



# PRINCETON AREA SMITH COLLEGE CLUB



## Letter from the President:

Summer is over, the days are getting shorter, and the kids (and teachers like me!) are back in school. I hope you enjoyed your summer as much as I did – I love the hot, lazy days – but I still find that the coming of fall brings a sense of new possibilities and reinvigoration, just as it did when I was starting a new school year at Smith.

We’ve been busy planning our next slate of activities, and think we’ve got some interesting and exciting events planned – see more about that on page 2. We’re also selling pecans again, so please complete your order on page 4 and send it and your check in the envelope provided, along with your dues. The book club is going strong, too – so please, come join us at one of our social occasions, and connect with the kind of women that made your Smith experience special – smart, funny, committed, engaging and interesting!

*Tica Simpson, '79, PASCC President*

## Calling for Smith College Medal Nominees

We’ve been asked by the College to nominate candidates for Smith College medals, which are presented on Rally Day every year. You can suggest a colleague, a classmate – or yourself! This is an exciting opportunity for an alumna to be recognized for exemplifying the true purpose of a

liberal arts education in their life and work. If you have any ideas for nominees, please call or e-mail Elisa Maselli, Class Secretary, and we’ll submit them.

Elisa’s cell is (908) 391-0535, and her e-mail is [elisa\\_maselli@mac.com](mailto:elisa_maselli@mac.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

### Hold the Dates ...



Matinee at Passage Theater  
“Blood: A Comedy”  
Sunday, November 15  
Play at 3:00 pm  
Discussion and dinner with author  
David Lee White following the play!



Candidates’ Tea  
Sunday, January 3  
2 to 4 pm



“Cracking the \$\$ Code”  
A 2-part discussion with Smith author  
and attorney Patricia Annino  
Friday, March 5 and  
Friday, April 16  
6 to 8:30 pm  
Spaghetti dinner included!



Tour of Alice Paul Institute  
Spring date to be announced  
Stay tuned for more details!



Annual Meeting  
Monday, May 3  
Meeting and buffet dinner  
5:30 to 9  
Smith Faculty to speak!

See more about each event on page 2.

## Upcoming Events

All RSVPs to: Elisa Maselli, (908) 391-0535 or [elisa\\_maselli@mac.com](mailto:elisa_maselli@mac.com)

### “Blood: A Comedy”

David Lee White (husband of Allison Trimarco '93) is premiering his new play, “Blood: A Comedy” at Passage Theater in Trenton. He’s agreed to meet with us over dinner following the play to talk about his ideas, the process of writing a play and then seeing it staged, and anything else we want to discuss!

**Please be forewarned** that this is an irreverent comedy about “faith, science, family and hot pepper cheese cubes” that contains very adult language and themes, and some dirty jokes that will make you feel guilty for snickering.

#### PLEASE RSVP by NOVEMBER 1!!

When you RSVP, please let Elisa know if you would like to join the author for dinner. Also, we will be asking for payment in advance; you will get information about that when you RSVP.

Date: Sunday, November 15, 2009

Time: Curtain up at 3 pm

Where: Passage Theater at Mill Hill Playhouse, 205 East Front Street, Trenton, NJ

Price: \$15 (group discount price) for the play only; dinner is not included in this price.

### Candidates’ Tea

Date: Sunday, January 3, 2010

Time: 2 to 4 pm

Where: Hosted by Marcia Karrow  
61 Elwood Avenue  
Flemington, NJ 08822

Ring in the New Year at our annual Candidates Tea! Please join us at this informal opportunity for high school students considering Smith to meet current students who are home for the holidays. Prospective students and their parents also appreciate the chance to talk with alumnae about the value of their Smith experience.

All alumnae are welcome. Please feel free to bring friends or family members who might consider attending Smith in the coming years.

You can also just come for tea and to connect with some alums and bright young women!



### “Cracking the \$\$ Code”

Join us for a 2-part discussion about her book “Cracking the \$\$ Code” with Smith lawyer and author Patricia Annino.

You may have seen Patricia’s article in the Spring 2009 Alumnae Quarterly on “Taking Financial Control,” in which she talks about how women are succeeding in the workplace but few are doing enough to secure the assets they have earned. In her short and pithy book, Patricia, who chairs the Estate Planning group at Boston law firm Prince Lobel Glosky & Tye, talks about “what successful men know and you don’t – yet.” Learn to recognize your own value, get paid what you deserve, set goals, decipher the code and move forward!

Dates: Friday, March 5 and Friday, April 16, 2010

Time: 6 to 8:30 pm both evenings

Where: Stay tuned for the location!

Price: Free, thanks to Allison Conley, who is subsidizing a spaghetti dinner with a fun “box wine” for both evenings! Save your money and invest it instead!

### Alice Paul Events

We’ll be organizing a trip to visit Alice Paul’s homestead, Paulsdale, in the Spring of 2010.

In preparation for that outing, we thought you’d like to know that the Princeton Library is hosting two events about Alice Paul in October:

- A screening of the movie “Iron Jawed Angels” starring Hillary Swank as Paul, on Monday, 10/19 at 7 pm
- A lecture and discussion about her life and times on Monday, 10/26 at 7 pm

Where: Princeton Library  
65 Witherspoon St.  
Princeton, NJ 08542

Both events are free and open to the public. We’ll be meeting in the library lobby to go for coffee and conversation following the lecture on the 26<sup>th</sup>, so please join us!

Alice Paul was a New Jersey-born suffragette, who broke away from the mainstream women’s rights movement to help create a more radical wing, and was the master strategist for the final push to get women the vote in 1920. Her home, Paulsdale, is located in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey and is open to the public on Saturdays.

If someone would like to help organize this outing for the spring, please call or e-mail Elisa Maselli (phone and e-mail above). Thanks!

## Book Club

The Book Club has another roster of terrific books planned for the last part of 2009 – please join us for lively conversation (about books, life and other things!) and a pot-luck dinner!

All meetings run from 6:30 to 9 pm. Contact Dotty at [dstaniewska@gmail.com](mailto:dstaniewska@gmail.com) if you want to join us!

### Monday, September 21

"The Mysterious Flame of Queen Loana"  
by Umberto Eco  
at Tica Simpson's home

### Monday, October 19

"Eat the Document"  
by Dana Spiotta  
at Nan Agar's home

### Monday, November 16

"Sag Harbor"  
by Colson Whitehead  
at Nancy Deffeyes' home



## Pecans

We're selling pecans again this year to raise money for our Smith Scholarship fund. Here's the plan for this year's orders:

- The order form is on page 4 of this newsletter.
- Please complete the form, and mail in your order and money by Friday, October 16. This will give us enough time to place our order and get our nuts by early November.
- Prices have not changed since last year! Our supplier has maintained the same price for us.
- Pick up your order on Tuesday, November 3, at the Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, 1200 Stuart Road, Princeton (off the Great Road) between 5 and 6:30 pm.
- Times are tight, and we are not ordering any extra bags as we did in previous years. So if you want pecans for your holiday baking and gift giving, please be sure you send in your order and money by 10/16!
- We are looking for alternative ways to raise money for scholarships, since we aren't making a lot of money on pecans. We know many of you love the tradition of pecans, but we want to see if we can increase our scholarship contribution by doing something different.
- If you want to be part of the discussion about other options, please plan to come to the Annual Meeting in May, where we will decide what we want to do to generate more money in 2010. Or, you can contribute your suggestions to Elisa Maselli at (908) 391-0535 or [elisa\\_maselli@mac.com](mailto:elisa_maselli@mac.com).



## Annual Meeting



### Save the Date!

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, May 3, 2010 in the Princeton area. We're delighted that Larry Meinert, Professor-in-Residence of geology and an expert in the production of wine, has already agreed to be our Faculty Speaker. He presented several topics at Alumnae College this last May, and is widely acclaimed as a terrifically engaging and entertaining speaker.

Our usual format is:

- Social hour, 5:30 to 6:30
- Buffet Supper, 6:30 to 7:30
- Speaker, 7:30 to 9

More details to come as we get closer, but put it on your calendar now!

## Mail In Response Form

Please send in this whole page with your check, so we have your address label with your order form.

<b>2009-2010 ANNUAL DUES:</b>	\$20.00	\$ _____
Reduced dues for younger alums (2004-2009)	\$ 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  
 If you would like to have the directory by e-mail, please provide your e-mail address here:

**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	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL (Payable to PASCC)</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

All proceeds go to the PASCC Scholarship Fund.

Please mail this entire page by October 16, along with your check made out to "PASCC", in the envelope that is included with this newsletter.

*The morns are meeker than they were, the nuts are getting brown; the berry's cheek is plumper, the rose is out of town. The maple wears a gayer scarf, the field a scarlet gown. Lest I should be old-fashioned, I'll put a trinket on. - Emily Dickinson*

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