Dear CNY Alumna,

It’s hard to believe that just two years ago, the CNY Wellesley Club came into being by merging the Syracuse-Utica Wellesley Club with the New York “NO Club.” No, that’s not a typo. Every single alumna living in New York State where there was no active club was classified as “NO Club,” and all of them were in Central New York. So the idea of a “virtual club” was born. We are a regional club that depends on local representatives and local events. Over the past two years, we have held meetings (often several times) all over the CNY WC area; in Blue Mountain Lake, Corning, Ithaca, Oneonta, Seneca Falls, Syracuse, Trumansburg and Waterville.

I think we do two things very well for our size and number of members.

- First, we have members from all over who avidly support the book awards to high school junior women. See page 2 for more on the book awards, and please consider supporting them with an extra donation.
- Second, for our size, we have a lot of events! Some are big, some are small, but all are fun and enlightening encounters with a wonderful group of women. And the events are everywhere throughout Central New York. We continue to rely on YOU to volunteer to arrange the events for us; we will provide mailing and other support.

Now for one thing we don’t do very well (yet):

- We need to live within our means… and we need you to help provide our “means.” The purpose of any Wellesley Club is to connect alumnae with the college and with each other. For the first two years, we made three conscious decisions:
  a) To mail every piece to everyone. Mailings are symbols of activity and our hope that each alumna finds something to interest her.
  b) To charge only our cost for directories and events.
  c) To provide an updated directory to each member annually.

We were able to do these because of the generous support of patrons, book award supporters and others who consistently paid their dues. The WCAA gave us a donation to help jump start our outreach, and our bank changed their policies, releasing a small amount of money we previously had to keep idle.

Despite these sources of funds and the growth in members, we continue to spend more than we take in. This year we will find ways to fix this problem, but we need your help! We give out more books than we receive money to cover them. And we spend a great deal on very important communications like this newsletter, the reminders and communiqués about new and updated events.

Please support us by paying your dues; by supporting book awards; by organizing an event; by becoming an active volunteer, by participating in an event this year; by letting us know what we can do to engage you!
Many young women from around the region received book awards at the end of the 2006-07 academic year.

The awards are designed to introduce young women to Wellesley and recognize academic achievement. The high school juniors receive a copy of *The Norton’s Book of Women’s Lives*.

This year’s recipients were:

Elizabeth Vanacore - Auburn High School
Sarah Scott-Ellis - C.W. Baker High School
Lauren Porrino - Bishop Grimes High School
Lauren Van Wie - Bishop Ludden High School
Kaylee Underkofler - G. Ray Bodley High School
Maggie M. Dougherty - Cazenovia High School

Liza Magley - Christian Brothers Academy
Amanda L. Werbeck - Cicero-North Syracuse High School
Katherine Pfisterer - Clinton High School
Lindsey Massenzio - Corcoran High School
Chelsea Carges - East Syracuse-Minoa High School
Miriam Goldberg - Fayetteville-Manlius High School
Jasmine Wallace - Hamilton Central School
Molly M. Kuhl - Henninger High School
Anna K. Romano - Jamesville-DeWitt High School
Mia Quatrone - LaFayette High School
Jill Romano - Liverpool High School
Abigail G. Gotch - Manlius-Pebble Hill School
Rachel Farneti - Marcellus High School

Maureen Mokrzycki - Nottingham High School
Lindsey Lamphear - Westhill High School
Kathleen Cormier, of Onondaga Junior-Senior High School, will receive her book this fall.

Lib Hayes ’69 is the book award chairwoman and coordinates with local alums for the Central New York Wellesley Club. Add $20 to your dues payment if you are interested in sponsoring a book and giving your community a glimpse of Wellesley!

**Congratulations!**

Elizabeth Breese ’06 received an alumnae fellowship from Wellesley College.

She is originally from Walton and will start a graduate program in sociology at Yale University this fall.

Ann Allen ’55 was honored in May at the Women’s Fund of Herkimer and Oneida Counties spring luncheon. Allen started the fund in 1997. The organization works to find resources and funding for programs that benefit women and girls.

Susan Goldman, the daughter of Elizabeth Walton Goldman ’79, has been accepted to the Wellesley Class of 2011.

Caroline Mastin Welsh ’70 has been appointed director of the Adirondack Museum. Caroline had previously been chief curator and curator of art at the museum in Blue Mountain Lake.
News from the Mothership

The WCAA is looking to draw from your experiences to help students. The association is looking for more alumnae to become active in the “WNetwork,” which is an online feature through the association’s website. The WNetwork connects alumnae with other alumnae. The association wants to use the website to help students with mock interviews. Those interviews can either be done over the phone or in person. The college is having a “mockathon” of mock interviews Sept. 29. For more information, contact the association at (781) 283-2331, or go online to www.wellesley.edu/Alum.

Alison Greer ’87 has resigned as executive director of the association. Greer is leaving because her husband, a history professor, has accepted a tenure-track position in Pennsylvania, according to an e-mail from the association.

In Memoriam

In this past year we lost several active club members. Ruth Diefendorf ’31, of Cazenovia, died in March and Ruth Messenger ’44, of Manlius, died in May. Betty Brereton ’40 of Chittenango died in July. Elizabeth Overholser Nagle ’29 of Saranac Lake and June Meadows Petersen ’46 of Binghamton also died recently.

Messenger, pictured at right, was the mother of Anne Messenger ’68 and grandmother of Sarah Longley ’04. Ruth moved to the Syracuse area in 2000.

Diefendorf was a native of Syracuse and worked at the Diefendorf Gear Corporation in Syracuse. She was a 60-year member of the Cazenovia Shakespeare Club and was an active volunteer in the area.

Brereton lived in upstate New York throughout her life and received an MS from Cornell. She volunteered with the mentally and physically challenged, was a literacy volunteer and set national age-group swimming records well into her ’60s.

Virtual Day to Make a Difference

The worldwide Wellesley community is participating in a Day to Make a Difference again this year - but with a twist in CNY.

Given the wide-ranging geography and interests of alumnae, we challenge you (perhaps with a group of friends) to perform your personal day to make a difference sometime in the month of September.

What can you do? Walk or run to support a charity; clean up part of the environment; register new voters, feed the hungry, clothe the needy, house the homeless, educate someone... The list goes on.

Please e-mail or mail Leslie with the following information: What you’ll be doing - or did, where, when, and if you’d like others to join you.

We’ll collate the data and share it in the newsletter later this year.

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Be sure your information is up-to-date with Wellesley and the CNY Wellesley Club.

a) Log on to the online community at www.wellesley.edu/Alum/Community

b) E-mail updates@alum.wellesley.edu

c) Call (800) 339-5233

Please add wclubs@alum.wellesley.edu to your address book so you can receive the club e-mails.

Support the club: Pay your dues!

- Club Patron – $100 (includes one book)
- Active Member – $25
- Associate (Past or present faculty, administrators, parents) – $15
- Honorary (Class of ’55 and before or most recent class) – $15
- Book Award support. No. of books ____ @ $20 per book

Name ______________________________ Class ____
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Checks are payable to the CNY Wellesley Club. They should be mailed to CNY Wellesley Club Treasurer, c/o 12 Quaker Hill Road, Syracuse, N.Y., 13224. We also have PayPal. Send PayPal payments to cnywellesleyclub@gmail.com