

## Smith College Club of Los Angeles - January 2012



### MEMBERSHIP

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### SAVE THE DATE

**\*February 1: "Red Hot Patriot: The Kick-Ass Wit of Molly Ivins" group theatre outing at the Geffen**

**\*February 26: SCCLA Mid-winter Tea in Lafayette Square**

**\*March 24: Powering Up! Smith Women in Business**

**\*April 22: Breast Cancer Workshop**

**\*May 5: Cinco de Mayo Social Tea**

### President's Note

Who's had time to rest up from last month's holidays? Certainly not the SCCLA Board. We're already off and running with a surge of activities to keep you involved.

We've given Annemarie Griggs '84 a leave of absence from newsletter duties to showcase her talents to day-job colleagues for the next six months in New Orleans. With this issue we wholeheartedly welcome Grace Ganssle '96AC, Heather Jones '94, and Kay Voravong '02 to take her place. To help with communications, we gratefully welcome back to the Board Mandy Barton Clark '95.

Having been energized by the insights of Dr. Andrew Zimbalist, we put our best feet (and mouths) forward at our highly successful Preview Party for Prospective Students. Anticipating another banner year of applicants from L.A., we've scheduled interview training sessions in four different areas - Westside, San Fernando Valley, Central and South Bay - before the end of January. Can't make any of them, but willing to interview? Contact Noriko Ward '88 or me.

Looking ahead to February, Smithies can revel in the "Kick-Ass Wit" of Molly Ivins '66 at the Geffen and get to know each other better at the Social Tea in the historic home of Lore Hilburg's '73.

Then there's March - with a Career Network event co-sponsored by our Alumnae Association - that will knock your socks (or whatever you wear) off.

We've been busy. Now it's your turn. If you participate, you will be, too.

Vivian Forbes '50  
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## Upcoming Club Events

### **THEATRE OUTING - "RED HOT PATRIOT: THE KICK-ASS WIT OF MOLLY IVINS"**

A group from SCCLA will be attending a performance of this play about alumna Molly Ivins '66. Come enjoy Kathleen Turner in the title role and catch up with fellow alumnae during intermission.

DATE: February 1, 2012  
TIME: 8 p.m.  
PLACE: Geffen Playhouse, Gil Cates Theatre, 10886 Le Conte Ave., Los Angeles, 90024  
COST: Tickets start at \$65, call (310) 208-2028 or purchase online at the [Geffen website](#).  
RSVP: No need to RSVP, but purchase tickets soon for this limited engagement. Look for Vivian Forbes and company in the lobby during intermission. Feel free to call Vivian to plan a meeting area ahead of time: 818-705-3813.

### **POWERING UP! SMITH WOMEN IN BUSINESS**

Join us at "Powering Up: A Symposium for Smith Women in Business" on Saturday, March 24 at the Autry National Center. Smith College President Carol T. Christ will attend the event and address the group over lunch.

Organized by the Alumnae Association of Smith College and the Smith College Club of Los Angeles, the program will include two panels, followed by lunch:

- **"Success in Today's Economy - Whether Your Corner Office Is in Your Home or in a Glass Tower"** Moderator: Wendy Webb '80, Managing Director, Tennenbaum Capital Partners.
- **"The Digital World and the Marketplace - For Ideas and For Product"** Moderator: Judy Milestone '66, former Senior Vice President of CNN and instructor at UCLA and Antioch College, Los Angeles.
- President Christ will discuss initiatives at Smith relating to global education and women's leadership and celebrate the 10th anniversary of Smith Center for Women and Financial Independence.

Jane Nagakawa '81, a member of the Autry National Center Board, helped secure this facility for the event.

The fee includes the full program, refreshments, and lunch. Parking is free. The opportunity to provide sponsorships for others to attend is available on the registration form. For information about financial assistance, please contact Betsy Hopkins at [bhopkins@smith.edu](mailto:bhopkins@smith.edu). Other questions about the event should be sent to [AASCevents@smith.edu](mailto:AASCevents@smith.edu).

DATE: March 24, 2012  
TIME: 9 AM - 2 PM (sign-in and coffee at 8:30)  
PLACE: Autry National Center, 4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles, 90024  
COST: \$60 per alumna; \$40 for recent alumnae (2011-2006); scholarship assistance available  
RSVP: [https://alumnae.smith.edu/regional/register\\_la.php](https://alumnae.smith.edu/regional/register_la.php)  
MORE DETAILS, including panelists: <http://smithclubla.org/blog/?p=147>

### **SCCLA TEA**

Make new friends and connect with old ones at a mid-winter tea. Lore Hilburg '73 will host this delightful social event in her Prairie Craftsman home in the historic neighborhood of Lafayette Square.

DATE: February 26, 2012  
TIME: 3 PM - 5 PM  
PLACE: 1651 Virginia Road, Los Angeles 90019 \* **Please note:** Some streets in Lafayette Square have restricted access. Access Virginia Road from St. Charles Place off Crenshaw Boulevard.  
RSVP: [lore@hilburglaw.com](mailto:lore@hilburglaw.com) or 323-934-4443

## Admissions Committee Update

In time for Reading Period in December 2011, 64 care packages were sent to the current students on campus. These packages let them know that the LA Club is thinking of them during final exams, and enclosed were some sweets and school supplies. Erin Sheehy '88 kindly donated pens, pencils,

highlighters, and erasers. Thank you's from the undergrads to the Club have been coming in via email. Your membership to the SCCLA allows us to send these care packages during exam period twice a year - thank you!

On January 8, 2012, 80 bodies filled Vivian Forbes' living room for the annual College Preview Party for students interested in Smith. 23 prospective students from various high schools including: AGBU Manoogian Demirdjian, Burbank, Calabasas, Carson, Crossroads, Flintridge Prep, Foshay, Franklin, Gertz-Ressler, Hollywood, Marc & Eva Stern Math & Science, Palos Verdes, PV Peninsula, San Dimas, Santa Monica, Thousand Oaks, Van Nuys, and Wildwood were in attendance. Thank you to Catherine Aguilar '15, Katherine Hart '15, Chasity Honaker-Hwang '15, Ariane Kelsey '15, Sam Liberman '14, Elizabeth Wroth '14, and Lauren Young '12 for spending a precious Sunday afternoon home for the winter break to speak to the prospective students of their Smith experiences!

For the last three years, the number of applicants has broken the preceding years' records. We are excited to see how many apply this year; and who will be accepted from Los Angeles - stay tuned!

### Training Sessions

Interested in interviewing prospective students? Or feel like you need a refresher course and you want to be in the company of vibrant Smithies discussing how to entice future Smith students - join us at one of the training session taking place in in the next few weeks:

**Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** 2:00 PM in the San Fernando Valley (Tarzana):  
RSVP to Heidi Novaes at [hinovaes@gmail.com](mailto:hinovaes@gmail.com) for location details.

**Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>** 3:00 PM in the South Bay (Beach Cities/PV):  
RSVP to Noriko Ward at [noriko@nedorama.com](mailto:noriko@nedorama.com) for location details.

## Recent Events Recap

### FACULTY SPEAKER EVENT - ANDREW ZIMBALIST, Ph.D.

On January 7, 2012, a group of 50 Smith alumnae and their guests gathered at the Pacific Palisades home of Victoria Dean '74 for a lively discussion with Smith faculty member Andrew Zimbalist. Dr. Zimbalist, noted sports economist and Robert A. Wood Professor of Economics at Smith, explained the participation of highly-paid athletes in labor disputes, the conditions that give rise to scandal in professional and college sports, and the true economic impact of sports stadiums on their communities, and then took questions from the group at the Club's annual Faculty speaker event.

Thanks to Dr. Zimbalist, Victoria and Dorn Dean, and all volunteers who helped to make the event such a success.

## Smith College In The News

*FIRST POST.COM* reports that Sherry Rehman '85 has been appointed Pakistan's ambassador designate to the United States. The article states that this will mark the first time that the top two diplomats from Pakistan and India to the United States are women. The full article can be accessed [here](#).

*USA TODAY* reports on the [Women in Public Service Initiative's](#) kick-off celebration held in Washington, DC on December 15th. The project is a joint-initiative between the US Department of State and the Seven Sisters colleges. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton took the stage to talk about the project. Read more about the celebration [here](#).

## Member Announcements

### DIRECTORY UPDATE

The electronic and printed versions of the 2011-12 directory will be available in February. All dues-paying members will have access to the electronic version. Copies of printed versions are \$8 for members who pre-ordered, \$10 for all others, including non-members. Contact [Colleen Rabin](mailto:Colleen.Rabin@sbcbglobal.net) at [cyrabin@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:cyrabin@sbcbglobal.net) to purchase printed directories.

### WE WANT YOUR JOB POSTINGS

With the job market still extremely limited, our young alums are encouraging all Smithies to submit any job openings for listing in the newsletter. Please email listings to [newsletter@smithclubla.org](mailto:newsletter@smithclubla.org) and to Young Alum Co-chair Xiomara Iraheta at [x.iraheta@yahoo.com](mailto:x.iraheta@yahoo.com) for posting on the Young Alum web page.

### ALUMNA SEEKING WORK

Mandy Barton '95 is seeking work as an Instructional Designer/Corporate Trainer, or Technical Writer. She is an experienced Instructional Designer, Technical Writer and Project Manager. She excels in communicating knowledge of broad and complex concepts on a basic level to promote understanding and foster learning. Experienced in LMS and SCORM-based training, with Adobe Creative Suite (InDesign, PhotoShop, Flash) and Microsoft Office Suite (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint) skills. She has strong technical writing expertise in automotive (sales, service and technical training) and healthcare fields. Her LinkedIn profile is available at <http://www.linkedin.com/in/mandybartonclark>, or she may be reached via phone at 714-642-4105 or email at [mandy@bartonclark.com](mailto:mandy@bartonclark.com).

### CAREER DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE IN SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Professional Association is a career development resource located at the Employment Development Department offices in Torrance, California, and is available to all seeking career assistance, resume writing classes, mock interview training, and LinkedIn workshops. New Member Orientations are held the third Wednesday of every month. For more information, visit their website at <http://sbpa-la.org/>.

### SCCLA HAS A LINKEDIN GROUP

Please join the Smith College Club of Los Angeles group in LinkedIn to network with area alumnae. Post your resume, learn about career events, and develop professional connections. [SCCLA LinkedIn Group](#)

### CO-CHAIR FOR YOUNG MOTHERS' GROUP NEEDED

Many L.A. Smithies have expressed interest in starting a club for Mothers with Young Children. Alaine Azcona '96 has volunteered to chair this effort, but a co-chair is needed to get it going. If you'd like to volunteer to help get this group up and running, please contact [Vivian Forbes](mailto:Vivian.Forbes@smithclubla.org) by email or phone 818-705-3813.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It's not too late to take advantage of Club membership. We have many fun events still to come including the Career Network Event in March and the Annual Picnic in June. Join now and enjoy complimentary events for you and a guest! To join online please follow our link: [www.smithclubla.org/membership.html](http://www.smithclubla.org/membership.html)

### SCCLA Website

Reminder that the SCCLA has our own updated website: [www.smithclubla.org](http://www.smithclubla.org). Here you'll find interesting news and pages for activities and memberships. We are also on Facebook.

### Submit Announcements

We want your announcements! Please send your items to [newsletter@smithclubla.org](mailto:newsletter@smithclubla.org) for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter. Also, don't forget that you can publicize your event anytime on the SCCLA website announcement page by contacting Samantha Leland '06 at [webmaster@smithclubla.org](mailto:webmaster@smithclubla.org)