50th REUNION HIGHLIGHTS

What a wonderful celebration of the half-century of the Class of ’65’s personal odysseys since we graduated! There were 278 classmates and guests enjoying perfect weather, stimulating conversations, the beautiful campus, and rich program offerings throughout the weekend. So many volunteers joined in the planning and running of Reunion—a huge thank you to the Reunion Committee, the 50th Celebration hostesses, the House Reps, the Service of Remembrance and Saturday afternoon program participants and Headquarters helpers.

A special tribute goes to our book editors, Roberta Siegal Matthews and Olivia Bell Buehl (at left), who produced a masterpiece collection of our stories—thank you! We have extra books available at $55 each. Please contact Tinny at tinny_myles@hotmail.com and she will send one out and provide details for payment.

We welcomed members of the Smith community as our speakers at two of our dinners. On Thursday night we heard from Mahnaz Mahdavi, professor of economics and the founding director of The Center for Women and Financial Independence. Friday night, Audrey Smith, the Vice President for Enrollment at Smith College, told us about Smith’s continuing growth in applications and other aspects of the admissions and financial aid processes. Both speakers gave us a snapshot about what is different and what is the same at our college. At the Saturday evening dinner, Penny Wise Kerns entertained us with a humorous and insightful synthesis of the replies to our traditional class survey.

One highlight of the weekend was the class art exhibit curated by Wendy Tarlow Kaplan. Thirteen members of the class were represented in the exhibit in Alumnae House, showing their paintings, drawings, photographs and videos, and two others shared their work through photographs and text.
Our Saturday afternoon program, Pursuing a Passion, was presented in a new format called Pecha Kucha. Thirteen members of the class were given six minutes in which to describe a passion developed at Smith or later. We were treated to compelling presentations about pursuits in a variety of fields that led to fascinating conversations throughout the rest of the weekend. Thank you to Alice Baker Duff, Chrissy Griffith Heyworth and Barbara Taylor McKelvey for arranging this excellent program.

We raised $1,410 from the raffles for the Carolyn Smith Bonner Scholarship Fund. This full amount will be granted as part of a financial aid package to a student for the academic year 2016-17 in memory of Carolyn. The quilt will spend the next five years with Peggy Reed Greene, and the hand-cut wooden puzzle generously donated by Anne Williams went home with Gaynor Ellis. Thank you all for supporting this ’65 tradition.

Our class received FIVE awards at the Ivy Day celebration--the largest number attending, the largest percentage of the class attending, the highest five-year total giving, the most Friends of Smith College, and the most class members who are Smith Stars. As a result, we were surrounded by spectacular flower arrangements for the rest of the weekend.

There were so many ’65ers that it took seven houses to contain us, but the center of reunion activities and gatherings was our headquarters at Cutter/Ziskind, which also served as the venue for all of our meals and cocktail parties. Thank you, Sally Sveda, for all you did to welcome everyone back.

As Reunion co-chairs, we also want to thank all those in our class who came before us for building strong traditions, keeping impeccable records and being on top of technology--it made our job so much easier!

See you at our 55th and, hopefully, sooner!

P.S. Check our website www.smith65.org (password: mendenhall) under “50th Reunion: How’d It Go??” for some terrific photos from the weekend.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

We did it! Almost half of our Smith ’65 class gathered to celebrate longtime friendships and make new ones. We won awards and honored those who are no longer with us. We marveled at our diverse and talented classmates as evidenced by the eclectic passions of the participants in our creative Saturday afternoon program and in our outstanding Reunion Book. We also raised a remarkable 50th Reunion gift for the Smith Fund under the direction of our Fund Team leaders, Beth Seidmon Nelkin, Paula Ferris Einaudi, Peggy White Leppik, Marilyn Dobbs Higuera and Kathryn Amey Shelton.

We have good news to share! Gardi and Tinny, who provided outstanding leadership for the numerous volunteers who made the 50th such a success, will be honored with the 2015 Class
Alumnae Volunteer Award. This award recognizes two alumnae each year for their “distinguished record of continued dedication, commitment, and extraordinary leadership in facilitating and sustaining engagement, communication, and innovation within their respective classes.” Congratulations!

We appreciate the valuable contributions of our 2010-2015 class president, **Carlene Hatchell Miller**, and her class officer team throughout the past five years, including **Pat Keren Manning** who continues to spearhead our website and assist with our newsletters.

In her Ivy Day address President Kathy McCartney highlighted the importance of gratitude in our everyday lives. Many of us expressed gratitude throughout and after the weekend. As our book editors remarked in their introduction, “That one small college for women could produce such an array of creativity, experiences, points of view, and adventures speaks to the strong foundation on which we have built our varied lives.” Our discussions acknowledged the opportunities that our Smith education afforded us then and now and the fact that our Smith roots have kept us connected for over 50 years.

Let’s maintain those connections that we have renewed through continuing communications. These include our website, www.smith65.org; our periodic class newsletters; local mini-reunions hosted by classmates in various parts of the country; and then our 55th Reunion in 2020.

Our new class officer team is already engaged in activities and plans for the next five years. Our names and contact information are in the left column of page 1. We share messages for you in this newsletter and are available to answer any questions you may have.

We welcome your input and suggestions and look forward to continuing the momentum that our 50th created.

**Barbara Alden Taylor**
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FROM THE VICE PRESIDENTS/
55th REUNION CO-CHAIRS

Many of us are still reminiscing and glowing in the memories of a wonderful 50th Reunion at Smith on Commencement weekend. Sincere thanks to Gardi and Tinny who did a spectacular job. We learned about each other, we learned about our college, and we had lots of time to visit with friends and hear about each classmate’s odyssey from our graduation to now. Believe it or not, we are starting to think about 2020 when we will return to the college again for our 55th Reunion. Reunions are always a team effort, and we are hoping to hear from any and all of you who would like to be involved in the next reunion—in a small way or in a larger way. We need House Reps, we need some volunteers to help put together “The Book” (wasn’t our 50th Reunion Book just spectacular?!), we need people to help with the programs, and we need people to organize headquarters, create parade signs, assume some leadership positions, and be worker bees. Please contact us if you have any suggestions or would like to help.

Finally, every reunion develops a theme. 1965 has had terrific themes through the years. We look for your ideas, your suggestions, and your creative thoughts. A great theme frames the reunion, and we will collect ideas and finalize a theme as we start serious work on the book and the reunion. Meanwhile, enjoy the memories of our 50th, look for pictures in the next issue of the Quarterly, and stay in touch.

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FROM THE FUND TEAM

Class Gifts Total More Than $3 Million!

Although it may have been 50 years since we graduated from Smith, for many of us the memories of those years are still very vivid—the exceptional professors, the myriad of extracurricular opportunities, the top-notch athletic offerings, the outstanding experiences of Junior Year Abroad, and so on. Just as significant is the awareness of how those years have impacted our lives since 1965.

All of which helps to explain the amazing fundraising figures our class achieved at our 50th Reunion:

- **Contributions to the Smith Fund** (current operating expenses): $1,028,260
- **Other contributions** (bequest intentions, annuities, other planned gifts, restricted gifts): $1,974,219
- **Grand total**: $3,002,479
- **Participation**: 73% (awesome!!)
- **Number of donors**: 335 (out of a possible 458 classmates)

Moreover, our class, compared with the other classes at the first-weekend Reunion, collected the following prizes:

- The largest five-year comprehensive gift since our last reunion (total of $3,964,098)
- The highest percentage in the membership of Friends of Athletics, Botanical Gardens, Libraries, and the Museum of Art
- The highest attendance, with both the highest percentage—49%—and highest number—246—of classmates
- Most Smith Stars, with 39% of the class having contributed for five or more consecutive years
To all our very generous supporters and to the women who worked so hard to contact classmates and tell the Smith story, we owe an immense debt of gratitude and thanks. We should all take great pride in the fact that our contributions will enable future Smith students to benefit from the same excellent education and experiences we enjoyed some 50 years ago. Considering the increasingly complex and challenging times in which we live, we can leave no better legacy.

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Class Officers 2010-2015 with President McCarthy  
From Left: Sally Taylor, Marcia Schofield, Janet Scovill Canning, Beth Seidmon Nelkin, President McCarthy, Gardi Pederson Hauck, Carlene Hatchell Miller, Tinny Jones Weintraub, Peggy White Leppik, Kathryn Amey Shelton, Marilyn Dobbs Higuera, Penny Lee Ludwin, Paula Ferris Einaudi and our prizes (flower arrangements) mentioned in “50th Reunion Highlights” on page 2.
FROM THE SECRETARY

It has been wonderful hearing from all of you who have responded to my broadcast email requests for news for our Quarterly column. Most of our class communications is done by email. If you have received this by snail mail, we do not have an email address for you. I would appreciate your sending me your email address.

If you see an article about a classmate or learn of the passing of a classmate, please send me the article, obituary, or the link to an obituary via email or by my snail mail address: P.O. Box 686, Solana Beach, CA 92075-0686. Since I do try to keep an up-to-date class list, please let me know if your address (snail or email) or telephone number changes. I look forward to hearing from you.

Marcia Schofield
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FROM THE TREASURER

The Class of 1965 is truly energized after our fabulous 50th Reunion and we remain in good fiscal shape moving forward. However, I am still putting in a request for dues! Our class dues for five years are a mere $65 and are essential for covering the class expenses for these years. More importantly, they give us additional funds if reunion registration fees don’t cover reunion expenses, provide money for subsidizing classmates who could otherwise not attend reunion, and build a cushion for future years when our class size and revenue decrease. These dues may be paid at any time during the five-year period and are always much appreciated!

Please send a check for $65 payable to “Class of 1965 of Smith College” to me at 9 Mortar Rock Road, Westport, CT 06880.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Janet Scovill Canning
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Treasurer’s Report
7/01/14-6/30/15

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*includes $20,000 that the college contributes to the 50th Reunion Book
FROM THE “WEB-MS”

While smith65.org may not be your “go to” website until the next reunion cycle, please keep it in mind when you need a Smith fix: a classmate’s email or the latest news. I always post news of and from classmates, as well as all class photos in our Gallery. We are not as picky as the Quarterly and love to share all your get-togethers, weddings, travel, etc. Our site also has all class newsletters, email addresses, and sadly, notification of any classmate’s death.

As Tinny and Gardi suggested, check the 50th Reunion photos posted at www.smith65.org (password mendenhall) under “50th Reunion: How’d It Go??”

Finally, please inform us of email changes. Keeping your emails accurate is helpful for our ability to stay in touch and was essential when Roberta and Olivia compiled the 50th Reunion Book.

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