## GIFT PLANNING NEWS



~ For Smith College Planned Giving Volunteers ~

August 2016

### 2016 Reunion Highlights

- The third annual receptions for The Grécourt Society members and their guests were held once again in the Alumnae House. Well over 100 loyal Smithies and supporters joined us over the course of the two weekends. President Kathleen McCartney spoke at both receptions, thanking members and acknowledging the incredible impact planned gifts have on Smith's fiscal health and programs.
- This is the second year Smith has included certain bequest intentions toward class fundraising goals.
  Over \$1.7M was counted toward reuning class goals!
- ↑ This was the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Grécourt Society ice cream offering. Free ice cream and sorbet, estate planning information, and good cheer were offered to all who stopped by.









Top left, clockwise: Molly Hidden `51, Kate Stano `01, Ruth Turner `46, Susan Etheredge `77 photo credit: Jim Gipe



Class of `66 representatives with President McCarthy at Ivy Day. Photo credit: Jim Gipe

### The Grécourt Society Award 2016

Please join us in congratulating the Class of 1966 as the winner of this year's Grécourt Society Award, which was presented at Reunion. Although it was a close race, 1966 won by adding 17 new members into The Grécourt Society since their last Reunion.

# Do you have photos from your Mountain Day experiences?

Do you have any pictures from one of your Mountain Day activities? If so please share it with us as we may use it in a future Mountain Day card that gets mailed to Grécourt Society members.



Smithies at the Summit House. Smith photo archives.

#### In Memoriam

We are sad to relay the news of the passing of Sylvia Breed Gates '46, a second generation Smithie as her mother was a member of the Class of 1910. Sylvia had faithfully served as '46's Planned Giving Chair for 13 years. She had also served her class in many other ways: as Memorial Gifts Chair, Sophia Smith Representative, Special Gifts Chair, Secretary, and was also a former member of the Alumnae Association Board of Directors.



### Planned Giving Chair Updates: Retired & Newly Appointed



Anthony Codding SCSP`57 and Sally McDermott `56 at The Grécourt Scoiety Reception, May 21, 2016. photo credit: Jim Gipe

The Gift Planning Office would like to recognize and thank Sally Schemm McDermott `56 and Carolyn Kinder Carr `61 for their dedication and loyalty as they retire from their positions as Planned Giving Chair. We extend a warm welcome to both Lee Sullivan Born `56 and Nancy Silverman Skurnik `61 who are the newly appointed Planned Giving Chairs for those classes. We look forward to working with them in the future. We also welcome Ruth Turner `46 who will take over for Sylvia Gates `46.

As always, we would like to thank you for all that you do for our Gift Planning program, and your alma mater as Planned Giving Chairs for your classes.

### Gift Planning 2016 Fiscal Year Update

The generosity of the Smith community was remarkable this past fiscal year. Please review the attached Gift Planning Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Report for a detailed accounting. This is a snapshot:

Unitrusts: \$ 4,089,135

Gift Annuities: \$ 1,695,922

Deferred Payment Gift Annuities: \$ 1,403,182

Realized Bequests: \$ 13,099,060

Campaign Bequest Intentions: \$ 2,000,000

Total Planned Gifts & Bequests:

(approx.) \$ 22,287,299

Reunion Bequest Intentions: \$ 1,704,286

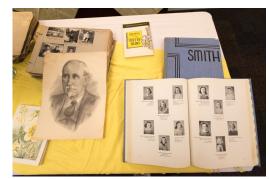


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We also are delighted to **welcome** new staff member, Jeanette Wintjen, joining the Gift Planning team as Administrative Coordinator. If you have any questions, please feel free to connect with her. She can be reached by email at jwintjen@smith.edu or by phone at 413.585.2051.



