Upcoming Events

RSVP Today!
Sunday, March 15 (3pm)
*Book Signing and Tea with Playwright Virnell Ann Bruce*

Anne Morrow Lindbergh is the subject of playwright Virnell Ann Bruce's one woman, two act play, *Shells – A Cameo* of Anne Morrow Lindbergh. Lindbergh's life was filled with great tragedy, loneliness and high-flying adventures with her husband, Charles Lindbergh, the first person to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Anne was the first American woman to earn a first class glider pilot's license and her flying experiences are reflected in the ethereal quality of her beautiful poetry. Anne Morrow Lindbergh graduated from Smith in 1928 with several literary prizes and her mother, Elizabeth Cutter Lindbergh, class of 1896, was the first woman president of Smith (1939-1940) though she never received the title. Both Morrow and Cutter Houses on campus are named for the family. Ms. Bruce has captured the story of Anne Morrow Lindbergh's life in her lovely and poignant play. She recently retired following a 36 year career in the aerospace industry, teaches at the Christopher Wren Association, an educational program affiliated with the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Join us at the home of Rosalyn P. Doggett ’60 (2702 36th Street NW, Washington, DC) to hear Virnell Ann Bruce's delightful story of her own afternoon tea and conversation with Anne Morrow Lindbergh. A light tea will be served and *Shells* will be available for $12.00.

*To RSVP, please send a $10 check (payable to the SCCW) to Heather Wiggins (4314 N Pershing Drive #4, Arlington, VA 22203) by Friday, March 6. Space is limited to the first 20 respondents. Please include a phone number or email address on your check. Email SCCWPrograms@gmail.com if you will require a pick-up from Woodley Station.*

Save the Date!
Sunday, May 3 (12pm)
*Wine Tasting in the Mountains*

Join the SCCW for an afternoon in Virginia wine country. We'll have a private behind the scenes tour of Barrel Oak Winery where we'll walk the vineyard checking out the vines and spend time on the crush pad learning how that simple little fruit - the grape - becomes an award winning wine. We'll also have the opportunity to spend time with Sharon, the winemaker, as she takes us into the barrel room for an exclusive barrel tasting! We'll wrap up our visit with a private tasting of Barrel Oak's award winning wines in the tasting room loft. *Additional details to come.*

Thank you!
The Programs Committee would like to extend a special ‘thank you’ to Sally Boasberg and Kodiak Hill-Davis for opening up their individual kitchens to Smith alums on February 1. Thanks to them, we were able to prepare a wonderful meal and serve it to the women of Calvary Women’s Shelter in Washington, DC.
Smith College Club of Washington Annual Rose Drop

On the morning of March 28, 2009, the Smith College Club of Washington and its Alumnae Admissions Coordinators will distribute roses to admitted Smith applicants for the Class of 2013. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of this exciting SCCW tradition by distributing roses to young ladies in your area, please contact Elizabeth Owens at elizabeth.z.owens@gmail.com by March 25th.

Connect with Current Smithies – Provide Housing or Internships for Smith Students!

Do you have an extra room, a basement apartment or an internship you would like to offer to a Smith student this summer or the coming fall semester? Each year, 12 Smith students come to Washington for the Picker internship program (spend six months in Washington and see how policy is developed/made/implemented). They are faced with the daunting, and expensive task of finding full-time political/public policy internships for the months of June-December and their own housing. From September until December another group of Smith students comes to Washington to intern at the Smithsonian Institution. They are in need of housing as well.

Housing the most formidable hurdle – interns want to find safe, affordable and convenient housing that will make their Washington semester a success. In the past, area Alumnae have offered extra rooms, basement apartments or other rental properties for reasonable rents, or discounted rents in return for babysitting/house sitting, and some generous alumnae offer free housing. Interns are especially interested in locations that allow them to walk to the Metro or other easy public transportation, as well as other amenities like grocery stores.

This is a tremendous opportunity to connect with the energy of current Smith students, and to provide a great service to the college. You can’t imagine how much it would mean to a student with limited resources who is faced with finding a short-term, furnished apartment. You can even make a little money yourself!

If you have housing or an internship to offer, please call the Washington Alumna Coordinator, Annie Bellavia at 703-294-9982 (h) or email annierusso@hotmail.com.

The Smith College Book Club has selected the reading list for 2008-2009. If you are interested in joining the club, visit http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sccwbookclub. Or, you can contact Kristen Landry ‘92 at kristen@global.t-bird.edu.

- **March 1st**- People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks
- **April 5th**- 3 Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin
- **May 3rd**- My Body their Baby by Laurie Miller
- **June 7th**- Towelhead by Alicia Erian
- **July 5th**- Beloved by Toni Morrison
- **August 2nd**- The House at Sugar Beach by Helene Cooper
- **September 6th**- American Wife by Curtis Sittenfeld
- **October 4th**- The Space Between Us by Thrity Umrigar

The Smith College Club of Washington's Alumnae Admissions Coordinators are always looking for volunteers to help with interviews and other recruiting activities. If you are interested in getting involved with Alumnae Admissions in the DC area, please contact Michelle Webster, VP Admissions, at mwebster@smith.alumnae.edu or 202-669-4308.
**Meet Matt Lavine**, one of our Read-Aloud Readers this year. This entry was submitted by Matt’s mom, Phyllis Lavine, ’87.

In our family and in our children’s schools, community service has been an important value. Since our children were toddlers, we have completed community service work as a family – everything from making sandwiches for a local homeless shelter to visiting a transitional housing facility to lead arts and crafts activities with the residents’ children.

Most of the community service work we have done as a family has been a one time project. This past summer, when our son, Matt, turned 12 years old and was beginning to prepare for his Bar Mitzvah studies, we decided it was time for Matt to do an ongoing service project. Matt really enjoys interacting with younger school-aged children. As a DC resident who attends school in Rockville, MD, he wanted to give his time to a school in the District.

As a Smith College Alumna, I had known about the volunteer work that the Smith College Club of Washington does with local elementary schools. When I contacted Nancy Simon and Andrea Kane, the Club’s organizers of the tutoring and reading program at the Martin Luther King (MLK) Elementary School in Anacostia, DC, they were happy to have Matt’s help. While their volunteers have mostly been Smith Alumnae, they were open and welcoming to the idea of having a Smith Alumna’s son participate in the Club’s volunteer program.

Since this past Fall, Matt and I have visited Ms. Ellner’s 1st grade class at the MLK Elementary School 1-2 times per month to read to the class. Before each visit to the school, Matt selects books to read to the children and sometimes even visits with the school’s librarian for additional ideas. During Halloween and Thanksgiving, he checked out books from our local library specific to the holidays. And, in the weeks before Christmas, he planned and worked with the children to make a small craft which they took home as a gift to their family.

During the weeks when Matt’s school schedule does not allow him to visit the class, I still read to Ms. Ellner’s 1st graders. While the children are always happy to see me, their first words when I arrive are usually -- “Where is Matt today, and will he read to us next week?” I am not upset that the children are so eager to see Matt, even when I arrive to “substitute” for him. I am proud that my 12 year old son has been able to enrich these young children’s lives. Co-volunteering with my son has been an excellent experience. I enjoy watching Matt connect with the children individually and also have a presence in front of the class when he reads to them. After each visit to the class, he feels so good about himself and knows he makes a difference for these children. And as a parent, I cannot help but to be proud of my son, and I appreciate the Smith College Club of Washington’s help in providing this volunteering experience that Matt and I are now sharing.

**Remember Contact Information**—We can always use more volunteers:

- Tutoring—Hope Childs hwash@aol.com or 202-363-4423
- Read-Aloud—Andrea Kane akane@thenc.org or 202-544-1516
- Program Coordinator—Nancy Simon ngsimon@verizon.net or 301-530-1202
Young Alum events

Thanks to everyone who came ice skating in January! We had a great time ice skating at the National Sculpture Garden pavilion and chatting in the Pavilion Cafe.

Our next Young Alums Happy Hour will be on Thursday, February 12, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Rocket Bar, located at 714 7th St. NW, right by the Gallery Place-Chinatown Metro stop. (http://www.rocketbardc.com/)

Plans are in the works for a Seven Sisters Happy Hour due to the huge success of last year's event. Keep your eyes peeled for the date, which is currently TBD but will likely be in mid to late March!

In addition to the SCCW website, you can stay in touch with other Smithies online through a Facebook group called "DC Smith Young Alums." There is also a Yahoo! Group where you can post messages and choose to get emails with these messages (a listserv) -- go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sc-young-alums/ to join. All alums, regardless of age, are welcome to join!

If you have any ideas for Young Alum events you would like to see planned, please contact Katie Chase, the Young Alums Coordinator, at kchase7@gmail.com.

Wedding Planning:
Lisa Nelson ‘97 and Elegant Event Planning and Design, a full-service wedding planning firm, are ready to help you plan your wedding. We offer consultation, full planning, partial planning and day-of-direction services. We are looking for one couple to help “donate our commission,” up to $750.00, to the breast cancer charity of their choice. For more information visit: www.eleganteventdesign.com

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A percentage of fees will be donated to the Smith College Alumnae Fund.

Psychic Readings. Contact Cynthia Jenks Johnson, ’74. 703-933-3652 after noon. No charge. cynthijenksjohnson@gmail.com
Last Call for Pecans!

Do you still have a yen for some Smith Club of Washington pecans for snacks, for baking, or for gifts? If so, you are in luck. We have a small number of bags of both plain and chocolate covered pecans left to sell this winter. We have reduced the price to $5 per bag, a real bargain. The extra large halves of plain pecans come in a 16 oz bag and the chocolate covered pecans come in a 12 oz bag. Please contact Caroline Carbaugh at Caroline.Carbaugh@alumnae.Smith.edu to take advantage of this great price and to buy the final pecans of this season. Please include your home and work addresses in the email to facilitate pickup and/or delivery.

The Smith Club of Washington is lucky to have a committed group of volunteers who sell pecans year after year to raise money for our scholarship fund. They also supply the stores that generously carry our pecans in the spirit of community cooperation. We have a wonderful system here in Washington, and the scholarship fund benefits. We hope to raise about $6,000 to send to our endowed scholarship fund at Smith.

Our thanks to these volunteers:
Anne Abend, Alisa Beyinson, Stephanie Byrnes, Shelley Henderson, Joan Keenan, Mindy Kotler, Cheryl Kurss, Pru Lake, Suzanne Mucchetti, Ginny Paige, Jan Rubin, Cathy Scheineson, Marbeth Spreyer, Cheryl Stadel-Bevans, Alice Sweeney, and Nancy Williams.

And our sincere thanks to the following businesses (Let’s remember to support them throughout the year!):
AVA Salon, Brookville Market, Connell’s Valet, Cosmo Cleaners, MacArthur Beverages, Market on the Boulevard, and Bradley Food & Beverage.

Our pecan was successful again this year. A big thank you to our sellers, and to our Smith customers, who look for these nuts and support the sale. Thanks to all of you, several young women from the Washington area will receive scholarships to Smith next year.

-Caroline Soleliac Carbaugh, Pecan Chair

Remember the House Lottery at Smith? Don’t leave your next Metro DC house purchase to chance. Contact Kathleen Ryan ’81, GRI, e-PRO, SRES, TRC, 240-418-3127 (c), kathleen.ryan@longandfoster.com. A portion of all sales/referrals will be donated to the Smith College Alumnae Fund.
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**I would prefer to receive the newsletter via (circle one):**
- email
- postal mail
- both

**Is this new contact information?**
- Yes
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**May we share your contact information with other alumnae?**
- Yes
- No

**Can you provide an internship?**
- Yes
- No

**Can you provide affordable housing for an intern?**
- Yes
- No

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**July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 SCCW Dues Schedule:**

- Sustaining -- $100
- Contributing -- $60
- Regular -- $40
- Associate -- $20

   (Associate is available to parents of current students, classes ’58 and lower, and classes ’04 to ’08)

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Please make check payable to the Smith College Club of Washington and return from with payment to:

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