Dear [first_name],

We want to make sure you are aware of the Marathon Monday Challenge!

**Fifteen Wellesley women who believe in the power of participation have challenged the alumnae community to join them in taking action:** they will collectively give $262,000 to keep Wellesley running if 2,620 alumnae make a gift to the College between now and Marathon Monday, April 16. Presently, they are at 32% participation with 860 donors out of 2,620. We hope you'll spread the word to encourage alumnae to make a donation of any size by Monday, April 16, 2018.

Reminder that the Pasadena Club invites us to hear Lois Wasserspring, former Wellesley Senior Lecturer Emerita in Political Science, for her talk, *The Paradox of Mexico: Understanding Our Neighbor in the Age of Trump*. The event is tomorrow, April 14, at 3:00pm at the San Marino Library in Pasadena. Please click [here](#) for registration.

Also, thanks to our alums for their terrific response in registering to join the Welcome Tea in honor of the 54 students who have been accepted to Wellesley from Los Angeles and Orange County. We're at capacity for alums but are holding spots for new students and their parents who have not yet registered.

Please check out our [WCLA website](#) for a complete list of events and news.

Have a great weekend!

Your WCLA Board

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**Marathon Monday Challenge**

*April 11-April 16, 2018!*
This April, Wellesley alumnae are being challenged to spend the six days leading up to Marathon Monday giving back by April 16! Click [here](#) to learn more.

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**Events in April**

*(Partial List)*

**Wellesley Club of Pasadena: Faculty Speaker Lois Wasserspring**

Come hear [Lois Wasserspring](#), former Senior Lecturer Emerita in Political Science, for her talk, *The Paradox of Mexico: Understanding Our Neighbor in the Age of Trump.*

Professor Wasserspring retired in 2016 after teaching for 36 years at Wellesley. Her focus is on comparative politics, focusing on Latin America. She founded the Latin American Studies at Wellesley and co-directed the program for over two decades. She also has an interest in Mexican folk art, especially by the women in rural Oaxaca, Mexico, who struggle economically despite receiving national and international fame as artisans.

**Date:** Saturday, April 14, 2018  
**Time:** 3:00-4:30pm  
**Location:** San Marino Library  
1890 Huntington Drive, San Marino, CA 91108  
**RSVPs:** Please go [here](#) for event registration @ Wellesley-in-Pasadena.  
**Cost:** Tickets are $5 for members (Wellesley-in-Pasadena is extending member privilege to WCLA) and $10 for non-members. Event is free for young alums, admitted students and lifetime members.  
**Event contact:** Judy Lee

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Every woman can—and should—make a meaningful contribution to her world. There is a growing recognition that women's empowerment and leadership are crucial to their own advancement, and to worldwide societal change. Wellesley and its alumnae have supported and championed women's intellectual and social development and autonomy for over 100 years.