Don’t Forget to Vote!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to run for Staff Council. Your commitment is what makes Staff Council an important part of the Smith College community.

The nominees for the 2010-2012 term are: Kim Alston (Chapel), Mary Clayton (ITS), Deedee Cleveland (Admission), Laura Cristoforo (Registrar’s Office), Piper Foreso (Events Management office), Donna Gingras (Campus Center), Liane Hartman (ITS), Tony Jones (Admission), Maddy Neely (Development), Dale Renfrow (Science Center), Donna Safford (Admission), Katie Schelin (Development), and Danielle Smith (Controller’s Office).

Ballots have been circulated to all staff via campus mail. Please take a minute to complete the ballot and return to “Staff Council” via campus mail. Your participation is appreciated!

Announcements

COSTCO Personal Membership Sign-up will be on Wednesday, April 28, in the Campus Center, Room 003 (lower level), between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The cost is $50 per membership (includes a $10 rebate card).

The Comical Mystery Theater Dinner scheduled for April 9 has been cancelled.

The Spotlight Awards Reception is on Tuesday, April 20 at 3:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Carroll Room. The entire Smith College community is invited. President Christ will speak briefly and then will personally congratulate each of the award recipients. Smith College Catering will present delicious desserts and fresh fruit. The reception is a wonderful opportunity for staff to honor our colleagues and celebrate together.

A Staff Barbecue is in the planning stages for Thursday, June 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Save the date!

The 2010 Creative Gallery

Mimi Lempart (Neilson Library) has contributed several new Zentangles to the gallery. Her new pieces are created in a 5-inch square format and include collage materials such as decorative wrapping paper and magazine images that she’s incorporated into abstract patterns. Be sure to visit the Web site to see her creations in full color—reproduction in this newsletter can not do them justice!

Timothy Donelan (ITS) has contributed a stunning collection of vacation photos from India, Costa Rica, and various location throughout the U.S. Of interest to Bob Dylan fans is a photo Tim took of the rock star in the 1970s.

For more information and to view all of the work in the Creative Gallery, visit www.smith.edu/staffcouncil/10.

All staff are invited to submit images of art, photos, or other examples of creative activities. Did you take an interesting photo on vacation or a cool picture of your pet? Add it to the gallery! Guidelines are on the Web site.
Louise Krieger (Art Museum) is performing in Titanic this spring. She will portray Ida Straus, wife of Isidor Straus, who was the co-founder of Macy’s department store. The musical is being presented by Exit 7 Players, located in Ludlow. For complete details regarding dates, times, and ticket information, visit www.exit7players.org.

Louise has been performing in theater since she was eight years old. She is equally comfortable in musicals, comedies, and dramas, and has performed in dozens of productions with numerous regional groups from Brattleboro to Hartford. For her, performing historical characters is a wonderful and fascinating challenge. Among her favorite roles are Abigail Adams (1776), Guinevere (Camelot), Mabel (The Pirates of Penzance), and the title role in The Merry Widow. Her current role of Ida Straus is sure to be added to that list.

Louise is drawn to the immediacy and intimacy of live theater. Live theater has the possibility of anything happening. In two shows, another actor stepped on the train of her skirt, making her very glad for petticoats. In one instance, she walked to the curtain line, where the hands of the stage manager appeared and refastened the skirt’s hooks and eyes. In the other instance, the material tore so badly that all she could do was bunch the material in her hand behind her back, and spontaneously re-stage the duet that originally called for her to be facing her partner with her back to the audience. Even with the heart-stopping moments of wardrobe malfunctions and memory lapses, Louise loves the creative outlet acting provides, as well as the opportunity to meet so many talented people of all ages.

The current musical is the factual story of the R.M.S. Titanic—from the ship’s creation, to the excitement of her maiden voyage, to her foundering, and finally to the enduring legend of the largest moving object in the world. Louise says, “Learning the history has been completely engrossing,” Louise notes. “So many little things contributed to the disastrous outcome. Each detail in and of itself would completely engrossing,” Louise notes. “So many little things contributed to the disastrous outcome. Each detail in and of itself would have been inconsequential, but, taken together, they led to an inevitable catastrophe.”

Congratulations to Kay Barbieri (Development) who was randomly selected from the correct entries for the March Mystery Photo. The Oscar, awarded to Smith Alum Nancy Hamilton for producing the 1955 documentary Helen Keller in Her Story, is located in the College Archives. Kay wins a specialty beverage courtesy of the Campus Center Café. Meet you at the Coffee Bar!

The recent Book Exchange sponsored by the Activities Committee was well attended. It was organized by Connie Dragon (Facilities Management, retired), Pat Wheeler (College Relations), and her daughter Emily Wheeler (Career Development Office). A great team of volunteers provided invaluable assistance. Emily says, “We had a huge turnout and tons of books! There were people waiting at the door to get in on the day of the swap. Everyone seemed to leave with a huge bag of new reading material, so we considered the day a great success!”