



## Wellesley College Club of Los Angeles



Dear [first\_name],

The thoughts of the WCLA Board are with our community as we emerge from another season of wildfires. As a community of Wellesley alumnae, we want to do all we can to support one another. If you are aware of anyone who needs help, please don't hesitate to contact [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu) as well as post on our [Facebook page](#).

We look forward to seeing and supporting everyone at our upcoming events including these highlights:

- [Career Conversation with Melissa de la Rama](#) - This Sunday November 10 from 1-3pm in Westwood. Don't miss it!
- [Wellesley Circles Facilitator Training](#) - For everyone interested in helping facilitate a Wellesley Circles group, [Francine Miltenberger '78](#) is visiting from Silicon Valley where she has led Circles for the WCSV for the last two years. Please sign up!
- Wellesley Circles groupings will be announced this month for the January launch.
- [Annual WCLA Holiday Party on December 14!](#) - It's our biggest event of the season. Please join us!

As always, please reach out with any suggestions or questions by contacting: [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu).

We hope to see you at an event soon!

Your WCLA Board

## Upcoming Events

*Events below are listed in chronological order*

- November 10: Career Conversation with Melissa de la Rama '01
- November 16: Young Alum Beach Clean Up
- November 17: WCLA Book Club

- November 23: Wellesley Circles Facilitator Training
- December 14: Wellesley at the Wellesbourne - Annual Holiday Party
- December 15: WCLA Book Club
- January 2020: Wellesley Circles launch in neighborhoods
- February 2020: 1st Annual All Ivy Greater Palm Springs Gathering

## STAY CONNECTED

- **Wellesley Club of Los Angeles:** <https://losangeles.alum.wellesley.edu/>
- Reach the **Wellesley Club of Los Angeles:** [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu)
- Wellesley Hive: <https://hive.wellesley.edu/hub/the-hive/home>
- **WCLA on Facebook**
  - **Wellesley Young Alumnae in Los Angeles:** This Facebook page is for all Wellesley Alumnae of Los Angeles/Orange County  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/102080626551375/?t=60722-304008>

## \*UPCOMING EVENTS\*

### Career Conversation with Melissa de la Rama '01



*Managing Change during a Technological Disruption of Media and Entertainment.*

Melissa shares her experience in managing the career changes she's gone through and is continuing to do with the AT&T purchase of Time Warner/HBO

**Date:** Sunday, November 10, 2019

**Time:** 1:00-3:00pm

**Location:** Westwood/Wilshire Corridor:

10551 Wilshire Blvd, Unit 1104, Los Angeles, CA 90024

**Parking:** Street parking and valet parking by building doormen.

**Pricing:** Free for members and \$10 for non-members and guests

**Questions?:** Contact [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu)

Click [here](#) for details and to register.

### Young Alum Beach Clean Up with Heal the Bay Save-the-Date

*Join us for a beach clean up!*

We'll be joining [Heal the Bay for their Nothin But Sand Beach Cleanup](#) at Dockweiler State Beach! Clean up supplies will be provided once you've registered. After the clean up we'll be heading to [El Segundo Beach Cafe](#), right on the beach. If you're going to join us, **please be sure to register for free with [Heal the Bay](#)** to be guaranteed cleaning supplies. If general admission is full, you can still come! Just bring your own supplies: a bucket or trash bag, and garden or latex gloves

Date: Saturday, November 16, 2019



Time: 10:00am-12:00pm; Lunch following at El Segundo Beach Cafe

Location: Dockweiler Beach, Tower 54, 12000 Vista Del Mar, Playa Del Rey, CA 90293

Parking: Pay to park beach parking or free street parking as available. However, given the nature of the event and the popularity of the beach, carpooling is strongly encouraged.

Note: [Don't forget to bring your waiver!](#)

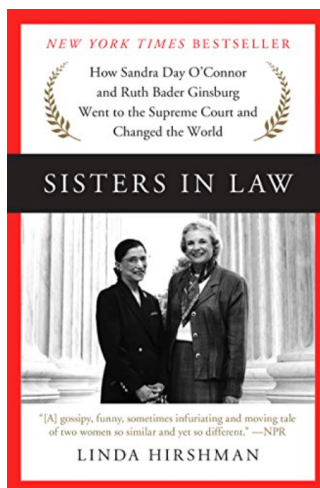
Pricing: Event is free; No-host lunch following at El Segundo Beach Cafe

Click [here](#) for details on eventbrite.

Questions?: Email [Nicole.Gebriel@gmail.com](mailto:Nicole.Gebriel@gmail.com) &

[rthommen@wellesley.edu](mailto:rthommen@wellesley.edu)

### WCLA Book Club - November



For November we've picked *Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World* by Linda R.

Hirshman. We will be meeting in the usual location as long as there is still seating available there. The construction project in that area of the museum and the closure of the LACMA Cafe means that our usual table and chairs may soon be removed. There is additional seating around the LACMA entrance area, including by the Levitated Mass exhibit, so we'll relocate there if necessary. If you come and can't locate us, make sure to call my cell (323-336-5391).

Date: Sunday, November 17

Time: 1-3pm

Location: The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) Central Court, between the LACMA Cafe and the bookstore, 5905 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90036

Parking: Either in the LACMA garage (\$12) or street parking around LACMA at meters which on Sundays are typically free.

RSVP: Email [WCLA Book Club](#)

Click [here](#) for details and to register.

### Wellesley Circles Facilitator Workshop



[Francine Miltenberger '78](#) is visiting from Silicon Valley where she has led Circles for the Wellesley Club of Silicon Valley for the last two years. She will be leading our facilitator training workshop for our LA and Orange County facilitators.

Date: Saturday, November 23, 2019

Time: 11am - 2:30pm

Location: Wine Warehouse - courtesy of Linda Myerson-Dean '81

6550 East Washington Blvd, Commerce, CA 90040

Pricing: Event is free for Circles Facilitator Volunteers

Parking: Plenty of on site parking

Entrance: Enter door with "6550" above it

Details: Lunch will be provided!

Please contact [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu) if you have questions.

RSVP [here](#)!

### Wellesley at the Wellesbourne - Annual Holiday Party



*WCLA returns to the Wellesbourne for our Annual Holiday Party*

Join us!

Date: Saturday, December 14, 2019

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Location: The Wellesbourne, 10929 West Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90064

Parking: First 3 hours free across the street at the Landmark

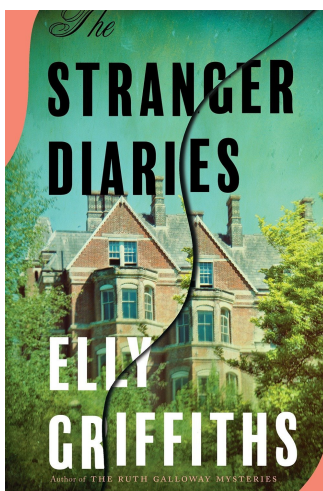
Movie Theater or public metered parking at the corner of Pico and Midvale Avenue.

Attire: Holiday!

Register: Please get tickets at the event page [here](#).

Please contact [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu) if you have questions.

### WCLA Book Club - December



For December we've picked *The Stranger Diaries* by Elly Griffiths. We will be meeting in the usual location as long as there is still seating available there. The construction project in that area of the museum and the closure of the LACMA Cafe means that our usual table and chairs may soon be removed. There is additional seating around the LACMA entrance area, including by the Levitated Mass exhibit, so we'll relocate there if necessary. If you come and can't locate us, make sure to call my cell (323-336-5391).

Date: Sunday, December 15

Time: 1-3pm

Location: The Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) Central Court, between the LACMA Cafe and the bookstore, 5905 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90036

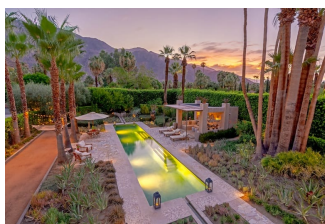
Parking: Either in the LACMA garage (\$12) or street parking around LACMA at meters which on Sundays are typically free.

RSVP: Email [WCLA Book Club](mailto:WCLA Book Club)

### 1st Annual "All Ivy" Greater Palm Springs Gathering



Tell your fellow alumni/alumnae to join us! (Friends and partners welcome!) Similar events take place in US resort cities (Naples and Vero Beach) and Europe. We are hoping to plan more events, visits, discussions for residents and snowbirds in the future. Cash bar and light snacks.



Date: February 5, 2020

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Location: Cimarron Country Club, 67603 30th Avenue, Cathedral City, CA 92234

Pricing: \$10 payable at door

RSVP: By January 29, 2020 to [paulasinclair1@sky.com](mailto:paulasinclair1@sky.com)

Questions?: Contact [paulasinclair1@sky.com](mailto:paulasinclair1@sky.com)

### The Plato Society of Los Angeles



For your consideration brought to you by two energetic Wellesley grads.

From Nancy Bott '64 & Sue Allen '47:

We have been members of the PLATO Society of Los Angeles for many years and enjoy it so much that we think

more people should know about it. The

heart and soul of the Society are our peer-led study discussion groups known as SDGs. The SDGs cover a wide range of topics including the Arts, Science, History, and much more. They meet for two hours once a week and have in-depth discussions in seminar-style classes at our office located in Westwood Village. About 400 women and men design, conduct, and take part in our SDGs. There are usually about twenty-four choices in each trimester. Each member is responsible for leading the discussion one week and for preparing for the discussion every week. About 80% of us are retired. The other 20% have flexible work schedules. We come from a wide variety of experiences in live and various career paths. In addition, we hold monthly colloquia that feature renowned speakers, member-led lunch-time lectures, foreign travel, local cultural events, retreats, and numerous extracurricular activities that complement our academic programs. The icing on the cake is the congeniality of the group.

Look us up at [www.platola.org](http://www.platola.org) or contact Nancy at [nancybott@verizon.net](mailto:nancybott@verizon.net)

## Photo Album

**Day to Make a Difference at Harvest Home on October 19, 2019**



Pictured are Beth Schaaf, Emily Peters, Charlotte Kiang, Evelyn Wu, Jordan Mosley, and Rebecca Nevitt

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### **Wellesley Circles Kick-Offs in Los Angeles and Orange County on October 6, 2019**







Please check out our WCLA website to see more photos from these and other events in our [photo albums](#).

## Get Involved - Shared Identity Groups (SIGs)

### Wellesley in Entertainment (WIE)

If you are working or want to work in film, TV, media, communications, or the arts, join the Wellesley In Entertainment group and attend informational panels, networking events, and screenings of alum work. Contact [Kate Erickson '05](#).

### Wellesley Latina Network (WLAN)

To get involved with WLAN and support Latina and Hispanic Admission/Recruitment, College Connection, and Alumnae Community at Wellesley College and in the Alumnae Network, please contact [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu)

### Wellesley Alumnae of African Descent (WAAD)

To get involved with WAAD, please contact [Jackie Olivier '82](#).

### Wellesley Alum Pride Alliance (WAPA)

To get involved with WAPA, contact Malique Carr '05 at [WCLA.WAPA@gmail.com](mailto:WCLA.WAPA@gmail.com).

### Wellesley Friends of Art

To get involved or learn more, please contact [Friends of Art](#).

### Wellesley Entrepreneurs' Group

If you are an entrepreneur, or interested in becoming one, and would like to join a monthly meeting of the Wellesley Entrepreneurs group for Southern California, please contact [Stephanie Sunwoo '97](#) or [Karen Jordan '91](#). Facebook: [Wellesley Entrepreneurs of Los Angeles](#)

### WCLA Career and Life Transitions Group

*Stuck in a rut? Try something new! New Job! New life challenge!* A small group from the '80's classes have grown from gathering every two months at a Beverly Hills wine bar to getting together for "Career Conversations" led by alums in various careers. If you'd like to recommend a speaker, please email [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu).

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## Please Support our Club

### Student Admissions - Participate in prospective student interviews.

As of late October, our 20 representatives have scheduled 11 interviews and completed one. November and December are the peak months. To learn more, click [here](#). Please contact [admission@wellesley.edu](mailto:admission@wellesley.edu) to volunteer.

### WCLA Board Volunteers and Event Hosts

If you are interested in serving on the WCLA board or in offering your home as a location for WCLA events, please contact [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu).



**WCLA Membership**

If you live in the Los Angeles area, please consider becoming a member of WCLA or renewing your membership. Membership provides discounted event tickets, and of course, the chance to support your local Wellesley Club including valuable programs such as lectures with visiting Wellesley professors and faculty, alumnae career panels, recruitment in local high schools and college fairs, and the annual Book Awards.

Lifetime Membership: One-time cost of \$500

Annual Membership Dues:

- Recent Graduate (Class of '17): \$0
- Young Alumna (Classes of '13-'16): \$25
- Regular Membership: \$50

Dues can be paid [online](#). Please be sure to log in to the WCLA site first.

If you'd prefer to pay by check, please contact WCLA Co-Treasurers for instructions.

**Wellesley Banner**

A friendly reminder that we have a Wellesley College banner that you can borrow for a special event. Please contact [WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu](mailto:WCLosAngeles@alum.wellesley.edu).

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## **WCLA Board**

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#### SHARED INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

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