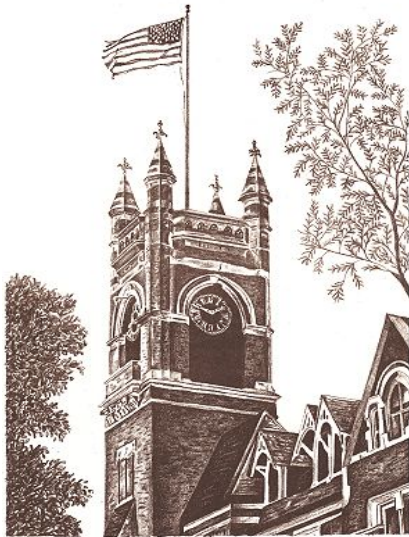




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december 4, 2005

Come one and come all to the annual December meeting of the Smith College Club of Greater New Haven! It's another great chance to get to know your local fellow Smithies. We look forward to seeing you there.

When? Sunday, December 4, 2005, 3:00pm - 5:30pm

Guest? Following our tea time get together, mingling, and discussion of general club business, Nancy Cook Steeper '59 will discuss her biography of Dorothy Scarritt McKibbin '19. McKibbin was a trusted confidante to J. Robert Oppenheimer, the scientific director of the Manhattan Project in Los Alamos, New Mexico - the site where the first atomic bomb was built. (See page 2 for more details.)

Host? Patty Pedersen '77

Where? 26 Grouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525, (203) 387-5935

Cost? None! We will be minimizing costs by meeting for afternoon tea in the home of a fellow alumna and relying on culinary contributions from Club members. This way, we can put to use more Club resources to support scholarships for area Smith students. (See page 3.)

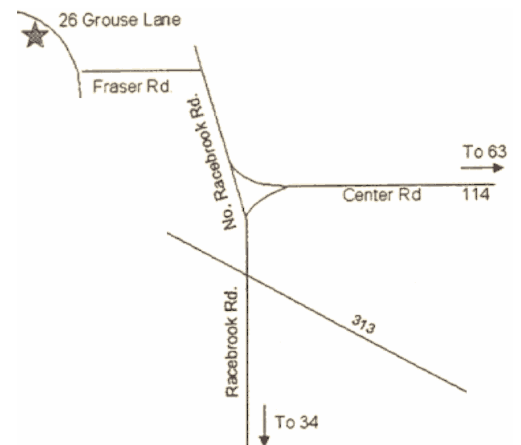
RSVP? Contact Sue Roberts at vicepresident@smithclubgnh.org or (203) 789-8223. Specify if you will contribute a teatime edible!

Directions:

(From 95 North) Take 95 North to exit 47. Take exit 3 off connector and proceed 1 mile. Turn right on Ella T. Grasso Blvd. At 1st light, turn left on Rte 34. At 5th traffic light, turn right on Racebrook Rd (Rte 114).

(From Wilbur Cross Parkway) Take Wilbur Cross Parkway (Rte 15) to exit 57. At end of ramp, turn right on Rte 34 towards New Haven. Proceed to 2nd traffic light and turn left on Racebrook Rd (Rte 114).

Follow Racebrook Rd for 3.5 miles. Cross Rte 313 and at fork, bear left on North Racebrook Rd. Follow North Racebrook Rd for 1 mile. Turn left on Fraser Rd. This is a dead-end. Turn right onto Grouse Lane. 26 Grouse Lane is a white house with black shutters 1/10 mile on left.



Ride-Share:

Would you like a ride or would you like to offer a ride to Patty's house? Please, let Sue know and we will coordinate ride-sharing to the event.

Sophie & Co.:

Check out the fall/winter collection of Milford-based Sophie & Co. at this meeting. Sophie & Co. will donate 10% of all purchases from this meeting to the Scholarship Fund. See page 4 for more details.

president's greeting

Since the last newsletter, the Board has been busy planning our December event, brainstorming and planning future fundraising events to support the Scholarship Fund, and challenging our creative minds to design events that will appeal to members.

We are committed especially to fundraising for the Scholarship Fund, and doing so through the best possible vehicles available. We are aware that pecan sales have declined in recent years (not just in Greater New Haven, but in clubs across the country) and, to maintain an affordable price per pound of pecans, we have diminished the amount we contribute to the Scholarship Fund. Only about \$1.30 per pound of pecans sold went to the Scholarship Fund. The rest of your dollars went to cost. This, we believe, is not the best use of volunteer efforts, nor does it maximize returns on investment of time and resources for the Scholarship Fund.

The principal aim of pecan sales has been to support the Scholarship Fund - to make it grow for generations to come. In order to maximize volunteer efforts and increase donations to the Scholarship Fund, the Board voted not to sell pecans this fall. We hate to part ways with the now 50-year-old tradition, but in order for it to continue we need to find new ways to reinvigorate pecan sales and keep it profitable.

Let me take this opportunity to personally thank all women who supported the Scholarship Fund through volunteering, selling, and buying pecans. We are very appreciative of your dedication to Smith. It is my hope that you, and others, will continue to support the Scholarship Fund both directly (see page 3) and through future fundraising activities. Currently, we are working to develop new fundraising events that we hope will bring us together across the generations while we raise funds for our scholarship. We will share these plans in our next newsletter. Stay tuned...

On behalf of the entire Board, I ask you to support your Smith College Club of Greater New Haven by sending in your completed membership form and dues as soon as possible (see page 3). Being a member is a wonderful way to stay connected to Smith and to meet new friends. I want to thank those of you who have continued to support our efforts throughout the years because without you, there would be no Club!

In the interim, I hope you will join us on December 4, 2005, for what I know will be an interesting afternoon with both old friends and new! Please RSVP, as described on page 1. Cheers to your 2005 Holiday Season!

Yours,
Danielle S. Williams '91

Chow Event

Josefa Abdelnour '97

Smithies gathered for a happy hour at Chow Dim Sum Wine Bar in New Haven, on Friday, September 30, 2005. We filled several tables and had a lovely time chatting over tasty treats and wine!



Smithies in attendance included (above from left to right), Danielle Williams '91 and Rev. Bonita Grubbs '77. Also in attendance were (below from left to right) Fiona Leary '03, Martha Smith '79, Michele Whitney '97, and Lillian Fuchs '93.



More on Nancy Cook Steeper '59

Sue Roberts '66

We are very excited to welcome Nancy Cook Steeper '59 to discuss her biography of fellow Smith alumna Dorothy Scarritt McKibbin '19 - nicknamed the 'Atomic Lady' - because of the integral role she played in securing access to the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in the 1940's.

Steeper retired in 1996 after 33 years as a Smith College administrator in admissions, career development, and alumnae relations. She was Executive Director of the Alumnae Association for 11 years. Nancy's daughter Annie is Smith '90.

Gatekeeper to Los Alamos: Dorothy Scarritt McKibbin, published in 2003, is Nancy's first book. In spring of 2004, the book won the Lansing Bloom award, given by the Historical Society of New Mexico for outstanding selections in New Mexico history.

Update the College

Josefa Abdelnour '97

Moved? New email address? Changed names? Keep us up to date. Go to <http://alumnae.smith.edu> and update your information, or email alumnae@smith.edu, or call 800.526.2023.

We want to make sure this newsletter and other Club communications reach you. Please update the College with your current email and snail mail addresses.

member connection

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: \$ _____

i would like to...

receive the newsletter via email only.

interview prospective students.

organize fundraising events.

organize social events.

be contacted by a board member.

host an event in my home.

contribute other talents: _____

provide feedback using this form (or email the Club president directly at president@smithclubgnh.org): _____



Cut along dotted line. Mail Member Connection form and dues to Michele Whitney, 256 Bradley Street, #2, New Haven, CT 06510.

treasurer's report

Can you imagine your life without Smith? Consider making a tax deductible donation to our Scholarship Fund today, and help another area woman fund her dream of attending Smith College.

Fact: Did you know that both our current Club president, Danielle S. Williams '91, and our past president, Nancy Veale Ahern '58, were recipients of our Scholarship Fund? We certainly know how to pick them!

Whether big or small your gift will help us send other exemplary women from the Greater New Haven area to Smith. Make a tax deductible contribution directly to the Smith College Club of Greater New Haven Scholarship Fund, and your donation will count for class credit to the annual fund.

Yours truly,
Michele Whitney '97

dues by class year

The membership year is Jul 1 - Jun 30. Dues are collected annually and determined as follows:

Complimentary 60 years out or more (? - 1945)

\$15 50-59 years out (1946 - 1955)

\$25 5-49 years out (1956 - 2000)

\$15 4 years out or less (2001, 2002, 2003, 2004,)

Complimentary Most recent graduating class (2005)

Dues have been raised for the first time in years to fund our newsletter and administrative expenses and to increase amounts raised for the Scholarship Fund.

pay online

Dues can now be paid via debit or credit card, e-check or paypal. Visit the Club's new website www.SmithClubGNH.org for more details.

serve as an Area Events Coordinator.

serve as a Recent Grads Coordinator.

be featured in the alumna spotlight.

update my address, phone number, and email as specified above with the College.

include the Smith College Club of Greater New Haven Scholarship Fund in my estate plan.

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Sensational holiday gifts for *smart* women

Shop Sophie & Co. and support Sophia (& Co.)

For more details see spotlight on Christine Gonzalez '99 below.

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spotlight on christine gonzalez '99

Sophie & Co.'s story is the classic tale of two financial whizzes, Christine Gonzalez '99 & Eunice Donovan, who found friendship and fulfillment through their creative diversions. The two gals put their heads and hands together to create one-of-a-kind bags for friends ... and then friends-of-friends ... and soon enough, their wares were swept up at local boutiques quicker than their part-time stitching sessions could replace them (even with the help of all their Smithie friends).

Check out the fall/winter collection of this Milford-based company at the December 4th meeting in the home of Patty Pedersen. Sophie & Co. will donate 10% of all purchases from this meeting, as well as any internet purchases through January 10th to our Club's Scholarship Fund. Get a head-start! Start stocking up on all your holiday gifts at www.sophieandco.com. Don't forget to mention the "Smith College Club of Greater New Haven" in the comments section of the online order form.



Would you or an alumna you know like to be featured in the next spotlight? This is an excellent tool to communicate information about your business, organization, or idea to all alumnae in New Haven County. Currently, that's nearly 500 of us. Preference is given to dues paying members. Contact Josefa Abdelnour or sign up on the Member Connection form on page 3.