Welcome Letter from Our Co-Presidents
Caroline Soleliac Carbaugh ’66 and Suzanne Doud Galli ‘87

Dear Smith Alumna:

The Smith College Club of Washington is seeking enthusiastic alumnae to coordinate the Smith College Club Book Awards. Duties include contacting local high schools and coordinating orders and deliveries of books to recipients. This is a cherished tradition which helps spread the good news about Smith College to local girls. The Book Awards recipient also receives of scholarship from the college as part of their awards package.

We are also looking for people to serve on the SCCW Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 year. If you are interested in working with the Board of the SCCW, please contact dcsmithclub@yahoo.com

Sincerely,
Caroline and Suzanne

On the Horizon…

Ivy Day Brunch
Saturday, May 14, 2016, 8:00 a.m.
Last year’s event was such a success that we’re bringing back this new SCCW tradition: the Ivy Day watch party! We plan to gather at an alum’s home to watch the live webcast while brunching. Location and details TBD.

Mentoring Program Kick-off
The Smith College Club of Washington, in conjunction with Smith College, is piloting its first ever mentorship program for alumns, to be rolled out this summer. Interested in participating as a mentor or serving on the Steering Committee? Please contact Candance Gibson ’07 and Natasha McGlynn ’08 at sccwmentoring@gmail.com.

Celebrating #SmartWomenSweat with the Washington Mystics!
Saturday, June 11, 2016
SCCW is joining forces with our fellow sister schools to support our local women’s WNBA team, the Washington Mystics, on Pride Night, when they face off the Minnesota Lynx. This event is open to friends & family, and will be one you won’t want to miss. More details, including ticket information, coming soon to our website.

Texas Poet Laureate Laurie Ann Guerrero Poetry Reading
Monday, April 11, 2016, 7:30 p.m.
For the 47th season of the O.B. Hardison Poetry Series, Texas Poet Laureate, Laurie Ann Guerrero, will be reading sonnets from her newest collection, Visit www.folger.edu/poetry for more information.

Simran Sethi: Round 2!
Monday, April 18, 2016, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Did you miss our event in January with noteworthy environmentalist/alumna extraordinaire Simran Sethi ’92? Fear not, for Simran is visiting the District again this spring! She will be signing copies of her best selling book, Bread, Wine, Chocolate: The Slow Loss of Foods We Love, at Ristorante i Ricchi.

DC Women’s Colleges Alumnae
Did you know there’s a D.C. network for alumnae of all-women’s colleges? You can become a part of this growing network & join at https://groups.google.com/d/forum/dcwcalumnae.
Women’s History Month Spotlight: Marie Therese Dominguez ’87

Interview by Yasmine Evans ’13

To celebrate women’s history and leadership this month, the Smith College Club of Washington is highlighting local Smith alumna Marie Therese Dominguez, Administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). Thank you Marie for sharing your wisdom and experience with us. Happy Women’s History Month! #SmithiesLead

Tell us about your Smith story. How did you learn about Smith?

My family is originally from New Mexico. We moved to the Washington metropolitan area when I was in junior high for my father’s career as a secret service agent. During my final year of high school, I went to a college open house hosted by the Smith College Club of Washington. The women there were incredible - as usual - and of all ages and professions. I recalled meeting a woman in her 70s who had a PhD in chemistry. I was in awe. I remember feeling intrigued when I talked to women with such a broad range of experiences. These women were meticulous, smart and engaging, and I thought, maybe I should think about this “women’s college experience.” I attribute going to Smith to the Smith College Club of Washington. After graduating, the SCCW asked me to serve as a liaison to the admissions committee, and later, program chair. I’m proud of all the work the club does — from the annual rose drop to admissions events — because like many, my interaction with the club as a high school student was my first exposure to Smith.

What did you study at Smith? Was there a person or experience that cultivated your interest in public service?

I was an American Studies major. I loved it. It was the greatest major because I took a whole host of classes from government, economics, and Afro-American studies and my multidisciplinary approach to my academics influenced my career choices as well. From an early age, I’ve always had an interest in public service and it surrounded my life. For example, my grandfather worked for the Army Corps of Engineers and my father was in the Secret Service. The work of my grandfather and father continues to inspire me to this day.

So…President Obama is your boss! What is it like being a political appointee?

I’m very honored to serve in this position. It’s an excellent opportunity. The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is a very important agency focused on the daily lives of Americans. We take for granted the fact that when you turn on a switch, your hot water is going to be heated by the gas hot water heater. That infrastructure needed to service your home, your building and every element of our lives, is an element that is often unseen. So to make sure that operators are running their systems safely—that's what we do.

What brings you joy in your current position? How have challenges caused your leadership style to evolve?

I like engaging with people. I like engaging with our workforce. We have a very talented group of people with our agency. Super dedicated. I look at challenges as an opportunity. There are a lot of challenges. Things happen all the time. Analyzing the situation on how to make improvements and learn from the experience. I've had the chance to work with some really great leaders over time. One of things that is very important is to listen. It's amazing how much you learn when you listen. I believe diversity of opinion is also very important too.

Do you have a mentor?

I have a lot of mentors in my life, many of whom I have had for many years. They range the gambit from former CEOs to people who have had different experiences. It's really important to cultivate a mentor. Your peers can also be a source of guidance. There’s great value in having a group of friends that you trust and can share ideas with. Smith is great in promoting mentorship. I have different groups of friends as a result of my Smith experience. The Smith peer network is unbelievable. Everybody can have different experiences, but having gone to Smith has been really foundational for me in every way.
Our pecan sale was very successful again this year, thanks to our Smith customers who support the sale and to our network of alumnae sellers who make the sale work. 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. This year, we raised over $5,000 to send to our Endowed Scholarship Fund at Smith. Because of your generosity and hard work, several young women from the Washington area will receive scholarship money to Smith next year.

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- Caroline Soleliac Carbaugh ’66, Pecan Chair

Annual Rose Drop
APRIL 2, 2016
Please join the Smith College Club of Washington in honoring a Smith tradition by distributing roses to recently accepted Smithies on the morning of Saturday, April 2, at 10AM.

With yet another record-setting year for applicants, it’s even more important to give the students this unique personal touch. This long-standing SCCW tradition is a great and easy way to assist the Club and connect with future Smithies.

We need drivers with access to cars. Drivers will go to a convenient point in either Maryland (Silver Spring) or Virginia (Pentagon City), collect a few roses and directions, and drop them off. If you don’t own a car, don’t worry! We need volunteers to assemble roses and serve as location captains.

To volunteer, contact Tanya Nesbitt at wectops@sccwsmithclub.com. Please be sure to indicate how you prefer to assist and include your cell phone number.

Annual Pecan Sale Success!
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Alumnae Attend Oscars Preview Event with Ann Hornaday ’82

Smith alumnae who attended from right to left: Suzanne Kim Doual Galli (’87), Ann Hornaday (’82), Liz Seymour (’87), Laurie Ann Phillips (’93), Andrea Orr, Marsha Shaines (’74)

On Thursday, February 25, Smith alumnae attended a preview of the 88th Annual Academy Awards with Ann Hornaday (’82) at the Women’s National Democratic Club. Hornaday discussed the discrimination of women in the movie industry, the lack of diversity at the Oscars and accurately predicted that “Spotlight” would win the academy award for best picture. She is a movie critic at the Washington Post.