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SMITH COLLEGE

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# SMITH CLUB OF CLEVELAND



## November 2015

*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,

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve you as president these last two and a half years. This will be the last newsletter that I write. Lynn-Ann Gries '84 has recently concluded her four-year term as president of Summer on the Cuyahoga's board of directors and is gearing up to take over as president of our Club in December.

Hard to believe, but this year's holiday party on December 6 will be here before we know it. It will be at the Cleveland Racquet Club. We'll have lots of great food and, of course, great company. Please be sure to make your reservation by November 23rd. Keep reading for information on the dates for the interesting programming the Club has on the horizon, including a visit from Jessica Nicoll, director and chief curator of the Smith College Museum of Art, on May 4th. Thanks to Martha Woerner '08 for leading us off with a program on the Cleveland Metropolitan School District where she works, and for answering our many questions. Thanks also to Lauren Richards '06 for organizing our second "Cooking Like Julia" event, coming up on November 8.

If you haven't already sent in your tax-deductible dues, we hope you will. You'll receive a free updated Club directory this spring when they are printed and complimentary admission to the Annual Meeting Luncheon. While you are at it, please consider making a gift to the [Smith Fund](#) (Smith's Annual Fund). Not only does our participation benefit the students at Smith, it also boosts the College's ratings in various publications.

We are still seeking a volunteer who is interested in helping to plan compelling and topical events for all club members to enjoy. In addition, Lauren Richards '06 could use help with young alumnae engagement and programming. Beginning in March, Mittie Jordan '75 will need help with book awards. If you have an interest in any of these positions, please contact Nancy Duff-Boehm '73 at [nduff611@aol.com](mailto:nduff611@aol.com) or 216-292-0480. Getting involved is a great way to get to know local Smith women.

With gratitude and thanks to all,

Elizabeth Chandler '87, President  
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## SAVE THE DATES

**Sunday, December 6, 2015**                      **Annual Holiday Party – Cleveland Racquet Club**                      **5:00 – 7:00 P.M.**

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If you haven't received your invitation with reply card in the mail yet, you will soon. Cost is \$30 per person which will include hearty appetizers and all non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar will be available for wine, beer, and mixed drinks. Please RSVP to Elizabeth Chandler '87 by November 23rd by following the invitation's instructions. We will provide the Racquet Club with our final attendance numbers on Nov 30 after which date there will be no cancellations or refunds.

**Wednesday, May 4, 2016**                      **Reception with Jessica Nicoll from Smith**                      **Evening**

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We are pleased to report that following on the heels of the October 15 opening of the Carol Christ Asian Gallery at Smith, Jessica Nicoll, director and chief curator of the Smith College Museum of Art, will be here to talk about the new gallery and answer questions about the museum. Details to follow in the New Year.

**Friday, May 13, 2016**                      **Senior Smith Luncheon – Cleveland Skating Club**                      **12:00 – 2:00 P.M.**

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An invitation with more details for this annual luncheon for the classes 1966 and before will be sent closer to the date. Organizers Suzanne Stratton-Crooke '61 ([suzanne338@aol.com](mailto:suzanne338@aol.com)) and Jane Outcalt '59 ([jqoutcalt@yahoo.com](mailto:jquoutcalt@yahoo.com)) are open to any suggestions for possible luncheon speakers.

**Saturday, June 11, 2016**                      **Annual Meeting Luncheon – First Baptist Church**                      **12:30 – 2:30 P.M.**

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Mark your calendar now for this luncheon that is free for dues-paying Club members. Our own Rebecca "Becky" Ruppert McMahon '89, executive director of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, will speak about "Mastering the Art of Turning Left When All Signs Point Right."

## UPDATES

**Decade Parties:** Have any ideas for this year's parties? If so, please contact Heather Stoll '94 ([hawstoll@gmail.com](mailto:hawstoll@gmail.com)). Decade parties are held between February and April and have recently featured brunch at various venues around town.

**Young Alumnae:** The Smith Club will be sending area students and former SOTC interns on campus encouragement and treats in the form of care packages in time for finals. Prior to the holiday party on Sunday, December 6 from 3 – 4:30 p.m., Julianne Roseman '13 will host a get-together where the care packages will be assembled. Tea and treats will be served. Julianne's address is 3417 Clarendon Road in Cleveland Heights. Donations of 14 small items that are alike are being sought and may be delivered to the address above any time prior to the event. (In the past the packages have included tea bags, candy, hot chocolate packets, CLE-themed stickers/cards etc. Think "travel size" and you'll be all set.) Email Julianne ([jroseman@alumnae.smith.edu](mailto:jroseman@alumnae.smith.edu)) to rsvp and to let her know if you wish to donate items. Contact Chair Lauren Richards '06 at [lauren.reed.e@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.reed.e@gmail.com) for more information on all young alum programming or to offer suggestions. Join and check the Club's Facebook page [bit.ly/SmithCLE](http://bit.ly/SmithCLE) to stay current.

**Summer on the Cuyahoga (SOTC):** Marjorie Roth '67 ([riroth@comcast.net](mailto:riroth@comcast.net)) and Julianne Roseman '13 ([jroseman@alumnae.smith.edu](mailto:jroseman@alumnae.smith.edu)) are back to work recruiting employers and students for next summer. They welcome your leads for new employment opportunities and appreciate any encouragement you can provide to current sophomores, juniors, and seniors to check out this amazing opportunity. Students can begin applying for summer internships when the jobs portal goes live in November. SOTC Executive Director Jean Koehler will be on campus November 16 and 17 and will host a presentation about the program. In addition to her "general" presentation, Jean will be working to get the SOTC message out to two specific populations of Smithies: (1) those students who are interested in summer positions in entrepreneurial/start-up companies and (2) students of color who are interested in STEM internships. Learn more about the program at [www.summeronthecuyahoga.com](http://www.summeronthecuyahoga.com).

**Book Club:** Joanne Mortimer '70, M.D. ([mdraimor@aol.com](mailto:mdraimor@aol.com) or 216-751-8665) is the person to contact should you have questions about Book Club, wish to join, or just be on the e-mail list. The group meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month and attendance is open – come to whichever sessions work for your schedule. Meeting dates and associated book titles for the remainder of the 2015-2016 year are as follows:

Date	Title	Author	Host(H)/Discussion Leader
November 11, 2015	<i>The Quartet: Orchestrating the Second American Revolution</i>	Joseph Ellis	TBD (H)/Ginnie Dawson
December 9, 2015	<i>Go Set a Watchman</i>	Harper Lee	Ginnie Dawson (H)
January 13, 2016	<i>Our Souls at Night</i>	Kent Haruf	Ruth Berger (H)/Ruth Berger
February 10, 2016	<i>Birds of America</i>	Lorrie Moore	TBD (H)
March 9, 2016	<i>Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End</i>	Atul Gawande	Nanck Duff-Boehm (H)/Joanne Mortimer and Nancy Duff-Boehm
April 13, 2016	<i>Some Luck</i>	Jane Smiley	TBD (H)/Julianne Roseman
May 11, 2016	<i>Cat on a Hot Tin Roof</i>	Tennessee Williams	TBD (H)
June 8, 2016	<i>The Beet Queen</i>	Louise Erdrich	Lucy Kistler (H)

The College's **Smith Reads Online Book Club** has been redesigned to focus on career related books and utilizes [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) in order to make this material (including bi-monthly career-oriented webinars) accessible to all. Smith has partnered with Mount Holyoke on this year's four part book series called Connecting Conversations. It features books on career change, women's leadership, entrepreneurship, and making the most of your twenties. To join, go to <http://alumnae.smith.edu/clubs/clubs-groups/smith-reads-book-club>.

**Candidates Committee:** It's recruitment season. Chair Robin Walker '87 ([walkerrwr@aol.com](mailto:walkerrwr@aol.com)) and co-chair Martha Woerner '08 ([martha.woerner@gmail.com](mailto:martha.woerner@gmail.com)) can always use more enthusiastic helpers. Let them know if there is a high school junior, senior, or candidate for the Ada Comstock Scholar Program 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 II is on Wednesday, November 11. Though not required for regular admission, Robin and Martha encourage prospective students to have an interview to supplement their application. On campus interviews are required of Ada candidates. Robin and Martha are available to arrange an interview and to meet with interested candidates. An informational tea for candidates will be held on Sunday, January 10 from 2-4 p.m. at the home of Elizabeth Chandler '87 at 3010 Torrington Road in Shaker Heights.

In an effort to share information about Smith's pre-collegiate summer programs with eligible eighth grade girls, Robin is reaching out to middle school counselors at schools around the city. If you are able to help her establish a connection with middle school counselors at a school, she would appreciate an introduction. Likewise, if you know of any sharp, promising eighth grade girls and high school students who would enjoy Smith's pre-collegiate programs, let her or Martha know or just have them contact her or Martha directly for more information. The 2016 programs include: Summer Science and Engineering (July 10-August 6), Women's Writing (July 10-July 23), Discovering Women's History (July 10- July 23), and a College Admissions Workshop (July 23-July 30). A link to apply will be available at [www.smith.edu](http://www.smith.edu) in late December, early January. Students requesting financial aid are encouraged to apply as early as possible. The science program is highly competitive and usually closes out before the end of March.

**In the News:** We would like to extend our heartiest congratulations to Ilga Svechs '64, M.S.W., Ph.D. on her acceptance of Honorary Membership in the American Psychoanalytic Association this summer. Dr. Svechs received this honor for her highly respected work at the Mandel School for Applied Social Science. She will be honored in New York at a special reception in January 2016.

**Facebook:** Consider joining the Club's page at [bit.ly/SmithCLE](http://bit.ly/SmithCLE) for regular updates about local club activities and Smith news if you haven't already. Don't miss out! Visit the page and request to join!

# Membership Update

We are pleased to list and thank the following 86 alums and friends who have paid dues and/or made scholarship contributions for 2015-2016 as of October 19, 2015. We are particularly grateful to the 36 sustaining members and the 40 alums who have contributed to the scholarship fund.

* <b>Patricia Ashton</b>	*Molly Downing	Susan Klein	* <b>Joanne Mortimer</b>	Suzanne Stratton-Crooke
Megan Baker	* <b>Nancy Duff-Boehm</b>	Sylvia Lader	Meghan Mussehl	Ilgga Svechs
* <b>Bonnie Baker</b>	*Mary Dunbar	Marjorie Lamport	Yuka Oiwa	* <b>May Targett</b>
<b>Virginia Benjamin</b>	Mary Emerson	Clare Landefeld	Lydia Oppmann	Elizabeth Tone
*Ruth Berger	<b>Ruth Eppig</b>	*Marilyn Langmack	*Henry Ott-Hansen	Musette Vincent
<b>Christy Bittenbender</b>	* <b>Barbara Galvin</b>	<b>Susan LaPine</b>	*Jane Outcalt	* <b>Mary von Herrmann</b>
Lydia Bussiere	John Gardner	* <b>Nancy Lavelle</b>	Sue Pacini	Paulina Wake
Nancy Cai	*Pamela Gibbon	<b>Catharine Lewis</b>	* <b>Kathy Pender</b>	Sarah Walton
Christine Cano	* <b>Eileen Gold</b>	Yin Mei Lim	Karina Peterson	<b>Nancy West</b>
<b>Amy Carlson</b>	Ann Herbruck	<b>Kathryn Makley</b>	Carol Posner	Kathleen Wildman
* <b>Ann Case</b>	* <b>Mary Herrick</b>	<b>Ann McConnell</b>	* <b>Ella Quintrell</b>	Martha Woerner
* <b>Elizabeth Chandler</b>	<b>Annette Himes-Severiens</b>	*Judith McMillan	* <b>Clara Rankin</b>	* <b>Carol Wykoff</b>
* <b>Diane Collier</b>	Jenny Huang	* <b>Amy Miller</b>	* <b>Donna Reid</b>	Julia Yang
*Katherine Collin	* <b>Yen Izanec</b>	*Samantha Mishne	Julianne Roseman	*Margot Youngs
*Susan Crampton	* <b>Alison Jones</b>	Rita Moore	* <b>Marjorie Roth</b>	
*Juanita Dalton-Robinson	Ann Kiggen	* <b>Jane Moore</b>	* <b>Betsy Sampliner</b>	
<b>Pamela Davis</b>	Sheryl Kingsberg	Caroline Morgan	*Dara Steinberg	
* <b>Virginia Dawson</b>	*Lucy Kistler	Jane Morris	Elizabeth Stewart	

**Bold Denotes Sustaining Members** \* Denotes Scholarship Fund Contributors

*Please support our programs by sending in your dues. Thanks! Dues payments are for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. 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 attached below to: Dara Steinberg, 9366 Adam Run, Twinsburg, OH 44087.*

## The Smith College Club of Cleveland 2015-2016

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Categories (please check one):

\$75 (Sustaining) \_\_\_\_\_ \$45 (Regular) \_\_\_\_\_

\$15 (Junior: classes 2001-2010) \_\_\_\_\_

(Free introductory membership for classes 2011-2015) \_\_\_\_\_

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

I am willing to: open my home for a large meeting \_\_\_\_\_ small meeting \_\_\_\_\_;  
 network with current students & recent alumnae in the field of: \_\_\_\_\_;  
 volunteer for a board position \_\_\_\_\_, SOTC \_\_\_\_\_, recruiting students \_\_\_\_\_