



December 4, 2020

Dear 1973 Classmates,

We are so glad 2020 is coming to a close! Your class officers send warm regards to everyone this holiday season and look forward to a better 2021.

Dorm Zoom Mini-Reunions

When times call for innovation, Wellesley women surely know how to make the **grass greener** with smiles and connections across the globe. We're happy to report that every dorm has had or is planning a Zoom dorm mini-reunion, and at least one dorm is already planning a repeat performance, with perhaps more to follow. Thank you so much to all of our classmates who have volunteered to make this all happen – and if YOU want to help, please email Nancy Beren (<u>nancyberen@gmail.com</u>). The more the merrier.

The Zoom dorm mini-reunions are open to anyone who lived in a particular dorm any of the four years on campus. The invitation lists for each dorm come from information the college maintains, the Alumnae Directory, our college yearbook, and our 45th Reunion Record Book, as well as from sleuthing to make the lists as complete as possible.

However, alas, the college only kept records of where we lived sophomore, junior and senior years and not all of the data is accurate. And, most unfortunately, the college website currently does not allow us personally to update our dorms. In order to confirm that we have your complete dorm history, please take a quick moment **right now** to fill out <u>this form</u> with your residence hall from each year at Wellesley. Your answers will help us ensure that you are included in dorm-based communications and events.

Also, to be sure that you are included in all online class communications, PLEASE look at your college profile at <u>alum.wellesley.edu</u>. Scroll down and click on the button that says "Update Your Profile," and make any needed additions or corrections. Please note: In order to update your information, you will need to log in with your MyWellesley username and password. If you need to recover or reset your password, <u>please visit this</u> <u>link.</u> Unfamiliar with the MyWellesley Login? <u>Read all about it here</u>.

Here is a rundown of the Zoom dorm mini-reunions past, present and future, along with their hosts. (All times are Eastern).

- Bates, Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021, 3-4 p.m., Anne Swingle Borg (<u>absborg155@mac.com</u>)
- Beebe, Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020, 5-6 p.m., Lynne Miller (lynnemmiller@gmail.com)
- Cazenove, Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021, 4-5 p.m., Laura Ingersoll (ingersoll.laura@yahoo.com) and Ruth Birney Plagenhoef (grplag@gmail.com)
- **Clafin**, Second mini-reunion set for early February 2021, weekend date pending; first, Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020, 1 p.m., Jane Risser (<u>risserjane@gmail.com</u>)
- Davis, Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021, 4 p.m., Mary Beth Reynolds Blake (marybblake570@outlook.com)
- Freeman, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020, 3 p.m., Martha Reilly Hinchman (<u>mhinchman@gmail.com</u>) and Betsey Maupin (<u>elizabethmaupin@gmail.com</u>)
- McAfee, Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021, 5-6 p.m., Luisa Segato Johnson (<u>drluisa88@gmail.com</u>), Debbie Redman Lavin (<u>debbielav@aol.com</u>), and Melissa Webster (<u>mwebster99@gmail.com</u>)
- Munger, Sunday, Feb. 21, 2-3 p.m., Jane Potts Brell (joyful_heart711@yahoo.com), Lucy deGozzaldi (lucyd@library.umass.edu, Dana Stevenson Lang (danalang2018@gmail.com, and Jennifer Phillips (revjphillips@earthlink.net)
- **Pomeroy**, Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021, noon, Susan Haltmaier (<u>shaltmaier@comcast.net</u>)
- Severance, Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021, 1-2:30 p.m., Nancy Beren (<u>nancyberen@gmail.com</u>) and Corinne Goldstein (<u>corinneagoldstein@gmail.com</u>)
- Shafer, Monday, Dec. 7, 2020, 7-8 p.m., Robin Ingraham Farabaugh (<u>robinfarabaugh@gmail.com</u>), Jane Strauss (<u>janemstrauss@aol.com</u>), and Polly Keller Vanasse (<u>pyoungkeller@gmail.com</u>)

- Stone, Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020, 2-3 p.m., Carol Dick Buell (<u>caroldbuell@gmail.com</u>) and Mary Tondorf-Dick (<u>marytd01@aol.com</u>)
- Tower Court, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020, 5-6 p.m., Sally Jenkins Sammis (srkpsammis@aol.com), Margaret Yonco-Haines (margaret@haines.org), and Mary Ellen Martin Zellerbach (memz@whitneylake.net)

Check out screen shots from two dorm Zooms:

Beebe Zoom



Tower Court Zoom



Class Website

While our class website was completed before the College's summer furloughs, staff are now working to finish building the Wellesley Alumnae site, which will make it more functional. Thanks to Darcy Kupferschmidt of the Wellesley College Alumnae Association for working on our class website. If you haven't checked out the new '73 site, our home page looks great! Here is the link: <u>https://alum.wellesley.edu/class-of-1973</u>. Your login name and password are the same.

All the content from our old site is here: past newsletters, photos from mini-reunions, list of class officers and more. We'd like to add more photos to our new website and to have photos at our 50th for a slideshow of our college years, reunions and mini-reunions. But we need your help! If you have photos in a digital format, please send them to Lynne by email <u>(lynne.m.miller@gmail)</u> or through Dropbox or Google Photos. Lynne is happy to scan and return your prints (Lynne Miller, 10441 Down Patrick Lane, Great Falls, VA 22066).

Other Ways to Connect With '73

- We also encourage you to join 163 classmates on our Facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/WellesleyCollege1973/.</u> There is a link to our Facebook page at the bottom of the '73 website home page.
- Please inform the College of any changes to your email and physical address. Email <u>recordupdates@wellesley.edu</u>, update your profile on the WCAA website <u>www.alum.wellesley.edu</u>, or call the alumnae office at 800-339-5233. There is also a link on our class website to update your profile.
- Class secretary Betsey Maupin asks that you send her news for class notes in Wellesley Magazine: <u>1973notes@alum.wellesley.edu</u>. Her next deadline for receiving your news is Feb. 15, 2021.

50 x 50 Book Project

A note from Carol Dick Buell:

Our 50×50 project is up and running, with the goal for our class as a whole to have read 50 books or more by Wellesley authors by the time of our 50th reunion.

But there's another intent to this endeavor – to broaden our reach as readers, sampling books we might not otherwise have selected or even known about. Bobbi Marchello Ritcheske put it best: "Over the years I have developed reading habits that are like water pathways. They just become deeper grooves until the channel is established and deviation is rare. Perhaps you have inspired me to 'jump the banks.'"

So jump those banks, '73-ers! When you're done with a book (or even if you get stuck halfway through – it happens, especially during Covid-time), please drop me a line at <u>caroldbuell@gmail.com</u>. I'm looking forward to reading your comments.

Other artistic endeavors

Several classmates have suggested that, for our 50th, we also celebrate other artistic endeavors – art, music, or film presentations that we could display at Reunion and possibly on our own private YouTube channel. If anyone would like to head this project, please contact reunion chairs Susan Haltmaier (<u>shaltmaier@comcast.net</u>) or Martha Reilly Hinchman (<u>mhinchman@gmail.com</u>). And if you have suggestions for artists (visual or performing) who could participate, let Susan and Martha know as well.

Year-To-Date Class Fundraising

Our class continues to support our alma mater in remarkable ways. Through late November, 66 classmates have given to Wellesley in the current fiscal year (ending June 30, 2021). Many thanks from our team (Margaret Yonco-Haines, Lynne Miller, Elsie Henderson, Pam Wetherbee, and Jane Risser) to the 66 of you.

Our goal for Fiscal 2020-21 is 278 donors (66% of our donor base; last year 268 classmates made a gift). Our slightly-increased participation goal is achievable with our fully-engaged team hard at work throughout the year and a time-limited boost from the Internal Revenue Service. Specifically, for the tax year ending Dec. 31, 2020, there are two relevant provisions in the federal CARES Act. For those who take the standard deduction (i.e., do not itemize), the IRS allows up to \$300 of cash contributions to charitable organizations (including Wellesley) over and above the standard deduction. For those who itemize, the IRS is allowing deductibility of cash contributions to charitable organizations of up to 100% of adjusted gross income (known as AGI). Please note that both of these provisions are in effect only for federal tax year 2020 and only for federal income taxes.

About two-thirds of our donors make their gifts between January and June. If you are typically a second-half-of-the-fiscal-year donor, you may want to make your gift earlier in the fiscal year – before Dec. 31 – to seize this one-time tax benefit.

Wellesley Students' Aid Society

During the global pandemic, the Wellesley Students' Aid Society (SAS) plays an increasingly critical role in the life of many of Wellesley's students. This past spring, when the campus was closed on short notice, those Wellesley students in need of financial support received cash grants from SAS to pay for unanticipated expenses. For example, students were able to buy train or plane tickets home, obtain boxes and supplies to ship their possessions, and obtain internet connectivity to study remotely. One student described SAS' help as "nothing short of a miracle." SAS continues to

assist students in need while remote learning continues and some on-campus resources aren't accessible.

Those of us who shop on Amazon (likely almost all of us) can support SAS through our Amazon purchases. The process is straightforward. All one needs to do is log on to www.Smile.Amazon.com to open an account and designate Wellesley Students' Aid Society in the scroll bar for charitable organizations. Then, whenever you want to shop on Amazon, go to Smile.Amazon.com rather than Amazon.com. SAS will receive a cash rebate from Amazon equal to 0.5% of your purchases. You pay no extra money, and Wellesley's current students will be so grateful.

Deceased Classmates

It is so sad that so many classmates have passed away. A list of deceased classmates is attached; please let us know of any corrections. The most recent death is Jean Seibert Stucky, who died on Nov. 7. Jean's daughter, Mary-Clare, hopes that the College receives enough memorial gifts to set up a fund for financial aid in Jean's memory. The minimum amount required to set up a memorial fund is \$10,000. As of Dec. 3, \$3,236 has been donated. The link to make a gift is <u>www.wellesley.edu/give</u>, and you may enter Jean's name in the designation box. (If you have questions, feel free to contact Jane Risser at <u>risserjane@gmail.com</u>.)

Classmates Without Email Addresses

We continue our effort to find classmates who don't have email addresses on file with the College. Because most communications from the class and the College are by email, we want to get emails from as many classmates as possible. In particular, we hope to help the College find all its alumnae for its upcoming 10-year survey and to replace wellesley.edu email addresses with addresses those alums actually use.

Since our last newsletter, and with your help, we have tracked down Suzan Edwards, Gayle Carroll Holcom, Carol Handwerker, Peg McCarty, Debra Poaster, Susan Pryor Trigger, Diane Rowley, Nancy Silver Newman, Melissa Webster and Hella Wildenhayn Kirchner.

See below for a list of the classmates for whom we don't have an email; some of them have a physical address on file but no email, and some really are lost to us, without an email or physical address on file. We'd love your help! We have a separate list of 27 classmates who do not want to be contacted by email but are OK receiving snail mail. Please email Betsey Maupin if you have information on emails or physical addresses (elizabethmaupin@gmail.com).

Thank you for staying connected to our class. Please let us know any news or items you'd like to see on the new '73 website. Stay well and healthy!

Warm regards, from your class officers,

Lynne Miller, President <u>(lynne.m.miller@gmail.com)</u> Nancy Beren, Vice President <u>(nancyberen@gmail.com)</u> Dana Stevenson Lang, Treasurer <u>(danalang2018@gmail.com)</u> Betsey Maupin, Secretary <u>(elizabethmaupin@gmail.com)</u> Jane Risser, Representative <u>(risserjane@gmail.com)</u> Susan Remmer Ryzewic, Planned Giving Chair <u>(sryzewic@ehrinv.com)</u>

Classmates without email addresses on file:

- Adele Allen
- Amy Anderson
- Carol Anderson
- Cynthia Attridge Farrow
- Urmila Banerjee
- Robin Barell Beck
- Elizabeth Bienvenu
- Elizabeth Books
- Joanna Broome-Parker
- Marjorie Brown Szerlip
- Eleanor Brushwood
- Frederica Byers
- Celia Clark
- Deborah Cole
- Alicia Conklin
- Celena Courtney
- Lorna Cunningham Davidson
- Noreene Davis
- Joan Dawe Zak
- Julie DuBose
- Anne du Breuil
- Rebecca Elsasser Tolby
- Ann Erikson Febiger
- Erin Fernandez-Ely
- Margot Flowers
- Blayney Fox Myers
- Barbara Garrity
- Nancy Garvin Shor
- Bonnie Gaymon
- Jane Glatz O'Regan
- Laurie Goldberger
- June Grasso
- Patricia Green

- Cheryl Harris
- Patricia Hayes Harper
- Nancy Hutzel Raines
- Marguerite Jakob Sander
- Christine Jobin
- Laura Kahana Pabo
- Andrea Kase Finley
- Kathleen Kelleher
- Dale Kelly Bankhead
- Amy Knoblauch Dubin
- Mary Ladner Robertson
- Elizabeth Learson
- Elizabeth Legesse
- Harriet Lewis Robinson
- Joyce Mayers
- Sara Meeker Carter
- Sheila Merwin Marian
- Maureen Millea
- Nancy Miniszek Phelps
- Judith Mizner
- Judy O'Donnell
- Natalie Parks Hunter
- Carol Phelps
- Joan Pierce Uraneck
- Penelope Prince Delany
- Mary Pyke Connor
- Ann Rappaport
- Joan Robbins
- Cheryl Sandford Jenkins
- Adelina Shaw
- Anne Shere Wallwork
- Laurie Soderman Larson
- Dale Springer
- Katherine Stewart
- Cynthia Stratton
- Lois Sturm
- Gloria Thomas
- Lisa Thomen
- Janet Whipple Walden
- Sarah Wilkinson Hainline
- Christine Worth Vergara

In memoriam:

(Updated Dec. 3, 2020)