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“Houston, Here We Come!”

From Judy and Abby:

As Class Vice-Presidents, we’re in charge of “official” Wellesley ’60 gatherings, specifically the “Mini’s” which have become a hallmark of our Class. Think Sarasota, New Orleans, and most recently the “Mini-Mini” in Naples this past March when 17 of us (plus four spouses) met for lunch at Club Pelican Bay.

If you attended any of these, you know how special they are, how welcoming and friendship-building. If you haven’t attended, here’s your chance.

Plans are underway for a ’60 Houston Mini in Spring 2017. It’s going to be fabulous, and we hope you’ll join us.

We have a great team of planners – Missy Rives Moore and Sheila Donovan Perry, both re-located to Houston in the past year; long-time Houston resident Mary Needham Ascot; new-to-Austin Abby Bogin Kenigsberg; and Judy Morang Lasca via Internet from Wisconsin. The five of us will meet in Houston in September to set the dates, a long weekend in Spring 2017, and to finalize the day-to-day program. Sneak preview: we’ll definitely visit the Menil Collection and the Rothko Chapel, sample excellent Classical Mexican Cuisine, and possibly offer the option of a cultural evening, ballet or symphony. We’re looking at a boat tour of the Port of Houston, a number of other museums, and walking tours, among the vast array from which to choose. There will likely also be an overnight birding trip, either directly before or directly after the Mini, for those interested. If you haven’t done so already, please let us know, the sooner the better, if you have an interest in the Houston Mini, either to jmlasca@att.net or Judy Lasca, 2510 E. Newton Ave., Shorewood, WI 53211. It will help our planning tremendously if we can get a sense of potential numbers. We’re hoping, of course, for a large turnout. By late September we expect to send further information, definitely with the dates, and as much as possible about the hotel and the daily program and, hopefully, a cost estimate. Final details will follow as soon as available. Then — it’s on to Houston!

P.S. Mini’s don’t have to be “official.” Numbers of Classmates around the country have gathered to see Ali in “Love Letters,” most recently a large group in Baltimore on June 12, also meeting for brunch before. Chicago lunch/brunch mini’s happen often, the latest on June 16. And please keep us inforfed of your Mini. You will inspire Wellesley loyalty and sustaining friendships.
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Legacy Fund Prospering

The Wellesley Fund Volunteers are a link between our class and the development office. With the help of a committee of up to 15 classmates we write thank you notes to everyone who makes an annual gift to the College.

Over the past few years we have also been actively promoting the formation and now the development of an Endowed Legacy Fund to stand as a perpetual gift to Wellesley from The Class of 1960.

As of the current fiscal year, which ends on June 30th, 2016, this Legacy Fund has grown to $206,854. Dr. Banzaert is very grateful that this has enabled her to take students in January for hands on experience to a Guatamalan village with technology they have learned in the Wellesley Engineering Lab. Also, because we have been so generous, it will enable a student to do additional summer research.

Missy Rives Moore                                 Mari Wright
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We are somewhat short of the participation rate of 66% we achieved in our reunion year, but we are also told there is a new initiative from a classmate for a matching grant to be available in the fall of this year. Watch for more news.

Thanks to each and every one of you who have supported this forward-looking program at Wellesley, no matter how large or small a contribution you have given to it, and also to any other program at our beloved college.

Class Officers Meet With Dr. Amy Banzaert, Head of Wellesley Engineering Lab

Front row: Margie Arons–Barron, Dr. Banzaert, Marie Reissfelder Canny; Row 2: Judy Morang Lasca, Sylvia Orelind Decker, Margot Topkins Tutun, Missy Rives Moore.
Planned Giving Planners

Standing ready to help are your Co-Chairs Kitty Irving Krier at 208-762-8571, and Sylvia Orelind Decker at 312-391-9116, or use the emails as shown. Also, our College contact is Alleather Toure, JD, at 781-283-2758, atoure@wellesley.edu

How do the College visionaries know how much money they will have when they address long term planning? As your Gift Planning chairs, we focus on giving information that will help with that effort. **It’s a win-win-win!** 1) **You** will receive a benefit now. 2) Our **Class** will be able count the gift intention in our Sixtieth Reunion Class Gift. 3) The **College** receives a benefit from showing support at this time and eventually receiving the gift. Numerous creative ways can be embraced to make a future gift. You can act through a Will or trust or name the College as a beneficiary of a retirement plan, life insurance, annuity, donor-advised fund or real estate.

Secretary, Treasurer Complete ’60 Board

From Junia:

Abby Bogin Kenigsberg has been your faithful Secretary for seven and a half years. What a job she has done, and for that we should all be most grateful. Through the Class Notes section of the Alumnae Magazine, Abby has kept us up to date on our classmates, and encouraged us to send her our news and thoughts over the years. As we agreed after our last Reunion, Abby wants a break, so I am happy to try to fill her shoes for the next two and a half years. **PLEASE --- send me your news!!** I can be reached at by email or at 1440 Sheridan Road, Apt. 705, Wilmette IL 60091. You can even call me at 847-728-0233. I’d like to include everyone, but space is limited. However, eventually your news will be covered. A BIG THANK YOU to Abby, on behalf of all of you.

From Marie:

My aim is to work with the officers of the Class of 1960 and keep records and write checks for expenses submitted, to keep our classmates connected to the college and to each other and to build support for the college and its development efforts.

This job includes general financial oversight, financial planning and reporting, and all the general tasks of bookkeeping and record keeping.

Please don’t hesitate to call on me with money questions. If I personally don’t know the answer, I’ll find it out.
Four years from now, we’ll be celebrating our 60th reunion. To do it in 2020, with its connotation of clear vision, suggests a possible theme. But is the 20/20 clarity looking back or looking ahead? I’d love to hear from you about what you want both thematically and programmatically when we meet four years from now.

Clearly, we’re on the lookout for “women who will.” It’s not too early for classmates to start thinking about what role you’d like to play. We’ll need folks who want to work on Boston Day, the insignia project, the memorial service, program, the creativity project, residence issues, Friday social hour, Saturday class dinner and the class record book. We’ll need a treasurer and a webmaster. And there are probably tons of other projects we can’t even anticipate right now. We’re blessed to have folks already indicating a willingness to spearhead the record book and the overall program. Please contact me at aronsbarron@barronaw.com to let me know of your interest.

Our first organizational meeting won’t be until the fall of 2018. So two years away from the beginning of planning it’s too soon to start letting my phone calls go to voice mail. Please think about how you want to be involved, and know from those who have done it in the past how much fun it is and how getting actively engaged heightens what already promises to be a stellar reunion experience.

Photos From the Naples, Florida Mini-

Luncheon at Club Pelican Bay
Row 1 seated: Tish Rafferty Bliss, Kitty Irving Krier, Betsy Hansen Witte, Missy Rives Moore, Margot Topkins Tutun.
Row 2: Nancy Desoff Colodny, Dianne Horgan James, Alice Freeman Wofford, Judy Morang Lasca, Cynthia Mead Sargent, Sandy Miller Laughlin, Abby Bogin Kenigsberg, Judy Bryant Hale, Marie Reissfelder Canny, Tina Bruce Astley, Mari Wright

Birding Near the Everglades
From the front going left: Missy Rives Moore, Kitty Irving Krier, Mari Wright, Marie Reissfelder Canny, Dianne Horgan James, Dan James, Judy Morang Lasca