Greetings!  I hope you’ll enjoy reading about the activities — past, present and future — of the Central New York Wellesley Club members from throughout the multi-county region.

I have a confession to make: I have always thought of myself as a member of the Wellesley Club, but before I became President of the Central NY Wellesley Club this year, I never considered how vital it is for me to:

• Be sure my information in the college database is correct
• Pay my dues for the 2005-6 year not later than Jan. 31

We use the college database for mailings and, more importantly, will publish a directory of CNY Wellesley Club alumnae and will send it to paid members in February. So please update your information not later than January 31! You can easily update your information by web, e-mail or telephone by:

a. Logging on to the Online-Community at http://www.wellesley.edu/Alum/Community
b. Emailing to updates@alum.wellesley.edu, or
c. Calling 1-800-339-5233

Also, if you are not yet a paid up member, please pay your dues by filling out and mailing the coupon on page 2.. You’ll get the club directory and our heartfelt thanks for supporting the club’s ongoing work.

I hope you’ll agree as you read this newsletter that the new area structure of the club has created a number of opportunities for connection and engagement that bring some proverbial sunshine to the CNY area.

My very best wishes to you and yours for a happy, healthy, peaceful and safe 2006.

Cheers to Elletta Sangrey Callahan ’79, Syracuse University Teacher of the Year!

Wellesley News

Message from the President

Callahan Receives Outstanding Teacher Award

DID YOU KNOW?

Alice Freeman Palmer, President of Wellesley at age 28, was born in 1855 in Colesville, Broome County, NY and moved to the village of Windsor, NY.

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Alumna Profile: Mary Doyle Zenon '82, Restaurateur

How did Waterville, NY land a Wellesley psychology major raised in Manhattan and her husband from Brissarthe, France (on the edge of the Loire Valley)? Simple: “We liked being in a small town,” says Mary Doyle Zenon ’82, co-owner with her husband Yves Zenon of La Petite Maison.

Having celebrated its 16th anniversary on December 19, 2005, La Petite Maison is now a fixture in Upstate NY fine dining. “I probably know 80 percent of the people who come in here every week and have a very good feel for what they’ll order,” notes Mary.

The couple knew they wanted to open a restaurant in a house. If ever the business failed, at least they would still have a home. While Yves worked in restaurants in NYC, they spent weekends taking trips in Upstate NY, Vermont and Maine. They happened upon this area through a realtor’s mailing and now according to Mary, “We are very happy here.” After an initial mailing to professors at Colgate and Hamilton and to doctors and lawyers, their business has been strictly through word of mouth. “We’ve never advertised.”

From Monday through Wednesday, the restaurant is closed — “We do family things,” says Mary, as the dog barks in the background, and she goes on to describe her feelings about watching her older son as he worked on an Eagle Scout project....and she couldn’t help. Both of her boys are fluent in French.

“I like being my own boss,” Mary says. “I really like 3 months off every year.” The restaurant closes in January so the Zenons can return to France to visit Yves’ family and allow him time to savor new dishes. “He comes back every year with different things he tries. Sixteen years ago when he started doing rabbit, we didn’t sell it at all. Now we sell out of it.”

This year, the restaurant will reopen on March 31. The menu will include the popular standards: duck, sweetbreads, steamed salmon with champagne sauce and fillet mignon. And — who knows what specials will return from France?

La Petite Maison is open Thurs.-Sat., 5-10, and Sun., 5-7. Phone: 315-841-8030.

I want to pay my dues!

□ Club Patron − $70  □ Active − $20
□ Associate (Past or present faculty, administrators, parent) − $10
□ Honorary (Class of ‘55 and before or most recent class) − $10
□ Book Award support − $20. No. of books ____ @ $20 per book

Name ___________________________________________ Class _________
Address __________________________________________

Phone ___________________________ E-mail ______________________

Total amount enclosed _________________. Please make checks payable to the CNY Wellesley Club and mail to CNY Wellesley Club Treasurer, 12 Quaker Hill Road, Syracuse, NY 13224.

And I’d like to help the Book Award.

Thanks so much! We’re excited — for the first time in club memory, awards are being made in the Elmira/Corning and Ithaca areas. Supporting all the awards are the dues-paying members from the CNY region. Contact Lib Hayes, haves@lemoyne.edu to help with delivery and/or presentations.
Leslie Molldrem ’72 traveled to Alumnae Leadership Council in fall 2005 and on behalf of the club, delivered ice cream gift certificates from the Vil to CNY students, including her daughter Christiana Molldrem ’06 (Syracuse), right, and Leslie Kelly Galvin ’07 (Elmira). She also visited the new Lulu Chow Wang Campus Center and forwarded the photo on the right, shot from Alumnae Valley.

On November 5, 2005, after a wonderful lunch at the home of Carol Krumhansl ’69, we got a special behind-the-scenes tour of the Johnson Museum at Cornell. Our tour guide, Museum Director and former Wellesley professor Frank Robinson, allowed us to get up close and personal with Rembrandt etchings and the museum’s superb collection of ceramics.

L to r: Carol Krumhansl ’69, Fran Gaither Tucker ’69, Lori DeFurio ’83, Hillary Rodham Clinton ’69, Lib Tracey Hayes ’69, Leslie Houck Molldrem ’72

L to r:  Jane Plummer Fenn ‘68, Leslie Houck Molldrem ’72, Joan Lee ’44, Millie Chu ’97, Ann McAdams ’56, Robinson, Frank O’Connor

L to r: Robinson, O’Connor, Anne Messenger ’68, Carolyn Pulford ’81

Ann McAdams ’56, Leslie Molldrem ’72, Joan Lee ’44, Robinson
February  You paid your dues? Terrific. You can expect a new CNY Wellesley Club Directory this month!

April 25  Maud Hazeltine Chaplin '56 speaks on her current research on privacy and modern technology. Catered dinner at Mary Darcy’s home in Fayetteville.
Drinks 5:00, buffet dinner 6:00, talk 7-9, linger after if you wish.
Reserve your spot with a check for $25.00 made out to:
the Central NY Wellesley Club
and mailed to:
CNY Wellesley Club Treasurer
12 Quaker Hill Road Syracuse, NY 13224
or email Mary Ellen at metrimble@alum.wellesley.edu
Maud has taught at Wellesley since 1968 where she has combined teaching and administrative duties. She was class dean for the classes of 1971 through 1973, and served as Dean of Students and Dean of the College. She originally taught in the History department, but she is now the Virginia Onderdonk ’29 Professor of Philosophy and recipient of the Pinanski Prize for Excellence in Teaching.
Syracuse alums will commit to providing B&B to those of you who prefer to spend the night. Please contact Alice Borning at 315-682-2203 if you would like to make B&B arrangements.

May or June  Corning Museum Tour — date and time TBD. Like to help in planning? Please contact Jane Fenn and her team at jfenn@stny.rr.com.

August  Ice Cream Social for alumnae, returning and new students and parents. Please let Fran Tucker know if you can help plan this event.

Sept. 9-10  Day to Make a Difference - exact date and details TBD
A service initiative designed to get alumnae clubs and individuals around the globe to participate in service projects in their communities. In the past we have worked at the Syracuse Food Bank and gathered recyclables for the Save the County Land Trust. Do you have a suggestion for 2006? We’d like to hear it!

BREAKING NEWS!
Oct 7–8:  CNY Wellesley Club in the Adirondacks
We are hoping to hold a Saturday-Sunday retreat at Minnowbrook, Syracuse University’s Great Camp in Blue Mountain Lake. You may invite your spouse, significant other or a good friend to join you. The accommodations and the surroundings are incomparable. One night, three meals and run of the lodge, the grounds and the Adirondacks in the Fall costs $225 per person (single occupancy) or $350 per room (two beds) if double occupancy. If you are interested in and/or can help with planning and executing this exciting program, please contact Fran Tucker at fgtucker@alum.wellesley.edu. To meet the deposit requirement, we must ask you to make a non refundable deposit to secure the lodge by writing a check made out to the CNY Wellesley Club and mailing it to: CNY Wellesley Club Treasurer c/o 12 Quaker Hill Road, Syracuse, New York 13224. For more information on the facility, go to www.minnowbrook.org.