



# Flamingo Flyer

April 2017

Dear Class of 1966:

**50th Reunion.** A big “1-9-6-6 Wellesley Rah” to Tabor Williams Butler and Libbet Dunlop Richter and their Reunion Committee for planning and organizing a tremendous weekend of fun, even if it did rain on our parade.

Pictures of our 50th Reunion still make me smile! Before writing this letter, I went to our class website and looked once more at the wonderful collection of photos and videos from reunion. <https://1966.alum.wellesley.edu/article.html?aid=287> (You will have to sign into the website to view this.) If you were there, you can refresh your memory. If you weren't there, you can see what you missed.

**Join a classmate for lunch.** When I read the In Memoriam pages, I find classmates lamenting that they had lost touch with (fill in the name), and they wish they had made an effort to re-establish contact. Do it now. Reach out to your roommate, or the person whose company you enjoyed at the last reunion, or anyone else you remember warmly. Addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses are readily available in the most recent Record Book or on the Wellesley website. You'll both enjoy reconnecting. Consider going to a mini-reunion, or better yet, organize one! (See paragraph on mini-reunions.)

A recent drive from New Hampshire to Virginia became much more fun when I stopped for lunch with Linda Lohman Spence in New Canaan, CT and spent the night with Robin Ladd McEntire in Silver Spring, MD. Last week, while visiting family in Illinois, I joined Sally Wickham Stemwedel and husband John at the Art Institute of Chicago for art appreciation, dinner, and catching up. Watch out! I might be driving through your neighborhood next!

**Class website.** I don't think I am exaggerating when I say that 1966 has the best alumnae class website at Wellesley College. I do know that our website was described at Alumnae Leadership Council (ALC) as a model for what can be done. Credit goes to Mary Baughman, our Webmistress, who posts pictures and articles of interest. Check it out: <https://1966.alum.wellesley.edu/>

**AmazonSmile.** One page of this newsletter tells you all about AmazonSmile. Taking the time to sign up for AmazonSmile and using it results in small donations (0.5%) to our class treasury at no cost to you. We use class funds for mailings, to bring our class officers to ALC (once more before our next reunion), and to help subsidize reunions. (You didn't really think that your registration fees covered all the wonderful things Libbet and Tabor produced at our 50th, did you?) So read the instructions and sign up!

**Annual Giving.** Wellesley is currently ranked #3 among 239 national liberal arts colleges. Did you know that 5% of the *US News & World Report* ranking of colleges is based on alumni/ae participation in annual giving? And *US News & World Report* doesn't care if alums donate \$66 or \$66,000.....both donations count equally toward participation. Hint, hint.

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Gifts to Wellesley College, Friends of the Library, and Friends of Art count toward Alumnae Participation. Gifts to TZE and Student Aid Society, etc. (while valuable) do not count toward Alumnae Participation. You can mail a check to:

Office of Development Services  
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**Mini-reunions.** Several ad-hoc minis have been held since our 50th reunion last June, including at Wellesley's election night "watch" event, at the Wellesley Club of Boston's 125th anniversary, and at lunches and dinners of our classmates. Our first "official" mini-reunion of 2017 was January 11, for a docent-led tour of the "Plastic Imagination" exhibit at the Fitchburg Museum of Art. Ten of us gathered for the tour and ate lunch together afterwards. (See the story on our class web site: <https://1966.alum.wellesley.edu/index.html> )



*Fitchburg Art Museum. Back row, left to right: Mary Shepard, Gigi Brady Barnhill, Pam Worden, Pam Kinnicutt Motley, Mary Baughman, Margaret Tilton McIndoe; front row, Jeanne Lindholm Palleiko, Susan Forbes Martin and Melissa Fox.*

Minis are a chance to re-connect with classmates in between our reunion years and to get to know some you may have met only recently. In the planning are minis both on the east coast and in Colorado's purple mountains in honor of Melinda Ponder's newest book on Katherine Lee Bates. We're thinking about gathering in New Hampshire next summer, for those who live there and those who love the New Hampshire lakes, and in Florida next winter, hoping to bring together both residents and snowbirds. And this spring, on Wednesday, April 26th,

there's a lunch on campus at the Wellesley College Club. Minis can be as complex as a weekend together or as simple as organizing a group for a dutch-treat lunch. Class VP Susan Martin can help you think of ideas, pull together lists of classmates, and send email invitations. Please email her with your thoughts at [susan.f.martin@gmail.com](mailto:susan.f.martin@gmail.com).

### **Annual Giving**

A clink on a glass, please. Attention—a quick word from your Class Co-Reps. You know what's coming—we are duty bound to remind you about money. Gifts to Wellesley. The topic is deadly serious, but it's spring. "A little madness in the spring/Is wholesome even for. . ." the Flamingo (with apologies to Emily Dickinson). Take a moment to remember Wellesley in the spring. Not the papers and exams. Try the lake, lilacs, and friendships forged while soaking up the spring sun and chatting about Life After Wellesley.

Here we are 51 years later. Technology has revolutionized life. Wellesley wins awards for being "wired." Costs money. The campus remains gorgeous. Costs money. 7:1 student to faculty ratio. Costs money. Bottom line: Every gift counts. \$10.00 might mean a pair of laboratory goggles. \$100 might fund a scholarly e-book for the Libe. And don't we swell with pride to see Wellesley at the top of college rankings? Alumnae donor percentage contributes to our ranking. So, please, before June 30, the end of the fiscal year, support Wellesley. Invest in Women. Just do it.

Flamingos forever,  
Eva Youngstrom Knight and Linda Lohman Spence

### **About AmazonSmile**

#### **What is AmazonSmile?**

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization (Wellesley College Alumnae Class of 1966!) every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same prices, selection and shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to your favorite charitable organization (Wellesley College Alumnae Class of 1966!).

#### **How do I shop at AmazonSmile?**

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

### **Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?**

Every item available for purchase on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) is also available on AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)) at the same price. Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked “Eligible for AmazonSmile donation” on their product detail pages.

### **Can I use my existing [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) account on AmazonSmile?**

Yes, you use the same account on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, wish list, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

### **How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?**

On your first visit to AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)), you need to select a charitable organization (Wellesley College Alumnae Class of 1966!) to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping.

AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation.

### **Can I change my charity? I already use AmazonSmile to support another charity.**

Yes, you can change your charity any time. Your AmazonSmile purchases after the change count towards your newly selected charity. To change your charity, sign in to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) on your desktop or mobile phone browser and simply select “Change your Charity” in “Your Account.”

### **How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?**

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges.

### **Orit Shaer, Class of 1966 Associate Professor of Computer Science**



*Explores new human-computer interaction techniques that provide seamless interfaces between people, computers, and the physical world.*

### **Biography**

Orit Shaer is the Class of 1966 Associate Professor of

Computer Science and co-director of the Media Arts and Sciences Program at Wellesley College. She founded and directs the Wellesley College Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) Lab. Her research focuses on next generation user interfaces including virtual and augmented reality, tangible, gestural, tactile, and multi touch interaction. Current projects funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and by industry grants include the design and evaluation of smart environments for collaborative decision-making, the design and evaluation of novel interactive visualizations for personal genomics, the development of computational tools for enhancing learning and innovation in bio-design, and the conceptualization and prototyping of interactive STEM exhibits for discovery museums. Shaer received her PhD and MSc in Computer Science from Tufts University and her BA from Academic College of Tel-Aviv. She has been a research fellow in the Design Machine Group at the University of Washington and in the University College London Interaction Center.

Dr. Shaer is a recipient of several NSF and industry awards including the prestigious NSF CAREER Award, Agilent Technologies Research Award, and Google App Engine Education Award. At Wellesley she was awarded the Pinanski Prize for Excellent Teaching. Dr. Shaer has served on dozens of program committees, editorial boards, and review panels, including NSF division of Computers in Science and Engineering, ACM CHI, CSCW, UIST, and TEI conferences, and the editorial board of Foundations and Trends in Human Computer Interaction. She currently serves as co-Program Chair for ACM TEI 2017. She chaired the ACM conference on Interactive Surfaces and Tabletops (2012).

### **From Dr. Shaer:**

Emerging interaction styles such as tangible computing, gesture-based interfaces, and virtual reality extend beyond the desktop paradigm and offer a more natural, intuitive, and accessible form of interaction. With a broad range of application-domains, including scientific visualization, energy management, and education, these interfaces show a potential to significantly enhance the way people interact and leverage digital information. Through my research I seek to contribute to these next-generation interfaces by developing frameworks, software tools, and specification techniques that aid their design, implementation, and evaluation. In addition I am investigating the benefits of next-generation interfaces by building interactive systems that utilize emerging interaction styles.

I am teaching Introduction to Computer Programming and Problem Solving (for majors) as well as Computer Science and the Internet (introduction for non-majors). I am also teaching an intermediate level course on human-computer interaction that focuses on mobile devices, and an advanced course on tangible user interfaces. I supervised several independent studies on topics that include the integration of Wii remotes to multimedia applications, a novel iPhone application for the Davis Museum, and a multi-touch tabletop user interface for bioinformatics applications.

At Wellesley, I serve on the International Board of Admissions. I also serve as a program co-chair of TEI 2010, the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) international conference on tangible and embedded interaction. Recently I served as a guest editor of a special journal issue of Transactions on Human-Computer Interaction, called User Interface Description Languages for Next Generation User Interfaces.

I enjoy traveling. I scaled Mt. Kilimanjaro, and scuba dived in the Red Sea. These days I enjoy spending time with my boys Ben and Daniel, and rediscovering the wonders of this world through their eyes.

Read more at <http://cs.wellesley.edu/~oshaer/>

### 1966 News from St. Louis



On March 2, 2017, Anne Robertson Spencer, Adrienne Anderson Fly, Elizabeth “Liz” Trowbridge Wild, and Ann Lever met at “The Kitchen Table”, a luncheon project of Epiphany United Church of Christ on McNair Street in St. Louis. Liz wrote that it’s a volunteer effort by the church to give a little pin money to the local women who prepare the lunch.

### Email and snail mail

You may note that we have sent this newsletter via both email and snail mail. This is intentional. Although email communication is less expensive, we learned at Alumnae Leadership Council that only about half of the recipients even open email from Wellesley. In addition, using both methods of communicating allows us to make sure we have accurate contact information for our classmates.

If you received one but not the other, it’s because we don’t have both addresses. Please let us or the College have the missing address, unless you prefer not to be contacted that way.

Your class officers welcome your comments and suggestions.

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President, Class of 1966