

The Smith College Club of Washington, DC

April 2009

Upcoming Events

Volunteering at the AVON Walk for Breast Cancer Saturday, May 2

Please email scwprograms@gmail.com if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity.

Wine Tasting in the Mountains Sunday, May 3 (12pm)

Join the SCCW for an afternoon in Virginia wine country. We'll have a private behind the scenes tour of Barrel Oak Winery (<http://www.barreloak.com/>) where we'll walk the vineyard checking out the vines and spend time on the crush pad learning how that simple little fruit - the grape - becomes an award winning wine. We'll also have the opportunity to spend time with Sharon, the winemaker, as she takes us into the barrel room for an exclusive barrel tasting. We'll wrap up our visit with a private tasting of Barrel Oak's award winning wines in the tasting room loft.

To RSVP, please send a check (payable to the SCCW) to Heather Wiggins (4314 N Pershing Drive #4, Arlington, VA 22203). The cost is \$20 for SCCW members and \$30 for non-members. (If you don't know whether or not you are a member, please scwprograms@gmail.com.) Please include an email address on your check and indicate if you would be willing to provide transportation to / from the winery. (Note: Drivers will be compensated.)

Space is limited to the first 20 respondents.

Save the Date

SCCW Annual Meeting and Board Elections Tuesday, June 9



Your Smith College Real Estate Advisor. From the Quad to your new home (and everywhere in between) call Cheryl Kurss '76, for your next move!
Direct dial: 202-895-7261 or cheryl.kurss@longandfoster.com. A portion of all sales will be donated to Smith College Alumnae Association.

Remember the House Lottery at Smith?
Don't leave your next Metro DC house purchase to chance. Contact Kathleen Ryan '81, GRI, e-PRO, SRES, TRC, 240-418-3127 (c), kathleen.ryan@longandfoster.com. A portion of all sales/referrals will be donated to the Smith College Alumnae Fund.

Connect with Current Smithies – Provide Housing or Internships for Smith Students!

Do you have an extra room, a basement apartment or an internship you would like to offer to a Smith student this summer or the coming fall semester? Each year, 12 Smith students come to Washington for the Picker internship program (spend six months in Washington and see how policy is developed/made/implemented). They are faced with the daunting, and expensive task of finding full-time political/public policy internships for the months of June-December and their own housing. From September until December another group of Smith students comes to Washington to intern at the Smithsonian Institution. They are in need of housing as well.

Housing the most formidable hurdle – interns want to find safe, affordable and convenient housing that will make their Washington semester a success. In the past, area Alumnae have offered extra rooms, basement apartments or other rental properties for reasonable rents, or discounted rents in return for babysitting/house sitting, and some generous alumnae offer free housing. Interns are especially interested in locations that allow them to walk to the Metro or other easy public transportation, as well as other amenities like grocery stores.

This is a tremendous opportunity to connect with the energy of current Smith students, and to provide a great service to the college. You can't imagine how much it would mean to a student with limited resources who is faced with finding a short-term, furnished apartment. You can even make a little money yourself!

If you have housing or an internship to offer, please call the Washington Alumna Coordinator, Annie Bellavia at 703-294-9982 (h) or email annierusso@hotmail.com.

Young Alum events

Stay in touch with other Smithies online through our Facebook group called "DC Smith Young Alums." There is also a Yahoo! Group where you can post messages and choose to get emails with these messages (a listserv) -- go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sc-young-alums/> to join. All alums, regardless of age, are welcome to join!

If you have any ideas for Young Alum events you would like to see planned, please contact Katie Chase, the Young Alums Coordinator, at kchase7@gmail.com.

The Smith College Book Club has selected the reading list for 2008-2009. If you are interested in joining the club, visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sccwbookclub>. Or, you can contact Kristen Landry '92, kristen@global.t-bird.edu

- **May 3rd-** *My Body their Baby* by Laurie Miller
- **June 7th-** *Towelhead* by Alicia Erian
- **July 5th-** *Beloved* by Toni Morrison
- **August 2nd-** *The House at Sugar Beach* by Helene Cooper
- **September 6th-** *American Wife* by Curtis Sittenfeld
- **October 4th-** *The Space Between Us* by Thrity Umrigar

MLK APRIL NEWSLETTER 2009

Spring is here and testing is around the corner. Before you know it the school year will be ending and with it the conclusion of the Smith Club's 20 years of partnership with a DC public school. The first book awards were given in the spring of 1989 and the tutoring and read-aloud programs began in the fall of 1989.

The club has been involved in two library programs this spring. We provided funds so that a poetry workshop could be conducted for a 4th grade class with the American Poetry Museum, located in Anacostia. The children have been writing their own poems and learning about contemporary Black poets. The librarian hopes to build on this.

April is School Library Media Month. The librarian has asked for Smith Club Volunteers to assist with the theme--Worlds Connect @ the Library. She asks if any volunteers would like to come to King and share their experience of visiting and/or living in another country. She is open to any style of sharing--whether it is with food, clothing, artifacts, pictures-- whatever way they would like to share (20 minutes to 40 minutes presentations). It can be for any grade level. All presentations must be in the afternoon starting at 1:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, contact Nancy Simon (301-530-1202) or ngsimon@verizon.net and provide --Name/Grade Level Preference/ Country/ Date of Presentation/Time (1:00-3:00p.m.).

Contact Information—we can always use more volunteers:

Tutoring—Hope Childs hwash@aol.com or 202-363-4423

Read-Aloud—Andrea Kane akane@thenc.org or 202-544-1516

Program Coordinator—Nancy Simon ngsimon@verizon.net or 301-530-1202

We appreciate your contributions to our school supply fund, magazines for the art classes and your registering for the grocery store programs. For more information contact Nancy Simon.

Wedding Planning:

Lisa Nelson '97 and Elegant Event Planning and Design, a full-service wedding planning firm, are ready to help you plan your wedding. We offer consultation, full planning, partial planning and day-of-direction services. We are looking for one couple to help "donate our commission," up to \$750.00, to the breast cancer charity of their choice. For more information visit:
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A percentage of fees will be donated to the
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The Smith College Club of Washington's Alumnae Admissions Coordinators are always looking for volunteers to help with interviews and other recruiting activities. If you are interested in getting involved with Alumnae Admissions in the DC area, please contact Michelle Webster, VP Admissions, at mwebster@smith.alumnae.edu or 202-669-4308.

Did you send in your dues check, but find that it hasn't cleared in a timely manner? We have had some problems with the post office delivering our mail late, or in some cases, not at all. In March, we received a batch of checks written in September. Please accept our apologies, and if you think your check has been lost by the post office, please contact our office manager, Linda, at dcsmithclub@yahoo.com.

Dues Form

Name: _____ **Class:** _____ **Degrees:** _____
Email: _____ **Fax:** _____
Daytime phone: _____ **Evening phone:** _____

I would prefer to receive the newsletter via (circle one): email postal mail both
Is this new contact information? Yes No
May we share your contact information with other alumnae? Yes No
Can you provide an internship? Yes No
Can you provide affordable housing for an intern? Yes No

July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 SCCW Dues Schedule:

Sustaining -- \$100 Contributing -- \$60 Regular -- \$40 Associate -- \$20
(Associate is available to parents of current students, classes '58 and lower, and classes '04 to '08)
Dues: \$ _____

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