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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,

We're kicking off the 2015-2016 year with a speaker program on September 27 on the Cleveland Metropolitan School District with Martha Woerner '08 who is employed by the district as a Strategic Data Project Fellow. We'll head into the kitchen on November 8 for an afternoon of cooking Julia Child style in time for holiday meal planning. Last year's event, the first of its kind, was well received, so we are doing it again this year, different recipes of course, at the Western Reserve School of Cooking's downtown location. In December, we'll have our holiday party.

Now is the time to return your tax-deductible dues (envelope enclosed) and make a gift to the Scholarship Fund. Your dues allow us to do all that we do as a Club. For dues-paying members, we'll distribute an updated directory this spring free of charge and admission to the Annual Meeting Luncheon in June was selected to also be complimentary.

As your dues don't count at Smith as an Annual Fund gift, please consider a gift of any size to the [Smith Fund](#). Alumnae participation is lower than that of peer schools. Our participation does make a difference, especially in Smith's ranking in *US News and World Report*. Smith had a lot to be proud of this past year. Applications were up 12%, with 5,004 young women applying to the college. \$58 million was awarded in financial aid. The College fielded 19 Fulbright fellowship winners and its first Marshall Fellow. It launched the inaugural Smith-Tuck business bridge program and built a new health and wellness center. Maya Lin, famed designer of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, was selected to lead Neilson Library's redesign.

As you may have noticed upon looking at this year's list of board members to the left, the program jobs are currently vacant. If you would like more information on what is involved or to volunteer, please contact Nancy Duff-Boehm '73 at nduff611@aol.com or 216-292-0480. I hope you will join us this fall and will let us know if you would like to be more involved with the Club.

See you this fall,

Elizabeth Chandler '87, President
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SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, September 27

Transformation in the Cleveland Public Schools

2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Want to know more about what is happening in the Cleveland Public Schools? You'll get your chance at the Club's first program for the year at the Orange Library. Martha Woerner '08, a Harvard Fellow and data strategist with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, will talk about the transformation occurring there and answer questions. The program is free, but a reservation is required. An invitation with all the details is included with this newsletter. Feel free to invite a guest. Alums from the CLE Ivy+ and Summer on the Cuyahoga participating schools will be invited also.

Monday, October 12

ACE Lecture Day: Cuba - Looking Back, Moving Ahead

9:15 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

This year, the annual Grazella Shepherd Lecture Day, sponsored by the Association for Continuing Education (ACE), features Heather Hodges and Jose O. Sola, Ph. D., with Joan Brown Campbell as moderator. The program will explore the history of Cuba and U.S. policy toward Cuba, what has or has not changed and what hurdles we can expect in the future. Hodges holds a B.A. in Spanish from the College of St. Catherine and an M.A. from New York University. She is a Foreign Service officer and has served as U.S. ambassador to Moldova and Ecuador. She is currently president and ambassador in residence for the Cleveland Council on World Affairs. Sola received a Ph. D. in Caribbean history from the University of Connecticut. He specializes in 20th-century Latin American and Caribbean history, focusing on the Spanish Caribbean. He is currently associate professor of history at Cleveland State University. The event location is the Mayfield Sand Ridge Club, 1545 Sheridan Road, South Euclid 44121. Fees, including coffee and lunch, are \$30 for ACE members and \$35 for non-members.

ACE will also conduct a tour of Lawnfield, James A. Garfield Historic Site on Friday, October 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 members and \$12 for non-members; lunch following the tour at Lawnfield Suites, Skye Bistro is extra. Register by October 5. 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, November 8

Cooking Like Julia

3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Inspired by Julia Child Day, held each year at Smith, Lauren Richards '06 has organized another hands-on cooking class for this year featuring updated recipes inspired by famed Smith alumna, Julia Child '34. It will be at the Western Reserve School of Cooking's downtown location. Cost is \$50 per person. The facility's manager will also be on hand to provide a brief overview of the innovative Cleveland Culinary Launch & Kitchen, an incubator for culinary startups in Cleveland. Space is limited. RSVP no later than October 18 by going to www.bit.ly/JuliaChildCLE15 where you will find all the event details. Guests are invited. Alums from the CLE Ivy+ and Summer on the Cuyahoga participating schools will be invited as well, so reserve your spot today.

December

Annual Holiday Party

TBD

As of printing of this newsletter, a location has not yet been secured for this event, nor has a date been selected. If you would be willing to open your home for this event or would like to suggest a venue for it, please contact Elizabeth Chandler '87, whose contact information is on the first page of this newsletter.

UPDATES

Communications/Membership Chair Amy Miller '99 would appreciate any updates to your contact information, especially since this is a year the Club will produce a directory. Please email your changes to amyemiller@gmail.com or call 216-342-4748. If you don't receive emails from the Club and have an email address, please consider giving Amy that address as email allows us to get word to you in a more timely fashion than mailed newsletters.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Our **Annual Meeting** was held on June 13 at the First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland in Shaker Heights. We were pleased to be joined by our six Summer on the Cuyahoga interns, the majority of whom had just arrived to spend their summer here. We were also happy to have two representatives from the College's development office, Pam McNulty and Amanda Geno '03, as well as Kristin Hughes who became Smith's director of athletics and recreation on July 21. Kristin had been living and working in Cleveland as director of athletics for the Cleveland Heights/University Heights School District. She is a 1993 graduate of Smith's master of science in exercise and sports studies (ESS) program. Our speaker was 2001 Smith medalist Pam Davis, M.D., Ph.D., class of '68, dean, School of Medicine and senior vice president for medical affairs, Case Western Reserve University. She provided an overview of the powerful economics of health care in Cleveland, as well as a hard look at the public health issues in inner city Cleveland. Her talk was entitled, "Impact of BioMedicine on the Cleveland Community."

This summer concluded the Smith Club's eleventh year of participation with **Summer on the Cuyahoga (SOTC)**. Lauren Richards '06 and Julianne Roseman '13 hosted a Welcome Picnic for the six SOTC interns, their hosts, and young alumnae on June 21 on a sunny day at Euclid Beach Park Shelter right on Lake Erie with a view of the City of Cleveland to the west. Susan '68 and Hal LaPine graciously opened their home for the SOTC and new student send-off at the Club's Summer's End Celebration and Dinner on August 2. It included three book award recipients, two of our three incoming students, and Club members. We heard from each intern about her studies at Smith, experiences in Cleveland, and future ambitions. Interning this past summer were:

Paulina Wake '15	State College, PA	Flashstarts	Art History & Computer Science Minor
Sarah Walton '15	Sandy Hook, CT	Summer on the Cuyahoga	Government
Megan Baker '16	Webster, MA	Cleveland Neighborhood Progress	Government
Yuka Oiwa '16	Waterbury, VT	Ingalls Library, Cleveland Museum of Art	Anthropology & Book Studies Concentration
Nancy Cai '17	Lexington, MA	Harrington Discovery Institute	Neuroscience
Jenny Huang '17	Los Angeles, CA	Flashstarts	Computer Science

Our interns are most grateful to our 39 donors for their very large part in making this past summer such a memorable one. Contributions of \$8,330 this 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, 112 former interns have returned to live and work in Cleveland. 55 still reside in Cleveland.

Sarah Walton '15, who graduated from Smith this past May and returned to Cleveland for a second summer as an SOTC intern, as you may know from a recent Club email, is actively seeking employment here. She is particularly interested in the non-profit sector. She would appreciate hearing from you at walton.sarahk@gmail.com 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.

Thanks are in order for SOTC Co-Chairs, Marjorie Roth '67 (riroth@comcast.net) and Julianne Roseman '13 (jroseman@alumnae.smith.edu), 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 to 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, Amy Miller '00, Lauren Richards, '06, Julianne Roseman '13, Marjorie '67 and Richard Roth, Virginia Van Wagenen '78, Musette Vincent '78, and Martha Woerner '08. Their energy and time spent with the interns had a positive effect on their SOTC experience. Marjorie and Julianne are the individuals to contact in 2015-2016 with your questions, suggestions for employers, and or if you would like to be involved with SOTC.

THE YEAR AHEAD

Book Club is now under the helm of Joanne Mortimer '70, M.D. and will meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the coming year. Contact Joanne at mdrajimor@aol.com or 216-751-8665 if you would like to participate or just be on the e-mail list. "Book Club is not a commitment to show up once a month – it is an opportunity to get together with other Smithies to discuss a book that interests you with whatever frequency works for you. Some people come all time, some only when a particular book interests them," says Joanne. On August 23, the group convened to vote on member book recommendations and finalize its booklist for the year. The Collapse of Western Civilization: A View From the Future by Naomi Oreskes and Erik Conway, a required read for all first year students at Smith this year, will be the first book to be discussed for this new year on Wednesday, September 9 starting at 7:00 p.m. "We get together about 7:00 or 7:15 p.m. for conversation and the actual book discussion starts about 7:30 p.m. We finish up no later than 9:00 p.m.," says Joanne.

Can't attend the Club's book club, but want to be part of a Smith book club? **Smith Reads Book Club** may be just your answer. It is an 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](http://alumnae.smith.edu/clubs/clubs-groups/smith-reads-book-club) at <http://alumnae.smith.edu/clubs/clubs-groups/smith-reads-book-club>.

Young Alumnae are fortunate to have Lauren Reed Richards '06 continue as chair of the group this year with the help of Meghan Mussehl '12. 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 chair Robin Walker '87 (walkerrwr@aol.com) and co-chair Martha Woerner '08 (martha.woerner@gmail.com) is about to launch into a new recruitment season. 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 or conduct one interview. 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. Admissions deadlines for 2015-2016 are: November 15 (Early Decision I), January 1st (Early Decision II), and January 15 (Regular Decision). Fall Preview I at Smith is on Saturday, September 26 and Fall Preview II is on Wednesday, November 11. Smith will be represented at the Northeast Ohio Suburban College Fair (the first fair of the season) on Thursday, October 15 at John Carroll University.

From Friday, October 16 through Sunday, October 18, 2015 is the Women of Distinction Weekend for prospective students of African American, Latina American, Asian American, and Native American descent at Smith. Students will stay on campus and experience a sampling of Smith opportunities. They'll take a master class with faculty, meet with admissions staff, learn about community activities, and tour Northampton. Admission is highly competitive. The deadline to apply is September 16. Robin and Martha encourage you to spread the word about Smith's Ada Comstock Program for non-traditional prospective students. An in-person interview on campus is required for all Ada prospects.

Smith College book awards were presented to students from 17 area high schools last spring. The effort will continue to be coordinated by Mittie Jordan '75 and 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 the News: Congratulations to Lynn-Ann Gries '84 who was listed in the *Crains' Cleveland Business* (July 6-12, 2015 Yearbook Edition) honor roll of notable Northeast Ohio alums whose influence has extended outside the region. See www.crainscleveland.com/assets/pdf/cc10031872.pdf for article. Robin Walker '87 was chosen by the College as one of 15 specially selected admissions volunteers whose travel and hotel expenses will be paid by the college for her to attend the Volunteer Leadership Conference on campus November 5-7.