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CLASS NEWS



Smith College Class of 1972



Our 50th - a Reunion for All

Co-Chairs Nancy Roth Remington and Cathy Roberts

Just as Smith is adapting to rapidly changing circumstances, the Reunion Team is also working on a plan for 2022 that enables all classmates to participate. While Smith investigates how best to manage instruction, graduation, reunions and so much else, we are focused on creating an inclusive, memorable 50th Reunion.

Unprecedented times need strong, creative women – that's us!

1. Do you have experience as a Zoom host, panel moderator or video maker?
2. Can you, or family members, offer tech help/advice for possible online activities?
3. Are you willing to make a short Smartphone video selfie for a Class Video?(tech-talented children or TikTok-savvy grandchildren can help you!)

If we make a class video, what memories & interests might you share?

TIME @ SMITH: ropes test; house mixers; Kent State; science labs; dance class; chorus tour; exam cookies; Women's Movement; Mountain Day bell; study abroad; house meetings; napping in class; stalking Secret Service in Neilson; candlelight dinners; protest marches; weekends at [School]; late-night talks; fall leaves...

LIFE AFTER SMITH: grad school, family, friends, partners, professional & volunteer work, life-changes, retirement, hobbies, caregiving, illness, trauma, passions...

MUSIC OF OUR TIMES: a capella, folk, jazz, soul, rock, R&B, classical...

ALL SUGGESTIONS & HELP ARE WELCOME! PLEASE CONTACT US.

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**WATCH FOR AN EMAIL
IN FALL/WINTER
WITH A SHORT SURVEY
on topics / activities
and speakers &
discussion leaders
you'd like to be part of our
Reunion Program.**



Walking Tour of Northampton – Class of 1972 45th Reunion, May 2017

A SHOUT-OUT TO '72 HOUSE CONNECTORS!

Mary Lindley Burton, Class Connector

We are connecting on Zoom! Juliet Williams has had two Zoom gatherings for Ziskind classmates. Claudia Vess (Gillett) and Pat Younger Smith (Tenney) chose Mountain Day as the perfect time for their second Zoom chats. With an ever-increasing list of good e-mails, and some serious sleuthing, Smith '72W's (transfers/withdrawals) have joined these conversations! Ellen Case reports the first responses following her outreach to 134 transfers: eager to participate in our 50th activities are:

Albright, Helen (Holly) Lovejoy; Baldwin, Sylvia (Wyman) McKean; Chapin, Vera (Basch) Moreen; Comstock, Robin (Adler) Cole; Cushing, Susan (Brownstone) Eig; Cutter, Jessie Shih; Gillett, Juliet Harding; Jordan, Catherine (Baker) Degnon; Lamont, Margaret (Peggy) Crosby Courtright; Lawrence, Charlotte King; Martha Wilson, Carol Petschek; Morrow, Pamela (Hillenbrand) Eisele; Parsons, Nancy Weinstein



If you'd love to see a classmate who left after first or second year, please reach out to her.

Share memories of those classmates we have lost. Cam Matthews is writing obituaries for classmates we have lost, using published material and family member and classmate's memories. Bessy Kong (Northrop) deserves a special shout-out. She remembered that her Northrop housemate Joan Wadelton knew Ellen Hassett (Gardiner); Joan recalled that Laurie Mamo and Ellen had traveled together in Asia. The result is a beautiful recollection of that trip, written by Laurie to celebrate Ellen's all-too-short life.

Cam would love to hear from you with recollections of these classmates for whom she still needs information: **Barbara Fritz**, Morrow/Capen; **Anne Hilliard**, Hubbard; **Mary (BG) Louise Kelly**, Talbot; **Martha (Marti) Love**, Jordan; **Brigitte Sixt**; **Sylvia Thompson**, Cutter; and **Kathryn Torda**, Ziskind. Contact Cam at Cmranger1@mac.com or 610-488-1282.

Smith College Class of 1972 House Connectors

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Baldwin
Capen

Chapin
Chase/Duckett

Comstock
Cushing
Dawes

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50TH REUNION BOOK

Ellen Case and Camille Matthews, Co-Editors



Picture perfect Mountain Day on Smith Campus

We have been working hard to lay the foundation of the 50th Reunion Book for the Class of 1972. This Reunion Book is designed to be more than a keepsake. It is a way to celebrate who we are and what we have accomplished, no matter what the circumstances and what the realm of success. It is a way to honor the friendships we have maintained over these many decades and an opportunity to renew or develop others. Perhaps most of all, it gives us a tangible way to remember the 52 women who have died, including two who did not make it to graduation in May 1972.

We focused on gathering photos of all of us from our college years, reaching out to those who were “With Us A While” but transferred out, compiling obituaries for those who are gone and contacting next-of-kin to see if they would like to receive a complimentary copy of the Book when it is finished. Most of the photos come from the

booklet “Who the Girls Are”, published in the fall of 1972, and our senior yearbook, Madeleine. We have reached out to the more than 100, including transfers, who are not represented in one of those two sources, and we hope as many of them as possible will provide a photo from the college years for us to use. Camille has written the obituaries, using information from the SAQ, newspaper articles, and family and friends of the deceased. If you have something you want to be sure she includes, write to her at cmranger1@mac.com.

In the next six months we will focus on coordination with the publisher, Reunion Press, to build the web portal for all of us to use to enter information that will appear on each individual’s “page” in the Book. Rest assured that any classmate who prefers to send her information by regular mail for someone else to put in will be able to do so. This page will also include a personal essay of about 500 words in response to one of a series of prompts. The prompts pose questions such as: What were the major transitions in your life? How do you think Smith helped to prepare you for the future? Have you lived or are you living the life you imagined 50 years ago? These prompts are designed to stimulate reflection and we, hope, an interest in sharing parts of your life and yourself with your college community.

Once the web portal is open, everyone will have the opportunity to add personal “Remembrances” after the more formal obituaries in the In Memoriam section.

Getting to the Heart of COVID-19



Since the beginning of the pandemic, virologist **Angela Rasmussen ’00** has been one of the media’s go-to experts on the subject of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19. New York Times columnist Carl Zimmer named Rasmussen one of the scientists to follow on Twitter. Find out why she is so intrigued with viruses in general, and what makes this one particularly unique, including the social-cultural ramifications.

Read more at:
<https://www.smith.edu/news/angela-rasmussen-00>.

SUBMIT YOUR CLASS NOTES

We love reading your news! Send your class notes for the SAQ to our class secretary Stefanie Solnick Cargill. You can also use the new online submission form. Online submissions go directly to class secretaries.

www.smith.edu/about-smith/alumnae-relations/communications-media/submit-a-class-note

Fund Team Report

Jackie Anthony Millan and Nancy Jianakoplis, Fund Team Co-Chairs

SMITH STUDENTS NEED YOUR SUPPORT DURING THESE CHALLENGING TIMES

Thank you to all 214 of you who contributed to Smith in FY20. The generosity of alumnae makes a huge difference during these challenging times.

Two out of three Smith students receive financial aid. To put that in perspective, when we were going to Smith, less than one in three of our classmates needed financial aid. Today the average institutional grant is \$48,000.

The pandemic has only exacerbated the need. Smith students come from families who are facing intensified periods of financial hardship because of job loss. Some students live in homes or geographic areas with inadequate computer or Wi-Fi resources.

Smith has taken many steps to support students during this academic year. For example, Smith rolled back a previously approved tuition increase for this academic year. Smith has increased the personal expense allowance by \$2,000 to reflect COVID-related expenditures. Emergency support for technology is being provided to ensure that struggling students can work remotely on their courses.

Now it is up to each of us in the Class of 1972 to demonstrate our support for these amazing students, who are determined to get a Smith education. Gifts to The Smith Fund make possible financial aid to these students. This year we ask each of you to please join us in making your personal gift to The Smith Fund.

You can give or make a pledge securely online 24/7

You can make a credit card gift or pledge by phone, by calling 800-241-2056, option #1 during business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, or

You can send your check payable to Smith College, to Smith College Gift Accounting, Stoddard Annex, 23 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063-6319

Thank you for doing what you can to show your support. **Every** gift makes a difference.

Give to Smith: <https://www.givecampus.com/campaigns/14740/donations/new>

Planned Giving Report

Kate Mulhern Johnson, Planned Giving Chair

MAKE OR DOCUMENT A PLANNED GIFT TO SMITH AND IT WILL BE MATCHED BY 10%

The Office of Gift Planning at Smith College would like to introduce you to a promising new opportunity: The Grécourt Match.

Every \$10 of your planned gift will be matched by \$1 from this pool, up to a limit of \$10,000 per match. The Match will continue until the whole \$1 million has been released to the college for financial aid.

The college is hearing from Smith alumnae and friends who are taking this time of forced isolation to pause and reflect. To reflect on their values, their personal and financial situations, their legacies. Some have taken this moment to add a gift to Smith to their estate plans. How timely that your planned gift will be matched by a current contribution to Smith's scholarship endowment. A generous member of the class of 1964 has committed \$1 million for financial aid. This gift will serve as a pool of matching funds.

What a great incentive to join Smith's legacy society! We will get through this time. Smith will persevere. With the help of your planned gift and The Grécourt Match, Smith students will thrive now and, in the future. And, on top of all that, if you report a new planned gift between now and reunion, half of the value of your deferred gift will be counted as part of our reunion gift. Please join us!

Contact Smith College's Office of Gift Planning at (800) 241-2056, option 5 or email at gift_planning@smith.edu.

Here are a few ways to keep in touch and stay informed:

- Alumnae Directory (password protected) - find alumnae and update your profile.
 - <https://smith.force.com/alumnae/login>
- Update your address
 - <https://www.smith.edu/about-smith/alumnae-relations/update-your-address>
- Follow Smith on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram
- Access every issue of the Smith Alumnae Quarterly, going back to 1909, on the SAQ digital archive
 - <http://saqonline.smith.edu/archive/?p1=45764>
- View past issues of Notes from Paradise
 - <https://alumnae.smith.edu/media/media/notes-from-paradise/>
- Calendar of Smith events
 - <https://alumnae.smith.edu/?events=events>
- Be A Friend (of the Libraries, Botanic Garden, Athletics, or Museum of Art)
 - <http://www.smith.edu/friends>
- Volunteer for Admissions
 - <https://alumnae.smith.edu/volunteer/volunteer/get-involved/admission/>
- Join a Smith Club in your area
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