

"... reconnect with your Smith friends ... and start planning for our 30th class reunion. "

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Dear Classmates:

It seems that as I get older, time just flies by faster or else it is shrinking. Can it be true that four years have passed since our 25th college reunion? In that time, many of us have undergone many changes --- children in transition, career changes, marriage, divorce, health issues – but the biggest of all was probably turning 50 years old.

I know that turning 50 was a time for me to reassess where I have been and think long and hard about where I want to go. I stopped working shortly after the last reunion, and am now thinking of going back to work but in a totally different career. Being 50 has been liberating because I feel that I can now do what I really want to do. And I know that many of you have expressed these same feelings and it is an exciting time for many of us.

I also know that turning 50 has made me think about reconnecting with many of my old friends and to seek out former acquaintances. It's fun to see what they are doing now and to learn their "life" stories. And it's time to reactivate the Smith Class of '77 network.

Our class of '77 officers are busy at work -- I am planning a series of class mini-reunions in several cities; Paula Herold, Vice President, has put together a tremendous team for the 30th reunion; Susan Eschenroeder, Secretary, continues to seek class news for the *Smith Alumnae Quarterly*; and Isabella Zagare, Treasurer, is gearing up to send an appeal for class dues. More about these activities in this newsletter.

With this newsletter, I invite you to reconnect with your Smith friends, share your stories with us about your 50th birthday celebrations, and start planning for our 30th class reunion. I hope to hear from many of you.

Helen Chaikovsky, Class President

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30th Reunion News!

SAVE THE DATES! Our 30th Reunion will take place at Smith College on May 24 – 27th, 2007.

Paula Herold, our class *Vice President and Reunion Chair*, is very excited to be planning our 30th reunion and she is off and running with many great ideas and a terrific reunion team.

The theme for our 30th reunion is "30 (reunion years) is the new 20." This captures so well our class feelings that we are still young, energetic and are planning many new and exciting activities for the future. We are not thinking about retirement; rather, many of us are thinking of reinventing ourselves and pursuing our inner dreams and passions.

Paula attended the Class of '76 30th reunion, which stimulated many creative ideas. She has assembled a fabulous team to help her. **Sue Bunnell** will serve as *Headquarters Chair*. The *Friday Night Dinner Chairs* are **Ibbits Warriner Newhall** and **Lynn Fruehauf Charlton**. The *Saturday Night Dinner Chairs* are **Kathryn Quaintance** and **Penny Corcoran**. **Joyce Knoller Cohen** has agreed to be the *Alumnae Parade Chair* (and she already has ideas for the parade signs). **Sue Frost** has graciously agreed to be the *Saturday Afternoon Chair*, and **Nan Stifel** will keep the *Website* updated with reunion information.

So put the dates on your calendar and start planning with your Smith friends to attend. Also, there will

be opportunities for many of you to help if you would like. Be prepared for a call from Paula or her team asking for some of your time and energy. We look forward to seeing many of you at Smith to share stories and to have great fun!

Two Classmates Receive Alumnae Fund Award for Distinguished Service

Last fall, at the September 2005 Volunteer Conference held at Smith College, two of our classmates received special recognition. **Debra Romero Thal** and **Lynn Smith Fox** received the Smith College Award for Distinguished Service. This special award recognizes volunteers whose philanthropic efforts have made an indelible impression on staff and Smith women alike. As was stated during the award presentation: "Every note, phone call, and visit is infused with an elegance and generosity of spirit that inspires others to support women's education. The recipient's distinguished service has brought countless alumnae closer to the college. We (Smith College) thank you for your longstanding devotion to Smith College and for setting the gold standard for volunteer excellence."

Many of us have certainly felt this spirit with notes or phone calls from Debra or Lynn. Congratulations!

ALUMNAE FUND UPDATE

For the fiscal year 2006, the Class of '77 raised a comprehensive total of \$282,272 with \$170,997 of that for the Alumnae Fund. A total of 252 classmates made a gift for a total of 39.7% participation. Two hundred thirty (230) of these gave to the Alumnae Fund, while 22 gave to another purpose, such as the Campus Center, President's Discretionary Fund, and/or other designations.

Let's make our 30th Reunion class gift one that we will cheer about when it's announced. Remember:

- Tuition and Room & Board exceed \$42K/year;
- Over 65% of Smith students rely on financial aid;
- There are many ways to fund your gift to Smith — just ask a Fund Team member or follow the "Alumnae Fund" link from our website's Reunion page.

Smith '77 Class Dues Form

Yes! I want to pay my quinquennial class dues right now! I understand that this money supports the operations of the Class of '77 for the five years between our 25th and 30th reunions.

This is NOT a gift to the Alumnae Fund.

Enter mailing label corrections, if necessary:

Name _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Please send a check for \$77.00 payable to **Smith College Class of 1977** to:

Smith College Class of 1977

P.O. Box 2232

Westerly, RI 02891

OUR FIRST DUES APPEAL IN 5 YEARS

Please pay your Smith College class dues now. As in the past, we are only asking for \$77 for a five year period. The dues pay for the printing and mailing of the newsletters, costs incurred by the class officers for meetings, telephone calls, website fees, and for reunion planning costs. Use the form at the top of this page to pay your dues and send them to our Treasurer, Isabella Zagare, at the address on the form.

Thank you for sending in your dues as soon as possible!



Visit our class website at www.smith77.org and

- update your email address
- see the latest Reunion news
- indicate *you're* coming to Reunion
- sign up to receive our newsletters via email
- share how you celebrated your 50th birthday
- connect with other classmates
- make an online gift to Smith

Take a moment to see what's new on the site.

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LAST COMPETENT CLASS

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Our 30th Reunion logo says it all. You can see the color version on our class website.

WANTED:

- Classmates willing to help host mini-reunions in their towns this fall or winter. These will be fun ways to reconnect with local classmates (not fundraisers). See www.smith77.org for details.
- Your news for the *Smith Alumnae Quarterly*. Send it to Susan Eschenroeder, 8400 Spring Meadow Rd., Richmond, VA 23235, or email saesch232@msn.com. **Her next deadline is August 15th!**

FOR SALE:

- Several remaining copies of our 25th Reunion Class Book at \$15.00/copy. See our class website for ordering instructions: www.smith77.org

