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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,

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I'm always amazed at just how quickly the summer months fly by...it seems like only yesterday we were listening to Jackie Acho's compelling talk about empathy and leadership at the club's annual meeting.

I want to thank **Elizabeth Chandler '87** for her work as Nominating Chair. She presented the slate of new officers at the annual meeting which was approved unanimously by those in attendance. Thank you to all who have agreed to serve; the Smith Club functions best when many of you contribute. It's truly a case where "many hands make light work."

I thought it would be helpful to share our club's financial picture with you. The items/ events listed below are paid for using the income received from dues. Gatherings such as the holiday party and the fall/spring events do not appear on this list because they are designed as stand-alone events, each with its own zero-sum budget. The Program Chairs decide on the program, a venue and a menu, and then set a price per person...all with a goal of making the event enjoyable, and affordable, for all alums.

In terms of numbers, there are approximately 330 alumnae living in the Northeast Ohio region, and, over the past several years, approximately one-third have paid annual dues. If you're a dues payer, thank you! If you're not, please consider joining. A dues envelope is included with this mailing.

Smith College Club of Cleveland		
Annual Budget		
		Fiscal Year Ending
		June 30, 2017
Candidates / Book Awards	\$	520.0
Mailings / Invites / Postage	\$	1,650.0
Travel to Leadership Conf.	\$	700.0
Misc Office / Admin / Speaker Gifts	\$	300.0
Senior Smith Luncheon	\$	900.0 ⁽¹⁾
Annual Meeting Luncheon	\$	1,430.0 ⁽²⁾
	\$	5,500.0
⁽¹⁾ Assumes 35 attendees		
⁽²⁾ Assumes 55 attendees		


Lynn-Ann Gries '84

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday October 10 **ACE Lecture at Mayfield Sand Ridge Country Club** **9:15 a.m.**

The annual Grazella Shepherd Lecture Day, sponsored by the Association for Continuing Education (ACE), this year is titled "Engaging Iran" and features Peter Moore, Associate Professor of Political Science, Case Western Reserve University and Neda Zawahri, Associate Professor of Political Science, Cleveland State University with Elizabeth Sullivan of the Plain Dealer serving as moderator. The discussion will focus on the background and ongoing relationship between the United States and Iran. Fees, including lunch and parking, are \$30 for ACE members and \$40 for non-members. The location is Mayfield Sand Ridge Country Club, 1545 Sheridan Rd., South Euclid and the program runs from 9:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Details can be found at www.acesite.org or by calling (216) 368-2090.

Wed., October 26 **Mindfulness Lecture/Event featuring Suzette Williamson at CWRU** **6:00 p.m.**

Our Program Chairs, **Mindy Baierl '85** and **Mittie Jordan '75** have planned a wonderful program on "mindfulness" featuring Suzette Williamson from UH's Connor Integrative Health Network. She teaches about the influence of stress and emphasizes the need to develop resiliency to live a fully purposeful life. A separate invitation with complete details will be forthcoming.

Sunday, Dec 11 **Smith Club Holiday Party at the Cleveland Racquet Club** **5:30 p.m.**

Save the date -- we will convene at the Racquet Club in Pepper Pike for our annual Holiday Party. Formal invitations will be sent closer to the event, but please note that we have a special treat in store, something designed to invoke memories of a Smith holiday party -- an appearance by local women's à capella group, "Nightingale". Our very own **Nancy Lee Jackson '84** is a member. You can see more information about the group at <http://tinyurl.com/zg38q3y>.

GENERAL NEWS

Young Alumnae

We are fortunate to have **Erika Amini '09** and **Margaret Hagan '10** leading the Young Alumnae effort. Email Margaret at hagan.margaret@gmail.com or Erika at erika.n.hanson@gmail.com for more information on young alum programming or 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.

Book Club

The schedule of books is always available on the Club's website, <http://tinyurl.com/smithcle>. The club kicked off the year with the book *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki. This book was required reading for the Smith first years who matriculated this fall.

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month, September through June, with the exception of October when the meeting is being moved to the third Wednesday because of Yom Kippur. Meetings convene at 7:00 pm and the book discussion begins at 7:30. Hosts are still needed for three meetings and discussants are needed for all.

IMPORTANT! Book club is open to all -- come once, every time or never depending on your time and interest in the book. If you need any information, contact **Joanne Mortimer '70** at mdraijmor@aol.com.

Book List 2016-17

Title	Author	Date	Host
<i>Empress Dowager Cixi</i>	Jung Chang	October 19, 2016	Susan LaPine
<i>The Sense of an Ending</i>	Julian Barnes	November 9, 2016	Eileen Gold
<i>Mistress Bradstreet</i>	Charlotte Gordon	December 14, 2016	Pat Ashton
<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Graham Swift	January 11, 2017	Suzanne Hartford
<i>Terrible Virtue</i>	Ellen Feldman	February 8, 2017	Ann Herbruck
<i>A Man Called Ove</i>	Fredrik Backman	March 8, 2017	TBD
<i>Dead Wake</i>	Erik Larson	April 12, 2017	Betsy Sampliner
<i>Little Paris Bookshop</i>	Nina George	May 10, 2017	TBD
<i>The Sunflower</i>	Simon Wiesenthal	June 14, 2017	TBD

Candidates and Book Awards

We welcome back to Cleveland **Veselina Radeva '09** who has agreed to join **Martha Woerner '08** to assist with our recruiting efforts. Former Candidates Chair, **Robin Walker '87**, has agreed to take over Book Awards from **Mittie Jordan '75** who will now co-chair the Programs Committee. Working together, Robin and Martha successfully recruited three new Smithies from the area last year (Ann McBeath, Emma Schubert, and Rylee Smith). Gearing up for this year, Martha and Veselina are looking for a few volunteers to help with college fairs, interviews, and prospective student events. The date of the upcoming fair is Thursday, October 13th (John Carroll). Email Martha directly at martha.woerner@gmail.com if you're interested in helping out.

Summer on the Cuyahoga

	First	Last	Year	Major	Internship	Co-Host	Co-Host
1	Sunnie (Yi)	Ning	2018	Biology	Policy Matters Ohio (Praxis Funded)	Amy Miller '99	Nancy Duff-Boehm '73
2	Tasha	Binkowski	2017	English Language & Literature, Book Studies concentration	Ingalls Library (Praxis Funded)	Julianne Roseman '13	Marjorie Roth '67
3	Tiffany	Chen	2017	Economics & Math	Key Bank	Katie Collin '01	Amy Carlson '84
4	Angie	Dinh	2017	Economics and Math Minor: Computer Science	DigitalC	Veselina Radeva '09	Elizabeth Chandler '87
5	Aixin	Li	2017	Economics	Cleveland Neighborhood Progress	Laureen Reed '06	Joanne Bonder '76
6	Veronica	Oberholzer	2017	Economics, Minor: Philosophy w/Community Engagement	University School	Martha Woerner '08	Ginger VanWagenen '78
7	Enu	Otsyina	2016	Anthropology & Biology	Sisters of Charity	Erika Hanson '09	Musette Vincent '78

Our seven Smith/SOTC interns (listed above) completed their challenging and enriching internships in mid-August. The interns' interactions with our alumnae were a highlight of the summer for many with several commenting that the club's support would be a key factor in their choosing Cleveland for post-graduation work or study. Heartfelt thanks to the 14 Smith hosts (listed above) and the other alumnae who extended themselves and connected with our interns: **Sonya Rhie-Quintanilla '93, Heather Stoll '94, Juanita Dalton-Robinson '51, Mittie Jordan '75, Bethany Claps '16, Pat Ashton '53, and Susan LaPine '68**. Of course, Smith's participation in SOTC would not be possible without the fundraising efforts of our Steering Committee and the generosity of our donors.

The Smithies' summer in Cleveland was bookended by their attendance at our Annual Meeting on June 11th and an end-of-summer celebration at **Susan '68 and Hal LaPine's** home on July 31st. We sent the interns off with copies of former Smith College President Jill Ker Conway's beautiful childhood memoir, *The Road from Coorain*. Other events hosted by our club for the interns included a picnic and walking tour of Rockefeller Park led by **Mittie Jordan '75** and a pizza party in the flats hosted by **Joanne '76 and Dan Bonder**.

The SOTC Co-Chairs for 2016-17 are **Marjorie Roth '67** riroth@comcast.net and **Laura Whay Klein '88** whaykleinlaura@yahoo.com. Contact them with any questions, comments, or ideas about the program.

Alumnae News & News from Northampton

Smith has a new and improved website. From the press release – “Among the changes you’ll immediately notice on the home page is the message “Empower the Whole You.” This theme, which emerged from surveys and focus group testing with prospective and current students, alumnae and others, expresses in a nutshell the idea that a Smith education extends beyond what a student learns in the classroom to encompass her entire Smith experience.” Check it out! www.smith.edu

The Smith Club of Cleveland welcomes **Bethany Claps '16** to the region. She is pursuing a Masters in Engineering Management at Case and is interning, through the academic year, at Lubrizol. Bethany is from Staten Island NY.

SOTC participant **Jenny Huang '17** (SOTC '15) recently won the 2016 HackUST competition for university students held in April in Hong Kong, where she studied during her junior year. Huang won for a project that included a website, MoneyBag, described as “the easiest way to learn about investment and the most practical personal financing platform for millennials.”

Heather Stoll '94 was selected as a member of the Leadership Cleveland class of 2016.

Artist **Marjorie Roth '67** currently has a show of pastel landscapes at the at the Chagrin Falls branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 100 East Orange Street, Chagrin Falls. The show continues until Oct. 30th and Marjorie has graciously offered to donate 50% of the sale proceeds to our club’s scholarship fund. *Thank you Marjorie!* Because the show is in the library’s meeting room, which is sometimes occupied by a meeting, please call the library at (44) 247-3556 for available hours. The meeting room will be available at select times each day; the library is open seven days a week. Contact Marjorie at riroth@comcast.net with any questions about the show or the artwork.

Clara Taplin Rankin '38 has recently published two books. Her memoir, *In the Meantime*, can be purchased for \$25 with proceeds benefitting the Hopewell Therapeutic Farm. Call Clara directly to order – 440 423-1928. In addition to writing the memoir, she recently commissioned Joanne Fenton Humphrey to write a book about Hopewell Farm’s first 20 years. This book, *Hopewell: A Place of Healing 1996-2016*, is available for \$20 at <http://www.hopewellcommunity.org/support-us/store>.

Don't forget you can find all of Smith's publications here: https://www.smith.edu/about-smith/news-and-publications	And remember to periodically check our club's Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/SmithClubCleveland/
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In Memoriam

Adrienne Bowditch Orcutt '63, a resident of Kendal at Oberlin, passed away on January 27, 2016. She is survived by her husband, Scott, and two sons.

Jean Brownell Serkownek '68 MSW passed away at age 73 on August 5th, 2016 at the Hospice House of the Western Reserve in Euclid, Ohio. Jean graduated from the University of New Hampshire, attended Smith College School for Social Work and received her Master of Science in Social Administration from Case Western Reserve University in 1971. She worked at the Centers for Families and Children.