



# Wellesley Class of 1976



Dear Classmates,

Happy holiday season! This has been a good year for the class and we wanted to bring you up to date on what's been happening.

## **You may recall that we set three major goals last year for our class: Engagement, Connections, and Participation.**

We know that many of you have engaged and visited with each other through mini reunions, attendance at Wellesley campus functions, and your local Wellesley club activities. We would love to hear from you about these activities and receive pictures to add to our ever expanding Wellesley Class of 1976 web page. Our secretary, Ellen Boates Clark, adds photos of mini reunions, travel, family, life events, and work news to the page, so check it out at: <https://1976.alum.wellesley.edu>.

### **Engagement -- Mini-reunions**

We had a terrific mini reunion in August at the Iowa State Fair. A HUGE thank you to Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski, who planned every detail beautifully and introduced those attending to Des Moines historic sights and a great day at the fair (check out our group shot posed on a HUGE tractor and also see a photo of the famous butter cow in the mini reunion photo album at: <https://1976.alum.wellesley.edu>). A total of ten classmates plus four family members had a wonderful time.

The next mini reunion being planned by the Board and class volunteers is a four day trip in September 2018 to the Grand Canyon and the Petrified Forest – Save the Date for either Sept. 13-16, 2018, or the last weekend of September. Denise Chezek is working with Fayre Crossley and a volunteer committee to plan this event – send a note to Fayre at [wellreadwoman@yahoo.com](mailto:wellreadwoman@yahoo.com) if you want to be on the planning committee for any mini reunions. Watch for more news soon.

In addition to these bigger minis, we hope you will have many mini reunions right where you live. Did you know that only three classmates getting together is a mini reunion? Take a photo, write a short description of who was there and what you did, and send it to Fayre at [wellreadwoman@yahoo.com](mailto:wellreadwoman@yahoo.com) so Fayre can file a mini reunion report with the College and Ellen can add it to our web page photo gallery.

### **Connections -- Class News**

We hope you will continue to keep your Wellesley connections strong and will seek new connections with classmates you may have lost touch with and classmates you never connected with before.

Please send news of what's happening in your life to Ellen Boates Clark at [1976notes@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:1976notes@alum.wellesley.edu) so we can share life stories with each other. For me, Class Notes is the first place I turn to when I receive *Wellesley* magazine, so be sure to help Ellen fill her column with news from as many classmates as possible. We want to keep everyone in touch.

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### **Participation – Supporting the Class**

Louise Dunbar, our Wellesley Fund Representative, reports that we contributed over \$162,000 to the College, with 25 Durant-level class members (those donating \$2,500 or more). Forty-six percent of the class made a gift in this past fiscal year and we hope to top at least 50% participation next year.

We recently sent a notice about Class Lifetime Memberships (a one-time dues donation that comes directly to our class) to a list provided by the College of those who have not yet joined. We are sorry if some of you received the email in error – the list included some names of classmates who have already paid their lifetime dues. If you received the email in error, please send a note to Helen Clement, our Class Treasurer, at [helen.clement@yahoo.com](mailto:helen.clement@yahoo.com) to be sure we take your name off the list. For those who have not yet paid, we rolled the price back to \$76 for this month, which was the price when we graduated over 40 years ago (vs. the current fee of \$125). Contact Helen if you want to check your status.

**We hope you will consider becoming more engaged in 2018. There are many ways to do this, including the following:**

- **Help Fayre plan the yearly minis or host a smaller mini!** Send a note to Fayre at [wellreadwoman@yahoo.com](mailto:wellreadwoman@yahoo.com).
- **Send personal and class-related news** to Ellen at [1976notes@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:1976notes@alum.wellesley.edu).
- **Update your email address** at [recordupdates@wellesley.edu](mailto:recordupdates@wellesley.edu). Please include your first name, college last name, current last name, class year, and email address. You don't want to miss seeing important emails about mini reunions and class activities.
- **Think ahead to reunion #45** and let us know if you want to be on the reunion planning committee, which will be formed in 2020 – it's a lot of fun and dozens of helpers are needed! Email Linda at [Wellesley1976@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:Wellesley1976@alum.wellesley.edu).

Happy holidays to all and best wishes for a wonderful 2018!

Best regards,

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