are so fortunate to have Sonya here.

An updated area alumnae **directory** was distributed at the Annual Meeting to dues paying members and at the Senior Smith Luncheon and book club meeting in May. An update to that directory is included with this newsletter for you to tuck into your directory. Communications/Membership Chair Amy Miller '99 would appreciate your letting her know if any of your contact information changes by emailing her at amyemiller@gmail.com or calling 216-342-4748. If you don't receive emails from the Club and have an email address, you may want to consider giving Amy that address as email allows us to get word to you in a more timely fashion than mailed newsletters.

This summer marked the conclusion of the Smith Club's celebration of **ten years of participation** with **Summer on the Cuyahoga** (SOTC). Lauren Reed Richards and Julianne Roseman hosted a Welcome Picnic for the four SOTC interns, their hosts, and young alumnae on June 22 on a sunny day at Edgewater Park near a bluff above Lake Erie with a spectacular

view of the City of Cleveland. Susan and Hal LaPine graciously opened their home for the SOTC and new student send-off summer's end Celebration and Dinner on August 3, which had record attendance and included book award recipients, incoming student, Samantha Baierl (daughter of Mindy '85), and Club members. We heard from each intern about her studies at Smith, experiences in Cleveland, and future ambitions. Interning this past summer were:

Karina Peterson '14	Bayonne, NJ	Monarch Teaching Technologies	History & East Asian Studies
Rumbi Vushe '14	Zimbabwe	Austen Bioinnovations	Engineering & Economics
Jasmine Poteat '15	Lithonia, GA	University School	Gov't & Middle East Studies
Sarah Walton '15	Sandy Hook, CT	Sisters of Charity Foundation	Government

Our interns are most grateful to our [47 donors](#) for their very large part in making this past summer such a memorable one for them. Contributions of [\\$14,400](#) in this anniversary year put us in a position to not only help support them but also Smith SOTC interns of the future. Since SOTC's inception in 2003, 102 former interns have returned to live and work in Cleveland. 56 still reside in Cleveland, including [Karina Peterson '14](#) the first of the 2014 SOTC cohort to secure a position in Cleveland. She was hired by her SOTC employer, Monarch Teaching Technologies, and has settled into an apartment on the east side. "My summer internship gave me the skills necessary to move forward in my life," says Karina. "All of the Smith alumnae that I met made me feel to so welcome and proud to be a Smithie." She has jumped right into life here and is serving as young alum co-chair on our board this year.

[Sarah Walton '15](#) who will graduate from Smith this coming spring is actively seeking employment in Cleveland after graduation. This is how began her note that was emailed with her resume to area alumnae in September, "I would like to thank all of you for making my summer so wonderful. Spending nine weeks in Cleveland was one of the best decisions I have ever made, and the guidance and support I received from each of you has made me more excited for both the job application process and for becoming a Smith alumna soon. After graduation, I hope to become an active club member and give back in any way I can after such a positive experience with SOTC." It went on to express her career interests, particularly in the non-profit sector. She would appreciate hearing from you at swalton@smith.edu should you have any ideas for her. In addition to having held various leadership positions on the Smith campus, she has experience with writing, researching, planning, and interviewing. Sarah was one of two interns who spoke at SOTC's closing ceremony. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/SOTCSlideshow> to see their slideshow which concluded the evening. <http://tinyurl.com/SOTCChannel19> is where you can listen to Channel 19's story about SOTC after the Closing Ceremony and to hear why SOTC is such a great opportunity not just for selected students and companies but for our region.

Thanks are in order for SOTC Co-Chairs, Marjorie Roth '67 (riroth@comcast.net) and Lydia Bussiere '12, and their steering committee: Elizabeth Chandler '87, Barbara Galvin '57, Lynn-Ann Gries '84, Susan LaPine '68, Yin Mei Lim '98, Ella Quintrell '49, Betsy Sampliner '62, and Suzanne Stratton-Crooke '61. Recognition is also due the following alumnae who acted as hosts for our interns: Joanne '76 and Dan Bonder, Nancy Duff-Boehm '73 and Greg Boehm, Katie Collin '01, Kathryn Dhillon '11, Julianne Roseman '13, Marjorie '67 and Richard Roth, and Musette Vincent '78. Their energy and time spent with the interns had a positive effect on their SOTC experience. Julianne and Katie were two of three hosts given special recognition at the SOTC Closing Ceremony for their excellent support and were so recognized by Sarah. Going forward Marjorie and Julianne Roseman (jroseman@alumnae.smith.edu) are the individuals to contact with your questions, suggestions for employers, and or if you would like to be more involved with SOTC.

MORE ITEMS

Book Club continues under the helm of Kathy Abramczyk '74 and meets on a Tuesday or Thursday of each month this year to accommodate those attending concerts at Severance Hall, a change from last year. Contact Kathy at kmabramczyk@gmail.com or 216-375-5123 if you would like to participate or just be on the e-mail list for the Book Club. August 24th the group convened to vote on member book recommendations and finalize its booklist for the year. *Whistling Vivaldi: How Stereotypes Affect Us and What We Can Do (Issues of Our Time)* by Claude Steele, a required read for all incoming Smith students his year, was the first book to be discussed for this new year on Thursday, September 25.

Other books for the year include:

Date	Title	Author	Host(H)/Discussion Leader
Tuesday, 10/21/2014	<i>Life After Life</i>	Kate Atkinson	Susan LaPine (H)/Nancy Duff-Boehm
Thursday, 11/20/2014	<i>Behind the Beautiful Forever</i>	Katherine Boo	Ginne Dawson (H)/Ginnie Dawson
Tuesday, 12/16/2014	<i>Vintage Munro: Nobel Prize Edition</i>	Alice Munro	Suzy Hartford (H)/Kathy Abramczk
Thursday, 1/22/2015	<i>Absolution</i>	Patrick Flanery	Betsy Sampliner (H)/Betsy Sampliner
Thursday, 2/26/2015	<i>All the Light We Cannot See</i>	Anthony Doerr	Pat Ashton (H)/Marilyn Langmack
Tuesday, 3/24/2015	<i>Unbroken</i>	Laura Hillenbrand	TBD (H)
Tuesday, 4/28/2015	<i>Everything I Never Told You</i>	Celeste NG	Ruth Berger (H)/Ruth Berger
Tuesday, 5/26/2015	<i>Duel With the Devil</i>	Paul Collins	Lucy Kistler (H)/Lucy Kistler
Thursday, 6/25/2015	<i>Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf</i>	Edward Albee	TBD (H)/Molly Downing

Can't attend the Club's book club but want to be part of a Smith book club? Smith's newly launched **Smith Reads Book Club** may just be your answer. It is a new online book club exclusively for the Smith community. There will be a number of ways to discuss books, including a discussion forum and live webinars that will be announced throughout the year. You can participate wherever and whenever you want. To join Smith Reads, you simply need to [register](#).

Young Alumnae are fortunate to have Lauren Reed Richards '06 continue as chair of the group this year with the help of Karina Peterson '14 and Elizabeth Stewart '13. They have a costume optional Wine & Cheese planned for Friday, October 24 at 6 p.m. at Karina's apartment (13855 Superior Road, Apt. 2304, Cleveland 44118). Young alums are also invited to join them on December 7 from 3:30-4:40 p.m. at the home of Julianne Roseman '13 (3417 Clarendon Road #1, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118) prior to the holiday party. They will assemble **care packages** for our four former SOTC interns and nine area students at Smith to let them know we are thinking of them at exam time. The group will then head over together to the holiday party. If you would like to contribute **13** of any one small item no larger than a pack of cards or longer than a pen, they would appreciate it. Included in the past were: tea bags, candy, office supplies, games, Ohio or Cleveland-related items, winter gear like gloves, lip balm, and hand sanitizer. Please contact Julianne Roseman, the project's coordinator, at jroseman@alumnae.smith.edu to let her know your interest. Email Lauren at lauren.reed.e@gmail.com for more information on young alum programming and to offer suggestions. Join and check the Club's Facebook page <http://bit.ly/SmithCLE> to learn more details about their plans and Club-wide happenings.

The **Candidates Committee** spearheaded by Robin Black Walker '87 (walkerrwr@aol.com) and co-chair Julia Franz '13 (juliamariefranz@gmail.com), who are both new to the board this year, are immersed in the recruitment season. The College has sent them information on lots of interested candidates, so they could use more enthusiastic helpers. Contact Robin to let her know of your interest, even if it is just to attend one college fair. Also, let her know if there is a high school junior or senior you think would be a good fit for Smith whom they should contact.

Smith College book awards were presented to students from **19** area high schools last spring, five more than the year prior. This effort is coordinated by Mittie Jordan '75, who will be assisted by Anahid Thompson '05 in the coming year. This award is presented to outstanding juniors or sophomores who exemplify the academic achievement, leadership qualities, and concern for others characteristic of Smith graduates.

In Memorium: We are saddened to report the death of N'omi Beeman Greber '51 in September.

Dues/Smith Fund: Please send your fully tax-deductible dues in the return envelope you are mailed without delay. Benefits include: free admission to the Annual Meeting Luncheon; inclusion of your name in the newsletter; a directory (even years); and knowledge that you have contributed to the Scholarship Fund, which helps support several area students at Smith each year. Please note that your dues do not count at Smith as an Annual Fund gift. I hope you will also join me and other Cleveland area alumnae in making a gift – of any size - to the [Smith Fund](#). Participation does matter and is directly figured into *US New and World Report's* ranking each year on colleges. Did you know that the annual fund participation rate of Smith's alumnae is 30% while at schools like Wellesley and Amherst it is 50%? Our participation does matter!