



Princeton Area Smith College Club September 2008

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Dear Smith Alums,

Greetings, and hats off to another year of Smith pecans, discussions and reunions!

We on the PASCC Board hope that you will feel connected with Smith and with area alums through the events we have planned. But if you have other ideas for get-togethers, PLEASE let me know. We are always looking for new and fun ways to connect with each other! One possibility, which seemed successful a few years ago, would be to have get-togethers for alums from each decade, such as the '40s or the '90s. What do you think?

On the next couple of pages, we've included information about upcoming events and dates. If you need a ride to any of these, give me a call and we will try to arrange it. Also, **pecan time** is coming! We will be putting our order in early so that you can get your pecans before Thanksgiving. There should be plenty to go around, as we always have a few bags left over, but this will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Please get your order in to Nancy Deffeyes by 10/15. The order form is in this newsletter, along with a pre-addressed envelope.

We hope to see you this fall at one of the events we have planned. Carol Bresnahan, a Smith alumna and the new Provost at The College of New Jersey, just came to speak to us in early September. In October, Susan Bourque, a Smith professor of Government and the Provost of Smith, will be talking to us. We have an active book club, which meets every month for interesting discussion and dinner. And you are welcome to join us at the Executive Board meetings on the first Tuesday of every month in the meeting room at the back of Panera Bread on Nassau Street in Princeton, at 7:30.

Look inside for more news and information. And remember to celebrate Mountain Day in your own way – maybe call in sick to work and go for a bike ride on a gorgeous autumn day!

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New PASCC Officers

At the Annual Meeting in May, we elected new club officers:

President: Tica Simpson, '79 (609) 577-8663 (cell) princetonareasmithcollegeclub@yahoo.com	Treasurer: Nancy Deffeyes, '59 (609) 651-1980 (cell) ndeffeyes@aol.com
Vice President: (maybe YOU???)	Secretary: Elisa Maselli, '74 (908) 391-0535 (cell) elisa_maselli@mac.com

You'll notice that the box for the office of Vice President is empty! We have an opening for an interested alum who'd like to help us organize events for the year. We've already got a good slate planned, so it shouldn't be too tough! Please call Tica Simpson, Club President, if you are interested or know someone who might be.

PECANS

This year we have decided to order the same quantity of pecans that we ordered last year, and you can **pick them up at the October 30th event** with Susan Bourque. As Tica said, we'll be selling them on a first-come, first-served basis, so get your order in early! **Please place your order by 10/15**, using the form and envelope on the last page of this newsletter. If you want pecans but are not planning to attend Susan Bourque's talk, you'll be able to pick them up Nancy Deffeyes house on **Sunday 11/2**, in Princeton, NJ.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Susan Bourque

On **Thursday, October 30**, Susan Bourque, Esther Booth Wiley Professor of Government and Provost and Dean of Faculty at Smith, will be coming to speak with all interested alums about the new curriculum – the Smith Design for Learning – and the upcoming election, which should be very exciting!

Please feel free to bring a guest to this event, and don't forget you can pick up your pecans here, too! The particulars:

Date: Thursday, October 30
Time: 7 to 9 p.m.
Location: Judy Burks' home
Windrush Farm
1330 The Great Road
Princeton, NJ 08540

RSVP: Elisa Maselli
(908) 391-0535 (cell) or
elisa_maselli@mac.com

If you need a ride, please call Tica Simpson at (609) 577-8663

*From the Smith Website: The **Smith Design for Learning** outlines an integrated, multi-disciplinary approach to key areas of study that are particularly important to students living and working in a global society that is changing at an accelerated pace. Particularly, the college seeks to assure that graduates have achieved both quantitative and scientific literacy, the ability to communicate and present their ideas effectively, work in teams, negotiate, challenge ideas in civil discourse, and identify ethical and moral issues. The Smith Centers include many of the college's existing programs and services as well as new courses and seminars designed to enhance students' experiences and prepare them for life in a rapidly changing world. Using the strength and experience of existing programs and resources, Smith's new Centers seek to maximize collaboration, mentoring, research opportunities in all disciplines, and continuity of advising for students navigating the open curriculum and future competition and collaboration with peers from every part of the world.*

PASCC BOOK CLUB

Our book club operates with very simple rules, namely: We pick a book. Some of us read it, some of us don't. We talk about the book, and we talk about other things. Then we have a pot-luck dinner – and we always have a good time! If you'd like to join us, please let Tica Simpson know. Our next few books and meetings are as follows:

- **Thursday, September 25** we're meeting at Alissa Fox's home at 6:30 to explore "The Good Earth" by Pearl Buck.
- **Saturday October 4**, we're touring Pearl Buck's house near Doylestown, PA.
- **Thursday, October 23**, we're meeting at Brooke Schumann's home at 6:30 to talk about "The Bridge of Sighs" by Richard Russo.
- **Tuesday, November 18**, we're meeting at Tica Simpson's home at 6:30 to talk about "Listening is an Act of Love," a collection of short stories.

OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

As you know, our pecan sales go toward the scholarship fund, and in May we were notified that the recipient of our monies is Tamara La'Tae Bell, '09, a transfer student and psychology major from Trenton, NJ. She wrote a lovely note to our club, which says in part that she was "ecstatic" when she heard she was accepted to Smith: "There was no decision to make; I knew I was going to Smith ... I am proud to say that I am a Smithie and I am honored to represent the values and traditions that entails. Thank you for making my education possible. One day I hope to be able to do the same time for future Smithies."

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, January 14, 2009: Candidates' Party

Monday, May 4, 2009: Annual Meeting

MAIL IN RESPONSE FORM

2007-2008 Annual Dues	\$20.00	\$ _____
Reduced dues for younger alums (2003-2008)	\$ 5.00	\$ _____
Contribution to PASCC Scholarship Fund		\$ _____
PASCC Directory (2007) is available and is included in your dues. Would you like it sent to your home address?	Yes	No
PECANS:		
I would like _____ one-pound bags of pecan halves @ \$8.50 each		\$ _____
I would like _____ 12 oz gift-bags of chocolate-covered pecan halves @ \$7.50 each.		\$ _____
TOTAL (Payable to PASCC)		\$ _____
All proceeds go to the PASCC Scholarship Fund.		

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