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### **We're online at**

[www.smithclubgnh.org](http://www.smithclubgnh.org)

### **Connecting alumnae in:**

Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Branford, Cheshire, Derby, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Meriden, Middlebury, Milford, Naugatuck, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Oxford, Prospect, Seymour, Southbury, Wallingford, Waterbury, West Haven, Wolcott, and Woodbridge.

## **save the date...**

**For?** Annual December Membership Meeting

**When?** Sunday, December 2, 2007, 3:00pm - 5:00pm

**Hosts?** Pam Field and mother Jane Willoughby '43 will host. Thank you, Pam and Jane for your support!

**Where?** 1150 Ridge Road, New Haven, CT 06473

**Cost?** Member Price - free  
Non-Member Price - \$5

**RSVP?** Contact Sue Roberts at  
president@smithclubgnh.org or (203) 789-8223.  
Please specify if you will bring an edible to share.

***Event and speaker details will be confirmed via email  
so update your email address with the College!***

## **greetings from our president**

This fiscal year, the Smith College Club of Greater New Haven hopes to maintain the vibrant community of alumnae that has emerged in the past few years. We encourage women of all classes and interests to join our activities.

The Club will focus on raising both local students and scholarship money to support them. We will ask directly for contributions.

Please join me in becoming a member and sending in your dues. Dues support our communications with you, our outreach to prospective students, and the events that link us together.

We are always eager to hear your ideas for the Club and for activities you would like to share with other Smithies. Feel free to email me at president@smithclubgnh.org with your ideas.

I hope to hear from you and see you at an upcoming event.

Best regards,  
Sue Roberts '66



# Scholarship Dreams

Meet Lauren Wiley '09 of Woodbridge, CT  
2006-2007 Greater New Haven Scholarship Recipient



Dear Club Members,

I am so thankful to have received a grant from the Smith College Club of New Haven Scholarship Fund. Without your magnanimity, I would have been hard-pressed to attend Smith. I applied early decision to Smith because no other institution made me feel so at home. The atmosphere of Smith attracted me; no other place has such spurring energy that inspires women to reach their full potential.

I entered Smith with a clear plan and direction: to become a veterinarian. I plan on acquiring my V.D.M. after which I will specialize in equine practice, possibly going into equine sports medicine. I am really interested in alternative therapies and traditional Chinese medicine, so I would like to incorporate these practices into whatever field I end up in. Despite this determined path, Smith has expanded my perspectives. While my goal has not changed, my path for reaching it has been altered by everyone I meet.

The Smith College Chorus director, Deanna Joseph continually quotes Beethoven: "That which comes from the heart reaches hearts." This quotation has become my compass. All my endeavors and courses engage both my intellect and my heart. I have been studying Chinese so that I can go abroad in 2007 to continue studying Mandarin and to study traditional Chinese medicine. While undeclared, I plan on majoring in biochemistry.

Numerous professors have increased my interest in this field. Outside of the classroom, I was a member of the Smith College Chorus, the Chamber Chorus, and the Equestrian Club. I was also involved within Gillett house as the Career Development Liaison. In Smith's exciting atmosphere, I have made unforgettable friends. When I think of Smith, their faces – Nereyda, Nikki, Vicky, Marcella to name a few – are what come to mind. The many people whom I have met are so sincere, amazing, and intelligent, that I cannot help but be dazzled by each of them. Among my friends are potential doctors, politicians, activists – people who will accomplish astounding, earth-changing things. I see

them, laugh with them, learn with them, and I am incredibly grateful just to be around them. Everyone at Smith has diverse interests. Their perspectives have altered my view on life.

Coming to Smith has also expanded my awareness of who I may become. No matter what I do, I want to change the world positively. While I still want to be a veterinarian, Smith's activist atmosphere incites a yearning to help people. By becoming involved in nonprofit organizations, I would like to give back to the community in as many ways possible. Smith is the ideal place for learning how to accomplish such goals and gain confidence in oneself and one's abilities.

This summer, I am interning at Beaver Dam Farm in Nova Scotia to train Norwegian Fjords. Smith made me aware of the opportunities available to first-year students. Without this awareness, I would have never even attempted to get an internship my first summer. I am incredibly thankful to Smith for all the opportunities it has opened for me. I have grown so much in the past year, matured in many ways to make me a better individual and to better prepare me to achieve my goals.

Thank you so much for making this institution available to me. While the words are cliché, I feel them wholeheartedly.

Sincerely,  
Lauren Wiley Smith College Class of 2009

**Make a Smith dream come true for  
someone in the Greater New Haven  
area.**

Please give a gift to the Club scholarship fund by visiting [www.smithclubgnh.org](http://www.smithclubgnh.org) or by sending your contribution by check to:

Smith College Club of Greater New Haven  
c/o Josefa Abdelnour, Treasurer  
211 River Road  
Madison, CT 06443

## membership

The membership year runs July 1st through June 30th. Dues are collected annually to fund book awards, student recruitment, events, administrative and newsletter expenses. A portion may also be used to support the Scholarship Fund.

## dues by class year

Dues are determined by class year as follows:

<b>Complimentary</b>	60 years out or more (? - 1947)
<b>\$15</b>	50-59 years out (1948 - 1957)
<b>\$25</b>	5-49 years out (1958 - 2002)
<b>\$15</b>	4 years out or less (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006)
<b>Complimentary</b>	Most recent graduating class (2007)

## dues option 1: pay online

Pay your dues via the Club's website [www.SmithClubGNH.org](http://www.SmithClubGNH.org). Dues can be paid via debit card, credit card, e-check or paypal.

## dues option 2: pay by mail

Mail dues to Josefa Abdelhour, 211 River Rd, Madison, CT 06443.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues (See dues by class year.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Scholarship Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Book Awards Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Club Discretionary Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## comments

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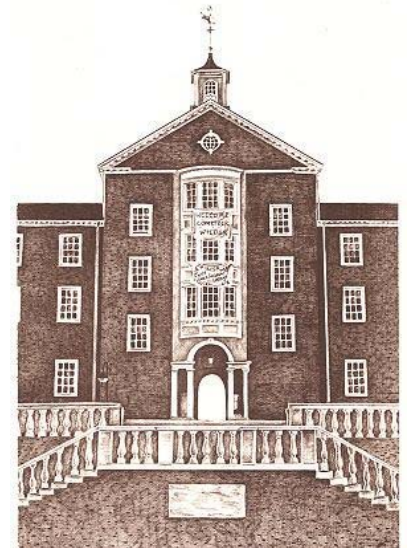
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## i would like to...

- interview prospective students.
- organize fundraising events.
- organize social events.
- be contacted by a board member.
- host an event in my home.
- serve as the Communications Coordinator.
- serve as the Area Events Coordinator.
- serve on the board.
- include the Smith College Club of Greater New Haven Scholarship Fund in my estate plan.
- contribute other talents. (Complete comments section below.)
- provide feedback. (Complete comments section below.)



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## treasurer's report

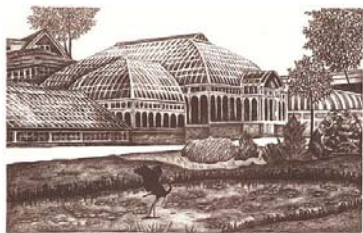
Hello fellow Smithies! First, a quick update and a big thank you to everyone who supported the Club last year. In FY2007, the Club raised \$1071 from membership dues, scholarship, book awards, and discretionary fund donations. Our operating expenses, however, totaled \$1521. This figure included newsletter, web site, and book awards expenses and \$500 which we sent to the College for the Scholarship Fund.

Second, I would like to highlight that we have hundreds of alumnae in New Haven County (493 to be exact). However, without your financial support our resources and efforts are limited. If you are not a member in good standing, please consider joining or rejoining the Smith College Club of Greater New Haven and getting involved!

My best wishes for a happy holiday season, and thank you for supporting the Smith College Club of Greater New Haven.

Yours truly,

Josefa Abdelnour '97



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