

Smith College Class of 1971

A MESSAGE FROM THE CLASS CO-PRESIDENTS

Reunion is getting closer and closer. The times become less and less certain. The one thing that is certain is what a great group of classmates we have leading the reunion, the reunion book, fundraising, building the website, and more. So thanks team!!!

Please read the blurbs below for the latest information and stay tuned to the [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for updates. Create a zoom house gathering...We can help you!

We hope you stay safe and wear your masks.

Cheryl and Pinki

Class Co-Presidents

50th REUNION UPDATE

We'll surely be ***Making Waves*** in 2021 – our 50th Reunion. Like everyone else, we're preparing for a memorable experience that may be all virtual or an in-person/virtual hybrid. But rest assured that it will happen!

Prompted by our able Book Team led by Sandy Cate and Margery Goldman, and our energetic House Reps, classmates have been reconnecting with enthusiasm. We've heard of zoom mini-reunions organized by Baldwin, Lamont, Tyler, Ziskind, Washburn, Cushing, Lamont, Franklin King and Scales and more. If you need help setting one up, several people have offered guidance.

Just ask! We'll keep you posted as we shape the program. Make

sure we have your contact information for electronic newsletters and don't forget to check our class website and Facebook page for updates.

Sarah Peskin
Reunion Chair

CUSHING HOUSE ZOOM CALL

Set up a zoom call for your house today! Contact [Pinki Fontein](#) or [Cheryl Lewy](#) for help.

REUNION BOOK TEAM MESSAGE

Thanks to the dedicated work of every member of our Reunion Book Team – editors, core team members and most especially our tireless house reps, we now have an unprecedented 320+ stories in from our classmates.

Setting out from Smith 50 years ago, our class stood at the cutting edge of a world radically redefining who and what a woman could be. Each of your stories has created our story—a remarkable account of the choices we've made and the paths we've taken. What a treasure this book will be.

Submit your Reunion Book story [here](#).

Sandy Cate
Margery Goldman
Sarah Peskin and the rest of their team

MESSAGE FROM HOUSE REP COORDINATORS

“We are so happy the house reps seem to be in charge of their houses and making a difference in reunion cheerleading!!”

Ann Nickel Curtin and Sue Brundage
House Rep Coordinators

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 here.](#)

SUBMIT YOUR CLASS NOTES

We love reading your news! Send your class notes for the SAQ to our class secretaries **Jan Fullgraf Golann** and **Karen Rohn Osar**. You can also use the new **online submission form**. Online submissions go directly to class secretaries.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE & APPEAL

Our Challenge

Your fundraising team is excited to announce our goals for our 50th Reunion giving!

- **\$500,000 in total giving to the annual Smith Fund**
- **71 percent participation rate**
- **\$1,000,000 in gifts to the Class of '71 Endowed Scholarship Fund**

We can do this! Smith needs us to succeed as it responds to the increased financial needs of current students due to the pandemic. Our team of 24 House Fund Reps will be sending appeals to you this coming year. Please thank your housemate for volunteering and send in a gift in any amount to help your house achieve its 71 percent participation rate.

We hope you will join us with a 50th reunion gift. Explore the links below and you will likely find that you can give more than you ever thought possible. In addition to gifts of cash and securities, there are many financially savvy ways to give that anyone can use. For example, gift annuities pay you income for life. Naming Smith as a beneficiary in your will, IRA or life insurance policy costs nothing now but helps Smith in the future. You can even leave your house to Smith while retaining the right to live in it or leave works of art to Smith while retaining the right to enjoy them during your life.

[Click here](#) to see a summary of the many ways you can give.

[Click here](#) to see a presentation on gift annuities from Sam Samuels, Smith's Director of Gift Planning.

Yours for Smith,

Angelica Didier Light, Fund Team Co-Chair
Suzy Ross McDowell, Fund Team Co-Chair
Deb Lans, Planned Giving Chair

[Give to Smith](#)

UPDATE ON NEILSON LIBRARY

Construction of the new Neilson Library is winding down and plans to reopen the library are underway for 2021. The new Neilson Library will be not only an innovative and beautiful campus building, but also a space that supports new ways to learn and share knowledge.

The new library is designed to meet educational needs today—and in the future. “There are so many special things about this building,” says Susan Fliss, Smith’s dean of libraries. “On the lower floors, there is an abundance of resources and technology. As you move up the levels, you find more quiet spaces.

“The building is going to redesign the way we deliver library services and increase access for people with all types of study preferences,” she added.

Read more about Smith’s one-of-a-kind library for next century [here](#).

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

- [Alumnae Directory](#) (password protected) - find alumnae and update your profile.
- [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
- View past issues of [Notes from Paradise](#)
- [Calendar of Smith events](#)
- [Be A Friend](#) (of the Libraries, Botanic Garden, Athletics, or Museum of Art)
- [Volunteer for Admissions](#)

- Join a [Smith Club](#) in your area

CLASS VOLUNTEERS

Co-President: [Carol “Pinki” Fontein](#)

Co-President: [Cheryl Winter Lewy](#)

Reunion Chair: [Sarah Peskin](#)

Co-Secretary: [Jan Fullgraf Golann](#)

Co-Secretary: [Karen Rohn Osar](#)

Treasurer: [Betsy Gardner Johnson](#)

Fund Team Co-Chair: [Angelica Didier Light](#)

Fund Team Co-Chair: [Suzy Ross McDowell](#)

Special Gift Chair: [Kathy Kelly Spear](#)

Planned Giving Chair: [Deborah Lans](#)

House Rep Coordinator: [Ann Nickel Curtin](#)

House Rep Coordinator: [Sue Brundage](#)

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