Greetings from the Class President

I hope that you are all enjoying winter – regardless of the degree to which you must actually endure it. With this first month of the New Year complete, I’ve already begun to wonder where the time has gone. It seems unreal that we were at reunion eight months ago. It was super fun, even if too wet.

I’m going to use this particular President’s Greeting to get right to the point. The biggest role of the class officers is keeping classmates connected. One of the primary vehicles for that is reunion … and the way to have a successful reunion is to have a lot of class participation and enough money to plan great events. We have all sorts of plans in order to have a large turnout for our 20th reunion, but my message is about the money.

There is nothing more important to class coffers than Lifetime Class Memberships. The reason that it is so important is that our class is able to earn income from life memberships (not true for annual dues or fundraising money). We invest the life member dues in the College endowment fund. There are some classes that literally earn thousands of dollars a year in interest from their life membership funds.

As you will see from Tricia Lennon’s report, we have a terrific number of lifetime class members, but we need more.

I have to admit that when I made my lifetime membership dues payment in 1991, I did it because it was easy, not because it would be better for our class. It turns out it was the best thing that I could have done. And that was back before it was even a tax deduction for me (because I didn’t itemize). For those of you who now itemize, remember this is a tax deductible contribution.

I want to send a huge thank you to all of our life members. I want to encourage those of you who are not lifetime members to become one today – right now.

An increase in our lifetime memberships means not only that we can have a fantastic and perhaps even swank 20th reunion, it also means that there is a chance that our 20th reunion could cost less out of our pockets than our 15th reunion. That in turn could allow more of us to attend and give more of us a chance to reconnect with Wellesley and each other in June 2011. Please take the time now – before you toss this beautiful (designed by our own Susie Adamson) newsletter in the trash – to send in your dues payment. It will allow the class to fund a myriad of activities during and in between our reunions.

Pia

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Mini Reunions!

Greetings everyone from sunny and freezing Boston! As your new class VP, I have been charged with the (truth be told) pretty fun task of helping all of you organize mini reunions in between our big 5-year celebrations.

Maybe you live in a big city and maintain lots of Wellesley connections fairly easily through proximity or maybe you have recently moved to a new location where you are not sure if there are any Wellesley alumnae. If you are like me, you have a lot of close Wellesley friends who loosely keep up with each other’s lives, but with work and family schedules, it can be hard to actually make the time to catch up face to face. Then there are all the amazing women I’ve met at reunion who I hadn’t known at Wellesley but keep saying to myself, “I’ve got to email her, we had such a great conversation.”

Mini reunions are the way to go. And the great thing is, the College can provide a lot of support – from mailing labels and geographical lists to designing and printing invitations. The mini reunions themselves can be self-sufficient or paid for by the class treasury. However, at this stage of the game we need our coffers to grow and so organizers should defray costs by hosting low-cost events or charging for attendance where it makes sense.

Please see the sidebar for a few ideas for mini reunions to get you in the mood to connect. The possibilities are really endless: A garden tour, a cooking class, hiking in the woods, a college-style slumber party, an event to raise awareness for a cause you are passionate about, you name it. Oh, and be sure to take lots of pictures during your mini reunion and forward them to the class secretaries to be included in the class notes section of the Wellesley magazine!

Anyone interested in hosting and/or organizing a mini reunion in her area should contact me at kaingraham@yahoocom. This can be a very easy and rewarding process and I am here to help in any way possible. I look forward to hearing from lots of you soon.

Katherine

Mini Reunion Theme Ideas

Welcome to My World
House party/pot luck dinner/BBQ: This could be as intimate or extensive as you want and, depending on space and weather, could be a way to include families. A friend of mine has a great technique for potluck: she divides the alphabet into five sections and assigns by last name – appetizer, salad, main, dessert and wine. There is sometimes an abundance of desserts using this technique, which is not usually a problem.

It Takes a Village
We Wellesley women know how to get things done. Maybe there is a project or volunteer opportunity that has been on your to do list forever and could use a push. I know a group of women who gets together every year for a clothing swap. This usually results in a lot of laughs, a few new treasures and a huge pile of donations for Goodwill.

Just Plain Pampering
Many of us at this stage in life are undertaking a lot of responsibility – balancing career and a young family in a fairly intense way. Organizing a day to kick back and relax could be the perfect way to connect with friends and recharge your batteries. Some salons and spas offer group packages; the ambitious could plan a yoga retreat.
Treasurer’s Report

Hello, all!

It was great to see everyone at reunion! For those of you who weren’t able to attend, please know that you were missed.

Speaking of reunion, we still have some fancy, groovy Wellesley College travel coffee mugs for $12! Please let me know if you are interested in purchasing one (or many).

To make our financial lives a little easier, we have set up a PayPal account if you are interested in buying a mug or becoming a lifetime member to the class (please see Pia’s note). Go to www.paypal.com, set up (or access) your account, and send to Classof1991_wellesley@yahoo.com (there’s an underscore between classof1991 and Wellesley). Since we are charged a fee for this service, please add $3 to your payment amount if you pay through PayPal.

Of course, checks are still welcome. Please make any checks out to Wellesley College Class of 1991 and mail them to me at the following address. One last plug for becoming a lifetime member – please consider it. As Pia mentioned in her note, the money from the lifetime memberships is invested in shares of the College’s endowment and generates interest income for our class. The Lifetime Membership fee is $191.

I have included a list of Lifetime Members. If you believe I have excluded (or included) you in error, please feel free to contact me directly.

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Lifetime membership: $191  Annual dues: $50

Current last name: ________________________________________________________________

College last name: ________________________________________________________________

First name: ______________________________________________________________________

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2. Where it says “Discussion Communities”, click on Classes
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