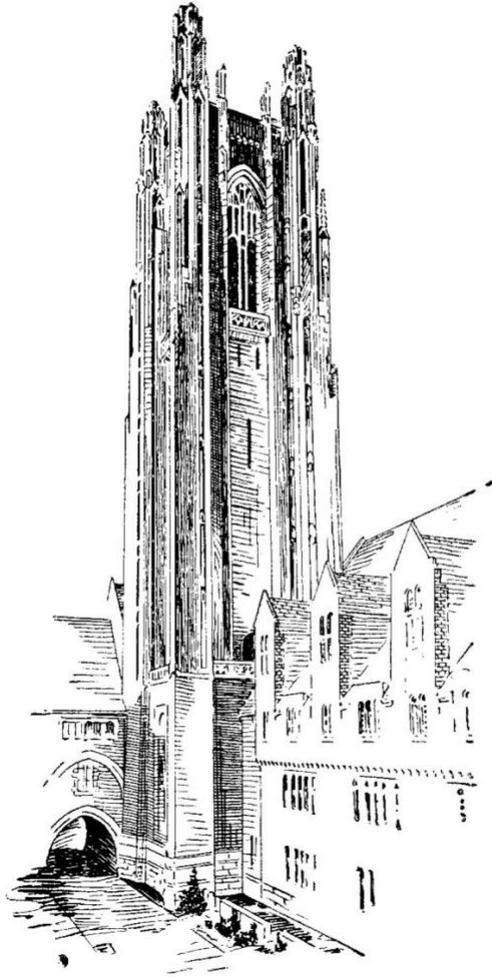


**WELLESLEY**  
CHICAGO WELLESLEY CLUB



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# VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## **Change in Chicago Wellesley Club ByLaws**

The Alumnae Association of the College decreed significant changes to the way the local clubs operate. One of the changes was the elimination of dues collection by local clubs.

As you may recall, the ByLaws of the Chicago Wellesley Club, Article II, Section 1 delineated classes of members to be Dues- paying, Non-dues paying, Other members. Article II, Section 2 extended voting rights to both dues paying and non dues paying members.

The elimination of dues paying members as a class, necessitates the amendment of the CWC ByLaws to reflect the elimination of the Dues-Paying and Non-Dues paying classes of members. The proposed language replacing the current version of the ByLaws is below.

In addition, the elimination of dues paying members also eliminates one of the duties of the Membership Committee listed in Article VI, Section 2 cii, which was to "...collect dues at meetings of members, and to plan and undertake outreach activities for the purpose of encouraging Dues-paid membership with the Club". The language referring to Dues-paid" members is to be stricken however the Membership committee will continue to "plan and undertake outreach activities for the purpose of encouraging membership with the Club." The language proposed to replace this provision is presented below.

Finally, the Alumnae Association of the College has decided that local clubs will no longer collect funds for any purpose. This dramatically changes the nature of the Treasurer's role as set forth in Article V, Section 6. Unfortunately, this reformation of this position is still in transition since the College has not yet finalized how the finances between the College and the local club will function. As such, no recommendation is being made on changing the description of the Treasurer's position at this time.

The College has also determined to restrict the participation the local Club will have in the Admissions process, however it was determined that there was no need to amend the role outlined in Article VI, Section 2. c.iv.

# 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 2022 – 2024 Chicago Wellesley Club Board and those who will complete an unexpired two-year term in 2023.

## **Slate for the Board of Directors of the Chicago Wellesley Club**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name and Year</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
President	Hollee Mangrum-Willis '04	2024
Vice President	Patricia Mell '75	2024
Treasurer	Arlevea Freeman '15	2023
Secretary	Felice Ojo '08	2023
Co-Chair of Programming	Lina George '99	2024
Co-Chair of Programming	Cece Countryman '15	2023
Co-Chair of Membership	Deb Moldover '09	2024
Co-Chair of Membership	Changed due to ByLaws	2023
Co-Chair of Admissions	Tamar Zmora '11	2023
Co-Chair of Admissions	VACANT	2024
Co-Chair of Communications	VACANT	2023
Co-Chair of Communications	VACANT	2024
Co-Chair of Community Service	VACANT	2024
Co-Chair of Community Service	Maria Acosta '15	2023
Co-Chair of Liaison to Affinity Groups	Marian Chen '99	2023
Co-Chair of Liaison to Affinity Groups	VACANT	2024

We are very grateful for the service of those board members who will complete their terms with the board this year: Alix Mikesell '88, Laurie Breitkopf '75, and Angela Barnes '91. We also thank those board members who are staying on with the board for a new term or new position. We are also indebted to those board members who served, but who for business or personal reasons are not able to complete their terms: Deana Haya '98 and Amaya Arcelus '15.

Thank you to our incoming and outgoing Board members. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact [nominations@chicagowellesleyclub.org](mailto:nominations@chicagowellesleyclub.org).

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Mell '75  
Vice President and Chair of Nominations

## MEET THE 2022-2023 BOARD



HOLLEE MANGRUM-  
WILLIS  
President

Hollie Mangrum-Willis '04 is Wellesley class of 2004 and majored in Psychology and Theatre Studies. She is a non-profit leader with over fifteen years of experience in program development, training, public speaking, and engagement strategies. Rooted in youth program management, arts, and entertainment, Hollie's non-linear path includes Youth Work Methods Trainer certification and a twenty-year career as a dance educator. As the new Deputy Director of One In Tech, an ISACA Foundation, she works to shift the culture of how we address and sustain diversity in the cybersecurity workforce and make the digital world more accessible to everyone. Hollie is married to wonderful husband and budding artist, Dorian Hampton, and bonus mother to a U.S. Army Soldier currently stationed in Kuwait. In her "spare time" she volunteers with WRJI and revels in being "Auntie Hollie" to three nieces and countless other children around the world.



PATRICIA MELL  
Vice President

Patricia Mell '75 had a double major at Wellesley in French and Political Theory and returned home to Cleveland, Ohio for her law degree at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. She started practice as an Assistant Attorney General in the State of Ohio and then became Corporations Counsel for the Ohio Secretary of State. She left the practice for academia, eventually attaining the rank of Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at what is now Michigan State Law School. She came to Chicago in 2003 as the 11th Dean and first African American and female Dean of John Marshall Law School. She was the second African American woman in the United States to hold such a position. Currently, she is the President of P. Mell Advisors, a boutique insurance consulting firm assisting organizations and individuals in making strategic benefits decisions through planning and insurance products. As a business consultant, legal and insurance practitioner, faculty member, academic dean, and CEO, she has over 30 years' experience. She has written several scholarly articles and made presentations in a number of national and international venues. Pat has been a director of Ethos, a Wellesley News Editor, a 1975 class officer, a Chicago Wellesley Club Programs VP and had the honor of being the first President of the Wellesley Alumnae of African Descent (WAAD, pronounced wade). Recently Pat was recognized by Marquis Who's Who in America 2017-2018 and received a Humanitarian Award from Marquis Who's Who 2017- 2018. In addition to serving the CWC, Pat serves on the boards of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park at Governors State University and

the Legislative Committee of the Orland Park Chamber of Commerce. Pat is also president of the A.I.M. B.N.I. Chapter of Naperville-Plainfield. She gardens (weather permitting) and travels with her husband, Dr. Michael Ragland.



Arlevea Osemene '15, 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 DEI Consultant at Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. She has also 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.

ARLEVEA OSEMENE

Treasurer



FELICE OJO  
Secretary

Felice Ojo '08 is a native of Chicago. At Wellesley, Felicia was a French Major and Economics Minor. She also danced with Yanvalou and was an active member of both Wellesley African Students Association (WASA) and Ethos. Since graduation Felice has obtained an MBA in International Finance and a Masters in Accounting. Felice has worked in the Real Estate Industry for the last twelve years and is an Accounting Manager at Brookfield Properties. Felice previously served on the CWC Board as Communications Co-Chair from 2012-2014. Felice has served one year as CWC Board Secretary and looks forward to serving another year.



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, Lina is a Senior Manager at Accenture serving clients in the Higher Education, Health and Public Sectors on their journey to the Cloud. Lina has completed three years as Programming Co-Chair of the CWC and will continue on for another term.



CECE COUNTRYMAN  
Programming

Cece Countryman '15 was a Biology and French major at Wellesley. She was involved in different organizations at Wellesley, including having a Features column in the Wellesley News and serving as co-chair of the Relay For Life Planning Committee, on the CWS Service Council, and as Vice President and President of the Belly Dancing Society. After graduating, Cece spent a year in France teaching English, then returned to the Chicago area, where she is from. Cece currently works as a Research Technologist in a genomics lab at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Cece has served one year as Programming Co-Chair of the CWC and looks forward to serving another year!



DEB MOLDOVER  
Membership

Deb Moldover '09 is originally from outside D.C. but has made her home in Chicago for more than 10 years now. At Wellesley she double majored in Music (vocal performance) and History, and ended her tenure as Co-President of the College Democrats. Now a practicing defense attorney, Deb represents a wide variety of clients in personal injury actions often involving heavy industry and thanks her time at Wellesley for those still far too frequent times when she is one of a handful of women in the room. When not pouring over case law, Deb sings with the Chicago Bar Association Chorus and the Apollo Chorus, delights in the antics of her feline overlord and companion Yoisher, and spends her time getting to know a city she thinks of as a place she accidentally moved to and now cannot imagine leaving. She looks forward to continuing to serve the CWC community.



TAMAR ZMORA  
Admissions

Tamar Zmora '11 was a Studio Art and English Major at Wellesley. In 2018, she moved to Chicago after studying animation in San Francisco. She works as a freelance Illustrator and writer at a start-up technology company. Tamar enjoys volunteering and currently mentors with Chicago Scholars. She also loves reading, drawing, and listening to true crime podcasts. Tamar has served one year as the Co-Chair of Admissions with the CWC and will continue for another year.



MARIA ACOSTA  
Community Service

Maria A. Acosta '15 is currently a Community Service Co-Chair and has previously served as Membership Co-Chair. She majored in Biological Sciences and minored in Psychology. During her time at Wellesley, she was an active member of Mezcla and Wellesley Wushu. Maria has experience working in public health, the local government, the tech sector, and private sector. She recently obtained her Master's Degree from Michigan State University and is currently a Research Manager for a market research company. In her spare time, she enjoys running, hiking, spending time with friends, and catching up on her long list of shows and books.



Marian Chen '99 double majored in Cognitive Science and Language Studies while at Wellesley and went on to obtain a PhD in Psychology at Rutgers University-New Brunswick, focusing on Cognitive Development. She currently works as an institutional research analyst at Loyola University, where she is completing a master's degree in Information Systems and Analytics. She and her Shiba Inu, Chie, are proud residents of Uptown.

MARIAN CHEN  
Liaison to the Affinity Groups

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Chicago Wellesley Club Members,

Thank you for joining our Board and volunteers in connecting Chicago alums with one another and the College again this year, as we have since 1891. This has been a transformative year for the Wellesley College Alumni Association, which in-turn has led to the evolution of the Chicago Wellesley Club. In adjusting to the “new look” of WCAA local clubs and special-interest groups, the CWC has continued to support our members with robust opportunities to connect and volunteer.

The Club employed a hybrid programming model alternating COVID-safe, in-person events with our already robust virtual program offerings. To better serve our membership and more equitably distribute the work of our volunteers, we have restructured our board to include appointed positions dedicated to marketing, social media, and website development and eliminated/redesigned those positions that are no longer relevant to the evolution of our Club.

Additional changes include:

- The discontinuation of yearly membership dues, but...
- Offsetting event costs with per person fees
- Establishment of a Spirit Fund to cover events costs for those in need
- Opt-in membership to the local club as designated on individual WCAA profiles
- Discontinuation of the book award
- Discontinuation of local alumni admissions interviews

It is indeed a new dawn and a new day for the Chicago Wellesley Club, but an exciting one for sure!

While this past year continued many of the challenges that now define our “new normal”, it has been an honor to have a front row seat to the support and care the members and volunteers of this Club have shown one another. That is our real strength. That will never change. That would not be possible without you – the members we serve.

As you read the committee reports that follow, I hope you enjoy the beginnings of our latest evolution and invite you join (or rejoin) our efforts in 2022-2023.

It has been my privilege to serve as the president of the Chicago Wellesley Club and look forward to what we will continue to build... together.

Respectfully submitted,

Hollee Mangrum-Willis '04

President

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# TREASURER’S REPORT

As of May 7, 2022, the Chicago Wellesley Club (“CWC”) had the following balances:

Checking Account	\$ 9,079.29
BlueSnap Account	\$ 504.61
<u>High Yield Savings Account</u>	<u>\$ 6,645.48</u>
Total Assets	\$16,229.38

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

CWC’s estimated actual expenses for this fiscal year ending 6/30/22 are \$9,249, or roughly \$2,198 (+20%) less than last year’s actual expenses. Our balance sheet and YTD financials were very sound throughout 2021 going into 2022. Due to decreasing COVID-19 cases and fewer restrictions we were able to host both in-person and virtual events. 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 (\$16,229: \$9,249) is currently 175%; the historical target is 100%, compared to over 177% last year (FY21), 200% (FY20), 198% (FY19), and 111% in FY 2018. 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. However, with the elimination of dues and donations and in an attempt to increase alumnae’s access to our events we subsidized the cost of the majority of Club events. Therefore, the event revenue did not always cover variable expenses of an event. The Club also incurred costs relating to general expenses, such as web hosting, postage, as well as filing and technology fees. Over the last two years, your CWC Board made some significant decisions which have cut down on general club expenses based on the results of club surveys, technology, the “greening” of America, and available volunteer support.

The only new cost expenditures were incurred by expanded club event programming. This included the mixology class at Wellesley alum owned Nobody’s Darling (\$584.30), an outing to the Chicago Christkindlmarket (\$343.50), an ice-skating outing at Maggie Daley (\$65.55), participation in the Ugly Buildings Walking Tour (\$81.13), and a Black History Month event with the Muntu Dance Theater company (\$300.00). Though our balance sheet is strong, given these new expenditures for the year coupled with the mandatory elimination of membership dues and club donations, our ending balances are smaller than in years past.

The Wellesley College Alumnae Association no longer allows clubs to directly donate to their scholarship funds. However, the CWC Scholarship Fund still exists and has a recipient. Individuals can donate to the Scholarship Fund only via the Wellesley College website. However, Wellesley College stresses the importance of donating to the college and not just to the CWC Scholarship Fund. The aforementioned CWC Scholarship Fund, which is administered by the College, had a market value of \$498,781.68 as of 06/30/2021. The estimated

fiscal year 2021 available distribution is \$13,907, up 5.5% over last year. Gifts over the five previous years ranged from \$1,000 to \$3,500 (when President Johnson visited). Our Scholarship Fund recipient this year is Diana Salinas, Class of 2024, English and Women's and Gender Studies, from Chicago, IL.

We have a second fund with the College which is the Chicago Wellesley Club Faculty Salary Advancement Fund. The market value of this fund was \$305,837.60 as of 06/30/2021 and the estimated fiscal year 2021 available distribution is \$8,527.80, up 5.4% over last year. Our most recent gift to this fund was \$10,000 in 1990; since then, we have mainly supported the Scholarship Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlevea Freeman '15

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: Amaya Arcelus, Co-VP '15, Alix Mikesell Co-VP '88, Helen Marshall '77, Natalie Reed '21

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Announcements and Reminders**

Email occasional reminders or important announcements to decades groups and to club membership.

### **4. Website**

Ensure all content is current and appropriate, updating once or twice a month with new events and photos. Communications committee also maintains the website domain name.

### **5. Email forwarding**

Assign and keep up to date all Chicago Wellesley Club email addresses (for board members and affinity group leaders, etc.) and make sure addresses forward to people's personal emails.

### **6. Social media (primarily Facebook and Instagram)**

Maintain the official CWC Facebook page, posting CWC sponsored events and photos. Answer Facebook queries about CWC. Post event information and event photos on Instagram.

**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 and Amaya Arcelus '11

Co-Chairs of Communications

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# COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

The goal of the Community Service Committee in 2021-2022 was to provide meaningful service opportunities for Wellesley alumnae in the Chicago area to uphold the College's motto of service to others, while following health requirements during the pandemic. As with many activities during this period, social distancing requirements presented a challenge to planning community service projects.

Winter 2022 Project:

Chicago Wellesley Club sponsored the collection of winter clothing, bedding, towels, household items and toiletries for the Cornerstone Community Outreach (CCO) shelter at 4628 North Clifton Avenue in Uptown Chicago. CCO provides housing, meals, essential clothing and household items, parenting and life skills classes, after-school programs, mental health counseling, nursing visits, and case management assistance for its residents. The collection was held on January 29 & 30. There were five drop off locations: Oak Park, South Side Chicago, Wilmette, Northbrook and CCO, and at least six donors participated in the collection drive.

Fall 2022 Project (Proposed):

We hope to organize a fall tree planting event in an under-served community in Chicago. This event would be coordinated through the Chicago Region Trees Initiative, a collaboration of Chicago-region partners to develop and implement a strategy that builds a healthier and more diverse urban forest by 2050.

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,

Laurie Bretkopf '75 and Maria A. Acosta '15

Co-Chairs, Community Service Committee

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The CWC has changed its membership model this year in accordance with new guidance from the Wellesley College Alumnae Association. All Chicago-area alumnae are now deemed members of the Chicago Wellesley Club, and dues is no longer a requirement. The Membership committee is also being dissolved as a stand-alone entity within the Board for the CWC. Going forward, the membership liaison shall continue to act as an initial point of contact for alums new to the region or looking to reengage with the Wellesley alumnae community. If you are a Wellesley alum in the Chicago area, you are a member of our community for life with all the benefits that entails: growing your professional network, getting input about where to stay when you move to the area, meeting new people and exploring Chicago with your Wellesley sibs, and the CWC will continue to be here for you going forward.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Moldover '09  
Chair of Membership

# PROGRAMMING REPORT

Programming this year was a mix of virtual and in-person events, where Chicago Wellesley Club members and other alumnae came together to share cultural and educational experiences, explore the Chicagoland area, and delight in one another's company.

CWC Annual Meeting featuring Professor David Lindauer and Professor Akila Weerapana  
May 15, 2021 at 11:00 A.M.

CWC members met virtually to recap the year and engage in a conversation with Professor David Lindauer and Professor Akila Weerapana. Professors Lindauer and Weerapana spoke with the CWC alumnae about the economic challenges of our times and answered questions about falling national income, high unemployment, immigration, international trade, inequality, climate change and other current economic issues.



CWC Connects: The CWC and Race: An Open Forum  
May 23, 2021 at 3:00 P.M.

CWC Wellesley siblings met virtually for an open forum and conversation about the CWC and Race. Board members shared their experiences with WRJI's intensive anti-racist trainings, which included lessons on micro-aggressions, conscious and unconscious racial bias, and cultural appropriation and allowed Club members to ask questions and discuss, as part of ongoing efforts to be a stronger, more inclusive community that values all voices and corrects inequity.



CWC Connects: Virtual Pictionary

Jun 6, 2021 at 8:00 P.M.

Alumnae joined over Zoom to put their drawing skills to the test with a virtual spin on the classic game of Pictionary.



CWC Connects: Outdoor Dinner @ The Smith

Aug 21, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

CWC members joined for some good food, great drinks, and Wellesley fun at an in-person outdoor dinner at The Smith restaurant in the River North area of Chicago.



CWC Connects: Outdoor Happy Hour @ FireLake Grill House & Cocktail Bar

Sept 10, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

Wellesley siblings enjoyed some Wellesley bonding over great drinks and snacks at an in-person outdoor happy hour at the FireLake Grill House & Cocktail Bar in Downtown Chicago.



CWC Connects: Spotlight on Mary McLaughlin, Founder of Trees That Feed

Sept 26, 2021 at 3:00 P.M.

Siblings joined for a virtual event in which Mary McLaughlin shared with us her career and experiences, including working as a personal artist and then in founding Trees That Feed. Mary taught attendees about the foundation’s work and its mission of planting trees to feed people, create jobs, and benefit the environment.



CWC Connects: In-Person Wellesley Mixology Class

Oct 16, 2021 at 2 P.M.

Wellesley siblings were guided by a professional mixologist at this in-person event where they learned how to make unique Wellesley-themed cocktails at Nobody’s Darling in the Edgewater neighborhood of Chicago.



CWC Connects: Wellesley Alumnae Virtual Speed Networking Event!

Oct 24, 2021 at 3:00 P.M.

Wellesley alumnae from across various regions, career levels, and industries joined together to connect virtually, grow their Wellesley network, develop personal brands, and practice self-introductions/elevator pitches.



CWC Connects: Virtual Pictionary

Nov 7, 2021 at 8:00 P.M.

Wellesley siblings again joined over Zoom to put their drawing skills to the test with a virtual spin on the classic game of Pictionary.



CWC Connects: Lincoln Park ZooLights and In-Person Happy Hour/Dinner!

Nov 20, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.

Wellesley siblings and families came together at The Lincoln Park Zoo to enjoy the ZooLights together, followed by a happy hour and dinner.



CWC Connects: CWC 2021 Virtual Holiday Tea

Dec 5, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.

CWC members gathered over Zoom for holiday fun, including a festive recipe exchange, virtual games, singing, and a Culture of Tea Around the World presentation by tea sommelier and guest speaker Dan Robertson.



CWC Connects: In-person Chriskindlmarket Outing & Happy Hour/Hot Chocolate

Dec 17, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.

Wellesley siblings gathered for an outing at the Annual Chriskindlmarket in downtown Chicago, where they enjoyed the many shopping stalls and festive treats, then shared beverages and snacks at a reserved Stammtisch Table.



CWC Connects: Virtual Movie Discussion of "Mudbound"

Jan 9, 2022 at 3:00 P.M.

Alumnae joined virtually for a spirited discussion of the 2017 American historical drama film, "Mudbound," based on the book of the same name by Wellesley alum and award-winning author and special guest, Hillary Jordan '84, who joined for the discussion.



CWC Connects: In-person Ice Skating Outing at Maggie Daley Skating Ribbon

Jan 30, 2022 at 11:00 A.M.

Wellesley siblings joined for some fun on ice at the Maggie Daley Skating Ribbon in Downtown Chicago to ice skate and enjoy some hot chocolate and each other's company.



CWC Connects: Virtual Jeopardy Night

Feb 6, 2022 at 8:00 P.M.

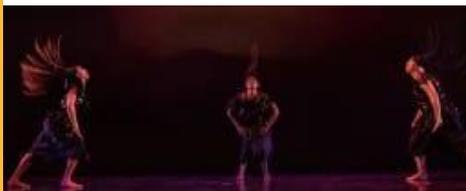
Wellesley siblings joined together for some fun and friendly competition through a virtual Jeopardy game. Attendees split up into teams and worked together to win some Wellesley swag.



CWC Connects: Virtual Muntu Dance Theatre Presentation and Black History Month Celebration

February 20, 2022 at 3:00 P.M.

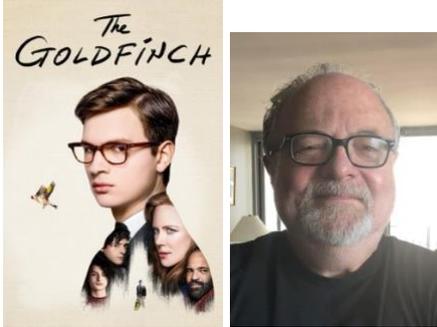
Alumnae joined for an entertaining and educational virtual celebration of Black History Month, including watching the Muntu Dance Theatre's special performance of a collection of traditional African dances called, "Horoya." Horoya is a selection that represents the joy and jubilation of the freedom story in Malinke, a language spoken in West Africa. Attendees also learned about Black History Month and the tradition of Oral Culture, participated in some Black History themed trivia, and engaged in a talk back with the Muntu Dance Troupe.



CWC Connects: Virtual Movie Discussion of "The GoldFinch," led by Paul Hurder

March 13, 2022 at 3:00 P.M.

Wellesley siblings gathered virtually for a discussion of "The Goldfinch," a 2019 American drama film directed by John Crowley, written by Peter Straughan, and adapted from the 2013 novel of the same name by Donna Tartt. Special guest Paul Hurder, who is coordinator of film study groups at OLLI, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, a nationwide adult education program affiliated with Northwestern University, led the discussion.



CWC Connects: In-Person Mindworks Tour followed by Brunch

April 9, 2022 at 11:00 A.M.

CWC alums joined for a private guided tour of Mindworks, a working laboratory and behavioral science discovery center affiliated with the University of Chicago. The tour was led by Margaret Echelbarger '08, a principal researcher at the Booth School of Business. Following the 90-minute tour, alums enjoyed a jazzy brunch together at The Listening Room.



CWC Connects: "Ugly" Buildings Walking Tour

April 23, 2022 at 4:00 P.M.

Wellesley siblings joined for an entertaining and educational in-person, private 90-minute walking tour of downtown Chicago featuring "Ugly" Buildings. The "educational roast" teases the buildings and created lively conversation on what makes a building pretty or ugly.



The Programming Committee and Board of Directors gratefully acknowledge the many CWC members who helped make each program a success by volunteering to showcase their talents, speak, 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,  
Lina George '99 and Cece Countryman '15  
Co-Chairs, Programming  
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# AFFINITY GROUPS REPORT

The Chicago Wellesley Club currently has the following active local Affinity Groups and group leaders:

- 40s & 50s decade group: Martha Cray and Nancy Phair
- 70s decade group: Susan Morrison
- Book Club: Pat Anderson

The Affinity Groups chairs also liaise with Affinity Groups run through the college:

- 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](mailto:affinitygroups@chicagowellesleyclub.org).

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Barnes '91 and Marian Chen '99  
Liaisons to the Affinity Groups  
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# **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Chicago Wellesley Club Board of Directors held eleven Board meetings during the 2021-2022 year, including the Annual Meeting. Deana Haya '98 resigned as the co-Chair of Admissions and Amaya Arcelus '15 resigned as the co-Chair of Communications. In addition, the Co-Chairs of Memberships' roles were substantively impacted by changes to the CWC ByLaws, except for these changes all other directors approved at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Chicago Wellesley Club represented the interests of Club members during this year. Meeting minutes are below.

## **Chicago Wellesley Club 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes via videoconference May 15, 2021**

Dianne Goren Radtke, President, called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM.

President Goren Radtke welcomed all attendees. Board members provided a year-in-review for club activities, including virtual events, annual giving, admitted students and recruiting, and the Board's work with the Wellesley Racial Justice Initiative (WRJI). Members can refer to the Annual Report for further details.

Board members reported the results of the votes of members of the Chicago Wellesley Club. The members of the Chicago Wellesley Club:

- ⊙ approved the minutes of the last meeting of members of the Chicago Wellesley Club which was held on May 2, 2020;
- ⊙ approved the proposed slate of nominees to the Board of Directors for the 2021-2022 year, as follows:
  - Hollee Mangrum-Willis '04, President
  - Pat Mell '75, Vice President
  - Arlevea Freeman '15, Treasurer
  - Felice Ojo '08, Secretary
  - Cece Countryman '15 and Lina George '99, Co-Chairs of Programming
  - Jill White-Cross '00 and Deb Moldover '09, Co-Chairs of Membership
  - Tamar Zmora '11 and Deana Haya '98, Co-Chairs of Admissions
  - Amaya Arcelus '15 and Alix Mikesell '88, Co-Chairs of Communications
  - Maria Acosta '15 and Laurie Breitkopf '75, Co-Chairs of Community Service
  - Marian Chen '99 and Angela Barnes '91, Co-Chairs of Liaison to Affinity Groups

Professor David Lindauer and Professor Akila Weerapana presented on The Economic Challenges We Face. Members participated in question and answer with Professor Lindauer and Professor Weerapana, then participated in breakout discussion groups.

President Goren Radtke thanked all attendees and volunteers.  
President Goren Radtke adjourned the meeting at 1:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Felice Ojo '08  
Secretary  
On 5/15/2021

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