



### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

April 10, 2013

Dear Philadelphia Area Alums,

Happy Spring! Once again, I am delighted to report that the Smith College Club of Philadelphia is alive and well. It has been a busy year. The coming months promise more exciting opportunities to meet local alums and to take advantage of learning from and with one another. Please join us at club activities and get involved!

Since our last year's newsletter and our annual meeting in May (at the Rosenbach Museum and Library), we've organized nearly two dozen events. Highlights include a picnic on the banks of the Schuylkill (August), our Fall Faculty Speaker event with Professor of Government Marc Lendler at the Acorn Club (October), a wonderful tour of the new Linda Lee Alter Collection of Art by Women at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts (November), and a "Smith Across the Decades" tea at Pennswood Village in Newtown attended by seven decades of Smithies (February). We cheered on the victorious Smith volleyball team at a game at Bryn Mawr and enjoyed talking with the players afterwards, when we presented them with Pennsylvania Dutch treats. We hosted a series of free career-related workshops with Smith's Colleen DeVecchio in January. We continued our monthly "On the 18th" events, which drew Smithies for after-work drinks, teas and other events around town on the 18th of every month. We launched our new Smithies Talent Exchange of Philadelphia (STEP) Program with a floral arranging workshop led by Peicha Chang '03. We sponsored book awards to area high school juniors. And we had a send-off party for students starting at Smith, then sent care packages for the 60 current students that were delivered in time for finals in December. Whew!

At last year's annual meeting, we elected three replacement members to the board (Susie Kwon '11, Anna Kegler '05 and Lindsey Benitz '03) and announced new annual dues. Thanks to all who became full club members by contributing their dues! Regular dues support club activities, including care packages for current students, events for admitted and current students, book awards for high school juniors, etc. They allow us to host free events and to sponsor events like the Distinguished Speaker screening and talk with Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy '02 (not to be missed on April 18). Dues paying members also receive discounted tickets for many events. Please fill in and

mail the membership form on the last page of this newsletter with your check, or follow the instructions on the website to use PayPal and send your form electronically.

On Saturday May 4, 2013 we will be holding our Annual Meeting at the Philadelphia Rare Book and Manuscript Company on the grounds of the historic armory in Northeast Philadelphia. More details regarding the event are on the following page. Dues-paying members will be electing a new slate of officers and directors and voting on revisions for the by-laws. Proposed amendments will be posted to the website at least 10 days before the meeting—stay tuned to the email notification so you can review them before the meeting. But don't worry! We promise to keep the business of the meeting short so there will be plenty of time to tour the grounds and the historic officer's quarters. Also, please note that the grounds are kid-friendly with a grassy area to play outside, so feel free to bring your family.

As you will see in the following pages, plans are in the works for many other activities in the coming months. Please get involved by attending events or helping to organize them. Have a talent to share? Share your expertise with local Smithies in a STEP event! Want an event to be closer to home? Give us your ideas! Let us know if you have questions or suggestions by sending us an email (to [phillysmithclub@gmail.com](mailto:phillysmithclub@gmail.com)) or leaving comments on our webpage or Facebook page. We look forward to hearing from you!

Finally, my personal thanks go to our wonderful board: Vice-President (and new mother) Tara Thompson Gontkosky '02, Secretary Lindsey Benitz '03, Treasurer Lindsey Allen '08, Alumnae Area Coordinator Morgan Kreider-Lane '06, Communications co-Directors Kathryn Fox '07 and Anna Kegler '05, STEP Director Lisa Platt Carmalt '68, Student Outreach Coordinator Susie Kwon '11, and Director Holly Trostle Brigham '88. They have made a great deal of work a whole lot of fun. Special thanks to those who are retiring from the board and to those who are stepping forward. It is due to the board's commitment and your support that I can report that the club has continued to flower. Enjoy the blooms all year long!

--Elizabeth Borland '97, Club President

## ABOUT THE SMITH COLLEGE CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

### WHAT WE DO

The Smith College Club of Philadelphia is the official Philadelphia-area chapter of the Smith College Alumnae Association. Driven by pride for our alma mater, our mission is to connect local alumnae with one another and to the rich cultural and social activities of the Philadelphia region.

### WHERE WE WORK

Our alumnae club covers the Greater Philadelphia Metropolitan Area, which includes southeastern Pennsylvania, northern Delaware, and southern New Jersey. According to records of the Alumnae Association, we've got over 1,000 Smithies in our region! We're working ever so hard to connect to everyone - help us spread the word! Although many events take place in downtown Philadelphia, there is continued interest - and continued effort - to hold Club events in the suburbs. If you would like to help us organize an activity in your area, want to host an event, or can suggest a great place to meet, please let us know! [phillysmithclub@gmail.com](mailto:phillysmithclub@gmail.com).

### CONNECT WITH US!

Website: <http://phillysmithclub.wordpress.com>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Smith-College-Club-of-Philadelphia/213751108651251>

Twitter: [@phillysmithclub](https://twitter.com/phillysmithclub)

Email: [phillysmithclub@gmail.com](mailto:phillysmithclub@gmail.com)

### THE BOARD



### SCHOLARSHIPS

Did you know that since 1940, with the assistance of our Club, the Smith College Alumnae Association has provided financial assistance to many students from the Philadelphia region through the Smith College Club of Philadelphia Scholarship Fund? Scholarships are awarded as grants in the students' financial aid package from the College.

The endowed fund currently has a market value of \$1,646,859. In 2012, \$83,876 was disbursed to several current Smith students from the Philadelphia area. The Philadelphia Club contributes to one of the oldest and most successful alumnae scholarship funds in the country.

If you have any questions or would like to give to our fund, please contact us at [phillysmithclub@gmail.com](mailto:phillysmithclub@gmail.com).

## MEMBERSHIP

### WHY JOIN?

Leadership of the Smith College Club is a volunteer operation. However, to keep the club vital; to cover the cost of communications materials, student outreach, and event planning; and to ensure the best quality in Club events, we do have membership dues. While events are open to both dues-paying members and non-, paying dues as a member of the Club will offset both our costs and yours. Dues-paying members are also able to vote at the annual meeting.

### THE DETAILS

A full, regular membership of the Club is \$20.00, valid for our fiscal year, July 1st through June 30th. A discounted junior membership is \$5.00 and is open to classes 2008-2013; the Class of 2013 and current students are free. There is no difference in benefits to the junior membership. Not sure if you're a dues-paying member? Email [phillysmithclub@gmail.com](mailto:phillysmithclub@gmail.com) to check your membership status. Renew or join now and enjoy the benefits through June 30th, 2014!

## 2013 ANNUAL MEETING: Philadelphia Rare Book and Manuscript Company

**When:** Saturday, May 4th  
**Time:** 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
**Where:** The Philadelphia Rare  
Book and Manuscript Company  
The Arsenal, Building #4  
2375 Bridge Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19137

Join us for our annual meeting at The Philadelphia Rare Book and Manuscript Company, located at the historic Frankford Arsenal in the Bridesburg neighborhood of Northeast Philadelphia. This is truly a historical hidden gem with something for everyone – historic architecture, rare books, ancient trees, military history, and of course, Philly history. The Philadelphia Rare Book and Manuscript Company is about a 12 minute drive north from Center City, or a 15-minute train ride from 30th Street Station (see details below).

We will be holding our annual meeting in The Philadelphia Rare Book and Manuscript Company's beautiful building, a former officers' quarters. Come enjoy light refreshments, and a tour of the building with a full explanation of the history of the Arsenal, which dates back to 1814. After the tour, we will conduct our short

annual meeting. We'll give you a preview of exciting Club events in-the-works, and take a moment to elect new board members. Mark your calendars!

Cost: \$15 for members; \$18 for non-members. (Renew your membership or join now to take advantage of the reduced price!). Payment can be made by check made out to "Smith College Club of Philadelphia" and mailed to "Treasurer, 918 Pine Street, 2R, Philadelphia, PA 19107" or made through Paypal on our website. <http://phillysmithclub.wordpress.com/2013/03/11/annual-meeting-at-the-philadelphia-rare-book-and-manuscript-company/>

### Directions:

**Driving:** The Philadelphia Rare Book and Manuscript Company is about a 12 minute drive north on 95 from Center City, near Exit 27 (Bridge Street) at the Betsy Ross Bridge. Easy parking (directly in front of building, free).

**Public Transportation:** The most direct route from Center City is by Regional Rail. Take Trenton Line train to the Bridesburg station (15-minute ride). From there, it's only a 10-minute walk on Bridge Street to the Philadelphia Rare Book and Manuscript Company. For those taking public transportation, we will plan to meet up and travel as a group – we will provide more details by email as we get closer to the date.





## ONGOING EVENTS

SMITH TALENT EXCHANGE OF  
PHILADELPHIA (STEP)

In October, Smith Club members received tips on floral arranging from an expert, Piecha Chang '03. The workshop, held at Peicha's store, Falls Flowers, was part of our new Smith Talent Exchange of Philadelphia (STEP) program which provides a forum for alumnae to offer informational sessions, recreational activities and more. STEP events foster personal and professional enhancement as well as networking opportunities. Proposed events in the coming year include a concert by a singer-songwriter, a docent-led museum tour, an art lesson and an architecture lecture/tour.



Step up and share YOUR talents and interests with fellow Smith alums! Guidelines for developing a proposal are posted on our website. <http://phillysmithclub.wordpress.com/step/>

## CARE PACKAGES



Last December, the Smith Club sent a box of end-of-fall-semester care packages for the students. Several Smith

Club members had a great time reminiscing about their time at Smith while putting the packages together. The club received many thanks for the fall care package, which included studying tips and Philly-favorite snacks.

We are excited to surprise the students once again with another care package, this time with favorite study - or study break - music. The list of songs from different time periods will be an interesting surprise gift for the students. We will be gathering in the Fairmount area of Philadelphia on **Sunday, April 21st at 2pm** and we are hoping you can join us. If you'd like to help out, or if you have the a song you'd like to recommend, please contact Susie Kwon '12 at [susiebkwon@gmail.com](mailto:susiebkwon@gmail.com) to RSVP and receive further information. Thank you always for your support!

## TWO BOOK CLUBS

The Smith Regional Book Group meets monthly from September through June. The group has been meeting for at least twenty years, but it welcomes new members. Members range from classes of the 1950s through the 2000s with many academic interests, all of whom love to talk about books. Books read this year included mostly contemporary fiction but also memoir, non-fiction, and biography. The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month, usually at 7:30, at a member's home in Philadelphia or surrounding suburbs. Please contact Abby Garfield '90 for more information at [abbygarfield@yahoo.com](mailto:abbygarfield@yahoo.com).

The Smith Center City Book Group, started in 2010, meets every 4-6 weeks in members' homes in Center City. The schedule of meetings and book selections are posted on the Club's website. This year, in addition to our regular meetings, we enjoyed a holiday dinner at a local restaurant and a Sunday afternoon museum visit. Alums interested in joining are welcome to contact Lisa Carmalt '68 at [LCarmalt@comcast.net](mailto:LCarmalt@comcast.net).

## ON THE 18TH HAPPY HOURS

We hope you've been able to join us for our monthly "On the 18th" happy hours. The venues rotate among Philadelphia's varied neighborhoods in the hopes that we accommodate as many alums as possible. Recently, we've made it to Growlers in Bella Vista, Local 44 in West Philadelphia, The Mildred in Queen Village, XIX in Rittenhouse, Distrito in University City, and Good Karma in Washington Square West. Our **April "On the 18th" event** is with Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy, '02 - more information on the next page. Feel free to suggest a venue you'd like to try. Just email [phillysmithclub@gmail.com](mailto:phillysmithclub@gmail.com).



## FEATURED PAST EVENT

## Smith Through the Decades: Tea at Pennswood Village

Helen Greven '58 moderated a fascinating cross-generational panel discussion, "Smith Through the Decades" on February 24th. Twelve alumnae from the classes of '43 through '12 recounted their personal memories of the college, during an era of drastic changes not only at Smith but in the world at large. The discussion highlighted the interplay of personal and historical developments including the growth and flowering of the women's movement over the past 70 years. We heard about houses used as barracks for WAVES during WWII...Smith students traveling en masse to support professors called to the McCarthy hearings...the gradual demise of "in loco parentis" social rules...the arrival of the first female president of Smith...feminist activists...the beginning of the digital revolution and early use of email at the college...dealing with the Recession upon graduating...impact of personal identity issues on Smith...and much more! The event took place at Pennswood Village continuing care retirement community in Newtown, PA, home to NINE retired Smithies! It was such a success that we plan to make it an annual tradition to visit continuing care facilities in our area each year. Send us an email if you want to suggest where we should go next.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Global Distinguished Lecture featuring  
Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy, '02

The University of Pennsylvania's annual Global Distinguished Lecture will feature one of Smith College's alumnae, Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy, '02. Ms. Obaid-Chinoy is an award-winning documentary filmmaker and this event will be a screening of her award-winning film *Saving Face* - a powerful film which examines the trials faced by female survivors of acid attacks in Pakistan and their quest for justice.

Before the screening, from 4:45-5:45, join the Smith Club for an exclusive reception with hors d'oeuvres in Williams Hall. After the screening, is a Q&A session with the filmmaker and a reception in Irvine Auditorium's Café 58. The Smith College Club of Philadelphia is a co-sponsor.

**When:** Thursday, April 18th -- private reception 4:45, screening 6 pm

**Where:** Private reception in Williams Hall (36th & Spruce Streets), Screening in Penn Museum's Harrison Auditorium (3260 South Street) followed by a public reception in Irvine Auditorium's Café 58 (34th and Spruce Street).

**RSVP:** You must RSVP for this free event at <http://globaldistinguishedlecture.eventbrite.com>

An evening with  
Congresswoman  
Niki Tsongas '68

Join the club for an evening with Massachusetts Congresswoman Niki Tsongas '68 at the home of one of her Smith classmates. Congresswoman Tsongas did a similar visit with the NYC club and it was a big hit. We are delighted that she will visit with us and share her perspectives on women in Congress and what it is like to be a Smithie on Capitol Hill.

**When:** Thursday, July 25 at 6:30 PM

**Where:** The Murano  
2101 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Mark your calendars now for this exciting event!



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## ANNUAL NEWSLETTER || APRIL 2013

### R.S.V.P. FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

or email [phillysmithclub@gmail.com](mailto:phillysmithclub@gmail.com)

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Spring Semester Care Package Preparation in the Fairmount Neighborhood. Sunday, April 21, 2pm.

music recommendation (artist & album) \_\_\_\_\_

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Annual Meeting at the Philadelphia Rare Book and Manuscript Company. Saturday, May 4th, 2:30-4:30 pm.

number of attendees \_\_\_\_\_ member(s) @ \$15/ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ non-member(s) @ \$18/ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Join Now or Renew Your Smith College Club of Philadelphia Membership for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 (and take advantage of reduced event prices today!). Fill out and send in the attached Membership form. To check your status as a member, email [phillysmithclub@gmail.com](mailto:phillysmithclub@gmail.com) More information on membership can be found here: <http://phillysmithclub.wordpress.com/membership/>

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please make check out to  
*Smith College Club of Philadelphia*  
Mail check and completed form to:  
Treasurer  
918 Pine Street, Apartment 2R  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

~OR~

Please email completed form to  
[phillysmithclub@gmail.com](mailto:phillysmithclub@gmail.com)  
Head to our membership page to pay via Paypal  
<http://phillysmithclub.wordpress.com/membership/>



# SMITH COLLEGE CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

## Membership Form

{ 2013 - 2014 }

Our programs, events, and scholarships are funded by your membership dues.  
Your support is greatly appreciated. Learn more about what your membership supports at  
<http://phillysmithclub.wordpress.com>

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** This contact information is only for the Club's use. You must notify the Alumnae Association at <http://alumnae.smith.edu> of any permanent changes. We primarily use email to send information; be sure your email address is up to date with the Alumnae Association.

Membership Dues are for the fiscal year July 1st, 2013 to June 30th, 2014

- ☐ \$20 Regular Membership  
☐ \$5 Junior Membership: Recent Graduate (Classes 2008-2012 incl. AC.) (Class of '13 free!)

*ADDITIONAL SUPPORT*

- ☐ \$20 Sponsor a Book Award If you have a school suggestion, please include it here:

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Supporting Contribution

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Contribution

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount

☐ Check Enclosed ☐ PayPal via website

Please indicate your willingness to help out in any of the following ways:

- ☐ Open your home for a small meeting  
☐ Open your home for a large meeting  
☐ Serve as hostess for an event  
☐ Volunteer for a Board Position or Committee Member

If you have any program suggestions, please include them here:

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To send a personal check:  
Make your check out to *Smith College Club of Philadelphia*  
and mail with completed Membership Form to:

Treasurer  
918 Pine Street, Apt 2R  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

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