



Smith College Club of Orange County

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT and VICE PRESIDENT

Hello Smithies!

We have an exciting and full Spring-Summer schedule ahead of us. It's been great to see so many of our members at these events. Thank you to all of our board members and club members for all of your hard work and dedication to Smith. You are the reason that I chose Smith in the first place – the sense of community of Smithies is such a draw to our prospective students, and it truly brings our alumnae back together. To be a Smithie means being part of a community of intelligent, caring, and adventurous women. I have never been more proud or more thankful to be a part of something so great. Sophia Smith's dream many years ago "to develop as fully as may be the powers of womanhood" through education continues to live today and is seen through the lives of our alumnae, current and prospective students. As they said and will always say...THIS IS SMITH.

I encourage all of you to be active within our community. The more active members we have, the stronger our club, presence, and network will grow. You can attend one or more of our events, reach out to current and prospective students, or make a donation to our scholarship fund. We try and give everyone an opportunity to be part of the Smith Club of OC. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let us know!

At our Wine and Dine event in May, we will be going over some club updates and hold elections. If anyone is interested in running for any of the positions listed on the right, please reach out to me.

Tu Nguyen '10
President

After taking a few years off, I am happy to rejoin the SCCOC Board as Vice President. I've previously served as the club's AAC and especially enjoy meeting prospective and current students. Whether you want to rekindle old friendships or make new connections, I encourage you to attend SCCOC events. Whether it is book club, night out, the yield party, meet & greet, our annual meeting or a special event-You owe it to yourself to get back in touch with Smith!

Heather Chapman '96
Vice President

UPDATE FROM SOCIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR

We are ready for a summer full of all kinds of fun! After we've greeted the newcomers and finished the wine, we will still have Smithies' Nights Out! We hope to see everyone stopping by - come late, leave early, whatever works for you! Check us out on Facebook or RSVP to me through email. Hope to see everyone having fun in 2012!

Emily Markussen Sorsher '04
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CLUB INFORMATION

SCCOC Website: <http://alumnae.smith.edu/smithcms/orangecounty/>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

RSVP to smithcluboc@gmail.com for all events, or join the Facebook group and RSVP on Facebook events!

Smithies' Night Out @ Chapter One

- 227 North Broadway, Santa Ana, CA 92701
- **Wednesday, March 7, 2012 – 6:30pm**
- Contact: Emily Markussen Sorsher, (949) 294-6612, emily_markussen@yahoo.com

SCCOC Yield Party *Come to this wonderful gathering for an opportunity to meet current students, prospective students, and our amazing group of alumnae! Join us for light refreshments and drinks as we share our experiences and influence the next generation of Smithies*

- 5203 E. Cerritos Drive, Orange, CA 92869
- **Monday, April 16, 2012 – 7:30pm**
- We will provide light snacks and refreshments!
- Contact: Virginia Halverson, (562) 544-2700, vhalverson@gmail.com

Smithies' Night at the Theater- *Join us for a group outing to see "Jitney" by August Wilson at the South Coast Repertory Theater in Costa Mesa. Our very own OC alumna Laurie Smits Staude '58 is an honorary producer for this wonderful play. Special group discount rate is \$26 per person. We'll meet first for a light dinner and cocktails at Z'tejas Restaurant on the Bristol side of South Coast Plaza. The play begins at 8:00pm. **Please RSVP to Virginia Halverson by April 15 to reserve your ticket.***

- 3333 Bristol Street, South Coast Plaza, Costa Mesa, CA 92626
- **Thursday May 17, 2012:** Happy hour at Z'tejas at SCP from 6:30pm-7:30pm, "Jitney" at SCR at 8:00pm
- Contact Virginia Halverson with questions or to reserve your tickets, (562) 544-2700, vhalverson@gmail.com
- Information about the play can be found here: www.scr.org

SCCOC Wine and Dine – *An encore to last year's successful Wine Tasting event, this will be a BYOB (bring your own bottle) to share with your fellow Smithies and guests. Join us for a fun evening of exploring our taste palettes and socializing! In place of our annual meeting, we will also make a few short announcements regarding finances, elections, and club updates. We will provide non-alcoholic drinks and light refreshments.*

- 28005 Blackberry Way, Yorba Linda, CA 92887
- **Saturday, May 19, 4:00-7:00**
- Contact: Tu Nguyen (714)654-3502 ; or Bianca Loverde (323) 829-1216

Smithies' Night Out @ Lazy Dog Cafe

- 13290 Jamboree Road, Irvine CA 92602
- **Tuesday, June 13, 2012 – 6:00pm**
- Contact: Emily Markussen Sorsher, (949) 294-6612, emsorsher@gmail.com

Smithies' Night Out @ The Gypsy Den

- 125 North Broadway #D, Santa Ana, CA 92701
- **Wednesday, August 15, 2012 – 6:00pm**
- Contact: Emily Markussen Sorsher, (949) 294-6612, emsorsher@gmail.com



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UPDATE FROM THE ALUMNAE ADMISSIONS COORDINATOR

Smith had another record year with 4,321 total applications (up from 4,128 in 2011). Of those, we had 37 applicants from Orange County this year! Students will find out if they've been accepted in March and will have to make their decision by May 1. I have loved being the Alumnae Admissions Coordinator for the past 3 years, but I can't do it alone! To continue our outreach momentum, I will be putting together an **Alumnae Admissions Team** for the coming season to help with the following around Orange County:

College fairs--help increase Smith's presence on high school campuses.

Interviews--help conduct interviews with prospective students.

Events--help plan the 'meet & greet' in January and the 'yield party' in April.

Please be in touch with me if you are interested in helping cultivate the next generation of Smithies!

Even if you're not interested in joining our volunteer team, I hope you will join us for the **yield party hosted by Heather Chapman '96 on Monday, April 16 at 7:30p.m.** This event is vital in our recruitment efforts because it gives admitted students an opportunity to meet Smith Alumnae and see how a Smith education has shaped our lives. Experiencing the Smith network in action is a powerful differentiator for students as they decide which college to attend. I hope to see you there!

Virginia (Griffin) Halverson '06
Alumnae Admissions Coordinator

TREASURY NEWS AND CLUB DUES

Happy 2012, Smithies of the OC!

Your board is meeting regularly to keep the Smith vibe alive here on the West Coast, and the interest level from high schoolers is higher than ever, thanks to your board's efforts (close to 40 applicants from the OC!). Please get involved by sending dues, even if you don't have time to help. Some of these women would never have known about Smith had it not been for your Alumnae Admissions Committee, headed by Virginia Halverson.

Our Treasury rests as usual at about \$800. We have many events planned for 2012 and to offer these at low or no cost to you, we need your dues. Currently there are only ten dues paying members for this fiscal year. Remember Smith's fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30, so we need your 2012 dues before June 30.

As you will see in other areas of this letter there are several events upcoming at which you can pay your dues, but never hesitate to mail them to me at the address listed. We also accept PayPal and CC payments, but you will need to add 3% to allow for the merchandising fee.

Dues are now at \$35 unless you graduated in 2007 or after. Then it is \$30. We also are eager to send in to the college any scholarship donations you should wish to make – they are fully tax deductible. See you soon at the upcoming events!

Dues: \$35.00

Graduates of 2007-11 \$30.00

Extra donations for Scholarships from our Club: Your Choice



Robin Rainie-Lobacz, '72
Treasurer

Please mail dues to Robin Rainie-Lobacz, at the address on the next page or use the "[Donate Button](#)" above. If you choose to pay by credit card please add 3% for the handling fee that the card companies deduct.

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Help us go green – update your email address on <http://alumnae.smith.edu>

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