



# Wellesley Class of 1976



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Dear Classmates,

Happy November and happy upcoming holidays! It's hard to believe that we are almost ringing in the new year of 2020. We hope you have had a good 2019.

This newsletter will recap class news for the past year, remind you to please send in any changes in your contact information so you don't miss our email communications, and see who among you would like to be considered as a chair or co-chair for our 45th reunion in 2021, among other things!

## Engagement – Mini-reunions

We had a fun mini-reunion in July in Toronto. A total of seventeen people (11 classmates and 6 guests) enjoyed a wonderful long weekend in Toronto, Canada. Lorna Blumen, husband Peter Fraser, Susan Day and her friend Susan Steele, Sally and Dennis Dale (and Charlie, their adorable rescue dog), Beth Tu Hoffman, Mary Konsoulis, Sally Burford, Wendy Marek Summers and husband Mike, Shelley Palmer Hayes and husband Bill, Marcia Goldman Enns and husband Rod, Denise Chezek, and Linda Ury Greenberg attended all or some of the weekend. Everyone enjoyed good food, great conversation, and lots of sightseeing: touring the Casa Loma, the CN Tower, a harbor sightseeing cruise, the Art Gallery of Toronto, the Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, and a play at the Toronto Fringe Festival - jam packed and so much fun! A big THANK YOU to Lorna Blumen and Sally Dale for helping with this event's planning and logistics. Please have a look at the mini-reunion photo albums on our class website at: <https://1976.alum.wellesley.edu>.

**Join classmates for the next mini reunion in July 2020 - we are cruising on the Rhone River in France.** We already have 15 classmates and guests signed on, so please join in the fun. **SAVE THE DATE for July 23-30, 2020**, and contact Barbara Cray at [craylaw@comcast.net](mailto:craylaw@comcast.net) for details! The cabins are filling up fast, so don't delay if you are interested.

In addition to these bigger minis, we hope you are having many mini reunions right where you live or when you go to visit classmates or go to Wellesley College events and meetings. **I am sure 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 Crossley at [riverchannels@gmail.com](mailto:riverchannels@gmail.com) and Ellen Boates Clark at [1976notes@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:1976notes@alum.wellesley.edu), so she can add it to our web page gallery.

**Speaking of reunions, we will have our 45<sup>th</sup> reunion in June 2021 and it's not too early to start planning! If you are interested in being a chair for reunion (or want to team up with a friend and be a co-chair), please send me a note at [Wellesley1976@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:Wellesley1976@alum.wellesley.edu).**

## 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.

Please send news of what's happening in your life to Ellen at [1976notes@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto: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.

**It's very important that you update your email address at [recordupdates@wellesley.edu](mailto:recordupdates@wellesley.edu) since we only send one paper newsletter per year – our other communications are through email and the column in *Wellesley Magazine*. We don't want you to miss upcoming emails about reunion, class activities, and important news bulletins as they arise!**

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

Louise Dunbar, our Wellesley Fund Representative, reports that 200 of our class members made a contribution to Wellesley this past year and we thank you for that! *1976 raised \$296,813 in cash and pledges (more than last year!) and achieved 46% participation (as compared to the 42.5% participation for all classes in total).* We had 27 Durant-level gifts (as compared to 24 last year) and hope to see that number grow again next year. We were able to reach a higher participation rate than almost half the classes in our decade, and even came close to those in their reunion year.

Helen Clement, our Class Treasurer, wants to remind you that we are always eager to have as many Class Lifetime Members as possible. We hope more of you will consider becoming a CLM, since the funds help us grow the class bank account to cover reunion costs and other expenses. If you would like to check on your status as a CLM, please contact Helen at [helen.clement@yahoo.com](mailto:helen.clement@yahoo.com).

**Be on the lookout in 2020 for emails about the 2021 reunion planning, the nominating committee for class officers to be elected in 2021, and much more news. We hope you will consider becoming more engaged in 2020 and will share your news – this is a great time to reconnect with Wellesley and your classmates.**

Happy holidays to all and best wishes for a wonderful 2020! Looking forward to hearing what you have been up to!

Best regards,

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