

Dear Somerville '53 friend,

It is with such joy that I learnt that Somerville was going to honour and celebrate us. This is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the year we all came up to Somerville and Oxford as young first year students!

As you know, this celebratory luncheon on Thursday, May 11 in Somerville, will be hosted by Jan Royall, Principal of Somerville.

I am writing with a special plea to you to come if you possibly can. We all recognize of course, that some of us are not as physically able as we once were. That is a sad but good reason not to attempt the journey to Oxford. On the other hand, some of us may be able, but think at first we do not really care that much. However, some of us will be actually braving the skies and flying the Atlantic to be at Somerville. Doreen Boyce (Vaughan) and I at least, are coming from the East Coast of the United States, and are really excited to see as many of our year as can possibly make it. Please be among us.

Even if there are only a handful of us gathered, each will bring so much to our gathering. We shall celebrate our 70 years of adult life, and it will be fascinating to share whatever we feel moved to share! Our last such attempt was in the "Booklet of Biographies" that Gina Alexander (Pirani) and I put together in 2013-14. That made for excellent reading; this time though, we can meet in person, and that is exceptional. For some of us, it just might be our last opportunity.

Again, I urge you to join our very special celebration. It will be well worth your time and effort to come.

With warmest best wishes and many cherished memories, Paula