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**Wellesley Cotillion 2019:** **Volunteers Needed!**

The 2019 Wellesley Cotillion will be held on January 5, 2019 from 7:30-10:30pm at Boston University’s Metcalf Hall Ballroom. The Wellesley Cotillion, first held in the 1940’s as a formal dance for young adults to practice their social graces, is an elegant winter formal for all high school Juniors and Seniors who reside in Wellesley or attend Wellesley High School.

With a veritable army of adult organizers, the Wellesley Cotillion is a shining example of the strong community we share. Parents, Guardians, and supportive adults combine our talents and time to create an amazing and memorable night for Wellesley Cotillion guests. If you helped at a past Cotillion - thank you for your efforts! If you have never helped - this is your chance to get involved. It truly does take a Village to run Cotillion and ADULT VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED NOW!

Members of the 2019 Cotillion Committee invite YOU to help at Cotillion this year. Cotillion Co-Chairs Stacy Fleming and Gina Francis are graciously crafting a memorable Cotillion 2019 experience to keep this long-standing tradition alive. Our collective goal is to continue the tradition of this elegant, formal dance while helping to ensure a safe night for all guests.

We invite interested Adults to help us prepare for this spectacular event and to support our 800 young adults as they arrive *en masse* at one of our two transportation sites: Wellesley High School or the Yawkey Club of Roxbury. Our guests will check-in, queue up for the luxury bus ride into Boston University, drop their coats and personal items at Coat Check, enjoy themselves at the event, and re-board buses for the return trip home. Many, many, capable hands are needed for this endeavor. A sense of humor, a willingness for adventure, and a positive attitude are a must.

Volunteers at Wellesley High School and the Yawkey Club of Roxbury see the excitement at the beginning of the night - the expectation in faces, the buses loading-up and heading out, and then all of the tired but happy faces arriving back "home." Volunteers at Cotillion see the crowds on the dance floor, the lines and smiles at the photo booth, and the groups tucked away in various corners of the spectacular venue at Boston University.

Currently, our biggest need is for Bus Chaperones. Two adults ride on each of the 16 buses and accompany 50 Cotillion guests to/from Boston. Bus Chaperones escort students onto the bus at Wellesley High then off the bus and into the venue at the beginning of the evening. Bus Chaperones are free to enjoy a leisurely dinner-out in Boston, then return to the venue by 10:00pm to escort students back onto the bus for the ride home. Chaperones are asked to wear black tops/black bottoms or similar elegant/casual attire - there is no need to stress about your outfit. Grab a friend or cajole your spouse into a night-out that you’ll talk about for months & months! This is basically a “free ride” into Boston. Please consider volunteering! These spots will fill up soon so please [sign up today.](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4aa8a829a13-thewellesley)

Cotillion Organizers are hosting an important meeting for Cotillion Volunteers on Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019 at 7pm in the Wellesley High Cafeteria. All volunteers are asked to attend this meeting to understand what your job entails and to learn how it critically dovetails with the work of other volunteers.

**Additional information and the link to volunteer opportunities can be found online at the Wellesley Cotillion website:** [www.wellesleycotillion.org](http://www.wellesleycotillion.org)

**Facebook:**[facebook.com/WellesleyCotillion2019](https://www.facebook.com/WellesleyCotillion2019/?ref=settings)

**Contact the Wellesley Cotillion Committee:** wellesleycotillion@gmail.com

*The Wellesley Cotillion Committee is a non-profit group of non-paid parents. For over seventy years, Wellesley residents and businesses have come together to support the Wellesley Cotillion. Financial assistance is available and confidential inquiries may be sent to* *wellesleycotillion@gmail.com**. If the ticket price is an obstacle, Cotillion organizers want to help. Funds are also available for Tux rentals and dress purchases. For additional information or to make a donation, please contact a committee member or visit our website. Please note the Wellesley Cotillion Snow Policy: The Cotillion will ONLY be canceled if Governor Baker or Mayor Walsh declare a snow emergency or travel ban. In the event of winter weather, parents and families should make their own decisions to attend Cotillion based on their own comfort level.*