

## Spring 2021 Newsletter - Smith College Class of 1972

### Message from the Class President

Most of us will be 72 in 2022 at our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. As has been its tradition, Smith is funding most of the cost of a 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Book for our Class of 1972. Much has happened in the 52 years since we arrived in Northampton for freshman year. We are at a point in our lives having made choices and dealt with joys and hardships along the way. 50 years seems like a logical time to reflect on one's life, and we hope you will take this opportunity to do so.

**Sometime in April**, the publisher of our Reunion Book, Reunion Press, will open a web portal for us. Ellen Case, the Editor of our Reunion Book, will send you a link to access the site. When you get to your "page," you will find whatever contact information the College has for you in its database. You can update and add what you feel comfortable adding, information that will allow your classmates to know how to reach you and to have a sense of the bare bones of your life in terms of education, career, family. There is no expectation that all questions will be answered. You should also see a photo of you from 1968-72. It could be your high school graduation photo, the photo in "Madeleine," a photo sent in response to a plea from a classmate. If there is no photo, you can add one.

Then you can write a personal essay of about 500 words on some aspect of your life. The focus of that essay and the detail you include are entirely up to you. Ellen will provide a prompt to offer suggestions, like transitions, successes, difficulties, illness or challenges in your family, travel, volunteer activities, what you are doing in retirement or why you never will retire.

After having worked on this project for well over a year, Ellen says it feels great to be moving ahead to the phase where you, our classmates, come into the picture. We can't wait to see you.

Melissa Hield and Ellen Case

## Reunion Update

'72 is 72 in '22!



### SMITH TO HOST ON-CAMPUS REUNIONS IN 2022 – THAT MEANS US!

We're thrilled Smith plans for our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion to be on campus. Dates for 2022 will be finalized after Spring '21 Graduation and Virtual Reunions have wrapped up.

In the past year we've connected in new ways. Before 2020 how many of us "attended" conferences or weddings online, had Zoom cocktails or meals with family/friends, "met" a grandchild or heard full concerts in our own homes? ***For classmates far and near to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> together, we'll need to use our new skills - and for this we need your help:***

- § **GoPro:** do you have one, can you or a classmate use it?
- § **Zoom:** ever hosted a meeting, set up small groups, shared your screen?
- § **Smart phone videos:** want to shoot & share videos of campus, meals, talks, friends?
- § **Help before or at Reunion, on campus or online:** how about joining the Reunion Team?

### REUNION PLANNING, FOCUSED & FLEXIBLE - Winter --> Summer 2021

- § Created Draft Reunion Schedule: long weekend of activities, meals, reconnecting
- § Zooms: Houses, Reunion Team, Program; this Fall maybe add travel, careers, hobbies...
- § Reunion Book: 350-400 pages; information on creating your entries coming soon
- § Questionnaire: to get ideas, feedback, preferences; look for an email in late Spring

**CONFIRMED: Final Dinner & Dancing to oldies** Tell us your favorite songs of our era

**NEW PHOTO GALLERY, Class of '72 Website** your Smith photos '68-'72 & Reunions

### REUNION TEAM CHAIRS/CO-CHAIRS (more names coming)

Class President & Reunion Coach: Melissa Hield

Reunion Co-Chairs: Nancy Roth Remington & Cathy Roberts

Food/Final Evening Gala: Lisa Barlow

Headquarters/Welcome: Jane Wierdsma Forbes & Kristy Barclay

House Connectors: Mary Burton

In Memoriam Service: Kate Sonderegger

Parade: Maggie MacDonald

Program: Nancy RR & Cathy R

Reunion Book: Ellen Case, Editor

Swag: Kay Balun

Transportation/Accessibility: Debby Markewich Lazarus

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**WANT TO HELP & START REUNION EARLY? PLEASE CONTACT:**

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### **Call for Class Notes**

We love reading your news! Send your class notes for the SAQ to our class secretary **Stefanie Solnick Cargill**, [rhpt70@cox.net](mailto:rhpt70@cox.net). You can also use the Smith Alumnae Quarterly Class Notes form. Online submissions go directly to class secretaries.

## **Class Spotlight – House Zoom Meetings are a Hit**

Welcome to our NEW House Connectors: **Pam (Wiggin) Barry** and **Kathy (Teichgraeber) Merrill** for Albright. Your House Connectors spent this winter rounding up e-mails, making sure Smith had them, and thereby ensuring that you can participate in our **50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Book** starting in April. And if your house hasn't had a ZOOM gathering as yet, one is coming!

**Mary Lindley Burton**, Class Connector

*I've now caught my breath after our Zoomathon, which I found to be a much needed and thoroughly inspiring interaction with women who individually and collectively played – and continue to play – extremely important and supportive roles at various junctures of my life.*

**Lisa Barlow**, Martha Wilson

*I fully intend to disseminate some more photos to all of you, and an absolutely marvelous screenshot us which **Fran (Dodd)** took during the zoom call yesterday; but it will have to wait because my eyes are getting a little blurry from all of the follow up e-mails I have been sending, and all of the scrounging for old photos I have been doing : )*

**Tiffany (Baker) Mullican**, Morrow

*OH MY GOSH! Last night's zoom reunion with Lawrence House was amazing! 12 of us reminisced for almost 2 hours and then I stayed on with **Elizabeth Stage** for another 25 minutes!*

**Brenda (Burden) Paull**, Lawrence

*All six of the '72 Tenney classmates participated in tonight's Zoom call.... We talked for an hour 20 minutes and all really enjoyed it.*

**Pat (Younger) Smith**, Tenney

*Our Zoom was short and interesting. **Jane (Forbes)** had the record button activated so those of you who were otherwise busy and missed will have a chance to see/hear our conversation. **Susan (Callaway)**, still working at a medical clinic, sent these amazing artworks to share.*

**Claudia Vess**, Gillett

*... everyone on the call said they were delighted with it and agreed to more calls -- maybe once a quarter. **Laurie Upson Mamo** pointed out that if we catch up on regular calls, we will have less catching up to do when we get to reunion -- and can just enjoy hanging out.*

**Joan Wadleton**, Gardiner

## Fundraising and Planned Giving Update

Smith students are back on campus for Spring 2021. They want to be there because Smith provides an extraordinary education and opportunity for women. More than 67 percent rely on financial aid from Smith. Thanks to the generous support of alumnae, Smith is able to provide strong financial aid packages, world-class teaching, and innovative programming. Thank you to the more than 100 classmates who have already made gifts to the Smith Fund this fiscal year. If you haven't made a gift yet, please join us in supporting higher education for women. Even a small gift helps the class and college with participation statistics which are important in college profiles. Your gift will help make a Smith education a reality for the purposeful women on campus today and in the future.

You can help make our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gift a spectacular celebration of our Smith educations. In addition to annual giving, please consider the special opportunities available for our class through planned giving. For example, ***if you name Smith College as a beneficiary in your will or of a retirement account, such as an IRA or 401(b), 50 percent of the value of this future gift will count as part of our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion class gift.*** Information about this and other giving opportunities can be found at [smith.edu/about-smith/giving](http://smith.edu/about-smith/giving). If you'd like to talk with someone at the College about these possibilities, contact Sam Samuels, Director of Gift Planning, at (413) 585-2694 or [ssamuels@smith.edu](mailto:ssamuels@smith.edu).

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