



ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF  
SMITH COLLEGE

# SMITH CLUB OF CLEVELAND



March 2017

*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,

Happy New Year. Thanks to all who came to the Holiday Party at the Cleveland Racquet Club. It was wonderful to see so many alumnae together enjoying one another's company. Musical entertainment was provided by the a capella group, Nightingale, featuring our own **Nancy Lee Jackson '84** and Cindy Langmack, daughter of **Marilyn Langmack '67**. They certainly helped get everyone into the holiday spirit. Sincere thanks to **Susan LaPine '68** and her husband Hal for facilitating our use of the club – it's been a wonderful venue for this event for the past two years.

We have a few exciting events planned for the spring. This year, our spring club-wide event is designed for families and friends. **Mittie Jordan '75** has arranged for Kate Chenery Tweedy to visit Northeast Ohio from her home in Colorado for a book signing and discussion of *Secretariat's Meadow: The Land, The Family, The Legend*, a pictorial history of her family's legacy in horse breeding and racing. Her mother, **Helen "Penny" Chenery**, graduated from Smith in 1943 and, with little knowledge of how to run a horse farm, ended up taking over the operation in the late 1960s when her father's health began to fail. She turned around the failing farm, which ultimately produced the 1973 Triple Crown winner, Secretariat. The inter-generational, fun-filled event will start at 10:30 a.m. and includes a cookout, games and a screening of the Disney movie, Secretariat, followed by a discussion with Kate. Our annual meeting in June will feature **Becky Ruppert McMahon '89**, executive director of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, speaking about her life and career. Finally, decade parties traditionally happen between March and May – and this year is no exception. Invites for these events were (or will be) sent to each cohort via email.

We've had a great year with recruiting. **Martha Woerner '08** and **Veselina Radeva '09** have encouraged 18 young women to apply. Now, we wait. Acceptance emails/letters will start arriving in late March.

Regarding the Club's finances, if you haven't already done so, please consider paying dues (\$50 regular or \$80 sustaining) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. Dues receipts represent the only source of revenue for the club and are used for mailings, candidate recruiting/book awards, leadership conference attendance, the Senior Smith Luncheon and the annual meeting. *The annual meeting luncheon is complimentary for all dues payers.* You can mail your check directly to **Dara Steinberg '00** using the enclosed form.

Last but not least, I assume you've seen the exciting news about Oprah Winfrey agreeing to speak at the 2017 Smith Commencement. Do you think each of the graduates will get a car in addition to a diploma?

Enjoy the spring!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, April 24**                      **ACE – Book Discussion Day – *Mothering Sunday: A Romance***                      **9:30 a.m.**

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ACE, the Association for Continuing Education, will host a book discussion on April 24<sup>th</sup> about the novella *Mothering Sunday* by Graham Swift. The event consists of small group discussions in the morning, lunch and then a lecture by Dr. Jeanne Colleran from John Carroll University. Fees, including lunch and parking, are \$30 for ACE members and \$40 for non-members. The location is Suburban Temple Kol-Ami, 22401 Chagrin Boulevard, Beachwood, OH and the program runs from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Details can be found at [www.acesite.org](http://www.acesite.org) or by calling (216) 368-2090.

**Friday, May 5**                              **Senior Smith Luncheon at Cleveland Skating Club**                              **Noon**

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The annual luncheon for the Senior Smith group (classes of 1967 and prior) will be on May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Cleveland Skating Club (2500 Kemper Road, Cleveland OH 44120). This year's speaker will be Jon Outcalt, husband of **Jane Outcalt '59**, who will speak about Winston Churchill, the painter. Yes, Churchill was an artist as well as a statesman! He began painting at age forty and over a period of forty-eight years his creativity yielded more than 500 pictures. Jon will wax poetic about this aspect of Churchill's life, sharing his knowledge and passion for the subject matter. Free for Senior Smithies, \$20 for guests and Smithies in classes from 1968-present. Separate invitations will be sent to the Senior Smithies. Others can rsvp by contacting **Suzanne Stratton-Crooke '61** at [Suzanne338@aol.com](mailto:Suzanne338@aol.com) or (216) 561-7500.

**Saturday, May 13**                              **Spring Event – Celebrating Secretariat**                              **10:30 a.m.**

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"Celebrating Secretariat," an all-day, inter-generational event for alumnae families and friends will be held at the River Grove Buckeye Shelter on Chagrin River Road in the North Chagrin Reservation. Kate Chenery Tweedy, daughter of **Helen "Penny" Chenery Tweedy '43** and grand-daughter of **Helen Bates Chenery '09** will join the Cleveland Smith Club for a fun filled day celebrating her family's horse breeding and racing legacy, most notably the 1973 triple crown winner, Secretariat. The Disney movie, Secretariat, will be shown (appropriate for all ages) and afterward Kate will lead a discussion. Her book, *Secretariat's Meadow* will be available for purchase. The event will also include a Derby Hat competition, "trail ride" theme cookout and games. Invitation included herein; please RSVP by April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday, May 17**                              **Planned Parenthood Centennial Luncheon**                              **11:30 a.m.**

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**Gloria Steinem '56** will be in Cleveland on May 17 for a celebration of Planned Parenthood's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Individual tickets are \$100 and Tables of 10 are \$2,500. See additional details and purchase tickets at <http://bit.ly/2luCT4p>.

**Saturday, June 10**                              **Smith Club Annual Meeting**                              **12:00 p.m.**

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Formal invitations will be sent closer to the event. We'll have lunch, cover necessary club business quickly and then hear from our featured speaker, **Rebecca (Becky) Ruppert McMahon '89**, Executive Director of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. Becky's talk is titled "Mastering the Art of Turning Left When All Signs Point Right."

Don't forget you can find all of Smith's publications here: <a href="https://www.smith.edu/about-smith/news-and-publications">https://www.smith.edu/about-smith/news-and-publications</a>	And remember to periodically check our club's Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/SmithClubCleveland/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/SmithClubCleveland/</a>
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## GENERAL NEWS

### Decade Parties

The young alums (class of 2000-2016) gathered for brunch at Latitude 41 (5712 Detroit Ave) OH on March 12. The 80s cohort met at the roof top bar at the new Hilton hotel downtown on March 16<sup>th</sup>, the 70s group (plus the classes of '68 and '69) met at the Society Lounge on March 28<sup>th</sup>, and as of this writing the 90s classes were still planning their event. The Senior Smith group (classes of 1967 and earlier) will celebrate their "decade party" at their annual luncheon on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Book Club

The schedule of books is always available on the Club's website, <http://tinyurl.com/smithcle>. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month, September through June. The club convenes at 7:00 pm and the book discussion begins at 7:30. **IMPORTANT!** Book club is open to all – come when you are able, depending on your schedule and interest in the book. If you need any information, contact **Joanne Mortimer '70** at [mdrajimor@aol.com](mailto:mdrajimor@aol.com).

Title	Author	Date	Host
<i>Dead Wake</i>	<i>Erik Larson</i>	<i>April 12, 2017</i>	<i>Betsy Sampliner</i>
<i>Little Paris Bookshop</i>	<i>Nina George</i>	<i>May 10, 2017</i>	<i>Ginny Dawson</i>
<i>The Sunflower</i>	<i>Simon Wiesenthal</i>	<i>June 14, 2017</i>	<i>TBD</i>

### Candidates and Book Awards

Thanks to the valiant efforts of **Veselina Radeva '09** and **Martha Woerner '08**, 18 applicants from our region have applied to Smith. Cleveland is matching the pace set by Smith by finding more and more great applicants each year.

While most of our candidates must wait until late March to hear from Smith about their admissions decision, **Anna Von Bethmann-Hollweg**, a senior at Hathaway Brown, was admitted in December and will be attending Smith next fall as a member of the **class of 2021!** Three more young women from Cleveland submitted such outstanding applications that Smith has decided to let them know that they're admitted in late February. These students have not yet committed to attending Smith, but we'll be busy convincing them that it's the right choice.

Did you know that Smith runs several summer programs for high school girls? Topics range from writing and women's history to science and engineering. This is a great opportunity for young women to get a pre-college experience and see what Smith has to offer. Admissions are made on a rolling basis, but are due no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>. More information at [www.smith.edu/summer](http://www.smith.edu/summer).

**Robin Walker '87** is gearing up for "Book Award season". Presenting a book award to an outstanding young woman is extremely rewarding -- I encourage all of you to say "Yes!" if Robin asks you to help her out.

### Summer on the Cuyahoga

It is currently "high season" for internships; students from the eight participating SOTC schools are furiously seeking summer employment in Cleveland. As of this writing, 35 employers have posted 58 positions and 443 students have submitted 1,395 applications. For Smith students alone, 45 students have submitted 104 applications. One Smith student has been hired to-date. **Jennie Kratz '18** will use Praxis funding to support her unpaid internship at The Diversity Center. In addition to the jobs posted on the SOTC website, the two "Smith only" internship opportunities at the Ingalls Library and Archive (part of the Cleveland Museum of Art) and Policy Matters Ohio will be offered again this summer.

Would you like to serve as a host to one of the SOTC interns? During the summer, Smith alumnae volunteers welcome and support the Smith interns. The Club pairs alumnae to provide a “co-host” experience that is low stress and highly rewarding. If you’re interested in getting involved, please contact **Marjorie Roth ’67** at [riroth@comcast.net](mailto:riroth@comcast.net).

Thank you to the 42 donors (spanning 70 years -- classes of 1938 to 2008!) who have contributed \$8,850 to our “SOTC fund” this year. Without your generous support we would not be able to bring these talented Smith students to our fair city. There will be several opportunities for donors to meet the interns over the summer – the known events are: (i) the Smith Club Annual Meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>, (ii) the Summer Celebration event at Susan LaPine’s home on July 30<sup>th</sup> and (iii) the SOTC Closing Reception on Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>. Separate invitations will be sent for each event.

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### Alumnae News & News from Northampton

The "Women for the World" campaign significantly surpassed its goal of raising \$450 million! The campaign launched in the fall of 2012 and is the largest and most successful campaign a women's college has ever undertaken. Smith students, faculty and staff celebrated the successful culmination of Smith’s Women for the World campaign on Saturday, March 4, with a day of open houses, a festive all-college reception, and a special performance by actress, playwright and social commentator Anna Deavere Smith.

On February 19, 2017, The Chronicle of Higher Education published the lists of the top producers of Fulbright Scholars and Students for the academic year 2016-17. Smith topped the list of Bachelors Institutions with a total of 17 students! <http://www.chronicle.com/article/Top-Producers-of-Fulbright/239220>

**Amy Carlson '84**, Group Head of KeyBanc Capital Markets, has been recognized by American Banker magazine as one of the 25 Most Powerful Women in Finance – for the second year in a row!

**Annette Himes '81** is currently serving as co-president of the Shaker Heights High School PTO.

**Kathleen Stoll (Smith '58 and CWRU Mandel School MSA '60)** received an award from Case's Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences on October 15, 2016. Kathy was one of the Mandel School’s 100 Centennial Alumni Award winners and Hall of Achievement Inductees. This professional achievement award is given to recipients demonstrating professional mid-to-late career success and achievement.

**Bethany Claps '16** has accepted a position with UK-based Halma in their leadership development program. She plans to start in fall 2017 following her graduation from CWRU with a Masters in Engineering and Management. The program will allow her to complete four different rotational job placements in four different cities.

### In Memoriam

We are always sad to report the passing of alumnae and friends. **Margaret Patch '59** passed away in August 2016; **Carole Jacobs Lipton '56** in October 2016; **Carol Posner '62** in January 2017 and **Carol Thompson Wykoff '57** in February 2017.