

## Ways to Get Involved

For the first time since my own *Revels* performance, I returned to campus to see the class of 2010 perform—I am so glad I did! In December, I flew to Boston for a holiday brunch at the home of Bonnie Scott Jelinek '63. What a blast! I can't believe that for over 25 years I have been missing out on parties, performances, and conversations with so many incredible alumnae worldwide!

I realize we are all busy—careers, families, hobbies—but if you are not connected with the alumnae community, you are missing out on some wonderful experiences. Here are a few simple ways to connect:

**Wear your Emma ring.** Many of you may have heard the story about the two alums who connected in a subway car while holding on to the strap hanger and seeing each other's EWS rings; the Emma Willard world is a small one.

**Sign up to be an Emma Link.** The AAC sponsors a program connecting alumnae to recent Emma Willard graduates attending college in their area. "Links" offer advice, home-cooked meals, or simply serve as a resource.

**Wear an Emma t-shirt.** If you haven't visited the school store or the Web site recently, the school has some great items for all ages and sizes to promote our crown jewel.

**Recycle the Emma magazine.** Everywhere I go people are talking about how the school has really hit a homerun with the new design and focus of the *Emma* magazine. How about sharing it with a prospective student or leaving it behind at your doctor's office, bank, or other public place.

**Use the Directory.** As you are traveling on business or pleasure, phone a friend (an Emma alum) and make plans for tea, dinner, or some sort of get together.

I hope you will take this list and build on it, and if you want to get involved, just email [alumnae@emmawillard.org](mailto:alumnae@emmawillard.org), and we can help you with whatever appeals to you.

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**01** London: Miró Cassetta '07, Kathryn Dennett '07, and Alexis Steinberg '07 served as young alumnae panelists at Emma Willard's event in London.

**02** CO 1: Durban Swartz '03, Liz Toohey '03, Jacqueline Wood '03, Bethany Dupont Bilbrey '87, and Athena Nagi Mays '87 kick off the Colorado Emmies group.

**03** DC Emmies: Priscilla Smart Weck '51, Nan Anderson Coughlin '56, Betsy Gifford Gross '72, Bonnie Casper Winston '66, Beverly Burke Gunther '60, and Erika Ling '75 of the DC Emmies enjoyed a book discussion of Geraldine Brooks's book *March*.

**04** Wellesley brunch: Alumnae gathered for the third annual holiday brunch at the home of Bonnie Scott Jelinek '63. Front row: Sheila Stenhouse Lee '81, Wendy Xu '09, Barbara Nash '70; Second row: Frances Wheeler Gratz '67, Jane Cohen Freedman '86 and Julia, Deborah Johansen Harris '65, Eve Bartle Lesses '63, Sue Koerner Pearson '83; Top row: Alice Forstall Dana '44, P '72, Evelyn Reading '50, Betsy Caney '63, Genevieve Goldleaf '08, Adrienne Graves Southgate '69, Elizabeth Patterson Gardner '46, Margaret McKelvy Speranza '82, P'12, Catherine Dana Pappas '72, Margaret Bownes Johnson '83, Hillary Denton Kohler '83, P'13, Genevieve Gadenne '05, Kendra Stearns O'Donnell '60, P'88, Kristi Vainu Chenvainu '83, Linda Passaretti '84.



**05** Connecticut: Connecticut and Rhode Island alumnae enjoyed a late summer cocktail reception at the beautiful home of Anno Bent Murphy '69. Back row, L-R: Sarah Carter Davis '79, Lucy Nolan '75, Alison Morrisey Donahue '82, Aimee Herriott Vincente '82, Karen Murano '84. Front row, L-R: Sally Platt Parker '63, Amanda Oakes '79, Anno Bent Murphy '69, Sylvia Van Sinderen Abbate '69, Cate Moffett '69, Sousan Arafah '79, Katharine Mills Berry '53, P'76, '81.