Nerves, Stress, Excitement?

I realized today that we are less than 7 weeks from Reunion (If you do the math, you see I’m writing my section early this time!) Unexpectedly, I started to have butterflies in my stomach…there’s so much to do! Will we have enough time? Enough help? Enough attendance? Enough supplies? Have I forgotten to get back to any Regional Rep 93ers about MiniReunions? Can we schedule a few more? Did I send my photos to Sari yet? Did I write the Saturday Class Dinner Meeting Agenda? What about a candidate slate? We have NO candidates for next term 2018-2023 – no Nominating Chair, no Reunion Chair, no President? I have asked sooooo many people and yet no one said “yes.” Have I exhausted all possibilities? I am hoping not. Gulp!

After a few deep breaths, I realize that we still have time. Surely others experience these same infinity TO-DO lists that are so long I have stopped writing them, not just me, right? I take heart in knowing that our FABULOUS Smith93 Reunion Team is doing excellent work to make our 25th one of our best events yet! AND our Smith93 Fund Team is working very hard to motivate our class to win the RACE to Reunion challenge against Mount Holyoke!

Reach out to 5 of your Smith friends and ask them to reach out to 5 friends – this is my 5x5 = 25 (in honor of our 25th reunion) plan. I hope it works to generate buzz and boost attendance for this once in a lifetime Reunion event. Please connect with your Smith93ers to encourage them to engage, add them to the Smith93 Facebook group, and/or ask them to update the Smith College database. As of this printing we are only 30 days from Reunion II weekend! Please register and join us in Paradise City. Contact us: smithcollege93@gmail.com

Jessica Lane-Quinquis, Class of ’93 President
(Parsons/Jordan/JYA Cordoba/Duckett, now outside Boston, MA)

From Smith93 Secretary
Melanie Jones (smith93news@gmail.com)

Even if you are (but especially if you are NOT) attending Reunion, please send Melanie Jones your news for SAQ.

Next Deadline is MAY 1st.
We want to hear your updates as we approach ’25 years out’

Kindly from Kansas, Melanie
SMITH ‘93 Mini-Reunions

We have held several Mini-Reunions over the last 4+ years since our 20th Reunion—starting in 2014 and rejuvenating them in Spring of 2017 for a full year of them leading up to our 25th Reunion. Below are recent as well as upcoming Mini-Reunions. Please contact smithcollege93@gmail.com if you want to see one in your area, if you haven’t received an invitation for your region or if you want to help.

Recent Mini-Reunions
January 30th in NYC
February 3rd in DC Metro Area (in Bethesda MD)
February 25th in Northern CA (Walnut Creek, CA)
March 25th in Boston, MA
March 31st in Seattle, WA
April 8th in Denver, CO
April 13th in Philadelphia, PA

Upcoming Mini-Reunions
Portsmouth, NH – TBD (contact Lynne Mara Noel)
Atlanta, GA – TBD (contact Barbara Kahn-Aitken & Alison Marvelli Schechtman)
Miami, FL – TBD (contact Emily Smachetti)
Central New Jersey – TBD (contact Sian Thomas Torres)
Virtual ONLINE – TBD (contact Sarah Wade-Apiellta)

DENVER, CO area (left) & SEATTLE, WA area (right) Mini-Reunions

From Smith93 Digital Media Team
Aura Sujaritchan Novembre / Cheryl Hammond
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Want to see the upcoming Reunion II schedule, 20th Reunion photos, and 1990s music playlist? GO to our Smith Class of 1993 Website.
Please POST memories, news and your classmates' news on Smith 93 Facebook Group, in addition to submitting them to the Quarterly.

We are looking for a Wordpress savvy 93er to help us with our Class Website. Is that you? Or do you know a classmate who would be effective AND interested in helping us? Please email me. We need help now and beyond 25th Reunion so this could be multiple people.

Nicely from New York City, Aura

From Smith93 Treasurer
Erin Gray (erinwgray@hotmail.com or 805-302-6292)

Reunion Registration is happening—see stats under REUNION. Don’t wait as prices increase after April 27th.
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 for details.

Sensibly from Seattle, Erin
From Smith93 Fund Team Coordinator

Jessica Brown Plumridge (jbplumridge@yahoo.com)

Classmates! The Race to Reunion (R2R) is on!

We’re battling Mount Holyoke’s class of 1993 between now and May 18th to see who can achieve the highest gift participation rate, all in support of our respective College Funds. (May 18th because their reunion is a week before ours.) The winning class will enjoy a champagne toast at the Saturday night class dinner, at the College’s expense.

Race to Reunion 1993 is using the GiveCampus platform - check out the student video, become an advocate to spread the word, and make your annual gift all at once! Visit here: GiveCampusR2R1993

Our class needs 64 gifts from donors who are new this year* (who haven’t given since July 1st, 2017) to meet our participation goal of 40%. All gifts count towards our dollars raised, but only new gifts raise our actual participation rate.

*If you haven't already given this year, now is the time. Please make your gift today! Not sure if you've already made a contribution? Call The Smith Fund at 800-241-2056, option 1, and the staff will double check for you.

It's all in fun, but our gifts will be put to good use-helping to fund financial aid, curricular development, faculty-student research opportunities, internships, study-away programs, and more.

Thank you to those of you who have already participated with a gift this year. You have helped us get to where we are so far. Now you can help us get the word out! Here are the updated numbers as of early April (a few recently-made large gifts are not reflected in these numbers!):

- Smith Fund Total: $101,019 (vs. goal of $200,000)
- Comprehensive Total: $102,919 (includes non-Fund gifts, like Friends of the Museum, Athletics, etc.)
- Gift Participation: 29% (vs. goal of 40%)

But wait, there’s more - if we do raise 64 more gifts by May 18, Phoebe Jacobs Moore ’93, Elizabeth Rosa Coughlan ’93 and I will donate an extra combined $5,000 to our class totals. The winning class will enjoy a champagne toast at the Saturday night class dinner, at the College’s expense. So encourage your classmates to donate now, because THE RACE TO REUNION IS ON, SMITHIES!

In gratitude with best wishes from STILL SNOWY Boston - Jess Brown Plumridge ’93
(508)207-6613
P.S. Visit our class GiveCampus page for frequent updates and to check out our video.

Connect with The Smith Fund
* By phone: 800-241-2056, option #1
* Online: www.smith.edu/thefund
* By mail: The Smith Fund
33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063

Thank you for giving!

Best from Boston. Jessica Brown Plumridge

Give to the Smith Fund!

Smith is a vibrant institution where women are finding their voices and writing their stories. Though they seem so much more sophisticated than we did at 18, they probably suffer some of the same insecurities. They need our support.

An important way to support Smith women today is by giving to the Smith Fund.

Your contribution supports the College’s current operating expenses, as well as financial aid for Smith students. Alumnae participation in Smith Fund giving is also one factor in determining college rankings in national media.

Your gift will increase the value of a Smith education!

Giving is easy: Go to https://www.smith.edu/about-smith/giving smith-fund/ways-of-giving

Or send a check to:
The Smith Fund
33 Elm Street
Northampton, MA 01063

For info on planned gifts:
http://smith.plannedgiving.org

Thank you!

1993 Fund Team
From Smith93 Reunion Co-Chairs
Dana Viernes (dviernes@hotmail.com) and Dale LaFleur (lafleurdale@yahoo.com)

come.as.you.are.
do.what.you.want.
give.what.you.can.

Smith93 - 25th Reunion @ Smith College

We are excited to see so many of our classmates participating in Mini-Reunions AND registering for the big reunion at Smith College on May 24 – 27, 2018.

Class of ’93 Reunion Attendance (as of April 15th):

- Classmates: 84
- Children (under 12): 35
- Adult Guest: 15
- Observer: 1
- Total: 135

We have an ambitious goal of 193, a stretch goal of 225, and a super stretch goal of 303 to beat the record set by the class of 1973 for their 25th reunion (302). If you are planning to attend, now is the time to register!
Want to see who’s coming? Find out online! Click here for a full Class ’93 reunion schedule!

Alumnae Parade Reminders:

- All alumnae wear white from shoulder to toe (YES, white shoes too!) for the Alumnae Parade.
- In keeping with “come as you are” we encourage classmates to bring their own yellow accessories (necklace, hat, sunglasses, scarf, etc)...whatever makes you, YOU.
- We will have yellow sashes and yellow nametags for everyone. (And perhaps a little more...)

Smith93-specific Programming will include Tea, Art Museum Tour, Wellness Panel and more for Alumnae. Family Activities will include pizza & movie night, scavenger hunt and more.

Spotlight on Alumnae Program: WELLNESS ACTIVITIES

On Saturday from 1-3pm we will offer a “Navigating Self-Care in Your 40s” panel discussion with four of our fabulous Smith93 classmates, followed by a TRE® – Tension and Trauma Releasing Exercises Workshop presented by Gabrielle:

- Gabrielle Wagner Mann ’93 is an Eden Energy Medicine Advanced Practitioner (EEM-AP) & TRE® (Tension and Trauma Releasing) Provider in New Jersey
- Tanya Debevetz Trevisan ’93 is an Attorney & Breast Cancer Survivor in Massachusetts
- Sonya Chu ’93 is a Licensed Acupuncturist, Chinese Herbalist & Massage Therapist in Massachusetts
- Sian Cotton, PhD ’93 is a Psychologist and Director of Center for Integrative Health and Wellness in Ohio

*If you are local or driving to reunion, please bring yoga mats for you & a friend

Highlighting YOUR Fabulous Work/Creativity/Offerings

Finally, the Reunion Team is arranging a Raffle or Table Prizes from Smith93 Classmates for our Class Dinner. Please consider donating signed books, artwork, crafts, you name it! We want to highlight what our fabulous Smith93ers are up to. Everyone attending the class dinner on Saturday will receive a raffle ticket upon entry.
Please contact Elizabeth Solaka Korelitz ’93 at esolaka@gmail.com to find out how you can donate.

Sincerely from Seattle & Tucson, Dana & Dale
From Smith93 Memorial Co-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 memories in our private class website “In Memoriam” page and in a memorial representation at our Smith93 headquarters in May. Please email us directly and include the classmate you are honoring:


Warmly from Boston & Chicago, Madeleine & Catherine

From Smith93 SPECIAL PROJECTs
Sari Goodfriend (sari_goodfriend.smith93@gmail.com)

While the official deadline for photo submission has already passed, please continue to scan your photos and send them to Sari Goodfriend. We will do our best to make use of them for this Reunion but we can always save them for future use as well.

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: sari_goodfriend.smith93@gmail.com.