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## FROM OUR CLASS PRESIDENT

Fifty years ago this spring, in 1972, our class was most likely focusing on mid-terms and finals, plans for graduate school or starting a career. Some of us were studying abroad for our junior year or at one of the colleges in the 12 college exchange. Some of us also had a significant other or were just enjoying the carefree social life we had back then.

In 1972 the Dow Jones Industrial average high was 1,036. The average cost of a new house was \$27,550. The average income was \$11,800. Five White House staff were arrested for burglarizing the offices of the Democratic National Committee. Russia and the United States signed the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. And NASA's Space Shuttle program was launched. The war in Vietnam was still being fought. We were engaged and active in protests against the war. In fact, that war probably sparked interest in certain career paths for us.

In addition to the political environment in 1972 which influenced us, our class experienced an increasing awareness by society of new roles and opportunities for women. I, and many of us, chose to attend Smith because we felt that Smith would foster the development of our minds and spirits so that we could "self-actualize" and achieve our educational and career aspirations. We believed that we could succeed in academic, business, and scientific fields which at the time were dominated by men. We knew that Smith College would give us the knowledge, analytical skills, and confidence to do so.

Throughout the last 50 years, Smith has been a bellwether committed to women's success, leadership and academic achievement. Smith students today now have options to develop their entrepreneurial skills through the Jill Ker Conway Center for Financial Innovation and Entrepreneurship. They have fantastic facilities like Ford Hall which is home to Computer Science, the Picker Engineering Program and other science programs. Then there's the Wurtele Center for Leadership and a brand new library. And now Smith students who qualify will not have to worry about onerous debt when they graduate because Smith is eliminating student loans and replacing them with scholarship aid!

Many of these programs, state-of-the-art facilities, and amazing opportunities have been made possible through the generosity of the alums. Our class has consistently stepped up to the plate to ensure that Smith College continues to offer the best education and opportunities for women. As our 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion approaches your contributions are more important than ever. Have you been hesitating? Now is the time to help with our fundraising for future generations of Smith women. Volunteer to help with fundraising for our 50<sup>th</sup>. Join the Grécourt Society. Make your commitment to give to The Smith Fund!

Peggy Smith, Class President

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## CLASS WEBSITE

Visit our class website for more information about our upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. That's where you will find details about dates and plans for the reunion. Just go to: <https://alumnae.smith.edu/smithcms/1973>.

Jeanette Stokes, Digital Media Coordinator





## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

There are just three months left until the end of this year's Smith Fund. As I write to you we have slightly over \$48,000 to raise toward our goal of \$225,000. Many thanks to the 157 classmates who have contributed this year; to reach our participation goal of 40%, we need 81 more donors. Please make your gift before June 30. Our class has always been generous and now more than ever, as we approach our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, your participation matters. Let's give this next generation of Smith students the education that will transform themselves and their world.

Wanted: To surpass our record-breaking 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion, we need more fund volunteers for personal outreach to everyone in the class. Please email me at ccipro21@gmail.com if you want to help out.

Cheryl Cipro, Fund Team Coordinator



## CLASS NEWS

Your classmates want to know what's new... Have you retired? Had a grandchild? Have you traveled? Started a new hobby? Suffered a loss? Please send me an update for our column in the *Alumnae Quarterly* at lollymix@gmail.com. I love hearing from you and sharing your milestones. The next deadline for submission is May 1.

Lolly Olena Mixter, Class Secretary

## 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION UPDATE



Are you feeling the energy yet? Are you feeling the gathering excitement for our upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion in May 2023? Yes, there is much going on in the country, much going on in the world, and, we are sure, much going on in your personal lives.

Yet, in the midst of all these goings-on, your 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Class Book Committee has been meeting monthly since last fall to develop the digital (with print option) concept for the book. The committee is currently working on the content and the format of the book so it will be ready to launch to the class in October. At that point, each classmate will need an email in order to sign in to the book and create a personal page.

With reunion only 13 months away, we are zeroing in on ways to make our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion a super party and an inclusive celebration. **Please email us if you would like**



## CLASS SPOTLIGHT

Janet Listowich Griffin learned at the last reunion that one way to become a member of the Grécourt Society was to name Smith as a beneficiary of an IRA account. So, recently, she named Smith as the primary beneficiary of an IRA. A significant motivating factor was that a large portion of the amount of the IRA would be counted as part of our reunion total. She felt that certainly made for a win-win situation. She also learned that when we attain age 72 and must start taking our required minimum withdrawals, those can be made directly to Smith too, avoiding any income tax implications.

Barbara Simanek, Planned Giving Chair

to join one of these three efforts or if you would just like to send us ideas:

- Graphic design team working on the kaleidoscope logo so that it will reflect our many and varied lives that are *"Still changing...! Still re-arranging...!"*
- SWAG team exploring ways to top the terrific SWAG from previous reunions.
- Program team working on planning fun activities for reunion weekend.

If none of the above grab your interest but you would like to help, not to worry. As May 2023 approaches, we will be broadcasting more opportunities to be a part of making this super celebration a reality.

Are you waiting to hear on which weekend the College will be scheduling our 50<sup>th</sup>? So are we. As soon as we hear, we will post it on our Class of 1973 Facebook page and website and send out an email blast. Stay tuned...!

Margie Hunt and Jess Tava, Reunion Co-Chairs



## IN MEMORIAM

As we draw nearer to Reunion in 2023, please consider helping us remember those classmates we have lost in the past five years. Volunteering to contribute personal remarks, either in person at our special memorial service or written for the profiles in our digital presentation ("In Her Own Words"), is a wonderful way to celebrate the precious friendships formed during our Smith years.

We will be remembering the following classmates at our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion:

Deborah Bandler Bellman	Ingrid Raysor
Susan Wooleyhan Caine	Anne Connor Richards
Cynthia Pendas Cox	Elizabeth Sanderson
Ann Butterworth Feakins	Mitzi Schroeder
Marritje Van Arsdale Greene	Elizabeth Shapiro
Tracy Kirkman-Liff	Phyllis MacDonald Zuccalo
Bobby Peck	

If you were friends with any of these classmates and are willing to help our class remember them, please contact Memorial Chair, Mary Sneed Hinkel, at maryhinkel@comcast.net.

Mary Sneed Hinkel, Memorial Chair

## PLANNED GIVING UPDATE

Since July, 2019, twelve of our classmates have documented their bequests for a total of \$2,294,174.96 in reunion credit.

The Grécourt Award is handed out at reunion to the class with the highest number of NEW Grécourt members in the current reunion cycle. Our class currently is in the lead for next year's reunion with these twelve new Grécourt members already. To become a Grécourt member, one only needs to notify the Planned Giving office that Smith is in her estate plan—no documentation is required. However, for our class to receive reunion credit for the dollar amount, Smith must receive documentation. The address of the Office of Gift Planning is Smith College, 33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063. The email is gift\_planning@smith.edu. Phone number is (413) 585-2051.

Smith continues to provide excellent webinars on various methods of planned giving.

Barbara Simanek, Planned Giving Chair

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