Smith93 Class Newsletter

March 24, 2018

2 Months Away!



Class of 1993 - 25th Reunion @ Smith College

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From Smith93 President

Jessica Lane-Quinquis (smithcollege93@gmail.com)

Hello Fabulous Class of 1993!

We are 2 months away! WOW. This is the 3rd newsletter of 2018. We are doing our best to KEEP YOU INFORMED. Please do your best to **keep us updated** as well.

- Is your address, email and phone current with Smith College?
- Are you getting information via email?
- Do you belong to our Class Facebook group?
- Did you get a LinkedIn or Facebook message or request from me to connect?
- Have you attended a MiniReunion?
- Do you want to attend (or plan!) a MiniReunion?
- Did you scan and send photos to Sari Goodfriend? only 3 weeks remain!
- Have you registered for Reunion II weekend in Northampton?

I have just come from a fabulous Boston MiniReunion with delightful classmates, **Deb Rosenthal, Amy Traverso, Tanya Trevisan, Andrea Chahrour and Jess Brown Plumridge.** Do you know that feeling when you get a high from the happy and positive energy of the people around you? That's how I feel now. We had a wonderful outing with stories, laughter and great conversation. I am very lucky to live in the same region as these amazing women. I hope that all 93ers opt to experience this rejuvenating energy over the next several months whether it's in Northampton in May or in your own region before or after the BIG one. We are blessed with incredible females in our Class of 1993. Connect with one today!

Speaking of connections, please sign in to the <u>Online Alumnae Community</u> to make sure your contact information is up to date.

Happy & Healthy 2018!

Jessica Lane-Quinquis, Class of '93 President

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From Smith93 Secretary

Melanie Jones (smith93news@gmail.com)

Please take five minutes and send me a snippet. I only have 750 words, so I really only need a few of you to respond! Are you coming to Reunion in May? Either way, send me an update but especially if you are NOT coming. What better way to catch classmates up on what you are up to these days?

Kindly from Kansas, Melanie

From Smith93 Treasurer

Erin Gray (erinwgray@hotmail.com or 805-302-6292)

The best way to keep our treasury balance healthy is to attend reunion! Lots of your classmates will be there and you won't want to miss the fun. We'd love to see you AND we'll work with the college to ensure we have a great weekend and cover our costs.

Helping Hand

Want to make this Reunion affordable for friends/classmates? Consider donating an extra \$19.93 or even \$93 to **our Class Treasury**. Please donate by sending a check **payable to Class of 1993 Treasury** to:

Erin Gray 2123 4th Ave. W Seattle, WA 98119

Concerned about covering costs for you to attend? Please contact our Class Treasurer, Erin Gray at erinwgray@hotmail.com or 805-302-6292.

\$ensibly from Seattle, Erin

From Our Special Projects Team

Sari Goodfriend (sarigoodfriend.smith93@gmail.com)

LESS than 3 weeks to send your photos-don't procrastinate!

One of our talented photographer classmates, Sari Goodfriend, has agreed to compile photos for our Saturday Dinner slideshow. Please use Google's Photoscan app to digitize your old college photos:

- iPhone users can download the app here: https://goo.gl/NXJjUb
- Android users can download the app here: https://goo.gl/MyRfxw

The app will digitize and reduce glare on your photos so you can easily email them to Sari at: sarigoodfriend.smith93@gmail.com.

Deadline for photo submissions is: April 15, 2018.

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From Smith93 REUNION Chairs (smithcollege93@gmail.com)

Dana Viernes (<u>dviernes@hotmail.com</u>) and Dale LaFleur (lafleurdale@yahoo.com)

Greetings Class of '93!

You should have received both email and hard copy invitations in the mail with information on how to register for Reunion II. The Class of '93 Reunion Schedule is online and available at our <u>Smith93 Class</u> Website so please check it out and begin planning your Reunion experience.

Highlights include:

- a health and wellness panel with class '93 participants
- a TRE tension and trauma release workshop by Gabrielle Wagner Mann '93
- a special tour of the Smith College Museum of Art led by Melissa Wells '93 (limited spots available!)
- a family pizza and movie night on Friday
- a social hour at ConVino, a Smithie owned wine bar in the basement of Thornes Market

Check here to see <u>Who's Coming to Reunion II</u> (and opted to make their information public).

Already registered? Great! Now reach out to your Smith93 classmates and housemates and encourage them to come to reunion too!

Reunion Volunteers - We Need YOU!

We are still in need of House Reps and Regional Reps to reach out to fellow housemates and get them energized about Reunion. It's a great way to connect and catch up on what's been happening in each other's lives for the past 24+ years. Click here for more details.

Sincerest Thanks from Seattle & Tucson, Dana & Dale

From Smith93 Digital Media Coordinators

Aura Sujaritchan Novembre / Cheryl Hammond sujaritchan@gmail.com / cheryl@alumnae.smith.edu

As of Sunday, March 25, a total of 57 classmates have registered for our 25th Reunion. They will be bringing over 25 kids (12 and under), as well as 12 adult guests.

More information has been added to our Class Website so please visit and let us know what we can add to make it more helpful as you prepare for Reunion: <u>https://alumnae.smith.edu/smithcms/1993/</u>. Our preliminary schedule, registration form, as well as registration and meal fees can all be found here: <u>https://alumnae.smith.edu/reunion/reunion2018/</u>. Please continue to post your memories, news and your classmates' news on Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/Smith93</u>.

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Nicely from New York City, Aura

From Smith93 Fund Team Coordinator

Jessica Brown Plumridge (jbplumridge@gmail.com)

As we approach our 25th Reunion, many of us are reflecting upon our connection to Smith post-commencement. What does your Smith education and experience mean to you? Which doors have opened because of your Smith degree and network? Where have you been most surprised and delighted to discover a Smith connection or alum? Certainly the global Smith network continues to strengthen, support and sustain us long after we've left campus. And it is our responsibility as alums to ensure that Smith continues to support current and future students, primarily with financial aid assistance offered by the Smith Fund.

Our class fundraising team often talks about boosting gift participation rates. Participation in this context refers to the percentage of classmates making a financial gift, and in our Fund Team's case, donating toward the Smith Fund. Our class has a gift participation goal of 40% this reunion year. As of March 19th, we have reached 26%.

Now as a non-donor, or an occasional donor, you might think "well, 26% is pretty good — maybe the class will reach 40% without my participation." But here's the thing - Wellesley typically has a gift participation rate of 50%. Why should we care to compete? That giving rate directly impacts Smith's standings in US News and World Report's annual college rankings. We can no longer impact the average SAT scores, or average starting salary, which also impact where Smith lands, but we CAN impact the donor rate, which equates to alum satisfaction. And quite frankly, a higher-ranking alma mater helps us in our own career advancement and salary negotiations.

When you make your Smith Fund gift these last few days of March, Liz Rosa Coughlan '93 is adding another \$50 to <u>whatever amount</u> you give. AND your gift helps secure a \$60,000 challenge gift from a 1958 alumna. How can you donate?

 Donate via this link until March 31st: <u>All4One 2018 GiveCampus</u>
Donate at any time via the Smith website: <u>Smith Fund Gifts</u>
Call 1-800-241-2056, option #1, Monday - Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm EST
Gifts by check should be made out to the Smith Fund.
Send checks to: The Smith Fund Smith College Gift Accounting Stoddard Annex, 23 Elm Street Northampton, MA 01063

When you power the Smith Fund, Smithies power the world. Thank you for giving!

Best wishes from Boston, Jess Brown Plumridge '93

P.S. Do you have fundraising experience, or would like to build development skills? Would you like to help the class of '93 whilst we march toward our 30th Reunion? Email me to learn about roles such as Fund Team Coordinator and Special Gift Co-Chair. You'll have loads of support and training from the College, plus you'll make new friends and strengthen your existing Smith network.

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From Smith93 Memorial Chairs

Madeleine Schulman & Catherine Ward (smith93memorial@gmail.com)

It may seem unimaginable that we already have classmates who no longer walk with us on this earth. In order to remember our classmates and have their memory join us for our upcoming reunion, we are seeking your stories, photos and words in celebration of their lives. We will include your information in three ways: our private class website "In Memoriam" page, a memorial representation at our headquarters in May and in a slide slow presented for our class during the Saturday Dinner. Please email us (our Memorial Chair email above) directly and include the classmate you are honoring (subject: Alice Han '93 memory/photo, etc).

Alice Han (August 11, 1971 - January 16, 1997) Amanda Jefferis (August 28, 1970 - May 18, 2015) Lisa Mbele-Mbong (June 8, 1971 - January 12, 2010) Coleen-Marie Hanson (July 10, 1971 - September 12, 2015) Nadia Loan (June 19, 1968 - February 26, 2017) Kristen Hinrichs Randolph (March 22, 1971 - May 14, 2009)

Warmly from Boston & Chicago, Madeleine & Catherine

Summary

Please join our Smith Class of 1993 Facebook Group! We post mini-reunions, class news, reunion questions/polls (that's where we got the theme) and much more on Facebook. Don't miss out! [It is a group, not a page, so requires you to join Facebook for access] Smith93 (Private) Facebook

Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/Smith93/

Let's Hear Your News & See Your Photos!

Not on Facebook or any online forum and want to share your happenings in the Quarterly? Contact our Smith93 Secretary for SAQ: smith93news@gmail.com

Looking for Smith93 Class Information?

http://alumnae.smith.edu/smithcms/1993/

General Questions for Smith93 Executive Team? smithcollege93@gmail.com

Need to update your contact information with AASC?

Please sign on to the online <u>alumnae</u> community to make sure your contact information is up to date. Or send your most current information to <u>alumnaerecords@smith.edu</u>.