

Smith College Club of Colorado



President's Letter ♦ Kirsten Steinke

Dear Smith Alumnae:

We've had a great winter and spring at the Smith Club!

Our holiday party was hosted by **Ellen Mangione '74**. Though the snow prohibited some of you from joining us, many of you still made it out. It was wonderful getting to meet Smithies new to town and getting to sample your great potluck dishes!

In the springtime, we gathered for a very girl-power event—the Denver Roller Dolls! We had a great response from many of you on this event, which definitely broke the mold of our typical events. While we'll continue to focus on Smith professors, cultural events, and our regular holiday party and annual meeting, we'll try to throw in a few of these types of events into the mix.

I'm very excited about our annual meeting speaker—Smith Professor Alice Hearst. She'll speak to issues of cultural identity for children who are adopted transnationally. This is a topic that has really come to the forefront given the earthquake in Haiti. I'm very much looking forward to her presentation, and as always the opportunity to meet and connect with Colorado Smithies.

Additionally, we are scheduling a service project for the summer. We've been discussing a service project for some time now, but struggled to find one that would accommodate our large group. We've found a trail-cleanup project

in Boulder that I'm hopeful we can all be excited about. Look for more information inside.

As we move into the fall, I'm very happy to say that we'll be bringing back "Rocky Mountain Day" as a day to celebrate one of the last beautiful (we hope!) fall days. We had a great response to this last year, especially considering that our event occurred two days before Smith's Mountain Day!

I'd like to remind you that we are always looking for volunteers to help out on the board. We are currently looking for a manager for our annual toffee fundraiser, as well as an events co-chair. Please contact me if you are interested in lending your talents to the Smith College Club of Colorado!

Last but not least, stay tuned for the latest Hollywood movie that tells the story of a real Smithie. Boulder resident and racing legend **Penny Chenery '43** will be the subject of *Secretariat*, with Penny played by Diane Lane. The Disney movie will hit theaters this October.

As always, I'd like to thank our tireless board members **Emily Farrell '99**, **Tanya Mathews '93**, **Anna Estes '08**, **Nora Neureiter '89**, as well as our Committee Chairs **Jennifer Tredeaux '79**, **Brazee Smith '01**, **Mary Hoagland '46**, **Donna Feldman '73**, **Laura Perry Barton '82**, and **Gail Fritzingler '81**.

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Treasurer's Report ♦ Tanya Mathews

As of April 15, 2010 the Club has \$5,533.00 in the bank. A portion of this money—\$1,844.00—is the Club's pre-committed gift to the Smith College Current Scholarship Fund. These funds were raised from both the sale of Enstrom's Toffee, \$1,319.00 net, and from members who collectively contributed \$525.00 to this Scholarship Fund.

Since the start of this fiscal year, July 1, 2009 the Club has raised \$7,270 in dues payments and additional contributions. This is almost exactly the same amount we raised last fiscal year. Our fixed expenses are about the same as last fiscal year and we have spent less on events this past year. As a result, the Club should end this fiscal year with a comfortable cash cushion of \$2,000.00-\$2,500.00, the first time in four years. The Board has strived over the years to increase the Club's retained earnings and I'm happy to report that we will finally achieve this goal.

This financial stability will enable the Club to provide programming that hopefully will continue to meet or exceed your intellectual, cultural and social expectations. Remember, 100% of your dues payment and additional contributions are deductible for tax purposes, and all proceeds are used to directly fund events for Club members, care packages for current students, and student scholarships.

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find the dues form for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, which begins July 1.

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Thank you to the following alumnae who made additional donations to support Club events and activities:

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Please join the Club or renew your membership by mailing your dues form and check (made payable to SCOC) to me at 3840 Wolff St., Denver, CO 80212. Feel free to contact me with questions at 303-588-5453 or tanya.mathews@gmail.com.

Recruitment Report ♦ Brazee Smith

Smith experienced a record-breaking year of applications! Despite the languishing economy, Smith once again noted higher application rates during the 2009-2010 year, enabling us to recruit and accept a stellar group. This is a true testament to the quality of the education Smith has been providing to students for years.

Colorado and Wyoming also experienced a bump in applications from our area. In total we had 21 applicants, which is the second largest amount of applicants we have had in the last five years or

more. From that group, 13 women were admitted. This is the most Colorado and Wyoming admits we have ever had! Good job, ladies! Six women—Elizabeth Harris, Nadia Belkin, Sophie Schor, Blaire Thomson, Brenda Carballo-Ramirez and Kathryn Fear—will be heading to Northampton this fall as part of the Class of 2014.

A special thanks to **Laura Barton '82** for hosting a party in April for the admitted students. Nearly 20 students, families, and alumnae gathered to talk about Smith. Their excitement was

invigorating—it made me a bit jealous I was not getting ready to go to Smith myself.

Thank you again to all the alumnae who interviewed applicants, and to everyone else who offered their help during the recruitment season. Without you, we could not continue to produce such wonderful crop of young Smithies from the Rocky Mountain area. Please keep up the good work!

If you would like to help with alumnae recruitment or interviews, please contact Brazee Smith at bsmith@amfam.com.

NEW CLUB WEBSITE! <http://alumnae.smith.edu/smithcms/colorado/>

Annual Meeting with Prof. Alice Hearst ♦ June 29

Children, Adoption, & the Politics of Belonging: Transnational/Transracial Adoption & Identity

Alice Hearst is an Associate Professor in the Government Department, having joined Smith College in 1991. She attended the University of Washington law school, and practiced law for six years prior to returning to Cornell University in 1986, from which she obtained a PhD in Government in 1995.



Professor Hearst teaches courses in public law, and her research focuses on state regulation of the family. She is currently working on a manuscript exploring issues of cultural identity for

children subject to transracial/transnational adoption and foster care entitled “Children and the Politics of Belonging.”

Her talk, taken from that manuscript, explores the debate over transnational and transracial adoption, and argues that the debate is not fully cognizant of the importance of cultural belonging both for children and for the communities from which they originate. These issues have commanded international attention in recent months in the wake of adoption scandals emerging from the January earthquake in Haiti.

Professor Hearst will speak about the ways in which emerging doctrines in human rights may change the practice of transnational adoption, bringing greater attention to various models of community-based care in addition to transnational adoption as a response to the needs of children without parental care.

The annual meeting will take place on **Tuesday, June 29 at 6 p.m.** It will be held in the **Garden Room at the Chambers Center for the Advancement of Women** at the Women’s College of the University of Denver. The Chambers Center is located at **1901 E. Asbury Ave.** in Denver.

Outdoor Service Project in Boulder County ♦ July 24

Volunteer in the beautiful mountains of Boulder County! This July the Club will be participating in a one-day group service project through Boulder County’s Parks and Open Space.

Learn about high-country ecology while working with other volunteers to improve montane forests and meadow ecosystems on open space near Nederland. The wildflowers will be plentiful and the views are stunning. The service project will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon followed by a wildflower hike at 12:30 p.m. The Club will provide lunch. Families and friends are welcome, including children ages 12 and up.

Our web page and an Evite will have details about the exact location.



Rocky Mountain Day ♦ September 25

Save the date for our second Rocky Mountain Day celebration on Saturday, September 25!

Where would Smith College be without its beloved Mountain Day tradition? Once again the Colorado Club is bringing Mountain Day to the Rockies this fall on the last Saturday in September. The fall foliage should be amazing, and close to the peak of the aspen leaves turning color.

Based on the enthusiasm for last year’s event— and with more advance notice for you to mark the date on your calendar this year—we hope to have a strong turnout in September. We have yet to determine the location for this year’s Rocky Mountain Day, so stay tuned for more information via email, our web page, and Evite. The event will start in the morning (around 9 a.m.) and the Club will provide breakfast and drinks.

Please let us know if you have a favorite park or hiking trail to recommend! We are looking for a location in the Denver/Boulder metro area where we can reserve a group shelter for the morning. Send any suggestions to the Club at smithclubco@gmail.com.

College for a Day ♦ January 11

College for a Day 2010 was held on Monday, January 11th at Temple Emmanuel. Over 240 attendees were intellectually stimulated by lectures from three fascinating professors representing Mills College, Wellesley and Bryn Mawr. A total of \$250 from the shared profits from the event will be donated to Smith.

Next year, College for a Day will be held on Monday, January 10, 2011. Professors from Skidmore, Mt. Holyoke and Vassar are scheduled to present. Smith will invite a professor to speak in 2012, along with Sweet Briar and Connecticut College.

We are looking for a young alumna to assist us with social media (Facebook, other on-line media) to promote College for a Day. Please contact Laura Barton '82 at lpbarton@gmail.com or Gail Fritzingler '81 at gailfritzingler@msn.com if you are interested.

CLUB DIRECTORY

In past years, the Club has provided a printed directory of all Colorado and Wyoming alumnae. With the availability of alumnae contact information online through the Alumnae Association, the Club no longer provides such directories.

However, if you do not have internet access and would like a printed copy, please contact Kirsten Steinke at (303) 489-7872 to request a copy.

Otherwise, visit <http://alumnae.smith.edu> and login to the Alumnae Directory to look up alumnae contact information.

WANTED:

Toffee Fund-raiser

Every holiday season, the Club sells Enstrom's toffee to raise funds to support the Smith Scholarship Fund. We are looking for a new volunteer to take over coordinating this fundraiser.

The work is done from the beginning of November through mid-January, with most of the work occurring in the first three weeks of December.

Duties include:

- ✓ Sending out order forms via email and the Club newsletter
- ✓ Gathering and tracking orders and submitting the orders online via Enstrom's website
- ✓ Handling correspondence and payments.

Please contact the Club if you are interested in helping out with this important activity!

Denver Roller Dolls ♦ April 17



On Saturday, April 17th, the Club hosted a one-of-a-kind event. Smithies, along with friends and family, gathered at the Broomfield Events Center to see the Denver Roller Dolls, Denver's premier roller derby league!

Nearly thirty Club members and friends and family gathered to watch three exciting bouts between the league teams: the Green Barrettes, the Shotgun Betties, and the Bad Apples. Roller Derby is one of America's fastest-growing female sports, and is comprised of women roller-skaters with a passion for

speed! Founded in 2005, the Denver Roller Dolls come from all backgrounds and experiences, but all the women share a common hard-core athleticism and sense of fun. And what's more, these "dolls" are all successful mothers, businesswomen, wives (and even grandmothers!) when they're not racing around the track on their skates.

All in all, the evening was exciting and high-energy, an opportunity for Smithies to gather together and have fun watching the impressive ladies of the Denver Roller Dolls.

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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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