

# Smith College Club of Colorado



## President's Letter ♦ Kirsten Steinke

Dear Smith Alumnae,

We've had a great few months since our last newsletter! Our annual meeting was graciously hosted by Perry Butterfield '54, with much help from her granddaughters. We heard from H el ene Visentin, Associate Professor in the Smith College Department of French Studies, who spoke about historical and modern versions of the King's entrance into the city. She also provided us with a briefing on the goings-on on campus, including the focus on sustainability.

We had a busy fall, beginning with our first "Rocky Mountain Day," an informal hike at Walker Ranch Park. We certainly were lucky to have picked a nice day before the early winter weather descended upon Colorado! And, coincidentally, our hike was only two days before Smith's Mountain Day! We hope to continue this tradition in the future to celebrate the end of the summer and recall fond memories of Mountain Day during our time at Smith.

Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin '84 visited with our club in October at the home of Pat Wynne '65. Congresswoman Baldwin has been the representative of Wisconsin's Second Congressional District since January 1999. She delivered the commencement address this year at Smith, and we were very lucky to have her speak to our group about issues before the Congress as well as her personal experience and career.

Enclosed you'll find an invitation for our annual Holiday Party. This event is always a favorite time for Smithies to mingle and celebrate the holiday season. Ellen Mangione '74

has agreed to host the party at her home, and I look forward to seeing you there.

The holiday season also means that it is time for our toffee fundraiser. You'll find the order form enclosed. Not only is the toffee a truly delicious holiday treat, it is our most significant source of funding and routinely enables us to provide a gift from the club to the college. I think of it as "candy for philanthropy."

The majority of the club's events come directly from ideas from our members. In fact, the Tammy Baldwin event would never have happened had a local alumna not alerted the board to the fact that the Congresswoman would be in town! If you'd like to give a lecture on an area of your expertise, if there's a topic you'd like to see addressed by the Smith Club, or if you have any other event suggestion please let us know; we'll be happy to explore it. We're also always interested to hear about our local members making headlines. Please share these news items with us so that we can include them in future newsletters by emailing me at [klsteinke@gmail.com](mailto:klsteinke@gmail.com).

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

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## Treasurer's Report ♦ Tanya Mathews

At the Annual Meeting on June 24, 2009 all club members in attendance approved a \$2,000.00 gift to the Smith College Current Scholarship Fund. This gift was possible thanks to proceeds from the Club's annual Toffee Sale fundraiser in the amount of \$1,519.00 and pre-designated Scholarship contributions of \$325.00.

As of September 30, 2009 the Club has \$6,748.00 in the bank. In this fiscal year, which began July 1, 2009, the Club has raised \$5,205.00 in Annual Dues and additional Club Support. This is already 14% higher than last year at this time. Thank you to all who have joined the Club and who have made a contribution. I want to urge any of you who hasn't sent in your dues to do so. To match last year's dues-raising record, the Club still needs to raise another \$3,000.00! 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 that you receive invitations to these 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.

### ALUMNAE SPONSORS

Thank you to the alumnae who made additional donations to support Club events and care packages for students:

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Please mail your dues form and check to me at 3840 Wolff St., Denver, CO 80212. Please feel free to contact me with questions at [tanya.mathews@gmail.com](mailto:tanya.mathews@gmail.com) or 303-588-5453.

## Recruitment Report ♦ Brazee Smith

Please welcome the class of 2013! We have some very talented women joining the Smith community. They should be proud; they were chosen from the largest pool of applicants in Smith history! A total of 787 promising women were selected from 4,011 applicants.

Colorado and Wyoming continue to post strong application numbers. We have a total of 20 Coloradans who are current students, including one who is studying abroad. Please keep encouraging any successful young women to apply so the Rocky Mountain presence on campus will remain solid. This year, four exceptional young women will represent Colorado in the first-year class: **Abby Azari, Misra Cohen-MacGill, Cat Crain,** and **Sophia Lee.** Help me welcome them as they

continue to be imbued with the strength and courage of the Smith community and make us all proud. Here's to a great future, women!

The Club would also like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who aid us in discovering and encouraging the bright women who become the college's future. This list includes: **Meredith Badler, Wendy Bolger, Tiphaine Bonetti, Shannon Berg-Casini, Anna Estes, MK Sagaria, Stephanie Urban,** and **Allison Ulmer.**

To help recruit the next generation of Smith students and interview applicants this fall, please contact Emily Farrell at [efarrell@yahoo.com](mailto:efarrell@yahoo.com) or 303-642-5237.

## WANTED: Events Co-Chair

Are you interested in getting more involved with the Smith Club? We are looking for an Events Co-Chair to help drive event discussions, organize logistics, and facilitate communications with the board and alumnae. The entire Board is typically involved with events, from generating ideas to event-day setup and cleanup. Some specific tasks shared by the Events Co-Chairs include:

- ✓ Maintaining an ongoing list of events
- ✓ Coordinating and assigning event-day tasks
- ✓ Promoting and advertising events
- ✓ Tracking inventory of event supplies

If you are interested or if you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Tredeaux '79 at [jennifertrdx@yahoo.com](mailto:jennifertrdx@yahoo.com).

## Annual Meeting ♦ June 24, 2009



On Wednesday, June 24th, Smithies gathered at the home of Perry Butterfield '54 for the Club's 2009 Annual Meeting. There was a great showing of more than 50 Smithies representing nearly seven decades of alumnae. Each year, the annual meeting provides members with the opportunity to vote on issues, discuss upcoming events, and just catch up with old friends.

The evening started out with time for mingling and socializing with other members and the guest speaker in Perry's lovely backyard. Guests then proceeded with the

business of the day, including the Treasurer's report and an update on the Club's plans for the remainder of the year.

The annual meeting typically features a talk from a different Smith professor each year, the diverse topics reflecting the specialties of many talented academics. This year, the Club was happy to introduce H el ene Visentin, Associate Professor of French Studies. Her talk was entitled "Art and Politics in the French Renaissance: The King and the City." Professor Visentin is

deeply involved in research on the ancient traditions of the king's royal entrance ceremonies in France during the Renaissance, and the Club was lucky to hear her fascinating presentation on the subject.

All in all, it was a delightful evening in the presence of old friends and acquaintances, and Professor Visentin's presentation was a great success. Thank you to everyone for participating! A special thank-you to hostess Perry Butterfield '54 for opening up her home for the event.

### ON FACEBOOK?



Join the Smith College Club of Colorado and Wyoming group page! We currently have over 100 members and are excited to have another way to reach out to local alumnae. In addition to our newsletter and Evites, we will also be posting event invitations and photos on our Facebook group page.

## College for a Day ♦ January 11, 2010

*Get into a lively learning experience!*

For over forty years, College for a Day has brought professors from top liberal arts colleges to the greater Denver Community for stimulating lectures, each followed by an informative question and answer session. Proceeds from the event help support the participating schools.

This year join professors from Wellesley, Bryn Mawr, and Mills.

Watch for your flyer in mid-November and get information online at [www.collegeforaday.org](http://www.collegeforaday.org).

**COLLEGE FOR A DAY**  
**Monday, January 11, 2010**  
**8:45 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.**

## Rocky Mountain Day ♦ October 3, 2009



One of Smith's best-loved traditions—Mountain Day—came to Colorado in October! More than a dozen Smithies and family members gathered at Walker Ranch Park in Boulder to celebrate our first Rocky Mountain Day.

Small groups set off for both long and short hikes and others stayed at the Meyers Gulch Shelter to enjoy the company and the view. Temperatures were a bit chilly, but spirits were high. A good supply of food and drinks kept everyone fueled throughout the morning. Memories were shared and stories were told,

including: having connections on campus and getting to ring the bell announcing Mountain Day; getting caught sneaking out after curfew; favorite professors and classes; and Junior Year Abroad experiences.

Based on the enthusiasm of everyone in attendance, and the regrets of the many more who wished they were able to join us, we plan to organize another Rocky Mountain Day gathering in 2010.

If you have any suggestions for a favorite hiking trail or park for next year's event, please email the Board at [smithclubco@gmail.com](mailto:smithclubco@gmail.com).

## Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin '84 ♦ October 18, 2009

The Smith Club welcomed Wisconsin Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin '84 for an informal and informative discussion of some of today's most pressing political and social issues. Pat Wynne '65 opened up her Cherry Creek home to the nearly 40 Smithies and guests who attended the event.

Tammy's talk began with her experience as a Math major at Smith and her exposure to insoluble problems in her first Calculus class. She felt that in many ways the experience prepared her for the insoluble problems she has faced over the course of her 10 years in Congress. Tammy is one of three Smithies currently serving in Congress, and she feels that female Congresswomen tend to be graduates of women's colleges. During the Q&A session, Smith alumnae asked questions on a variety of topics.

Tammy talked about energy independence (some Wisconsin businesses are turning manure into energy); health care reform (four of the five committee bills reported before the August break contained a public option and she is confident a final version will have the same); delivering Smith's commencement address



in May (which coincided with her 25th reunion); women in Congress (women have increased from 13 to 17% during her 10 years and Nancy Pelosi, as Speaker of the House, has done much to increase women's presence on and leadership of the committees); and LGBT rights (Tammy has introduced a bill to provide benefits to domestic partners of federal employees).

The beautiful weather, generous spread of food, lively conversation, and intimate location made for an excellent afternoon event. Thank you to Pat for being such a gracious hostess and to Tammy for sharing her insider's perspective on politics.

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### Join the Board!

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

Please note that the Smith Club of Colorado will contact you by mail and email using the personal contact information you provide to the Alumnae Association. In addition to this biannual newsletter, we also send out electronic invitations to all Club events. **If you are not receiving email from us, then the Alumnae Association does NOT have a personal email address on file for you.**

Please ensure that we can include you in all Club events by updating your information with the College. If you have recently moved or changed email addresses, be sure to update your records!

You can make changes by logging in to your Alumnae Directory & Email account or by contacting the Alumnae Association directly:

(800)526-2023

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