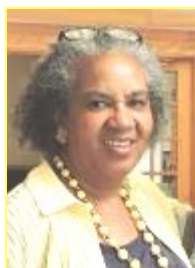




# SMITH COLLEGE CLUB OF CLEVELAND

Fall 2018



Friends, I want to take advantage of the front page our newsletter to share a photographic glimpse of our Club in action, and to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president. Indeed, our Club made history in June when I was elected the first woman of color to hold this office in our one hundred and twenty years of existence. I am honored.

In this role, I begin my fifth year of service on our board, beginning with a two year term as Book Awards Chair followed by two years as Vice President and Director of Programs.

I am especially excited about working with the exceptional group of women on pages 6 through 10 who compose our board. We are a diverse group in social backgrounds, academic and professional interests, and age—representing classes spanning sixty years, yet all working toward planning enjoyable programs consistent with our mission to connect our membership with one another in promoting awareness of Smith, helping to identify new generations of students, and contributing to the Smith Fund and our Cleveland Club scholarship and program funds. I promise you that we are up for the tasks!

I trust that you will find programs and networking opportunities of interest on the following pages. If not, we want to hear from you about how we can better serve our club. Most of all, we look forward to seeing you soon!

Mittie Imani Jordan '75

## Smith College President Kathleen McCartney Visiting Cleveland November 5, 2018

Mark your calendars and look out for your invitation!



We are pleased to host President Kathleen McCartney on **Monday, November 5, 2018 at Glidden House in University Circle, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** Formal invitations will follow.

Kathleen McCartney is the 11th president of Smith College. A summa cum laude graduate of Tufts University, she earned master's and doctoral degrees in psychology from Yale University. Prior to Smith, McCartney was Dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Education—only the fifth woman dean in Harvard's history. McCartney has conducted research on childcare and early childhood experience, education policy and parenting. She is the author of nine books and more than 160 journal articles and book chapters.

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## Smith Salons

Once again, our immediate past president, **Lynn-Ann Gries '84** has coordinated a wonderful series of Smith Salons for this fall. Salons are small group discussion gatherings limited to 12 attendees, and are conducted “fireside-chat style” in order to facilitate active discussion with the presenter. You are guaranteed to learn something new at each one! If you wish to **RSVP for one or both salons, or to suggest a topic for a future salon, please contact Lynn-Ann at [lagries@aol.com](mailto:lagries@aol.com) or (216) 978 – 2647**. Waitlists will be maintained. Salons begin at 7 p.m.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

**WENDY BETH HYMAN (Smith AC '97)**

Associate Professor of English and Comparative Literature – Oberlin College

Wendy’s research and teaching interests include 16th- and 17th-century poetry and drama, the history of science and technology, Renaissance art and visual culture, and classical mythology.

Hosted by Marjorie Roth '67 4250 Symphony Lane Pepper Pike OH

If you’re binge watching “The Crown” on Netflix chances are you’ve become obsessed with all things Elizabethan. What was it that was so unique about this time? And what about its towering literary figure, Shakespeare? Famously praised for having “invented the human,” this playwright indeed did things that had never been done before in literature. But in other ways claims about the singularity of his inventions have obscured just how many hands were involved in the making of a Renaissance play. See with Wendy Human, AC '97, just what was so singular about Renaissance drama compared to what had come before – but also why we should learn to see Shakespeare as part of a wide network of other literary inventors, not as a solitary genius unlike any other.

Wendy’s primary focus is English Renaissance literature and she makes a point to put primary sources in her students’ hands – they have transcribed 17th-century recipe books, curated a show at the Allen Memorial Art Museum, printed their own letterpressed sonnets, composed music to accompany Donne poems, created a site-specific installation based on Ovid’s *Metamorphoses*, kept commonplace books, and more. She is the author of *Impossible Desire and the Limits of Knowledge in Renaissance Poetry*, a discussion of how erotic poetry was a crucial instrument in early modern intellectual life. She has published essays on myriad topics including, early modern mechanical birds, Spenser’s *Faerie Queene*, the prehistory of robots, the influence of Renaissance insect poems on the early microscopists, and many more.



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018

**SARAH CORRIGAN (Wellesley '09)**

Senior Consultant, BrownFlynn, a corporate sustainability firm

Sarah focuses on helping corporate clients implement socially responsible practices, including environmental stewardship, employee diversity, global social responsibility and the like.

Hosted by TBD

Who hasn’t heard the buzzword “sustainability”? And then there’s the term “corporate sustainability.” Does this mean your company promotes recycling in the cafeteria? Or have they installed solar panels on the roof? Maybe they’ve adopted a non-profit where employees volunteer? Maybe it’s all of these things? Luckily, we have a fellow Seven Sisters alum who can help demystify the terminology and teach us how corporations are really starting to pay attention to how “doing good” can help their bottom line and enhance their reputation.

Sarah Corrigan (Wellesley '09) is a Senior Consultant for BrownFlynn, a company that specializes in corporate sustainability and governance consulting. In her role, Sarah leads client projects for strategic planning and reporting on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices. She co-leads training on ESG reporting frameworks and specializes in ESG investment research. Sarah partners with clients in a variety of industries, including financial services, retail, health care, consumer packaged goods, chemicals, and industrial manufacturing. Prior to joining BrownFlynn, Sarah served in the Office of General Counsel at the U.S. Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D.C. Her other experiences include CSR Asia in Hong Kong, where she analyzed the sustainability practices of companies listed on the Hang Seng Index. CSR Asia published her research in collaboration with Oxfam HK.





TBD Winter 2019

**MEG STANTON (Smith '75)**

Owner of Harris Stanton Galleries (Akron and Cleveland)

Meg operates a full-service gallery specializing in international, national and regional art in a variety of media including sculpture, paintings, graphics, ceramics & glass

Hosted by Meg Stanton at the Harris-Stanton Gallery  
1370 West 9th Street Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Art galleries are complicated places. They bring art and business together; two things that seem incompatible. How does a gallery owner decide what artists to feature, what pieces will be both appealing to the public and generate revenue? Are galleries mini museums that expose art to the general public, or are they just storefronts selling home furnishings? Join us as we ask Meg to demystify the business of gallery ownership and teach us some strategies for spotting the next Yayoi Kusama or Cindy Sherman.

Meg Harris Stanton's love of art history began in her high school years at Old Trail School, continued at Smith College and flourished during her seven years living abroad in London. She began her gallery career as a director of the Evelyne Shaffer Gallery in 1988 and became its owner in 1994 at which time she changed the name to Harris Stanton Gallery.

Her commitment to the arts is evident through her active participation in the non-profit sector, including serving as a member of the Akron Art Museum Board of Trustees and her appointment to its Accessions Committee; the Board and Advisory Board of Cleveland Institute of Art; the Boards of Cleveland Arts Prize, and Ohio Ballet; and chairing a major fundraiser for the Cleveland Orchestra. She is also an active member of the Cleveland Print Club of the Cleveland Museum of Art.

**Cleveland Club Networking**

**Small Group Gatherings  
by Zip Code**

Did you know that there are nearly 300 Smith alumnae in our Greater Cleveland area? Without infringing on our Akron and Toledo clubs' boundaries, we reside in fifty-four zip codes, covering three counties: west to Oberlin, southwest to Brunswick, east to Chardon, south to Hudson, southeast to Twinsburg, and northeast to Madison.

In an effort to get to know more of our members, we are proposing informal gatherings of small groups by zip code, beginning with one hosted in Avon by **Gretchen Smith Dutko '01**. We will mail out details to nearby alumnae, soon.

If you are interested in attending or hosting a small alumnae group, or if you have an idea for a topic for a one-time gathering or ongoing group, contact **Katie Collin '01**, at [kcolin@clevelandn.org](mailto:kcolin@clevelandn.org) or by cell phone at **646.483.8134**.

**Alumnae Networking & Business Directory**

Taking our lead from the **Smith Alumnae Affinity Groups and Business Network** hosted on **Smith.edu**, we seek to organize local alumnae in small group gatherings that can nurture and support our personal, professional and business development.

**Networking**

Given the breadth of professional and vocational experiences within our membership, none of us should be left to navigate uncharted waters alone. We should be able to recommend reliable sitters to moms with young children or daughters with aging parents, coach a newcomer or peer through an employment or career change, or enjoy exploring new local venues or events as part of a trusted group.

**Professional & Business Directory**

Are you getting married and need a florist? In a book club and need books? What about a pediatrician, landscaper, realtor, financial advisor, gynecologist, therapist, or just a nice spot for lunch? We have alumnae who provide all of these services and more. If you are one of them, we just need to know who you are and how to contact you.

If you have interest in either of these alumnae networking opportunities, please contact me at [mittiejordan@aol.com](mailto:mittiejordan@aol.com) (don't forget the middle initial "i") or by cell phone at **216.376.9692**.

**Bridge Anyone?!?**



**Musette Vincent '78** is an avid Bridge player looking to organize games with other Smithies. If you are a novice or seasoned player interested in gathering your cards at the table with fellow alumnae, please contact her at [musettevincent@yahoo.com](mailto:musettevincent@yahoo.com) or by phone at **216.761.7117**.

## Smith Cleveland Book Club



Our Book Club is often referred to as “a well-oiled machine” under the steady hand of **Joanne Mortimer '70**, who along with a team of faithful readers and discussion participants selects a wide-appealing range of authors and topics for our thoughtful review. The **Book Club meets on the second Wednesday** of each month in member homes, and always begins the season with the required reading for the incoming class at Smith.

Thanks to **Rachel Lerner-Ley '08**, Cleveland Playhouse Literary Manager and Resident Dramaturg, this year we will include the reading of a script being produced in the 2018—2019 production season followed by a discussion led by Rachel. We will also view the play as a group and individually.

Here is the line up for our Book Club season. Please contact **Joanne Mortimer at [mdrajimor@aol.com](mailto:mdrajimor@aol.com)** with questions or to add your name to the Book Club mailing list!

**Wednesday September 12 -- *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves*** by Karen Joy Fowler.

Host: Susan Dunn LaPine '68, Moderator: TBD

**Wednesday October 10 -- *Mudbound*** by Hillary Jordan,

Host: Ruth Strauss Berger '57,

Moderator: Mary W. Marshall '78

**Wednesday November 14 --** discussion of the play, *Sweat*

by Lynn Nottage. Host: Ann Tillinghast Herbruck '56,

Moderator: Rachel Lerner-Ley '08

Details regarding Playhouse viewing, forthcoming.

**Wednesday December 12 -- *The Purple Swamp Hen and Other Stories*** by Penelope Lively

Host: Patricia Moore

Ashton '53, Moderators: Pat Ashton and

Virginia “Ginnie” Parker Dawson '65

**Wednesday January 9 -- *The Bell Jar*** by Sylvia Plath '55,

Host: Nancy Duff-Boehm '73,

Moderators: Nancy and Greg Duff-Boehm

**Wednesday February 13 -- *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*** by David

Grann, Host: Suzanne “Suzy” Meckes

Hartford '65, Moderator: TBD

**Wednesday March 13 -- *My Dear Hamilton: A Novel of Eliza Schuyler Hamilton*** by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie -- fictionalized biography.

Host and Moderator TBD

**Wednesday April 10 -- *The Last Bus to Wisdom*** by Ivan

Doig Host and Moderator: Betsy Kaufman Sampliner '62

**Wednesday May 8 -- *Warlight*** by Michael Ondaatje Host and Moderator: TBA

**Wednesday June 12 -- *Pachinko*** by Min Jin Lee F Host and Moderator: Yen Bui Izanec '70

### SmithClubofCleveland.org

If you haven't visited the Club website in a while, you may notice that it has been reorganized for easier navigation and includes a few new features! In addition to reviewing our upcoming calendar of events and highlights of Club activities throughout the year, you can now submit your annual membership form and dues online under the Membership Tab. Additionally, **if you'd like to be added to the email communications list or update your preference for snail mail vs. email delivery**, you can now also fill out that form on the website under the "Contact Us."

Please rest assured that we will not post personal information about our membership on our website. Details regarding events held in the homes of our members will only be shared by post or email to our restricted member groups.

We would love to hear from you and to share your pictures of Club events on our website and Facebook page ([bit.ly/SmithCLE](http://bit.ly/SmithCLE)). If you have any photos or updates relating to the Club you'd like us to consider sharing, please email us at [info@smithclubofcleveland.com](mailto:info@smithclubofcleveland.com)

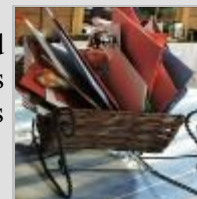
**Lauren Reed Richards '06**

### Mark Your Calendar For Our Annual Holiday Party!

**Sunday, December 9, 2018 5-8 p.m.**  
21150 Brantley Road ~ Shaker Heights,  
**John & Mary Taylor Herrick, hosts**

When we charged our newly-elected Vice President for Programs, **Amy Miller '99**, with the task of identifying a location for this year's annual holiday party, we had no idea that she would come back with an incredible treat. **John and Mary Taylor Herrick '60** are not only hosting our annual gathering, they are also gifting us our holiday party this year.

That's right! All we have to do is RSVP, pull out our “gay apparel,” and come prepared to enjoy an evening of good food, fun, and fellowship with long-time and new friends in the beautiful setting of the Herrick's home. We are very grateful for their generous gift.



Individual invitations will follow with details for the occasion. Don't forget to bring a card for our “secret holiday greetings exchange!”

## SUMMER ON THE CUYAHOGA!

Smith SOTC wrapped up a wonderful and successful summer in August. We had a record number of interns participating, twelve, and will enjoy the support of ten SOTC alums back on the Smith campus as we recruit for summer 2019.

Our group included three graduating seniors, all of whom job searched in Cleveland during their internship, and to date **Emily Matz '18** has accepted a full time position at Steris. Welcome to Cleveland and our Club!

Three of our Smith interns enjoyed the support of a Smith funded Praxis Stipend (\$3,000). Echo Yan '20 at Cleveland Museum of Art's Ingalls Library and Archive, Sonia Garfinkel '19 at Policy Matters Ohio, and Katherine Thompson '20 at Karamu House. Our alumnae enjoyed tours led by Echo and Katherine on July 11<sup>th</sup> followed by dinner in the CMA Café.



Highlights of the SOTC Smith Summer included a June 16<sup>th</sup> visit to Tannerwood Farm hosted by **Alison "Sunny" Jones '57**. The interns enjoyed horse-drawn carriage rides and a delicious lunch on the farm's beautiful grounds. We are grateful to Sunny for her generous and energetic hospitality! **Hal and Susan LaPine '68** once again opened their home and terrace to alumnae and interns for a summer celebration. We all enjoyed the interns' sharing details of their summer experience.

A first for SOTC Smith was a visitor from campus to see SOTC in action. Eliza Lanzi, director of Digital Strategies and Service at the Smith Libraries, and Echo Yan's advisor, visited in July. She spent time at the Ingalls Library and Karamu House and joined a dinner gathering with alumnae and interns.

Our Club leaders also were headliners at some SOTC events with Club president **Mittie Jordan '75** participating in an SOTC panel on socio-economic inequity held at Cuyahoga Community College's Jerry Sue Thornton Center, with my delivering closing remarks at SOTC's end of summer reception at the Music Box Supper Club. We are grateful for all our supporters and donors, including the nineteen alumnae who generously hosted and home-stayed our interns. Special thanks go out to SOTC Team: **Musette Vincent '78, Chloe Lee '17, and Sara Ramastry '17.**



**Marjorie Berson Roth '67**

### About Summer on The Cuyahoga

Celebrating its sixteenth year, SOTC's mission is to recruit talented college students for summer internships and a unique immersion



into the community, with the ultimate goal of having graduates build networks and permanently locate in Greater Cleveland. It's a unique summer internship program open to students who are rising juniors, rising seniors and recent graduates and who attend one of our eight partner schools: Case Western Reserve, Colgate, Cornell, Denison,

Ohio Wesleyan, Smith, University of Chicago, and Oberlin joining in 2019. The program brings together 50-70 students for an intensive summer immersion program designed to help interns explore the professional, civic, and social offerings of the Cleveland area. SOTC offers students challenging internships, community introductions, alumni connections and group housing for the summer.

**Marjorie Berson Roth '67 and Musette Vincent '78** represent Smith on the SOTC Board.

### We're recruiting the next generation of talented Smith women - please join us!

One of Smith's greatest strengths is our alumni network. Sharing our individual and collective accomplishments is a benefit prospective students truly value, and an important part of their decision to attend Smith. Please consider giving an hour of your time to talk with potential future Smithies. We need your help. To learn more please call or email **Mindy Maxwell Baierl '85** at [mmbaierl@gmail.com](mailto:mmbaierl@gmail.com) or by cell at 440.796.9469.



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We encourage alumnae to visit our College website, especially **The Smith Fund** and **Alumnae Gateway** pages, to keep up with campus events, and with students and alumnae in the States and abroad.



## Meet your Board



**Mittie Imani Jordan '75**  
**President**

Having been immersed in performing and cultural arts education programs in Cleveland Public Schools, Karamu House, and her church, combining her love for arts and history at Smith as a double major in theater and Afro-American studies (now Africana Studies) came naturally.

After Smith, she briefly studied film followed by a nineteen year career developing and directing arts and educational programs and organizations in Atlanta, GA, Cleveland and Oberlin, Ohio and Dallas, Texas before affirming her “call” to ministry at age forty. She shift gears, entered seminary, adopted her son, and began her life as a pastor serving congregations in Dallas and Cleveland. She is also the founder of four non-profits supporting arts, justice, and community development initiatives, and owns a boutique book and gift shop, gallery and café.

She is a doting grandma who loves road-tripping with her 7 year-old grandson, and playing kick-ball with her four (three too many) German Shepherds.



**Susan Dunn LaPine '68**  
**Recording Secretary**

We are delighted to have our pal Sue back on the Cleveland Club board which she once led as president. Although she has been absent from the governing body, she has been ever-present for our programs and activities, and she and her husband Hal faithfully host our annual end of summer celebration for our SOTC program which she helped to establish.

Sue majored in American studies at Smith, and also earned a Master of Non-Profit Management degree from Case Western Reserve University. She retired from being Executive Director of the Cleveland Zoological Society and now works with her husband to invest in commercial real estate as their contribution to urban renewal. Additionally, she and Hal have amassed a wonderfully eclectic art and sports memorabilia collection.

Sue’s favorite pastimes include time spent with family enjoying the amazing cultural offerings of Cleveland, and playing tennis.



**Amy E. Miller '99**  
**Vice President / Director of Programs**  
**Corresponding Secretary**

While Amy graduated with a degree in English literature, she jokingly reflects that she entered Smith determined to be a doctor - and then met Organic Chemistry and decided to become a lawyer instead.

After graduating Case School of Law, Amy practiced criminal law working as a prosecutor in New York City and then moved with her husband, a Cleveland native, to Pepper Pike in 2010. Coming full circle, Amy ended up face-to-face with organic science when she decided to start a flower farm and floral design business to take a break from the law. Her growing business and family, which includes two children, ages 5 and 9, keep her happy and busy.



**Katherine E. Collin '01**  
**Vice President / Member**  
**Development Programs**

Congratulations are in order for Katie as she excitingly juggles her VP role with her responsibilities as a Gift Planning Officer at the Cleveland Foundation while planning for her upcoming nuptials as the bride-to-be of David Moore.

Katie graduated Smith with a major in art history and minors in economics and Italian, which led her to take advantage of the Junior Year program in Florence. She went on to earn a JD degree at the Univ. of Akron.

She identifies issues that impact her hometown of Lakewood, hot yoga, and Pure Barre (look it up) as her passions and hobbies, with supporting local, women-owned businesses at the top of her list. Katie previously served the board working with SOTC and young alumnae. Once the honeymoon is over, we look forward to her providing the leadership for our local alumnae networking efforts.



**Betsy Kaufman Sampliner '62**  
**Treasurer**

Thank goodness the alumna who handles our finances was a Math major at Smith! Betsy taught high school math most of her career, with thirteen years teaching middle school and three years doing computer programming in-between.

Selected as one of Cleveland’s Most Valuable Tutors, she is in her 24th year of tutoring math at the Cleveland School of the Arts, and is “addicted to teenagers who are hilarious because they don’t know how funny they are!”

Betsy is a former Smith Club president and enjoys reading, running, hiking, and tandem biking with her husband, Jim. If that’s not busy enough, their family of seventeen (daughter and son-in-law; two sons and daughter in-laws, and nine grandchildren) keep her on her toes!

## Meet your Board



**Arminé Thompson '07**  
**Assistant Treasurer**

We welcome Arminé back to Cleveland and as a first-time board member just ahead of her first delivery from “the Stork!” The new mother-to-be recently moved back to the Cleveland area from Washington, DC to be closer to her family.

Majoring in economics at Smith, Arminé worked at Deloitte in Finance this past year, and prior to that as an economist and creative “upcycle” entrepreneur with her sister Anahid '05 repurposing vinyl billboards into hand-bags.

Arminé loves to travel, visit museums, cook and spend time with her family.



**Mindy Maxwell Baierl '85**  
**Chair, Candidates Committee**

Shifting her board responsibilities this year from programs to admissions recruiting, Mindy is utilizing her Smith computer science major customizing a program that tracks prospective students from first contact to hopeful admission for our Club use.

No stranger to statistics and graphs, Mindy earned her MBA from Carnegie Mellon, and her career has included leadership and consulting roles in sales, marketing, and operations across multiple industries. She is currently the Executive Director of the Institute for Management and Engineering at Case Western Reserve University.

Mindy loves hosting large gatherings in her Char-don home with my husband and three grown children: two sons and a Smithie, Samantha '18!



**Kylie M. Fisher '13**  
**Co-Chair, Young Alumnae**

Kylie joins us as Young Alumnae Co-chair. She majored in art history and Government at Smith and is an alumna of Summer on the Cuyahoga.

Inspired by her time in Florence with the Junior Year Away program, Kylie moved to Cleveland three years ago to pursue her doctorate in Art History at Case Western Reserve University. Now a Ph.D. candidate, she is working on her dissertation, which examines the memorial engagement and intellectual reception of early sixteenth-century secular Italian prints.

She is a first time member on board.



**Lynn-Ann Ries Gries '84**  
**Immediate Past President /  
Nominating Chair**

A venture investor in startup/early stage companies, Lynn-Ann majored in economics at Smith, and is a co-founder of Cleveland based JumpStart, Inc. where she led a team that invested \$30 million in 75 start-ups over the course of ten years, generating over \$500 million in regional economic impact. She thinks of it as “a kinder, gentler version of Shark Tank, where the desired outcome was not only a return on investment, but an increase in the vibrancy of the region's entrepreneurial economy.

Lynn-Ann is passionate about helping entrepreneurs realize their dreams, and enjoys yoga, gardening, and interior design at home with her husband Don, and their son and daughter.



**Leen Ajlouni '18**  
**Co-Chair, Candidates Committee**

The youngest member on our board is still getting her “feet wet” navigating several new experiences: new to the Club, new on the board, and a new driver in a new city!

The engineering major works as a business analyst in the biotech industry, with a specific interest in process improvement and operations management in the healthcare industry.

Leen was born and raised in Amman, Jordan, and came to the United States for the first time when enrolling at Smith. Her family remains in the Middle East, and includes a twin brother.

She enjoys playing the piano, creative writing, reading non-fiction, engaging in spiritual Activities, and volunteering with children.



**Erin Kathleen Davis '07**  
**Co-Chair, Young Alumnae**

Also new to the board, Erin was a history major at Smith, with a chemistry minor. After earning a degree in nursing at Ohio State University, the Cleveland native returned last fall and currently works as a nurse practitioner.

Erin is a passionate baseball fan, (Go Tribe!) a novice rower, zoo volunteer, and is learning Spanish in her free time. She notes that she is excited to be on the board as Young Alumnae Co-chair and is looking forward to being more involved in the Smith community.

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## Meet your Board



### Joanne Trespacz Bonder '76 Co-Chair, Book Awards

Joanne received her Master's Degree in education of the Deaf from Smith in conjunction with Clarke School for the Deaf. Prior to Smith, she earned a BA in child study and special education from St. Joseph College in West Hartford, CT. Joanne worked for thirty-five years in the Mayfield School System as an intervention specialist and teacher of children with hearing impairments.

Joanne is married to native Clevelander and financial planner, Dan Bonder. They have three sons, a daughter-in-law, and two adorable granddaughters. Joanne volunteers on the Northeast Ohio Fragile X board, Therapy Dogs International (at several healthcare facilities) and is training to be a magician for the Open Heart Magic Program for children at the Cleveland Clinic. Her hobbies include face painting, crafts, reading, event planning, and training therapy dogs. Most of all she enjoys spending time and traveling with her family.



### Gretchen Smith Dutko '01 Co-Chair, Book Awards

A first time board member, Gretchen looks forward to partnering with Joanne as Co-Chair for Book Awards, and helping to expand our Club participation through small group gatherings.

She graduated Smith with a major in history, concentration United States, and currently works as an insurance executive. She has a wonderful and supportive husband and two incredible children, and she is a Cub Scout Den Leader and avid knitter in her spare time. And, just to impress all of us, Gretchen is a student pilot!

Our **Book Award** presentation includes a copy of *Gift from the Sea* by **Anne Morrow Lindbergh '28**, an



American author, aviator, and the wife of aviator Charles **Lindbergh**. Her books and articles spanned genres from poetry to non-fiction, touching upon topics as diverse as youth and age, love and marriage, peace, solitude and contentment, and the role of women in the 20th century. She received the Elizabeth Montagu Prize, for her essay on women of the 18th century such as Madame d'Houetot, and Mary Augusta Jordan Literary Prize for her fictional piece *Lida Was Beautiful*. She was the recipient of honorary master's and doctor of letters degrees from Smith in 1935 and 1970. Anne died at her home on her daughter's farm in Vermont in 2001, at the age of 94.

## Smith College Club 2018 Book Awards

Each year Smith alumnae across the country identify and select high school sophomores and juniors to receive the Smith College Book Award. Recipients of the award represent the top 10% of their class, are active in their communities, and exhibit the leadership qualities characteristic of the thousands of students who have graduated Smith..

In 2018, under the guidance of **Robin Black Walker '87** and **Elizabeth Chandler '87**, our Cleveland Club presented 28 book awards to the following students:

Peyton Wood, Andrews Osborne Academy  
Genevieve Ferrari, Avon Lake High School  
Jocelyn Lewis, Bard High School Early College  
Lauren Jensen, Bay High School  
Jing Jing Shen, Beachwood High School  
Meghan Kessinger, Beaumont School  
Dawn Luong, Berea-Midpark High School  
Laila Latifi, Chagrin Falls High School  
Holly Stegh, Chardon High School  
Nicole Dulaney, Cleveland Early College  
Georgina Jolivette, Cleveland Heights High School  
Khadazia G. Conner, Cleveland School of Architecture and Design at John Hay  
Petilla Gest, Cleveland School of the Arts  
Chiamaka Chukwu, Cleveland School of Science and Medicine at John Hay  
Elizabeth Espenschied, Gilmour Academy  
Elizabeth Halko, Lakewood High School  
Beckett Blocker, Laurel School  
Laila Haidar, Lake Ridge Academy  
Gabby Bayness, Lutheran West High School,  
Maya Schane, Oberlin High School  
Haley Shedden, Orange High School  
Ava Barone, Padua Franciscan High School  
Alexandria Gluntz, Rocky River High School  
Malka Steinberg, Shaker Heights High School  
Sandy Shen, Solon High School  
Caitlin Funk, Strongsville High School  
Anna Radachy, Villa Angela St. Joseph  
Rachel Ange, West Geauga High School

As we prepare for the selection of our 2019 Book Award season, the committee will contact new schools and reconnect with these schools in seeking recipients for the book awards. If you would like to represent our club as a Book Award presenter, recommend a school to participate in our program or a Smith alumna authored book for our presentation, please address all suggestions to **Joanne Trespacz Bonder '76** at [jbdb008@gmail.com](mailto:jbdb008@gmail.com), or to **Gretchen Smith Dutko '01** at [gretchendutko@gmail.com](mailto:gretchendutko@gmail.com).



## Meet your Board



### **Marjorie Berson Roth '67** **Chair, Summer on the Cuyahoga**

The incredible wind behind our super successful SOTC participation, Marjorie graduated from Smith majoring in history, and went on to earn a graduate degree from University of Minnesota.

After she retired in 2005 from a long career working with children and families and as a psychologist in private practice in Minneapolis, she studied and works as a pastel landscapes artists.

She and her husband Richard moved to Pepper Pike in 2008 to be near their son, daughter-in-law and four grand children who live in Shaker Heights. They are “snowbirds,” enjoying their winters in a warmer climate.

Marjorie works tirelessly and fearlessly securing the funding, employment, and alumnae hosting needs for our SOTC interns.



### **Joanne Mortimer '70** **Chair, Book Club**

Joanne majored in History with areas of concentration in Modern Europe and Great Britain, and minors in Biology and Religion. After Smith, she went to medical school at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, and lived in Rochester NY and Chicago before returning to Cleveland. She is a retired pediatrician and worked mainly with children with significant disabilities.

The Book Club was her introduction to the Cleveland Club, and she’s taken on its leadership by storm! She identifies herself as an “eager, if not particularly skilled, gardener” and is head of the Grounds/Garden Committee for her condo building. She loves to travel with her husband, Mike, whom she married for many reasons “including, but not limited to, his excellent liberal arts education, his great sense of humor, and his willingness to eat her broccoli.” They enjoy the Cleveland Symphony and the Cleveland Indians, and have five children, seven grandchildren, and one on the way.

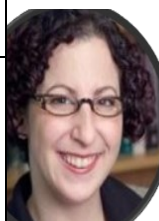


### **Musette Vincent '78** **Co-Chair, Summer on the Cuyahoga**

A faithfully engaged member of our Club, Musette formerly served as our Vice President and Director of Programs, and has been an alumna host for SOTC interns for twelve of the fifteen years of the program’s existence. She represents Smith along with Marjorie Roth on the SOTC Board of Directors, and is a member of the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra Board.

Graduating Smith with a degree in economics followed by a JD from Case Western Reserve School of Law, Musette has practiced employment and employee benefits law for over 20 years.

When asked of her passion, she states firmly that she aspires to retire to a life full of Bridge!



### **Wendy Beth Hyman AC '97** **Newsletter Editor**

A first time board member, Wendy majored in English at Smith (Phi Beta Kappa), and went on to get an M.A. and Ph.D. in English at Harvard. She is an Associate Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Oberlin College, where she teaches Renaissance literature, Shakespeare, and early modern history of science. Her first monograph, *Impossible Desire and the Limits of Knowledge in Renaissance Poetry*, is being published this spring by Oxford UP, and she is also editing an essay collection called *Teaching Social Justice Through Shakespeare: Why Renaissance Literature Matters Now*.

Wendy lives in Cleveland Heights with her spouse, Matt Laferty, who teaches English, writing, and film at Tri-C, and runs a music promotion venture that brings free jazz from around the world to Cleveland. She is actively involved in animal rescue and foster work, loves to travel and is passionate about art and painting, old films, loud music and progressive causes.



### **Lauren Reed Richards '06** **Vice President / Marketing & Media**

Lauren returns to our board coordinating and administering our online activity. Like other young alumnae on our board, Lauren keeps us in awe as she manages a new job as a marketing researcher and strategist, a new home with her husband, Andrew and their toddler daughter, and a new baby on the way! Lauren majored in French at Smith with a minor in Anthropology. She enjoys cooking, gardening, travel, the arts and exploring the food scene.

## Need A Ride?

### Join Our Carpool List!

If you have been missing out on our programs because you no longer drive, or you have limited your driving to daytime only, we have alumnae willing to help out! Sign up for our carpool list by contacting **Amy E. Miller at 216.342.4748** or by email at **amyemiller@gmail.com**.

## Meet Your Board



### **Ruth Strauss Berger, '58** **Association of Continuing** **Education (ACE) Representative**

Ruth has faithfully served our board through eight presidents, beginning with her multi-year service as Program Chair in 2003, and served on the SOTC committee as the alumnae host coordinator. She has served as our representative to ACE for the past seven years.

Ruth majored in English at Smith, and studied French and education in the Intercontinental Masters program at Case. She began her teaching career with third and fourth graders, then taught French in elementary school and high school over a thirty year span. Ruth is an avid reader belonging to several book clubs, and enjoys tennis. She has three daughters and four grandchildren.



### **Suzanne Stratton Crooke '61** **Co-Chair, Senior Smith**

Suzanne graduated Hathaway Brown School '57, entered Smith with the class of '61 and transferred to the University of Wisconsin where she earned a BA and MA in Education.

After raising her family of three children she enjoyed a career in development for over 25 years.

Now ten years retired, she is actively involved in a garden club, church work, bridge, Mahjong, and spending time at her "little house" in Findley Lake, NY with her husband, Tom.

A former president of our club, Suzanne and **Jane Outcalt** and have steadily co-chaired the Senior Smith Luncheon for fifteen years.

## **Smith School of Social Work** **Celebrates Centennial**

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018, The Alumnae of the Smith College School for Social Work joined the Dean, the Faculty and many former faculty and friends for a weekend celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the School. Founded after the end of World War 1 for the purpose of training women to help men "suffering from psychopathy" as a result of fighting during the war, Smith College initiated a training program that grew Smith SSW into the iconic clinical school it is today.

The weekend included receptions, films, workshops, and ended with a barbeque, a film and a "Dance Through the Decades".

More than 300 people attended. Most stayed in the Cutter/Zizkind dorm, newly renovated and air conditioned. A documentary entitled Clinical Revolution produced for this event, provided a history of the school, its pioneers and visionaries. Everyone who attended received a tote bag of goodies, including a DVD of the documentary.

Dean Marianne Yoshioka, Ph.D, who has led the school since 2014, was an excellent hostess. Formerly Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at New York City's Columbia School of Social Work, she served on the faculty for 18 years, where she taught clinical practice, advanced research methods, the developmental life course and practice with battered women. She received her Ph.D from Florida State University, her MSW from the University of Michigan and her BA (honors) from Canada's University of Western Ontario.

**Juanita Dalton Robinson, MSS '51**

## **Alumnae Spotlights**

Too often, we have to wait to read an obituary to realize that we wish we had known an alumna better while they were yet alive. We want to celebrate the life of fellow alumnae while they can still smell the roses!

Although we only publish our newsletter twice yearly, our frequent email communication and our website allow us a forum to introduce individual members to the club. If you would like to introduce yourself or another alumna, please email your draft to **Wendy Hyman at [wendyhyman@gmail.com](mailto:wendyhyman@gmail.com)**



## **Memorials**

We are saddened by the recent passing Evelyn Krent and Margaret Mueller, both members of the class of 1951

### **Evelyn Weissman Krent '51**

November 5, 1930—May 13, 2018. Wife, mother of two, grandmother of five, great-grandmother of one. Friends may contribute to The Temple-Tifereth Israel or the Anti-Defamation League. An obituary can be viewed at: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/chicagotribune/obituary.aspx?pid=189024262>

### **Margaret Reid Mueller '51**

August 20, 1930—August 10, 2018. Wife, mother of five, grandmother of nine. Natural habitat preservationist, entrepreneur, Larchmere neighborhood revitalization champion. Friends may contribute to Western Reserve Land Conservancy or The Refugee Response. A full obituary can be viewed at <https://www.margaret-mueller.virtual-memorials.com>.

**THE SMITH COLLEGE CLUB OF CLEVELAND  
MEMBER DUES AND DONATIONS 2018 - 2019**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership Categories (please check one)

\$80 Sustaining \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Regular \_\_\_\_\_

\$25 Junior: classes 2009 - 2013

Free introductory membership for classes 2014 - 2018 \_\_\_\_\_

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 and recent alumnae in the field of \_\_\_\_\_

volunteer for a board position \_\_\_\_\_ SOTC \_\_\_\_\_ recruiting students \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to Smith College Club of Cleveland  
Mail to Arminé Thompson , 3104 Montgomery Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122  
You may also pay online at [www.SmithClubofCleveland.org](http://www.SmithClubofCleveland.org)

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**Member Dues and Donations**

With 296 alumnae in the Greater Cleveland area, we take pride in being one of the largest and more active Clubs of the Smith Alumnae Association, which boasts over 55,000 members residing in all 50 states, and over 120 countries.

Through the generosity of our dues paying members, and scholarship and program fund contributors, we are able to help underwrite annual spring, fall and winter holiday programs for our alumnae and guests, prospective student events and book awards to area high school students, full and partial scholarships and care packages for current students, SOTC internships, our Senior Smith and Annual Meeting luncheons, gifts honoring alumnae at the time of their passing, our newsletters and other special mailings.

We believe that our annual dues amount is quite reasonable considering all that we do. We encourage those who have not paid their dues to please do so in order for us to keep our assessment at this comfortable level. We are especially appreciative of members who contribute to our scholarship fund and volunteer their time in support of our club.

Dues payments are for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. You may send your check payable to the Smith College Club of Cleveland, mail to Arminé Thompson , 3104 Montgomery Road, Shaker Heights, 44122.

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**McCartney visit continued from page 1**

McCartney is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the National Academy of Education, the American Educational Research Association, the American Psychological Association, and the American Psychological Society. She serves as a director of the American Council on Education and the Consortium on Financing Higher Education.

In 2011, *The Boston Globe* named her one of the 30 most innovative people in Massachusetts; she received the Harvard College Women's Professional Achievement Award in 2013; and the Boston Business Journal named her one of its Women of Influence in 2016.

**Save the date, and plan to join us in welcoming President McCartney to Cleveland on November 5th**





## SMITH COLLEGE CLUB OF CLEVELAND

Since 1898, the **Smith College Club of Cleveland** has provided a variety of opportunities for multi-generational Smith alumnae in the greater Cleveland area to meet, work for the college, enhance the wonderful education received on campus, and enjoy the company of people with similar backgrounds and interests.

**Our Mission:**

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.

**FALL/ WINTER**

**SEPTEMBER**

**12** Book Club  
**26** Salon with Wendy Hyman '97

**OCTOBER**

**10** Book Club  
**23** Salon with Sarah Corrigan

**NOVEMBER**

**5** Smith President McCartney  
**14** Book Club

**DECEMBER**

**9** Holiday Party  
**12** Book Club

**JANUARY**

**9** Book Club

**FEBRUARY**

**13** Book Club

Mittie Imani Jordan '75, President  
 Susan Dunn LaPine '68, Recording Secretary  
 Betsy Kaufman Sampliner '62, Treasurer  
 Arminé Thompson '07, Assistant Treasurer  
 Lynn-Ann Ries Gries '84, Past President / Nominating

**Programs**

Amy E. Miller '99, VP/Director of Programs  
 Katie Collin '01, VP/Member Development Programs  
 Ruth Strauss Berger '58, Association of Continuing Education Representative (ACE)  
 Joanne Mortimer '70, Book Club Chair  
 Suzanne Stratton-Crooke '62, Senior Smith Co-Chair  
 Jane Quayle Outcalt '59, Senior Smith Co-Chair  
 Marjorie Berson Roth '67, SOTC Chair  
 Musette Vincent '78, SOTC Co-Chair  
 Erin K. Davis '07, Young Alumnae Co-Chair  
 Kylie M. Fisher '13, Young Alumnae Co-Chair

**Recruiting & Admissions**

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 Leen Ajlouni '18, Candidates Co-Chair  
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 Gretchen Smith Dutko '01, Book Award Co-Chair

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