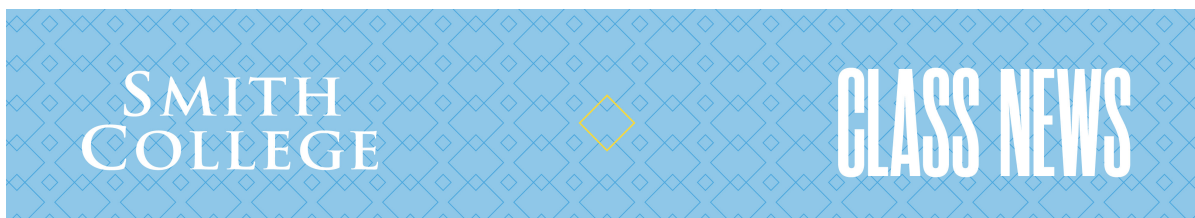


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SMITH COLLEGE CLASS OF 1978
Spring 2023 Newsletter

Message from the Class President



- 1** 1ST "INCOMPETENT" CLASS
- 23** MAY 25-28, 2023
- 45** 45TH REUNION
- 67** 67 YRS. YOUNG IN '23
- 78** CLASS OF 1978

Greetings to all the members of the Class of 78! We are SO excited that Reunion is around the corner. Reunion Chairs Rochelle Jones and Karen Brock and their committee have planned a fabulous weekend for us, really "Making it Count!". Please register now and come join us. Enjoy the chance to refresh with our amazing classmates and the crowd that really knows and loves you. After these last five years, we all will enjoy the chance to get together!

As you plan your trip, please think about serving as a class officer for the next five years. Great opportunity to stay connected with classmates. We have a

number of spots open and would love new faces and energy on the team. Let any of us know ASAP!

See you all soon. In the meantime, help us spread the word and the attendance levels so we can laugh and enjoy our way through a great reunion weekend.

Reunion Update

Class of '78!

[Class Website](#)

We're about two months away from our 45th reunion!
Reunion II weekend kicks off Thursday, May 25th at 4 p.m.

Events

Program highlights:

Museum Board members, Anne Donovan Bodnar and Lisa Cavanaugh Wiese, will take us on an exclusive tour of the museum.

Carrie Buchman will tell us why orchids aren't as difficult to grow as we might think. She'll discuss the art, science, and Zen of orchids.

As more details become available, we will post them on the class website as well as the weekend calendar.

Reunion Registration

Dates: Thursday, May 25 - Sunday, May 28th

Be sure to register for the early bird pricing by Thursday April 20th. Housing is assigned first-come first-served.

Online registration closes May 11, 2023.

[Smith Reunion Registration website](#)

Housing

Class House Reps are posted on our [class website](#).

We still need volunteers for the following houses. Please contact [Bobbie Yates Waters](#) or [Robin Evans Rappo](#) if you would like to volunteer.

Baldwin	Cushing	Jordan	Off-campus	Talbot
Bedford Terrace	Dewey	Lamont	Park House/Annex	Tenney
Capen	Drew	Lawrence	Parsons House/Annex	Wesley
Comstock	Hubbard	Morrow	Sessions House/Annex	Wilson

Call for Class Notes

We love reading your news! Send your class notes for the SAQ to our class secretary [Roxann Anderson Whitaker](#). You can also use the *Smith Alumnae Quarterly* [Class Notes form](#). Online submissions go directly to class secretaries.

Class Spotlight

Now that we all are used to Zoom and other remote options, and as we think about the next five years, think about ways and reasons to get groups of us together. I know that many of our class get together for bridge remotely, or book clubs and or "social hours". Can be great fun and easy to do!

Fundraising Update

We're moving right along with our fundraising efforts. Given that this is a reunion year, we look forward to our classmates' supporting the Smith Fund as part of our 45th reunion.

GIVE TO SMITH

Planned Giving Update

For those of you thinking about a planned gift to Smith, here are two areas for your consideration:

1. **Flexible Gift Annuity:** Choose a range of years to start collecting an income payout and reevaluate over time when you'd like to start

receiving those payments. (Well suited for those approaching retirement age)(Who? Us?)

2. **Deferred Payment Gift Annuity:** Like a charitable gift annuity, give Smith income from stock and get an income for life. Setting up a DPGA sooner locks in a higher rate of income payout for a set date.
3. **IRA Beneficiary Designation:** A great, tax efficient way to leave a legacy gift to Smith. If you have an IRA or some other form of qualified retirement plan from employment such as a 401k or 403b, consider adding Smith as an additional, split or contingent beneficiary. Smith would receive 100% of the designated funds, as opposed to high tax rates for other designation types.

Please also visit the Grécourt Society web page for more information about including Smith in your estate planning.

MORE INFO

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- Visit [Stay Connected to Smith](#) for the latest campus news
- [The Network](#) (password protected)—find alumnae and update your profile
- [Update your contact information](#)
- Follow Smith on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#)
- Access every issue of the [Smith Alumnae Quarterly](#), going back to 1909, on the SAQ digital archive
- View past issues of [Notes from Paradise](#)
- [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

A quick thank you to the class volunteers for the past five years. **If you would like to be a class officer for the next five years, and join in on the fun, please let Grace or any of the below know ASAP!**

[Grace Lowe Russak](#), President

[Karen Love Brock](#), Reunion Chair

[Rochelle Jones](#), Reunion Chair

[Mary Hetherman Lassen](#), Treasurer

- [Roxann Anderson Whitaker](#), Secretary
- [Marcia Maher](#), Fund Team Coordinator
- [Alexandra Karlow Nolan](#), Fund Team Coordinator
- [Anne De Groot](#), Class Fund Agent
- [Patricia Annino](#), Planned Giving Chair
- [Celestia Lindecke Kohl](#), Memorial Chair
- [Nancy Baum Delain](#), Web Chair
- [Rebecca Peters McManus](#), Web Chair

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