

## **October 14, 2011 – 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee Meeting**

In attendance: Pat Bartels, Jean Cannellos, Jan Coggeshall, Anne Morgan, Peggy Norwood, Ann O'Sullivan, Gale Parker, Sue Peirce, Marilyn Peterson, Ellen Polaner, Betsy Rainoff, Audrey Robb, Martha Stanton, Barbara Swift, and Ann Volz

Reunion Co-Chair Jan Coggeshall presided over the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee at the Wellesley home of Class President Ann O'Sullivan, prior to Alumnae Leadership Council meetings this weekend. Despite a cool, rainy Friday afternoon, we were enthusiastic to see everyone who had made the trip amongst the beautiful fall colors.

Class Treasurer, Peggy Norwood reported that the 1957 Class Funds have matured over 5 years to provide us with monies for pre-Reunion expenses. Reunion Co-Chairs, Toni Harkness and Jan Coggeshall have been asked to consider honoring a new Wellesley Reunion tradition: to present the newest reunion class with funds to assist classmates in attending their first reunion. We voted to continue this tradition with a \$1,000 gift to the Class of 2012. We also discussed the subject of making a gift from our Class Treasury to the 1957 Green Fund in memory of each classmate who has passed away since our last Reunion. Memorial Service Co-Chairs Ellen Polaner and Pat Bartels will create a memorial card which can be sent to the family. The gift amount will be determined as we draw closer to Reunion 2012 and assess our financial situation. Peggy reported that the bright green umbrellas, our Reunion insignia, are already purchased.

Class Spirit Fund Chair Martha Stanton presented the Reunion Fellowship Guidelines for final approval. The Committee voted to allocate up to \$3,000 in fellowships, with a maximum of \$500 per classmate, to assist in expenses incurred in attending Reunion. This will be handled confidentially through an Alumnae Office contact.

Clafin will be our "home dorm." It is a lovely gathering place with beautiful views of the lake. On Friday morning, the Hospitality/Dorm Arrangements Committee will decorate, prepare "welcome bags", and help with registration. Classmates may register in Clafin, beginning at 1 PM. Social Hour Chairman Marilyn Peterson will help with the planning. We will finalize many of the details of campus arrangements at a Reunion Committee meeting at the College in April.

Some classmates will opt to stay at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The College arranges a bus schedule for transportation between the hotel and the campus. Anne Morgan will coordinate having 1957 information at the hotel.

Friday Dinner Chair Sue Peirce reported that the clam bake will be held under a tent in the Davis Museum courtyard this year. Although there will be a Dance Party for the whole College Friday night in the Academic Quad, it was felt this would be a better time to have some light entertainment with classmates. Vitty O'Toole will be consulted about an evening program.

We discussed our Saturday agenda: Memorial Service plans now include a poetry reading by David Ferry and a 15 minute prelude by Kerry Snyder on the historic Fiske organ. We also plan to recognize Beth De Sombre, Chair of the Environmental Studies Department, for her role in implementing our Green Fund goals at the College since our last Reunion. Ann Volz has a dorm rep network for Annual Gifts, and Jan Coggeshall will recruit another network of dorm reps to serve as hosts for our Saturday lunch with

dorm-mates.

Jane Moore is chairing arrangements for the Saturday night dinner at the College Club, and will provide the flowers for us throughout the weekend. The Saturday night dinner will be paid for by the Class Treasury for every class member; guests will pay their own way, and there will be a “no host” cocktail hour. Wine with dinner will be included in the dinner cost. Jean Cannellos is working with Jane and might be the liaison with our box lunch caterer, Off the Vine, for our Saturday and Sunday lunches

There will be an impromptu '57 gathering in Chicago October 26 featuring Mady Green Kalb's husband, Marvin, and daughter, Debby, who have co-authored *Haunting Legacy*, on repercussions of the Vietnam War. Toni Harkness will speak with them about their availability for a talk Reunion weekend.

Audrey Robb reported that the Cape plans are underway. Transportation information and Bed and Breakfast recommendations will be included in planning materials. There will be supper gatherings Sunday and Monday nights, with most classmates leaving by Tuesday noon.

The Alumnae Office notified us that the registration fee will drop to \$40 this year for early registration.

**Betsy Rainoff urged everyone to get their Record Book page to her by Thanksgiving, and hopes everyone will contribute something toward the publication of the book; \$30 suggested donation.**

Barbara Swift, Sue Peirce, and Ann Volz will attend Alumnae Leadership Council meetings this weekend to discuss Reunion gift opportunities; Ann O'Sullivan and Peggy Norwood will attend meetings for class officers; Jan Coggeshall will attend meetings on Reunion planning and Betsy Rainoff for the Record Book.