



Welcome to the 12th edition of the Society of 1918 e-newsletter!



IMPACT: The Society of 1918 provided \$28,000 in grants across campus in support of women's networking and programming. Growing our university-wide impact, renewing Society members have the option of giving 80% of future commitments to ANY fund at W&M!



MEMBERSHIP: The Society of 1918 has **515** members and we are still growing!



ENGAGEMENT: The Society of 1918 has hosted over 125 in-person and virtual events, with more than 10,000 registrations!

The Magic of William & Mary, the Magic of Philanthropy

My first memory of William & Mary is from when I was 9 years old. My parents brought me to see Colonial Williamsburg and the campus. It was then that I fell in love with W&M and the symbiotic relationship of the Colonial town and the university esprit. Even at age 9, I knew that I wanted to follow in my mother's footsteps and attend William & Mary. So, when my early decision acceptance letter arrived in the fall of my senior year, I was thrilled.

Over these many years, my relationship to the university and the town has changed, but I still love the magic of the symbiosis and it nourishes my soul. As a student, I was active in my sorority and the Panhellenic Council, and I grew as much socially as academically. As an alumna, I stayed in touch with several professors whom I admire to this day, and I found a way to give back through service on W&M boards, reunion committees and fundraising activities — a “thank you” for what I learned during my college years.

As my own career progressed, I found there were even more ways that I could give back and develop a new kind of symbiosis — between alumna and student. When my family was living abroad, my husband and I created internships for William & Mary students at the U.S. Mission to NATO. Right before my eyes, I saw how the lessons of living overseas and interacting daily with people from other countries could produce both an understanding and create a peaceful world as global citizens. The 24 William & Mary students who held those internships in Brussels were given opportunities to learn, grow and change — all for the better.

When my 50th reunion was approaching, I decided that I could continue offering those lessons to W&M students by creating a scholarship for undergraduates studying abroad. William & Mary offers a robust international education, but the overseas experience itself cannot be equaled by academic classes. Creating an endowment for that scholarship as a bequest is an easy way to assure that the gift of learning to be a global citizen will go on. As we watch the current horror in Ukraine, it is even more important for us to create

understanding and the desire for a peaceful world.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has had few silver linings, one of them is the result of curtailed international travel. What we would have spent to continue to personally experience the differences of the world, we have been able to contribute to William & Mary to start that scholarship endowment early. Perhaps the magic between our town and gown will be perpetuated in the magic of mutual understanding around the world. I can think of no better legacy for myself and no better steward for my financial contributions than William & Mary.

Barbara Pate Glacel
Society of 1918 Charter Member
Class of 1970

Look for our next newsletter, which will include features of Society members who have documented a planned gift and become members of The Honorable Robert Boyle Legacy Society.

RECAP OF GATHER.GROW.GIVE. ANNUAL SOCIETY MEETING

Did you miss the March 2022 Society of 1918 Gather.Grow.Give. program? Not to worry, you can still watch a recording of the State of the Society. It shares the impact of the Society and fiscal health details of your investment in the Alumnae Initiatives Endowment.

WATCH THE RECORDING

ALUMNAE IN ANTARCTICA



“The Society of 1918 was well represented in Antarctica. The penguins, orca whales and leopard seals were quite impressed! We had a blast at the bottom of the world.” Pictured (left to right): Carol Todd '79, Mary Ann Heyser Wright '79 and Janet Jorgensen '79.



UPCOMING SOCIETY OF 1918 EVENT

W&M Women | The Intersection of Sustainability & Social Justice: The Lasting Impact of 20th-Century Redlining

May 24, 2022 | Alumni House | 6-8 p.m.

William & Mary has recently launched two new university-wide initiatives — the Center for Racial & Social Justice and the Institute for Integrative Conservation. While these initiatives have different missions, the work of both will include advancing racial, social and environmental justice. In this presentation, Vivian E. Hamilton, founding director of the William & Mary Center for Racial & Social Justice, and Robert Rose, executive director of the Institute for Integrative Conservation, will discuss an issue at the intersection of their work — combating the enduring effects of redlining. A 20th-century government and industry practice of ranking neighborhoods for home ownership, redlining has contributed to significant racial, social and environmental injustices that are still being felt across many communities today. Hamilton and Rose will also discuss how, in partnership with others at William & Mary and beyond, we might begin to reverse its effects in our communities.

Stay tuned for the registration link via email!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET MORE INVOLVED WITH THE SOCIETY OF 1918?

As our membership grows, the Society of 1918 Steering and Executive committees want to ensure that everyone has a place in this community. All members are encouraged to engage via the newsletter, share programming ideas and connect through social media! Send your thoughts and ideas to ideas@wm.edu.

If you would like to update your name on the Society of 1918 membership roster with the hyperlink of your choosing (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or LinkedIn), please complete this [five-question survey](#).

The Steering Committee has also heard that members are seeking a forum to connect with one another. To that end, we have launched a new [Society of 1918 Facebook group](#). Membership is by invitation only — ask to join and we'll set you up! We also have a growing [Society of 1918 LinkedIn group](#). Choose your favorite platform or join them all! Don't forget to use our hashtags on social media: #Societyof1918 #wmWomen and #williamandmary.

WELCOME NEW SOCIETY OF 1918 MEMBERS

Elizabeth Holt Andrews '00
Anuarite Chretien '09
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ENGAGING WITH W&M STUDENTS



Members of the Leadership Committee of the Society of 1918 interviewed 17 talented undergraduate and graduate students about how William & Mary has shaped their leadership development so far. The students represent artists, athletes, community builders, veterans and more! [Watch the short compilation here](#) and view the [full-length videos](#) on the Society of 1918 member resources page. Spoiler alert: The Society of 1918 received tons of kudos from the interviewees.

In anticipation of the launch of the university-wide mentorship platform via Graduway, alumnae had the opportunity to connect with students by academic concentration. William & Mary Lecturer Ran Yang M.S. '06, Ph.D. '08 and Assistant Professor Chris Monahan launched a women in STEM mentoring program. The program, Mentoring for Careers in Physics (MCP), connects professional women physicists with William & Mary students. [Thank you to the Society of 1918 for supporting this program!](#)

WOMEN & PHILANTHROPY CONFERENCE HELD AT WILLIAM & MARY



Kathleen Loehr, author of “Gender Matters: A Guide to Growing Women's Philanthropy,” and Val Cushman, senior director of alumni engagement and inclusion initiatives at William & Mary, hosted the nation’s first Professionals in Women & Philanthropy Conference in March! W&M was among the first four universities in the country to launch a women’s philanthropy initiative, and now there are 70 programs in various states of evolution across the country!

Kudos to Janet Rollins Atwater '84, P '17, P '20, chair of the Society, for sharing how the Society of 1918 is a model for creating women's philanthropy programs at institutions around the United States!

SOCIETY OF 1918 MISSION AND VISION

The Society of 1918 is committed to growing the engagement, leadership and philanthropy of W&M women.

Our vision is to achieve a level of impact, influence and generosity commensurate with our majority representation in the alumni community.

The Society of 1918 e-newsletter goes out to all members of the society periodically with updates, upcoming events, shout-outs and more. Love it? Have a suggestion? Want to author a blog on women's leadership or philanthropy? Want to submit your information for a member feature? Contact Val Cushman at vlcushman@wm.edu or by phone at (757) 221-1622.

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