



From Sarah Cross Mills, Class President

Greetings, Unstoppable Classmates!

TaDa! Introducing our **Reunion logo***, referring to the **suggested reading of Gail Collins' 2019 title**, and hoping you feel the wind at your backs, moving us ever forward.

This Newsletter and future issues will be dedicated to sharing plans and thoughts about our 55th Reunion in 2021. Watch your USPS mail come fall (read those words with hope in your hearts) for a Save the Date postcard from Smith that you can prominently place as a reminder of the dates, which as of today are in flux because of college calendar changes due to YKW (You Know What).

Peggy Chase and Martha McHutchison, Co-VP's and Reunion Chairs, have been working with the class officers during the summer to arrive at a draft of our schedule, presented below. Some houses have been meeting regularly on Zoom, with lots of personal sharing about the nature of our lives at this unprecedented time – and lots of laughter over remembered episodes of our Smith years.

If you don't have a personal Zoom account, a Smith Zoom account is available to volunteers such as house reps for connecting with housemates, with no limit on length of calls. Reps can receive from our VP's a contact list for housemates, making it easy to connect and send the Zoom invitation.

To schedule a Zoom meeting and get the necessary information to send to attendees, you must contact Jodi Fallon Fern, class liaison, at jfallonfern@smith.edu. Please offer two or three possible dates and times with sufficient lead time. She will get back to you with all the details,

and will support you if you're not familiar with using Zoom. Just in case, here's a link to FAQs on joining meetings. <https://blog.zoom.us/zoom-faqs-joining-meetings/>

Lastly, Leslie Judd Graitcer has taken up the reins as Class Secretary, when Ann Eglin Allen needed to resign. We are grateful to Ann and now Leslie for their role in sharing our news through the Alumnae Quarterly. Send your notes at any time to lesliegraitcer@me.com , or look for the quarterly reminder from Smith in your email.

*Logo created by colleague of Caroline Soleliac Carbaugh; Newsletter format with much help from Caroline as well.

Hello, Everyone! Martha and Peggy, Reunion Chairs here!

We, along with our committee chairs and fellow officers, hope you and your family and friends are faring well in this challenging time. Amid all of the Covid19 craziness in our lives, we are delighted to be planning our 55th Reunion, hopefully in person, next May!

The officers' Zoom meetings (once alien to us and to so many) have certainly enhanced our awareness of how important and treasured our Smith connections are in many of our lives today.

That realization has been the underpinning of our Reunion planning process—making certain to allow ample time for relaxing and chatting with our classmates in a warm and casual setting.

Of course, there will be some structured activities and programs offered by the College to all returning classes and others, just for our class, centered on our Reunion Theme of “No Stopping Us Now”! So...what are we planning?

THURSDAY/FRIDAY:

Arrive at headquarters, decorated and hosted once again by Ann Shapiro Zartler and classmates! One piece of “swag” (a bandana or scarf to add to our attire in the Parade!) to be given to all; the remainder of that allotted budget will be gifted to an entity of our choice at the College.

FRIDAY:

Class Luncheon and Welcome from Sarah Cross Mills, Class President
Program, if any, to be determined

Class Dinner

Film: "Raise Hell: The Life and Times of Mollie Ivins"

Perhaps a singalong...always fun! So many wonderful voices.

SATURDAY:

Breakfast

Parade: banners designed by Judy Bronstein Milestone and classmates

Picnic Lunch

Library Tour

Program: Panel on Our Theme: planned by Elsa Pottala Pauley and Caroline Soleliac Carbaugh with Lois Thompson Hoffman moderating

Dinner: Class Survey Findings during dessert

Music and Visiting (might even dance!)...please submit your favorite songs from our era for a playlist!

SUNDAY:

Breakfast; Class Meeting

Service of Remembrance: Helen Hills Hills Chapel

As we look ahead, we need house reps to reach out to classmates and encourage them to join us. We can provide lists of classmates and their contact information sorted by house. Reps will also be able to find out if there are any concerns or special needs which we could accommodate. Please let us know if you can lend us a hand!

Also, we would love your input regarding a brief class survey. What would be of most interest to you? Should the tone be light or more serious? Or a bit of both?

In this critical time of racial unrest, we will definitely be in touch with the College regarding how the issues raised by BIPOC (Black Indigenous People of Color) are being addressed that weekend. In our view, it would be remiss not to include those issues as they affect the College and beyond.

Sending you hopeful thoughts and warmest wishes. We'd love to hear from you!

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