



Wellesley Class of 1976



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Dear Classmates,

Happy November and upcoming holidays! As always, I want this year-end letter to provide an update on what's been happening with the class of 1976.

Engagement -- Mini-reunions

There was a terrific mini reunion in September at the Grand Canyon. For some on the trip, that was the only destination, but others turned this into a week-long experience, with a stop beforehand in Sedona and stops afterwards at the Petrified Forest, Albuquerque, and Santa Fe. A HUGE thank you to Denise Chezek, who brought her love of the U.S. National Parks to other classmates! She created an itinerary that made everyone who attended eager to do more visits within the United States park system. Please have a look at the mini reunion album on our class website at: <https://1976.alum.wellesley.edu>. Sixteen classmates plus five family members had a wonderful time for all or some of the mini reunion.

The next mini reunion being planned by the Board and class volunteers is a four-day trip in July 2019 to Toronto, Canada, so get your passport ready! We are already investigating possible hotels, sights to see (CN Tower, Royal Ontario Museum, St. Lawrence Market in Old Town, and a ferry ride to Centre Island are on the working list). **SAVE THE DATE for July 11-14, 2019** and please send an email to Fayre Crossley at riverchannels@gmail.com if you have interest in attending so we can see how many might come. Watch for more news in January. We would love to have some classmates help plan the activities. Please let Fayre know if you would like to participate and be involved in the planning.

In addition to these bigger minis, we hope you will have many mini reunions right where you live. **Remember, 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 riverchannels@gmail.com, so Fayre can file a mini reunion report with the College and Ellen can add it to our web page photo gallery. For example, four classmates joined Camara Jones at the Alumnae Achievement Awards reception on October 12, 2018, which was a wonderful way to celebrate her honor and to create class community. Visit the class page to see the photo.

Connections -- Class News

We know that many of you have engaged and visited with each other through mini-reunions, attendance at Wellesley campus functions (the most recent Wellesley BLUEprint weekend and other committee meetings) and through 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 you can share events with classmates. Check it out at: <https://1976.alum.wellesley.edu>.

Please send news of what's happening in your life to Ellen at 1976notes@alum.wellesley.edu so we can share life stories with each other. Ellen is trying to fill her quarterly column with news from as many classmates as possible. We want to keep everyone in touch.

Participation – Supporting the Class

Louise Dunbar, our Wellesley Fund Representative, reports that we contributed \$275,266 to the College in FY 2018, with 24 Durant-level donors (those donating \$2,500 or more). Forty-eight percent of the class made a gift in this past fiscal year, and we hope to reach 50% participation in 2019.

Helen Clement, our Class Treasurer, did a great job reaching out to classmates and encouraging them to become Class Lifetime Members. We temporarily rolled the CLM price back to \$76, which was the price when we started over 40 years ago (vs. the current fee of \$125). Helen reports that we have the following new CLMs: Denise Chezek, Rebecca Dickinson, Jane Maccini Doherty, Meredith Leach Edwards, Lois Averbuch Kutchera, Indrani Mukharji, Paula Penn-Nabrit, Charlene Bell Richardson, Anne Neville Stauffer, Melissa Harpham Walker, Christie Webb, and Patricia Weems. Thank you all for joining, since these funds help us grow the class bank account to cover Reunion costs and other expenses. If anyone would like to check on your status as a CLM, please contact Helen at helen.clement@yahoo.com.

We hope you will consider becoming more engaged in 2019. Here are some ways you can become more involved with the class and classmates:

- **Help Fayre plan the yearly minis or host a smaller mini!** Remember, just three classmates together at an activity = a mini reunion. Contact Fayre at riverchannels@gmail.com.
- **Send class news** to Ellen at 1976notes@alum.wellesley.edu.
- **Update your email address at** 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 important emails about mini reunions and class activities.
- **Help Louise with fundraising – join her and her team by calling a few classmates.** Louise's email is blrmchick@aol.com.
- **Think ahead to Reunion #45** and let us know if you want to be on the reunion planning committee, which is formed in 2020 – it's a lot of fun and dozens of helpers are needed! Email Linda at Wellesley1976@alum.wellesley.edu.

Happy holidays to all and best wishes for a wonderful 2019!

Best regards,

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