Happy Spring from your class officers! Hard to believe it has been almost 2 years since our 45th reunion, and we are now looking toward our 50th!! Put early June 2022 on your calendar and expect more frequent communications from us.

**Mini-Reunion Update:**

Our goal over the next 3 years is “friendraising”, creating opportunities for classmates to get together. We held our mini-reunion in **Prague in October 2018** and are starting plans to celebrate our collective 70th birthdays in Spring 2020. Prague provided a wonderful time to just sit with classmates and hear the stories of each other’s lives. Thinking back on how diverse our backgrounds were when we entered Wellesley in 1968, reconnecting now offers chances to see how our paths are often similar. Sarah Marter and Kim Noland, our mini-reunion coordinators, are actively planning our **collective 70th birthday gathering in Washington, DC in mid-May 2020**. Stay tuned for more details as plans evolve.

We are also thinking about more local and regional mini-reunions – classmates have mentioned other locations from Austin to Portland ME / Portsmouth NH, the historic South, the Pacific Northwest. Remember, gathering of 3 or more classmates is a mini-reunion!

How can we help our classmates to organize mini-reunions? Within cities, a group can get together just for dinner or perhaps a cultural event. If the plans are for a weekend long event we can send out an email blast so those outside the regional area can attend if interested.

All we need is a suggestion and we can facilitate getting information about classmates that live in the area. The bottom line – if you want to see classmates and share your city or region (and are willing to do a little work!), please let us know.
Sarah and Kim are delighted to help anyone who would like to plan a mini-reunion. They can be contacted by email:

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**Wellesley Fund Update:**

Beth McKinnon and Nan Roberts are heading up the 50th Reunion gift effort, with Betsy Bassett continuing in her role as Planned Giving Chair.

During the last fiscal year (July 2017-June 2018) our class had a 55% participation rate. So far this year (since July 2018) our participation is at 33%.

Looking toward our 50th Reunion, we are concentrating on reaching 72% participation and significantly increasing the number of planned estate gifts from our class. Bequest intentions will be included in our 50th Reunion total. Whether the bequest is large or small the impact will continue in perpetuity.

Our fundraising chairs are encouraging classmates to set their 70th Birthdays as a deadline to put their estate plans in order. For more information the Planned Giving Office can be reached at 800-358-3543.

**1972 Class Website:**

We will be updating and improving our class website so that it is more informative and user friendly. Our first goal is to post photos from the Prague adventure. We will also use the class page to post updates on future gatherings and news about classmates.

To access the Wellesley website you will need to create a login. Instructions can be found on the Wellesley alumnae site: [https://www.wellesley.edu/alumnae/wellesleylogin](https://www.wellesley.edu/alumnae/wellesleylogin). Navigating the website can get a bit confusing so we will send detailed login screenshots in another informational email in the very near future.

We are all very excited about the 50th reunion and plans for future mini-reunions. Please think about alums in your area and ways to get together. We think those efforts will just
increase the success and fun for the 50th. We have always felt our class is unique – and the class of ’72 will be 72 at our reunion!

Beverly, Marcia, Sarah, Kim, Connie, Sheila, Beth, Nan, and Betsy