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Dear Classmates:

How time flies. We have now turned 60 or more years of age, and we have a most fitting theme for our upcoming reunion – "The Wisdom of Women." Yes, reunion is upon us. **Our 40th reunion will be held Thursday to Sunday, May 18-21, 2017.** This reunion will be Commencement weekend, and so we will be able to see the Seniors as they wind up their days at Smith.

Last November most of your Class officers and I attended a Volunteer Leadership Conference in Northampton. There we had a chance to meet as a class as well as with other alumnae discussing our next reunion and learning of changes the college has initiated. I was especially excited to hear that the College has begun planning for the redesign of the Neilson library for the 21st century. President Kathleen McCartney continues to take an active role encouraging dialogue about campus and social issues. Smith's campus was vibrant, contemporary and diversified – one that we can all be proud of.

Our class of '77 officers are busy at work on the reunion. Jaye Hensel, Reunion Chair is putting together a reunion team and has lots of plans for the best ever reunion. Our Class Secretary, Jacque Ottman, continues to encourage all classmates to submit news for the Smith College Alumnae Quarterly. Our Class Fund Team Coordinator, Gwen Mattleman, has an update on Class giving, and Isabella Zagare, Class Treasurer is asking all of us to give our class dues. If you've already done so, many thanks. And Web Chair, Laurie Macintosh will update us on how we can stay connected. More about these activities in the newsletter to which we owe Nan Smith Stifel a huge thanks for coordinating, layout and handling its distribution.

Please save the date for our 40th reunion. It promises to be a great time to reconnect with your classmates and show your support of Smith College.

My best to you all. See you in May.

Lisa Boe Mason,
Class President

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40th Reunion News from Jaye Barbaresi Hensel!

Greetings to all my '77 Smithie Classmates. I am thrilled and honored to serve as your Reunion Chair for our 40th coming up May 18-21, 2017. It has been a long time since we have had a reunion on a graduation weekend. Having just shadowed the '76 Reunion, let me remind and inspire you with the wonderful excitement and energy that abounds with all the amazing graduating seniors still on campus. You really don't want to miss this!

Our 40th reunion theme is "**The Wisdom of Women.**" We have all been through so many different experiences over these past 40 years and I know we have gained wisdom and insight in the process. I am working on a logo to go along with the theme, but if any of you fabulous artists out there have an inspired design, please contact me!

There are just a few things I want to touch on now, to get you excited and involved and committed to returning to Smith in 2017...

1. One of the ideas I had for our reunion was to **gift to the class of 2017** some of that wisdom in a personal and fun way. Start thinking now of a hand-written (or typed), signed, short personal note, poem, bit of wisdom, or quote that you can hand to a senior as we march in the alumnae parade. (The seniors flank the parade route, so we can either pass them out as we march or later when they are seated and before they leave the Ivy Day Ceremony. In order to have one for every senior, we would each need to make about 5-6 copies - so don't think you have to come up with all different notes. I love the idea of reaching back over the decades - and I'm hoping it is something the seniors will treasure as they continue their own journeys away from Smith. I am looking at a cute, inexpensive "swag"

"Over these past 40 years... we have gained wisdom and insight ..."

thing to put them in to make it even more of a gift from the class of '77.

2. We have a great **Parade Chair, Gina Belt** - who I met and befriended at the '76 reunion just this past May (another reminder that there are always great classmates to connect with whom you don't already know). We are planning to open up the parade sign wording as a contest for anyone to submit ideas... and then if your sign is chosen, you'll get to carry it in the alumnae parade. Again, start the creative juices flowing and create a brilliant sign idea - one you'll get to carry if chosen. (The college prints up the signs for us - we will probably carry about 10, depending on our attendance numbers.)

3. Our fabulous **Headquarters Chair is Claudia Werner** and we promise to provide a lovely, welcoming headquarters that will be a gathering place to reconnect and share our journeys. The college does not assign the headquarters until the fall, so we don't know where it will be or where our class will be housed at this time.

4. During the **two class dinners** I know people want to talk and catch up ... so I don't think we will have any kind of extensive program at those dinners. However, I was thinking about choosing 4 classmates (only two per dinner) to present their story (5 minutes) - like - "Everyone Has a Story, Ted Talks and This I Believe." It's a natural vehicle for our theme, and I know the sharing of these journeys/stories will spark great discussions and connections. Later on in the evening, back at headquarters, everyone can choose to "tell their story." Last reunion we were up until 2 or 3 in the morning and it was magical.

5. Last thing for now ... When I look back at my Smith photos, there are not so many of them...and they are so precious... unlike today where we all have thousands - but I want very much to compile a book with pictures from our 1973-77 Smith years. (One to give to the college archives and one for our class. So **PLEASE dig out your old photos and scan them to me**. Together we can create something great! We would have the option of ordering more if you want one.

Review:

- Think of a note to a senior containing some of your "wisdom"
- If you have an inspired idea for a Reunion logo, contact me
- Be brilliant and create a parade sign - get to carry it.
- Create a 5 minute "Everyone Has a Story" to present at the dinners (4 will be chosen, 2 per dinner, anyone can present at HQ)
- Send me your scanned '70s photos, identify!
- Volunteer or express your opinions and ideas about reunion. My email is: jayebarbaresi@gmail.com

GIVING TO SMITH

For the fiscal year 2015, the Class of '77 donated an impressive total of \$2,133,570.00. Our class participation rate was 34%. Forty-nine classmates contributed a total of \$24,785.00 to the "Heart of Neilson" campaign for library renovation. That particular campaign received 104% of the campaign goal from all sources. Clearly, alumnae remember those days and nights in Neilson fondly!

Let's make our 40th Reunion class gift one that we will cheer about when it's announced. Be on the lookout for correspondence from the Fund Chair Gwen Mattleman! Remember:

- Tuition and Room & Board exceed \$66K/year;
- There are many ways to fund your gift to Smith — just ask a Fund Team member or follow the "Give Today" link from our website's "Giving" page.

Four Classmates are Smith College Trustees

Congratulations to classmates **Deborah Duncan** and **Melissa Parker Draper**! Debbie has served on the Board of Trustees since 2009 and recently was named Board Chair. Melissa is a new Board member. Let's all wish them well as they take on their new governance duties. Board meetings must be like mini-reunions, as Deborah and Melissa serve alongside classmates **Lisa Toner Heffernan** and Vice Chair **Debra Romero**! May they govern competently!

And the nomination goes to.....At reunion in May we will present our class with a slate of officers who will lead the class for the next five years. Serving in one of these leadership roles is a great way to support Smith *and* work with some incredibly wise women. **Class officer** responsibilities vary depending on the role and those of you who have volunteered in the past will remember how rewarding these roles can be. We all have a lifetime of experiences and have developed skills that could be invaluable as a class officer. As you plan the next steps in *your* journey - please consider one of these roles. Think about it. If you are interested, would like more information about the position responsibilities - or would like to nominate a candidate - please contact **Angela Derouin, Nominating Chair** via phone (Cell [413-209-2456](tel:413-209-2456), Home [413-562-3125](tel:413-562-3125)) or email ATDerouin@aol.com

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. Use the Paypal link on our website or mail a check payable to Smith College Class of 1977 to our Treasurer, Isabella Zagare, at Smith College Class of 1977, P.O. Box 2232, Westerly, RI 02891

*Thank you for paying your dues
as soon as possible!*



Visit our new class website at
www.smith77.org and

- update your email address
- see the latest Reunion news
- connect with other classmates
- make an online gift to Smith

Great job by Web Chair Laurie Macintosh!

Smith College Class of 1977
c/o Lisa Boe Mason

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Smith Professor Ruth Ozeki's novel, *A Tale for the Time Being*, was the Summer Reading choice for the Smith Reads Program. Have you read it? [More info here.](#)



WANTED:

- Your news for the *Smith Alumnae Quarterly*. Send it to secretary Jacquie Ottman at jottman@greenmarketing.com.
- Digital versions of photos from our days at Smith — see Jaye's email info inside.
- Class dues — only \$77 for five years!
- Reunion logo — see page 2 and submit your ideas to Jaye Barbaresi Hensel

