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SMITH CLUB OF CLEVELAND



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The Mission of the Smith College Club of Cleveland is to encourage a sense of connection and continuity with Smith past, present, and future, to promote an awareness of Smith in the Cleveland community, to encourage qualified students to apply to Smith, and to contribute to the College's scholarship fund.

Dear Friends,

This is my inaugural newsletter as I recently took over the club presidency from **Elizabeth Chandler '87**. Elizabeth will continue to serve the club as Nominating Chair, taking over for **Nancy Duff-Boehm '73** as she completes eight years of dedicated service to our club. Please be sure to say "thank you" to both Elizabeth and Nancy the next time you see them...which will hopefully be at our spring event, the details of which are contained herein.

Over the past few months local alums have had several opportunities to get together -- at the "Cooking Like Julia" event at the Western Reserve School of Cooking (November), at the Racquet Club in Pepper Pike for our festive Holiday Party (December), at various Decade Parties (Jan – April) and at the Film Festival (April) where we showed our support for alum **Maris Curran's '99** new movie, Five Nights in Maine.

As the warmer weather approaches we are getting ready for several terrific events. On May 4th we welcome **Jessica Nicoll '83** and Yao Wu from Northampton to speak about the new Carol T. Christ Asian Art Gallery at the Smith College Museum of Art. On May 13th, the Senior Smith contingent will hold their annual luncheon at the Cleveland Skating Club where they will hear from the legendary Joe Garry, host of Broadway Buzz at Playhouse Square and an expert on all things Broadway. And on June 11th, we will gather for our Annual Meeting and luncheon at the First Baptist Church on Fairmount Blvd in Shaker Heights. Finally, on June 26th the Young Alums will welcome the SOTC interns with an event at Rockefeller Greenhouse, including a tour through the gardens by our very own **Mittie Jordan '75**.

Updating our local directory is a bi-annual process -- a new version will be printed this year and distributed to all dues paying members at the Annual Meeting. Please be sure to contact Amy Miller (amyemiller@gmail.com or 216-991-0689) with any new contact information asap since the printing will be done before the end of May.

As I begin my term as president and in keeping with the mission (above) of "encouraging a sense of connection and continuity with Smith..." please know that I welcome suggestions from any and all local Smithies regarding programming ideas and anything else that's on your mind regarding the College. The Club is for all alums, younger, older and in-between, and the board wants to make sure we are serving accordingly. My contact information is lagries@aol.com or 216 978-2647 or @lagries (Twitter). Please reach out!

Lynn-Ann Gries '84

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 4 **Spring Cocktail Reception at The Union Club** **5:30 p.m.**

Please join fellow alumnae when we provide a warm Cleveland welcome to **Jessica Nicoll '83**, Museum Director, and Yao Wu, Curator of Asian Art, on May 4th. The duo will be visiting from Northampton to discuss the role of the Smith College Museum of Art as a teaching and learning resource on campus and the development of the new Carol T. Christ Asian Art Gallery. The 1,250-square-foot gallery—funded by a leadership gift from **Peggy Block Danziger '62**—provides dedicated space for SCMA's evolving collection of Asian art. The Asian art gallery "brings together two parts of the College's history and identity that I learned to treasure in my years as president—internationalism and the particular importance given to the study of art," Christ wrote in an essay for the gallery opening. The formal invitation is included as part of this mailing.

Friday, May 13 **Senior Smith Luncheon at Cleveland Skating Club** **12:30 p.m.**

The Senior Smith Luncheon is an annual event for alumnae in the classes of 1966 and earlier. Alums in more recent classes are welcome to attend, but must pay \$25 for lunch. This year's speaker is the legendary Joe Garry, currently the host of Broadway Buzz at Playhouse Square. His career in the theater is long and varied and he knows more about Broadway than just about anyone; he is truly a Cleveland treasure. You can read a great article about him at http://nominations.clevelandartsprize.org/images/nominees/MyTurn_JoeGarry.pdf. Formal invitations will sent soon. RSVPs will be to Suzanne Stratton-Crooke at 216 561-7500 or suzanne338@aol.com or Jane Outcalt at jqutcalt@yahoo.com. Rides can be arranged for those who need transportation.

Friday, May 27 **ACE Annual Meeting at Cleveland Yachting Club** **11:30 a.m.**

The Association for Continuing Education (www.acesite.org) annual meeting will feature guest speaker Dick Goddard, Meteorologist at Fox8 News. Fees, including lunch and parking, are \$40 for ACE members and \$45 for non-members. The location is The Cleveland Yachting Club (200 Yacht Dr., Rocky River, OH 44116). A brief business meeting and election of new officers will precede the talk. One week later, on June 3, the group is sponsoring a guided walking tour of the Uptown District, a flourishing arts and entertainment district located in the heart of Cleveland's University Circle. Registration is limited to 20 people; the cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Finally, the annual book sale will be held from May 21-24 at Case's Adelbert gym. Details for all programs can be found on the website or by calling 216-368-2090.

Saturday, June 11 **Smith Club Annual Meeting and Luncheon at First Baptist Church** **12:30 p.m.**

We will convene at the First Baptist Church on Fairmount Boulevard in Shaker Heights for our annual meeting. Due to an unforeseen schedule conflict, **Becky McMahon '99** is no longer able to be our featured speaker; I am in the process of trying to secure another individual with a great story to share. If you have any suggestions please let me know and I will follow up. The event is free for dues-paying members and \$20 for non-members; directories will be distributed to dues payers.

Sunday, June 26 **Young Alum / SOTC Lunch & Tour of Rockefeller Park** **1:00 p.m.**

The young alums (classes 1996 - 2016), along with the Smith representatives on the SOTC board, will host a lunch outing for the Summer on the Cuyahoga (SOTC) interns, current Smith students, SOTC alumnae and SOTC hosts at the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse located at the East 88 Street exit off MLK Blvd. Marking the centennial of the Rockefeller Park Cultural Gardens, **Mittie Jordan '75** will lead an informational tour of the gardens. Having lived in the community for over 60 years and founded The Rockefeller Park Cultural Arts

Association as well as The Rockefeller Park Community Restoration and Development Association, Mittie will share her intimate knowledge of the park and its history. Invitations for this event will be sent separately; box lunches will be provided and the tour will begin around 2:00 p.m. or whenever lunch is over.

GENERAL NEWS

Candidates Committee

The Candidates Committee, chaired by **Robin Walker '87** and **Martha Woerner '08**, is proud to announce that our area had 17 applicants this year and that two young ladies have been accepted Early Decision! **Emma Schubert '20**, a senior at Cleveland Heights High School and **Rylee Marie Smith '20**, a senior at Lake Ridge Academy, will be matriculating in the fall. Another local candidate, Iris Dahlen Arbogast from Oberlin Senior High School, has been accepted Early Action. By the time you receive this newsletter, Regular Admission decisions will have been made. Robin or Martha will update us on all the results at the annual meeting.

If you know any young women entering grades 9-12 in the fall, here is some information you can share about *Smith's Precollege Summer Programs*. **Application deadline is May 1.**

- Summer Science and Engineering : July 10 - August 6, 2016
- Women's Writing : July 10 - July 23, 2016
- Discovering Women's History : July 10 - July 23, 2016
- Field Studies for Sustainability : July 10 - July 23, 2016
- College Admissions Workshop : July 23 - July 30, 2016 (this program may be added on to a 2 week program, or be attended individually without enrolling in any other programs)

Here is the link: <http://www.smith.edu/summer/apply.php>

Please let Robin and/or Martha know of any promising students you think would have an interest in Smith. You can also contact the Office of Admission (413) 585-2500 or (800) 383-3232 to make arrangements directly. Alumnae are the best ambassadors for the College!

Book Club

The schedule of books is always available on the Club's website, <http://tinyurl.com/smithcle>. There are three meetings left in this fiscal year:

Date	Title	Host
April 13, 2016	Some Luck by Jane Smiley	Diane Collier
May 11, 2016	Cat On A Hot Tin Roof by Tennessee Williams	Eileen Gold
June 8, 2016	The Beet Queen by Louise Erdrich	Lucy Kistler

Summer on the Cuyahoga

It is currently "high season" for internships; students from the eight participating SOTC schools are furiously seeking summer employment in Cleveland. As of this writing, 49 employers have posted 71 positions and 644 students have submitted 1,832 applications. For Smith students alone, 71 students have submitted 167 applications. Two (2) Smith students have been hired to-date. **Tiffany Chen '17**, will intern at KeyBank and **Veronica Oberholzer '17** will work at University School. In addition to the jobs posted on the SOTC website,

there are two “Smith-only” internship opportunities that take advantage of Praxis: one at the Ingalls Library and Archive (part of the Cleveland Museum of Art) and the other at Policy Matters Ohio, a nonprofit policy research organization. Smith’s Praxis program provides sophomores and juniors with funding for an unpaid internship.

Would you like to serve as a host to one of the SOTC interns? During the summer, Smith alumnae volunteers welcome and support the Smith interns. The Club pairs alumnae to provide a “co-host” experience that is low stress and highly rewarding. If you’re interested in getting involved, please contact **Marjorie Roth ’67** at riroth@comcast.net.

Thank you to the 34 donors who have contributed \$7,900 to our “SOTC fund” this year.

Pat Ashton	Ginny Dawson	Yin Mei Lim	Suzanne Stratton-Crooke
Bonnie Baker	Mary Dunbar	Jane Meyer	Ginger Van Wagenen
Ruth Berger	Barbara Galvin	Joanne Mortimer	Musette Vincent
Christy Bittenbender	Ann Herbruck	Jan Mottinger	Alice Webster
Holly Brooks	Annette Himes-Severiens	Ella Quintrell	Nancy West
Amy Carlson	Yen Izanec	Beth Rankin	Kathleen Wildman
Elizabeth Chandler	Alison Jones	Clara Rankin	Margot Youngs
Juanita Dalton Robinson	Susan Lapine	Marjorie Roth	
Pamela Davis	Nancy Lavelle	Betsy Sampliner	

In Memoriam

We are always sad to report the passing of alumnae and friends. Thomas “Tom” Roulston, husband of **Lois Mueller Roulston ’54**, passed away on October 7, 2015; Jerome (Jerry) Tone III, husband of **Betty Whitelaw Tone ’53**, passed away Nov. 30, 2015; Virginia Langmack, mother-in-law of **Marilyn Langmack ’67** passed away on December 18, 2015; and Dr. **Joan Rothwell Mortimer ’44**, club member and mother of **Joanne Mortimer ’70**, passed away on January 10, 2016.

Alumnae News & News from Northampton

Christine Cano ’84, Ph.D. was recently elected to the senate (board) of the Phi Beta Kappa society, the nation’s oldest and most-widely known academic honor society. As one of 13 senators, each of whom serve a six year term, Christine will represent Phi Beta Kappa’s East Central District. A French professor at Case, Christine joined our Club board as secretary this year.

Veselina Radeva ’09 is back in Cleveland!!! Veselina participated in SOTC during the summer of 2009 when she was an intern at Longbow Research. She’s currently applying to graduate school and is also seeking a part-time job working in the field of economics research/analysis or business consulting. Any help would be appreciated!

I assume many of you have seen the news about **Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy ’02** winning her second Academy Award for Best Short Subject Documentary (*A Girl in the River: The Price of Forgiveness*). When I went to the College’s website to verify her class year and other details, I found a veritable treasure trove of news articles highlighting accomplishments of alumnae as well as important happenings at the College. I encourage you to bookmark the sites below, especially the news archive, and glance at it periodically...you will be proud to see what our talented classmates are up to!

- http://www.smith.edu/about_publications.php - access to all publications put out by the College
- <http://www.smith.edu/news/smith-news-archive/> - access to most recent headlines involving Smith and/or its alums