



## President's Message

Greetings, Central MA Smithies! While I have been a Member of the Club's board since 2013, I'm very proud to be our new Club President! I want to thank Rachel Gerstein '84 for leading our Club for the past six years. Thank you for your dedication and all you've brought to our community.

As we all collectively peek our heads out after the hibernation that was 2020/2021, The Smith College Club of Central MA has been making plans to get back into the rhythm with our annual events. It has been so wonderful to see folks out and about.

Here's a recap of the past year.



## Meet the Board



*Rachel Sasseville-White  
President*

Class of 2009 - Morrow House.

This is Rachel's tenth year on the board and first year as president! While at Smith, Rachel was a Spanish major and spent a semester abroad in Cordoba, Spain.

Currently, Rachel works as a social worker and licensed addiction counselor. She is the Director of Corporate Training at Spectrum Health Systems, and Mom to these two boys under 4 and a sweet cat who rules our house in Worcester.

## October 2021-

We enjoyed a nice fall get-together at Greater Good Imperial Brewery in Worcester.

## March 2022-

This spring we sprung over to Lost Shoes Roastery and Brewery in Marlborough for coffee, beer and nice conversation.

## May 2022-

Our annual Book Awards was a success this year as local high schools were back to their usual ceremonies post-COVID.

We gave out 30 Book Awards to schools throughout our region as a way to boost interest in our alma mater. This year, the Club chose the book "Friends and Strangers" written by J. Courtney Sullivan, '03.

## June 2022-

A lovely annual meeting at the home of Elissa Boisvert '90 in Worcester. Our guest speaker was Amanda Rivera Lopez, Executive Director of the Alumnae Association and Regional Networks for the Smith Office of Alumnae Relations and Development. We also gave out \$500 scholarships to four local Smithies.

## July 2022-

We joined together on the Berm at Polar Park for a WooSox game! A great time- we just might make this an annual event!

## August 2022-

Our Summer Send-off at the home of Rachel Gerstein '84 in Grafton was a great way to close out the season!

## Meet the Board



*Jill Anderson, Vice President*

AC'07 graduate, currently working in clinical research at UMass Chan Medical School and teaching English at Quinsigamond Community College.

Jill is married with 4 sons. She enjoys watching football, doing puzzles, reading, and playing board games. Jill is a lifelong learner and advocate for education and public health.



*Liz McLaughlin Cardoza '89, Secretary*

Liz McLaughlin Cardoza '89, Secretary, majored in Sociology and lived in Ziskind and Baldwin houses. She spent a semester in London during her junior year.

Liz works as a manager with the Social Security Administration and lives in Grafton with her husband and two small dogs. She has two grown daughters and loves hiking and baking.



We are looking forward to hosting more events as well as getting back to selling pecans for scholarship fundraising after taking last year off. We welcome feedback from local Smithies– where do you want to meet up?

What would make your club experience more meaningful for you? Please email us at [smithclubworchester@gmail.com](mailto:smithclubworchester@gmail.com)

Sincerely,  
Rachel Sasseville '09

## Upcoming Events

October- Pecans!!! All orders are due by October 30. Pecans will be ready for pick up the second week of November.

November- 11/10/22-Fall Social at Redemption Rock Brewery, 333 Shrewsbury St. Worcester, MA (6pm-8pm). Come pick up your pecans and join us for a beer or coffee. Stop by and say hello or stay as long as you would like.

January- Prospective Student Pizza Party (Date and Location TBD)

April- Admitted Students Tea (Date and Location TBD)

June- Yearly Membership Meeting (Date and Location TBD)

## Meet the Board



*Elissa Boisvert, Treasurer, '90, P'14*

Elissa is a corporate attorney. She lived in Haven/Wesley at Smith, and graduated with a major in Latin American Studies. Elissa did her JYA in Lima, Peru. She lives in Worcester with her husband Randy and chocolate lab Murphy, with frequent visits from her three adult children, including Smithie Alessandra DelBrocco '14



*Rachel Gerstein, Member at Large*

Rachel graduated in 1984 with Honors in Biological Sciences. She is an Associate Professor at UMass Chan Medical School, where she runs an Immunology research program and teaches both MD and PhD students.

Rachel is the recent past president and past secretary of the Central MA Smith Club, and also served as the area Alum admissions co-ordinator (AAC) and as the MA rep to the National admissions co-ordinator Board (NAAC). In 2021 she finished a term as a Director of the Smith Alum Association.

## Smith Athletics in Worcester

- 9/17 - Soccer @ WPI
- 9/24 – Volleyball @ Clark
- 10/15- Crew @ Quinsigamond Snake Regatta
- 11/4 – Swimming @ WPI
- 1/14 – Basketball @ WPI
- 1/21 – Basketball @ Clark
- 4/21 – Softball @ WPI
- 5/5-5/6 – Crew @ New England Rowing Championship
- 5/11- 5/12 – Crew @ NIRC

## Important Reminders:

### DUES

If you haven't done so already, please fill out the dues form and return to Elissa Boisvert. We would love to have as many active members of the club as possible. If you have any ideas for club gatherings, please do not hesitate to reach out.

### PECANS, PECANS, PECANS

All pecan sales support our scholarship fund for area students. We continue to raise funds through these sales to support a wide range of needs from enabling internships or travel, alleviating financial burden of books/laptop and encouraging exploration & research.

## Meet the Board



*Amy Marshall, Alumnae Admissions Coordinator, '99, Jordan House, English major*

Amy is currently a realtor in MA and RI, a job she loves! She spent the majority of her post-Smith career as a high school teacher and administrator. Currently she lives in Douglas with her husband, three children, and a menagerie of animals. She loves to travel, boat, read and soak up the sun.



*Maggie Boyle, Social Media Manager*

Maggie is a member of the Smith Class of 2022; She lived in King House, and was a Neuroscience major with a Chemistry minor. She was also a member of the soccer team for four years. Currently, Maggie is a research associate in a lab at UMass Medical School. She is beginning the process of applying to medical school.

Please help us continue our successful stewardship by:

- \* Giving pecans and candy products as holiday gifts
- \* Asking friends, neighbors, colleagues and, family to support the scholarships by adding to your order
- \* Making a separate contribution to the scholarship fund on your Membership Form
- \* Emailing with any suggestions you have to increase sales, including sales at local small stores

Pecans are being ordered and will be available for pick up in early November

**Please write separate checks for Dues and Pecans!**

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:



@Smith College Club of Massachusetts



@SmithClub\_Cmass



@smithclubworchester

Email: [smithclubworchester@gmail.com](mailto:smithclubworchester@gmail.com)

Please stay in touch with Smith using:

<https://alumnae.smith.edu/aasc/aasc/alumnae-directory/>

## Meet the Board



*Christine Swymer Boyle, Member at Large, Class of 1990*

Christine graduated from Smith in the class of 1990 with a major in Biological Sciences. While at Smith, she lived in Ziskind, Laura Scales and lastly Emerson House.

She currently lives in Milford with her husband and family. She holds a PhD in Immunology and Virology from UMass Medical School and is Senior Director of Scientific Operations at EpiVax. She is looking forward to being involved in the Smith club of Central Mass!



*Georgiana Goodman, Book Award Chair*

Georgie graduated from Smith in 2000. She majored in Afro-American Studies and minored in Women's Studies. She lived in Baldwin and Duckett Houses. Georgie is proud to serve as the club's Book Award Chair. Georgie lives in Marlboro, MA. She recently got involved in the Smith Club and wishes she would have participated sooner. She has loved meeting other Smithies who are so passionate about giving back to Smith. Georgie works in Multicultural Marketing at Fidelity Investments. She recently celebrated her eleven year anniversary at Fidelity. Her idea of a perfect day is going on a road trip with her wife Kim, who is also a Smithie, and her new puppy, Pippa.



# SMITH COLLEGE CLUB OF CENTRAL MASS

## MEMBERSHIP FORM: JULY 2022 – JUNE 2023

*A portion of your Annual Dues are tax deductible and help to defray the costs of mailings, book awards, alumnae admissions work, events & other Club expenses*

### CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME:		CLASS:	
COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS:			

PRIMARY TELEPHONE:		SECONDARY TELEPHONE:	
*EMAIL ADDRESS:			

### MEMBERSHIP

	Amount	Description
√	\$35	Regular Membership: Class years 2017 – 1957
	\$*	Membership: Class years 1956 and prior & class years 2018-2020 *(Dues are <b>voluntary</b> for members of these class years.)
	\$ _____	Voluntary sustaining dues: Discretionary donation to be used toward club mailings, events and to defray other club expenses
	\$ _____	<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</b>

### SCHOLARSHIP DONATION

	Amount	Description
√	\$ _____	Scholarship Donation, the SCCCM will be awarding a minimum of 3 scholarships to local area Smith students to defray the cost of books, supplies, academic travel, etc. Scholarships will be presented to the recipients at our <b>Annual Meeting</b> .

### ALUMNAE ADMISSIONS DONATION

	Amount	Description
√	\$20	Book Award Sponsorship
	\$10	Current Student Exam Gift Cards (The SCCM sends well wishes and a Campus Center gift card to students from our area during Fall and Spring exams).
	\$ _____	<b>TOTAL ALUMNAE ADMISSIONS</b>

### SEND THIS FORM TO:

Smith College Club of Central Mass,  
c/o Elissa Boisvert, 41 Chiltern Hill Drive North, Worcester, MA 01609

**CHECKS SHOULD BE PAYABLE TO THE SMITH COLLEGE CLUB OF CENTRAL MASS.**



# Smith College Club of Central Mass

## Annual Pecan Sales

Amy Marshall, Class of 1999, Head Nut for this year!  
 Phone: (774) 571-0036 \* E-Mail: amyleemarshall77@gmail.com

Name	
Street Address	
City, State ZIP	
Phone	
Email	

Description	Unit Price*	# Units	Subtotal
16 oz. Mammoth Pecan Halves	\$12.00		
12 oz. Chocolate-covered Pecans	\$10.00		
12 oz. Roasted & Salted Cashews	\$10.00		
8 oz. Pecan Caramel Clusters	\$10.00		

Total:	
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**Instructions:**

- 1) Complete personal information. We will use this to contact you regarding your order, including order pick-up
- 2) Complete order, indicating number of bags and total cost
- 3) Make check payable to "**Smith College Club of Central Massachusetts**" or **Venmo**
- 4) Return completed order form and payment to:

Amy Marshall  
 23 Jepherson Drive  
 Douglas, MA 01516



**venmo**

@Amy-Marshall-54

**NUTS Pick up and distribution will be in early November. Dates and locations will be sent in an email**