

SMITH COLLEGE ALUMNAE

CHICAGO

2016 Annual Report

WELCOME

In 2016, the leadership committee of the Smith College Alumnae Club of Chicago (SCAC) decided to try something new: a brief annual report to showcase the people, activities, and accomplishments that make SCAC such a wonderful part of “life after Smith.” Without further ado, here is our very first issue—we hope you enjoy it!

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If you have comments about the annual report or any aspect of SCAC, email the board directly at scac_board@googlegroups.com.

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OUR FINANCES

To widen access and encourage the greatest participation from our alumnae, we no longer require membership dues! We must thank the generous SCAC donors who have made it possible for us to continue offering engaging programs and events throughout the year, often at no cost to attend. Through this model, SCAC club favorites such as the holiday party, care packages, and student teas are accessible to all members.

FY 2015 Year-End Balance: \$11,654 FY 2016 Year-End Balance: \$9,283

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BY THE NUMBERS



1000+
SCAC Members



20
Alumnae Interviews for Applicants



200+
Cookies Baked
*Cookies from the Heart: Ronald
McDonald House, Lurie Children's*



5
College Fairs Attended



137
Facebook Members



5
Book Award Presentations



135
Twitter Followers



100
Applicants for the Class of 2020



93
LinkedIn Members



41
Current Chicago-Area Smithies



\$1 million
Scholarships Awarded



9
New Smithies
Starting in the
Fall of 2016

YEAR IN REVIEW

JUNE 13, 2015
Professor Lecture with
Rob Dorit, Department of
Biological Sciences

OCTOBER 3, 2015
Professor Lecture with Sam Intrator,
Chair of the Education and Child Studies
Program

JUNE 28, 2015
Annual SCAC planning
meeting

DECEMBER 8, 2015
Annual SCAC Holiday
Party

JANUARY 9, 2016
Prospective Student
Tea

APRIL 10, 2016
Yield Tea for Admitted
Students

JUNE 24, 2016
Global Smith Tea in
Chicago

JANUARY 28, 2016
Reimagining Neilson: A Library
for the 21st Century with
President McCartney

JUNE 4, 2016
Annual Meeting and Tour of Loyola's
Women and Leadership Archives

CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

In January at the Newberry Library, SCAC members enjoyed “Reimagining Neilson: A Library for the 21st Century,” a special talk by Smith College President Kathleen McCartney about the importance of libraries in the 21st century and the College’s plans for Neilson Library. President McCartney was joined by Provost and Dean of the Faculty Katherine Rowe and Carole C. Wedge, president of design firm Shepley Bulfinch, which will partner with architectural designer Maya Lin on the project. [Learn More](#)

Kimberly Wong ('02) launched a new monthly volunteer opportunity! Cookies from the Heart takes place at Ronald McDonald House near Lurie Children's on the 3rd Saturday of the month starting at 10am. Volunteers prepare cookies for families that stay at the House to enjoy after a stressful day in the hospital. What a sweet way to give back!

Emily Hildner ('77) started the North Shore Smith College Book Club in March 2016. The Club meets on the first Sunday evening of the month at member's homes. Emily reports that they have met four times so far: about 8-10 alums show up each time (great turnout!). To date, the group has read *Daisy Miller* by Henry James, *My Life on the Road* by Gloria Steinem, *Fates and Furies* by Lauren Goff, and *To the Lighthouse* by Virginia Woolf. And, they just started a new "flexible" book rotation plan that goes from contemporary fiction, to nonfiction, to classic fiction. All are welcome!

A round of applause for Joan White Harris ('52), who was awarded a 2016 Smith Medal in recognition of her exceptional work as an arts patron and advocate. [Read the Announcement](#)

Shout out to Neelum Amin ('86) and Steffi Garrett ('88) for serving on the Smith College Board of Trustees. **Linda Salisbury ('78)** will be stepping down after serving generously for a number of years. We would also like to recognize **Pat Gilman ('68)** for serving as Treasurer for the Board of Directors of the Alumnae Association of Smith College.



Mark Your Calendars

Keep your calendars open for these opportunities to mix and mingle with Smithies across generations!

- **Chicago Humanities Festival: Gloria Steinem (October 13, 2016):** Attend a speaking event by fellow Smith alumna Gloria Steinem at the Chicago Humanities Festival!
- **Holiday Party (December 8, 2016):** Enjoy the company of local Smithies! Guests are always welcome.
- **Prospective Student Tea (January 14, 2017):** Local alumnae share their passion for Smith with high school students who are thinking about applying to the College.
- **Yield Tea (April 15, 2017):** Local alumnae connect with newly admitted students—and give them special insight into life at Smith.
- **Annual Meeting (June):** Required by our club bylaws, all members are encouraged to attend to learn about SCAC activities, finances, and ways to get involved.
- **Other Events:** SCAC plans numerous events through the year. Stay tuned and keep in touch!

A Special Thank You

To Allegra Biery ('84) and Louise Barrett ('05) for hosting a very festive Holiday Party and Global Tea. To Neelum Amin ('86) and Elizabeth Cummings for hosting the Professor Lectures with Sam Intrator and Rob Dorit. To Liz Sharp ('80) and Steffi Garrett ('88) for hosting our 2015-16 Teas. To Ann Van Wart ('88) for her leadership on the Communications Committee.

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