



Smith College Club of Orange County

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Smithies of Orange County!

My name is Tu Nguyen and I am your new president! I just graduated in May 2010, and while I'm sad about leaving Smith College behind me, I am excited to continue invigorating the Smith community here in Orange County. I couldn't have asked for a better experience at Smith and that was made through your generous donations and continuous support. Now that I'm an alumna, I look forward to giving back in any way that I can by bringing the Smith spirit to the West coast!

This coming year, the board hopes to provide all alumnae, current, and prospective students with several opportunities to connect with each other. Our goal is to give you the chance to be a part of the great Smith College network and share your experience with others. We strive to be Smith-sters to one another through donating our time to our Smith community by providing support to prospective students, inviting faculty speakers to continue our education, helping out with interviews, hosting events, and participating in book club. I welcome and encourage you to be a part of our community by attending events, offering to help with recruiting, offering your home as a place for hosting events, being a big sister to current students, or just offering your friendship to a fellow Smithie! I have only been home for a few months now and already I feel like I have a group of Smithies I can turn to. Our club offers an array of activities that we hope you can attend to make life-long friends.

Stay connected!! We will be sending out a quarterly newsletter to update you on club events and news and have just launched our Facebook group and website. If you haven't updated your address and email address, please do so through the Alumnae Association website. We strive to be green and save on postage! If you have any suggestions for events, please feel free to contact us at the email provided.

Sincerely,

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SCCOC President

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UPCOMING EVENTS

RSVP to smithcluboc@alumnae.smith.edu for all events, or join the Facebook group and RSVP on Facebook events!

Student Care Package Put-together

Join us at the home of **Virginia Halverson '06** as we put together a care package for current students so they have a little reminder of home as they approach finals! Please bring something to put in each package. We have 16 students to make packages for so your help is greatly appreciated!

- December 5, 2010, 11am-1pm
- 15238 Cambridge Street Tustin, CA 92782
- Contact: Virginia Halverson, (562) 544-2700

Meet and Greet: prospective and current students, alums social gathering

Please join us at the lovely home of **Teryl Zarnow '73** to meet and greet prospective students. Share your experiences as a Smithie and show them the wonderful alumnae community that awaits them.

- Sunday, January 9, 2011, from 3pm-5:30pm
- 264 Sherwood St. Costa Mesa CA, 92627
- Contact: Virginia Halverson, (562) 544-2700

FACULTY SPEAKER:

Professor Borjana Mikic, the New Director of the Picker Engineering Program at Smith

Saturday, January 15, 2011, 5pm-7pm

At the home of Karin de Riszner '66
1825 Avenida Del Norte
Fullerton, CA 92833

- Please invite prospective students and your friends and family to attend!
- RSVP to smithcluboc@alumnae.smith.edu
- Contact: Vanessa Knapton, (714) 904-9623

The Picker Engineering Program was established a decade ago as the first accredited engineering degree program at an all women's college and one of only a handful of such programs situated within a liberal arts setting. Our founding vision was of engineering as a bridge between the humanities and sciences, and of engineers as legitimate agents of social and environmental change. Come join Prof. Borjana Mikic, the new Director of the program, to learn about the exciting ways our students are putting theory into practice and get a preview of what the next decade may have in store for engineering at Smith.

Borjana Mikic is the Rosemary Bradford Hewlett '40 Professor and Director of the Picker Engineering Program. She joined the faculty at Smith in 2001 as one of the founding members of the engineering program, and she became Director on July 1, 2010. Prof. Mikic's research is in the area of orthopedic bioengineering. Before assuming the role of Director of Engineering, she was the inaugural Director of the Sherrerd Center for Teaching and Learning at Smith and was a 2007 recipient of the College's Sherrerd Prize for Distinguished Teaching.



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UPDATE FROM THE ALUMNAE ADMISSIONS COORDINATOR

It's the heart of the Smith recruiting season and we need your help building the next generation of Smith students! Getting involved is rewarding and inspiring. Here are some upcoming opportunities:

- Interview prospective students (Nov. through Feb.)
- Attend *Meet & Greet* for prospective students (Jan. 9 in Costa Mesa)
- Call students once they've been admitted to offer congratulations and answer questions (April)
- Host/ attend gatherings for admitted students (April)
- Attend college fairs on behalf of Smith (Sept. through Oct.)

Contact me if you are interested in volunteering for any of the above. I can provide you with all the information you'll need to make your part easy and fun. Having a strong alumnae presence at events for prospective students is particularly compelling, so even just showing up adds a lot of value. I think we can make this our best recruiting year yet!

All the best,

Virginia G. Halverson '06 AAC

TREASURY NEWS AND CLUB DUES

The treasury of the SCCOC relies entirely upon dues for support. As a small club we do not aspire to huge fundraising or charitable donations, but rather to keep interest in the college and to spread the word of Smith on the west coast to prospective students. Therefore it is important for us to offer events throughout the year for free or nearly free to entice our west coast alums to gather, share our lives, learn of Smith today, and mentor young Smithies or Smithies-to-be. We do very well at this if you look at our enrollment from the OC this year!

Your dues are used almost exclusively for launching events that you can attend for free. If our treasury falls low then we will have to charge more for events like the ever-popular wine tasting event. Secondly we use the treasury to pay for the contents and mailing of the care packages to current students (coming up soon!) and other support for current and prospective students. If you participate in these events from time to time you will see how rewarding it is to campaign for Smith in any way we can.

Please consider keeping your alma mater strong here in the OC by sending dues for 2011 now. Our current balance is healthy at 1147.00 but we are about to begin a busy year, as you will read in this newsletter, and the funds will go fast!! Please send with the Pay button or by snail mail to Robin. Let's be sure everyone has heard of Smith!

Sincerely,

Robin Rainie-Lobacz '72



Please mail dues to Robin Rainie-Lobacz, at the address on the next page or use the "Donate Button" below. If you choose to pay by credit card please add 2% for the handling fee that the card companies deduct. Paypal does not deduct a surcharge.

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\$30 for 2004 and before.

\$25 for 2005-2010

Membership Dues:

Please detach this form and send with a check
made out to Smith College Club of Orange County
to:

Yes! I want to support our club!

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Reunite with old classmates, stay in touch...



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