

Smith College Club of Colorado

~ Fall 2008 Newsletter ~

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Dear Smith Alumnae in Colorado and Wyoming,

I hope that each of you had a nice summer and fall. Our club had a great summer, between an illuminating lecture by Professor Robert Burger at our annual meeting, our young alumnae event with author Jessica Brody '01, and an early fall event with author Joy Hakim '51.

It's hard to believe that we're already talking about the holidays, but luckily we have a lot to look forward to. Sally Allen '62 has graciously agreed to host our annual holiday party. This event is always a favorite, with ample opportunities to meet and mingle with local smithies and enjoy a light brunch. Also in time for the holidays is our annual Enstrom's Toffee Sale; be sure to submit the enclosed order form by December 6. All proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to Smith's Scholarship Fund.

I'm very excited about an upcoming event we've scheduled with Opera Colorado. We'll be hosting a private event with a few young opera performers—it promises to be a unique and moving evening. Look forward to that in early February.

Additionally, we've scheduled a great event to coincide with the Kentucky Derby. Penny Chenery '43 is a Colorado Smithie and was the owner of Secretariat. She'll speak to us about her experiences during this

very exciting time in derby history.

Remember: if you have an idea for an event or activity, don't be shy! We're always looking for new and interesting gatherings. Unfortunately, we can't promote other non-profit organizations or for-profit businesses. But other than that, most of our great event ideas come from club members, so keep them coming.

And please let us know if you're making headlines or making waves in the area. We love to include these news items in our newsletters.

If you haven't already paid your dues for the 2008-2009 year, please fill out the dues form on the last page of the newsletter. We also welcome additional donations to sponsor some of the exciting events we have planned for the spring.

Many thanks to our hard working board members and volunteers: Laura Perry Barton, Julie Bock, Ali Colby, Ann Crampton, Danielle DiMauro, Emily Farrell, Donna Feldman, Mary Hoagland, Tanya Mathews, Elizabeth Mitchell, Nora Hoskins Neureiter, Elizabeth Rohrbough, Brazee Smith, and Jennifer Tredeaux.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Kirsten Steinke '06
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Treasurer's Report ♦ Tanya Mathews

At the Annual Meeting on June 18, 2008 all club members in attendance approved a \$2,581.64 gift to the Smith College Current Scholarship Fund. This gift was possible thanks to proceeds from the Club's annual Toffee Sales fundraiser of \$2,086.64 and Scholarship contributions of \$495.00.

As of September 30, 2008 the Club had \$3,664.26. So far in this fiscal year, which began July 1, 2008, the Club has raised \$4,550.00 in Annual Dues and in additional Club

Support. Thank you to all who have joined the Club and who have made a contribution.

I want to urge any of you who haven't sent in your dues to do so. To match last year's dues-raising record, the Club still needs to raise another \$4,000.00! We can do it! We are planning some great events that you will read about in this newsletter, and sending in your dues form and check right away will ensure you receive all event invitations.

We also encourage new and

current members to make additional donations to sponsor these upcoming events.

Remember, 100% of your dues payment and additional contributions are deductible for tax purposes, and all proceeds directly fund events for Club members and fund student scholarships. Please mail your dues form and check to me at 3840 Wolff St., Denver, CO 80212. Feel free to contact me with questions at tanya.mathews@gmail.com or 303-588-5453.

Admissions Report ♦ Brazee Smith

The Smith Club of Colorado and Wyoming saw five new women begin their studies at Smith this year. Please join me in welcoming Rebecca Chazin, Terra Cutaia, Cassandra Hickman, Lucia Leighton and Danielle Pite to our group; all are scheduled to graduate in 2012. The number of current students from Colorado and Wyoming remains stable, and we currently have 24 smart, young women representing us. Keep up the good work, ladies!

To help support our young women, the Club has been sending care packages to each of the students from Colorado and Wyoming. We send these packages near the end of October so that they are received in time for midterms. Typically we try to send mostly comfort foods and things that may remind the students of home, such as candy, popcorn, granola bars, Ramen noodles, more candy.

The Club has been proudly sending these packages every fall for the last three years, and the response from the students has been overwhelming. They really appreciate getting care packages and many have thanked us for the added support they feel from the Smith community in their home state. Plus the packages come with bragging rights as no other club sends them out.

It has long been our wish to further support these students by sending a care package in the spring, as well. Unfortunately our funds have not allowed us to do so. If you wish to give a donation which would go solely to the care package fund, please see the membership form on the back page of the newsletter. Thank you for your help and here's to the proud Smith community we continue to create!

If you would like to help recruit the next generation of Smith students and interview current applicants this fall and winter, please contact Emily Farrell at eefarrell@yahoo.com or (303) 642-5237.

Derby Days with Penny Chenery '43 ♦ April 2009

The Smith Club of Colorado is proud to host a Derby Days event next April (exact date TBD) with Penny Chenery '43.

Penny, "The First Lady of Racing," spent decades working in thoroughbred racing and breeding and is most known as the owner of Secretariat. In 1973, Secretariat became the first horse in 25 years to win the Triple Crown—winning the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness Stakes, and the Belmont Stakes. Secretariat, also known as "Big Red," is one of racing's most famous horses, and two of the track records he set while winning the Triple Crown are still standing.

Our event in April will set the scene for the 2009 races, which begin with the Kentucky Derby on May 2. Penny will talk about her experience as a woman in the rich man's world of horse racing.

Penny recently moved to Boulder to be near her four children and six grandchildren. In February 2009, Penny will be honored with a Smith Medal at Rally Day.

Stay tuned for an announcement of the location and date of this exciting spring event!

Arias & Ensembles by Opera Colorado, Feb. 8

On Sunday, February 8, 2009 from 2 - 5 p.m. Jaren Ducker '60 will host **Arias & Ensembles** by Opera Colorado. Talented young performers will sing popular highlights from the operatic and musical theatre repertoire! The Arias & Ensembles program features the Opera Colorado Ensemble Artists. Designed to educate as well as entertain, the performance will include background information and interesting facts about the program selections.

Home of Jaren Ducker '60
200 High Street, Denver



www.secretariat.com

2009 Nominee for Smith College Medal Helen "Penny" Tweedy Chenery '43 Thoroughbred Racing and Breeding

Penny is most known for her work in thoroughbred racing and as owner of the celebrated racehorse, Secretariat. She took over her father's stables when he became ill and then bred and raced Secretariat who won the Triple Crown. She has received many awards including the thoroughbred industry's highest award, the Eclipse Award of Merit in 2006. Her references talk about her class, determination, and integrity – and her commitment to the horses first. Upon the retirement of Secretariat to Claiborne Farm she insisted that he would be available to the public for viewing as she felt he belonged to the US and the world.

Penny has served on numerous boards, both in the industry and outside of it. She has worked to promote equine research and thoroughbred retirement and rehabilitation. Of note is her help in founding the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation (TRF) which prevents the slaughter of retired racehorses and finds them new careers. The TRF works with prisons to retrain the horses and has a positive impact on the inmates.

Penny was the first woman to head a national racing organization as President of the *Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association*, from 1976-84. In 1983, she was one of the first three women elected to membership in the previously all-male Jockey Club.

She has been an active community volunteer as well as a loyal Smith alumna. Her mother, sister and two cousins also attended Smith.

Quantum Theory and Relativity with Joy Hakim '51



On Monday, September 22, more than 30 Smithies and guests gathered at Lynne Bruning's studio to hear the featured speaker, Joy Hakim '51. Joy has written history books for Oxford University Press and now writes science books co-published by the Smithsonian and the National Science Teachers Association.

Joy spoke about the sciences today, especially quantum theory and relativity, as exciting concepts with everyday relevance and not something to be scared of. She also talked about our schools, about scientific literacy (which is especially lacking in the U.S.), and about some of the challenges of trying to get things right. Joy quoted Max Born, a German physicist, a Nobel winner, one of Einstein's lifelong friends, and Olivia Newton-John's grandfather; in 1968 he wrote, "To present a scientific subject in an attractive and stimulating manner is an artistic task, similar to that of a novelist or even a dramatic writer. The same holds for writing textbooks." Joy's books are both trade books (in bookstores) and textbooks (in schools), and breaking that wall between trade publishers and the powerful textbook publishing companies has not been easy. Joy also explained why she believes that as long as we give children textbooks that are clearly dull, often inaccurate, and rarely have any literary value, we make things more difficult for our schools, teachers, and students... instead of exciting, which science clearly should be!

Lynne Bruning '87 was unable to attend the lecture due to working on Playa Restoration for Burning Man, and missed meeting so many interesting members. Yet with the generous help of friends, she opened her textile arts studio to the Club! Many members inquired how to learn more about her studio and work; if you are interested in contacting Lynne please email lynne@lynnebruning.com. Lynne is back in her studio now and beginning work on some exciting new competition pieces that combine weaving and micro-computers.

Holiday Party

Sunday, December 14th

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Home of Sally Allen '62
350 Monroe Street, Denver

Jessica Brody '01, Author of *The Fidelity Files*

Our June young alumnae event with Jessica Brody '01 was so successful that we decided to provide an update on Jessica's achievements. Here's what Jessica had to say:

"*The Fidelity Files* reached national bestseller status this summer and was listed as USA Today's Hottest Summer reads of 2008. Also, the UK version of *The Fidelity Files* was released at the end of October, and I traveled to London to help promote it. I've been working hard on the sequel and finally turned it into my publishers last month. Fortunately, they really love it so now I'm

just working on a few revisions on it and it'll be ready for release in early Fall of 2008, although it still doesn't have a title. Also, I've been working on revisions for my young adult novel, *The Karma Club*, which won't be released until spring of 2010, but I'm very excited about it. I've also been working with a production company to try to turn *The Fidelity Files* into a television series."

Good luck to Jessica as she continues her wonderful achievements in the literary world.

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Join the Board!

We welcome anyone interested in serving with the Smith College Club of Colorado Board as a committee member, chair or officer. The only requirements are Club membership, commitment and enthusiasm!

SMITH COLLEGE CLUB OF COLORADO DUES FORM 2008-2009

Your dues payments enable us to maintain the club and to sponsor events and activities for local alumnae, current and prospective students. Please take time to fill out the questionnaire below so that your Club can better serve you! Thanks!

Donor: \$40.00 ____ Young Alumnae (02'-07'): \$25.00 ____ Additional scholarship gift: \$_____

Sponsor: \$_____ (minimum \$100) ____ Care packages ____ Derby event ____ Opera event ____ Annual Meeting

Please mail your dues to: 3840 Wolff St. Denver, CO 80212. Make checks payable to: **Smith College Club of Colorado**. The Smith College Club of Colorado is a 501c3 corporation; **100% of your dues payment is tax deductible**.

Name: _____ Name at Smith: _____ Class: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email (See below): _____

Are there changes above to be forwarded to the College? Yes No

May we send you the Club newsletter and club communications via email? Yes No

I would like to assist the Club with:

____ Recruiting ____ Special Events ____ Fundraising ____ Young Alumnae Events

Are you interested in joining the Board? Yes No

Would you be willing to host an event in your home? Yes No

____ 5-10 people ____ 10-20 people ____ 30-50 people ____ More than 50

What type(s) of event would you like to see more often? Check all that apply

____ Educational ____ Recreational ____ Cultural ____ Social

Other: _____

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