

# GIFT PLANNING NEWS

~ For Smith College Planned Giving Volunteers ~

June 2019

## 2019 Reunion Highlights

The sixth annual receptions for members of The Grécourt Society and their guests were held in the Alumnae House. President McCartney spoke at both receptions. On Sat. 5/25/19, our special guest speaker, Barbara Mulhern '47, provided some history of our legacy giving society and interesting information about the Grécourt Gates.

We held our 14<sup>th</sup> annual Grécourt Society ice cream social during each reunion weekend. Free ice cream and sorbet, estate planning information and good cheer were offered to all who stopped by.



President Kathy McCartney and Grécourt Society Chair, Pam Henrikson '62 cut the Grécourt Society 25th anniversary cake. Photo Credit: Sam Gipe, Pivot Media

## The Grécourt Society Award 2019

Please join us in congratulating the Class of 1969 as the winner of this year's Grécourt Society Award, which was presented at Reunion. Their class won by adding an amazing 25 new members to the society since their last Reunion!



### Reunion Classes

#### New Members of The Grécourt Society since last reunion

Class	Members at last reunion (5/1/14)	Current members (as of 5/1/19)	New Members since last reunion
1944	61	61	0
1949	70	70	0
1954	64	67	3
1959	60	63	3
1964	62	70	8
1969	59	84	25
1974	22	28	6
1979	18	26	8
1984	18	19	1
1989	20	28	8
1994	9	13	4
1999	5	7	2
2004	2	3	1
2009	1	2	1



We are sad to relay the news of the passing of Elizabeth "Liz" (Sessions) Kelsey '55 on May 27, 2019. Liz served as Planned Giving Chair for the Class of '55 for 14 years as well as four years as Special Gift Chair. As some of you may know, Liz was the recipient of our Volunteer Award during our Volunteer Leadership Conference in October of 2018. Liz was a great role model for her classmates not only by being a long-standing member of The Grécourt Society, but also by advocating for other classmates to join. She will be missed by us all.

*THANK YOU* to those Planned Giving Chairs who responded to our survey in January. We will share information with you regarding its results in our next newsletter coming in March of 2020 in preparation for Reunion 2020!

## Gift Planning 2019 Fiscal Year Update

(as of 6/14/19)

*Smith supporters never cease to amaze us and the outpouring of generosity is second to none!*

Gift Type	Amount
Unitrusts:	\$ 1,038,849
Gift Annuities:	666,084
Deferred Payment Gift Annuities:	296,773
Realized Bequests:	5,274,404
Reunion Bequest Intentions:	8,584,730
Total Planned Gifts & Bequests: (approx.)	\$ 15,860,840

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [gift\\_planning@smith.edu](mailto:gift_planning@smith.edu) or (800) 241-2056, option 5.



*Best wishes for a wonderful summer season! ~ Sam, Chris, Kamlyn and Deb*