

NEWSLETTER

THE SMITH COLLEGE CLUB OF ATLANTA, INC.

SUMMER 2011

SECOND ANNUAL SUMMER SMITHNIC SUNDAY, JULY 17

Please join us for a picnic celebration where all Georgia students and alumnae and their families can mix, mingle, and welcome the class of 2015! The Smithnic provides a great opportunity for new and prospective students to chat with current students and recent grads about life on campus, what to wear for a New England winter, and favorite professors. Alumnae are invited to bring along any young women they know who may be interested in Smith.

A raffle and silent auction will support the Margaret Mitchell Scholarship Fund, which was established in 1950 with the intention of providing four scholarships for deserving young women from Georgia each year. The current value of the fund is \$1,067,994, and it now provides just under \$50,000 per year, divided between two students. For those who cannot attend the Smithnic or want a head start, silent auction listings can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/MMauction11>

Barbecue, drinks, and desserts will be

provided; bring bathing suits and towels if you'd like to enjoy the pool. Parking is available on streets in the neighborhood.

The Club would like to thank Cara Saylor Polk '65 for her willingness to host both the first and second Smithnics at her home.

WHAT:

Smithnic - an informal picnic for Smithies of all ages and their families. Rain or shine.

WHERE:

680 Denards Mill, Marietta, GA 30067

WHEN:

Sunday, July 17, 2011, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

RSVP:

By July 8, attending only, online at <http://tinyurl.com/smithnic11> or to Nancy Gallagher at 404-327-7888 (leave a short message with your name and phone number and/or email address).

COST:

Free; all food and beverages provided.

Questions? Send an email to

AtlantaSmithClub@gmail.com.

RECENT CLUB EVENTS

On April 20, a group of Smithies, including several from the Smith School of Social Work, gathered at the lovely Garden Hills home of Anne Harper '70 for a lecture on racism in American cultural institutions, given by Professor Mary Hall. The lecture was followed by great discussion and, of course, delicious snacks and beverages. Special thanks to Anne for welcoming us to her house (for the second time) and our event coordinators for all their hard work! If you have any photos of Club events that you'd like to share, please send them to AtlantaSmithClub@gmail.com. The Club typically plans two educational events per year, one each in the fall and spring, along with the annual Holiday Tea in January, and Smithnic in July. If you are interested in hosting a future Club event in your home (or place of business), please let one of us know. In addition, informal socials are held occasionally throughout the year - watch your email and upcoming newsletters for announcements!

SAVE THE DATES: JULY 24, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011 & JANUARY 8, 2012

On the 75th anniversary of the publication of *Gone With the Wind*, please plan on joining President Carol Christ and faculty for a program on Margaret Mitchell's connection to Smith College.

WHAT:

Culture and Context: Margaret Mitchell's Year at Smith, 1918-19

WHERE:

Margaret Mitchell House, 990 Peachtree Street, Atlanta

WHEN:

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Questions? Send an email to

alumedu@smith.edu or call 800-526-

2023, ext. 4. (This is not a Club-sponsored event.)

Join Colleen O'Mara Condon, associate director for alumnae engagement, to learn the secrets to strategic and successful networking online and in person. Bring your business cards and a sense of humor!

WHAT:

Networking: Practical Ideas to Increase Your Connections

WHERE:

Emory Conference Center Hotel, Atlanta

WHEN:

Sunday, July 24, 2011, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

RSVP:

Email ccondon@smith.edu or call 413-585-2588.

COST: Free; alumnae only. (This is not a Club-sponsored event.)

More Club events to look forward to...

FALL SOCIAL: Reconnect with old friends, make new ones, meet the Club's officers, and chat with local Smithies over select hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar at a local restaurant.

WHERE & WHEN:

To be announced! Know of a Smithie-owned location in the metro Atlanta area that we should consider? Email AtlantaSmithClub@gmail.com.

HOLIDAY TEA: The Club's annual social gathering held at the home of a local alumna. Food, drinks, and fun!

WHERE & WHEN:

Sunday, January 8, 2012. If you're interested in hosting, contact us!

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Smithies,

Hope you're finding ways to stay cool during this hot Georgia summer. The latest issue of the Smith Alumnae Quarterly arrived over the weekend, and I have to say I'm quite excited about the article by our own Charlise Lyles, which is part of a series tying in with the 75th anniversary of the publication of *Gone With the Wind*. Like many Georgian Smithies, I've felt somewhat uncomfortable embracing Margaret Mitchell, whose only year away from the South was to attend Smith College, due to the racial stereotypes embodied in *Gone With the Wind*. Yet the scholarship that bears her name has helped so many Georgians, including many African-Americans, attend Smith. Charlise writes about her experience at the December book club meeting watching *A Change in the Wind*, a documentary produced by Andrew Young about Mitchell's support of Morehouse University medical student scholarships. I think you'll be intrigued by her response to this recently uncovered fact about Mitchell, who when she came to Smith was considering being a doctor herself. To me, it speaks to the reputation of Smith even in the early 20th century. Yet Mitchell only attended one year

at Smith because her mother died in the flu pandemic of 1919 and her father asked her to come home and care for him and her brother. What about Smith made her choose this as the place for her education and how did a Smith education, even for just one year, widen her view of the world? These questions fascinate me, and I can't wait to learn more when Smith President Carol Christ visits Atlanta in September.

Charlise's article and President Christ's impending visit also remind me of how far the Smith College Club of Atlanta has come over the past two years. When I accepted the presidency, the Club had been fairly quiet for some time, but since then I have been amazed by the current leadership team and their commitment to make this club the best that it can be. Every event has blown me away with your commitment and enthusiasm! We're working on another great year of programming. Please consider joining the leadership team (see below for open positions) and/or paying your dues early. Dues paid with the summer newsletter will be counted towards the 2011-12 academic year.

Hope to see you at the Smithnic or another Club event soon!

-Anya Martin '85

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JOIN THE ATLANTA LEADERSHIP TEAM!

We are very excited to announce some changes and welcome two brand new members for the 2011-2012 year:

Morgan Moorehead '09, our new Community Service Coordinator, graduated with a double major in American Studies and Afro-American Studies. Watch for information about opportunities to reach out and help others. While we'll probably start out with projects in metro Atlanta, if those of you in other parts of the state want to organize a group, let us know and we'll send an e-blast or do whatever we can to help!

Dora Guzman '05 has joined us as Assistant Book Club Coordinator. The book club has long been a popular part of the Atlanta Smith Club scene, and Dora and Cynthia will be working together to ensure that its success continues. See page 4 for more.

Many thanks to Kamina Pinder '93 for her diligent efforts as our Alumnae Admissions Coordinator and the Southeast representative to the Network of Alum-

nae Admissions Coordinators. Kamina recently stepped down to embrace new career opportunities in Tennessee and Washington, D.C. Charlise Lyles Brown '81 will assume her role here in Atlanta; however, the regional representative spot is still available. If you have any interest in this volunteer position, please contact Charlise at lcharlise@aol.com.

Mary Hinkel '73 has filled the role of Book Award Coordinator for the past eight years, and we are so grateful for her service! A summary of the awards' progress during her tenure can be found on page 3. Besides coordinating with Atlanta-area (and this year, Athens) schools, Mary has been a reliable book club participant as well as providing valuable support and insight to the rest of the leadership team, and we know that she will be an advisor for the team to depend on in the future. If you have questions about this position, email Mary at hinkelfamily21380@earthlink.net.

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LEADERSHIP TEAM

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The position of Young Alumnae Event Coordinator is also open. This is a great spot for a recent graduate, with no defined obligations other than building community for young alumnae.

Last but not least, we are looking for a new Communications Chair (or two). A strong writer with access to and experience with desktop publishing and design software would be ideal. This position is a great resume builder and would be perfect to share between two people (so don't let software skills prevent you from expressing interest). If you have specific questions about this position, email me directly at khalloran@gmail.com. As always, if you're interested in joining the leadership team (even in a position that doesn't currently exist - we're flexible!), let us know!

CLASS OF 2015

Welcome to the newest members of the Georgia/Smith community:

- Binh Lay Chung - Flowery Branch
- Werhawet Gidey Gebremeskei - Clarkston
- Jordan Kristen Gooden - Atlanta
- Jasmine Olivia Poteat - Lithonia
- Syeda Nowmee Shehab - Snellville

The Club is working to build stronger relationships with current and prospective students from Georgia. If you're interested in helping prepare exam-time care packages (baked goods, crafts, time, funds, etc.) for current Smith students from Georgia, please email AtlantaSmithClub@gmail.com.

BOOK AWARD NEWS

The Smith College Club of Atlanta is pleased to announce the 2011 Smith College Book Award winners:

- Catherine Wyatt Arnold - Woodward Academy
- Larisa Coyle Bainton - Pace Academy
- Sara Beisswenger - Athens Academy
- Lindsi Rae Bollinger - Roswell High School
- Michelle Nicole Bunch - George Walton High School
- Danielle Currin - The Lovett School
- Leah Davis - Chattahoochee High School
- Lauren Favors - Alpharetta High School
- Melissa Florkowski - Druid Hills High School
- Micah C. Jones - Johns Creek High School
- Ana Leon - The Paideia School
- Daisy Mashburn - Atlanta Girls' School
- Leah Quattrochi - The Galloway School
- Joylyn Stroud - Stephenson High School

While changes in application and enrollment numbers are certainly the result of numerous factors, the Admissions office tells us that the correlation between students who receive the award and who eventually apply to and enroll at Smith is higher than that of any other recruitment strategy. The College and the Club are very appreciative of Mary Hinkel's impressive efforts to increase the number of book awards given in Georgia: In 2004, the Club gave five awards; in 2011, that number had risen to 14. Comparing applications and enrollment is similar: In 2006, 30 young women from Georgia ap-

THANK YOU TO ALL NEW*
2010-2011 CLUB MEMBERS!

Margaret Mitchell Circle

Eve Hoffman '64

Sustaining Members

Martha Walsh '79

Contributing Members

Stacy Silverman Crane '90

Members

Kerri Albrecht Van Pelt '95

Hope Wurdack Riley '82

Gail Cameron Wescott '54

*paid 2/21/2011-6/22/2011

plied to Smith, 19 were admitted, and four enrolled. In 2010, 43 applied (an increase of 43%), 24 were admitted, and seven enrolled.

The first Smith Club, founded in New York City in 1890, was intended in part to raise awareness of Smith and this is still one of our goals today. Smith is far from local and Georgia high school students are flooded with information about colleges and universities closer to home; the Book Awards are an invaluable public relations tool. If there is a Georgia school where you would like to raise awareness of Smith through sponsorship of a book award (total cost is approximately \$35 each) or another initiative, please let us know.

In addition, if you're interested in assisting with interviewing prospective students and other admissions-related outreach and recruiting activities, please contact our Alumnae Admissions Coordinator, Charlise Lyles Brown.

JOIN THE CLUB! 2011-2012

There are several levels at which you can support the Smith College Club of Atlanta or sustain your current membership. Please fill out the form below, and send with a check payable to The Smith College Club of Atlanta, Inc. to **Jenny Miller, 743 Myrtle St. NE, Atlanta, GA 30308**

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|--|------|--|------|---|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recent grad (2007-2011) | \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing member | \$60 | <input type="checkbox"/> Margaret Mitchell Circle | \$150 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic member | \$30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining member | \$90 | <input type="checkbox"/> Book award (\$35 each or \$ _____) | |
| | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Margaret Mitchell Fund (\$ _____) | |

Name: _____

Graduation year: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Save the green! Check here to opt out of receiving a paper newsletter; please double-check your email address above.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2011

JULY

- 17 **Second annual Smithnic** at the home of Cara Saylor Polk (see page 1)
24 **Networking: Practical Ideas to Increase Your Connections** (see page 3)

AUGUST

- 14 **Book club meeting: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*** (see note, this page)

SEPTEMBER

- 8 *First semester classes at Smith begin*
27 **Culture and Context: Margaret Mitchell's Year at Smith, 1918-19** (see page 1)

OCTOBER

- 8-11 *Fall Break!*
21-23 *Family Weekend*

NOVEMBER

- 10 *Otelia Cromwell Day*
23-27 *Thanksgiving Break*

DECEMBER

- 15 *First semester classes at Smith end*
19-22 *Final Exams* (see page 3 if you want to help the Club support current students)

2012

JANUARY

- 8 **Annual Holiday Tea - save the date!** (see page 1)

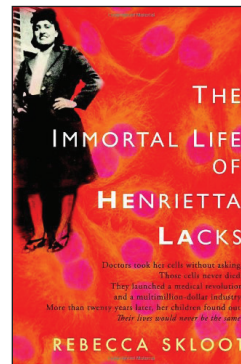


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Please note that some club communications may be sent by email only! Please ensure that your contact information is up-to-date at <http://alumnae.smith.edu/>

BOOK CLUB

The Smith College Club of Atlanta's Book Club typically meets on the third or fourth Sunday of each month at a member's home. The host provides snacks and each attendee should bring a beverage of her choosing. The next meeting is on Sunday, August



14 (location to be determined). Attendees will discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot, which is the summer reading selection for the entering class at Smith (<http://tinyurl.com/scbook2011>).

If you'd like to join us to discuss this book or add your name to the book club email list for future meetings, please contact Cynthia Schlag-Mornebeck at cmornebeck@gmail.com or Dora Guzman at dorabuzman@gmail.com.



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