



APRIL 2025

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,

Happy May! I hope everyone fared well through the winter. I must say I thought it was never going to end. But as things come back to life outside, it makes me feel in much better spirits.

Over the past few months, we have had several opportunities to get together and have fun. Our holiday party this past December 7th was graciously hosted at the beautiful home of **Elizabeth Chandler '87**. We all had a great time and the catering was stunning, as always.

The club also hosted a talk at WOLFS Gallery led by Dr. Marianne Berardi, discussing the influential women artists of the Cleveland School of the early 20th century. The talk included a gallery tour highlighting the women Cleveland School artists, featuring a Tiffany lamp created by Clara Driscoll, the local artist who designed most of the Tiffany lamps.

The Senior Smith Luncheon will be held on Friday, May 9th at 11:45 at the Cleveland Racquet Club. The program is "A Light-Hearted History—The Cleveland Smith Club, Its Early Years", written by **Lydia Seltzer Bradner '39** and presented by **Marilyn Langmack '67, Susan LaPine '68 and Betsy Sampliner '62** in honor of the 150th Anniversary of Smith College. Be prepared for a wonderful matinee by these three great thespians. A reminder that all members are welcome!

The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 21st from 10am-12pm at the Church of the Savior in Cleveland Heights. There will be a brunch, followed up with our guest speaker **Sandra Morgan '84** who was recently appointed as Interim Mayor of East Cleveland. This will prove to be an engaging and exciting event.

This year marks Smith's 150th anniversary – a milestone that leaves many of us thinking about the legacy that the college has left, not just on us as individuals, but on all past and future Smithies. When I reflect back on my time at Smith, I tend not to think about what I learned in the classroom, but rather, what I learned as a person. Smith taught me to think critically, cherish my friendships and be proud to be a part of a community of strong, independent women. In this uncertain time we live in, it can be challenging to feel safe when the future can seem so dangerous. But it is communities like the Smith College Club of Cleveland that make me feel hopeful. Regardless of age, background, or experiences, I encourage all local Smithies to feel safe in our Smithie community. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me, get involved in the club, or attend one of our great events.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 9

Senior Smith Luncheon at the Cleveland Racquet Club

11:45 a.m.

The Senior Smith Luncheon will be held this year at the Cleveland Racquet Club. This is an annual event for alumnae in the classes of 1975 and earlier. Classes of 1976-2025 are warmly encouraged to attend for the price of \$25. This year's program is "A Light-Hearted History—The Cleveland Smith Club, Its Early Years" written by **Lydia Seltzer Bradner '39**. The program will be presented by **Marilyn Langmack '67, Susan LaPine '68 and Betsy Sampliner '62** in Honor of the 150th Anniversary of Smith College. Please RSVP by Friday, May 2nd to either Marilyn Langmack: MHL0419@ameritech.net or (216) 321-4923 or Susan LaPine: lapinemail@gmail.com or (216) 695-8711

Saturday, June 21

Smith Club of Cleveland Annual Meeting at the Church of the Savior

10 a.m.

We will meet at the Church of the Savior on Lee Road in Cleveland Heights for our annual meeting. We will convene in the Great Hall for brunch and a talk given by **Sandra Morgan '84**, current Interim Mayor of East Cleveland. We will also be joined by current SOTC interns. This event is free for dues-paying members and \$20 for non-members. Digital invites with additional information to follow.

GENERAL NEWS

Candidates Committee

Our Candidates Committee Chair **Kathleen Wildman '00** is happy to announce that Smith has admitted 25 applicants from Ohio, seven of which are from the Cleveland area. We will find out how many students have accepted after May 1st.

Kathleen also attended the Cleveland Council of Independent Schools College Fair at Andrews Osborne Academy in Willoughby in early April. The fair was well attended and 13 students submitted their information to Smith to receive additional information about the college.

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 (Session) : July 20 - August 2, 2025
- College Readiness : July 10 - July 23, 2025
- Creative Writing Workshop : July 5 - July 18, 2025
- Sustainable Futures : July 20 - August 2, 2025
- Women, Gender, & Representation : July 20 - August 2, 2025

Here is the link: <https://apply.smith.edu/register/precollege2025>

Book Club

The schedule of books is always available on the Club's website, <http://tinyurl.com/smithcle>. There is only one meeting left in this fiscal year, but don't worry, **Joanne Mortimer '70** will be sending out emails soon asking for next year's book submissions – start compiling now!

Date	Title	Moderator
May 14, 2025	Unfinished Love Story by D. Kearns Goodwin	Ruth Berger & Ginnie Dawson

SMITH READS BOOK CLUB – an online book club exclusively for the Smith community offering a variety of ways to discuss books, including a discussion forum and live webinars that will be announced throughout the year. To join, you simply need to [register](#).

Summer on the Cuyahoga

As of recently, SOTC has 42 employers that have posted 63 positions, with approximately two-third of the employers hiring a total of 56 students so far. Six Smith students have accepted SOTC internships, including two Praxis funded students who will be working at Ingalls Library at the Cleveland Museum of Art, as well as The Mezzanine Fund, which was founded by Smith Alum Anne Richie. Three of those students are returning (Josephine Neumann, Gabriella Rosenberg, and Livie Johnston).

At the end of the SOTC interns' experience, there will be a farewell summer gathering at Susan LaPine's house on Sunday, July 20th.

Would you like to serve as an ambassador/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 **Emily Matz '18** at emilymatz.em@gmail.com or **Martha Woerner '08** at martha.woerner@gmail.com.

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness to report the passing of our alumnae and friends. **Molly Bruce Downing '64** passed away on October 17, 2024; **Shirley Williams Gibson '42** passed away on February 21, 2025; **Clara Taplin Rankin '38** passed away on February 26, 2025; and **Ann Caldwell Fabens '48** passed away on April 21, 2025.

Alumnae News & News from Northampton

Smith College celebrates its 150th anniversary. As the Smith website states, "In September of 1875, Smith College opened its doors to 14 students and six faculty members. Ever since then, we've been pushing the world forward in profound ways. Smith—and Smithies—have been a force for change, transforming our society, our history, and the lives and leadership of women. Smith's impact on the greater good has been undeniable." Smith will be celebrating throughout 2025, check the website for new content and events: <https://www.smith.edu/150>

50 years ago, Jill Ker Conway was inaugurated as the first woman president at Smith. That same year in 1975, Conway established the Ada Comstock Scholars Program, as well as the women's studies and engineering degree programs. Since Jill Ker Conway's inauguration in 1975, all of the college's succeeding presidents have been women. And 30 years ago in 1995, Ruth Simmons became the college's first African American president and the first African American woman to head a top-ranked American college or university.

Read a brief history of Conway's presidency here: <https://www.smith.edu/news-events/news/brief-history-smiths-first-woman-president>

At the beginning of March, the Smith College Basketball Team claimed the fifth-straight NEWMAC Women's Basketball Championship. Later that month, they became the runner up in the 2025 NCAA Division III Final Four, ultimately losing against NYU. Smith ended the year with a historic 31-3 record.

If anyone has news about themselves or any Smithie friends that they would like to be included in next fall's newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

- 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