

Hello Vermont alums,

Winter has solidly settled in but your board is enthusiastically gearing up for some upcoming club events. In this newsletter, we have lots of information about a range of club activities, some updates from alums and current students, and, most importantly, a way for you to RSVP to the annual meeting (March 28 - mark your calendars!).

This year has been a big one both globally and at Wellesley, from discussions of how we consider race and gender on campus and off, to epidemics and anti-vaccination movements, and with a smattering of ongoing speculation over the presidential candidacy of a certain alum. Many alums have discovered the Facebook Community group as a place to interact with alums around the world and I can say it is always refreshing to connect with such intelligent alums at local club events to get a new perspective. It is my hope that our Vermont club continues to be a tool through which you can reach out and meet up with fellow Wellesleians!

It saddens me to say that, after a shift in my training program, I will be moving away from VT this summer. I am gearing up for the final year of my doctoral program in clinical psychology and this last year is a clinical experience that will send me out of state. I cannot believe I will be leaving Vermont as I have really come to love this place and people - and this club!

This leaves us with some volunteer opportunities for the club. Annie Crawford, current vice president extraordinaire, would move into the President role for my remaining term pending a vote at the Annual Meeting. This leaves us with an opening for the VP office as well as Secretary, as Annie has been wearing both hats. Interested in joining forces with such a wonderful board? (How could you not be?!) Please email me to express interest in running or to nominate someone and we will be voting at our annual meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you on March 28 at Annual Meeting or around the state at other points!

-Eileen

CURRENT CLUB VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

*If interested in any of these, please contact Eileen prior to the Annual Meeting or put your hand up at the Annual Meeting!

Vice President: Serves as board representative if the president is unavailable. The vice president assists in planning events. In the past, the vice president has taken on specific events such as Day to Make a Difference.

Estimated time commitment:

- Attend meetings (up to three one-hour phone or in-person board meetings a year + however long our Annual Meeting runs!)
- Coordinate at least one event (around five hours)

Secretary: Serve as the note-taker and focal point for club communications. The secretary helps put together the paper newsletter (once a year) and keeps minutes at board meetings. Additionally, the secretary keeps the Facebook page updated and, once we have our college website, will keep that current as well. (*Although the college has said that splitting these responsibilities into a secretary and webmaster position is a good idea so if one aspect of this job is more appealing than the other, let me know!)

Estimated time commitment:

- producing paper newsletter (including writing, editing, printing, etc) (around five hours)
- taking minutes at meetings (up to three one-hour phone or in-person board meetings a year + however long our Annual Meeting runs!)
- updating Facebook and college website (30 minutes a month)



Alumnae Admissions

Representative: Serve as the go-between with the Admissions office. You will receive emails from the college when prospective students request an alumnae interview and when there are college fairs in the area with a Wellesley table. Additionally, some years the representative has organized an informational session for applicants in the fall with an Admissions officer who comes up for the day and an event in the spring for

accepted students. The Alumnae Admissions representative can serve as a coordinator or be more directly involved in interviews as they feel comfortable!

Estimated time commitment:

- coordinate 3-10 interviews each fall/early winter via email (under five hours)
- organize two events (under ten hours total)
- attend one college fair (about three hours)
- plus however many 30-60 minute interviews the representative feels like running themselves

Five-Colleges Book Sale: There are many volunteer opportunities for the book sale:

- collecting and transporting books to Hanover
- sorting books
- representing the VT Club at the organizing meetings
- volunteering on the day of the sale

This longstanding, successful event raised \$10,000 for Wellesley College last year (and an equal amount for the other 4 colleges, as well).

ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES:

Book Awards - please help

Along with many other Wellesley clubs, the Vermont Wellesley Club participates in the college's Book Award program and gives a special edition (beautiful blue linen cover and blue linen box) of The Norton Book of Women's Lives at participating high schools to a junior girl selected by the school who meets these criteria:

"A female student in the junior class at the high school whose academic record and character are exceptional and who has also made significant personal contributions to her school and/or community."

This past spring, our club gave 31 book awards. This program is an opportunity to plant or nurture the seed of attending Wellesley in the mind of exceptional young women and to also raise awareness about the college for other students who hear about the award.

The 2015 Books Awards season kicks off on March 1st when Kelly McCutcheon Adams (Book Award Chair) will contact the schools to confirm their participation this year. Each award costs the club approximately \$30 which covers buying the book, wrapping it, and shipping it.



This program is covered by donations from Vermont Wellesley Club members. Can you please chip in? Please consider funding a full award for \$30 but please know that all contributions are gratefully received.

To make a gift for book awards, send your check with the form on the back of this newsletter to Kelly (who is also club Treasurer).

Be in touch with Kelly if you have any questions about any aspect of the program. Thank you for your support. (Kelly McCutcheon Adams '93, ph 802-878-3588, email: kamcc71@yahoo.com)

Are you available to host an event at your home or in your part of Vermont?

We are looking to host a summer alum event (or several). We can chat more about this at the annual meeting but if anyone would a) be willing to host in their part of the state or b) has a good idea for an outdoor space to meet, send Annie or Eileen a note! It would be great to invite current students to this. This past summer's event included a number of rising first years and it was really fun: a little bit of grilling to send them on their way.

Five-Colleges Book Exchange

Time for the 2015 5CBS! This is a wonderful collaborative event that takes place annually at Lebanon High School in Lebanon, NH. All profits go toward scholarships for Vermont and New Hampshire students headed to Wellesley, Mount Holyoke, Simmons, Smith, and Vassar! And who doesn't love a good book? (Carpool anyone?)

Dates of the sale: Saturday, April 18 from 9-5 ;Sunday, April 19 from 9-3 (all books 1/2PRICE!)

Wellesley Sorting Date: Saturday, March 14

Web-site (also find them on Facebook!): www.five-collegesbooksale.org



Senior Care packages

This year, there are three Wellesley students from Vermont graduating and we are excited to be sending out senior care packages for the third year running. There are two ways to get involved.

(1) Send something (in triplicate!) to Eileen to include in the package. Or, even better, bring it to the annual meeting! You have all been quite creative the past few years in coming up with things new graduates might need. Highlights include: hammers, easy recipes, thank you notes, seeds, gas cards, breath mints...

(2) Contribute financially! Once donated items have been collected, I take the money earmarked for senior care packages and fill them in with additional items (mainly class color themed!) or leave a crisp bill in the package for the seniors to use. We have gotten great responses from parents of alums, the Alumnae Association, and seniors themselves the past few years!

Let's keep this going strong!

Please send items to Eileen Crehan no later than April 15 (if not dropping them at the meeting)
26 Charles St
South Burlington, VT 05403

An update from Jane Hobart '63

"Our little state of Vermont now has better-than-ever representation in the Wellesley Alumnae Association. Melissa "Missy" Siner Shea '89, a Fayston resident for most of her life, became the WAA's Executive Director in January.

This is a HUGE event for me, as Missy is my elder daughter's closest friend and in fact grew up as a "third daughter" in our family. I'm more glad than ever that I urged her to apply to Wellesley. Since her graduation, during a career that spanned teaching social studies at Harwood Union, her high school alma mater; working in ski area administration; running voter education programs for the State of Vermont; back to teaching and developing the middle-school program

at Green Mountain Valley School (which my husband and I founded forty years ago); and earning a Master's Degree in Humanities at Dartmouth; to her current position as Head of Admissions and Development at Ethel Walker School, Missy has brought energy, intelligence and imagination to every endeavor. Well, why not? She's a Wellesley Alum!"

Thank you to Alumnae Admissions Representatives!

Interview season gets busier each year and what a wonderful team effort this round! Special shout out to Katy Isaacs '87, Jennie Marx '04, Daryl Selen '10, and Rebecca Stern '03 for helping out. Additional thanks to additional alums who offered to interview. Eileen has your names and contact information saved and is excited to have you on the call list as different geographic requests come in.

Events

This club has a great track record of fun events! Since our last Annual Meeting at the end of March, we have had many occasions to celebrate and get to know one another:

April 2014: Sendoff for newly accepted Wellesley students

August 2014: Young Alum Happy Hour in Burlington

August 2014: Potluck at Oakledge Beach in Burlington

November 2014: Meet and greet over drinks in Williston

December 2014: Happy Hour in Burlington

January 2015: Annual XC Ski Outing in Huntington

February 2015: House party and tea in Essex



Young Alum Happy Hour - Wednesday, March 11 at 6:00

Light Club Lamp Shop, 12 N Winooski Street, Burlington

Join us for drinks and dessert! If you feel so inclined, bring a book to swap

RSVP: ecrehan@alum.wellesley.edu

5CBS Wellesley Sorting Day - Saturday, March 14

Time & Location: 82 Benning Street, West Lebanon, NH

The www.five-collegesbooksale.org website will be posting updates and directions soon!

Annual Meeting - Saturday, March 28, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Featuring a Wellesley professor as our presenter (watch your email for an announcement)

DoubleTree Hotel, 1117 Williston Road, South Burlington

Please RSVP by March 14 by using the form at the end of this newsletter so we can send a headcount (for late inquiries, please call Eileen directly 508-446-7248)

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Lebanon High School, Lebanon, New Hampshire

RSVP: Not necessary! Bring friends and family... could coordinate carpooling on Facebook page if there's interest.

Stay in touch with the Vermont Club!

If you're reading this, the College has your mailing address, which is a helpful way to stay in touch. The Club typically sends one paper newsletter a year (and is committed to continue doing so for the foreseeable future). We also like to stay in touch via email and Facebook. The College maintains contact information for alums so if you are not getting emails from us, please reach out to the College and update their records so that we can stay in touch!

(<http://www.wellesley.edu/alumnae>)

The Vermont Club also maintains a closed Facebook group called Vermont Wellesley Club. Members of the group can add new members, or if you don't know any VT alums, you may request to join the group by sending a message to Annie Crawford via Facebook or email (anniecraw@gmail.com). The Facebook group currently has 53 members, but that's a small portion of the 310 alums living in VT. It's a great way to stay in touch and keep up to date with other Vermont Wellesley women and club activities.

2015 Vermont Alumnae Directory

Despite requests, the 2014 directories were not distributed widely, due to club changes and human error. Can you forgive us? We'll do better this year. If you would like a copy, please let us know by returning the slip at the bottom of the page (with your dues). Indicate whether you prefer a paper or digital version. This year, we will be sure to pay careful attention to this and ensure that the 2015 directory is available and distributed to keep us all connected.



Current student profiles

Here are some Wellesley reflections from two current first years - members of the 2018 purple class! Many of you met them either at Positive Pie or our send-off cookout at Oakledge! They are both doing great and said they are having a wonderful time, especially after a college SNOW DAY in late January...

Name: Clare Salerno

Hometown: Johnson

Where are you living this year? McAfee

What has your favorite class been at Wellesley? Intro to Global Sociology, Earth Processes and the Environment

What has been the hardest part of being at Wellesley? Finding time to do everything

Anything you miss about Vermont? Mountains and skiing!

Favorite club/team that you are a part of? Varsity Cross Country/Track and Field

Any cool Boston events you've enjoyed during your time there? Contra Dancing at MIT, Insomnia Cookies in Harvard Square, Skating on the Frog Pond, Visiting the Boston Public Library

Favorite/worst dining hall meal? Wednesday Peanut Butter Day in Lulu is always a weekly treat as was the Dumplings from Around the World meal

Name: Gwendolyn Sands

Hometown: Burlington

Where are you living this year? Tower East

What has your favorite class been at Wellesley? Art History 100

What has been the hardest part of being at Wellesley? Transitioning to being away from home

Do you have a job? Where do you work? My favorite activity is the Chinatown After School program- which I get paid for!

Anything you miss about Vermont? The more relaxed vibe of the people and the lake

Any cool Boston events you've enjoyed during your time there? I watched the Head of the Charles!

Favorite/worst dining hall meal? Waffles late at night are the best



Annual Club Dues

Please pay your annual club dues to support the work of our Vermont Alumnae Club. Dues are \$15.00 and keep club activities going strong. In 2014, the Vermont Club only had 14% participation (42 members out of 310 alumnae residents). The national average is 16% and we think we can do better -- will you help us to beat the national average?

Dues to the club are separate and distinct from any donations made to the college or other special groups (such as Friends of Wellesley Athletics or the Students' Aid Society). These modest dues cover mailings (like this annual newsletter and directories), some items for arriving and graduating student care packages, any shortfall in the Book Awards program, and other items as they come up (like providing food at some events or sending Vermonters to Alumnae Leadership Council).

Members must be current with dues to vote at the annual meeting.

All dues (\$15.00) can be made by mailing a check made out to "Vermont Wellesley Club" to: Kelly McCutcheon Adams, 7 Kings Ct, Essex Junction, VT 04542. You can send this under separate cover or by using the RSVP form at the end of the newsletter.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO MAKE OUR VERMONT CLUB VIBRANT AND FUN!

We hope to see you at the Annual Meeting on March 28 in South Burlington!
Stay tuned to your email for details about our presenter - a professor from the college.

Vermont Wellesley Club
% Kelly McCutcheon Adams (Treasurer)
7 Kings Ct
Essex Junction, VT 05452

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_____ DUES: \$15.00

_____ BOOK AWARD DONATION: \$30.00/book x _____ books

_____ SENIOR CARE PACKAGE

_____ ANNUAL MEETING 2015: \$25.00 includes coffee/tea, soup, salad, sandwich, and dessert
March 28 @ Double Tree Hotel, Williston Rd, South Burlington

_____ ADDITIONAL CLUB DONATION

_____ I would like the most recent club directory _____ mailed _____ emailed to me. Email:

_____ TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____