Dear Club Leaders,

Spring is finally here, and once again, we are closing the door on another busy but very rewarding year of working and volunteering for Wellesley. We hope each of you have enjoyed your role as a volunteer leader—a role that is imperative to the success of our Wellesley clubs and our connections across the United States and around the world. Your work is valuable to us, and we appreciate the time and effort you devote to being a Wellesley leader.

This spring, Wellesley will host the inauguration of the College’s 13th president, H. Kim Bottomly. Kim has spent the year getting to know the campus and the “Wellesley ways.” We look forward to taking Kim on the road and giving our alumnae a chance to hear her speak about her vision for Wellesley’s future. Earlier this year, Kim was well received by the Wellesley College Club of Los Angeles. She will meet with the Boston club in May, and over the summer, the Cape Cod and the Eastern Maine Wellesley Clubs. Over the next few years, we hope Kim will visit with as many clubs as her time and schedule will allow.

In wrapping up this year, we would like to remind you of the importance of submitting your club’s yearly reports. The annual, officers, and the financial reports are all important to us as a record and history of your club. In order to comply with Wellesley’s sustainability efforts and reduce our consumption of paper, we will not be mailing paper copies of these reports. We request that our club leaders go online to our Club Resources web page (http://www.wellesley.edu/alum/volunteer/clubs) and electronically complete the year-end reports. There will be a change in financial reporting this year as federal regulations governing 501(c)(3) organizations have changed and now require that all such organizations (our alumnae clubs) file directly with the IRS. We still ask that each club submit a financial report with the Alumnae Office. Instructions on how to file with the IRS will be sent to each club treasurer or president later in May or June.

For those leaders who are stepping down from your role as a club president, we extend a special thank you for your volunteer service and for keeping your club strong and healthy. We hope you remind your successor that leading a group of Wellesley women is an honor and a privilege. Yes, it takes time, energy, and commitment, but in this role, you are helping to build a stronger and better network of women who will make a difference in our world.

Again, many thanks for all that you do for Wellesley. Please mark your calendars for Alumnae Leadership Council, Oct 17-19, and plan to return to Wellesley for this important training.

Have a safe and fun summer. We hope to see you in October!

Cheers,

Susan Lohin     Karen Kerns

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As most of you know, ALC is an annual fall weekend training program at Wellesley College for alumnae volunteer leaders. It is an opportunity for club and class officers to learn more about the resources and services available to them through the Alumnae Association, and an opportunity to share information, ideas, and advice with other volunteer leaders. Throughout the weekend, club delegates attend workshops and small group discussions on topics such as club communications, career programs, admissions, club leadership, and programming while also getting up-to-date information on “Wellesley Today” to share with your clubs.

For many of our clubs, the recruitment of new students is a major part of what they do to serve Wellesley; so for 2008, we will be joining forces with the Admission Office who will be inviting their volunteers, Alumnae Admission Representatives, to ALC training. Clubs do not need to pay for an AAR’s transportation to attend this conference. These volunteers will be guests of the Admission Office and should work directly with the Admission Office on their reservations. There are a limited number of AAR slots available. Admission volunteers who receive an invitation should reply right away. This will be a great opportunity for clubs and admission volunteers to work closely together to strengthen their service with Wellesley’s admission outreach.

For ALC training, each club may send one delegate per 100 alumnae in the club for a maximum of three delegates. If your club’s AAR is attending ALC, she will not count towards your delegate count. Although we highly encourage and think that it is very important for all new club presidents and officers to attend ALC, we also recognize the importance of this training for club officers who are returning for a second or third year...and sometimes more! (To read more about returning for a second year of training, please see the article by Wendy Youngblood ’91, co-president of the Fairfield Villages Wellesley Club.) If your club needs assistance with transportation costs, please contact Susan Lohin. 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.

If you have ideas for workshops you would like to have discussed or presented at ALC, please let us know by e-mailing wclubs@alum.wellesley.edu or by calling Susan at 781-283-2330. Also, if you are interested in leading a workshop or group discussion, we certainly would like to hear from you. We welcome and need club officers to participate with volunteer training! More detailed information about this year’s ALC will be provided in the fall 2008 issue of The Club Leader.

**WHY ATTEND ALC?**

**A Club President Gives Her Perspective**

Wendy Youngblood ’91, co-president, Fairfield Villages Wellesley Club

**Why Should I Go To ALC in October?**

I’m so...

a. busy
b. stressed
c. far away (e.g. I live in CA/FL/France; or close (e.g. I live in Boston/Worcester/CT)
d. unsure of how it would benefit my club
e. any combination of the above

As a teacher on spring break, I realize I've fallen into the professional snare of communicating in Formative Assessment Speak, in this case, multiple choice. But I think for most of us, the reasons for not attending the College’s Alumnae Leadership Council align pretty closely with one of the above options. As a two-time attendee of ALC, I want to tell you:

**IT’S SO WORTH IT—GO!**

Attending ALC was one of the highlights of my year for the past two years. Having said that, let me come clean: I have a demanding job, a hockey-addicted husband, and two very young children. So the complexity of your hesitation/motivation relationship may be different from mine. For those of a more measured and rational bent, here are three main reasons to attend ALC:

1. As a club leader, you need to attend the excellent training sessions offered by the College staff. These range from technology workshops on how to use the W Network, how to send broadcast e-mails to your members, and how to set up a club webpage, to workshops on leadership, programming, and membership. These sessions are focused to your needs as a club leader. They are extremely informative, and presenters take care to answer questions on the spot. Hard copies of presentations are available for you to share with your membership (a great idea for a fall meeting “event”!) This way, your club members can maximize their own use of the tools the College offers to alumnae. Also, you get important updates about admissions, changes in College curriculum, and other salient issues. It really makes you proud to see how beautifully the College is integrating change (can you “stay modern”?) while respecting tradition.

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**Year-End Reports**

**The checklist:**
- Annual Report
- Officers Report
- Financial Report
  - report to the Alumnae Office
  - gift form with check
  - ALC travel fund form with check
  - IRS form completed by Nov 15th
- Faculty Speaker Request
- Center for Work and Service Request

It is that time of year again—time to submit your club’s year-end reports. These reports allow us to get an annual snapshot of each club’s finances, leadership, membership, and programming so that we can assess how our clubs are doing and what the Alumnae Association can do to better support you. Specifically, this information helps us plan for the upcoming year by showing us what topics to cover at Alumnae Leadership Council in the fall. We want your help in keeping our club volunteer database up to date.

**Annual Report**

The annual report is not only helpful to us in the Alumnae Office but it also is a helpful record for your club as new volunteers transition into leadership roles. In the fall, we summarize the information from the annual reports and share the findings with the club delegates at Alumnae Leadership Council.

**Club Officers Report**

Who are your club officers? Over the summer, we code your volunteers in our database so that each person receives the appropriate information from our office. We need your help in keeping our club volunteer database up to date.

**Financial Report**

All clubs must submit a financial report form to the Alumnae Office. In late May, an email with a link to this financial report form will be sent to club treasurers (or club presidents if no treasurer is listed). We ask that clubs submit this form as soon as possible after the closing of your fiscal year, June 30, 2008, and no later than August 15th. However, the College has a more definite deadline for club donations. If your club is making a donation to the College, your check must be postmarked by June 30 and received in this office by July 10th in order for your donation to be credited to this fiscal year. We also ask that all clubs contribute to our ALC travel fund.

Previously, only those clubs with gross receipts totaling more than $25,000 (which is never more than one or two of our largest clubs) were (and are) required to report directly to the IRS with Form 990 or 990EZ. This year, however, due to new legislation, Pension Protection Act of 2006, all 501(c)(3) organizations with gross receipts less than $25,000 must now submit directly to the IRS. Details of how to do this will be sent to each club treasurer. She will have until the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of our fiscal year to file, that is, Nov 15th. If your club fails to file with the IRS for three consecutive years, your tax-exempt status will be revoked as of the filing due date of the third year. To reinstate your tax-exempt status will be a process and cost a fee. Please check with your treasurer that this is done.

**Other Forms:**

(Also available on the Club Resources web page at http://www.wellesley.edu/Alum/Volunteer/Clubs)

**Faculty Speaker Request Form**

Get your request in early—especially if you are looking for a fall speaker. We prefer that all speaker requests come to us over the summer….please!

**Center for Work and Service Requests**

Would your club like to host a career or service workshop? Folly Patterson, CWS, associate director of alumnae career programs, will travel to your club to facilitate a career/service workshop. Please visit our Club Resources web page to learn about the CWS career program options, and email your request and possible program dates to Susan in the club office.

Thank you for taking the time to complete these reports. If you have any questions, please contact the clubs office at wclubs@alum.wellesley.edu.

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**Why Attend ALC continued from page 2**

2. You need to attend the club leaders’ meetings in which you and your counterparts from around the world discuss issues that are directly relevant to your club (membership, programming (events), dues, communication, etc.). Not only is this a positive networking tool, but you take ideas from other clubs and tailor them for your own use. This has proved tremendously rewarding for our club.

3. You need to reconnect with the College. Do not underestimate the value in this. It is a vital part of your ability to sustain the energy and drive needed in your capacity as club leader, especially if you are far away or years removed from graduation. You are a club leader in part because you feel an important connection to the College. Go back, walk around the lake, marvel at the still-new Lulu, tour the Davis Museum, talk to students…it will fill you with a sense of yourself at that age, of your own experience, and refuel you for another fun and productive year of club stewardship.

Last time I left, I smiled the whole drive home, (albeit only three hours to CT, but you get the point.)
Day to Make a Difference — SEPTEMBER 6–7

The Day To Make A Difference program encourages alumnae to designate a day to undertake service projects in their local area and to give back to their communities. Now in its ninth year, Wellesley’s Day To Make A Difference has successfully brought together alumnae from around the world in a global partnership of “giving back,” a true example of the College motto, Non Ministrari sed Ministrare.

Wellesley College and the Alumnae Association has designated Sept 6–7 as our 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—take pictures and share with us. If you need ideas for how your club can join in this collective effort to give back to our communities, please contact us at wclubs@alum.wellesley.edu.

Yield Events

Thank you to the clubs who held yield events this spring. Events were held in 16 states across the United States as well as three international countries. Yield events, or admitted student events, are opportunities for admitted students to experience the true spirit of the alumnae community before making their decisions to attend Wellesley. Many clubs organized panel discussions with young alumnae so the admitted students and their parents could ask questions about Wellesley’s academics, student life, life after college, and the incredible value of the alumnae network. We appreciate all the hard work and time our clubs have dedicated to making these important admission events a success.

Clubs that held yield events this spring:
Wellesley Club of Arkansas
Wellesley Club of Northern California
Pasadena Wellesley Club
West Bay Wellesley Club
Wellesley College Club of Los Angeles
Wellesley College Club of San Diego
Sacramento Wellesley Club
Greater Denver Area Wellesley Club
Southern Connecticut Wellesley Club
Fairfield Villages Wellesley Club
The Hartford Wellesley Club
Washington Wellesley Club
Chicago Wellesley Club
Wellesley College Alumnae of Boston
Wellesley Club of Worcester
Wellesley Club of Winchester
Merrimack Valley Wellesley Club
North Shore Wellesley Club
Baltimore Wellesley Club
Wellesley Club of Minnesota
Kansas City Wellesley Club
Wellesley Club of Central New Jersey
The New Jersey Wellesley Club
Englewood Wellesley Club
Wellesley-in-Westchester
Central New York Wellesley Club
New York Wellesley Club
Oklahoma Wellesley Club
Wellesley-in-Philadelphia
Wellesley College Club of Dallas
Wellesley Club of Houston
Wellesley Club of San Antonio
Utah Wellesley Club
Wellesley Club of Hong Kong
Wellesley Club of India
Wellesley Club of Taiwan

If your club hosted an event and is not listed, please contact Susan or Karen to let us know. Also, if your club is not listed because you did not host such a program, we hope that you might contact us to discuss hosting an April yield event in 2009 as a service and outreach for Wellesley. We would like to see this list grow each year.

Alumnae Achievement Awards

Do you know someone in your club area who should be considered for an Achievement Award? Nominations for the 2010 Alumnae Achievement Awards are due in the Office of the Alumnae Association by Aug 1. Nominees are reviewed by a rotating committee of seven alumnae, who are appointed by the WCAA Board of Directors. Please visit our web site for more information on this year’s recipients and the nomination process: http://www.wellesley.edu/Alum/Awards/AAA/.

We encourage you to include this information in your club communications.

Book Awards

Rebecca Celis ’03, Young Alumnae Representative and Alumnae Admission Representative, Minnesota Wellesley Club

“If it had not been for the Book Award, I never would have discovered the amazing community of women that is Wellesley.”

Ten years ago, I received the Wellesley Book Award at a school-wide awards ceremony my junior year. Inside the book was a hand-written note from a local alumna and a postcard of Wellesley. Although I’d of course heard of Wellesley, I had considered neither going so far away from my mid-western roots (Rochester, MN), nor applying to such a prestigious school. I was very honored by the award, however, and began to gain confidence that a school like Wellesley might be within my reach. Since the Book Award got me on the Wellesley mailing list, I began to receive all sorts of glossy brochures. The romantic images of Galen Stone tower and the statistics on academic life soon had me dreaming about going east. During my campus visit in the fall, I realized that I could see myself at Wellesley. I was inspired by the place, and I knew it would be my first choice. If it had not been for the Book Award, I never would have discovered the amazing community of women that is Wellesley. Thank you for the work you do on the Book Award program in your communities!
THE CLASS OF 2012!
Yes….2012!

Acceptance letters were mailed out at the end of March to many eager young women. Out of 4102 applications received by the Office of Admission, 35 percent were admitted. 49 percent of the admitted students are ALANA students and 9 percent have alumnae relatives.

The Class of 2012 includes an aerial dancer, a fly-fishing enthusiast, a Chinese brush painter, an organic farmer, an apprentice chef, an aspiring food critic, a Celtic fiddler, a documentary filmmaker, and competitive athletes, including figure skaters, a curler, runners, rowers, and fencers. Students have participated in human rights organizations addressing issues from public health to trafficking, launched nonprofit organizations to donate books and medical supplies to communities in need around the world, and organized efforts to make a difference closer to home. They have conducted scientific research, designed projects to study Parkinson’s disease, hydraulic jump mechanics, the growth and development of the horseshoe crab, and the domestication of the huckleberry. They are quite an accomplished group of young women!

Thank you to all of our alumnae volunteers who helped these young women learn about Wellesley and the amazing power of the alumnae network. For most students, it is the personal connection with alumnae that makes the difference in their college decision-making process. We appreciate your help with all of the alumnae admission programs: college fairs, interviews, prospective and admitted student events, and book awards. What you do makes a difference!

If you have any questions about the Alumnae Admission Program, please contact Yasmin Rivera-McGinnis, associate director of admission, at yriveram@wellesley.edu or 781-283-2286, or Caryn Wood, AAR program coordinator at cwood@wellesley.edu or 781-283-2280. Please note that Yasmin is out on maternity leave until July.

Faculty Speaker Program

Faculty speaker events continue to be one of the highlights of club programs each year. We scheduled almost 60 faculty members to visit and speak with our alumnae clubs this year, and just as last year, we scheduled 15 club visits during April for club events including newly admitted students. Professor Flick Coleman visited with the Northern CA Club during this time and reported that the highlight of his trip was when a few of the undecided or “on the fence” students who attended the club event where he spoke made their decision that day and added their class year, 2012, to their Wellesley name tag!

Sending our faculty on the road to meet and speak with alumnae is one of our most effective programs to connect alumnae to the College (and sometimes, future students!). This program is highly valued by all: our clubs, the College, our professors, and the WCAA. Professors enjoy re-connecting with alumnae they taught and enjoy meeting new alums, all of whom are eager to hear news from Wellesley and engage in an academic discussion. I have attended many of these lectures, and I am always amazed at the level of audience interest and participation—great group discussions. I am also amazed at how many of the alumnae the professors know and how they can recall specific details of your lives as students regardless of how many years have passed! For clubs, this program draws their largest audiences, and once again, alums find they just enjoy this special Wellesley connection.

This year, several professors traveled to our clubs for the first time. Each came back exclaiming how much they enjoyed this alumnae connection and how they definitely would like to continue to be a part of our Speaker Program. One young professor, very pregnant with baby #2, was scheduled to fly to North Carolina on one of our more snowy New England days. Her flight was canceled, but this did not stop her commitment. She searched the internet, found another flight, and off she went. She arrived in time for the event and enjoyed every minute of this club connection. Not all connections and programs go so smoothly, and this year, we did have a few last minute cancellations. We regret when this happens, but our club volunteers handled the situations very well.

Our list of speakers for 2008–2009 will be posted on our Club Resources page http://www.wellesley.edu/Alum/Volunteer/Clubs. Please review and submit your request form as soon as possible. Each year, a few clubs are disappointed when speakers cannot be arranged for their events. Remember, it takes time to coordinate these programs, and given that we may be working with 15 or more clubs at any one time, the process may take longer than we would like. Please plan ahead!

Center for Work & Service
Bringing Career Workshops to You!

Wellesley College is one of the few schools to offer free life-time alumnae career counseling services. In addition to offering alumnae one-on-one counseling, the Center for Work and Service also offers career workshops and group discussions for regional clubs. Workshop topics have included:

- Job Search Strategies
- Managing Life’s Transitions
- Career book discussions
- Self-assessment & Planning Next Steps
- Effective Networking
- Negotiating Skills
- Work/Life Balance
- Overcoming Age Barriers

Workshops can also be customized to fit the needs of alumnae in your area.

If you are interested in having Folly Patterson ’85, associate director for alumnae career programs, visit your school and facilitate a career workshop, please contact the Clubs Office at wclubs@alum.wellesley.edu. We will work with you and Folly to coordinate a date and topic that fits the needs of alumnae in your area.
Volunteering for Wellesley: “A Privilege and a Delight”
by Catherine Merrill ’88, club president, Merrimack Valley Wellesley Club

In the Clubs Office, we receive many emails from alumnae sharing with us their experiences at club events. One email caught our attention, and we wanted to share this inspiring and heart-warming message with you.

Catherine Merrill ’88, club president of the Merrimack Valley Wellesley Club, is a wonderfully dedicated volunteer who recently attended a college fair that would prove to shape not only the lives of the women with whom she spoke, but also her own.

“Notre Dame High School is right in the heart of Lawrence, MA, a community which is struggling to survive. The young women I spoke with (it’s co-ed and the boys were sweetly sheepish when I explained Wellesley was a women’s college) were charming and polite, delighted to hear about the College. From all races and economic backgrounds, they were a great pool of diversity for Wellesley to draw from.

But for me, as an alumna being asked to give a few hours for Wellesley, I had no idea what a great gift it would be. I know there are few candidates from any school that have what it takes to get into as elite a college as Wellesley. But for the young women I met last night, Wellesley could change the trajectory of their lives and their families’ lives. And I was the one who got to make the introduction. I got to share how it changed my life and how it could change theirs. With the gorgeous materials I had on the table, I got to open their eyes to even bigger dreams. What a privilege and a delight. I talked myself hoarse and couldn’t believe that it was 8:00 pm when the event was over.

…I certainly benefited from [the event]. I hope the College and Notre Dame can get 1/10th the benefit I did.”

This is a great example of how volunteering for Wellesley benefits everyone: you, the people with whom you connect, and the College. Thank you, Catherine, and thank you to all the volunteers who have given their time to reach out and educate young women about the amazing opportunities available to them at Wellesley College.