Dear Club Presidents and Alumnae Leaders,

The grass is green, the trees and flowers are blooming, and the sky is ever so blue—signs of spring are everywhere at Wellesley; however, I think someone forgot to turn up the thermostat. It is still very chilly here, but just wait a week, it could be 100º – remember that if you plan to return for reunion, June 9–11. Ahhh ... spring in New England!

Although spring offers new beginnings, it is also the time for the year-end wrap up of our club work and reflection on the year’s successes, which this newsletter addresses. At this time of year, we also face many changes and challenges. A couple of issues I would like you to think about are:

• leadership transitions and club by-laws (see page 5)
• diversity on your board and within the club structure.

Wellesley boasts of being one of the most diverse colleges in the country, and yet, many of our clubs struggle to engage women of color. We would like to encourage club leaders to do more outreach and make a commitment to recruit ALANA alumnae volunteers. Sometimes, it takes that personal touch, a phone call to invite or to discuss volunteer opportunities. We hope that many of you will accept this challenge and make those phone calls.

As your club begins to plan for next year, please carefully consider all the information in this issue of The Club Leader and enclosed with this mailing:

• year-end reports—annual, financial and club officers
• faculty speaker information and request form
• information on Alumnae Leadership Council, Oct 13-15
• request for Center for Work and Service programs

Please remember the importance of submitting your club’s reports by June 30th—either by returning the enclosed forms or completing them online. Over the summer, we will process requests and plan for ALC. Help us help you by returning the forms as soon as possible.

As we close the year, Karen and I would like to remind all club leaders that your dedication never ceases to amaze us—your willingness to serve not only Wellesley, but also other alumnae, as well as current and future students. As Wellesley ambassadors—bridging the past, supporting today, and building the future—the role you play is critical in keeping Wellesley’s connections strong. We appreciate all that you do and thank you for your volunteer service.

Have a wonderful and safe summer. We hope to see you at ALC in October!
Year-end Reports
We Need To Hear From You!

May is the time when seniors are trying to figure out what they will do next year, the classes and reunion staff are preparing for reunion, and the clubs office is touching base with each of the world-wide alumnae clubs to see how things are going. In other words, it’s May-hem!

June 30th marks the end of the fiscal year and with that, we need to hear from you about your club’s finances and activities. It’s time to submit your year-end reports!

The information you provide in this report is essential to the Alumnae Office because we must report to the Internal Revenue Service on the activities of all Wellesley clubs. Clubs who fail to report to us are in danger of losing their federal tax exemption and protection under the Alumnae Association’s umbrella. In addition, we use the information about your club’s membership and programs to improve our services to the clubs. Financial reports will be mailed to all club treasurers or club presidents if no treasurer is listed.

Annual Report – www.wellesley.edu/alum/annualreport.html
Last year, only about 63% of clubs submitted their annual reports. It is important that the Alumnae Office receive your club’s annual report so that we can find out what you did for programs over the past year and how the Alumnae Office can better support you in the future. We summarize the findings from the annual report at Alumnae Leadership Council in the fall, and the more clubs that submit their reports, the more useful the information will be to you and other club volunteers.

Club Officers Report – www.wellesley.edu/alum/clubofficersreport.html
Lastly, don’t forget to submit your club officers report. We use this information to code your volunteers in our database so that each person receives the appropriate mailings. We need your help in keeping our club volunteer database up to date.

Thank you for taking the time to complete these reports. If you have any questions about these reports, please contact Karen at 781-283-2310 or kkerns@wellesley.edu.

Day to Make a Difference – SEPTEMBER 9–10

This fall, the Alumnae Association and the Center for Work and Service will celebrate the seventh anniversary of our Day To Make A Difference. This annual tradition embodies the College’s motto, Non Ministrari sed Ministrare, by designating a day for alumnae to undertake service projects in their local areas and to give back to their communities. Our hope is that Wellesley women around the world will work in partnership with service organizations to do what Wellesley women do best—make a difference in the world.

Wellesley College has designated September 9-10 as its Day(s) to Make A Difference. Wellesley alumnae, students, faculty, staff, and friends will reach out to the greater Boston area to assist with various projects from collecting interview clothes for women’s shelters, to cleaning up parks, playgrounds, and beaches. We encourage your club to plan a service project at this time or at another time more convenient for your club’s members. Start planning now and keep us informed of your club’s volunteer work.

Alumnae Leadership Council – OCTOBER 13-15
Save the date! Send us your ideas!

Alumnae Leadership Council (ALC) is a weekend-long training program at Wellesley College for alumnae volunteers. It’s an opportunity for club officers to learn about the resources and services available to them through the Alumnae Association and to share information and advice with other club volunteers. Throughout the weekend, club delegates attend workshops and small group discussions on topics such as club communications, career programs, admissions, club leadership, and programming. If you have any ideas for workshops you would like to see at ALC, please let us know by emailing wclubs@alum.wellesley.edu or by calling Susan at 781-283-2330. Also, if you are interested in leading a workshop or small group discussion, we welcome and need your ideas.

Each club may send one delegate per 100 alumnae in the club for up to a maximum of three delegates. New club presidents and officers are especially encouraged to attend. If your club needs assistance with transportation costs, please contact Susan. We have limited funds available for ALC travel. To be considered for assistance, a club’s current financial report must be on file in the Alumnae Office. More information about this year’s ALC will be provided in the fall 2006 issue of The Club Leader.

Summer Symposium

Each June, the Alumnae Association welcomes alumnae from across the country and around the world back to campus for a week-long educational expedition on a particular topic. This year’s Summer Symposium, “Grow Old Along With Me: The Baby Boomers Come of Age,” will be held from June 4–9. Whether you are a baby boomer or not, everyone will be affected when the first of the baby boomer generation (an estimated 77 million people!) retire in 2011. We invite you to join in this fascinating educational experience. If you would like to be a part of this exciting week, please contact Andrea Peers Robbins at 781-283-2398 or apeers@wellesley.edu, or visit our website at www.wellesley.edu/Alum/Events/Symposium/.
Faculty Speaker Program

Faculty speaker events continue to be the highlight of club programs. This year, over 50 clubs hosted Wellesley College faculty speakers. We also scheduled two alumnae speakers—Lynn Sherr ’63 for the Wellesley in South Carolina and Coastal Georgia club, and Becky Mayer ’49 for the Pittsburgh Wellesley Club to talk about her trip with the WCAA Travel Expeditions. Faculty find club events to be extremely rewarding. After a return from the Central New York Wellesley Club, Professor Maud Chaplin said, “very engaging group of alumnae ... almost all had something interesting to say about the topic ... I had a marvelous time!” Or as Professor Elena Creef indicated after her visit with the Utah Wellesley Club, “I loved visiting with this club. It was a pure pleasure. I feel like I learned so much from them through the exchange of our ideas.” This program works for clubs and professors—a win-win situation.

Professors indicate that club events are well attended by dynamic and engaging alumnae, people interested in being informed on current topics and about life at Wellesley today. Also, it is worthwhile to note that our clubs continue to treat faculty like “royalty,” which is appreciated by both professors and the Alumnae Office. Many thanks to club leaders and volunteers for planning these educational programs and for entertaining visiting faculty.

Admission

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The Office of Admission and our Alumnae Admission Representatives (AARs) have been hard at work recruiting and enrolling the class of 2010. As the admission cycle comes to a close, I would like to share several highlights from this past season.

Our accepted students represent a diversity of experiences and talents. They include a junior U.S. table-tennis champion, a ranch hand, a classical-music radio-show host, a dog-show trainer, an award-winning calligrapher, a kite builder, an origami artist, and a flamenco dancer! Below is some statistical information about the admitted class:

- Students from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and 36 countries are included in this group.
- 63 percent of the admitted group attend public school and 37 percent attend private/parochial schools.
- ALANA (African American, Latina/Hispanic, Asian American, and Native American) students comprise 46 percent of the admitted class.
- Nine percent are alumnae relatives.
- Ten percent will be the first in their family to attend college.

Our AARs and club volunteers play a vital role throughout the admission cycle. By supporting the Book Awards Program, interviewing, and attending college fairs this year, alumnae volunteers helped us to connect with over 3,500 prospective students. We are especially appreciative of the AARs and clubs who hosted a record number of yield events for accepted students all over the country. A total of 23 events were held in cities including New York, Houston, Los Angeles, and Boston.

The work of our volunteers is invaluable and makes it possible for us to attract such a remarkable group of students to Wellesley College. We are grateful to all of our volunteers for their commitment and dedication.

Please take the time to review the list of speakers for 2006–2007 and return your request form to Susan as soon as possible. Several clubs were disappointed this year when speakers could not be scheduled for their club events. It is very difficult to book professors for the very beginning of the year and again at the end of the year. If your club meeting is scheduled for either of these time periods, make sure your request comes in VERY early. January, March, and April seem to be the most popular months for speaker events as many clubs combine the speaker events with prospective student events in January and with admitted student events in April. Plan ahead!

Book Awards

Sparking Interest in Wellesley around the World

Many clubs have been focusing their efforts on admission-related activities and it certainly shows with the Book Award Program. There are nearly 140 alumnae volunteers involved with this program, either as book award chairs, book award team volunteers, or individual alumnae sponsoring books for their hometown high schools. These volunteers will be awarding over 1,400 books in 43 states and several international countries—and the book orders are still coming in! For those students who may not be considering Wellesley or who may never have heard of Wellesley, receiving the Book Award is often the one thing that sparks their interest in the College. Once again, our amazing network of alumnae has successfully sparked interest in Wellesley all over the world.

The Alumnae Association and the Office of Admission appreciate the time, energy, and generosity of all the alumnae who make this program a success. Please help us recognize and thank the volunteers who placed the name of Wellesley College into the hands of high-school students in your area.
Congratulations to Our Clubs!

The Clubs Office would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our clubs and volunteers for their efforts, time, and dedication. Each one of our clubs contributes to an amazing network of Wellesley connections that serve to bring alumnae closer to each other and to the College. Thank you for all that you do! A few of our clubs went above and beyond in their service to alumnae and the College and we have highlighted their achievements below:

The Book Award Program:
- The Washington Wellesley Club (DC) awarded 78 books this year and the Atlanta Wellesley Club awarded 72 books. These two clubs once again topped our list for awarding the most number of books.
- The Columbus Wellesley Club and the Chicago Wellesley Club reinstated their book award programs this year.
- The Cleveland Wellesley Club gave out four times as many books this year as they did last year.

Over 70 clubs participated in the Book Award Program – congratulations and thank you to all of you!

Newsletters
- Clubs in Utah, Cleveland, Austin, Cape Cod, and Nashville all produced wonderful newsletters this past year.
- The Wellesley College Club of Los Angeles and the Indianapolis Wellesley Club are sending e-newsletters via broadcast e-mail as a way to save on postage.

Many of our clubs continue to create outstanding newsletters! We appreciate all the hard work that our club newsletter editors devote to this important communication tool.

Club Fundraiser: Book Sales
- Every spring since 1961, the Vermont Wellesley Club and the New Hampshire Wellesley Club participate in the Five Colleges Book Sale (www.five-collegesbooksale.org) raising scholarship funds for VT and NH students.
- The Central New Jersey Wellesley Club, together with Bryn Mawr College alumnae and friends, held its 75th annual book sale in March. Apparently, used books generate decent profits as both sales net a donation of more than $10,000 to the clubs’ scholarship funds.

Clubs That Reactivated This Past Year:
- The Central New York Wellesley Club (formerly the Syracuse/Utica Wellesley Club) reached out to a greater geographic area, pulling in alumnae from areas of New York not covered by established clubs. This has resulted in greater alumnae connections and increased membership.
- The Mid-Hudson Wellesley Club has dynamic new leadership and a wonderful new website (www.wellesley.edu/alum/midhudson.html).

Clubs That Hosted April Yield Events for Admitted Students:
- Columbus Wellesley Club
- Washington (D.C.) Wellesley Club
- Wellesley-in-Westchester
- Wellesley-on-Long Island
- Wellesley Club of Pasadena
- West Bay Wellesley Club
- Wellesley-in-Philadelphia
- Chicago Wellesley Club
- New York Wellesley Club
- Utah Wellesley Club
- Wellesley Club of Northern California
- Western Maine Wellesley Club
- Wellesley Club of Central New Jersey
- Washington State Wellesley Club
- Wellesley College Alumnae of Boston
- Southern Connecticut Wellesley Club
- Fairfield Villages Wellesley Club
- Wellesley Club in San Diego
- Wellesley Club of Houston
- Wellesley Club of Minnesota
- Wellesley College Club of Los Angeles
- Wellesley College Club of Houston
- Wellesley College Club of Minnesota
- Wellesley College Club of Los Angeles

Club Presidents That Attended Regional Inaugurations
Throughout the year, the President’s Office often calls on the Alumnae Association to find Wellesley ambassadors to attend various college and university inaugurations around the country. We would like to thank the many club presidents who represented Wellesley College at these events this past year.

Alumnae Store
Does your club have a sales item to sell at reunion store 2006? If so, please contact Karen at kkerns@wellesley.edu or 781-283-2310 to discuss your item. Karen will send you an inventory sheet to complete and mail with your merchandise. All items must be received in the Clubs Office no later than May 31, and arrangements must be made for unsold items to be picked up after reunion.

Throughout the year, your sales item can be sold through our online Alumnae Store: www.wellesley.edu/alum/store/.

Don’t have a sales item? If you are interested in learning how to get one for your club, please contact Karen to discuss your ideas.

Is Your Information Up-to-date?
If your name, address, phone number, or email has changed, please remember to update your personal information with the Wellesley College Alumnae Association by:
- Logging on to the Online Community at www.wellesley.edu/alum/community;
- Emailing updates@alum.wellesley.edu; or
- Calling 1-800-339-5233

Thank you for helping us keep our alumnae records up-to-date!
WINNERS ROLL ON: President Diana Chapman Walsh To Resign

On a beautiful but rather cool spring day, Allison Kramer, a senior from New Jersey majoring in international relations and Spanish, won the 111th hoop rolling competition at Wellesley College. At the end of this annual race, President Diana Chapman Walsh ’66 presented flowers to Allison, whose classmates promptly tossed her into the very cold water of Lake Waban. Tradition declares that the winner of this race will be the first in her class to achieve success, however she defines it.

Forty years ago, Diana Chapman, herself, rolled passed her 1966 classmates to finish first in the hoop-rolling contest. That symbolic moment showing a young woman’s determination perhaps foretold of her future leadership taking the College successfully into the 21st century.

As you must know by now, President Diana Chapman Walsh announced her decision to end her tenure as president in June 2007. Regarding this announcement, Vicki Herget ’73, chair of the Board of Trustees, best summarizes the way so many of us feel: “Diana Chapman Walsh is an extraordinary leader who has strengthened Wellesley in countless ways ... The College is deeply indebted to Diana for her selfless and devoted service.” Needless to say, we will all be sad to see Diana leave the College; fortunately, she will forever remain a part of this community.

As they roll off to the future, following their dreams, we wish both Allison and Diana well. May that symbolic hoop rolling victory truly represent the successful paths of their lives. Allison has very big footsteps to follow, but then she has a great network of sisterhood to see her through her journey.

PASSING THE TORCH: The Leadership Transition

At the end of June, many of our club leaders will pass the torch to new volunteers. For those who are moving on, we applaud you for your service and dedication. Your hard work has strengthened Wellesley connections all around the world and we are grateful for all that you have done for Wellesley College. As we say thank you (but hopefully not good-bye!), we will look to our new volunteers to resume the rewarding work of keeping alumnae connected to each other and to the College.

As new leaders take the helm, it is important to remind them to build strong boards, delegate work, and always keep an eye out for the next set of leaders. Finding the next club president is a critical step in keeping a club active and strong. For some clubs, the next club president may be an obvious and easy choice. For others, the transition of leadership may be more difficult. Therefore, the Alumnae Association encourages all clubs to amend their by-laws to include the following:

Article 5, Section 6: “Appointed Leader or Committee: In the absence of elected officers, the Wellesley College Alumnae Association may appoint a leader or committee to serve during reorganization or until an election can be held.”

Incorporating this into your club’s by-laws will help the Alumnae Association with a club’s reorganization and/or reactivation. Just as President Diana Chapman Walsh recognized the right time to step aside and make new beginnings for herself, a club president should do the same.

Natalie Golden, outgoing president of the New Hampshire Wellesley Club, wrote a wonderful letter in the club’s newsletter that illustrates true leadership and the ability to step aside after a successful tenure as the club president:

“I have learned a lot about myself through this experience. I hate to call people to ask for things. I can delegate when I need to. My Wellesley experience continues to nourish me long after graduation. ... I realize that just as I was ready to leave Wellesley after four years, I am ready to move on to another part of my life. When I need that connection to the College and her wonderful alumnae, I can find that in a club meeting or some other volunteer position. Ministering to others requires breaks when you must minister to yourself. May we all find that balance in life.”

To all of club leaders—coming and going—thank you for keeping the tradition of “Non Ministrari sed Ministrare!” We appreciate your service to Wellesley.
Club Travels

Whether in the air or on the road, I always enjoy the opportunity to connect with alumnae in their area—experience their communities, see club leaders in action, meet as many alumnae as possible and express the Alumnae Association’s appreciation for all that club leaders do for Wellesley. We like to get the message out that we regard our club leaders as some of Wellesley’s best ambassadors.

Folly Patterson ’85 and I traveled to San Francisco in early November to visit with the West Bay and the Northern California Wellesley clubs. After presenting programs to both clubs, we were escorted about the area by Melissa King ’92, the Northern California Wellesley Club president. Later this year, I was pleased to find out Melissa was asked to sit on the board of the Alumnae Association—good work, Melissa! Also this fall, I traveled to the Mid-Hudson Club (NY) area to attend an organizational luncheon to discuss club reactivation. Experience has shown me that one well-organized, devoted Wellesley woman can pull alumnae together to share their Wellesley sisterhood. Janet Jones ’93 proved this point by establishing a great board and launching the Mid-Hudson club off to a good start.

In March, I was in Florida connecting with clubs in Tampa Bay, Sarasota, and Palm Beaches—all great, strong clubs with many dedicated volunteers. I also met with volunteers in Central Florida who struggle to keep this club alive but remain committed to making the club work for Wellesley.

Also in March, WCAA Executive Director Alison Greer ’87 and I attended a luncheon with the South Carolina and Coastal Georgia club in Charleston, S.C. with Lynn Sherr ’63 addressing the group on the passions that have driven her work. Past, current, and future WCAA presidents attended this club event, as well as several other current WCAA board members and of course, club officers. What a group! Special thanks to Laura Daignault Gates ’72, incoming WCAA president, for her gracious hospitality in her lovely, historic home. Also, special thanks to club leaders Lynn Rothschild Gagnon ’73 and Barbara Teare Swift ’57 for planning this terrific program and wonderful weekend.

I would certainly be amiss not to mention attending local Boston events and board meetings and all the wonderful alumns who work so hard to manage this very large club—just getting out the bi-annual newsletter is a major accomplishment!

This spring, Karen Kerns hit the road with Maud Hazeltine Chaplin ’56 to visit with the newly reorganized Central New York club. Karen and I ended our year’s travel with the Southern Connecticut Wellesley club in Darien, C.T. where 68 alumnae and guests attended a luncheon to hear Professor Karl “Chip” Case speak on real estate.

All in all, it has been a busy year on the road. However, no matter where we go, we are greeted by our warm, Wellesley friends—people who make us feel right at home regardless of where we are. We enjoyed sharing your Wellesley club experiences and appreciate all of your wonderful hospitality.

www.wellesley.edu/alum/clubleader.html

Alumnae Achievement Awards

Do you know someone in your club area who should be considered for an Achievement Award? Nominations are due in the Alumnae Office by August 1 of each year and are reviewed throughout the fall and winter by a rotating committee of seven alumnae, who are appointed by the WCAA Board of Directors. Nominations are now being accepted for the 2008 Alumnae Achievement Awards. Please visit our website for more information on this year’s recipients and the nomination process: www.wellesley.edu/Alum/Awards/AAA/.