



## ANNUAL MEETING AND SPRING LUNCHEON: MAY 3



SMA's Annual Meeting and Spring Luncheon has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 3. It will be held at the beautiful Waverley Country Club and begins at 11:30 pm.

The Spring Luncheon is a time to review the events and accomplishments of the past year and to elect and welcome new officers. Board and Committee members will update members on our most ambitious project to date: creation and furnishing of a family lounge in the NICU. This project was made possible through the generous bequest of the late Gwynn Dockery. The project was identified and sheperded by the Bequest Task Force, headed by Kay Dawson.

Lunch will include sparkling lemonade as a welcome drink, with choices of either a Tomato Basil Tartlet served with a green salad or Chicken and Apple Walnut Salad served on mixed greens with grapes, candied walnuts, red onion and bleu cheese; main course will be followed by dessert including assorted cookies and mini tiramisu and lemon bars. Cost of the luncheon is \$35; checks should be sent to Pam Probst.

## TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIPS

Hard to believe that the year has flown past already. Renewal notices will be sent to you the middle of this month; memberships are \$35 per year. Last year we introduced an easy-to-use online form. Your renewal reminder will be sent with a link to that form later this month. It will also be posted to our website after emails have been sent. If you prefer to print a membership form, you can download and print it from the website. Contact Membership Chair, Hilary Almers, if you need a form sent to you or you have other membership questions. Timely return of your membership is very helpful in preparing our annual member directory.

We are no longer able to accept credit card payments. Please make membership checks payable to: SMA and mail along with your membership form to SMA Treasurer, Anne Yoo. If you wish to make an additional, tax deductible gift to SMA, please write a separate check payable to OHSU Foundation, with Student Support, General Support or Blankets & Books for Babies in the memo line on your check.

## AUTHOR ENTERTAINS AND INFORMS MEMBERS

Laura O. Foster proved to be a popular speaker at SMA's Winter Luncheon on February 15. Foster gave a talk and slideshow based on her most recent book, *Columbia Gorge Getaways*. The Columbia Gorge is a national treasure, but some popular destinations can get crowded. Foster's extensive research uncovered lesser-known spots for hiking, swimming, boating, shopping or just relaxing. She had copies of her book for sale and sold and signed more than forty copies.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE GARDEN PARTY

A date has been set for the biggest SMA social event of the year, the annual Dorthea Drake Pennington Garden Party. It will be held on Saturday, July 29, 2017 and will be hosted by Laurie and Paul Flint. It is a fundraiser for SMA's Blankets and Books for Babies service project.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The last 22 months have flown by. It has been a privilege to serve as your President and I could not have done it without the expertise of the team that has been serving with me. A huge thank you to the current Board members especially to Mary Carr who has really been "out there" interviewing OHSU students and searching out new projects for SMA funds that would particularly benefit them. The NICU waiting room and surrounding area project using funds from the Dockery bequest should be completed soon, and as I have stated previously, the refurbishment and renovation would never have happened had it not been for the Task Force leader, Kay Dawson and our long suffering Treasurer Anne Yoo. The dedication will take place sometime in May. I look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting at the Waverley on May 3.

*Pam Berg*

## INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES and COMING EVENTS

\*Interest Group contacts can be found in your Member Directory. Contact them for details on the groups' activities, meeting locations, etc.

### April

3	Movie Group
4	AM Book Group, <i>Brilliant Friends</i> , 10am
12	Threads Group, 9:30 am
13	Monthly Board Meeting, Dean's Office, noon
13	PM Book Group, <i>The Wright Brothers</i> , 7 pm

### May

1	Movie Group
2	AM Book Group, <i>The Summer Before the War</i> , 10 am
9?	SMA Annual Meeting & Luncheon, Waverley County Club, 11:30 am
10	Threads Group, 9:30 am
11	PM Book Group, <i>The Underground Railroad</i> , 7 pm
22	B3 Packing, 9:30 am, CDRC

### June

5	Movie Group
6	AM Book Group, 10 am
8	PM Book Group, <i>The Great Gatsby</i> , 7 pm
14	Threads Group, 9:30 am
TBA	SMA Board Transition Meeting

### 2016-17 SMA Officers

President: Pamela Berg  
Vice President: Mary Carr  
Treasurer: Anne Taylor Yoo  
Secretary: Marjorie Grafe

SMA newsletters are published quarterly and sent via email to our membership. More photos and other information is available on the website. Click "Members Only" tab, the password is "smamember".

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*In an effort to help our members get to know each other a little better, we are offering some short profiles of SMA members.*

*Our thanks to **Pam Anderson** for conducting interviews, writing the profiles and supplying photos.*

*If you would like to join Pam in providing these popular profiles, please contact her for more information.*



### **Mary Carr** member since 1989

Many of you already know Mary Carr, our current Vice President. As you read this Profile, you will get to know her even better!

First, a quick look at her years before arriving in Portland. She was born in Coronado California, moving to a few other places before her family settled in Cleveland, Ohio. It was there she met her future husband, Jim, on the first day of Freshman orientation at John Carroll University. Jim was pre-med and Mary was a Communications major. He went on to Medical School at Case Western Reserve; she went to Vanderbilt for a degree in Speech-Language Pathology.

They married in 1979 and came to Portland in 1980 when Jim did his Psychiatry residency at OHSU. Next was a move to Philadelphia in 1985 where Jim completed a fellowship in Cultural Psychiatry and Medical Anthropology. They returned to Portland in 1987 when Jim joined the OHSU Psychiatry faculty. Mary joined the SMA in 1989 to reconnect with friends she made a few years earlier.

Mary has participated in many of our fundraising activities over the years and also enjoys being a member of SMA's Morning Book Group and the Garden Group. Besides giving time to the SMA, Mary is currently the Honorary Chair of a Capital Campaign for St. Thomas More Parish and School and is also the Coordinator for their Neighborhood Watch group. Her past activities include a position on the OHSU's Women's Health Board and event planning/fundraising at Jesuit High School, St. Mary's Academy and St. Thomas More Parish School.

As a Speech-Language Pathologist, Mary began her career in Cleveland working at a rehabilitation hospital. Coming to Portland in 1980 she worked at Good Samaritan Hospital, treating children and adults with communication disorders and innovating new treatment modalities. When she and Jim moved to Philadelphia,

Mary was Director of Speech-Language Pathology Consultation Services, treating developmentally-disabled children and adults in some of the poorest neighborhoods. It was an eye-opener for her to witness the difficult realities of the urban poor. On returning to Portland in 1989 Mary worked at the Portland Center for Hearing and Speech, innovating new treatment approaches and consulting to families of language delayed children.

When they became parents, Mary was a stay-at-home mom and raised their three children. Besides being involved in their busy upbringing, Mary found time to be a creative entrepreneur with a friend hand-crafting one-of-a-kind jewelry boxes using vintage findings. Perhaps you saw their EnWraptured boxes at Carl Greve Jewelers; the store carried them for 15 years!

Now that their children are in college and on their way to begin their own successful careers, Mary has taken on yet another creative pursuit. She and a friend have just finished writing a book, a coming-of-age story set in the British Raj. *Teatime with Peacocks* is currently being shopped for publication.

Jim and Mary love to hike wherever a trail leads them. They are also veteran travelers, immersing themselves in the local culture on each trip. Whether it's to a colorful market or an art museum, a local church or a wine cave, following a meandering path that leads to a magnificent spot or touring a medical facility, they love the adventure. France is their favorite foreign destination. Every July they spend a week on Orcas Island, soaking up good food, conversations and the beauty of a place they love.

Her passions also include gardening, running, cross-country skiing, arts in its many forms - literature, theater, movies, dance, classical music, visual arts/architecture, exploring world cultures, wine and cuisine and the French language. Her creative side is full with weaving, sewing, flower arranging, interior design, fashion, writing and singing. As she says, "I am running out of breath and time"!

In closing I give you Mary's own inspiring words... "In all that I do, I am motivated to make the world a more hopeful, compassionate and beautiful place, for now and future generations. I am an 'ideas' person who loves seeing the connection between disparate thoughts and help transform those thoughts into action, to make positive change in the world."