On to the Sixtieth! Can you believe that so much time has passed?

We're half way through the five years between reunions and we've already gotten together in lots and lots of minis, including events in Naples, Florida, the city of Houston, Texas, and just recently the spectacular Washington D.C. weekend which Judy Lasca describes elsewhere in this issue. Once you share in the excitement of these events, you'll become a regular attendee.

Now is the time to activate your membership in Redglow, our class listserv. This is the site where we have a running dialogue with each other and share via email ideas, thoughts, and updates on goings on. Just email me at grammto38@gmail.com and I'll join you up immediately. This is our very own site ex officio from the College and we're going into our eighteenth year of existence! We were the first class from Wellesley to establish this kind of communication system and it has served us very well. I look forward to hearing from Classmates who have not yet joined and welcoming you to Redglow.

Go With Confidence to 1960 Class Website

We are delighted to announce that our classmate, Andrea Dupree, who ran the original website for our class, will now be in charge of keeping the College version up to date.

It really is a cinch to reach our very own 1960 website. First you need to get your username and password updated. This can be accomplished by going to:

https://alum.wellesley.edu

and following directions from there. It may take a few minutes of your time but then you will be able to access all reunion updates, photographs of class activities, and news from classmates. This will make a valuable connection as we near June 2020 and certainly after that. Helpers who know how to get you website connected are on hand at the College and may be reached by either email or phone. Then log in to the website:

https://1960.alum.wellesley.edu
Plans for Sixtieth Reunion Shaping Up With Marge Taking Charge

Hindsight is always 2020, but, for the class of 1960, 2020 means both looking back and looking ahead. Looking back, we linger in the success of the superb mini reunion September 27-30 in Washington, D.C. Now we look ahead to 2020 and our 60th reunion, which I am excited to chair. A reunion committee is taking shape, and, while many classmates have agreed to take on specific roles, we need to build in redundancy. Committee chairs need co-chairs, and everyone needs backing up. It’s essential that we take a belt-and-suspenders approach to planning and executing a successful Sixtieth.

It’s not too early for us to be thinking about what programs we would like for our reunion. Phoebe Kazdin Schnitzer is spearheading programming, with Fifi Wolfner Nessen at her side, brainstorming and planning break-out sessions and other activities. Without getting into too many administrative details at this point, we want to invite each of you to suggest topics you would enjoy. Each program will likely have 50-60 minutes. Once we receive your ideas, we’ll begin to sort out preferences and see what we can do. We will keep you posted along the way. Please send your ideas to Phoebe Kazdin Schnitzer at pk.schnitzer@verizon.net.

Some classmates prefer on-site engagement to extended planning and execution. If you are willing to help at the welcoming desk on Friday afternoon or assisting with dorm decorations, setting up for Friday and Saturday social hours, the class dinner Saturday night and class picnic on Sunday, please let us know. In short, there’s lots to do and many ways in which to become engaged. We need all of you!

We’ll be doing a lot of communicating by email. Please make sure the Alumnae Office has your correct email address. I look forward to working with you now and celebrating our success a year from next June.

Class Fund Chairs Report Good News

There were 50 separate gifts in the 18 months of the Challenge Grant, and some classmates gave more than once in that period. The largest gift was the challenge of $50,000, of course, and the next largest was $10,000 from each of two classmates. However, many many small gifts of between $100 and $500 were very important to the total participation and meeting the challenge as well. The total in just that year and a half exceeded $100,000 to bring the Legacy Fund total close to $300,000 in the five years since Dr. Banzaert’s engineering class began to receive funds from it.
Washington D.C. Mini Deemed Success
Included Whirlwind of Activity

We had ourselves a Capitol Time!!! Fifty-nine of us from the Class of ’60, along with some 32 spouses and guests – and a few very welcome ’60 children – explored the marvels of Washington DC. From our central base of Embassy Suites Georgetown, we did the town.

Our first evening we dined at The Cosmos Club highlighted by an impromptu after-dinner talk by Senator Tom Udall, husband of ’60 classmate Jill Zimmerman Udall. The next day we bussed around the city with a special stop at the FDR Memorial. Lunch at the Supreme Court Cafeteria during the Kavanaugh nomination protest. Followed by a guided tour of the Library of Congress or the Capitol. That night found us at Ford’s Theatre for a performance of “Born Yesterday.” We toured many museums, ate at a variety of restaurants, and enjoyed a talk by Marc Leibovich, our classmate Joan Braunstein Leibovich’s son and chief national correspondent for The New York Times Magazine. Sunday morning, before our final goodbyes, we attended a class meeting featuring Wellesley trustee and classmate Judy Bryant Hale and Margie Arons Barron discussing plans for the our Sixtieth.

The weather was perfect and we had an unforgettable time. We look forward to June 2020 and meeting again on our beautiful campus.

Mary Needham Shares Her Views On Planned Giving

This is the most dynamic, energetic, involved bunch of 80-year-olds in the history of Wellesley! (We say it, so it must be so!) Those of us who went to the mini were struck again by the enthusiasm and energy of our classmates for their different areas of expertise. We have a couple of movie makers, writers, active professionals and intrepid travelers who are wandering the globe. For every one of us who can’t believe she has hit eight decades, there were two or three cab drivers, bus drivers, waiters, docents and others who didn’t believe it either.

That said, we all know perfectly well we are mortal. We just don’t really believe it yet.

With a big reunion coming up in 2020, all bequest intentions of $10,000.00 or more to the College by those who are 72 or older count as part of our reunion class gift. So if you have named Wellesley in your will, but have not yet notified the College, a simple Bequest Intention form can be filled out which will make a significant different to our Class gift.
Memories of a Wonderful Washington Mini
A Truly Capital Time!