



Class of 1978 – 40th Reunion 2018 *Celebrating 95 Years of Sisterhood*

October 2017

Dear Douglass sisters,

It hardly seems possible that we, the Renaissance Women of the Class of 1978, are remotely old enough to be celebrating our 40th college reunion! This year's **Alumnae Reunion Weekend** will take place on **Thursday, April 19 through Saturday, April 21, 2018** with the special theme of **Forward Together: From our Founding into our Future**. It's a special time for our class and Reunion 2018 promises to be a once in a lifetime event. The highlight of Reunion 2018 will be a formal Gala to be held on Saturday, April 21, at the Heldrich Hotel for our alumnae and their guests. Get ready for an unforgettable evening of cocktails, dinner, awards and music and dancing. Preparations for this special occasion are underway, and we welcome your participation on the AADC Reunion Planning Committee. Please contact me for more information. In addition, we want to bring a few items to your attention:

Class Officer Nominations – Nominations for the 2018-2023 term are being accepted. Nominate yourself, or a classmate, for any of the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Fund Agent, Alumnae Council Representative, or Historian. Send the name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of your nominees to us at: Elena Anastasiou Rossi '78 at lecgrossi@comcast.net; Kahtleen Skettini Bailey, Secretary, at kasbailey@gmail.com; Susan McCahill Zahorbenski, Fund Agent/Treasurer at zee4ski@gmail.com.

Reunion Class Gifts – Reunion class gifts have a tremendous impact on the AADC's alumnae events and initiatives. Your support means connecting alumnae to each other, our alumnae organization, and unique enrichment opportunities with lasting impact for all alumnae. The Annual Appeal is not on behalf of NJC, DRC, Douglass, or Rutgers. Please consider a special gift to the AADC Annual Appeal in honor of our reunion. Our class goal in celebration of our milestone year is \$140,000 (this is a goal for five years since our last milestone reunion in 2013) and we have already raised \$114,672. Please give generously to the AADC Annual Appeal and be there when we announce our grand total at Convocation. Kindly make checks payable to "the AADC Annual Appeal" or visit www.douglassalumnae.org/makeagift. We thank those of you who have contributed generously, helping to continue the AADC's 95-years-strong legacy of educating, empowering and engaging all Douglass alumnae.

AADC's Forward Together: From our Founding into our Future Gala and/or Commemorative Ad Journal – Please be on the lookout for special opportunities to serve as a sponsor for the AADC's Forward Together: From our Founding into our Future Gala, scheduled for Saturday evening, April 21, and for our Commemorative Ad Journal. These are once in a lifetime opportunities, celebrating alumnae connections made possible through our alumnae association. For more information, please visit www.douglassalumnae.org/aadc-95th-anniversary-reunion. The AADC's Forward Together Gala invitation will be forthcoming.

I will be reaching out to as many of you as possible in the next few months. You all remember how big our class was and I could use some assistance contacting our classmates. If anyone would like to help me I'd be very appreciative. You don't need to live in the area. Contact me anytime and I'll supply the information needed. I'm also available for ideas, suggestions and comments. Let's show them what the Renaissance Women of 1978 can do! I promise a great and memorable weekend next April!

Sincerely,

Elena Anastasiou Rossi, Class President and AADC Reunion Committee Chair
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