Dear ’72 classmates,

Happy 2018! We hope this finds you thriving and blooming after our long and stormy winter.

**Looking forward:**
Most of the Class officers met at Alumnae Leadership Council in October 2017 to start planning activities for the next reunion cycle. In addition to fundraising activities, we would like to focus on friendraising and the importance of the Wellesley community.

**Friendraising:**
Many of us are moving towards retirement and multiple changes in life balance as we move into this next chapter. Downsizing? Moving? Aging-in-Place? Travel? Grandchildren? Volunteering? Working? Health challenges for ourselves and others? Our Wellesley sisters have always provided rich support and connectivity as we have navigated new life territories.

**Mini-reunions:** We have set a goal to encourage and support our connections in this reunion cycle. A mini-reunion is defined as 3 or more classmates meeting for anything from coffee, to lunch, dinner locally, a fun weekend nearby or a destination trip. Over the years, we have gathered for dinners in Wellesley and New York City, weekends in Washington, New York, Chicago, Sedona, Laguna Beach and bigger trips to Paris and Italy. Please let Sarah or Kim know if you’ve had a mini-reunion and send a photo for posting on our class webpage.

**Travel adventure:** In conjunction with Road Scholar, Sarah and Kim have planned a trip to Prague in late October 2018. A registration notice went out March 16, 2018 via email blast to the class. As of this writing there are still a few places remaining. Please contact Road Scholar for further information and to sign up.
Our 45th reunion in June was widely reviewed as the best ever! Lake House was a splendid location with lake views, good weather, and relaxing facilities including a huge kitchen for hanging out and reconnecting with one another. Attendance: 118 classmates, 32 guests for a total of 150. Thanks to the reunion committee who ensured that the weekend went smoothly!

Fundraising:

FY 2017: The 45th reunion class of 1972 raised a five-year reunion gift of $2,392,139 in cash and commitments (a new class record!). We reached 58.4 percent participation with 33 Durant donors. To put this into perspective, we finished FY 2016 with 53.3 percent participation and 26 Durants. The overall college alumnae participation reached 49 percent for FY 2017 on a goal of 50%.

FY 2018: 148 classmates (base of 398) have given to the college as of March 2, for a 37.2% participation rate (this includes 24 Durant gifts). Please participate in the Marathon Monday Challenge April 11-16 (remember standing along Rt. 135 to cheer on the Boston Marathon runners?).

Communications:

Website: We are revitalizing our Class website (https://1972.alum.wellesley.edu/) as a source of information for class activities. Have you published a book? Curated an exhibition? Mounted an exhibition of your own art? Let us know what you would like to see, or if you would be willing to participate in development and or suggest topics of interest. We are also working on an improved Social media presence.

Staying in touch: Please check your directory information (https://www.alum.wellesley.edu/) to update both your email and mailing addresses. Our communication is limited to classmates with good addresses — and email is preferred! Please also put Wellesley Class of 1972 in your approved email recipient list.

Best wishes to all. May Spring come soon to the Stormy Northeast!

Your class officers,

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