Annual Report 2017-2018
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MEET THE 2018-2019 BOARD

CHARLOTTE CHRISTIAN
President

Charlotte Luke Christian ’76 has served as a Co-VP of Programs for the Chicago Wellesley Club over the past four years. She has a diverse background in general management, marketing, consulting, and non-profit association management. Currently, Charlotte is volunteering at several west-suburban organizations. At Wellesley, Charlotte majored in Philosophy, competed on the fencing team and worked in the college archives. She and her husband have two grown daughters and reside in Hinsdale along with Fergus, their yellow Labrador Retriever.

DIANNE GOREN RADTKE
Treasurer

Dianne Goren Radtke ’75 majored in Economics at Wellesley, received an MBA from Kellogg and worked in banking and financial services for nearly 25 years. Since 2003, eldercare issues and managing family-owned real estate, along with obtaining her CPA designation and volunteering, kept her quite busy. In addition, she was a seasonal tax professional (“Master Tax Advisor”) for six seasons at H&R Block downtown and continues seasonally as a volunteer tax preparer through Ladder Up. Dianne has served on the Chicago Wellesley Club Board since fiscal year 2011, first as Membership Co-Vice President, then as Treasurer beginning in fiscal year 2014. Working with interesting, intelligent Wellesley women has certainly been quite an honor. Dianne resides with her husband Steve in Lincoln Park, where she enjoys walking through the Zoo and to tennis courts during the summer.

KATHERINE NUNES
Secretary

Katherine Nunes ’11 was a Political Science and Italian Studies major at Wellesley. As a native of Chicago, she returned after graduation to be with family. She’s heeding a call to public service in her current position as the Legislative Liaison for the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal. She is now splitting her time between Chicago and Springfield, IL, but hopes to stay active with the Club through Board meetings and other events when possible.
Angela Barnes ’91 double majored in Political Science and Philosophy. She received her law degree from Columbia University. She is a corporate attorney and compliance/risk specialist. Angela runs her own consulting company, Hoffman-Barnes Risk Management Consulting. She is a lifelong Chicagoan and lives in the Jackson Park Highlands with her spouse, Sofia. She serves on the board of various not for profits and is an avid golfer.

Ellen Rheaume ’06 majored in History and Political Science at Wellesley and earned a law degree from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law. Ellen works as a staff attorney at LAF (formerly the Legal Assistance Foundation), the largest provider of civil legal services to low-income people in Cook County. She and her husband, Matt DalSanto, live in Streeterville with their two rescue cats, Teddy and Franklin.

Yeena Yoon-Yoo ’01 graduated from Wellesley with a Psychology major. Halfway through her senior year while completing her research fellowship, she realized she did not want to become a therapist, and went to law school to become a different type of counselor, a counsel of law. She graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with both her law degree and Masters in Social Work in 2007 and moved to Chicago to pursue a public interest career. As a legal aid attorney at LAF (Legal Assistance Foundation), and more recently at Catholic Charities Legal Assistance, she has worked extensively with domestic violence and sexual assault survivors, representing them in cases of divorce, custody, and orders of protection. She is an active member/volunteer of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and serves at her children’s school and New Community Covenant Church in Bronzeville. Yeena lives in Elmhurst with her husband and two rambunctious boys.
Alix Mikesell ’88 majored in studio art at Wellesley. She later received an M.F.A. in Metalsmithing and Jewelry Design from Indiana University, Bloomington. She has taught Metalsmithing and Jewelry Design part-time at Indiana University, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and Northeastern Illinois University. Her work has been exhibited nationally, published in Metalsmith Magazine, and two of her pieces are in the permanent collection of the Jewish Museum in New York. She founded the Chicago Metal Arts Guild in 2001, and in 2006 co-chaired the annual Society of North American Goldsmiths Conference. Alix currently creates jewelry for her company Alix Mikesell Design, focusing on the clever reuse of alternative materials such as laminate countertop, buttons, beach pebbles and swizzle sticks. She lives in Oak Park with her husband and two teenage sons.

Shelly Aschkenase graduated from Wellesley College in 1986 with a BA in English and Economics. She holds an MA in Advanced Writing and a Ph.D. in English from Georgia State University. She currently supervises Glenbrook North High School’s Academic Resource Center. She lives in Glencoe with her two college-age children and a Ragdoll cat named Jazz. In her free time, you can find Shelly working out at Equinox, on the local bike trails, freelance writing and editing, or traveling.

Maria Acosta is the current Membership Co-Vice President of the Chicago Wellesley Club and will be serving until 2020. She is class of 2015 and majored in Biological Sciences and minored in Psychology. During her time at Wellesley, she was an active member of Mezcla and Wellesley Wushu. One of her favorite memories of Wellesley is walking around Lake Waban with friends. After graduation, she returned to Illinois and is working in public health doing chronic disease prevention. On her spare time, she is training for her marathon, spending time with friends, or catching up with her long list of shows and books.
Arlevea Freeman, also known as Leve, graduated from Wellesley in 2015 having studied Economics. She is originally from Chicago and moved to the Downtown area post-graduation. Arlevea is a Statistics Analyst at Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago working mainly with monetary policy related data. Besides her more quantitative career, she has been leading community engagement efforts at the bank for the women’s network group. She also lends her vocal talents as a voiceover actor for the Federal Reserve System.

ARLEVEA FREEMAN  
Admissions

Maurine Neiberg graduated from Wellesley in 1986 with a B.A. in Computer Science and History. She has lived in the Chicago area since 1992, and in River Forest since 1997. She is married with two daughters.

Ms. Neiberg is a lawyer in solo practice devoted to counseling clients in matters related to computer software and Internet-related issues. She has represented clients in software development agreements, trademark registrations and has helped register client’s copyright in software. She also has an extensive trademark practice. She teaches intellectual property law on a part-time basis for the School of American Law and Chicago Kent Law School and has taught in Poland, Ukraine, Lithuania, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Greece, and China.

Prior to becoming a lawyer, Ms. Neiberg worked as a software engineer and engaged in applied research in artificial intelligence. She earned her J.D. from the University of Chicago, and her Sc.M. from Brown University in Computer Science.
MARIAN CHEN
Community Service

Marian Chen ’99 double majored in Cognitive Science and Language Studies while at Wellesley and went on to obtain a PhD in Psychology at Rutgers University-New Brunswick, focusing on Cognitive Development. After post-doctoral work at Northwestern University and Central European University, Marian returned to Chicago to be closer to family and currently works as a data analyst. She lives in Uptown.

GABRIELA SALCEDO
Community Service

Gabriela Salcedo ’15 was a History and Spanish double major at Wellesley. She works as a Program Assistant for Annual Giving at Northwestern University. Previously she was a Development Fellow with the Reason Foundation and worked in college sports recruiting. A native of Long Beach, CA, Gabriela is living out her dream of living in Chicago. She is currently a Wellesley Fund representative for the class of 2015 and an admission volunteer. Gabriela lives in Evanston and savors being able to walk to work. Gabriela has quite possibly told every high school age girl she has met since her first year to apply to Wellesley.

JILL WHITE-CROSS
Co-VP Liaison to the Affinity Groups

Jill White-Cross is part of the Red Class of 2000. After graduation, Jill completed a Masters of Science in Neurobiology at Northwestern University. She met and married a Houstonian, Chadrick Cross. Jill and her husband moved to Houston, TX where Jill joined the Wellesley Club of Houston and served as the young alumni representative. Jill coordinated monthly young alumni Ivy Plus happy hours with MIT, Harvard, Northwestern, U Michigan, Dartmouth, Cornell, and other alumni. She had the pleasure to represent the Wellesley Club of Houston at Alumni Leadership Council. Professionally, Jill worked at MD Anderson Cancer Center as a senior research assistant in a gastrointestinal pathology lab. Jill and her family returned to Chicago in 2008 for her husband’s cardiothoracic surgery fellowship. She is currently a stay-at-home mom to three boys aged, 10, 8, and 2. Jill is an avid volunteer at her children's school and holds leadership positions in various parenting groups.
Sarah Longley ’04 was a Sociology major at Wellesley who moved to Chicago after graduating in 2004. She recently changed jobs to become a Director of Sales at Cappex.com – a company that helps high school kids find the best-fit college for them, and helps them find scholarships to help pay for that college. She currently runs both our CWC Around Town and CWC Supper Club groups.

SARAH LONGLEY
Co-VP Liaison to the Affinity Groups

Patricia Mell ’75 had a double major at Wellesley in French and Political Theory and returned home to Cleveland, Ohio for her law degree at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. She started practice as an Assistant Attorney General in the State of Ohio and then became Corporations Counsel for the Ohio Secretary of State. She left the practice for academia eventually attaining the rank of Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at what is now Michigan State Law School. She came to Chicago in 2003 as the 11th Dean and first African American and female Dean of John Marshall Law School. She was the second African American woman in the United States to hold such a position. Currently, she is the President of P. Mell Advisors, a boutique insurance consulting firm assisting organizations and individuals in making strategic benefits decisions through planning and insurance products. As a business consultant, legal and insurance practitioner, faculty member, academic dean, and CEO, she has over 30 years’ experience. She has written several scholarly articles and made presentations in a number of national and international venues. Pat has been a director of Ethos, a Wellesley News Editor, a 1975 class officer, a Chicago Wellesley Club Programs VP and had the honor of being the first President of the Wellesley Alumnae of African Descent (WAAD, pronounced wade). Recently Pat was recognized by Marquis Who’s Who in America 2017-2018 and received a Humanitarian Award from Marquis Who’s Who 2017-2018. In addition to serving as President of the CWC for a second term, Pat serves on the boards of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park at Governors State University and the Legislative Committee of the Orland Park Chamber of Commerce. Pat is also president of the A.I.M. B.N.I. Chapter of Naperville-Plainfield. She gardens (weather permitting) and travels with her husband, Dr. Michael Ragland.

PATRICIA MELL
Nominations
PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Chicago Wellesley Club’s Year-in-Review
At the May 2017 Annual Meeting, the Chicago Wellesley Club (CWC) celebrated its mantra of “bringing women together” with the newly installed president of the College, Dr. Paula Johnson, as our keynote speaker. Close to 200 were in attendance and we conferred upon the president honorary membership in the Chicago Wellesley Club using the academic tradition of hooding her in CWC colors – 125th anniversary scarf!

Gorgeous summer evenings brought members together in Millennium Park for two musical performances: opening night of the Grant Park Orchestra and thrilling Broadway hits on July 21st.

In June, CWC held its first membership appreciation event with high tea and a private outdoor tour of the giant sculptures at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park at Governors State University. Members traversed the prairie landscape to view masterful works of sculpture. Moving forward, the Board will continue to thank dues-paid members with a small appreciation gift.

Congratulations to the Green classes! They won 2017’s Class Color Membership Challenge and were given special recognition at the membership appreciation event. Thank you to Membership Chairs Shelly Aschkenase ’86 and Maria Acosta ’15.

The Chicago Wellesley Club should be very proud of its high paid membership rates. Based on a current mailing list of 789, our total paid membership figure of 190 translates to a 24% membership rate, one of the highest in the country. This high paid membership rate puts the Club on a firm financial footing and allows us to continue to offer most of our programs free to Club members, paid and non paid, alike.

I believe that these membership rates are the result of our very active schedule of programs that were, as usual, stunning in variety and scope. Our traditional programs, Fall Salon and Holiday Tea were fabulous! Led by noted local author David J.P. Fisher, our October 21st Fall Salon took the form of a hands-on workshop entitled, Professional Development: Professional Success Through Personal Relationships. Copies of Fisher’s book Networking in the 21st Century: Why Your Network Sucks and What to Do About It were provided to attendees.

Yeena Yoon-Yoo ’01 hosted the 2017 Holiday Tea at her Elmhurst home on December 3rd. In addition to our usual traditions, we began what we hope will be a new tradition, a book exchange. Donations of clothing were collected to support Mary Lou’s Place, a domestic violence shelter in Evanston. Thank you to Community Service’s Gabriela Salcedo ’15 and Ellen Rheaume ’06 for their work making this connection.

Programs is the heart of our Club. It needs a person with not only vision, but patience, and perseverance. We found that person in Programs Chair Charlotte Christian ’76. Along with her co-chairs, Pia Thompson ’91 and Ellen Rheaume ’06, we have been able to do all of the things Wellesley women enjoy: learn new things, go to new places and spend time with each other.

Around Town events augmented our larger programs by connecting Wellesley women in smaller scale, fun events to take advantage of the cultural scene around Chicago. This year activities included a Thai Rolled Ice Cream adventure, a visit to Lincoln Park Zoo’s Zoolights, and axe-throwing. There was indeed something for everyone!
Our affinity groups continued to thrive. Our 40s and 50s Decade Group, led by Toni Harkness ’57 and Anne Martin ’58, meets regularly and our Supper Club visited 15 establishments that ranged from Brazilian to Japanese to Italian and Vietnamese fare, sharing good food and good times.

Sarah Longley ’04 and Sally Augustin ’81 were our Liaisons to the Affinity Groups. Their efforts greatly increased the visibility of the Club and supported events of interest to alumnae from a wide range of decades and geographic areas. From Book Club under the leadership of Patricia Anderson ’79 to Friends of Art led by Carlyle Madden ’82, Wellesley alumnae in Chicago have many ways to connect.

The Board can only function with the dedication and attention to detail of all our volunteer administrators. These include our Secretary, Katherine Nunes ’11 and our Treasurer, Diane Goren Radtke ’75. Katherine kept our meetings running on time and made sure that all protocols were observed for our records. Dianne always kept us within budget, with our eyes on the big picture and small details. Please join me in thanking them for their exemplary service.

Communication for a club of almost 800 people is crucial to its success. Every month our Communications Committee sent out e-blasts and kept up with our Facebook page and other technological communication needs. If you have not already done so, you should shortly receive our newsletter in the mail. We use different of communication modes to reach all of our generations. Thank you to the Communications Committee: Mary Kenefake ‘13 and Yeena Yoon Yoo’ 01, and now Alix Mikesell ’88, who began in her new role early to replace Mary, who recently moved to London for her dream job.

Identifying new Wellesley students is the job of our Admissions Chairs. Due to their efforts, we admitted several area students into the fall class early admission. Well done, Maurine Neiberg ‘86 and Eve Davis ‘14.

Finally, I would like to call your attention to some cost saving initiatives the Board is pursuing. You may recall an email that asked whether members would like to opt out of receiving a printed directory; twenty-one members did opt out. You will also notice that the Club solicited sponsors to defray the costs of printing the directory. The Board plans to continue to utilize methods which increase sustainability and which benefit the Club and its members.

Today, the Chicago Wellesley Club will select new Board members for 2018-2020, the slate having been prepared by our Nominations Chair Helen Marshall ’77. It has been a wonderful two years because of the dedication and sisterhood of the Board as we have worked together for the Chicago Wellesley Club.

It was one of my greatest honors to have served as the president of the Club for two terms. I cannot adequately express my sincere gratitude for all of the work done by the Board during my tenure. I am grateful for the friendships I have made and thrilled by the future I see for the continued vitality of the Club under its new leadership.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Mell ’75,
President, Chicago Wellesley Club
president@chicagowellesleyclub.org
TREASURER’S REPORT
As of April 19, 2018, the Chicago Wellesley Club had the following balances:

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*balances, if any, are transferred to checking account every Monday.

The checking and savings accounts are with Chase Bank, where we have banked for many years, and due to our balances, pay no fees.

When the College changed website providers to Alumni Magnet (“AM”) several years ago, the Club converted to a new payment mechanism, Stripe. Alumni Magnet is a more robust, state of the art operation that provides Club members with greater detail on their membership and attendance information while simultaneously giving the CWC Board the statistics it needs to successfully run its programs and activities.

The Club’s budgeted expenses this year are about $2,000 (or 8%) more than last year due primarily to this being a bi-annual directory year. Last year, our actual expenses came in at almost $4,600 less than budget because at budgeting time, we did not know that President Johnson would be our annual meeting guest speaker or that the College would graciously underwrite the venue expenses, having done so for the previous year’s 125th Celebration. The College’s generosity two years in a row allowed us greater financial flexibility in hosting programs and we chose to reciprocate by donating $1,250 and $2,000 to the College’s Campaign in FY 2016 and 2017, respectively.

The Club’s total asset to annual budget ratio is currently about 111% compared to 100% target, 125% last year and 85% the prior year. Therefore, the Club is on sound financial footing going into our final months of the year and should be well positioned going into next year. We follow a financial philosophy that event revenue should generally cover the expenses for an event, excluding invitations. Dues receipts cover the semi-annual newsletter, the printing and mailing of major event invitations, the bi-annual directory and general expenses of running the Club, such as web hosting fees and post office box fees. We try to offer a variety of events at different price levels to appeal to all alumnae.

The Chicago Wellesley Club Scholarship fund, which is administered by the College, had a market value of $323,449.11 as of 1/31/18. The estimated fiscal year 2018 available distribution is $13,411.77. Our most recent gift to this fund was $3,500 in June 2017, compared to $3,250 in June 2016 and $2,000 in both 2014 and 2015. The increase was attributable to the College’s underwriting of the aforementioned expenses, together with generous member donations. Our current scholarship recipient is Karina Alvarado, a sophomore in the class of 2020, from Chicago. A note from Karina is included in the Scholarship Fund Report section.

We have a second fund with the College: the Chicago Wellesley Club Faculty Salary Advancement Fund. The market value of this fund was $203,166.83 as of 1/31/2018 and the estimated FY 2018 available distribution is $8,424.27. Our most recent gift to this fund was $10,000 in 1990; since then, we have solely supported the Scholarship Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Goren Radtke ’75, Treasurer
treasurer@chicagowellesleyclub.org
ADMISSIONS REPORT
The Chicago Wellesley Club has continued to help the College select and recruit future Wellesley students. The Chicago area has always been a key area for Wellesley’s recruiting efforts, and we have strong alumnae support for programs including local college fairs, events for prospective and admitted students and their parents, admissions interviews, the Book Award program, and outreach to the talented young women who have been offered a place in Wellesley’s Class of 2022.

The Class of 2022
The Chicago Wellesley Club played a significant role in interviewing applicants who requested off-campus interviews. This report went to print before the final numbers for the class of 2022 were finalized, but as of this date:

- Thirty-four students from the Chicago area were accepted. Of these, five were accepted during Early Decision I and two during Early Decision II. Seventeen students applied using Early Evaluation.

- The accepted students represent 25 different high schools. Nineteen students come from high schools in Chicago, fifteen from the suburbs. Oak Park River Forest High School had the largest number of accepted students in the class of 2022 with four students, followed by University of Chicago Lab School with three students.

- Fourteen of the accepted students attend public high schools, nine attend public magnet schools, five attend private schools, five attend Catholic schools, and one attends a Charter high school.

- Local alumnae are contacting all the admitted students by phone and/or email to offer congratulations and answer questions.

- Local alumnae conducted forty-seven off-campus interviews. Twenty-four alumnae interviewed forty-five first-year applicants, one transfer student, and one Davis Scholar.

College Fairs
Wellesley Admissions asked us to attend nine college fairs in the 2017-18 school year. We sent alumnae volunteers to four fall college fairs and five spring college fairs.

Sending Off the Class of 2021
We held our annual Summer Send-off for new and returning Wellesley students from the Chicago area on August 26, 2017 at the home of Maurine Neiberg ’86. Several students returning to Wellesley also attended, as did other alumnae who came to answer questions and share their experiences. It was a great opportunity to wish all the new and returning Wellesley students a fantastic year at our alma mater!
Fall Prospective Student Event and Alumnae Admissions Committee
On October 7, 2017, we hosted our Prospective Students event at the Chicago Latin School with college admissions officer Ferni Cruz ’16. In addition to the event for high school students, Ms. Cruz outlined the current admissions landscape for our alumnae volunteers. The student event featured a presentation by Ms. Cruz and a panel of alumnae who answered audience questions and shared their Wellesley experiences.

Spring Admitted Student Event
On Sunday, April 15, 2018 we held an afternoon gathering at the home of Lynn and Andrew Davis, parents of Eve Davis ’14. This event provided an opportunity for students admitted to the Wellesley Class of 2022 to meet each other and talk to alumnae while in the process of making their final college decisions. Parents of admitted students found alumnae of parenting age to be a useful resource while the admitted students engaged in discussion with more recent graduates.

Thank you!
All of the admissions events are made possible by the wonderful Chicago alumnae who volunteer their time and energy to recruit and connect with the next generation of Wellesley women. We could not do it without you and we are grateful for your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Maurine Neiberg ’86 and Eve Davis ’14
Co-Vice Presidents, Admissions
admissions@chicagowellesleyclub.org

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT
MISSION: The timely, effective dissemination of information about the activities and programs of the Chicago Wellesley Club to the Chicago Wellesley community through various media including the CWC official website, monthly eBlasts, the annual printed newsletter, and social media including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, as well as the facilitation of communication between the CWC Board and Wellesley College.

Committee Members: Mary Kenefake, Co-VP ’13, Yeena Yoon-Yoo, Co-VP ’01, and Alix Mikesell Co-VP ’88 (incoming, to succeed Mary’s early departure)

Responsibilities:
1. Monthly eBlasts: Email information for a monthly eBlast is due to the Committee by the 25th of the month prior to the dissemination of the eBlast. The goal is to distribute the eBlast on or near the 1st of each month. With agreement between the program organizer and the Committee, there also may be email reminders sent for a particular program or event.

2. Photo Editor Responsibilities
   • photographer available to capture events
   • compilation of photos on Shutterfly
   • selection, input, and maintenance of photos on the CWC website and other social media platforms

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3. Social Media Presence: Monitor/manage info on various Wellesley social media sites, such as the official Chicago Wellesley Club Facebook page. The Committee posts events, announcements, and pertinent articles on the Facebook site, but also, when appropriate, on the Wellesley Community-Chicago Facebook group and Instagram and Twitter.

4. The Committee provides monthly or bi-monthly updates to the Board, which are incorporated into the Board’s meeting minutes.

5. The Committee puts together and disseminates printed newsletters on a timetable mutually agreeable to CWC Communications Committee and CWC Board.

6. The Committee maintains the CWC website, including data back-ups and links, in concert with Wellesley College Alumnae Office technology team.

7. We are also continuing to refine the CWC Communications Committee policies and processes for smoother future operations. Finally, we hope to add new members to the Committee this year to assist with social media efforts in particular.

Respectfully Submitted,
Yeena Yoon-Yoo ’01
Co-Vice President, Communications
communications@chicagowellesleyclub.org

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT
Our last activity was a donation drive at the Holiday Tea on December 3rd. We collected pajamas, bathrobes, slippers, lotions, soaps, and even a box of diapers for Mary Lou’s Place, a domestic violence shelter in Evanston. The donations were delivered to the YWCA of Evanston and the value of the items was estimated to be $200. Thank you to the many generous donors who helped make this drive a success!

Our next event will be with Cradles to Crayons in late May or early June. Please stay tuned for more information.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gabriela Salcedo ’15
Co-Vice President, Community Service
communityservice@chicagowellesleyclub.org

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
For fiscal year 2018 YTD through March 28, the Chicago Wellesley Club has 190 total dues-paid members. Based on a current mailing list of 789, our total paid membership figure translates to a 24% membership rate, one of the highest in the country. Within our membership, we have 116 regular members, 66 patron members, 7 young alumnae members (those who graduated in the last five years), and 2 recent graduates (class of 2017). Multiple opportunities are offered for Wellesley alums to become members of the Chicago Wellesley Club throughout the year, including at events and online.
Fall Dues Appeal
Paper mail was sent out for the Fall Dues Appeal in mid-October 2017, which increased the number of Club members. The volume of checks received in response to the appeal indicated that mailing outreach encourages those who have not renewed their membership in response to an email to renew, and led us to expect to continue this practice.

Membership Appreciation
On June 25, 2017, the Club celebrated and thanked its dues-paid members with tea and a private outdoor tour of the giant sculptures at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park at Governors State University. The event offered members an opportunity to view 29 master works of sculpture from Chicago-based and international artists across more than 100 acres of prairie landscape. The group also enjoyed ‘green’ themed memorabilia in honor of the winners of the class color drive. In 2018, the Board agreed to honor and thank dues-paid members with a small appreciation gift.

Directory
The Membership Committee initiated two cost-saving and sustainability changes this year. First, the committee sent out a survey asking whether members would like to opt-out of receiving a hard copy of the CWC Directory. Twenty-one members agreed. Second, the committee provided CWC alumnae and Wellesley Underground businesses a chance to provide sponsorships to help defray production costs of the directory. The Club benefited from two sponsorships. The Board plans to continue these practices for future Directory runs, as we anticipate greater numbers of members will opt-out of receiving a paper copy and will take advantage of the sponsorship opportunity. The 2018--2020 Directory will be mailed to dues-paid members in late April.

Respectfully,
Maria A Acosta ‘15 and Shelly Bogotty Aschkenase ‘86
Co-Vice Presidents, Membership
membership@chicagowellesleyclub.org
All of our wonderful programs are made possible by the generous support of our members. We would like to extend a special thank you to our Patron members:

- Lynne Abbott ’86
- Ruth Allen ’53
- Angela Barnes ’91
- Mary Baskin ’72
- Elizabeth Beck ’54
- Penelope Bingham ’65
- Rita Brosnan ’89
- Ann Burnstine ’53
- Margaret Carlson ’41
- Susan Chapman ’53
- Ellen Chien ’86
- Charlotte Christian ’76
- Alison Chung ’73
- Ellen Clark ’76
- Betsy Colburn ’70
- Ann Cole ’59
- Lauren Collalto-Rieske ’05
- Cecilia Conrad ’76
- Martha Cray ’59
- Debra de Hoyos ’75
- Sylvia Decker ’60
- Wendy Frost ’74
- Sandra Polk Guthman ’65
- Toni Harkness ’57
- Junia Hedberg ’60
- Katherine Hickman ’49
- Virginia Highstone ’61
- Martha Hinchman ’73
- Julie Holland ’85
- Toya Horn Howard ’74
- Ann Jones ’84
- Judy Keller ’61
- Brigid Kennedy ’86
- Kate Kestnaum ’56
- Ann Kuppe ’79
- Ellen Rheaume ’06
- Susan Lucas ’83
- Helen Marshall ’77
- Anne Martin ’58
- Patricia Mell ’75
- Alexandra Mikesell ’88
- Susan Morrison ’76
- Joan O’Neill ’80
- Marianna Paulson ’44
- Marian Pearcy ’56
- Dianne Goren Radtke ’75
- Ellen Rheame ’06
- Elizabeth Richter ’66
- Pier Rogers ’75
- Desiree Rogers ’81
- Jean Sampson ’53
- Linda Sandor ’82
- Teri Cotton Santos ’90
- Cynthia Sargent ’60
- Karla Scherer ’58
- Elin Schriver ’76
- Tasha Seitz ’91
- Martine Severin ’01
- Diane Smith ’56
- Mary Spyropoulos ’80
- Katherine Stelletello ’60
- Susan Stetson ’78
- Deborah Wahl ’86
- Beth Weiss ’74

**NOMINATIONS REPORT**

The Chicago Wellesley Club is a club of, by, and for the alumnae of Wellesley College. Our motto: “Connecting Wellesley Women Since 1891.” Our mission: Connect alumnae to the College, and each other. We thank those among us who have stepped up to help achieve that mission.

The Chicago Wellesley Club is pleased to offer for approval to voting members at “Wellesley in Chicago: Annual Meeting and Luncheon” on May 5, 2018 the following slate of candidates to serve on its Board for two-year terms July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020.

**President:** Charlotte Christian ’76  
**Co-VP Admissions:** Arlevea “Leve” Freeman ’15  
**Co-VP Liaison to Affinity Groups:** Jill White-Cross ’00  
**Co-VP Communications:** Alix Mikesell ’88  
**Co-VP Community Service:** Marian Chen ’99  
**Co-VP Membership:** Maria Acosta ’15  
**VP Nominations:** Patricia “Pat” Mell ’75  
**Co-VP Programs:** Ellen Rheaume ’06  
**Co-VP Programs:** Angela Barnes ’91 (one-year term)

New Board members will join the following alumnae who continue in their Board roles for another year.  
**Secretary:** Katherine Nunes ’11
We thank the following Board members for their service as they conclude their terms.
President: Pat Mell ’75
Co-VP Admissions: Eve Davis ’14
Co-VP Liaison to Affinity Groups: Sally Augustin ’81
Co-VP Communications: Mary Kenefake ’13
Co-VP Community Service: Ellen Rhéaume ’06
VP Nominations: Helen Marshall ’77
Co-VP Programs: Charlotte Christian ’76

Respectfully Submitted,
Helen Kriz Marshall ’77
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PROGRAMS REPORT
Programming this past year featured the interests and diverse talents of Chicago Wellesley Club members as we came together to share cultural and educational experiences and to delight in one another’s company.

Wellesley in Chicago: Luncheon, Annual Meeting and Visit from President Johnson
Nearly 200 alumnae and guests came together at the University Club on May 6th to hear Wellesley’s new president, Dr. Paula Johnson, reflect on her first year at the College and discuss her vision and specific focus areas for Wellesley’s future. Attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch and the opportunity to connect with other alumnae. In thanking President Johnson for her visit, those present approved a resolution making her an honorary member of the Chicago Wellesley Club.

During the brief business portion of the event, Chicago Wellesley Club President Patricia Mell highlighted the Club’s activities and contributions during the prior year and presided over the election of Board members to serve during the 2017-2018 year.

Member Appreciation: High Tea with the Giants: Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park
On June 25th, dues-paid members of the Chicago Wellesley Club were treated to a presentation and fascinating private tour of the sculpture gardens at Governors State University led by the sculpture garden’s director and curator. High tea was served in a festive, class color-themed campus venue. Members of green classes were honored as the winners of the class color membership drive.

Summer Concerts: Grant Park Orchestra at Millennium Park
Alumnae and guests shared picnics and wine on the lawn at Millennium Park while enjoying the Grant Park Orchestra’s opening night concert on June 14th and a Broadway themed concert on July 21st.
Professional Development: Professional Success Through Personal Relationships
Attendees participated in a hands-on workshop led by noted local author David J.P. Fisher on October 21st. The event took place at Mike Ditka’s Chicago, where a continental breakfast was also served. Copies of Fisher’s book Networking in the 21st Century: Why Your Network Sucks and What to Do About It were provided. A few copies remain. If you are interested in receiving one, contact programs@chicagowellesleyclub.org.

Holiday Tea
Yeena Yoon-Yoo ’01 hosted the 2017 Holiday Tea at her Elmhurst home on December 3rd. It was a fun and festive event that featured traditions such as step singing and introduced a new tradition, the book exchange. Donations of clothing were collected to support Mary Lou’s Place, a domestic violence shelter in Evanston.

The Programs Committee and CWC Board gratefully acknowledge the many CWC members who helped make each program a success by volunteering to host, speak, provide transportation or contribute in many other ways behind the scenes. We thank those who shared in the camaraderie of CWC by attending events this year and welcome your suggestions for future programming.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Luke Christian ’76 and Ellen Rheaume ’06
Co-Vice Presidents, Programs
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PROGRAMS FOR EVERY INTEREST
The Chicago Wellesley Club Programs Committee connects members across the area for annual events and for one-time, ‘pop-up’ style events. Whether it’s a trip to a museum, seeing a show, or sharing a delicious meal, the Chicago Wellesley Club creates a plethora of opportunities for alumnae to engage with the city and each other. As always, Affinity Groups strengthen those connections among groups of alumnae on the basis of specific interests. Find out how the Club has enriched its programming and expanded opportunities to connect over shared interests this year below. Specifically, check out Programs Committee’s activities arranged through Around Town.

PROGRAMS: AROUND TOWN REPORT
In May 2016, the Chicago Wellesley Club’s Around Town group was born. Our goal was to connect Wellesley women by creating small, fun, one-off events to take advantage of the cultural scene around Chicago!

In the past 12 months, we have enjoyed:
- Cards Against Humanity
- Tour of Exhibit at MoCP
- Movies in Grant Park - Dirty Dancing
- The Moth StorySLAM
- Riverwalk Bar Crawl
- Boat Ride to Thai Rolled Ice Cream
- Operation Backpack, VOA of IL
- The Fly Honey Show
- Bonfire night
- Video Game Art Gallery & Lunch at 90 Miles Cuban Cafe
- Tiki outing and Tiki Party
- Zoolights & Hot Cocoa Party
- Axe-Throwing at BATL
- Weekend Trip to Lake Geneva for Winterfest
We currently have 113 members of our Around Town group, ranging from the class of 1960 through the class of 2016. We are excited to continue in 2018-2019!

Chicago Wellesley Club Members see the lights and the animals at Lincoln Park Zoolights in December 2017.

Chicago Wellesley Club Members after a success round at axe-throwing event in January 2018.

AFFINITY GROUPS
The Chicago Wellesley Club currently has the following local Affinity Groups and group leaders:

- 40s & 50s decade group: Toni Harkness ‘57
- 40s & 50s decade group: Anne Martin ‘58
- 70s decade group: Susan Morrison ‘76
- Book Club: Pat Anderson ‘79
- Supper Club: Sarah Longley ‘04
- Around Town – City: Sarah Longley ‘04
- Around Town – Location Liaison, Southwest Suburbs: Pat Mell ‘75
- Around Town – Location Liaison, Northern Suburbs: Hillary Hurd Anyaso ‘93
- Around Town – Location Liaison, Northern Suburbs: Gabriela Salcedo ‘15
- Around Town – Location Liaison, Western Suburbs: Yeena Yoon ‘01
- Around Town – Location Liaison, Western Suburbs: Liz Quigg ‘66
- MBA/Women in Business Group: Sally Augustin ‘81
- MIT-Wellesley young alumni co-sponsored events coordinators: Gabriela Salcedo ‘15 (W) and Steven Carreno (MIT)
- Book Award Chair: Allyson Haut ‘80
- Scholarship Fund Manager: Helen Marshall ‘77

As well as partnerships with Affinity Groups run through the college:
- WAAD (Wellesley Alums of African Descent)
- WLAN (Wellesley Latina Alumnae Network) Midwest Representative
- W3A (Wellesley Asian Alumnae Association)
- WAPA (Wellesley Alum Pride Alliance) Midwest Representative
- Friends of Art: Regional Chair Carlyle Madden ‘82
If you have a question about a particular group or are interested in starting your own group, please feel free to reach out to our Co-VPs of Affinity Groups by contacting affinitygroups@chicagowellesleyclub.org. Read more about what’s going on in some of our Affinity Groups from their reports below.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Longley ‘04 and Sally Augustin ‘81  
Co-Vice Presidents of Liaison to the Affinity Groups  
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**SUPPER CLUB REPORT**
Since September 2015, the Chicago Wellesley Club Supper Club has been going strong! Our goal has been to make our way around Chicago trying fun/delicious/inexpensive restaurants. Every month, we pick a night and check out a new restaurant, and we rotate recommendations so everyone has a choice. People pick their favorite hole-in-the-wall place to share with the group or a new place they always wanted to try!

In the past 12 months, we have been to:
- 5 Rabanitos  
- Demera  
- Sun Wah  
- Kurah Mediterranean  
- Havana  
- Carnivale  
- Yuki Hana  
- Franco’s Ristorante  
- Pho Lily  
- Spacca Napoli  
- The Gundis Kurdish Kitchen

We currently have 76 people in our Supper Club ranks, ranging from the class of 1965 through the class of 2016. Looking towards 2018-2019, we are excited to continue on our path of culinary adventures and good times! To get involved contact supperclub@chicagowellesleyclub.org.

**40S AND 50S DECADE GROUP REPORT**
The 40s and 50s decades planned two book discussions this year, one in the fall and one in the winter. Both were held at the very hospitable Vi in the Glen and sponsored by Sue Chapman ’53. We enjoyed sharing coffee, conversation and two riveting books together.

Our November 1st meeting was attended by thirteen members, ranging from the class of ’49 to ’58. Nancy Phair ’55 led us in a discussion of *Citizens of London* by Lynne Olson. The author presents a well-researched and fascinating history of the relationship between Britain and America during the era of WWII.

Our gathering on February 14th was led by Maya Pearcy ’56. We discussed J.D. Vance’s *Hillbilly Elegy*, an extraordinary memoir of “a culture in crisis” in our country today. Thirteen members attended, ranging from the class of ’48 to ’59.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Martin ’58 and Toni Harkness ’57  
Co-Chairs, 40s and 50s Decade Group
Members of the 40s and 50s Decade Group gather at book discussions during the 2017-2018 year.

Back row (left to right): Martha Cray ‘59, Toni Harkness ‘57, Sue Chapman ‘53, Barbara Marshall ‘57, Helene Rosenberg ‘57
Front row (left to right): Anne Martin ‘58, Maya Pearcy ‘56, Elizabeth Downie ‘57

Left to Right: Helene Rosenberg ‘57, Joan Wagner ‘57, Ruth Belzer ‘48

Left to Right: Nancy Silberman ‘55, Carole Bergstraesser ‘59, Nancy Phair ‘55
CHICAGO FRIENDS OF ART REPORT

Our mission is to support and foster the pursuit, understanding and enjoyment of the arts among the alumnae of Wellesley College. Led by Lisa Fischman, Ruth Gordon Shapiro ‘37 Director, and the phenomenal staff, the Davis Museum has become an integral part of the College community. The Museum’s many exhibitions, as well as acquisitions, student internships, and various other programs are funded in part by the Friends of Art. Below is a list of the events we have hosted in the past year, including those open to all alumnae and the Friends of Art members.

• **May** - Janet Diederichs ‘50 in conversation with Leslie Hindman, CEO and President, co-hosted an event with the Chicago Region Wellesley Business Leadership Council. The reception also included a private auction viewing.

• **June** – Guided tour of the Ai Weiwei Exhibition at the Museum of Contemporary Photography.

• **July** - Scott Lang and Jo Ann Seagren (Parent ‘14) hosted an insider tour of their Outsider Collection.

• **September** - Curated tour at EXPO CHICAGO, the International Exposition of Contemporary & Modern Art, held at Navy Pier.

• **October** – Visit to the Video Game Art (VGA) Gallery.

• **November** – Jin Lee ’83 hosted a studio visit and tour of her exhibition “Train Views” at the Devening Projects gallery.

• **December** - Private tour of the Chicago Architecture Biennial at the Chicago Cultural Center with Edward Keegan, ARCHITECT journal contributing editor.

• **January** - Chicago Artists Coalition’s solo exhibition *See Without Seeing and Know Without Knowing* by BOLT Resident, Cameron Harvey ‘99. Including a discussion with Cameron and Teresa Silva, Director of Exhibitions & Residencies at CAC.

• **February** – Gertrude Abercrombie’s exhibition at the Elmhurst Museum led by Donna Seaman, the author of *Identity Unknown: Rediscovering Seven American Women Artists*.

• **April** – Exhibition tour at The Arts Club of Chicago with executive director Janine Mileaf for *the needle, the haystack, the thread* followed by cocktails in the club’s Drawing Room.

Please consider supporting Friends of Art so that we can continue to maintain these programs that enrich the lives of everyone at the College and its Alumnae. More information is available at wellesley.edu/davismuseum/friends-of-art/join-friends-of-art.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carlyle Madden ‘82, Friends of Art Regional Chair
BOOK AWARD PROGRAM REPORT
Overseen by the Wellesley College Alumnae Association, the Book Award Program is an excellent bridge between Wellesley College and prospective students. It is a highly effective way to connect with potential applicants, some of whom may have never heard of Wellesley or considered applying. It also raises awareness of Wellesley among high school teachers, guidance counselors and families. Last year, over 1,100 books were awarded to high school students of outstanding character and achievement. In 32 states and four countries, over 60 alumnae clubs participated in the program.

As in past years, the selected book was The Norton Book of Women’s Lives. Our edition is slip-cased in blue linen, embossed in gold with the Wellesley seal and has a beautiful bookplate for inscription of the recipient’s name.

This year there were 13 participating Chicago-area high schools. Our current high school partners include Fenwick High School, Loyola Academy, Maine South High School, Montini Catholic High School, Naperville North High School, New Trier Township High School, Niles Township West High School, Niles Township North High School, Northside College Preparatory High School, Trinity High School of River Forest, Walter Payton College Preparatory High School, Wheaton North High School and Whitney M. Young Magnet High School. The CWC arranged for Chicago-area alumnae to present the awards at either personal meetings with the recipient and school counselor or at junior student honor ceremonies as requested by the high schools. An easy and rewarding way to give back to your College is to be a presenter at an award ceremony. Not only does it give personal meaning to the Book Award; it’s also a wonderful way to bring Wellesley to life for students, teachers and families who may not yet know the “Wellesley Effect”.

Respectfully Submitted,
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CHICAGO WELLESLEY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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The Chicago Wellesley Club Scholarship Fund was established May 15, 1939 with gift from the Club of $5,000, equivalent in buying power to more than $90,000 today. Donations to the scholarship fund became part of the permanent endowment of Wellesley College. Income from the fund was used for scholarship aid to a Wellesley student (or students) designated by the Chicago Wellesley Club with approval of the Faculty Committee on Scholarships of the College. Today, the recipient is a Chicago-area student chosen, based on need, by Wellesley College Student Financial Services.

Karina Alvarado, Class of 2020 has been the recipient of aid from the Chicago Wellesley Club Scholarship Fund for the 2017-2018 and 2016-2017 academic years. Karina is a major in Cinema and Media Studies, now completing her sophomore year. She is from the West Lawn neighborhood on Chicago’s Southwest Side.

A note from Karina:
Hi! I am planning on studying abroad in the Czech Republic my spring semester junior year. I was also recently in Upstage’s (Wellesley’s student theatre organization) first latinx play. I also currently manage Korean Corridor’s (one of Wellesley’s language corridors) media. I work as an Academic Success Coach which means I help students with anything academically-related such as time management, schedules, how to talk to professors, what to do during office hours, etc. I’m only fluent in Spanish and English right now but I’m working on my Korean. ~ Karina

The financial status of the Chicago Wellesley Club Scholarship Fund as of February 28, 2018, reported by Wellesley College Office for Resources, is as follows:

**Book Value: $63,137.25** (Fund value according to College financial statements)

**Number of Shares: 432.488**

FY17 donations/intake to the scholarship fund were **$1,852**. Expenses totaled $13.39. The CWC Board approved sending **$3,500** to the College to add to the fund in FY17. FY18 donations/intake to date is **$832.02** with no expenses. The Club Board will decide in June how much to send to the College to add to the fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Kriz Marshall ’77
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SECRETARY’S REPORT
The Chicago Wellesley Club Board of Directors held 8 meetings during the 2017-2018 year, including the Annual Meeting. Except that Chan Myae Myae Soe ‘12, Pia Norman Thompson ’91, and Mary Kenefake ’13 were unable to complete their full terms, and were succeeded by Maria Acosta ’15, Ellen Rheume ’06, and Alix Mikesell ’88, respectively, the officers approved at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Chicago Wellesley Club represented the interests of Club members during this year. Meeting minutes are below.

Chicago Wellesley Club Annual Meeting
May 6, 2017 Minutes
University Club of Chicago - 76 E. Monroe Street, Chicago, IL

Patricia Mell, President of the Chicago Wellesley Club, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

President Mell welcomed all attendees. She provided a short year-in-review for Club activities and successes. President Mell presented the slate of nominees for the Chicago Wellesley Club Board of Directors for the year 2017-2018. President Mell requested that members approve the proposed nominees, as followed:

- Patricia Mell, President
- Katherine Nunes, Secretary
- Dianne Goren Radtke, Treasurer
- Helen Kriz Marshall, VP Nominations
- Shelly Aschkenase, VP Membership
- Chan Myae Myae Soe, VP Membership
- Eve Davis, VP Admissions
- Maury Neiberg, VP Admissions
- Yeena Yoon, VP Communications
- Mary Kenefake, VP Communications
- Charlotte Christian, VP Programs
- Pia Norman Thompson, VP Programs
- Ellen Rheume, VP Community Service
- Gabriela Salcedo, VP Community Service
- Sally Augustin, VP Liaison to the Affinity Groups and
- Sarah Longley, VP Liaison to the Affinity Groups

The membership approved all nominees by voice vote.

President Mell offered the stage to a College representative, who introduced the guest speaker, Wellesley College President Dr. Paula A. Johnson. Dr. Johnson spoke on the experiences of her first year with Wellesley College.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Nunes ’11, Secretary
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