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Annual 3 College Luncheon at Pond House in Elizabeth Park

Dr. Martha Ackelsberg

President's Note

Alumnae from Mount Holyoke, Smith, and Wellesley joined together on March 26th at the Pond House in Elizabeth Park for the Annual 3 College Luncheon. Dr. Martha Ackelsberg, Professor of Government and of the Study of Women and Gender at Smith College, kept us engaged as she spoke to us on "Making Democracy Work: Women's Community Activism." Of particular interest was her historical description of the inception of clubs to address social issues that the government and other organizations had not yet tackled. The founders of these clubs, such as the Women League of Voters, were women. Over the years the Smith College Club of Hartford has participated in numerous fundraisers and community outreach activities. After Dr. Ackelsberg's thought-provoking talk, the group held a discussion about what steps we can all take to make sure our clubs remain active and vibrant. As always, the luncheon successfully brought together an intergenerational group of three-college women.

Coming up on June 18th is our annual meeting. At this meeting, we will be holding elections for President and we welcome all nominees. Also, as a speaker we will have Professor Mahnaz Mahdavi, Director of Women and Financial Independence in the Smith College Program in Financial Education. Her talk will be on "The Roots of the Financial Crisis and its Impact on the Global Economy." At the meeting we will also discuss what fundraisers and community outreach the club will pursue. Please join us!

• Elizabeth F. Salsedo '02

Our website has moved!

The new address for our club's website is rather long. The best way to access it is through the alumni section:

<http://alumnae.smith.edu/groups/clubgroupdirectory.php>

From there, scroll down and click on the link for "Connecticut Hartford." Once you have arrived, we recommend that you add it as a favorite and bookmark it for easier access.

Farewell!

As some of you may recall, I have served as Club Secretary/Newsletter Chair since the Winter of 2006. I enjoyed the position immensely, having had the opportunity to work on numerous worthwhile projects and to meet many wonderful people. Unfortunately, competing demands for my time made it necessary for me to step down from my Board position in January 2009. But I have confidence in Anne Wettersten's ability to master the role beautifully. Thank you for making my experience so pleasant. I hope to see you at an event or two.

• Anne Guernsey '01

Greetings!

I have very much enjoyed becoming involved in the Smith Club of Hartford. Liveliness, generosity, and spirited discussion have been abundant at the events and activities I've attended in recent months. It has also been a pleasure to connect with others in the community who share my interests in reading, teaching, and museums (as well as tea and conversation). I look forward to serving as your Club Secretary and Newsletter Chair in the days to come.

• Anne Wettersten '92

Hartford Area Alumnae Spotlight

Nan Streeter



FORMAL NAME: Anne P. Streeter

NAME WHILE AT SMITH: Nancy Paul

CLASS YEAR: 1948

HOUSE: Baldwin

MAJOR: History

FAVORITE SMITH MEMORY: Mountain Day. It was the time of WWII—no cars. We lived on our bikes and went far afield on those lovely October days.

TOWN OF RESIDENCE: West Hartford

FAMILY TIDBIT: My aunt went to Smith. She was the first woman in our family to go to college.

WHAT DO YOU DO PROFESSIONALLY AND/OR WHAT ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH IN THE GREATER HARTFORD COMMUNITY?

The first fifteen years of my marriage, we moved five times and produced five children. Each place we went I was active in the League of Women Voters. When I returned to West Hartford for the third time, I became president of the LWV and then went on the Town Council. In 1975 I became Mayor of the town for three terms. In 1981 I became the Deputy Majority Leader of the State Senate for two terms. While I was Mayor, I founded West Hartford's local access TV station—WHC-TV, Inc.

WHAT HAS BEING INVOLVED IN THE CLUB MEANT TO YOU?

I was active in Fairfield and in San Francisco, where I was involved mainly with the Book Sale. In West Hartford, because of my busy political schedule, I have only attended a few times. I have always enjoyed renewing old friendships and finding new Smith friends.



Hartford Smith College Club Holiday Party 2008

Save the Date!

**Thursday, June 18
6:00 pm**

Special Guest Speaker and Annual Meeting

Join us for a compelling talk by **Professor Mahnaz Mahdavi**, Director of Women and Financial Independence in the Smith College Program in Financial Education titled: "The Roots of the Financial Crisis and its Impact on the Global Economy." Our annual meeting, including elections for President, will follow the special guest appearance. *(Nominations are being accepted! Contact Elizabeth Salsedo for more details.)*

FREE for paid members
\$5 for non-members

LOCATION:

**Cosi Restaurant
970 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT**

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Read Any Good Books Lately?

Did you know our chapter has a book club? I didn't until just last year when they changed their meeting times to the evening. I thought, "What a great way to meet other women and talk about books that I might not otherwise read!" The experience has been terrific. The women who are in the club are a fun group and the discussions are lively and enriched by many viewpoints.

In June of each year, the book club meets and chooses what books will be read for the following year. Book club members take turns hosting the meetings in their homes (September through June) to discuss the chosen books. In April, we discussed *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison. This was a great book as it happened to be the first-year book in 1996 at Smith. Toni Morrison actually came to Smith that year and the first-year students were able to hear the author read from her book. It brought back great memories for some of the alumnae to revisit this novel.

Besides meeting with a wonderful group of women, what's great about this club is it's free, and you are under no obligation to attend all the meetings. Just come when you can. We hope you'll join us! For more information please visit our website. • **Amy Magno '87**



Hartford Smith College Book Club

Book Award Update

Hi Ladies! With the arrival of spring, we will be beginning another important alumnae activity, which is the Smith Book Awards Program. Every year the Hartford Smith College Club gives gifts of books to young women from area schools who demonstrate the academic excellence, leadership, and concern for others that characterizes the thousands of women who have graduated from Smith College. This is a great way to honor the accomplishments of some wonderful high school students and to spread the word about Smith in our communities. This year we will be offering *Ariel: The Restored Edition* by Sylvia Plath '55. If anyone is interested in getting involved with this program, please contact me. Thank you again for all that you do for Smith! • **Heather Page '00**

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Admissions Update

Greetings! The waiting is over, and the decisions are out! Smith College mailed its admission decisions to the future members of the Class of 2013 at the end of March. This has been an excellent year so far for recruiting in the Hartford area with 27 young women admitted to Smith, including eight early decision applicants who have already decided to become new Smith women. We are currently waiting for additional information from the Office of Admission regarding the acceptance of transfer students, Ada Comstock Scholars, and young women placed on the waitlist.

The Hartford Smith College Club hosted its annual enrollment party for admitted students and their families and alumnae volunteers at Cosi in West Hartford Center on Tuesday, April 21. It was a wonderful evening where young women celebrated their acceptances and alumnae shared their Smith experiences. Many, many thanks to all the alumnae who volunteered to reach out and connect with these young women. If anyone is interested in helping with this program, please contact me. Thank you again for all that you do for Smith! • Heather Page '00

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HARTFORD SMITH COLLEGE CLUB 2009-2010 Annual Membership Form

Name: _____ Class Year: _____

Name as undergraduate (*if different*): _____

Address: _____

Preferred e-mail address for Club communications: _____

Preferred phone number for Club communications: (____) _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES

for Classes before 2006 \$25.00 (*one year: 5/2009-4/2010*) \$40.00 (*two years:5/2009-4/2011*)

for Classes 2006-2008 \$15.00

for Class of 2009 *Gratis*

Smith College Pin \$10.00

Book Awards Contribution _____

Scholarship Fund Contribution _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

If you have a question about the status of your membership, please do not hesitate to contact membership chair/treasurer Elizabeth Krause '00 at elkra@alumnae.smith.edu.

Wear your SC pride! The club is selling Smith College pins, which feature the current logo. These are the same pins that are given to graduating seniors at commencement by the college.

Please make your check payable to "Hartford Smith College Club." The Hartford Smith College Club is a tax-exempt organization and contributions to the organization may be tax deductible under section 170 of the Tax Code. Contributions made out to "Smith College" will be forwarded directly to the Scholarship Fund at Smith College and may be tax deductible.

Visit the club's website for news about upcoming events!

www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/SCG/filemanager/clubs/SmithCollegeClubofHartford/index.html

Or simply Google "Hartford Smith College Club"

Please mail this form along with your check(s) to:
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