



PRINCETON AREA SMITH COLLEGE CLUB

Happy Holidays!



Letter from the President:

The holidays are about gathering together with friends and family. It's also a time of reflection and gratitude. With this in mind, I wish you the happiest of holidays, and thank you for making my year special. The friendship of other Smith women is the gift that keeps on giving - I always find myself refreshed and stimulated after spending time in your company!

We had a busy and fun year in 2008, and we are planning a terrific slate of activities for the spring of 2009 - see more about them on page 2. We hope to see you at one or more of them! Come connect - or reconnect - with the kind of women that made your Smith experience special - smart, funny, committed, engaging and interesting!

I hope you have wonder-full holidays, and I would love to see you at some of our events in the New Year!

Warm regards, Tica Simpson '79, President, PASCC

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Hold the Dates ...



Candidates' Tea
Sunday, January 4
3 to 5 pm



Evening at McCarter Theater
"Mrs. Warren's Profession"
Thursday, February 12
Discussion with director
Emily Mann at 6:30, play at 7:30



Carol Bresnahan, class of '77
Provost and EVP, College of NJ
Saturday, March 28
4 to 6 pm



Annual Meeting
Monday, May 4
Meeting and buffet dinner
5:30 to 9
Smith Faculty to speak!

See more about each event on page 2.

Call for Officers: Interested?

We still have an opening for a Vice President for the Princeton Area Smith College Club. The post is responsible for helping plan events for the Club. As you can see, we already have several things planned, but we need someone to help coordinate

locations, food and drink, RSVPs, etc. We promise we'll work with you, so that we all have fun making this a great year for the Club!

If you're interested, please call Tica Simpson, Club President, at (609) 577-8663. Thanks!



Candidates' Tea

Date: Sunday, January 4, 2009

Time: 3-5 pm

Where: Hosted by Katy McColl Lukens '99
274 Nassau Street
Princeton, NJ 08540

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

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.

Upcoming Events

An Evening at McCarter Theater

Emily Mann, Artistic Director of McCarter Theater, is directing "Mrs. Warren's Profession," a George Bernard Shaw play at the Berlind Theater. In this witty and provocative comedy (which was banned when it was written in 1893!) Shaw tests the bonds between a mother and daughter, in a battle of sex, money and morality.

Ms. Mann will host a discussion about the play at 6:30 with interested Smith alums and guests. The play starts at 7:30.

PLEASE RSVP by JANUARY 30!!

We need to let the theater know how many people are coming – thanks!

Date: Thursday, February 12, 2009

Time: 6:30 pm (please arrive by 6:15)

Where: Berlind Theater at McCarter
91 University Place, Princeton, NJ 08540
Price: \$35 for the discussion and the play

RSVP: Elisa Maselli, (908) 391-0535
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Wine and Cheese Reception

Join us on Saturday, March 28 to meet Carol Bresnahan '77, the new Provost and Executive Vice President of The College of New Jersey.

Carol has recently relocated to our area to accept this position, and will talk about her goals for this top-ranked public liberal arts college.

Help us welcome Carol to the area, and share a glass of wine with Smith friends old and new at this light reception at the Princeton home of Barbara Straut.

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2009

Time: 4-6 pm

Where: Hosted by Barbara Straut
210 Lambert Drive
Princeton, NJ 08540

RSVP: Elisa Maselli (908) 391-0535
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Pecans and Club Membership - there's still time!

If you haven't bought your pecans yet - or you want more - we still have some available!

First-come, first served!

- A 1-pound bag of plain pecan halves is \$8.50.
- Chocolate-covered pecan halves in 12 oz gift-bags are \$7.50 each.

Use the order form on page 4, or contact Nancy Deffeyes to order:
(609) 651-1980 (cell)
ndeffeyes@aol.com

Your club membership helps us plan events that keep us connected to each other and to the college. We hope you have found these newsletters informative and interesting, and that you have been able to meet old and new friends at our Princeton-area events. If you enjoy club events and Smith women, please consider joining the Club as a dues-paying member!

Annual dues are \$20, and include a 2007 directory of local Smith alumnae.

Please use the form on page 4 to send in your dues.

Don't forget, your pecan purchase and Club dues contribute to Smith College scholarships!



Book Club

The Book Club has another roster of terrific books planned for the first 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.

Thursday, January 22

“The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society”
by Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows
Hosted by Nancy Deffeyes

Wednesday, February 25

“The Space Between Us” by Thrity Umrigar
Hosted by Elisa Maselli

Thursday, March 19

“The House at Sugar Beach” by Helene Cooper
Hosted by Brooke Schumann

Wednesday, April 22

Any book by Amy Tan
Hosted by Alyssa Fox



Annual Meeting

Save the Date!

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, May 4 in the Princeton area. We're in a state of high anticipation to see if we get the faculty speaker we requested!

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!

Susan Bourque

Susan Bourque, the Esther Booth Wiley Professor of Government, Provost, and Dean of Faculty at Smith, led an animated discussion about the college and the Presidential Election at our meeting in October



Wasn't this a terrific evening?

Susan Bourque came to Princeton in late October to address the Club. Many of you will remember Dr. Bourque as a government professor – she joined the faculty at Smith in 1970, right after she completed her Ph.D. at Cornell.

She gave us an overview of the new “Design for Learning,” which is the college’s mission statement and plan to address the changing needs of students in a global society.

Because the election was entering its final days of campaigning, we asked her if she would be willing to talk about that as well. She said that political scientists are notoriously bad at predicting elections, but she gave us quite an education on polling, how it reflects and does not reflect actual voter behavior, and what the then-current polls might suggest about the Presidential elections that were almost upon us.

Judy Burks and her husband hosted us in their gracious home in Princeton, and we enjoyed delicious baked goodies provided by several members.

Tica Simpson, our Club President, had to forcefully bring the discussion to an end at 9 pm, because we were on a roll, asking lots of questions and enjoying a very stimulating evening!

Mail In Response Form

2008-2009 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.		

Please mail this form and your check, made out to "PASCC" to:

Nancy Deffeyes
38 HORNOR LANE
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"We spend January 1 walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives ... not looking for flaws, but for potential." ~Ellen Goodman

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