

Annual Report of the Chicago Wellesley Club 2018-2019

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SLATE OF NOMINATIONS

Members of the Board of Directors are elected for a two-year term. The following listing includes both the nominees for the 2019 – 2021 Chicago Wellesley Club Board and those who will complete an unexpired two-year term in 2020.

Slate for the Board of Directors of the Chicago Wellesley Club

Position	Name and Year	Term Ends
President	Charlotte Christian '76	2020
VP of Nominations	Patricia Mell '75	2020
Secretary	Katherine Nunes '11	2021
Treasurer	Dianne Goren Radtke '75	2021
Co-VP of Programming	Sarah Longley '04	2020
Co-VP of Programming	No Candidate at Present Time	2021
Co-VP of Membership	Heather Saylor '88	2021
Co-VP of Membership	Maria Acosta '15	2020
Co-VP of Admissions	Monica Gamez-Djokic '07	2021
Co-VP of Admissions	Arlevea Freeman '15	2020
Co-VP of Communications	Yeena Yoon '01	2021
Co-VP of Communications	Alix Mikesell '88	2020
Co-VP of Community Service	Narayani Gupta '15	2021
Co-VP of Community Service	Marian Chen '99	2020
Co-VP of Liaison to Affinity Groups	Ellen Rheume '06	2021
Co-VP of Liaison to Affinity Groups	Jill White-Cross '00	2020

We are very grateful for the service of those board members who will complete their terms this year: Shelly Ashkenase '86, Angela Barnes '91, and Maurine Neiberg '86. We are also indebted to those board members who served, but who for business or personal reasons were not able to complete their terms, as well as those who took up those vacated position(s) during the year. Thank you to Gabriela Salcedo '15 and her replacement Rachel Eberhart '04.

At the Holiday Tea, the Club launched a new initiative, the “Just One Thing” campaign. We understand that a two-year commitment to the Board might be daunting, but most of our members can assist with *just one thing*. That thing could be giving a ride to another member to an event. It could be taking pictures. It could be hosting an event. It could be any one thing you can do to assist. Every thing that our members do helps the Club fulfill its mission to connect alumnae in the Chicago area.

Thank you to those who have already become *Just One Thing* volunteers, as well as to our incoming and outgoing Board members. If you are interested in volunteering for *just one thing* or joining the Board, please contact nominations@chicagowellesleyclub.org.

Respectfully submitted,
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MEET THE 2019-2020 BOARD



CHARLOTTE CHRISTIAN
President

Charlotte Luke Christian '76 has completed her first year as President of the CWC. Previously, she served four years as a Co-VP of Programs. She has a diverse background in general management, marketing, consulting, and non-profit association management. Currently, Charlotte is volunteering at several west-suburban organizations. At Wellesley, Charlotte majored in Philosophy, competed on the fencing team and worked in the college archives. She and her husband have two grown daughters and reside in Hinsdale along with Fergus, their yellow Labrador Retriever.



PATRICIA MELL
Vice President of Nominations

Patricia Mell '75 has been a director of Ethos, a Wellesley News Editor, a 1975 class officer, a Chicago Wellesley Club Programs VP and had the honor of being the first President of the Wellesley Alumnae of African Descent (WAAD, pronounced wade). Recently Pat was recognized by Marquis Who's Who in America 2017-2018 and received a Humanitarian Award from Marquis Who's Who 2017-2018. In addition to serving as President of the CWC for two terms, Pat serves on the boards of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park at Governors State University and the Legislative Committee of the Orland Park Chamber of Commerce. As a business consultant, legal and insurance practitioner, faculty member, academic dean, and CEO, she has over 30 years' experience. She has written several scholarly articles and made presentations in a number of national and international venues. Pat is also education coordinator of the A.I.M. B.N.I. Chapter of Naperville-Plainfield. She gardens (weather permitting) and travels with her husband, Dr. Michael Ragland.



KATHERINE NUNES
Secretary

Katherine Nunes '11 was a Political Science major at Wellesley. As a native of Chicago, she returned after graduation to be with family. She's currently heeding a call to public service in state government as the Legislative Liaison for the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal. She is now living mainly in Springfield, IL, but remains active with the Club through Board meetings and other events when possible.



DIANNE GOREN RADTKE
Treasurer

Dianne Goren Radtke '75 majored in Economics at Wellesley, received an MBA from Kellogg and worked in banking and financial services for nearly 25 years. Starting in 2003, eldercare issues and managing family-owned real estate, along with obtaining her CPA designation and volunteering, kept her quite busy. In addition, she was a seasonal tax professional (“Master Tax Advisor”) for six seasons at H&R Block downtown and continues seasonally as a volunteer tax preparer through Ladder Up. This winter 2019, she joined the accounting firm BDO as a seasonal tax professional. Dianne has served on the Chicago Wellesley Club Board since fiscal year 2011, first as Membership Co-Vice President, then as Treasurer beginning in fiscal year 2014. Working with interesting, intelligent Wellesley women has certainly been quite an honor. Dianne resides with her husband Steve in Lincoln Park, where she enjoys walking through the Zoo and to tennis courts during the summer.



SARAH LONGLEY
Programming

Sarah Longley '04 was a Sociology major at Wellesley who moved to Chicago after graduating in 2004. From 2004 – 2017, she worked at CareerBuilder.com. In 2017 she changed jobs to become a Director of Sales at Cappex.com – a company that helps high school students find the best-fit college for them and helps them find scholarships to help pay for that college. She currently runs both our CWC Around Town and CWC Supper Club groups.



YEENA YOON-YOO
Communications

Yeena Yoon-Yoo '01 graduated from Wellesley with a Psychology major. Halfway through her senior year while completing her research fellowship, she realized she did not want to become a therapist, and went to law school to become a different type of counselor, a counsel of law. She graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with both her law degree and Masters in Social Work in 2007 and moved to Chicago to pursue a public interest career. As a legal aid attorney at LAF (Legal Assistance Foundation), and more recently at Catholic Charities Legal Assistance, she has worked extensively with domestic violence and sexual assault survivors, representing them in cases of divorce, custody, and orders of protection. She is an active member/volunteer of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and serves at her children’s school and New Community Covenant Church in Bronzeville. Yeena lives in Elmhurst with her husband and two rambunctious boys.



ALIX MIKESELL
Communications

Alix Mikesell '88 majored in studio art at Wellesley. She received an M.F.A. in Metalsmithing and Jewelry Design from Indiana University, Bloomington. She designs and creates jewelry for her company Alix Mikesell Design, focusing on the clever reuse of alternative materials such as laminate countertop, buttons, beach pebbles and swizzle sticks. Her work has been exhibited nationally, published in *Metalsmith Magazine*, and two of her pieces are in the permanent collection of the Jewish Museum in New York. Alix has taught Metalsmithing and Jewelry Design at Indiana University, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and Northeastern Illinois University. She currently teaches at College of DuPage. She lives in Oak Park with her husband and two teenage sons.



MARIA ACOSTA
Membership

Maria Acosta '15 majored in biological sciences and minored in psychology at Wellesley. Since graduating, she has been working in the public health field, creating interdisciplinary partnerships between business and nonprofits to help improve the health of communities. Her work focuses on social justice and equitable opportunities for people to thrive. When she is not in the office, she enjoys watching live music, exploring new restaurants, and connecting with friends and family.



HEATHER SAYLOR
Membership

Heather Saylor graduated from Wellesley in 1988 with a degree in Soviet Studies. She worked briefly in Washington, DC at an economic think tank called Citizens for a Sound Economy. Within the year Heather moved to Manhattan and worked in corporate sales at Tiffany & Co. where she remained until she had her first son, Ben in 1993. Heather returned to workforce after staying home with Ben and his brother Tim (born in 1994) and began working as a teacher's assistant working with students with disabilities. In 2006, Heather graduated from National Louis University with an MS in Health and Human Services Counseling and School Counseling. She has been a school counselor since the fall of 2006. Heather is currently a school counselor at Lane Tech College Prep. She is also quite involved with Little People of America and served as the National Parent Coordinator from 2011 - 2015.



Arlevea Freeman, also known as Leve, graduated from Wellesley in 2015 having studied Economics. She is originally from Chicago and moved to the Downtown area post-graduation. Arlevea is a Statistics Analyst at Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago working mainly with monetary policy related data. Besides her more quantitative career, she has been leading community engagement efforts at the bank for the women's network group. She also lends her vocal talents as a voiceover actor for the Federal Reserve System.

ARLEVEA FREEMAN
Admissions



Monica Gamez-Djokic '07 is currently a post-doctoral researcher at Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University where she studies ethical behavior and the impact of technology on business and society. Monica received a Ph.D. in Social Psychology from Northwestern University in 2016. Before graduate school, she worked in marketing and policy research. Monica currently lives in Chicago.

MONICA GAMEZ-DJOKIC
Admissions



Marian Chen '99 double majored in Cognitive Science and Language Studies while at Wellesley and went on to obtain a PhD in Psychology at Rutgers University-New Brunswick, focusing on Cognitive Development. After post-doctoral work at Northwestern University and Central European University, Marian returned to Chicago to be closer to family and currently works as a data analyst. She lives in Uptown.

MARIAN CHEN
Community Service



NARAYANI GUPTA
Community Service

Narayani Gupta '15 is a first-year MBA student at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Alongside her academic study at UChicago, she helps the undergraduate students prepare for investment banking/finance interviews and is also a tutor to first-generation low-income college applicants through the university's *Upward Bound* tutoring program. Prior to Booth, she did investment banking with Bank of America Merrill Lynch in New York, NY and Sydney, Australia. Narayani graduated *cum laude* from Wellesley College with a BA in Economics and Mandarin. Outside of class and work, Narayani loves to travel (she has lived in four countries and been to 36 others across all continents so far!), bake, do pottery, learn about everything coffee, collect art, and take evening strolls by the water (when it is not freezing).



ELLEN RHEAUME
Liaison to the Affinity Groups

Ellen Rheaume '06 majored in History and Political Science at Wellesley and earned a law degree from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law. Ellen works as a senior attorney at LAF (formerly the Legal Assistance Foundation), the largest provider of civil legal services to low-income people in Cook County. She and her husband, Matt DalSanto, live in Streeterville with their daughter, Elizabeth, and two rescue cats, Teddy and Franklin.



JILL WHITE-CROSS
Liaison to the Affinity Groups

Jill White-Cross is part of the Red Class of 2000. After graduation, Jill completed a Masters of Science in Neurobiology at Northwestern University. She met and married a Houstonian, Chadrick Cross. Jill and her husband moved to Houston, TX where Jill joined the Wellesley Club of Houston and served as the young alumni representative. Jill coordinated monthly young alumni Ivy Plus happy hours with MIT, Harvard, Northwestern, U Michigan, Dartmouth, Cornell, and other alumni. She had the pleasure to represent the Wellesley Club of Houston at Alumni Leadership Council. Professionally, Jill worked at MD Anderson Cancer Center as a senior research assistant in a gastrointestinal pathology lab. Jill and her family returned to Chicago in 2008 for her husband's cardiothoracic surgery fellowship. She is currently a stay-at-home mom to three boys aged, 11, 9, and 3. Jill is an avid volunteer at her children's school and holds leadership positions in various parenting groups.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Chicago Wellesley Club Members,

It has been my privilege to serve as your club president this year. I have been consistently impressed by your enthusiasm and loyalty to the college and the Chicago Wellesley Club (CWC). This annual report updates you on the activities and accomplishments of the club. In this brief introduction I will highlight a few accomplishments that are not otherwise represented in the individual committee reports that follow.

I had the pleasure of representing the Chicago Wellesley Club at the Wellesley College Alumnae Association's (WCAA) inaugural BLUEPRINT event in October. Similar to Alumnae Council in the past, BLUEPRINT brought attendees up to date on the college's accomplishments, direction, student life, and challenges. Throughout the event, the WCAA emphasized the importance of alumnae engagement as a means of building enduring relationships that lead to alumnae giving.

The Chicago Wellesley Club is all about alumnae engagement: we've been connecting alumnae since 1891! With the help of alumnae volunteers, the CWC Board and committees engage and connect alumnae throughout the Chicagoland area. As you know, we hosted dozens of events this year such as book and supper clubs, community service, and presentations by alumnae and Wellesley professors; assisted with Wellesley admissions; sponsored meet-ups at bars, concerts, theaters, museums, and other city venues; and celebrated together at our annual Holiday Tea.

While alumnae engagement is our primary and most visible focus, the CWC Board also attends to behind-the-scenes operations that help our club run smoothly and responsibly. During the year we:

- Continued our solid financial management practices,
- Proposed revisions to the club's bylaws to align them with current operational practices, and
- Laid the foundation for measuring our club's alumnae engagement following the WCAA's lead. We are counting an alumna as engaged if she paid CWC dues or attended an event or volunteered in some capacity for the club during our fiscal year, July through June. We will set a baseline for the metric at the end of June '19 by dividing the number of engaged alumnae by the number of alumnae in the Chicagoland area. Going forward, this metric will inform CWC's activities and objectives.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the Board, our volunteers, and our members for making 2018-19 a great year to be a Wellesley alumna in Chicago. As you read through the committee reports that follow, I hope you enjoy taking a look back at all we did together this year and are inspired to participate again next year.

I look forward to seeing you at a CWC event soon!

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Luke Christian '76
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TREASURER'S REPORT

As of April 19, 2019, the Chicago Wellesley Club had the following balances:

Checking Account	\$ 21,871.12
Balance with Stripe*	794.59
<u>High Yield Savings Account</u>	<u>6,640.92</u>
Total Assets	\$ 29,306.63

**Stripe is our online payment provider. Balances are transferred to checking account every Monday.*

The checking and savings accounts are with Chase Bank, where we have banked for many years. Due to our balances, we pay no fees.

The Club's budgeted expenses this year are about \$ 1,600 (or 12%) more than last year's (FY 2018) actual expenses and significantly less than FY 2018, 2017 and 2016's budgets. This is primarily because our venue expenses were generously underwritten by the College (125th Celebration in 2016 followed by President Johnson as guest speaker in 2017), which led to anticipated and actual increases in membership and related program revenues. The College's generosity two years in a row allowed us greater financial flexibility in hosting programs and we chose to reciprocate by donating \$1,250 and \$2,000 to the College's Campaign in FY 2016 and 2017, respectively. Those amounts plus our comparatively larger Scholarship Fund donations in those years are considered expenses in our financial reporting. This year, since we are back to covering all of our expenses, we needed to be more conservative in our approach until we get closer to our fiscal year end and can make a prudent decision on making additional donations.

The Club's total asset to annual budget ratio is currently about 198% compared to 100% target, 111% last year, 125% in FY 2017 and 85% in FY 2016. Therefore, the Club is on excellent financial footing going into our final months of the year and should be well positioned going into next year. We follow a financial philosophy that event revenue should generally cover the "variable" expenses for an event, excluding "fixed" costs such as invitations. Dues receipts are expected to cover the printing and mailing of major event invitations, the biennial directory and general expenses of running the Club, such as web hosting fees and post office box fees. We try to offer a variety of events at different price levels to appeal to all alumnae.

The Chicago Wellesley Club Scholarship Fund, which is administered by the College, had a market value of \$ 322,154.54 as of 2/28/2019. The estimated fiscal year 2019 available distribution is \$ 13,960.65, up 4% over last year. Our most recent gift to this fund was \$ 1,000 in June 2018, compared to \$3,500 in June 2017 and \$3,250 in June 2016. We conservatively decreased our gift in 2018 as discussed earlier in this Report. Our current scholarship recipient is Karina Alvarado, a junior in the class of 2020, from Chicago. She is currently studying abroad in Prague and will return to campus in the fall for her senior year. A note from Karina is included in the Scholarship Fund Report section.

We have a second fund with the College: the Chicago Wellesley Club Faculty Salary Advancement Fund. The market value of this fund was \$201,728.31 as of 2/28/2019 and the estimated FY 2019 available distribution is \$8,741.89, up nearly 4% over last year. Our most recent gift to this fund was \$10,000 in 1990; since then, we have solely supported the Scholarship Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Goren Radtke '75, Treasurer
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COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

MISSION: The timely, effective dissemination of information about the activities and programs of the Chicago Wellesley Club to the alumnae community through various media including the CWC official website, monthly and mid-month eBlasts, Facebook, and Instagram, as well as the facilitation of communication between the CWC Board and Wellesley College.

Responsibilities:

1. Monthly and mid-month eBlasts: The goal is to distribute the eBlast on or near the 1st of each month. With agreement between the program organizer and the Committee, there also may be mid-monthly email reminders sent for a particular program or event.

2. Photo Editor Responsibilities

- photographer available to capture events
- compilation of photos on Shutterfly
- selection, input, and maintenance of photos on the CWC website and other social media platforms

3. Social Media Presence: Monitor / manage info on various Wellesley social media sites, such as the official Chicago Wellesley Club Facebook page. The Committee posts events, announcements, and pertinent articles on the Facebook site, but also, when appropriate, on the Wellesley Community-Chicago Facebook group and Instagram.

4. The Committee provides monthly or bi-monthly updates to the Board. These are incorporated into the Board's meeting minutes.

5. The Committee maintains the CWC website, including data back-ups and links, in concert with Wellesley College Alumnae Office technology team.

7. We continue to refine the CWC Communications Committee policies and processes for smoother future operations. Finally, we hope to add new members to the Committee this year to assist with social media efforts in particular.

Current committee members are Yeena Yoon-Yoo, Co-VP '01, Alix Mikesell Co-VP '88, and Helen Marshall '77. To volunteer to assist the Communications Committee with its responsibilities, contact communications@chicagowellesleyclub.org.

Respectfully Submitted,
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ADMISSIONS REPORT

The Chicago Wellesley Club has continued to help the College select and recruit future Wellesley students. The Chicago area has always been a key area for Wellesley's recruiting efforts, and we have strong alumnae support for programs including local college fairs, events for prospective and admitted students and their parents, admissions interviews, the Book Award program, and outreach to the talented young women who have been offered a place in Wellesley's Class of 2023.

The Class of 2023

The Chicago Wellesley Club played a significant role in interviewing applicants who requested off-campus interviews. This report went to print before the final numbers for the Class of 2023 were finalized, but as of this date:

Thirty-seven (37) students from the Chicago area were accepted. Of these, two (2) were accepted Early Decision I and one (1) was accepted Early Decision II. Twenty (20) accepted students applied using Early Evaluation.

- The accepted students represent 25 different high schools. Twelve (12) students come from high schools in Chicago, twenty-five (25) from the suburbs. Two high schools contributed the largest number of accepted students. Jones College Prep and Lake Forest Academy each had three students accepted into the Class of 2023.
- Twenty-six (26) of the accepted students attend public high schools (of which ten attend public magnet schools), five attend private schools, two attend Catholic schools and four attend a charter high school.
- Local alumnae conducted 37 off-campus interviews. Twenty-three alumnae interviewed thirty-five first-year applicants and two Davis Scholars.

College Fairs

Wellesley Admissions asked us to attend 5 college fairs in the 2018-19 school year. We were able to send alumnae volunteers to one fall college fair and two spring college fairs.

Sending Off the Class of 2022

We held a tea party for our annual Summer Send-off for new and returning Wellesley students from the Chicago area on July 28, 2018 in the party room of Arlevea Freeman's apartment building. Several students returning to Wellesley also attended, as did other alumnae who came to answer questions and share their experiences. It was a great opportunity to wish all the new and returning Wellesley students a fantastic year at our alma mater!

Spring Admitted Student Event

On Saturday, April 27, 2019 we held an afternoon gathering at the home of Sahitya Raja '15. This event provided an opportunity for students admitted to the Wellesley Class of 2023 to meet each other and talk to alumnae while in the process of making their final college decisions. Parents of admitted students found alumnae of parenting age to be a useful resource, while the admitted students engaged in discussion with more recent graduates.

Thank you!

All of the admissions events are made possible by the wonderful Chicago alumnae who volunteer their time and energy to recruit and connect with the next generation of Wellesley women. We could not do it without you and we are grateful for your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Maurine Neiberg '86 and Arlevea Freeman '15
Co-Vice Presidents of Admissions
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COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

The goal for the Community Service committee in 2018-2019 was to provide service opportunities for Wellesley alumnae in the Chicago area, to uphold the College's motto of service to others and to provide opportunities for alumnae to connect to each other. We've had a great year!

Spring 2018 Event

We kicked off the last year of Community Service events with a volunteer event at Cradles to Crayons, a non-profit organization that works to provide children from birth through age 12, living in homeless or low-income situations, with the essential items they need to thrive. This event took place on June 2, 2018, and we had five volunteers attend the event. The Chicago Wellesley Club volunteers sorted, organized, and quality-checked donated items to create KidPacks, customized bundles of necessities for children.

Holiday Tea Donations

The spirit of giving was on display at the 2018 Holiday Tea, where we collected donations of toiletries for Sarah's Circle, an organization that offers a variety of services – comprehensive physical services, permanent supportive housing, clinical services, a network of resources, and a community – to over 900 women a year who are affected by homelessness. Generous alumnae donated 9 bags' worth of toiletries for Sarah's Circle at the Holiday Tea.

Spring 2019 Event

The CWC's spring community service event was held March 23, 2019 at the Greater Chicago Food Depository, Cook County's local food bank. The GCFD strives to end hunger in our community. They work with a network of more than 700 partner agencies and programs including food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters, and distribute 159,000 meals every day. Seven alumnae attended the event at the GCFD event, where volunteers collectively repacked 28,280 pounds of pears for a total of 23,566 meals provided to GCFD partner organizations in Cook County. A great time was had by all, and the GCFD remains one of our favorite organizations to support.

Planning for Fall 2019

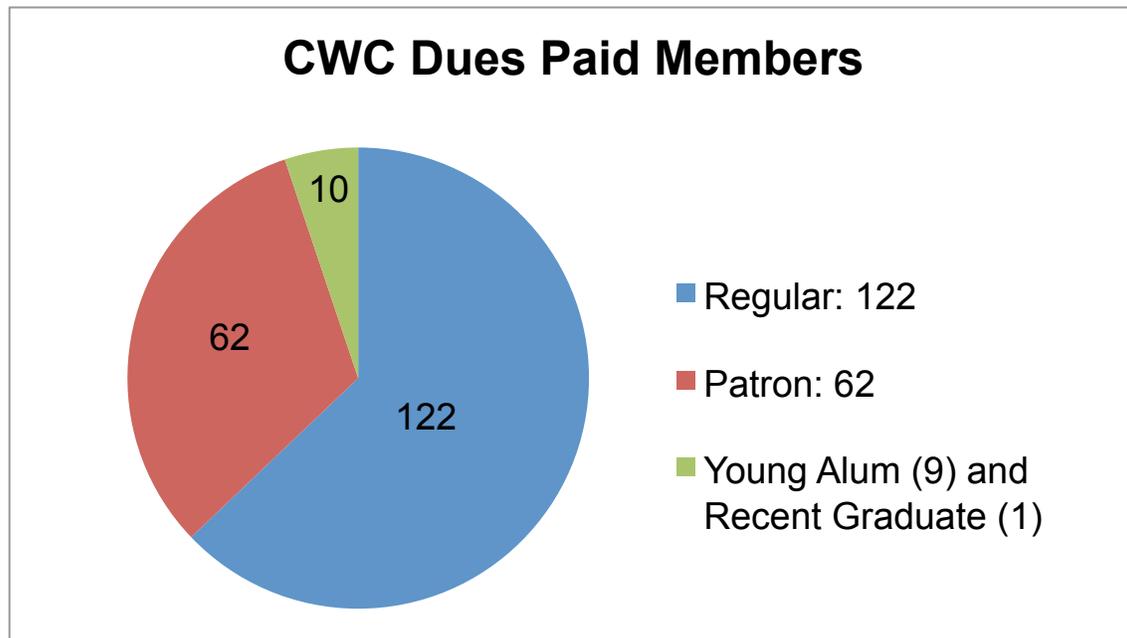
We are looking forward to planning the fall event during the summer with the aim of finding a site that is easily accessible by public transportation, so that more members of our community will be able to participate. We are always looking for wonderful organizations to partner with, so suggestions for future events are very welcome!

A huge thanks to all the alums who participated in a Community Service event this past year! We are grateful for your generosity and your service.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marian Chen '99 and Rachel Eberhart '04
Co-Vice Presidents of Community Service
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Chicago Wellesley Club has continuously been a nationwide leader with one of the highest dues-paid membership rates for alumnae. Dues-paid membership for the club has remained strong at 194 for FY 2019. Based on a current mailing list of 789, our dues-paid membership figure translates to a 24.5% paid membership rate. Within that, we have 122 regular members, 62 patron members, 9 young alumnae members (those who graduated in the last five years), and 1 recent graduate (class of 2018). Multiple opportunities are offered for Wellesley alumnae to become dues-paid members or participate in the Chicago Wellesley Club throughout the year, including at events and online.



Due to the success that the club has experienced with the Fall Dues Appeal outreach, the Membership Co-Vice Presidents sent out a postcard last year in mid-October encouraging alumnae to renew their membership or to become dues-paying members. This outreach effort resulted in an increase in club membership renewals and participation.

Membership Appreciation Gift and Directory

In 2018, the Board agreed to honor and thank dues-paid members with a small appreciation gift instead of hosting a special event. The custom-designed Chicago Wellesley Club keychains were distributed at the 2018 Annual Meeting and were mailed to alums who were unable to attend the meeting. The Membership Co-Vice Presidents have been diligent in distributing both the keychains and the 2018-2020 Club Directory to dues-paying members throughout the year.

Spirit Fund

To increase opportunities for alumnae to participate in Club sponsored events, the Board is piloting a Spirit Fund to cover the cost of tickets for the 2019 Wellesley in Chicago Luncheon and Annual Meeting event. The fund is available to both dues-paying and non-dues-paying members via email to the Membership Committee. As of this writing, one alumna has requested assistance.

All of our wonderful programs are made possible by the generous support of our members. We would like to extend a special thank you to our Patron members:

Lynne Abbott '86	Junia Hedberg '60	Marianna Paulson '44
Grace Bai '89	Victoria Herget '73	Marian Percy '56
Angela Barnes '91	Catherine Herrmann '79	Nancy Phair '55
Cynthia Barnett '65	Katherine Hickman '49	Ellen Rheäume '06
Mary Baskin '72	Virginia Highstone '61	Elizabeth Richter '66
Elizabeth Beck '54	Martha Hinchman '73	Desiree Rogers '81
Penelope Bingham '65	Kimberley Hogan '91	Carolyn Rusnak '56
Ann Burnstine '53	Ann Jones '84	Jean Sampson '53
Margaret Carlson '41	Judy Keller '61	Linda Sandor '82
Charlotte Christian '76	Kate Kestnbaum '56	Cynthia Sargent '60
Alison Chung '73	Ann Kuppe '79	Karla Scherer '58
Ellen Clark '76	Jane Lahey '61	Elin Schriver '76
Ann Cole '59	Susan Lucas '83	Martine Severin '01
Teri Cotton Santos '90	Meredith Manni '75	Diane Smith '56
Loretta Davenport '78	Kimberley Marsh '79	Mary Spyropoulos '80
Debora de Hoyos '75	Helen Marshall '77	Katherine Stelletello '60
Sylvia Decker '60	Anne Martin '58	Isabel Stewart '61
Sylvia Fergus '76	Patricia Mell '75	Bora Un '05
Dianne Goren Radtke '75	Rosellen Monter '63	Beth Weiss '74
Sandra Polk Guthman '65	Susan Morrison '76	Shana Whitehead '97
Toni Harkness '57	Ann Nunez '72	<i>Patron Dues-paid Member</i>
Allyson Haut '80	Joan O'Neill '80	<i>List as of March 1, 2019.</i>

Respectfully,
Maria Acosta '15 and Shelly Bogotty Aschkenase '86
Co-Vice Presidents of Membership
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PROGRAMMING REPORT

Programming this past year featured the interests and diverse talents of Chicago Wellesley Club members as we came together to share cultural and educational experiences, and delight in one another's company.

Wellesley in Chicago: Luncheon and Annual Meeting Featuring Professor Michael Jeffries (American Studies)

Nearly 80 alumnae and guests came together at the Woman's Athletic Club May 5 to hear Professor Jeffries speak about racism and sexism in comedy. Dr. Jeffries was an engaging speaker who reminded us all how great a Wellesley education is. Attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch and the opportunity to connect with other alumnae. Chicago Wellesley Club keychains were given out to dues paid members as a membership gift.

During the brief business portion of the event, Chicago Wellesley Club president Patricia Mell '75 highlighted the club's activities and contributions of the prior year and presided over the election of board members to serve during the 2018-2019 year.

Summer Concert: Grant Park Orchestra @Millennium Park

Alumnae and guests shared picnics on the lawn at Millennium Park while enjoying the Grant Park Orchestra's July 11 concert featuring music of the silver screen.

Fall Alumnae Spotlight Featuring Dr. Melinda Ponder '66

Libbet Richter '66 hosted the event at her home on October 13th. Dr. Ponder spoke on October 13 about the life and contributions of Katharine Lee Bates, who studied at Wellesley, class of 1880, and served as a professor at the college. Dr. Ponder is the author of the book, *Katharine Lee Bates: From Sea to Shining Sea, the story of Katharine Lee Bates, the poet of "America the Beautiful."*



Photos of the Fall Alumnae Spotlight

Holiday Tea

Victoria Herget '73 hosted the 2018 Holiday Tea at her Chicago home on December 2. It was a fun and festive event that featured traditions such as step singing and continued a tradition started last year, the book exchange. Donations of toiletries were collected to support Sarah's Circle, which offers a variety of services to over 900 women a year who are affected by homelessness.

The Programming Committee and Board gratefully acknowledge the many CWC members who helped make each program a success by volunteering to host, speak, provide transportation or contribute in many other ways behind the scenes. We thank those who shared in the camaraderie of CWC by attending events this year and welcome your suggestions for future programming.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Rheume '06 and Angela Barnes '91
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PROGRAMMING FOR EVERY INTEREST

The Chicago Wellesley Club Programs Committee connects members across the area for annual events and one-time, 'pop-up' style events. Whether it's a trip to a museum, seeing a show, or sharing a delicious meal, the Chicago Wellesley Club creates a plethora of opportunities for alumnae to engage with the city and each other. As always, Affinity Groups strengthen those connections among groups of alumnae on the basis of specific interests. Find out how the Club has enriched its programming and expanded opportunities to connect over shared interests this year below. Specifically, check out Program's Committee's activities arranged through Around Town.



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PROGRAMMING: AROUND TOWN REPORT

This year, Chicago Wellesley Club's Around Town group will be starting our 4th year! Our goal is to connect Wellesley women by creating small, fun, one-off events to take advantage of the cultural scene around Chicago!

In the past 12 months, we have enjoyed a wide variety of events, such as:

- Attending a Moth StorySLAM
- Summer rooftop bar hop series
- Apple picking
- Bonfire party
- Tiki party
- Movies
- Galentine's Day brunch
- Second City show
- First Friday show at the Flat Iron Arts Building

We currently have 134 members of our Around Town group, ranging from the class of 1960 through the class of 2016. We are excited to continue in 2019-2020!



To get involved, contact aroundtown@chicagowellesleyclub.org.

AFFINITY GROUPS

The Chicago Wellesley Club currently has the following local Affinity Groups and group leaders:

- 40s & 50s decade group: Toni Harkness
- 40s & 50s decade group: Anne Martin
- 70s decade group: Susan Morrison
- Book Club: Pat Anderson
- Supper Club: Sarah Longley
- Around Town – City: Sarah Longley
- Around Town – Location Liaison, Southwest Suburbs: Pat Mell
- Around Town – Location Liaison, Northern Suburbs: Hillary Hurd Anyaso
- Around Town – Location Liaison, Northern Suburbs: Gabriela Salcedo
- Around Town – Location Liaison, Western Suburbs: Liz Quigg
- MBA/Women in Business Group: Sally Augustin
- MIT / Wellesley young alumni co-sponsored events coordinators: Gabriela Salcedo (W) / Steven Carreno (MIT)
- Book Award Chair: Allyson Haut
- Scholarship Fund Manager: Helen Marshall

As well as liaises with Affinity Groups run through the college:

- WAAD (Wellesley Alums of African Descent)
- WLAN (Wellesley Latina Alumnae Network)
- W3A (Wellesley Asian Alumnae Association)
- WAPA (Wellesley Alum Pride Alliance)
- Wellesley Jewish Alumnae (WJA)
- Friends of Art

If you have a question about a particular group or are interested in organizing an affinity group, please contact affinitygroups@chicagowellesleyclub.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Longley '04 and Jill White-Cross '00
Co-VPs of Liaison to the Affinity Groups
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40S AND 50S DECADE GROUP REPORT

The 40s and 50s decades scheduled three book group gatherings this year, one in the fall, one in the winter, and one in late May. We have a very successful format: meeting at the very hospitable Vi in the Glen (thanks to our sponsor, Sue Chapman '53); settling in for a much-anticipated half hour of coffee and conversation; then being led by one of our group, who selects our book, for an hour and a half of shared reflections. It's a formula for pure enjoyment!

Our October 25 meeting was attended by eleven members, ranging from the class of '49 to '58. Nancy Phair '55 led us in a discussion of *Mothering Sunday* by Graham Swift, a Booker prize-winning British author. Set in 1924 England, the surprising tale concerns the ending of an affair between a maid and a wealthy heir who is about to be married to a "socially suitable" woman. How will that shape the maid's life over the rest of the century?



Members of the 40s and 50s Decades Book Group on October 25, 2018.

Back (left to right): Helene Rosenberg '57, Anne Martin '57, Ann Burnstine '53, Joan Wagner '57. Front (left to right): Sue Chapman '53, Elizabeth Downie '57

Back (left to right): "Kat" Hickman '49, Nancy Silberman '55, Toni Harkness '57. Front (left to right): Ann Burnstine '53, Nancy Phair '55

Our February 14 meeting was also led by Nancy Phair '55. Thirteen members of the 50s decade attended. Our book, *An Odyssey: A Father, a Son, and an Epic* by Daniel Mendelsohn, was a deeply moving tale of a father and son's transformative journey in reading - and reliving - Homer's epic masterpiece. When an eighty-one-year-old father enrolls in the undergraduate *Odyssey* seminar his son teaches at Bard College, both find they have much to learn.

Our May 30 meeting will be led by Maya Percy '56, and we'll be reading *Educated* by Tara Westover. The memoir tells the story of a young girl's escape from violence, her emotional trials, and the power of education to change lives. J.D. Vance, author of *Hillbilly Elegy*, writes that it "shines a light on a part of our country we too often overlook. Tara Westover's powerful tale - of trying to find a place for herself in the world without losing her connection to her family or her beloved home - deserves to be widely read."

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Martin '58 and Toni Harkness '57
Co-Chairs, 40s and 50s Decade Group

SUPPER CLUB REPORT

Headed into our 5th year, the Chicago Wellesley Club Supper Club is still going strong! Our goal is to make our way around Chicago trying fun/delicious restaurants. Every month, we pick a night and check out a new restaurant, and we rotate recommendations so everyone has a choice.



People pick their favorite hole-in-the-wall place to share with the group, or a new place they've always wanted to try!

In the past 12 months, we have been to:



- Yassa African Restaurant
- Lillie's Q
- Latinicity
- Greek Islands
- Demera
- Goree Cuisine
- Stella Barra
- Virtue Restaurant
- Fat Rice
- The Indian Garden
- Seoul Taco

We currently have 95 people in our Supper Club ranks, ranging from the class of 1965 through the class of 2016. Looking to 2019-2020, we are excited to continue on our path of culinary adventures and good times!

To get involved, contact supperclub@chicagowellesleyclub.org.



BOOK AWARD PROGRAM REPORT

The Book Award Program, which operates under the auspices of the Wellesley College Alumnae Association, honors young women in their junior year of high school. Recipients are selected by their schools; recognized for their achievements and contributions in their communities. The Award program gives students, families, high school faculty and staff the opportunity to become better acquainted with Wellesley.

As in past years, the award is *The Norton Book of Women's Lives*, a collection of literature by prominent twentieth century female authors. The book contains autobiographies, journals, and memoirs that celebrate life itself. Our special Wellesley edition is slip-cased in blue linen, embossed in gold with the Wellesley seal and has a beautiful interior bookplate for inscription of the recipient's name, high school, date and Chicago Wellesley Club name.

This year there were 13 participating Chicago-area high schools. Our current high school partners include Fenwick High School, Loyola Academy, Marian Catholic High

School, Montini Catholic High School, Naperville North High School, New Trier Township High School, Niles Township West High School, Niles Township North High School, Northside College Preparatory High School, Trinity High School of River Forest, Walter Payton College Preparatory High School, Wheaton North High School and Whitney M. Young Magnet High School.

The CWC arranges for Chicago-area alumnae to present the awards at either personal meetings with the recipient and school counselor or at junior student honor ceremonies as requested by the high schools. A meaningful way to support your College and empowerment of young women is to present a book award at a high school junior awards ceremony. This simple act adds the essence of our motto to the Book Award program, enhances the value of the honor and brings Wellesley to life for students, teachers and families who may not yet have a vision of the “Wellesley Effect”.

Respectfully Submitted,
Allyson Haut '80
Book Award Chair
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WESTERN SUBURBS GROUP REPORT

This past year, the west-suburban group enjoyed time together at Elmhurst Art Museum, Fermilab, and McCormick House at Cantigny Park. We are currently planning the next outing for June 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Quigg, '66

The CWC Western Suburbs group had a lovely day visiting McCormick House at Cantigny Park on October 16, 2018.

Photo at right (front row, left to right): Liz Quig '66, Sue Weeks '67, Linda Sandor '82, (back row, left to right) guest Marge Bardeen, Katherine Stelletello '60, and Charlotte Christian '76.



Photo below: Chicago Wellesley Club alumnae gather after their visit to the Elmhurst Art Museum on July 7, 2018.





The Western Suburbs Group visited Fermilab August 9, 2018. They toured the Fermilab buildings, viewed the restored prairie, and had a Q&A on the Icarus experiment. *Photo above (left to right): Nancy Nyberg '63, Katherine Stelatello '60, Liz Quigg '66, Linda Holahan Sandor '82, Rochelle Didier '71, Rosseann Coyner '86 and daughter Julie, and Kathleen Remlinger '72.*

CHICAGO FRIENDS OF ART REPORT

Our mission is to support and foster the pursuit, understanding and enjoyment of the arts among the alumnae of Wellesley College. Led by Lisa Fischman, *Ruth Gordon Shapiro '37 Director*, and the phenomenal staff, the Davis Museum has become an integral part of the College community. The Museum's many exhibitions, as well as acquisitions, student internships, and various other programs are funded in part by the Friends of Art. Below is a list of the events we have hosted in the past year, including those open to all alumnae and the Friends of Art members.

- **June** – A private tour of renovated areas of the Woman's Athletic Club with Lead Architect, Joan Craig.
- **August** - Curator Ionit Behar highlighted the work of the nine accomplished artists who were participants in the first Chicago Jewish Artist Fellowship at the Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership.
- **October** – The Smart Museum hosted a private tour of *The Time is Now! Art Worlds of Chicago's South side, 1960-1980*. Followed by a public viewing of the dance performance *Diagolo, Diagolo*, in addition to a visit to the Renaissance Society for the Shadi Habib Allah exhibit.

- **November** – An insider tour of Intuit’s exhibition *Chicago Calling: Art Against the Flow* which explored Chicago’s history of robust recognition and acceptance of self-taught art and artists, including Henry Darger, William Dawson, Lee Godie, Mr. Imagination, Wesley Willis, and Joseph Yoakum.
- **December** - A private tour of *Up is Down: Mid-Century Experiments in Advertising and Film at the Goldsholl Studio*, an exhibition reexamining the Chicago-based design firm's innovative work for corporations like Motorola, Kimberly-Clark, and 7-Up in the 1950s, 60s, 70s, and its national impact.
- **March** – An exhibition walk through at Weinberg/Newton Gallery of *Rebuilding the Present* with curator, Holly Cahill, and artists Cameron Harvey '99, Leslie Baum, and Meredith Haggerdy.
- **April** – A visit to Wrightwood659 gallery to tour *Dimensions of Citizenship: Architecture & Belonging from the Body to the Cosmos*. Direct from the U.S. Pavilion at the Venice 16th International Architectural Biennale, eleven projects exploring how architecture responds to the complex meanings of citizenship today.
- **Upcoming in June**- A private tour of Chicago History Museum's *Modern by Design: Chicago Streamlines America*. The exhibit features nearly 300 objects, photographs, and printed materials dating from the 1930s to 1950s, and celebrates Chicago’s role in shaping one of the most popular and enduring styles in our history.



Please consider supporting Friends of Art so that we can continue to maintain these programs that enrich the lives of everyone at the College and its Alumnae. More information is available at wellesley.edu/davismuseum/friends-of-art/join-friends-of-art.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Cameron Harvey '99
 Friends of Art Regional Chair

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Karina Alvarado '20 in Prague, Czech Republic.

The Chicago Wellesley Club congratulates Karina Alvarado '20, the recipient of a grant from the Club's Scholarship Fund for 2018-2019, on her third year as our beneficiary. Karina is a major in Cinema and Media Studies, now completing her junior year abroad in Prague, Czech Republic where she is studying film and making a short documentary about the top three Mexican/Latin restaurants in the Czech capital. Karina writes "I'll be talking to the owners and getting

their story as to how they got to Prague and why they decided to open their businesses." She is from the West Lawn neighborhood on Chicago's Southwest Side.

The Chicago Wellesley Club Scholarship Fund was established May 15, 1939. Donations are part of the permanent endowment of Wellesley College. The recipient is a Chicago-area student chosen by Wellesley College Student Financial Services, based on need.

The financial status of the Chicago Wellesley Club Scholarship Fund as of February 28, 2019, reported by Wellesley College Office for Resources, is as follows:

Book Value: \$64,137.25 (*Fund value according to College financial statements*)

Market Value: \$322,154.54 (*Price Fund would fetch at competitive auction*)

Estimated FY2019 Available Distribution: \$13,960.65

FY19 income as of 4/24/19 was \$470.71 from 13 donors in classes of 1953 to 2015. Total FY18 income was \$991.02. The board elected to forward \$1,000 to the College to add to principal of the fund. At least \$975 in additional FY19 income is expected thanks to a generous donation from former Chicago Wellesley Club President Jean Schifflin Sampson '53 (pictured at right) of 13 Wedgwood plates that depict campus scenes. The plates are being offered as a gift with donation of at least \$75 to the Scholarship Fund.



Respectfully submitted,
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SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Chicago Wellesley Club Board of Directors held nine meetings during the 2018-2019 year, including the Annual Meeting. Except that Gabriela Salcedo '12 was unable to complete her full term and was succeeded by Rachel Eberhart '04, the officers approved at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Chicago Wellesley Club represented the interests of Club members during this year. Meeting minutes are below.

Chicago Wellesley Club Annual Meeting Minutes

Woman's Athletic Club – 626 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL

May 5, 2018

Patricia Mell, President of the Chicago Wellesley Club, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

President Mell welcomed all attendees. She provided a short year-in-review for club activities. President Mell presented the slate of nominees for the Chicago Wellesley Club Board of Directors for the year 2018-2019. President Mell requested that members approve the proposed nominees, as followed:

- Charlotte Christian President
- Katherine Nunes, Secretary
- Dianne Goren Radtke, Treasurer
- Patricia Mell, VP Nominations
- Shelly Aschkenase, VP Membership
- Maria Acosta, VP Membership
- Arlevea Freeman, VP Admissions
- Maury Neiberg, VP Admissions
- Yeena Yoon, VP Communications
- Alix Mikesell, VP Communications
- Ellen Rheaume, VP Programs
- Angela Barnes, VP Programs
- Marian Chen, VP Community Service
- Gabriela Salcedo, VP Community Service
- Jill White-Cross, VP Liaison to the Affinity Groups and
- Sarah Longley, VP Liaison to the Affinity Groups

The membership approved all nominees by voice vote.

President Mell offered the stage to Professor Michael Jeffries for his presentation *#MeToo: Sexism and the Business of Comedy*.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Nunes '11, Secretary
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