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Hartford Area Alumnae Spotlight
Peggy Jacobson

Elizabeth Krause '00,
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The Club is pleased to commence
a new newsletter column profiling
Hartford area Smith women.

NAME: Peggy Jacobson
NAME WHILE AT SMITH: Peggy Jamieson
CLASS YEAR: AB 1973, MAT 1974
HOUSE: Gillett as undergraduate, Gardiner (Head Resident) as graduate student
MAJOR: History
FAVORITE SMITH MEMORY: Academic: Professor Louis Cohn-Haft’s Seminar on Hellenistic Greece—both the fascinating discussions and the professor's hospitality toward the class, hosting everyone in his home for dinner. Non-academic: Canoeing with friends on Paradise Pond in the fall.
TOWN OF RESIDENCE: Manchester
FAMILY: I’m married with 3 grown children.
WHAT DO YOU DO PROFESSIONALLY AND/OR WHAT ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH IN THE GREATER HARTFORD COMMUNITY?
Taught for 5 years at high school level, then practiced law for 20 years, now teach as Adjunct Professor at Goodwin College. Serve on the boards of the Cheney Hall Foundation, Oak Hill for People with Disabilities, Manchester Economic Development Commission, Manchester Scholarship Foundation, and Defense Orientation Conference Association.
WHAT HAS BEING INVOLVED IN THE CLUB MEANT TO YOU?
It has given me the opportunity to help Smith by interviewing applicants and helping with fundraisers, and it has enabled me to develop friendships with interesting women, one of whom became my mother-in-law a year after she introduced me to her son.
Admissions Update • Heather Page ’00
Welcome to the 2008-2009 Recruiting Year! Greetings Smith College Alumnae! It is autumn once again, and the Hartford Smith Club to gearing up to work with the Office of Admission to recruit talented young women from Connecticut for the Class of 2013. First of all, many thanks to all of the alumnae volunteers who have helped with our efforts in the past. An alumnae connection can make all the difference for a prospective Smithie. Second, if you are interested in participating in our recruiting efforts this year, there are many ways for you to get involved. The fall and winter are our busiest seasons for recruiting. We currently have over 200 young women from the area who have landed on the Office of Admission’s radar as prospective applicants, and in the coming months we are going to try to recruit even more. We are looking for alumnae to attend college fairs, interview applicants for admission, and conduct outreach to these young women, whether it’s by phone, e-mail, or in person. If there is a recruiting task that you are particularly interested in, please let me know. Also, if you have any questions about the admissions process, please feel free to call (860-236-0762) or e-mail me. You may also want to check out Smith’s website for alumnae admissions volunteers, which can be found at www.smith.edu/aac. The user name is “smithaac,” and the password is “sophia.” This website contains many useful things, like suggestions for interview questions, notices for upcoming events, and an on-line form for ordering college fair materials.

Please let me know if you would like to participate this year. Thank you for all you do for Smith!

2008-2009 Hartford Chapter Book Club
Come join us for any or all of these months!

Here’s our schedule:

October 21, 2008:  MY ANTONIA CURTAIN by Willa Cather (588 pages, fiction)
November 18, 2008: INFIDEL by Ayaan Hirsi Ali (353 pages, non-fiction)
January 20, 2009:  THREE CUPS OF TEA by Greg Mortenson (349 pages, non-fiction)
February 17, 2009: KINDRED FAN by Octavia Butler (287 pages, fiction)
March 17, 2009:  THE BLUEST EYE by Toni Morrison (247 pages, fiction)
April 21, 2009:  BROKEN PROMISES, BROKEN DREAMS by Alice Rothchild (280 pages, non-fiction)
May 19, 2009:  THE MADONNAS OF LENINGRAD by Debra Dean (240 pages, fiction)
June 16, 2009:  UNACCUSTOMED EARTH by Jhumpa Lahiri (252 pages, fiction)

We meet at member’s houses. This year we will be meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The hostess will provide drinks and light snacks. Please RSVP to Amy Magno via email at amy87@smith.alumnae.net if you’d like to join us for any of these books or if you’d like to host.
HARTFORD SMITH COLLEGE CLUB

Holiday Open House & Cookie Swap

Take a break from your holiday shopping and join the Hartford Smith College Club for our annual Holiday Party. To spice things up (with cinnamon and ginger), we will be doing a cookie swap. Don’t forget to bring a batch of cookies—whether you make them yourself or buy them from a store. After our exchange, we'll sit back and relax and enjoy hot cider or a glass of wine. It’s the season for giving and spending time with friends!

Saturday, December 6, 2008
2:00-5:00 pm
at the home of Elizabeth Krause ’00
138 Robin Road, West Hartford, CT 06119, 860-808-8450

$10 for ’08-'09 paid members and non-members

Directions
From 84 take exit 43 West Hartford Center; at the light, turn right onto Park; at the next light, turn left onto Troutbrook; follow Troutbrook across its intersection with Farmington; take the second right onto Warwick; turn left onto Robin. Elizabeth Krause’s house is on the right side. Look out for a white colonial with black shutters.

To RSVP, please send checks to Valerie Love ’02 by December 1, 2008:
19C Mt. Vernon Drive, Vernon CT 06066.

All checks should be made out to the “Hartford Smith College Club.” Please be sure to include your telephone number so that we can call you in the event of inclement weather. Registration is also available on-site.

complete form below and return with payment

NAME: ___________________________________________________________

PHONE: ___________________________________________________________

E-MAIL: ___________________________________________________________

# ATTENDING:_____________________________________________________

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Preserve Our Club’s History • Anne Guernsey ’01

Smith’s College Archives holds an impressive collection related to the history of the institution. But, did you know that the archive includes a considerable amount of material related to the Hartford Smith College Club? Our Club is one of the oldest represented as it was founded in 1896.

The Hartford Smith College Club is documented in the archive in a variety of ways. There are newsletters, postings, event flyers, and ephemera that range in date from 1896 to 1920 and from the 1980s to the 1990s. The collection holds great historical significance for Smith alumnae and the general public alike. For this reason, the Hartford Smith College Club started a collecting initiative for both current AND past Club material in 2006. But, unfortunately, there have been few donations. This summer Nanci Young, Smith College Archivist, contacted our Club in the hopes of filling more gaps in their documentation. Ms. Young is particularly interested in procuring material concerning the Club’s fundraising efforts in the early 1950s. As seen in an advertisement of the May 1953 Smith Alumnae Quarterly, the Hartford Smith College Club offered for sale a Smith College chair (both straight and armed). These chairs were black with gold piping and had the College insignia on the front. Ms. Young is looking for financial and/or fundraising files that still exist.

If you have any Club material, please contact your Club Secretary at aguemsey@smith.alumnae.net or Nanci Young atnyoung@email.smith.edu.
HARTFORD SMITH COLLEGE CLUB
2008-2009 Annual Membership Form

Name: ________________________________ Class Year: ____________

Name as undergraduate (if different): ______________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________

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Preferred e-mail address for Smith news:

Home Phone: (___) ______________________________________________

Other Phone: (___) ______________________________________________

Job Title/Occupation: ____________________________________________

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Classes before 2005  □ $25.00 (one year)  □ $40.00 (two years)

Classes 2005-2007  □ $15.00

Class of 2008  □ $0

Book Awards Contribution  □ ___________

Additional Contribution  □ ___________

Scholarship Fund Contribution  □ ___________

TOTAL ENCLOSED:  ___________

Please make 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 our website for news about upcoming events!
http://smith.alumnae.net/homepages/clubs/SmithCollegeClubofHartford

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