

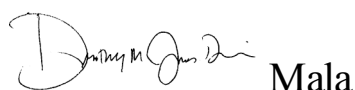
# Wellesley Class of 1998

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## Hello Class of 1998!

We're only two years away from our next class milestone... our ten-year reunion! Can you believe it? Neither can we! All of us are very excited to make our ten-year reunion a very special event. We're sending out this newsletter to let you all know about some very exciting new changes that are being implemented to help make our class a stronger one in the years ahead. In this issue, you'll learn about our new tiered dues system, the difference between class dues and annual giving, our plans and goals for reunion and associated fundraising for the event, and our annual giving and class giving treasury reports. Finally, we'll let you know of ways that YOU can get involved with helping to plan and make this reunion a success. Together, we hope that our ten-year reunion will be one of many more fabulous reunions to come!



## Letter from the President:

Dear Classmate:

I hope that you are well and are excited that our 10-YEAR reunion is only two years away.

You may have heard that our elected class president, Jen Garrett, has resigned. As elected vice president, I became our class president in the Spring of 2006. I have appointed Mala Shah to be our new class vice president, and with her newly elected title, she will lead our class fundraising efforts as well as future mini-reunions.

I have many goals for myself and the other class officers, two of which are: 1) to have better contact and communication within the class between the officers and the class (via newsletter, e-notes, email, and the yahoo group listserv) and 2) to raise money for our class through class dues as well as fundraising before and during reunion.

For the rest of my term as class president, I have developed a three-step plan:

### **1: Collection of Class Dues**

Money raised by our class, for our class, helps to decrease costs for reunion, collects interest for future class events (lecture series, happy hours), and helps to purchase items to sell for future fundraising. With this in mind, our first step is active collection of class dues. Our goal is for 40% of the class to contribute to class dues this year.

We have noted that a few of you have paid annual class dues and the previously noted "lifetime dues". We have decided to change the giving system from annual dues and lifetime dues to a tiered system. We hope that this change will encourage giving every year, and at whatever level you feel comfortable giving. We also hope that this conversion will allow more of the class to participate in giving yearly class dues.

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## Did you know?

Did you know that our class has a yahoo group? What's a "yahoo group" anyhow? It's an online e-group (think "bulletin") that we use to communicate with one another now that we're living all over the world. To be a part of the Wellesley 98 yahoo group, go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wellesley98/>

and click the "Join this group" button.

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Even if you can only give five dollars each year, your five dollars will allow us to increase our general class funds, as well as generate money off of the interest accrued in our class account. If you can give more, we certainly encourage that as well. And for those of you who may have already given at the lifetime dues level, you will be "grandmothered" in, but of course, we would still gladly accept any class dues that you would still like to give annually. You will hear more about our new class dues/tiered-giving system in the treasurer's report on page 3.

### **2: Pre-Reunion Fundraising**

Once we have doubled our bank account, we will decide on a fundraiser item to generate revenue. Our vice-president, Mala has begun compiling the ideas generated on our Wellesley yahoo group. It is our hope that we will be able to decide on a fundraiser in the next three months. This will allow us to abide by college non-profit regulations, purchase the product up front, and not have to borrow money from the college. When thinking of an idea for a fundraiser, we should be mindful that any item that we sell as a class fundraiser must be something that:

1. Our class can afford to purchase with existing funds already in our bank account
2. Is marketable within our class
3. Is marketable to other classes
4. Represents the values that we embody as a class
5. Is something we would be proud to be known for selling

### **3: Reunion-timed Fundraiser**

As class officers, we are concerned about the future of our class as well as the five years in which we are currently serving. Given this, we have discussed having a reunion-timed fundraiser that will serve both as a fundraiser to restore funds to our account post-reunion, as well as a souvenir for all of us to remember our Wellesley ten-year reunion. A classmate has graciously helped us put together a Class of 1998 themed "Wellesley" scented lotion/bath gel set for reunion. As reunion draws closer, we will give you more information about this fundraiser.

As President, I am happy to announce, as it relates to reunion, the selection of our reunion co-chairs:

T.J. BARBER and MIJHA BUTCHER!!!

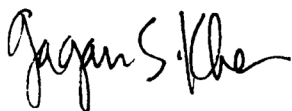
Be on the lookout in late October for additional information from them.

Lastly, I want to apologize to all of you who purchased a record book at our 5-year reunion. The checks have been destroyed and we are in the process of putting the record book up on our yahoo group or another web service with password protection. Given the large file size of the record book, this process has taken a bit longer than anticipated; please accept my sincerest apologies that this has not yet been resolved.

I am honored to be able to serve as class president, and in the upcoming months will meet with our contacts in the Alumnae Office to ensure that this transition is a smooth one. I have recently moved back to Boston and I believe this is good timing. I hope to make you all proud.

Please feel free to email me directly at any time,  
gkhera98@hotmail.com

Cheers,



## Treasury Report:

Class funds: \$850.00

Funds Invested w/ College: \$2,405.00

I am pleased to report that the class treasury is in the black, but we still need your support.

A number of you have been strong supporters of our class, paying annual dues and contributing lifetime dues. For that we thank you. By paying dues you make it possible for the class to cover its basic expenses. The class treasury funds activities such as this mailing, helps to subsidize reunions, memorials, and provides seed money for any fundraising projects that we take on. The class treasury is used *solely* to support class activities.

As I write this the class officers are preparing to make the trip back to Wellesley for Alumnae Leadership Council in October. At the council we will begin making preparations for our 10<sup>th</sup> reunion, which we are very excited about. As part of our effort to get on the best financial footing possible for reunion, we have changed the class giving system from an annual dues and lifetime dues system to a tiered giving system that we believe will bolster giving at all levels each year. The tiers are as follows:

Plum Level \$298  
Violet Level \$199-\$298  
Amethyst Level \$99-\$198  
Lavender Level \$1-\$98

Plum level donations will be invested for the class by the college. Then, each year the class will receive a dividend check to support its activities. In the last two years the class has received over \$300 in dividend income. Some of the older classes that made commitments early on to long term investing with the college now receive checks of up to \$6,000 annually. Those funds go into their treasury to support the activities of their class.

Please support our class by giving annually at whatever level you feel comfortable giving. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at FelixHyl@msn.com.

If you've never given to the class before, how about giving this year? And just remember your contributions are 100% tax deductible.

When sending your class dues, please include the following:

Name at Wellesley  
Current Name  
Address  
Email

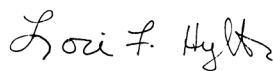
Please make your checks payable to Wellesley College Class of 1998 and send them to:

Lori Hylton  
825 Morrison Ave  
Apt. 11C  
Bronx, NY 10473

You can also pay class dues online via the Paypal website. To send a payment to The Class of 1998 using Paypal:

- 1) Go to [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com). Sign in using your Paypal name and password.
- 2) Choose "Send money" tab.
- 3) Type in the email address of the recipient of the payment: [lhylton2001@yahoo.com](mailto:lhylton2001@yahoo.com).
- 4) Fill in all other information required on that screen, choosing "service" as the Category of Purchase.
- 5) Please include in the Subject line or the Notes section YOUR NAME and 1998.
- 6) Review your transaction carefully before submitting it.
- 7) Please contact [lhylton2001@yahoo.com](mailto:lhylton2001@yahoo.com) if you have difficulty sending a payment.

Starting in October '06 you will also be able to make your contributions to the class right on our class website (special thanks to classmate Janet Lee) at:  
[www.wellesley.edu/Alum/Classes/1998/index.html](http://www.wellesley.edu/Alum/Classes/1998/index.html)



## Annual Giving Report:

Our class continued to build our reputation for strong and reliable participation in Annual Giving in the 2006 fiscal year. We raised \$32,954 and had a 38% participation rate! Thank you to everyone who participated in Annual Giving this year—your gifts, of any size, really do matter.

A big thank you also to the team of Annual Giving Assistants who volunteered this year to help through our 10th reunion. Expect to hear from the wonderful woman who is assigned to your senior year dorm: Laurel Brooks (McAfee and Freeman), Amy Roy MacArthur (Bates), Ann Ochsendorf Lichter (Stone), Jenny Wallner (Shafer), Somchay Edwards (Cazenove), Jennifer Floyd (Munger), and Carrie Farmer Teh (Tower Court West). If your senior dorm isn't listed and you'd be interested in volunteering, we'd be interested in hearing from you.

All the best,  
**Molly and Sonya**

## **Mini-Reunion/Fundraising Update:**

*(Letter from the Vice-President)*

Hello Everyone! First of all, I would like to thank everyone who has come forward with fundraising ideas. I am compiling a list of all feasible items and will be posting polls on our class yahoo group. I want to make sure that we only poll feasible and realistic options in accordance with the College's fundraising guidelines. It would be great if you can all maintain your enthusiasm throughout the course of this process and can help us sell a fundraising item(s)! Please feel free to contact me directly (see below for my email address) if you would like to help out with these efforts or if you have additional fundraising ideas.

There has also been some concern regarding what class dues and fundraising proceeds will be used for. Class profits need not be limited to our 10-year reunion. Funds can eventually be used for mini-reunions similar to the DC mini-reunion in May 2005, as well as the host of events related to *Mona Lisa Smile*. T.J. Barber and I will be planning a mini-reunion in New York in the Fall. We are planning a Sunday brunch for area alums. I am open to any and all ideas so please feel free to contact me if you would like to help out with any aspect of this event.

Lastly, remember that we will all have to purchase something purple at reunion (this item will be selected by the reunion co-chairs) to wear during the parade-this will be considered one of our reunion souvenirs. Once again, thank you for all of your support and participation so far. Let's keep the ball rolling!

Please feel free to email me at mala76@gmail.com. If you're in the NYC area or plan on visiting, I certainly look forward to seeing you soon!

Cheers,

**Mala**

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