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CHICAGO WELLESLEY CLUB



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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 2020 – 2022 Chicago Wellesley Club Board and those who will complete an unexpired two-year term in 2021.

Slate for the Board of Directors of the Chicago Wellesley Club

Position	Name and Year	Term Ends
President	Dianne Goren Radtke '75	2022
Vice President	Alix Mikesell '88	2022
Treasurer	Arlevea Freeman '15	2021
Secretary	Katherine Nunes '11	2021
Co-Chair of Programming	Lina George '99	2021
Co-Chair of Programming	VACANT	2022
Co-Chair of Membership	Heather Saylor '88	2021
Co-Chair of Membership	VACANT	2022
Co-Chair of Admissions	Hollee Mangrum-Willis '04	2021
Co-Chair of Admissions	VACANT	2022
Co-Chair of Communications	Yeena Yoon '01	2021
Co-Chair of Communications	VACANT	2022
Co-Chair of Community Service	VACANT	2021
Co-Chair of Community Service	VACANT	2022
Co-Chair of Liaison to Affinity Groups	Ellen Rheaume '06	2021
Co-Chair of Liaison to Affinity Groups	VACANT	2022

We are very grateful for the service of those board members who will complete their terms with the board this year: Charlotte Christian '76, Patricia Mell '75, Sarah Longley '04, Maria Acosta '15, Marian Chen '99, and Jill White-Cross '00. We also thank those board members who are staying on with the board for a new term or new position: Dianne Goren Radtke '75, Alix Mikesell '88, and Arlevea Freeman '15. We are also indebted to those board members who served, but who for business or personal reasons are not able to complete their terms: Monica Gamez-Djokic '07 and Narayani Gupta '15.

Last year, the Club launched 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,
Patricia Mell '75
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MEET THE 2020-2021 BOARD



DIANNE GOREN RADTKE
President

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 years at H&R Block downtown and is in her 10th year as a volunteer tax preparer through Ladder Up. During the winters of 2019 and 2020, she worked as a seasonal tax professional with the accounting firms of BDO and Bronswick Benjamin, respectively. 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.



ALIX MIKESELL
Vice President

Alix Mikesell '88 majored in studio art at Wellesley and received an MFA in Metalsmithing and Jewelry Design from Indiana University. Her early work in Judaica was exhibited nationally, published in Metalsmith Magazine, and two of her pieces became part of the permanent collection of the Jewish Museum of New York. She currently designs and makes jewelry focusing on the clever reuse of alternative materials such as laminate countertop, flooring, vintage buttons, pebbles and swizzle sticks. Alix has taught Metalsmithing and Jewelry Design at Indiana University, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Northeastern Illinois University; she now teaches part-time at College of DuPage. Alix lives in Oak Park with her husband and has two sons, a high school senior and college sophomore.



ARLEVEA FREEMAN
Treasurer

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.



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.



LINA GEORGE
Programming

Lina George '99 was an Economics Major at Wellesley and moved from NYC in the summer of 2017 to make downtown Chicago her home. At Wellesley, Lina served as First Year and Social Coordinator for WASAC, co-president of the Running Club and Advertising Editor for Wellesley's Yearbook '95-'96. Lina has worked in Higher Education both on the industry and the consulting side for the last 20 years. Currently she works in Technology Consulting at Accenture serving clients in Higher Education as well as the Health and Public Sectors on their journey to the Cloud. Lina has completed her first year as Programming Co-Chair of the CWC and will continue on for a second year.



YEENA YOON-YOO
Communications

Yeena Yoon Yoo '01 majored in Psychology at Wellesley. 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 and trial attorney, she worked at LAF (Legal Assistance Foundation) and Catholic Charities Legal Assistance, where she represented domestic violence and sexual assault survivors in cases of divorce, custody, and orders of protection. She is an active member of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense and serves as the Data Lead for her local chapter. A staunch Democrat, she was recently elected as Precinct Committeeman for her precinct. Yeena lives in Elmhurst with her husband and two rambunctious boys.



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.



Hollie Mangrum-Willis is Wellesley class of 2004 and majored in Psychology and Theatre Studies. She currently works as an Operations Manager for Chicago Public Schools, making sure schools are safe and functional learning environments for students and staff. Prior to making this career change, Hollie's eclectic background has given her experience in youth program management, event logistics, 20 years of dance instruction, and stints in television and radio. Hollie is newly married to a wonderful husband, Dorian Hampton, and bonus mother to a U.S. Army Soldier. In her spare time she enjoys being "Auntie Hollie" to three nieces and countless other children across the country. It takes a village, right?

HOLLEE MANGRUM-WILLIS
Admissions



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 supervisory attorney at Legal Aid Chicago. She and her husband, Matt DalSanto, live in Lincoln Park with their daughter, Elizabeth, and two rescue cats, Teddy and Franklin.

ELLEN RHEAUME
Liaison to the Affinity Groups

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Chicago Wellesley Club Members,

Thank you for joining our board and volunteers in connecting Chicago alumnae with one another and the college again this year, as we have since 1891. It has been another great year to be a Wellesley alumna in Chicago, despite a few event cancellations and format adaptations amid the current public health crisis. As you read the committee reports that follow, I hope you enjoy taking a look back at all we did together in 2019-2020 and are inspired to participate again next year.

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:

- Adjusted the club's bylaws to support electronic elections,
- Modernized the CWC Articles of Incorporation,
- Developed CWC Rules of Order to guide board and member meetings, and
- Documented committee operating procedures.

I'm excited to announce our strong financial posture enabled us to make a \$10,000 gift to the college to benefit student aid, the CWC scholarship fund, and the Wellesley Fund.

It has been my privilege to serve as your club president the past two years. Your loyalty and enthusiasm for the college and Chicago Wellesley Club (CWC) have been inspirational.

I look forward to seeing you virtually or in person at a CWC event soon!



Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Luke Christian '76
President, Chicago Wellesley Club
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TREASURER'S REPORT

As of April 11, 2020, the Chicago Wellesley Club ("CWC") had the following balances:

Checking Account	\$ 24,318.96
<u>High Yield Savings Account</u>	<u>6,642.89</u>
Total Assets	\$ 30,961.85

The accounts are with Chase Bank, our long time bank, and we pay no fees.

CWC's budgeted expenses for this fiscal year ending 6/30/20 are \$15,338, or roughly \$500 more than last year's budget and \$2,673 (21%) higher than last year's actual expenses. Our balance sheet and YTD financials were very sound leading up to winter 2020, with high expectations for a successful CWC Celebrates (and Annual Meeting) to come early May. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent moratorium on all in-person events going forward, CWC's annual meeting and an Admissions event were cancelled or transferred online at little or no expense. As of this writing, virtually all expenses for the Club are known through the rest of the fiscal year.

Therefore, the Club's total asset-to-annual budget ratio is currently over 200%, or double the historical 100% target, compared to 198% last year (FY19), 111% in FY 2018 and 125% in FY 2017. We have traditionally followed 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. However, your CWC Board has made some significant decisions this fiscal year, based on the results of club surveys, technology, the "greening" of America, and available volunteer support. These include discontinuing our post office box and our biennial printed directory, suspending the Book Award program, and paring down our postal mailings in concert with increased online communications. As a result, sections of our annual budget can be permanently reduced or eliminated. This factor, together with our strong balance sheet, the distress facing our College campus and students, and our allegiance to *Sed Ministrare*, has culminated in the Board's decision to make gifts totaling \$10,000 (the largest in years) to the CWC Scholarship Fund (\$2,500), the Wellesley Students Aid Society's Emergency Fund for Students (\$2,500), and the Wellesley Fund (\$5,000) on an unrestricted basis.

The aforementioned CWC Scholarship Fund, which is administered by the College, had a market value of \$344,994.10 as of 12/31/2019. The estimated fiscal year 2020 available distribution is \$14,143.49, up 1.3% over last year. Gifts the four previous years ranged from \$1,000 to \$3,500 (when President Johnson visited). Our Scholarship Fund recipient this year is Darina Postupaka '21, a Biological Sciences major from Tinley Park, IL.

We have a second fund with the College: the Chicago Wellesley Club Faculty Salary Advancement Fund. The market value of this fund was \$214,362.97 as of 12/31/2019 and the estimated FY 2020 available distribution is \$8,788.12, up 1/2% 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 Chicago Wellesley community through various media including the CWC official website, monthly and mid-month e-blasts, Facebook, as well as the facilitation of communication between the CWC Board and Wellesley College.

Committee Members: Yeena Yoon-Yoo, Co-Chair '01, Alix Mikesell Co-Chair '88, Helen Marshall '77.

Responsibilities:

1. Monthly e-newsletter

Produce monthly e-newsletter. Newsletter is compiled from news and events submitted by board members and affinity group leaders. It is sent out by the 1st of each month to all CWC members who have opted in to receiving club emails.

2. Mid-month e-blast

Send out an email mid-month that promotes events requiring an extra push for attendance/ participation or have a change in plans.

3. Website

Ensure all content is current and appropriate, updating once or twice a month with new events and photo albums. Communications committee also maintains various group email contact lists, as well as the website domain name.

4. Social media (primarily Facebook)

Maintain the official CWC Facebook page, posting CWC sponsored events and photos. Moderate CWC Community Group page. Confirm requests to join either page. Answer Facebook queries about CWC.

5. Printed flyer (to accompany Membership Committee's dues appeal)

Assemble content and design layout for flyer that highlights what CWC has done during the last year.

6. Photos

Collect and store event photos on Google Drive and on our website platform.

7. Committee reports

Provide monthly reports to the Board which are incorporated into the Board's monthly meeting minutes. Provide yearly report to the Board for Annual Report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alix Mikesell '88

Co-Chair of Communications

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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, and outreach to the talented young women who have been offered a place in Wellesley's Class of 2024.

The Class of 2024

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 2024 were finalized, but as of this date:

Twenty-seven (27) students from the Chicago area were accepted. Of these, five (5) were accepted Early Decision I and three (3) were accepted Early Decision II. Four (4) accepted students applied using Early Evaluation.

- The accepted students represent 22 different high schools. Twelve (12) students come from high schools in Chicago, fifteen (15) from the suburbs. Four high schools contributed the largest number of accepted students. Naperville Central High School (3 students), Saint Ignatius College Prep (2 students), UIC College Prep: The LSV Campus of Noble Street Charter School (2 students), and Latin School Of Chicago (2 students).
- Fifteen (15) of the accepted students attend public high schools (of which two attend public magnet schools), four attend private schools, four attend Catholic schools and four attend a charter high school.
- Local alumnae conducted sixty-one (61) off-campus interviews. Nineteen (19) alumnae interviewed fifty-nine (59) first-year applicants, one (1) transfer applicant, and one (1) Davis Scholar.

College Fairs

Wellesley Admissions and local alums asked us to attend four college fairs in the 2019-20 school year. We were able to send alumnae volunteers to two fall college fairs. The two spring college fairs were cancelled due to the current health crisis.

Sending Off the Class of 2023

We held a tea party for our annual Summer Send-off for new and returning Wellesley students from the Chicago area on August 3rd, 2019 in the party room of Arlevea Freeman's '15 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

Due to the current health crisis the College introduced Virtual Admitted Student Receptions. The Midwest region reception took place over Zoom on Tuesday, April 14th 5:30pm-7:00pm CST. This event allowed students to have an opportunity to engage with alum panelists and each other virtually so that they could ask questions about Wellesley while meeting their future classmates. Since the event took place online, the College decided to shift to having a wider geographic region represented at each event

as opposed to specific alumnae clubs hosting their own event. Arlevea Freeman '15 was the alum panelist representing Chicago.

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,
Arlevea Freeman '15
Chair of Admissions
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COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

The goal for the Community Service committee in 2019-2020 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.

Fall 2019 Event

For the Fall Community Service event, we partnered with Operation Warm to hand out winter coats to children living in subsidized housing. Volunteer turnout was not high, but the event was well organized and extremely rewarding.

Holiday Tea Donations

The spirit of giving was on display at the 2019 Holiday Tea, where we collected donations of toiletries for Connections for Abused Women and Their Children (CAWC), which provides shelter for adults and children affected by domestic violence and works for social change through education, service collaboration, and institutional advocacy. Thank you to all of the generous alumnae who provided donations for this wonderful organization.

Spring 2020 Event

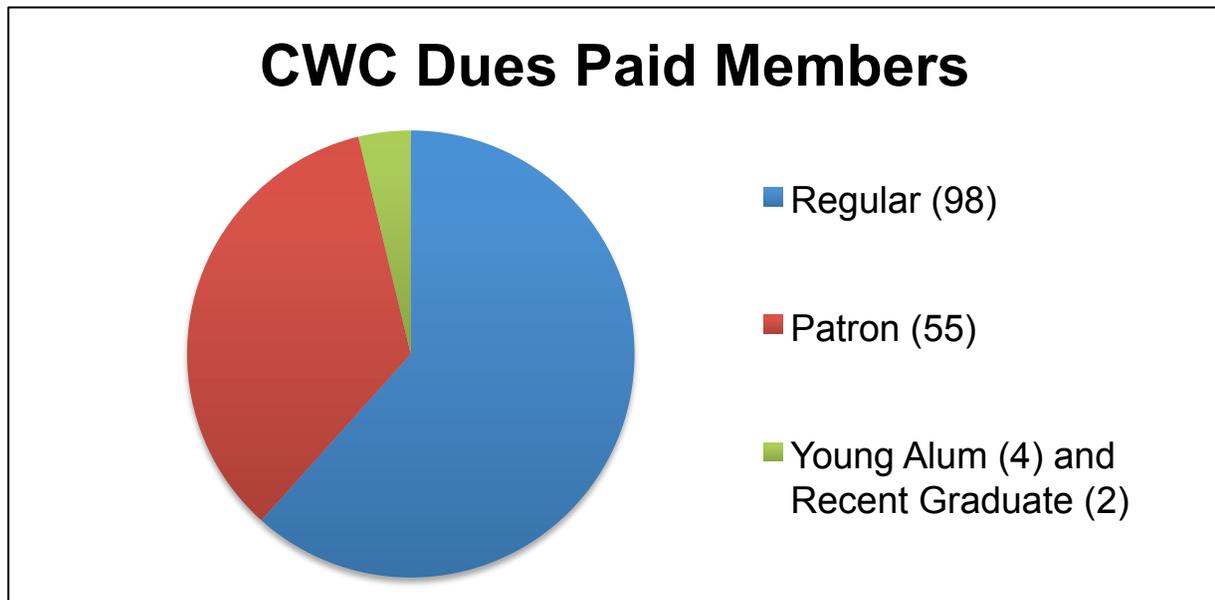
Unfortunately, due to shelter-in-place restrictions, the planned Spring Community Service Event at the Greater Chicago Food Depository has been canceled. We are looking forward to planning a fall event during the summer with the aim of finding a site that is easily accessible by public transportation, 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!

Thank you to everyone who helps the Chicago Wellesley Club embody the spirit of "Non Ministrari sed Ministrare". We are grateful for your generosity and your service.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marian Chen '99 and Narayani Gupta '15
Co-Chairs 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 declined to 159 for FY 2020. Based on the online directory of 854 alumnae in the Chicagoland area, our dues-paid membership figure translates to an 18.5% paid membership rate. Within that, we have 98 regular dues-paid members, 55 patron members, 4 young alumnae members (those who graduated in the last five years), and 2 recent graduates (class of 2019). Multiple opportunities are offered for Wellesley alumnae to become dues-paid members or participate in the Chicago Wellesley Club throughout the year, including in person events and online activities.



Due to the success that the Club has experienced with outreach in past years, and in keeping with efforts to be conscientious of Club resources, the Membership and Communications Chairs sent out a combined newsletter-dues reminder in mid-October highlighting key events and encouraging alumnae to renew their membership or to become dues-paying members. While successful, this outreach effort unfortunately did not garner as many new memberships and renewals as we had hoped for. Additionally, a Chicago area membership directory was not developed this year since the online directory is available to all alumnae.

Engagement Survey

The Chicago Wellesley Club would like to continue to provide high quality and engaging events for all Chicago area alums. To do this, the Board sought your feedback by creating a short, anonymous survey that was sent out in January 2020. We received 55 responses to the survey from various class decades. Some of the highlights from the survey included that a majority of the respondents found our club activities are interesting (over 75%) and have attended at least one event in the past year (60%). The Holiday Tea and Wellesley in Chicago Luncheon were the two events with the highest attendance. From the received responses, alumnae would like additional events scheduled in the suburbs as well as more weekend events. We appreciate the feedback and will be working in the coming year to incorporate what we've learned into future programming.

Spirit Fund

To increase opportunities for alumnae to participate in Club sponsored events, the Board piloted 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, three alumnae have requested assistance in this FY2020. The club will continue to fund alumnae requests for financial assistance to attend club events.

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	Kristyn Friske '85	Ann Nunez '72
Cynthia Barnett '65	Margaret Ginn '63	Joan O'Neill '80
Mary Baskin '72	Dianne Goren Radtke '75	Allyson Paflas '97
Elizabeth Beck '54	Sandra Polk Guthman '65	Ellen Rheäume '06
Prudence Beidler '67	Toni Harkness '57	Elizabeth Richter '66
Linda Bowsher '70	Allyson Haut '80	Carolyn Rusnak '56
Rita Brosnan '89	Junia Hedberg '60	Jean Sampson '53
Ann Burnstine '53	Victoria Herget '73	Linda Sandor '82
Charlotte Christian '76	Virginia Highstone '61	Cynthia Sargent '60
Alison Chung '73	Martha Hinchman '73	Elin Schriver '76
Ellen Clark '76	Toya Horn Howard '74	Tasha Seitz '91
Susan Clayson '68	Ann Jones '84	Katherine Stelletello '60
Ann Cole '59	Judy Keller '61	Carolyn Weeks '67
Cecilia Conrad '76	Kate Kestnbaum '56	Beth Weiss '74
Teri Cotton Santos '90	Ann Kuppe '79	Shana Whitehead '97
Margaret Crane '53	Susan Lucas '83	Courtenay Wood '76
Loretta Davenport '78	Kimberley Marsh '79	Simone Wysockey '55
Debora de Hoyos '75	Helen Marshall '77	<i>Patron Dues-paid Member</i>
Sylvia Fergus '76	Susan Morrison '76	<i>List as of April 1, 2020.</i>

Respectfully,
Maria Acosta '15 and Heather Wahl Saylor '88
Co-Chairs 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 Wellesley Professor Raymond Starr (Classical Studies)

Nearly 80 alumnae and guests came together at the Woman's Athletic Club on May 11th to hear Professor Starr speak on the topic of "Ancient Roman Fathers and Daughters: Law, Society, and the Emperor Augustus." Attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch and the opportunity to connect with other alums, as well as Wellesley trivia.

During the brief business portion of the event, Chicago Wellesley Club President Charlotte Christian '76 highlighted the Club's activities and contributions of the prior

year and presided over the election of board members to serve during the 2019-2020 year.

Summer Concert in Millennium Park

Alumnae and guests shared picnics on the lawn at Millennium Park while enjoying an eclectic evening of music on June 17th. Featured were Cory Henry and the Funk Apostles for a blend of blues, soul, R&B, Afrobeat, gospel and jazz, and Liniker e os Caramelows, combining soul and R&B with the tropical heritage of Brazilian music.



Photo of the Summer Concert in Millennium Park



Left: Alumnae gather at the home of Jan Koors '84 for the CWC 2019 Holiday Tea.

Below: Maria Acosta '15, Heather Saylor '88, and Lina George '99 (left to right) enjoy Holiday Tea.

Holiday Tea

Jan Koors '84 hosted the 2019 Holiday Tea at her Chicago home on December 8th. Nearly 70 alums attended the fun and festive event that featured traditions such as step singing, a recipe exchange, and a book exchange. Donations of personal care products and toiletries were collected to support the Connections for Abused Women and Their Children (CAWC), which provides shelter for adults and children, counseling, advocacy, and a 24-hour hotline for people affected by domestic violence.



Winter Spotlight Featuring Judith Roth

Naomi Roth '85 hosted 16 alums for a special walk-through of the art studio of her late mother and local Chicago artist, Judith Roth, whose community activism and the Chicago Women's Caucus for Art presidency in 2001 led her to found the still-vital Ravenswood ArtWalk. Professor David Sokol of UIC provided commentary about her many drawings and paintings.



Winter Alumnae Spotlight viewing the work of Judith Roth



The Programming Committee and Board of Directors 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,
Sarah Longley '04 and Lina George '99
Co-Chairs of Programming
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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, hitting a tiki bar, or going apple-picking, the Chicago Wellesley Club Around Town creates a plethora of opportunities for alumnae to engage with the city and each other for less formal events. 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.

PROGRAMMING: AROUND TOWN REPORT

In May 2016, the Chicago Wellesley Club's Around Town group was born. Our goal was 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:

- Movies with lunch
- First Friday at the Flat Iron Arts Building and Mindy's Hot Chocolate
- Drinks and art show at Hala Kahiki Tiki Bar
- Play: "Love, Loss and What I Wore"
- Adler After Dark
- Tiki Party at the Trade Winds Lounge
- ReelAbilities Chicago Film: Hearts of Glass and dinner
- Pizza, wine and drag bingo
- Galentine's brunch

We currently have 149 members of our Around Town group, ranging from the class of 1960 through the class of 2019. We are excited to continue in 2020-2021!

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 book group: Toni Harkness '57, Anne Martin '58
- 70s decade group: Susan Morrison '76
- Book Club: Pat Anderson '79
- Supper Club: Sarah Longley '04
- Around Town – City: Sarah Longley '04
- Around Town – Western Suburbs Coordinator: Liz Quigg '66, Yeena Yoon '01
- Scholarship Fund Manager: Helen Kriz Marshall '77

As well as liaisons with Affinity Groups run through the college, including:

- 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,
 Ellen Rheume '06 and Jill White-Cross '00
 Co-Chairs of Liaison to the Affinity Groups
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40S AND 50S DECADE GROUP REPORT

The 40s and 50s Decade Group enjoyed two book group “gatherings” this year, before COVID-19 swept around the world. The term “Gathering” seems to take on a whole new importance in our lives this spring! We’ve become even more appreciative of our get togethers with good friends, face-to-face encounters, punctuated by hugs and shared coffee hours.

Vi in the Glen is our favorite gathering place, thanks to our sponsor, Sue Chapman '53. Vi provides us with an attractive meeting room, convenient valet parking, very pleasant arrangements, and excellent pastries!



*Members of the 40s and 50s Decades Book Group on October 17, 2019
 Front (left to right): Anne Martin '58, Nancy Phair '55, Toni Harkness '57
 Back (left to right): Joan Wagner '57, Nancy Silberman '55, Martha Cray '59, Helene Rosenberg
 '57, Elizabeth Downie '57, Jean Sampson '53, Maya Percy '56
 Not Pictured: Sue Chapman '53*

Eleven of us met on October 17th to be led by Nancy Phair '55 in a discussion of *Madame Fourcade's Secret War*. Author Lynne Olson tells one of the great stories of the French Resistance during WWII, a true story of one woman's courage, daring, and defiance, amid grave dangers. Our group shared one of Olson's earlier books, *Citizens of London*, a few years ago, and all agreed she's a consummate story-teller.

Our January 30th book group was attended by ten members to discuss Nate Blakeslee's *American Wolf*. Maya Percy '56 led our discussion of the gray wolf restoration project that began 25 years ago in Yellowstone National Park. Many knowledgeable and vigilant supporters of wildlife conservation came to life in the author's accounting, as did the wolves themselves, when they were re-introduced in the territory.

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

SUPPER CLUB REPORT

Since September 2015, the Chicago Wellesley Club Supper Club has been going strong! Our goal has been to make our way around Chicago trying fun/delicious/inexpensive restaurants. The second Wednesday of every month, we check out a new restaurant - rotating between recommended restaurants. Alums can 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:

- Seoul Taco
- Frontera Grill
- Spacca Napoli
- Turquoise Cafe
- IMMM Rice & Beyond
- Chicago Q
- Las Palmas
- Crisp
- Eris Brewery
- LC Phở n Grill
- Rice N Bread

And during the COVID-19 crisis, we had our first virtual Supper Club ever on Zoom!

We currently have 102 people in our Supper Club ranks, ranging from the class of 1965 through the class of 2019. Looking towards 2020-2021, 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.

Last fall, the CWC Board made the difficult decision to suspend the Book Award program for the 2019-2020 school year based on a lack of volunteers to run the program. The Board will consider reinstating the program in the future if there is strong interest in having a program and volunteers step forward.

bookaward@chicagowellesleyclub.org

WESTERN SUBURBS GROUP REPORT

The West Suburban Affinity Group had two events last summer. On June 29th, the West Suburban Affinity Group toured the newly renovated Unity Temple in Oak Park.



*Alumnae and guests visit Unity Temple.
Left: (left to right) Kathleen Remlinger '72
and Sue Weeks '67.*

*Right: (left to right) Guest, Katherine
Stelletello '60, and Alix Mikesell '88.*





Alumnae Liz Quigg '66, Katherine Stelletello '60, Lili Dumelle '84, and Helen Feng '73 visit the Morton Arboretum, August 2019.

On August 24th, four alumnae and a guest visited the Morton Arboretum to see the "Nature Connects: Art with LEGO bricks" exhibit spread among the trees and gardens. After a couple of hours of walking, we had lunch at the café and enjoyed good conversation. Wellesley women are never at a loss for topics of conversation. We had splendid weather with a cool breeze, a nice change from the hot weather of July when we originally planned the event.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Quigg, '66
Around Town – West Suburban Coordinator

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.

- May – A private tour at the Driehaus Museum of Yinka Shonibare's exhibition *A Tale of Today*. Shonibare's work was also exhibited at the Davis Museum.
- June – The Chicago History Museum provided a private tour of *Modern by Design: Chicago Streamlines America*, celebrating Chicago's role in shaping one of the most popular and enduring styles in our history.
- July – At the Arts Club of Chicago, S. Hollis (Holly) Clayson '68 discussed her new book *Illuminated Paris* about how the dramatic evolution of lighting technology during the Belle Epoque transformed the visual culture of Paris.
- September – Lisa Fischman, *Ruth Gordon Shapiro '37 Director* for the Davis Museum, joined us in Chicago for the VIP opening of the International

Exposition at Navy Pier. The next day we enjoyed an exclusive collection visit at the home of Jeff and Daryl Gerber Stokols. Their work by El Anatsui was included in his first US exhibition held at the Davis Museum.

- November – Valentina Cruz, Research Assistant to the exhibition, *In a Cloud, in a Wall, in a Chair: Six Modernists in Mexico at Midcentury* discussed the work of six female artists of different generations who all lived or worked in Mexico at varying times between the 1940's and 1970's. This private tour was in honor of the Patron's recent tour to Mexico.



*Friends of Art Members visit the exhibit
"In a Cloud, in a Wall, in a Chair: Six Modernists in Mexico at Midcentury"*



Upcoming – we look forward to more exciting events and getting together once again.

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,
Carlyle Madden '82
Friends of Art Regional Chair

CHICAGO WELLESLEY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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The Chicago Wellesley Club congratulates Darina "Dasha" Postupaka '21 of Tinley Park, the recipient of a grant from the club's Scholarship Fund for 2019-2020, her first year as our beneficiary. Dasha is a major in Biological Sciences

The Chicago Wellesley Club Scholarship Fund is supported by donations from alumnae, who contributed \$825 in FY20 as of 4/11/20. The board of the club elected to forward \$2,500 to add to the principal of the fund, which is invested by the college.

The financial status of the Chicago Wellesley Club Scholarship Fund as of December 31, 2019, reported by Wellesley College Office for Resources, is as follows:

Book Value: \$66,637.25 (*Fund value according to College financial statements*)

Market Value: \$344,994.10 (*Price Fund would fetch at competitive auction*)

Estimated FY2020 Available Distribution: \$14,143.49

In 2019, the Club marked 80 years of supporting the Wellesley College education of students from the Chicago area. The Chicago Wellesley Club Scholarship Fund was established May 15, 1939. Donations are part of the permanent endowment of Wellesley College. The recipient of income from the fund is a Chicago-area student chosen by Wellesley College Student Financial Services, based on need.

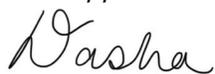
A message from Dasha:

"As many of you know, Wellesley asked its students to move off campus in March. Though this was a rapid turn of events, our sudden departure did not prevent the senior class of 2020 from experiencing Wellesley's most cherished traditions. From hoop rolling to fauxmencement, it was an honor to witness my siblings make the most of these unprecedented times. In the final days before our departure, the campus roared with a sense of community and utmost compassion as students rejoiced in the fond memories that were made this academic year.

"For me personally, this abrupt change has brought new challenges, but also unveiled unexpected benefits. As a Biology major in my junior year, contributing to my independent research project has halted for now, but I am excited to return in the fall to continue my work on the exploration of fish locomotion in Lake Waban. Thanks to Zoom, I am able to communicate with my professors and gain a small sense of normalcy during synchronous lectures and class meetings.

"As I prepare for my senior year, I thank the Chicago Wellesley Club for its genuine support and generosity. It has been an honor to be this year's recipient of the Wellesley Chicago Scholarship. I wish you all good health and hope to join you as an Alumna soon!"

With appreciation,



Dasha Postupaka
Class of 2021



Darina "Dasha" Postupaka

We also have an update from Karina Alvarado '20 of Chicago, who was the beneficiary of a grant from the Chicago Wellesley Club Scholarship Fund for her first, sophomore, and junior years.

"I am currently a senior and hope to graduate in May. I am a Cinema and Media Studies major. I hope to go into digital marketing with a focus on content creation, but at the moment I haven't been able to secure a job due to the pandemic and many companies putting a freeze on hiring. I currently work for the Communications and Public Affairs office at Wellesley College as a content creator which has been really great. I am also co-president of Mezcla, the largest Latinx organization at Wellesley. Since it was my senior year, I wanted to do things that I love and wanted to leave knowing I did what I could to make the Wellesley experience better."

*Karina Alvarado
Class of 2020*

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Kriz Marshall '77
Development Volunteer - Chicago Wellesley Club Scholarship Fund
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SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Chicago Wellesley Club Board of Directors held eight meetings during the 2019-2020 year, including the Annual Meeting. Except that Lina George '99 filled the vacant position for Programming, and Monica Gamez-Djokic '07 was unable to complete her full term, the officers approved at the 2019 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 11, 2019

Charlotte Christian, President, called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

President Christian welcomed all attendees. She provided a short year-in-review for club activities. President Christian presented the slate of nominees for the Chicago Wellesley Club Board of Directors for the year 2019-2020. President Christian requested that members approve the proposed nominees, as followed:

- Charlotte Christian President
- Katherine Nunes, Secretary
- Dianne Goren Radtke, Treasurer
- Patricia Mell, VP Nominations
- Heather Saylor, VP Membership
- Maria Acosta, VP Membership
- Arlevea Freeman, VP Admissions
- Monica Gamez-Djokic, VP Admissions
- Yeena Yoon, VP Communications
- Alix Mikesell, VP Communications
- Sarah Longley, VP Programs
- No Candidate, VP Programs
- Marian Chen, VP Community Service
- Narayani Gupta, VP Community Service
- Jill White-Cross, VP Liaison to the Affinity Groups and
- Ellen Rheaume, VP Liaison to the Affinity Groups

The membership approved all nominees by voice vote.

President Christian offered the stage to Professor Raymond Starr for his presentation *Ancient Roman Fathers and Daughters: Law, Society, and the Emperor Augustus*.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Nunes '11, Secretary
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