Greetings from the President

As 2010 is well underway I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Club president, taking over from Carol Gardey. It's my 11th year in the UK and I can very confidently and proudly say that being in touch with many fellow Wellesley alumnae here has given me an invaluable network of friends and contacts which has immeasurably contributed to my initial adjustment and continued enjoyment of life here. I hope that I can help the Club continue and grow as an active presence for Alumnae in the UK.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Carol for her wonderful organizational work and leadership during her tenure as Club President. We had a host of fantastic events ranging from several Professor events throughout her 5 year tenure as well as a visit by former College President Diana Chapman Walsh. I'm very conscious of stepping into some very large shoes! If you have any ideas, feedback, or thoughts around how the Club can make an impact to our Alumnae community here please do let me know. I'm very excited to be taking on this role and look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the upcoming months.

Last but not least, a very big thank you to Heather Luiz '98 for her contribution as Admissions Rep over the past couple of years. Heather has moved back to the US and we'll very much miss working with her on the Board. Taking over from Heather is Mia Pearson '03. Congratulations and good luck to Mia!

---Farida

Thank you Kate!

In November, Kate Grussing ('86) welcomed the Wellesley juniors studying abroad at an evening drinks reception she hosted at her home. Over 20 students studying in the UK during the fall term attended. There were 45 students studying in the UK over the fall term including in London, Edinburgh, St. Andrew's and Oxford. Kate has generously hosted this event for over 10 years and each year the juniors clearly appreciate the hospitality and welcome to London.

Thank you to Kate for hosting this event once again. Also thanks to another Wellesley alumna, Bronwen (Bromberger) Percival '01 also generously brought a selection of delicious cheeses from Neal's Yard Dairy, where she works.

Annual Thanksgiving Drinks Party

A very big thank you to Liz Coppola for hosting the annual Wellesley UK Club Thanksgiving Drinks Party on 19 November 2009. The event was well attended by both alumnae and Juniors in the UK, and was a fantastic opportunity to catch up with old friends as well as meet some newcomers to the UK.

Thanks to Farida and others for preparing the turkey and sidings. And thanks to Charlene for providing the fresh pumpkin tortelloni pasta, c/o her friend-clients at La Tua Pasta.
The Seven College Conference of London Annual Spring Lunch

Tuesday, 13th April 2010
12 noon to 2 pm
The Polish Club, 55 Exhibition Road, London SW7

Guest Speaker: Rose Tremain

Please join us in welcoming the winner of the 2008 Orange Prize for her novel The Road Home – a highlight of our Seven College Conference book group’s list for 2009. Its contemporary, many-layered story of East European economic migrants to London was poignant and relevant to us all. An earlier novel, Music and Silence, proved to be an equally popular book group choice, and took place in 17th Century Denmark. Rose Tremain challenges herself with “the need to imagine feelings, memories and characters of people distant from her in gender, place or time.”

Her books have won many other prizes including the Whitbread Novel of the Year, the James Tait Black Memorial Prize, the Prix Femina Étranger, the Dylan Thomas Prize, the Angel Literary Award and the Sunday Express Book of the Year. Restoration was shortlisted for the Booker and made into a film; The Colour was shortlisted for the Orange and selected by the Daily Mail Reading Club. Her most recent collection, The Darkness of Wallis Simpson, was shortlisted for both the First National Short Story Award and the Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award. Two of her books (The Colour and The Way I Found Her) are in development as films, and she is currently working on a TV screenplay to star Sir Ian McKellen.

Early in March her new novel, Trespass, is due for publication, and we will be privileged to hear about it from the author herself, as well as have the opportunity to purchase copies. This one takes place in France where “two worlds and two cultures collide. Ancient boundaries are crossed, taboos are broken, a violent crime is committed.” Come and hear more!

Rose’s books will be for sale before and after lunch, so please bring cash or a cheque as we cannot take credit cards. We gather at noon for drinks, followed by Rose’s talk at 12.30. Lunch follows at 1 pm with two courses and coffee for £28. Profits from the event will support the Seven College Conference Book Purchase Award, helping students from schools in Britain who attend any of the seven colleges to purchase books during their first year. We also host an annual event for students from our colleges on a junior year abroad programme in Britain.

Please make cheques payable to The Seven College Conference of London and post with the form below to: Barbara Ilias, 5 Rutland House, Marloes Road, London W8 5LE. Guests are welcome. No tickets will be sent but there will be a list at the door. The reservation deadline is 9th April. If you have to cancel your reservation please phone Barbara on 0207 937 7928 or email bilias@aol.com.

********************************************************************************************************

NAME______________________________________   COLLEGE________________________

GUESTS’ NAMES______________________________________________________________

TEL. ______________________  EMAIL_____________________________________________

I enclose a cheque for £__________for ___reservations. To pay by online banking quote our Sort Code 09 01 27, our Abbey bank account number 24096773 and your name, and send in this form.

I am unable to attend but enclose £__________as a donation to the Book Award fund.
Spring Event

"American Glamour and the Evolution of Modern Architecture"

Professor Alice T. Friendman
Grace Slack McNeil Professor of the History of American Art and Director of the McNeil Program for Studies in American Art

Prof. Friedman's talk will be followed by an update from Wellesley by Cameran Lougy Mason '84
Vice President for Resources and Public Affairs

Winston House, 3 Bedford Square London WC1B 3RA
Monday May 17
6:30pm - 8:30pm
RSVP by May 10: farida.el-gammal@jpmorgan.com

---

Invitation to Opera Holland Park
The management and trustees of Opera Holland Park (OHP) Friends are delighted to invite you to a performance of Pelléas et Mélisande by Debussy on the evening of Thursday 3 June in the lovely setting of London's Holland Park.

This is the first OHP production of Debussy's one and only operatic masterpiece, which tells the tragic story of a young woman's marriage and the crushing heartbreak of the love triangle which ensues. Olivia Fuchs, one of Europe's most accomplished directors, will create this production, with Brad Cohen conducting and Anne Sophie Duprels, Alan Opie and Anne Mason in lead roles.

The evening includes a glass of wine in the interval with the Opera Holland Park management team and the Chairman of the Friends (Wellesley Class of 1979).

Ticket prices are £46 and £39 each; to book, contact the Box Office on 0845 230 9769 Monday through Friday, between 1pm and 5pm - before Monday 6 April if possible, to take advantage of special priority booking. Please quote 'Wellesley UK Group Booking' when calling; questions? email friends@operahollandpark.

For more information on Opera Holland Park, casting and performances please visit www.operahollandpark.com.
The Seven Colleges Book Club 2009 / 2010
Our 16th year of reading began in September. Here is the 'second semester' reading list and schedule of the 7s Book Club. The books chosen continue to be wide ranging and will provide broad scope for our discussions. Sue Rees continues to lead the group. There is a fee of £4 for participation in each meeting. Please ring the host if you plan to attend. All meetings are held from 12 noon to 2 pm on a Wednesday.

28 April  
Deaf Sentence  
David Lodge  
Jill Montague-Smith's home  
tel: 01295 711 094

19 May  
The Other Hand  
Chris Cleave  
Sharon Seibel's home  
tel: 020 7603 6588

9 June  
Loving Frank  
Nancy Horan  
Sue Rees' home  
tel: 020 8455 8609

Keep Wellesley Up To Date

The Club would like to remind all alumnae that we use the College's alumna database as a basis for our mailing and emailing lists. As such, it is very important that you keep the College informed of your move to the UK or changes in your contact information. Please contact the College directly. You can update your information online when you visit the Alumnae Association website at http://www.wellesley.edu/alum. You can also contact the Alumnae Office directly by phone at +1 781 283 2331

Wellesley Club UK Membership Dues 2010

The club continues to use its 'CHOOSE YOUR OWN DUES' plan. Choose your own annual membership amount. All funds will go directly towards the production and mailing of the Club newsletters, club events and the directory. Please make cheques out to Wellesley Club UK and send to Liza Llewellyn at:

5 Westcroft Square London W6 0TB

If you have any questions, please phone 020 8846 9394

Wellesley Club UK Membership Dues 2010

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

Class of: ____________________________________________

Email: ____________________________________________

Tel: ____________________________________________