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Our 65th Reunion: May 24-27, 2018!

Do mark your calendars and plan to be with us. Some details to help you with your planning:

Housing:

We will stay in Lamont House with additional rooms, if necessary, in Gillett House which is just steps away from Lamont. Both houses have elevators as well as single and double rooms. When you register in late February/early March be sure to specify what type of room you prefer.

Headquarters:

Also in Lamont where there will be plenty of room to sit and visit. Classmates will be there to greet you, as well as student ambassadors to help with luggage and show us to our rooms. **Registration will be at Lamont House**, not at the Alumnae House as in the past.

Cost:

The cost for the entire weekend: \$150. This includes 3 nights lodging, on-campus transportation, all meals and receptions. Husbands and children, also \$150 per person, are welcome to attend. All our meals, except Thursday dinner will be in Lamont.

On-Campus Transportation:

Vans, including wheelchair vans, will be available to take us where we need to go on campus. For those who need a wheelchair, the Office of Alumnae Relations strongly recommends that you bring your own. There will be a few to borrow for the parade.

Preliminary Schedule for the Weekend:

Thursday, May 24: 4p.m. Registration opens, Lamont House
5:30 – 6:30p.m. Social hour and dinner, Cutter/Ziskind

Friday, May 25 7 – 9a.m. Breakfast, Lamont Main Dining Room
10 – 11a.m. Smith Today: Student Panel
11:15 a.m. – 12p.m. Libraries Presentation
Noon – 1:30p.m. Lunch, Lamont Octagon
2 – 3p.m. Faculty Presentations
5-8pm Social Hour and Dinner, Lamont Patio and Octagon

Followed by Receptions, Events, Programming by Friends groups.

President McCartney will visit each reunion class during Friday or Saturday dinner.

Saturday, May 26 **7–8:45a.m.** Breakfast, Lamont Main
8:45a.m. Line up for Alumnae Parade at 9:15
Noon – 1:30p.m. Lunch, Lamont Octagon
Afternoon: Faculty Presentations and other Programs
5-8p.m.: Social Hour and Dinner
8:30 – 10:00p.m. Illumination of Campus with music and Japanese lantern lighting
9:30p.m. – Midnight: Dance Party for all Reunion Classes, Davis Ballroom

Sunday, May 27 **7 – 9a.m.** Breakfast, Lamont, Main
9a.m. Multi faith Service of Remembrance, Helen Hills Chapel
1:00p.m. Residence houses close.

In addition to all of the above, you may wish to visit the Smith College Museum of Art, Mortimer Rare Book Room, College Archives and the Lyman Plant House. There will also be several small group receptions and a theatre presentation at the Mendenhall Center for the Performing Arts.

We are very grateful for the assistance of the following classmates: Betsy Jones Hayes has our hats, scarves and tote bags well in hand. (Be sure to bring your whites for the parade.) Nancy Knoblock Helmig has created clever parade signs. Mary Ribble Bugel is lining up House Reps who will be in touch with classmates in individual houses. Frances Elk Scher has volunteered to host a pre-reunion luncheon for those in the San Francisco area. If anyone is willing to do the same in another area, please call Judy Kittredge (413-637-7133).

In late February the Office of Alumnae Relations will send your Reunion 2018 registration materials by USPS mail and email. You will be asked to register online by clicking the link in your email OR by going to the Alumnae Relations Reunion 2018 web page: <https://alumnae.smith.edu/reunion/reunion2018/>.

If you would like help registering, please call our Reunion Registration Team at 413-585-2150. They will be glad to assist!

HEADQUARTERS AND ARCHIVE:

Don't forget to bring pictures and other memorabilia to for our class headquarters. Please email Smith College Archivist Nancy Young, nyoung@smith.edu for information and guidelines for archival materials. They can not accept certain items; we do not want you to bring them for nothing!

Judy, Lynne and Jid

CLASS SECRETARY

Ann writes: Our classmates have done amazing things in the world and in support of Smith, but I am learning mostly through obituaries! Please send news of what you or your family is doing now. You may not think it is interesting, but your classmates do. Is anyone you know running for Congress, governor or President?? Send word! annsmandel@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL CHAIR

In the fall, letters were sent to known relatives of our deceased classmates requesting their consideration to make memorial contributions in our 65th reunion year. The response so far has been most gratifying. Another letter was sent recently to the class suggesting that they give thought to not only giving a special reunion donation, but also including a tribute to a classmate no longer with us. We're hoping to have a great response. Thank you!

Joan

CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

We've just received an update on the financial status of the scholarship that is awarded annually to an undergraduate. You may remember the initial scholarship fund was begun when we graduated. The monies came from those \$50.00 deposits made at the time each of us accepted admission. The deposit "held" our place in the class. As of June 30, 2017 those dollars along with additional contributions over the years totaled \$15,773.43. That sum has grown to \$186,475.78. The recipient of this year's award is Clelie Felding '19, majoring in Architecture.

CLASS TREASURY

Our fall newsletter reported the status of the Treasury along with an appeal for donations. Classmates have been very generous. We have received over \$2000 for a current balance of \$3,916.66. We now have more than enough for Reunion this May and expenses for the next year. Thank you!



ANNUAL GIVING

The request for donations to The Smith Fund has been mailed to the class. We hope that 60% of the class will contribute.

Christine von Wedemeyer Beshar, our Fund Agent for many, many years, and a former trustee, died January 11, 2018. We will miss her enthusiastic support of Smith, her willingness to undertake any number of tasks on behalf of the class, and her very special sense of humor.

PLANNED GIVING

The Class of 1953 has 64 members of The Grécourt Society so thank you to those who have funded life income gifts, or named Smith in their estate plans.

Since July 1, 2016 our class has funded one gift annuity of \$100,492.55, and one charitable remainder unitrust of \$1,538,941.90. The college has received two bequests from deceased classmates totaling \$15,300.00.

If you are interested in funding an immediate payment Charitable Gift Annuity with Smith, the current rates are 8.0% for age 86 and 8.2% for age 87.

Your Planned Gift can boost our 65th Reunion total.

A relatively new bequest recognition policy has been

created to acknowledge the estate plans of the many loyal alumnae who have shared the specifics of their bequest intentions with Smith, and to give reunion classes recognition and pride in the generous planned gifts of classmates.

For donors in their 50th reunion cycle or older, Smith will include a bequest intention in the class's comprehensive reunion gift if:

- The donor makes a Smith Fund gift of \$500 or more in the year they book their reunion bequest intention. Gifts to the Smith Fund are used in the year they are made to support programs and initiatives across campus and to provide financial aid for students. Your gift of \$500 will be counted in your class's Reunion total.
- The donor documents a **non-contingent** bequest intention of \$10,000 or more for Smith College.

Since it is our 65th reunion, Smith will count 65% of the amount that you have named Smith for in your estate plans (if at least \$10,000). You must fill out a form and provide proof that Smith is in your estate plans and make a gift to the Smith Fund of at least \$500 this fiscal year.

If you are interested in documenting a Reunion Bequest Intention or funding a charitable gift annuity, please contact the Gift Planning Office: 413-585-2051 or email gift_planning@smith.edu.

It is with great regret that we share the names of our classmates whose deaths were reported to us since our last newsletter:

Tamara Heller Greeman	Joan Fullerton Germain.....	8/18/17
Ann Chivers Stevens	P. Joyce Daly Gryboski.....	9/14/17
Stuart Hooper Peckham	Dorothy Griffin	10/12/17
3/18/16	Patricia Clarke Flynn	10/19/17
Muriel-Anne Walker Chidsey	Maile York Raphael	11/8/17
9/7/16	Catryna Ten Eyck Seymour	12/2/17
Nancy Scott Amick	Helen Mantsavinos White.....	12/15/17
10/31/16	Anna Drye Hurlburt.....	12/16/17
Mary Hagar Hafner.....	Nancy Major Gleason	12/24/17
3/20/17	Anabel Carey McHugh.....	12/25/17
Marcia Damon Reinke.....	Christine von Wedemeyer Beshar.....	1/11/18
3/26/17	Phyllis Culbertson Draper.....	1/25/18
Mary Byrd Platt.....		
5/14/17		
Cornelia Harrington Barr.....		
5/29/17		
Marny Gaines Cramer.....		
7/31/17		
Margaret Hennessy Conyngham.....		
8/3/17		
Rhonda Mc Comas Jacob.....		
8/7/17		
Frances Woodcock Saulnier.....		
8/12/17		



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