

Summary Report
AAWC board of Directors Meeting
September 27, 2015

On September 25-27, The Alumnae Association held its Fall Weekend on campus. Program highlights included sessions on the work of the Class Representatives, an information session about International Students, and a “meet and greet” with students for Career Development purposes. Volunteer handbook information has been posted and sent to all current class officers. We welcome your feedback to aawc@wilson.edu

With the beginning of a new school year, comes the need for alums in the Aunt Sarah Program. If you would like to be an Aunt Sarah to a student, please contact us at AAWC@wilson.edu.

It is time! Time for the Association to set up our own Facebook page and Instagram account. Lisa Havilland and Sarah Wilson “volunteered” to be the administrators along with President Cramer.

Last year the ad hoc Fund Raising Committee suggested some ways for the Association to raise funds. The raffle held during Reunion Weekend 2015 brought in over \$1,000. The first alumnae/i garage sale was held in September 2015 and garnered \$745 to date. There are a couple of items at an auction house for sale. Our first 5K Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016. Watch for more details.

2016 Reunion Weekend is June 3-5. The theme will be “Many paths, One spirit.” The Class of 1966 has been very active in their planning process. Prices for activities during the weekend were held the same as last year. We did, however, create a Saturday Only Registration. Nominations are now being accepted for Association awards. Nominations are now being accepted for positions on our BOD.

During the 2014-2015 academic year several experiences occurred with students needing emergency funds in the face of an immediate crisis. These crises directly impacted the students’ ability to continue their education at Wilson. In each case help was provided, and the student was helped to make appropriate contacts for potential assistance. Out of these experiences an idea was launched at the Alumnae Association Board meeting in June 2015. The Association is starting a fund for students who are experiencing times of crisis or need. The Silver Lining Fund, as it is to be called, will provide the student with a limited amount of immediate cash to get through the initial crisis. Silver Lining Fund guidelines were approved and posted online.

During Fall Weekend, the Heritage Committee presented three rings to students donated by alumna to the Ring-It-Forward Program:

Ring of Emma Wildonger '42 to Diane Lewis '16
Ring of Julia Osborne '64 to Christine Gonzales '16
Ring of Carol Tschop '72 to Katelyn Wingerd '16

There are six more rings to be given in spring 2016.

The Travel Committee: Trips for 2016 are --

- January 13-17 Long weekend in Havana
- March 13-20 Colorful Caribbean (cruise Miami-to-Miami)
- April 22-May 1 Portugal – Porto and Lisbon
- June 22-29 Coastal Maine and New Brunswick
- July 15-22 Discover Alaska
- August 10-18 Oxford, English Countryside and the Cotswolds
- September 8-16 Italian Lakes and Venice

Respectfully submitted,
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AAWC President