

Bryn Mawr Club of Boston

Newsletter

Fall 2014



Note from the President and Paper Newsletter Transition!

To all of our members, it is with both excitement and regret that we announce that this issue may well be our last printed newsletter that the Bryn Mawr College Club of Boston sends out. As the College model of working with all of us alumnae changes and as the various electronic media available become a primary method of communication, we have decided that we, too, will move into an online future.

The Alumnae Association is re-organizing around a few new principles that reflect the vastly greater diversity and distribution of alums around the globe. First and foremost, they take the welcome approach that we should take joy in all the ways we alumnae can stay connected to the College – in-person events, e-mails, pop-up gatherings at a pub or dance club, affinity groups (crafters, book club, lawyers, health care professionals), ‘salons’ to discuss a particular area or interest (Dante, anyone?) or any other form we may imagine (and organize). Second, the Alumnae Association will provide online tools to help us communicate and to offer, track and report on interests and events; they will publish a calendar twice monthly (on the 15th and 30th) of events going on everywhere in the world. In addition, as an active and larger club, Boston will be able to continue sending out its occasional e-letter, with schedules and reports of our activity. Finally, led by the Alumnae Association, we expect to move gradually away from a dues-paying model, and towards a revenue-neutral activity structure, meaning that events will be funded by those attending. The reasons behind this latter element are still evolving and the College has been asked to explore the idea of an annual stipend to clubs (depending on size) to support our functions. There is more to come on these and related decisions.

We are concerned for those of you who rely on and look forward to the paper version of the Board list, the calendar for the year and the announcements of regular events. Please let us know how you are responding to this new world and how we can help you make the adaptation as painlessly as possible. I and other Board members are available by phone and email and look forward to hearing from you. Thank you all.

Martha Levinson '74, President

Visit the birthplace of two U.S. Presidents!

Bring the kids and/or a love of U.S. history and gardens. Join us at the Adams National Historical Park in Quincy, MA on Sunday, October 19th at 10:30 a.m.

Our ranger-led tour leaves the park visitor center at 11:15 a.m. The tour, which takes about 2 ½ hours (including travel time) showcases the **John Adams Birthplace**, the **John Quincy Adams Birthplace**, the **Old House at Peace field** and the **Stone Library**. Later, you may wander at your leisure to see the carriage house, the chapel and the cemetery. The 12 acres of grounds include a formal garden and an orchard.

Meet at the park **Visitor Center** at 10:30 a.m. to buy individual tickets. If you wish, view the 26-minute, continuously running film that introduces the family and their contributions to the history and development of the United States.

Event: Tour of the Adams Historical Park, Sunday, October 19th, 10:30 a.m. gather / 11:15 a.m. tour.

Cost: \$5 per adult; under 16 free.

Address: 1250 Hancock Street in the President's Place Galleria, Quincy, MA

Parking: Validated parking free at the President's Place Parking garage (entrance on Saville Avenue. Use the middle gate entrance on right. Proceed to level 4 or 5 for unreserved parking.

RSVP: to Martha Levinson (mml9000@yahoo.com; 978-270-3233). Questions welcome. If you can, please let us know by Friday, October 17th. However, if you wake up on that Sunday and feel like joining us, please do.

BRYN MAWR BOOKSTORE UPDATE

The Bryn Mawr Bookstore is facing some very challenging times. A committee led by Mary Maples Dunn and Nancy Vickers, respectively the new President and Vice-President of the Book Store Board of Directors, is taking on a business planning process to see if this important institution can survive and prosper. Please do visit www.brynmawrbookstore.com for information or visit in person at 373 Huron Avenue in Cambridge. The Bookstore has thousands of online listings and multiple thousands of books in just about every category in the store!



Bryn Mawr Volunteers at the Book Store

Book Group

The Book Group meets once a month, all are welcome to come. Please contact Cornelia Robart '61 if you would like to read and talk. Cornelia1@rcn.com

INDIVIDUAL CAREER COUNSELING, JANUARY, 2015

Cori Ashworth, Director of Alumnae Career Services, will be in Boston on January 10th & 11th, 2015, and will offer 50-minute, individual career coaching appointments from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on January 11th.

Cori will work with you on whatever are your priorities -- planning a search, changing careers, developing a solid brand, reentering the workforce, planning for retirement, work-life balance or any combination!

If you would like to make an appointment for January 11th, watch your emails for details on registration. The appointments will be held at Sarah Herlihy's office at Jackson, Lewis LLP, 75 Park Plaza, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02116. (Appointments will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.)

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

President Cassidy Visits Boston!

The new President of the College, Kim Cassidy, brings her message of taking joy in all our interactions and her belief in a strong future for liberal arts colleges (including ours) to the Boston Public Library at Copley Square on December 2nd at 6 p.m. Come join us to welcome kcass (her nickname). This is a College-sponsored event; see www.brynmawr.edu for more information.

ANNUAL MEETING: A TRADITION

The Club had its annual meeting on June 7, 2014. Irena Bronstein Bonte and Gene Bonte again were our gracious hosts in Newton. We heard reports from all the committees and enjoyed a lovely lunch. After lunch, a goodly group of 15 or so repaired to the historic Durant-Kenrick house, just down the street from Irena's. Built c. 1734 by Edward Durant II (1695–1740) who later purchased the adjoining Kenrick property, the family built a thriving horticulture business that flourished for generations. Our docent introduced us to the property, invited us to wander through it at our own speed and then led a Q & A and guided tour of the gardens and orchards. We thank Irena for supporting the Club's visit.

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Current Term Expires:

* 2015 ** 2016 *** 2017

2014 – 2015 Club Calendar

Saturday, October 11, 2014

Welcome to the City: Any alum who has graduated within the last 5 years who is new to the area is welcome to attend this program to learn about Boston and the BMC Club. At the home of Sara Marlow '11. 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 19, 2014

Adams National Historic Park: Tour the birthplace of two Presidents in Quincy, MA. 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 30, 2014

Darlyne Bailey, Dean of the Graduate School of Social Work comes to Boston: Details TBA.

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

Bryn Mawr College President Kim Cassidy visits Boston: Boston Public Library. 6:00 p.m.

Week of December 1-5, 2014

BMC Club Board Meeting: teleconference

Young Alum Holiday Party. December. Details TBA

Saturday and Sunday, January 10 and 11, 2015

Cori Ashworth, Director of Alumnae Career Services at Bryn Mawr College visits Boston: Hosted by Sarah Herlihy '94 at Jackson Lewis, 75 Park Plaza #4, Boston. Details TBA.

Sunday, January 25, 2015

Lizard Party: Lizard making party at the home of Sunshine Greene '92. 11:00 a.m.

Week of March 2-6, 2015

BMC Club Board Meeting: teleconference

April 2015

Guided Water Boat Tour of Lowell Canals/Boot Mills Museum: Details TBA

Sunday, April 26, 2015

May Day Baskets: Make and deliver May Day baskets at the home of Barbara Powell '62. 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 6, 2015

Annual Meeting: All are welcome to the Annual Meeting. 12:00 p.m. Details TBA

For more information on any of the above events, go to the Club website, email us, or call President Martha Levinson.

MAY DAY 2014

Sunday, April 27th, we gathered at the home of Cornelia Robart '61 for our annual May Day celebration. While snacking on Cornelia's delicious homemade strawberry dessert and homemade biscuits, we made cards and decorated May baskets for our alumnae age 80 and above. A total of 53 baskets were delivered and an additional 72 cards were mailed to those outside our delivery area.

A brief sampling of some of the thank you notes received from basket and card recipients:

"I love the May Day card. It made my day. Thank you so much for thinking of me." --Liz Hannock '47

"Thank you so much for the 'May Day remembrance'. It is now properly planted. One of my Brown graduate daughters was here when it was delivered and was very impressed with this Bryn Mawr tradition. It really is a very nice one." --Sue Greenberg '51

"After such a long, cold winter, remembering May Day was extra special this year--the basket of flowers I found when I opened my door was pure joy! And I appreciate so much the time and thought you put into keeping this great tradition alive for those of us whose college days are so far in the past--thank you!" --Trudy Lanman '47

Hardworking owls included Cornelia Robart '61 (and her son Alexander who helped carry flowers and supplies up and down the stairs), Barbara Powell '62, Martha Levinson '74, Brenda Breed '87 and her daughter Sophia. Thanks also to Sharon Duncan '86, Jane Lifton '76, and Margaret Hoag '86 who delivered baskets and to Virginia Parks '87 of Oregon who sent a card to put on the basket for her mother, Cecelia Maccabe Parks '50.

- Brenda Breed '87

Visit the Club's Web Site at:
<http://bmcoboston.blogs.brynmawr.edu/>

*** Annual Membership Dues ***
Adams House Tour (Oct. 19)

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