
Smith 1972 News

Reminisce, Reconnect, Redefine

FROM THE PRESIDENT

"Time is a burrito" according to Cheech and Chong. No matter how long it has been, when you return to a place with the people from years ago, it is as if no time has passed at all. At Reunion 2007, I felt this when more than 50 of us sat in **Laura Scales'** living room. Our topic, Transitions, was different from thirty-five years ago, but the talk was the same - honest, insightful, thought-provoking. We said, this is great! Afterwards during the volunteer training at Smith in September, your class officers brainstormed ways to make the 2012 reunion the best ever. Read on to learn our initial plans and challenge to the class. Please share your ideas and suggestions with us. We'll keep you informed via e-mail, our class web page, and newsletters. Onward! — **Melissa Hield**

Dear Classmates,

Your Class Fund Team is now thinking ahead to our 40th Reunion in 2012. The 35th Reunion was a great success, but our Class of 1972 did not win any reunion prizes. We want to change that in 2012 because we think the Smith College Class of 1972 is special. Here is our plan:

THE GOAL: Win the 2012 Reunion prize for the reunioneering class with the largest proportion of Smith Stars. Smith Stars are classmates who make a gift to Smith in each of the 5 fiscal years up to and including reunion year.

THE STRATEGY: There can never be more Class of 1972 Smith Stars in 2012 than the number who make a gift to the Smith Fund during the 2007-08 fiscal year (July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008). The key to our success depends on each of us making a gift to Smith this fiscal year. We are aiming for 72% participation.

THE BENEFITS: By becoming a Smith Star for '72 you will not only make our 40th Reunion sparkle, but you will help Smith continue to provide excellent educations for outstanding young women.

This is your chance to help Smith and the Class of 1972 shine! Please make a gift or pledge to the Smith Fund today.

Stefanie Cargill
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www.smith.edu/future/giving/

PLANNING FOR REUNION 2012

Although we just returned from our 35th reunion, plans are already underway for our 40th. Mark May 2012 on your calendar and plan on joining your classmates and meeting new Smith friends to reminisce, reconnect and redefine.

Keeping with the theme for our next reunion, we plan to prepare a class history with reflections on our times at Smith; milestones in our lives; where we are in 2012 and where we hope to be in 2017. To reach everyone for this, we have recruited House Representatives but there are a few houses without reps and larger ones that could use two. If you can help, please contact **Cathy Eaton**.

We would love to hear from everyone regarding possible programs, discussion topics, parade signs, or any other suggestions for the 2012 reunion. Send your thoughts to **Kay, Evelyn and Cathy**.

Leading to our 40th, we want to hold a series of mini-reunions. Please consider hosting a mini-reunion to reach out to the Class of 1972 Smithies in your area. **Mary Burton** reports that she uses any excuse to meet with fellow Smithies. A classmate coming through New York, speaking locally, or appearing on stage are all reason enough to contact area classmates for an impromptu get together. The Alumnae Association on-line Directory is a great way to find classmates in your area. As Mary says, "Those who make it always enjoy it. As a special bonus, I've met several women I didn't even know as an undergraduate!" Please contact **Kay Killian Balun** for more information.

If you have ever gone back to Smith for reunion, you know how much fun it is. If you haven't, don't let another one pass you by. A freshman year classmate who transferred to Yale was at Smith this past May for her first reunion. She couldn't believe it had taken her so long to come back. She had a great time and is planning to attend many more.



See you in 2012...or maybe at a mini-reunion before that.

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FROM THE CLASS TREASURER

Our 35th reunion cost the class treasury about \$5,000. The money was raised via the class registration fees and our previous class dues. There is \$10,993 in the class treasury. To generate enough money to fund our 40th reunion, your class officers have chosen to solicit a one-time dues payment for the next five-year cycle. We suggest three giving levels: \$40, \$72 or \$100.

Please support our class by sending a check for the reunion dues. (Use the form below.)

Thanks for supporting your class.

Sue Begg,
Treasurer

<http://smithsites.alumnae.net/homepages/classes/bethsobi/>

Smith College Class of 1972 - Class Dues

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