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President's Letter ♦ Emily Farrell

Dear Smith Alumnae:

The past year has been an exciting one for the Smith Club! You can read in this newsletter about the various well-attended events that the Club has held in Denver.

This summer the Club created a **Meetup.com** account and we currently have over 40 Smithies who have joined the group. The Club is sponsoring the group, but the great thing about Meetup is that *anyone* can organize events for people.

Membership on Meetup.com is free, and you do not have to be a member of the Club to join the Meetup group. Possible events that could be coordinated through the Meetup group include: hikes and picnics, book clubs, movie nights, playdates for Smithies and their children, brewery tours, and baseball games.

The group name is Smith College Social Club and you can find it at www.meetup.com/Smith-College-Social-Club. Please join and use the group to meet, network, and socialize with the fabulous Smithies in our area.

With the holiday season nearing, I hope you will take advantage of the new—and tasty—holiday fundraiser the Club has organized this year. We have partnered with **Oliverdé**, a Boulder-based company that sells high-quality olive oils and balsamic vinegars. We are selling large (375 mL) bottles of organic olive oil and traditional aged balsamic vinegar, as well as a special taster package (selected by the Board through a rigorous and highly enjoyable taste-testing process) of

four (60 mL) bottles of fig balsamic vinegar, mango balsamic vinegar, garlic olive oil, and basil olive oil. Orders will be available for pick-up at the holiday party on Sunday, December 15, and we will also have additional bottles available for sale at the party—as well as samples for everyone to try.

This year's holiday party will be hosted at the home of **Jaren and Bruce Ducker**. You may remember they last opened their doors for the memorable Opera Colorado event the Club held in 2009. While we will have to provide our own singing at their home for this year's holiday party, we are sure the potluck will provide a great opportunity to share good food and good times with fellow Smithies.

A new year of the Club got off to a strong start with the addition of three new board members to our team. Our four long-serving board members have remained: **Anna Estes '08**, **Tanya Mathews '93**, **Nora Neureiter '89**, and **Meredith Badler '08**. In addition we have welcomed **Lydia Tirpak '01**, **Maria Sclafani '08**, and **MK Sagaria '04**. I am very grateful for the hard work and enthusiasm these seven Smithies bring to the Club!

We always have room for more board members, so please contact me if you are interested in joining. We also love to hear your ideas for Club events, speakers, activities, etc. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Emily Farrell '99

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Treasurer's Report ♦ Tanya Mathews

I'm happy to report that we have 85 members to date. Thank you to those women who have sent in your dues, additional support and Scholarship contributions. As of September 30th, the Club has collected \$3,135.00 in dues, \$2,760.00 in additional support and \$395.00 in Scholarship contributions. Because of your generous support we will continue to provide a variety of events this year. We look forward to seeing you at one or all of our thoughtfully planned events

At the Annual Meeting in June of this year, all club members in attendance approved a \$1,216.00 gift to the Smith College Current Scholarship Fund. This gift was possible thanks to pre-designated Scholarship

contributions from our members. Our Enstrom's Toffee fundraiser brought in very little so the Board decided to keep those proceeds for Club use.

We usually have 110-150 members each year so hopefully this newsletter will remind those of you who haven't joined yet to send in your dues. 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. Please feel free to contact me with questions at 303-588-5453 or tanya.mathews@gmail.com.

2013-2014 CLUB MEMBERS

Thank you to the alumnae sponsors who made additional donations to support Club activities and scholarships for current students; their names are in **bold** and marked with a ★ below.

- Nora Asbury '00
- Meredith Badler '08
- ★ **Carolyn Baker '66**
- Julia Barrett '82
- ★ **Laura Barton '82**
- ★ **Anne Bekoff '69**
- Barbara Benedict '55
- Megan Beren '04
- Shannon Berg-Casini '93
- ★ **Michelle Berry '65**
- Mary Bindner '51
- ★ **Julie Bock '87**
- Harriet Boonin '57
- Erin Brenengen '09
- Rebecca Bromley '67
- Sylvia Brown '54
- ★ **Perry Butterfield '54**
- Lisa Christian '82
- Cameron Claussen '85
- Sheila Cleworth '55
- Jamy Coulson '62
- ★ **Ann Crampton '71**
- ★ **Lucy Creighton '49**
- Katie Day '81
- Judith Denison '57
- Peggy Dobbins '47
- Jaren Ducker '60
- Anna Estes '08
- ★ **Dianne Ewing '63**
- Emily Farrell '99
- Donna Feldman '73
- Rebecca Freyre '82
- Gail Fritzinger '81
- Martha Fulford '68
- Pamela Gemery-Hill '88
- Cornelia Gibson '57
- Anna Gilbert-Cic '03
- Shannon Good '91
- ★ **Melanie Grant '61**
- Susan Greene '68
- ★ **Ellen Greenhouse '68**
- ★ **Joy Hakim '51**
- Judy Hamilton '61
- ★ **Melody Hardy '71**
- Kathy Harhai '73
- Betsy Hitchcock '77
- ★ **Mary Hoagland '46**
- Betsy Hoffman '68
- ★ **Ruth Hopfenbeck '53**
- Joan Hutchinson '67
- Ann Jesse '57
- ★ **Nancy Jianakoplos '72**
- Penny Leather '57
- Charlotte Leighton '67
- Susanne Leisy '91
- ★ **Mary Lohre '58**
- Kathryn MacPhail '88
- Anne Mairs '87
- Ellen Mangione '74
- Tanya Mathews '93
- Amy May '05
- Karen Mc Clure '61
- Kathleen McGarry '93
- ★ **Anabel McHugh '53**
- ★ **Barbara Miller '66**
- Sue Morgan '61
- Catherine Mulhern '10
- ★ **Maizy Myers '44**
- ★ **Barbara Neal '56**
- ★ **Dora Neidecker '51**
- Mary Frances Nevans AC '88
- ★ **Lisa Olcese '89**
- ★ **Elaine Osborn '63**
- ★ **Laurene Owen '55**
- ★ **Elizabeth Rohrbough '84**
- MK Sagaria '04
- Maria Sclafani '08
- Ellen Selig '71
- Joan Shepardson '49
- Susan Soloyanis '72
- Cathryn Stewart '78
- ★ **Mary Strizek '82**
- ★ **Joyce Thurmer '52**
- ★ **Ann Weaver '61**
- ★ **Amy Woodis '75**

Recruitment Report ♦ Meredith Badler

Colorado and Wyoming continue to provide a steady pipeline of new Smith College students, despite rising selectivity, competition and financial pressures.

The 2012-2013 recruitment season had a late surge with 37 total applicants. Of those 37 prospective students, just over half were from the Denver/Boulder metro area. Smith admitted 18 of the young women, and 5 of those students chose to attend Smith College this fall. Join us in welcoming **Diandrea Beckman**, **Emma Carroll**, **Isabella Casini**, **Eliza**

Cummings, and **Allison Paranka** into the class of 2017.

Thirteen of Colorado's 37 applicants had admissions interviews with local alumnae across the Front Range. In addition, the Alumnae Club held a spring Yield Party for admitted students, hosted by **Alison Kolwaite '93** and **Shannon Good '91**, and a summer Send-Off Party for new and current Smithies, hosted by Deb Beckman (mother of Diandrea Beckman '17).

As you can tell, alumnae are a large part of Colorado's record

number of applicants and continuous flow of new students. Thank you to all of our volunteers. Our success is due to your generosity, commitment and passion for Smith.

If you are interested in conducting interviews, organizing care packages or assisting in recruitment in any way, please contact:

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Annual Meeting with Professor Hayssen ♦ June 25, 2013

The Smith College Club of Colorado's Annual Meeting was held on June 25, 2013 at the Montclair Civic Building, "The Molkery." Over 40 alumnae from across the Front Range attended this fun and informative event.

Following delicious refreshments, the Smith Club Board reported out on the 2012-2013 club events. Tanya Mathews provided the annual Treasurer's report and Meredith Badler shared an update on Smith recruitment in Colorado.

The club approved the current slate of Board officers for the term starting July 2013: Emily Farrell, President; Anna Estes, Secretary; and Tanya Mathews, Treasurer. In addition, the club welcomed three new board members: Lydia Jenner '01, Maria Sclafani '08, and MK Sagaria '04. Kirsten Steinke has stepped down as Vice President and the club will fill her position in the coming year as we get settled with our new board and refine positions.



Next, attendees enjoyed a talk from Virginia Hayssen, Professor of Biological Sciences at Smith College, entitled: "Why White Cats are Often Deaf and Other Oddities of Coat Color." Ginny Hayssen has a PhD from Cornell in Neurobiology and Behavior and has taught at Smith for more than 25 years. Her research interests include the agouti coat-color locus: examination of the multiple effects a single genetic locus, in this case a gene which influences coat color, can have on the biology of the animal.

CLUB DIRECTORY

With the availability of alumnae contact information online through the Alumnae Association, the Club no longer routinely provides a printed directory of local alumnae. However, if you would like a printed copy, please contact any of our board members. Otherwise, visit <http://alumnae.smith.edu> and login to the Alumnae Directory to look up alumnae contact information.



Join the Smith Club of Colorado and Wyoming on Facebook! Stay connected with local alumnae and hear about upcoming events.

College for a Day ♦ January 13, 2014

For over 40 years, College for a Day has brought professors from top liberal arts colleges to Denver for stimulating lectures, each followed by an informative question/answer discussion.

Join professors from Skidmore, Vassar and Mount Holyoke for an exciting, informative day of lectures and lunch on Monday January 13, 2014, 9:15 am -1:45 pm at Temple Emanuel, 51 Grape Street, Denver, CO 80220.

To register for the event, please log onto www.collegeforaday.org. The non refundable fee of \$45 covers the three lectures and a box lunch, and \$30 is tax deductible.

This year the opportunity to pre-purchase a table is also being offered. The cost to reserve a table for 8 will be \$360. A portion of the proceeds will be used to support local students attending the nine college sponsors of this annual event. This event is open to the community so please feel free to invite a friend, family member or neighbor.

The speakers and the topics featured this year include:

❖ **Great Barrier Reef? What's the Dirt?** Dr. Kyle Nicols, Associate Professor of Geology, Chair, Department of Geophysics, Skidmore College.

❖ **The Teen Species: How Teenagers Use Emotion and Cognition to Make Decisions – or Not!** Dr. Abigail A. Baird, Associate Professor of Psychology, Vassar College

❖ **Climate Change: Myth or Reality?** Dr. Alan Werner, Professor of Geology, Mt. Holyoke College.

For more information, please contact Smith's College For a Day Committee representatives, Ana Tolentino '85 at atolenti@aol.com, 303-949-6088 or Katie MacPhail '88 at kmmacp@msn.com, 720-220-5298.

American Isis: The Life and Art of Sylvia Plath ♦ March 28, 2013

On March 28th, Smith Club members enjoyed a special evening attending a lecture by author Carl Rollyson. The event was held at the home of Laura Barton '82, who generously welcomed almost fifty Smithies. Rollyson treated attendees to a talk on his newly-released biography entitled *American Isis: The Life and Art of Sylvia Plath*.

The book was brought to the Club's attention by Judy Denison '57, a housemate of Plath's at Smith. Judy also took the picture of Plath that is featured on the cover of the book. *American Isis* is the first Plath biography written since the opening of the Ted Hughes archive at the British library, which includes unpublished letters from Plath and Hughes and other unpublished papers. Rollyson also interviewed many of Plath's classmates at Smith and students she taught.

The private reception and presentation included plenty of time for questions and conversation with the author, as well as a book signing. A highlight of the evening was the beautiful cake that Judy Denison's daughter baked, which featured a mini version of the book on top!



Professor Andrew Zimbalist ♦ September 22, 2013

The club was honored to host Professor Andrew Zimbalist on Sunday, September 22nd at the History Colorado Center in Denver. He gave a talk on the differences between open and closed sporting leagues in the United States and Europe, as well as the economics of both systems.

During the lively Q&A, he answered questions about a variety of topics, including the economic

impact of hosting the Olympics, the feasibility of paying college athletes, and female sporting leagues. After the talk, a small group of club members joined Professor Zimbalist for a private dinner at Le Central restaurant. Dinner guests enjoyed a delicious meal and animated conversation. Professor Zimbalist said he enjoyed his visit immensely, and even explored Denver on a B-cycle during his stay!

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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. We are especially interested in help with fundraising and events. The board meets approximately every two to three months and members work collaboratively on all aspects of our events and outreach. 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 annual 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

http://alumnae.smith.edu/tools/update_address.php

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