

**uCollege Update for '67 Newsletter**  
**Fall 2021**  
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At last, the campus is alive with activity. Students are being tested for COVID twice weekly, and faculty and staff are tested once a week. The College has continued to have extremely low numbers of the virus, with no evidence of any transmission between members of the Wellesley community. Family weekend was a huge success, and all major activities, such as Flower Sunday and Convocation, have been very well-attended. President Johnson reports an overwhelming feeling of joy as life returns to almost-normal.

Early decision applications were up 10% this year, and for the first time ever, there are more students on campus from the South, in particular Texas, than any other region of the USA. Interestingly, although the number of international students has remained steady (about 12%), more liberal arts colleges are sprouting up in India and China, creating competition in those parts of the world.

In May, the Board of Trustees voted approval of a new and bold strategic plan, which will bring academic changes, elevate Wellesley's role in the world, strengthen organizational and governance structures on campus, and advance the sense of community. In the academic arena, faculty will redefine the goals of a Wellesley education, review degree requirements, promote interdisciplinary studies, and will use what has been learned during the pandemic to enhance remote instruction.

Federal relief money helped the College's bottom line in FY '21, but deferred maintenance continues to be a major concern, and annual giving remains an extraordinarily important part of the College's financial health. Dorms continue to be renovated, and we will hopefully be the beneficiary of one of those renovations at our reunion in June. We haven't been assigned a dorm as yet, so keep your fingers crossed!

The Science Center complex, including Global Flora (the new greenhouse), is on schedule and on budget, with opening planned for this spring, in time for us to tour the facilities at our 55<sup>th</sup> celebration. More than 1/3 of students now major in the sciences, with particularly strong requests for computer science courses. This is a huge change from when we were students, when the number of science majors was minimal, and the science buildings were not exactly state-of-the-art!

**Wellesley Centers for Women Update for '67 Newsletter**  
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The College's new strategic plan includes the goal of bringing the Wellesley Centers for Women into closer alignment with the undergraduate experience, both operationally and programmatically. This greater collaboration will provide some exciting opportunities for WCW, including a joint venture of the Centers and the College to host a major women's economic summit in the spring. Stay tuned for more information.

Amy Banks, M.D., a senior scholar at WCW and the director of advanced training at the Jean Baker Miller Training Institute, has written a book, Fighting Time, about her father's murder "by two Black men" in New Orleans when she was in high school. Her white, traumatized family automatically and immediately accepted the arrest and life sentence of the two accused men but later learned that one of them had been exonerated after spending many years in jail. The book tells the powerful story of Amy's outreach to this Black man and the profoundly moving relationship they have developed over the years.

WCW has a long history of work in the area of gender-based violence. Linda Williams, Ph.D., leads these efforts and has been at the forefront of challenging the way in which colleges and universities respond to incidents of sexual assault. She has studied the policies and processes that 969 institutions of higher learning use to address assault complaints. Her research shows that litigious and adversarial adjudicatory processes that end up silencing and/or retraumatizing students need to be eradicated. Her recommendation is for changes to a culture that, currently, at best minimizes and at worst encourages sexual violence, physical abuse, and sexual harassment of women and girls. Recently, WCW hosted an event about sexual harassment in the workplace, featuring Lindsey Boylan, Class of 2006, who was the first person to accuse former Governor Andrew Cuomo of New York of harassment. If interested, you can find the video archive at [www.wcwonline.org](http://www.wcwonline.org).

It is well known that college students suffer significant anxiety and depression, and the pandemic has only accelerated the decline in mental health. Dr. Tracy Gladstone, who has done extensive work in the prevention of depression, has secured a grant to develop an online program to promote healthy coping strategies for Wellesley students. The pilot is rolling out this fall, with the hope that, if found to be beneficial, this program could be scaled up for use at colleges and universities across the country. President Johnson has been especially committed to and enthusiastic about this initiative.

**Class of '67 Treasurer Update  
December 2021  
Alice VanAken Boelter, Treasurer**

There's precious little news to report about our class coffers given the Covid-imposed restrictions on travel and gatherings. Our funds earn a monthly modicum from the bank.

Investing in exotic [SPACs](#) or other schemes requires too much savvy and chutzpah for me! Thus, we will have sufficient money for a splendid reunion celebration.

Let's hope our reunion can be on campus. During the Covid siege, while it has been sad for us nearby alumnae to miss campus events, lectures, and walks around Lake Waban, along with tasty fare at the Lulu, the College has understandably seen student wellbeing as the first priority.

Hoping to see each of you Sunshine Classmates in June. Till then, be well!

**'67 Reunion and Sunshine Conversations  
December 2021  
Erry Johnson, Vice President**

Erry Johnson has sent out e-blasts regarding the Sunshine Conversations. Be sure to add the dates to your calendar, or to visit the website for a printable list at

<https://alum.wellesley.edu/class-of-1967/news/latest-news/p/~board/1967-news/post/class-of-1967-sunshine-conversation-series>

See also Erry's reminders about Reunion and the Record Book at

<https://alum.wellesley.edu/class-of-1967/reunion/about-reunion>

See her full report below.

**Class of '67 Secretary Report  
December 2021  
Leigh Hallingby, Secretary**

These\* are our classmates we have lost since the last reunion in 2016. Included are their name, date of death, age, hometown or place of death, and cause of death. IM stands for In Memoriam, the section in the back of Wellesley Magazine where deaths are listed by class and where there are tributes to alums who have died. During these 5 years as class secretary, I have tried to make sure that our classmates who went through all 4 years with us get an In Memoriam.

\*<https://alum.wellesley.edu/class-of-1967/news/in-memoriam>

I also sent a notice on December 20 about Martha Loeb Hayes, seeking a memorial from a classmate to appear in the next Wellesley Magazine.

Remember to send news for Class notes to me at [lhallingby@gmail.com](mailto:lhallingby@gmail.com) !

**Class of '67 Annual Gifts  
December 2021  
Elaine Woo, Annual Gifts**

**Check your December 22 email for a report! Replicated here:**

My dear friends and fellow Sunshine-ers,

The end of 2121 approaches and there's no relief in sight to the anxiety, uncertainty and isolation caused by a unicellular organism called Covid, and exacerbated by conflict the world over much caused by a multicellular organism called Man. And that's only two of many things we could cite as trouble. Could it possibly be worse?!

Here are a couple of good things to report. First is that I battled mightily with the English language and managed to condense most of what is in my heart and head these days to 200 words. I secured a good picture of myself. And then I painstakingly followed the instructions from our Record Book ladies, moaning all the while that I was surely doing it wrong, and then I hit the Send button. Voila! "Entry received and accepted." What??? YAYYY! I hear that they are going to put some of the entries on the class website (with permission of course) as inspiration to others. In retrospect, the task isn't impossible. Any picture that lets classmates recognize you next June even on a Bad Hair Day - will do. As for the remarks - at least give us your contact information! So many people are moving: to downsize, to be near progeny, to live where there are helping hands, to fulfill long held bucket lists. Email addresses and phone numbers change. All this potentially leaves you out of touch and beyond the pale of '67. And sure if you want to list the things that are on your mind these days that would be great. Anything is more than nothing! So send our Record Book team a unique holiday present - one that could only come from you and you alone.

Next: 74 classmates made a donation to the College bringing us to 25% participation. If we get 181 more of you, we will match our award winning 85% reunion participation level of 2017. (NEWS FLASH: make that 80 donors and 27% participation and \$300,600 total- have to run to keep up!)

THANK YOU ALL!!

Some of you knew about the Qualified Charitable distribution ploy to save taxes while you Do Good for Wellesley - good work! if you already spent RMD funds for 2021, never fear: 2022 is just around the corner with more funds to spend in necessary but also tax smart ways. And,

finally, a message for some: this would be a great year to stretch a contribution. Could your gift be a \$2500 Durant level gift? You can give in installments, you can make a bequest or planned gift, you can take some of your RMD (required minimal distribution) - so many ways to make it count!

Finally: we just passed the shortest day of the year - from here on in those days start getting longer!

Happy holidays to everyone and thank you so much for your gift of interest and involvement in our class and our College! Everything else is extra and appreciated all the more!

Elaine Woo, Wellesley Fund chair and Reunion cheerleader

See next pages for Erry Johnson's VP report...

**WC67 VP Report, Fall 2021/Winter 2022**  
**January 1, 2022**  
**Erry Johnson, Class Vice President**

Mini-reunions abound! The ones below represent only a small fraction of ongoing conversations among classmates around the country and the world.

**September 21, 2021:** Judy Kohn Cohen, Mary Fellows and Leigh Hallingby (pictured, L to R) along with Judy's sister Jackie, marked the beginning of autumn in Harlem, stopping in front of this gorgeous mosaic celebrating the Harlem Renaissance, with lunch at the Red Rooster, and finishing up at the statue honoring Mother Hale who shared her home with many babies and children affected by drug abuse and HIV/AIDS.



**October 11, 2021:** Erry Johnson, Helen Sandalls and Dana Stambaugh (L to R) gathered in New London, CT at a celebration of life honoring Helen Sandalls' partner, Roger Beers, an extraordinary environmental lawyer and artist. It is fitting that his self-portrait is larger than life.



**November 2, 2021:** Sunshine Conversation with Claudia Cords Damon, with an introduction by Karin Rosenthal, on the making of the documentary *Surviving Hitler: A Love Story*. The film chronicles Claudia's family's actions as Germans living in Berlin during WW2. Karin's introduction set the stage for appreciating their courage. Sixty-four classmates were on hand to witness this pairing of extraordinary family histories through a conversation that was enlightening, inspiring, and unnerving in respect to the contemporary political landscape. During the Q&A, other classmates came forward to share deeply personal family stories. This conversation begs to be continued... To view the DVD: <https://vimeo.com/335459632>. To view the recording of this conversation, please email Erry to obtain the link.



**November 30, 2021:** Sunshine Conversation Dotty Hindels Brown '67 in conversation with Marian Ferguson '67. Dotty presented a fascinating and disquieting perspective on the evolution of journalism from paper to media as told by members of her class from the



Columbia School of Journalism in *Inside the Upheaval of Journalism: Reporters Look Back on 50 Years of Covering the News*. Framed by striking Pew Research data, the conversation turned from the history of the news to economics, how the public gets the news, the public's appetite for immediacy in coverage, politicization and bias, widening partisan gaps in trust of news organizations, and the erosion of journalistic standards. But it's not all bad news... The book can be ordered in paperback until January 24 at 30% discount by using the code BROWN: Orders@PeterLang.com. To view the videorecording of this conversation, please email Erry to obtain the link.

### WHAT'S COMING IN 2022 - SUNSHINE CONVERSATIONS AND EVENTS

**January 11, 2022, 5:00 pm ET:**

Linda Riebel '67 in conversation with guest Pamela Russell Mason WC'66, poetry and humor enthusiast. Get ready to enjoy the Best of the Worst! Authored under Linda's nom de plume, Lindsay Crane, *The Stuffed Owl Returns: Newly Collected Poetical Mishaps and Absurdities* (2021) is a sequel to the classic collection of godawful poetry, *The Stuffed Owl* (1930). Fellow Wellesley student Pamela introduced her to the book in 1963 and Linda has been collecting these gems ever since. They will present top contenders for the best of the worst writings sourced from poetry, plays and other literary output gone awry. The book is available on Amazon.com and on BarnesandNoble.com.



One reviewer concluded:

"All the tendrils of the canon going back to the 1500's are squirming under Lindsay's microscope."

Do you have an example of unintentionally dreadful "nails on a chalkboard" writing? Please bring it along to share! The Zoom link will be sent on January 10.

**February 15, 5:00 pm ET:**

Ginny Taylor Neel '67 in conversation with Elizabeth Kononoff Deane, '67. Alice Neel: Personal Reflections on an iconic artist who was ahead of her time. Alice impressed Ginny as one of the most, if not the most, liberated people she had known: "In this liberation, she saw people as individuals, not members of a group, and thus her incredible ability to connect both compassionately and truthfully to each of us as we were".

Met intro: <https://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions/listings/2021/alice-neel>  
Met People Come First gallery tour

Helen Molesworth gallery talk at the David Zwirner art gallery.



David Zwirner catalog, Alice Neel:Freedom, is available on Amazon.com, Introduction by Ginny Neel.

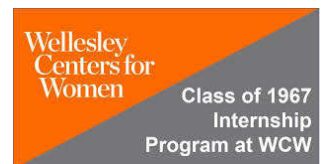
Alice Neel: People Come First will be on exhibit at the DeYoung in San Francisco from March 12 – July 10, 2022. <https://deyoung.famsf.org/exhibitions/alice-neel>

**March 8, 2022, 5:00 pm ET:**

Helen (Sunny) Locke Ladd '67 in conversation with Mary McGowan Davis '67. Sunny is Professor Emerita of Public Policy and Economics at Duke's Sanford School of Public Policy. She previously taught at Dartmouth, Wellesley, and Harvard. For the recent book entitled Eminent Economists II: Their Work and Life Philosophies, Sunny wrote a chapter entitled Reflections of a Wellesley FEM.



**April 2022 (Date TBD)** A Conversation with the Wellesley Centers for Women. We'll hear from The Class of 1967 interns about their research experiences, and updates on current WCW research, advocacy and other activities.



**May 2022 (Dates TBD)** SUNSHINE CONNECT! Pre-union Zoom Conversations: Drop in on one or more dorm-based or interest-based breakout rooms for informal conversations. How would you like to see these conversations organized? We're open to ideas!



**June 3-5, 2022 Reunion!** Watch for Reunion updates on our class website\*. Registration will go out in February. If you'd like to join our fabulous team of helpers, contact Anne Weaver or Erry Johnson. We hope by now you've submitted your 55th Record Book page <https://alum.wellesley.edu/class-of-1967/reunion/record-book>.

Wellesley '67 Passions and Projects II: Calling for Presenters! Start thinking! More Passions and Projects details coming in January. Co-organizers: Karin Rosenthal and Andy Karls.

And now, to the news:

\*Our new Web Administrator Dorothy Furber Byers, has resuscitated our class website! <https://alum.wellesley.edu/class-of-1967>. From [alum.wellesley.edu](https://alum.wellesley.edu) you'll need to log in with your MyWellesley login username and password. (If you need assistance recovering or resetting your MyWellesley username and password, visit <https://www.wellesley.edu/alumnae/wellesleylogin>.)



Please stay connected! If your contact information has changed (address, phone, email) please update it with the Alumnae Association. You can do this after logging in on [alum.wellesley.edu](http://alum.wellesley.edu). Scroll down the page midway to a menu of buttons. Select the blue button that says "Update your profile" to make necessary changes. Alternatively, you may provide updates to [recordupdates@wellesley.edu](mailto:recordupdates@wellesley.edu) and they will make the adjustments but it is always WCAA's preference for an alumna to do this herself.

The Class of 1967 has been a steadfast beacon of friendship through these unbearably long COVID winters. Thanks for being there. Erry