

# Smith College Club of Colorado



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## President's Letter ♦ Emily Farrell

Dear Smith Alumnae:

As another year gets under way for the Smith Club, it saddens me to share the news about **Kirsten Steinke '06**, our Vice President, who was in a car accident in September and is still recovering.

For those of you who have not followed our news via email or Facebook, Kirsten was on her honeymoon in New Zealand and, tragically, her husband was killed instantly in the accident. Kirsten suffered from injuries to her head, pelvis, ribs, and jaw and was in a coma for two weeks. Her memories are still scattered and she doesn't remember everything that happened. She spent more than a month in a New Zealand hospital before returning home to Colorado on October 23 to continue her treatment at a rehabilitation facility.

Kirsten is getting better every day and is improving faster than doctors had anticipated. Her father has referenced her Smith strength and spirit in his communications with the Club. Some of you may remember that Kirsten's parents, Jim and Gerri Steinke, hosted our holiday party in 2010. You'll also be glad to know that the Smith community in New Zealand offered their help and support to the Steinke family while they were there.

We will let you know how Smithies can help Kirsten as she continues her recovery. In the meantime, messages for Kirsten can be sent to the Club's email address at [smithclubco@gmail.com](mailto:smithclubco@gmail.com) and we will forward them to her. Your thoughts, prayers, love, and email

are much appreciated by Kirsten and her parents!

Despite Kirsten's absence, the remaining board members are continuing to organize a variety of events for Colorado Smithies. This fall we just had two "Molly" events—attending a performance of "Red Hot Patriot: The Kick-Ass Wit of Molly Ivins" and enjoying high tea and a museum tour at the Molly Brown House.

The approaching holiday season mean two things for the Smith Club: toffee and a party! The enclosed order form for Enstrom's Toffee provides a great way to treat friends, co-workers, clients, family, and employees to a delicious Colorado tradition. A portion of the purchase is tax deductible, and the proceeds will be used to organize more great Smith Club events and to subsidize the cost of our events.

This year's Holiday Party will be hosted at the home of **Julie Bock '87** in Cherry Creek. Please bring a tasty dish to share and join us for this always-popular event.

I am very grateful for our remaining and hard-working board members—**Anna Estes '08**, **Tanya Mathews '93**, **Nora Neureiter '89**, and **Meredith Badler '08**. We always have room for more and would welcome any Smithies to join the board and help organize events and outreach to our great Rocky Mountain Smith community. Please contact me if you have any questions, and I hope to see you at an upcoming event!

Emily Farrell '99

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## Treasurer's Report ♦ Tanya Mathews

Thank you to those 85 women who have sent in your dues, additional support and Scholarship contributions. As of September 30th, the Club has collected \$3,425 in dues, \$1,240 in additional support and \$731 in Scholarship contributions. Because of your generous support, we have the opportunity this year to provide a variety of events and, in many cases, subsidize the cost for our members. Our hope is that these perks will not only increase the Club membership but also increase the attendance at our events.

At the Annual Meeting in June of this year, all club members in attendance approved a \$2,000 gift to the Smith College Current Scholarship Fund. This gift was possible thanks to proceeds from the Club's annual Toffee Sales fundraiser of \$1,007 and pre-designated Scholarship contributions of \$745. As a reminder, our annual contribution to the Scholarship Fund is discretionary and based on our budget for that fiscal year. The Fund's market value as of June 30, 2012 was \$967,683. There were two student recipients in the 2011-2012 academic year.

We usually have 110-150 members each year so hopefully this newsletter will remind those of you who haven't joined yet to send in your dues. If you are not sure if you have paid your dues for the 2012-2013 Club fiscal year, please check the list of Alumnae Sponsors above and Club Members below. Remember, 100% of your dues payment and additional

### ALUMNAE SPONSORS

Thank you to the following alumnae who have made additional donations to support Club events and activities and scholarships for current students:

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| ★ Helen Atkeson         | ★ Virginia Leitz '56      |
| ★ Ruby Auburg '55       | ★ Heather Lenox '98       |
| ★ Laura Barton '82      | ★ Margaret Levy '69       |
| ★ Michelle Berry '65    | ★ Ellen Mangione '74      |
| ★ Mary Bindner '51      | ★ Victoria Merritts '71   |
| ★ Harriet Boonin '57    | ★ Barbara Miller '66      |
| ★ Laurene Brooks '55    | ★ Barbara Neal '56        |
| ★ Melanie Grant '61     | ★ Nora Neureiter '89      |
| ★ Ellen Greenhouse '68  | ★ Elaine Osborn '63       |
| ★ Joy Hakim '51         | ★ Lisa Robinson '87       |
| ★ Mary Hoagland '46     | ★ Elizabeth Rohrbough '84 |
| ★ Ruth Hopfenbeck '53   | ★ Margaret Speckman '55   |
| ★ Nancy Jianakoplos '72 | ★ Marcia Strickland '54   |
| ★ Cynthia Kahn '61      | ★ Mary Strizek '82        |
| ★ Jan Kennaugh '73      | ★ Susan Tyson '58         |

contributions are deductible for tax purposes and all proceeds directly fund events for Club members and fund student scholarships. Please mail your dues form and check to me at 3840 Wolff St., Denver, CO 80212. Please feel free to contact me with questions at 303-588-5453 or tanya.mathews@gmail.com.

### 2012-2013 CLUB MEMBERS

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|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| • Betty Jean Averitt '44 | • Emily Farrell '99    | • Ann Jesse '57          | • Ellen Selig '71      |
| • Meredith Badler '08    | • Donna Feldman '73    | • Kristin Kleimann '96   | • Joan Shepardson '49  |
| • Megan Beren '04        | • Rebecca Freyre '82   | • Penny Leather '57      | • Susan Soloyanis '72  |
| • Katherine Borgen '64   | • Carol Friedman '59   | • Kathryn MacPhail '88   | • Barbara Stanton '67  |
| • Erin Brenengen '09     | • Gail Fritzinger '81  | • Anne Mairs '87         | • Cathryn Stewart '78  |
| • Rebecca Bromley '67    | • Margaret Fulford '68 | • Tanya Mathews '93      | • Randi Stroh '71      |
| • Sylvia Brown '54       | • Susan Gallagher '66  | • Kathleen McGarry '93   | • Joyce Thurmer '52    |
| • Perry Butterfield '54  | • Cornelia Gibson '57  | • Anabel McHugh '53      | • Joan Turner '65      |
| • Cameron Claussen '85   | • Anna Gilbert '03     | • Elizabeth Mitchell '84 | • Julie Wagoner '49    |
| • Sheila Cleworth '55    | • Susan Greene '68     | • Sue Morgan '61         | • Pamela Wakefield '77 |
| • Jamy Coulson '62       | • Anne Halverson '60   | • Eloise Noland '52      | • Amy Woodis '75       |
| • Erin Custer '96        | • Kathy Harhai '73     | • Kimberly O'Connor '96  | • Betsy Zollner '48    |
| • Pamela Daddow '74      | • Anita Heitler '62    | • Lisa Olcese '89        | • Marjorie Zollner '51 |
| • Judith Denison '57     | • Carol Hobbs          | • Therese Rietfort '91   |                        |
| • Anna Estes '08         | • Joan Hutchinson '67  | • Maria Scalfani '08     |                        |

## Recruitment Report ♦ Meredith Badler

New student recruitment held strong in the 2011-2012 season. Smith College received 27 applications from high school seniors across Colorado. Fifteen of those young women were accepted and six will be attending this fall. Join us in welcoming **Martha Daley, Megha Dhingra, Margaret Harding, Jordan Menter, Emma Mooney, and Rachel Waugh** into the class of 2016.

While Colorado's numbers are lower than year's past, Smith had a record-breaking number of applicants and was more selective this year than the past 50+ years.

You may be wondering how the

Smith Club is involved in recruiting. We have an active (and ever growing) cadre of volunteers across the state that interview prospective students for the admissions office. Last year, local alumnae conducted approximately 11 interviews along the Front Range.

Last year, we also gave a Book Award to a promising junior at the Denver Center for International Studies, Emma Thornton Kolbe. In addition, the Club held a spring Yield Party for admitted students, hosted by Geri Badler (mother of Meredith Badler '08), and a summer Send-Off Party for new and current Smithies, hosted by Helen Atkeson (mother of Paula

Atkeson '15). And finally, we sent care packages to current students in October.

Thank you to all of our volunteers. Our success is due to your generosity, commitment and passion for Smith. You keep our alumnae network strong!

If you are interested in conducting interviews, organizing care packages or assisting in recruitment in some way, please contact:

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## Annual Meeting with Professor Horowitz ♦ June 18, 2012



### CLUB DIRECTORY

With the availability of alumnae contact information online through the Alumnae Association, the Club no longer routinely provides a printed directory of local alumnae. However, if you would like a printed copy, please contact Emily Farrell at (303) 642-5237 to request a copy. Otherwise, visit <http://alumnae.smith.edu> and login to the Alumnae Directory to look up alumnae contact information.



Join the Smith Club of Colorado and Wyoming on Facebook! Stay connected with local alumnae and hear about upcoming events.



## College for a Day ♦ January 14, 2013

Temple Emanuel, 51 Grape Street, Denver, CO 80220

### Reading Shakespeare on an iPad

*Dr. Katherine Rowe, English, Bryn Mawr College*

The iPad—search the Internet, watch a movie, study some Shakespeare...wait, what? Dr. Rowe discusses the factors that led a Shakespeare scholar into entrepreneurial publishing, resulting in her new app—Shakespeare's The Tempest. She ties the experiences of students using the app to how reading is changing in our digital world.

### A Chemist's Approach to Understanding and Treating a Disease: The Mechanics of Diabetes

*Dr. David Haines, Chemistry, Wellesley*

This may not be Chemistry as you remember it! Learn the basics of the normal production and release of insulin by the pancreas. Then follow along as he leads you on an exploration of these processes, illustrating where things might go off-track in diabetes, and showing how we can attempt to navigate around these problems.

### The Nature of Truth in Memoir Writing

*Professor Patricia Powell, English, Mills College*

The whole truth and nothing but the truth? Memoirists often walk a slippery slope between fact and fiction, striving to get as close to the truth as possible, yet finding it practically impossible. Accuracy is important, but memory is not history; in addition to accurate detail, the memoirist wants to unearth—and understand—the emotional truth.

## Rocky Mountain Day ♦ October 6, 2012



Brrrr! Just as the Mountain Day bells would surprise us every year at Smith, the winter weather crept in extra early this year for the Club's annual Rocky Mountain Day celebration.

A brave bunch convened at Betasso Preserve in Boulder on October 6 for some breakfast and damp shivers. Highlights from the morning: a bear sighting in Boulder canyon, two foxes, a family of deer in the morning mist and a chance to catch-up with Colorado Smithies old and new. Given the small turnout, we were happy to share our bagels with the friendly park ranger.

Next year, we promise to accommodate for better weather...and finally get a bell.

Photo: Gina Herrera Moreno '08 and her sister, Andrea, Anna Estes '08, Meredith Badler '08 and her mom, Geri, and Jennifer Tredeaux '79.

## Biology Professor Steven Williams ♦ January 9, 2012

This year, Smith Gates Professor of Biology Steven Williams spoke at the annual College for a Day event on January 9th. He talked about neglected tropical diseases -- debilitating illnesses that impact the world's poorest populations. Dr. Williams also explained his current research to the attendees, focusing on his laboratory's efforts to further explore the molecular biology of the parasites that cause elephantiasis and African river blindness. His talk was relevant to current events and politics, as most of his research relates in

one way or another to the goal of eliminating these diseases that afflict 200 million people worldwide. He also studies animal parasites that infect endangered wildlife.

A reception was held after the College for a Day event at the home of Melanie Grant, '61. It was a special evening with Smith alums, who got the opportunity to meet Dr. Williams, ask further questions about his work and research, and talk about his lecture and the college in general.

# Board & Committee Members

## Club Officers

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## Join the Board!

We welcome anyone interested in serving on the Board of the Smith College Club of Colorado as a committee member, chair, or officer. We are especially interested in help with fundraising and events. The board meets approximately every two to three months and members work collaboratively on all aspects of our events and outreach. The only requirements are Club membership, commitment, and enthusiasm!

Please note that the Smith Club of Colorado will contact you by mail and email using the personal contact information you provide to the Alumnae Association. In addition to this annual newsletter, we also send out electronic invitations to all Club events. **If you are not receiving email from us, then the Alumnae Association does NOT have a personal email address on file for you.**

Please ensure that we can include you in all Club events by updating your information with the College. If you have recently moved or changed email addresses, be sure to update your records!

You can make changes by logging in to your Alumnae Directory & Email account or by contacting the Alumnae Association directly:

(800)526-2023

[http://alumnae.smith.edu/tools/update\\_address.php](http://alumnae.smith.edu/tools/update_address.php)

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