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Class of 1966

A MESSAGE FROM THE CLASS PRESIDENT

Dear '66ers,

Writing this in late March, [COVID-19](#) has taken hold of our nation and world in so many ways. I can only hope it has not marked your personal lives and the lives of those you hold dear in very serious ways. Good time to reach out to class friends and housemates. Start a round-robin newsletter among your Smith groups. I find personal contacts online and by phone much more uplifting than reading the news or thinking about the future right now. It's very challenging to be unable to control almost anything in our lives beyond the next day, at most. We all need at least the emotional support of family and friend connections—which means we're needed in offering that kind of support as well.

You will notice a different format, tone and selection of information in this newsletter, due to an organizational restructuring in Alumnae Relations & Development which has taken over the production and some

of the content of class newsletters, except for the sections our officers have been invited to write. Our Fall newsletter was ready for mailing in late October. Regrettably, it fell through the cracks in this new AR&D effort.

Most newsletters will be sent by email only—be sure your contact information stays current. As reunion moves closer, we may be able to send email and print newsletters, reaching 103 classmates whom we now cannot reach by email.

Reunion Chairs Peggy Chase and Martha McHutchison are reaching full stride with solicitations for help and suggestions for content/events. Volunteers make reunion possible, and many positive rewards come to those who step up to participate, so when asked, say “YES!” The same goes for everyone: Join us May 2021—a perfect time to seize the event while we still can.

Stay in touch through Class Notes in the SAQ, and you’ll be hearing more from us about Reunion 2021 soon.

Sarah Mills

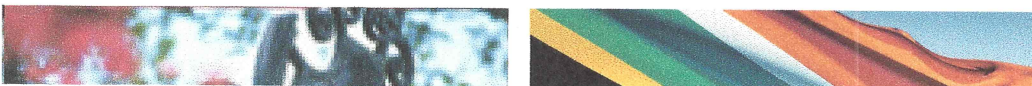


REUNION

Our upcoming 55th Reunion, with a theme of “No Stopping Us Now”, will be May 20-23, 2021, a continuation of our wonderful 50th gathering of connection and sharing. Please do join us!

[Read much more here.](#)

CLASS SPOTLIGHT





SUBMIT YOUR CLASS NOTES

We love reading your news! Send your class notes for the SAQ to our class secretary, Ann Eglin Allen, at aeallen@aol.com. You can also use the new [online submission form](#).

Submissions go directly to class secretaries.

- Molly Ivins film
- Caroline Carbaugh, Elsa Pauley and husbands tour South Africa

[Read more here.](#)



FUNDRAISING UPDATE & APPEAL

Jodi Fallon Fern, our class manager at Alumnae House, just reported class fundraising totals for the 2020 Annual Fund: \$273,639 donated through the end of February and a participation rate of 41%. These numbers are very impressive. I send warm thanks to the wonderful

efforts of the fundraising team who have written or called, and even warmer thanks to all of you who have given so generously.

We are very close to meeting our goal for fiscal year 2020, which is \$300,000. We also have an ambitious participation rate goal of 55%, which we are less close to meeting. Dear '66ers, let's try to do it. Since our 55th Reunion is only a year away, it would be enormously gratifying if those of you who have not yet sent in a gift would do so before the end of the fiscal year on June 30—raising both our gift totals and our participation rate. (Think 55, and remember that small gifts add up quickly.) For donations online, [click here](#).

Some of us, thinking ahead, have already made legacy gifts to Smith and are members of the Grécourt Society. But not all legacy gifts are recorded as non-contingent. It's important to know that the difference between a contingent legacy gift and a non-contingent legacy gift is that bequest intentions of \$10,000 or more can be credited to our 55th Reunion gift (at 55% of the total).

For those of you who might be interested in making such a gift, or registering a current legacy gift as non-contingent, the link to the Reunion Bequest Intention form is [Smith College RBI Form](#). Making this change in a legacy gift is not hard to do, and in gift-giving terms it really does mean the future is now.

Perhaps best of all, after I recently completed this paper work for a legacy gift made some years ago, I received a sweet thank-you note from a current Smith student. Such a note felt like a gift itself.

With thankful hugs to all,

Gail

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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
- [Travel with Smith](#)

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