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SMITH COLLEGE CLASS OF 1971 Spring 2023 Newsletter



Message from the Class Presidents

Fond greetings to you, our beloved classmates, wherever you are!

Another year has passed and as we settle into spring, we've been thinking a lot about the importance of staying connected – to our families, to our friends from all walks of life and, of course, to each other. Coming out of our 50th, many of us find we are making new efforts to stay in closer touch with former classmates through visits, small reunions, Zoom calls, and emails. The relationships we built at Smith continue to deepen and nourish us.

While our 55th is still a few years away, we would love to help our class build

towards that reunion with renewed and strengthened connections. Here are some suggestions:

- If you are looking for an old friend, turn to our 50th Reunion Book, with contact info. We have some extra copies. If you would like to purchase one, please email [Sandy](#) or [Margery](#) for details.
- Organize a local mini-reunion or just get together with a few classmates that live in your area. We can provide you with a list of classmates in your zip code(s). Email [Pinki](#).
- Zoom calls can be a simple yet wonderful way to remain connected, as well as share resources, advice on health and aging – you name it! We can facilitate those Zooms; just contact [Pinki](#) or [Cheryl Lewy](#).

Please let us know if you have any thoughts, requests, ideas, etc about staying connected, ways to meet challenges, how to pick a next home/senior location or whatever. Let us know what you are doing so we can spread the word...let's stay in touch!

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Class Spotlight

Speaking of connections, we have begun putting together our team to carry us into our 55th (!) Reunion. We want to extend a huge Thank you! to Holly Siegele Darzen who has stepped up to be our Chair of House Reps. House Reps play a key role in keeping our class connections vibrant, sharing info about reunion and inspiring attendance. We will be working with Holly to rebuild the terrific House Rep system we had for the Reunion Book. They did such a wonderful job communicating with their housemates and keeping everyone informed. If you were a House rep for our 50th and would like to stay on, or if you'd like to jump in and help this time, please let Holly know. It really is a great way to stay in touch with so many friends.

Call for Class Notes

We love reading your news! Send your class notes for the SAQ to our class secretaries [Suzy Ross McDowell](#) and [Ana-Maria Zaugg](#). You can also use the *Smith Alumnae Quarterly* [Class Notes form](#). Online submissions go directly to class secretaries.

We (Suzy and Mimi) will be sending out a request for your entries to the *Smith Alumnae Quarterly* (SAQ) in April. A few things to remember:

- There's a word limit but we're happy to put longer submissions onto our class website.
- What you submit won't be in the very next SAQ but in the one after that.
- Some classmates contribute frequently but we'd also like to hear from more of you.

We love to hear whatever's up front for you - travel, grandchildren, and awards, etc. but would also love to hear other notable bits about your life.

Biggest lesson learned from Covid?

Chance events/encounters that made you remember your time at Smith?

New skill you never thought you'd acquire?

Do look out for the next request for submissions and help us keep the column well-fed and interesting.

Cheers,
Mimi and Suzy

Our Band of Sisters

Band of Sisters is a novel by Lauren Willig based on the real story of Smith alums who went together to France during WWI to help people in mostly rural areas survive the hardships imposed by the occupation of the German army. The book is great. What's also great, is that there is a Smith College [YouTube Channel](#) (who knew?) where you can find among other fascinating items, [a video](#) of Lauren Willig speaking at Smith just over a year ago. The video includes photos of and letters from the women who were part of the actual group that went to France. Read the book! Watch the video! Let us know what you think.

In Memory

Sadly, we say farewell to six classmates who have died since May of 2020. Marney Ault Wasserman, Martha Gordon Santiuste, Sylvia Hardage Larsen, Chantal Laurent Baz, Sharon Norris and Sydney Welton.

We try to share condolences with their families if the college has that info. Let us know if you would like to do the same.

Keep in Touch & Stay Informed

- 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

[Sandra Cate](#), Co-President
[Pinki Fontein](#), Co-President
[Margery Goldman](#), Co-President
[Angelica Didier Light](#), Co-Vice President & Reunion Chair
[Sarah Peskin](#), Co-Vice President & Reunion Chair
[Deborah Lans](#), Planned Giving Chair
[Karen Infantino Burke](#), Treasurer
[Suzy Ross McDowell](#), Co-Secretary
[Ana-Maria Zaugg](#), Co-Secretary
[Kate Bennett](#), Fund Team Coordinator
[Susan Burns Maltz](#), Fund Team Coordinator
[Connie Herrick Weiss](#), Web Chair
[Holly Siegele Darzen](#), Chair, House Reps

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Note: We are still in need of someone to help Connie with our website.

Please [contact her](#) if you're willing to help or know someone we might talk into it.



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