

**Class of 1970
50th Year Class Reunion
Newsletter**

Editor's Extensions

Marilyn O'Leary-Heaney

This is the 10th issue of our class reunion newsletter and proudly, we are continuing to share the information about class reunion plans with all of you, the class members. To keep you well informed and highly motivated, we will distribute the newsletter every month starting January 2020.

There are two features in this issue that you might find interesting and enjoyable to read. The first one is written by our chairperson, Kathy about her involvement as a volunteer at the Class of 1969 reunion at Gallaudet University Homecoming last October. The second one is the "Life-Changing Experience" essay written by Cynthia Neese Bailes. Also, you can view her presentation in ASL on YouTube using the link shown on the top of the printed essay. Thank you, Kathy and Cynthia!

Chair's Corner

Kathy McIntire Sutton, Chairperson

Can you believe that it is less than 11 months or 327 days until we get together to celebrate our 50th-anniversary class reunion?!?!

I really had a wonderful time at the 1969's 50th-anniversary class reunion. There were at least 16 of us from the 1970 class. It was great being with them. Some of us volunteered to help with the Class of 1969. Others came with their 1969 spouses or from other classes or just to be there at the Gallaudet Homecoming weekend. (See picture below.)

At the Kick-Off Dinner (Welcome Back Dinner) on Wednesday, it was so fun to watch the 1969 class members hugging, chatting and catching up with the news. Thursday morning, they met for the Golden Breakfast. There were several events on Friday. The highlight event was the Alumni Emeriti Club Induction. I got goosebumps just watching the class members get their medallion. You can see them getting emotional. Can you believe that the Classes of 1969 and 1994 beat the Gallaudet students at the College Bowl Challenge?!? It is the first time that the Alumni members won since it started in 2005. Yay! On Saturday, the Homecoming parade was at noon and the Banquet was in the evening. It was so fun to be a part of the 1969 Class activities. I can visualize what it would be like for our 50th Class reunion. **You really don't want to miss it.**

Start making plans to come and be part of this memorial 50th Class Reunion. It is not too late. Go for it!



(L to R) First Row: Sandra Kazmierski Bianco, Reda Evans Tweedy, Carole Kircher Lazorisak, Barbara Titus Evans, Connie Fisher Friedman **Second Row:** Joanne Stump-Nelson, Wanda Bunker Biser, Ruth Ann Lally Schornstein, Kathy McIntire Sutton, Janie Pearson, **Third Row:** Cynthia Neese Bailes, Bernie Brown, Sam Yates, Jay Shopshire, Mary Limoni Kraus

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“Life Changing Experience” Essay
Marilyn O’Leary-Heaney, Coordinator

Walter Brown Saved My Life
Cynthia Neese Bailes



View in ASL: <https://youtu.be/31JZxncFWP0>

Many of you know I grew up in public schools, and without the benefit of sign language until I was 16 when I began to meet Deaf people in Atlanta, my hometown. That fall, my new friends returned to the Georgia School for the Deaf, and a sign language class was set up in my church. Walter Brown, the president of Georgia Association of the Deaf, taught the class. The class of around fifteen students, all hearing except for me, met weekly. Soon, the class size began to dwindle, until I was the only student left. Walter continued to meet with me once a week during my senior year.

As was typical of the time, Walter taught sign vocabulary from drawings in *Talk With Your Hands*, a sign language book. At the end of each chapter were English sentences to practice the new signs in word-to-sign order. Each week, Walter and I got through the chapter quickly, and spent the rest of the hour conversing about all manner of things, and during this time I told him I aspired to teach Deaf children. Walter was exposing me to ASL as a language, and I suspect he instinctively knew it wasn’t enough to teach only sign vocabulary. Because of my weekly interactions with Walter and with my GSD friends who returned home every weekend, by the time I enrolled in Gallaudet in the fall of 1966, I had a good sign vocabulary, and a beginning sense of ASL as a language.

During my first year at Gallaudet, I met deaf students from all over the country and world, from those like me who grew up in public schools, to many who came from schools for the deaf, to a good number with Deaf parents. I made many new friends, had a lot of fun, and learned so much. But, something was amiss; I hadn’t figured out just how to fit in. By the end of the year, I decided Gallaudet was not the place for me and withdrew.

Back home in Atlanta that summer, I told Walter I had withdrawn from Gallaudet. Visibly shocked, Walter asked, “Do you still want to teach deaf children?”

“Of course I do! I can get my education degree elsewhere,” I replied.

Walter didn’t mince words, or I should say, signs: “Fine! You go ahead and do that, but you will be a lousy teacher.”

Taken aback, I asked, “Why do you say that?”

“Because you do not know Deaf People.”

I was thunderstruck. Suddenly, my misgivings began to make sense. It was not so much about me fitting this new group of people into my world as about gaining an understanding of *Deaf People* and immersing myself in and becoming a part of this World. Walter was conveying to me a sense of Deaf Culture, a concept that did not get named until more than a decade later. Yet, Walter had a clear sense of the culture and my need to absorb it. I realized then that there was no better place to do exactly that than Gallaudet, 24/7.

I returned to Gallaudet that fall and graduated in 1970. I achieved my goal of teaching deaf children—I taught elementary and secondary grades. I later became a professor of education at Gallaudet teaching those who wanted to become teachers.

My teaching experiences were rich; I learned so much from my students. I thank Walter for that. Because he influenced me to return to Gallaudet, I became enveloped by the Deaf World and immersed in the culture. I was able to open my mind to and understand the world through my students’ eyes—a world very different from the one in which I grew up. This set me upon a lifetime of learning, improving, and transforming my teaching as well as my life.

I’m grateful for Walter Brown and his role in guiding me in the right direction. And, as I sometimes remark to friends, I believe he saved my life.

Memory Lane



Our Famous "Rye Whiskey" Duo
Angela Petrone Stratiy and Paul McComb

Class Gift Fund Report

Connie Fisher Friedman, Class Gift Coordinator

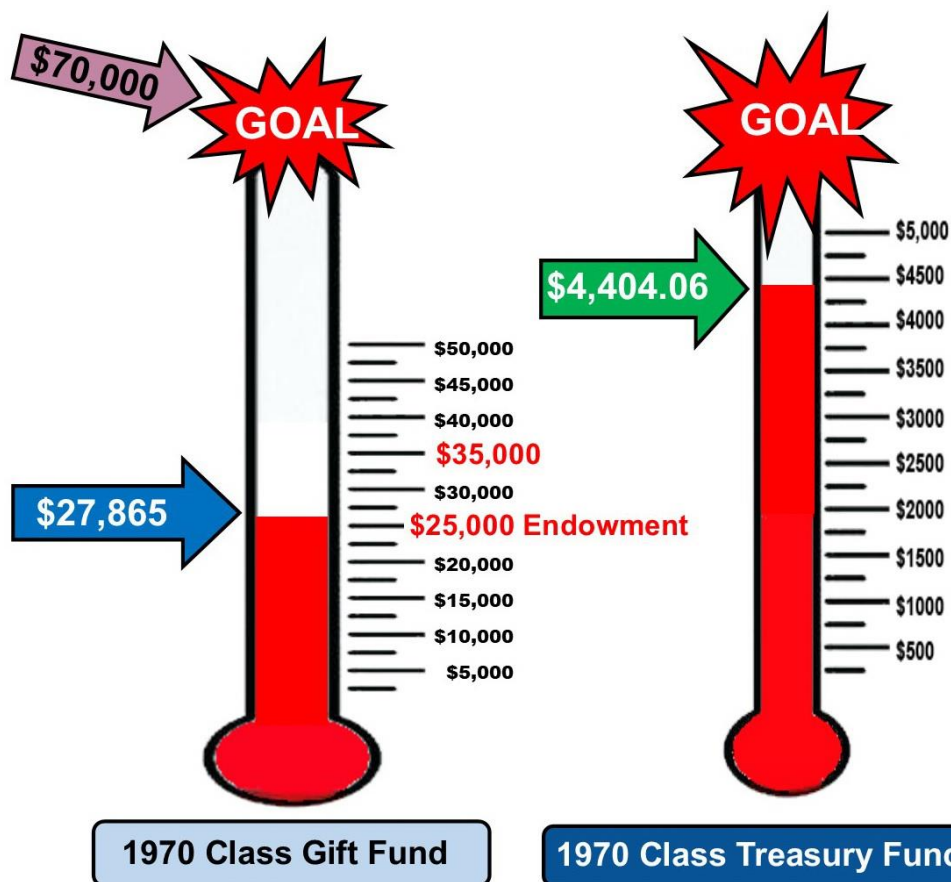
We currently have \$28,080 in our class gift fund, an increase of \$26,185 since our last newsletter. An updated list from Gallaudet's Development Office shows 51 donors, including 17 repeat donors. Thanks to those of you who contributed, and to the new donors:

Sandra Kazmierski Bianco
Patricia Marshburn Jacobs
Claire Ness
Diane V. Stenz
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A list of all who have contributed is on our class webpage, which is updated once a month: <http://gally70.com/50th-reunion/Gally-gift-fund/index.htm>.

To contribute, click on this link: <https://www.gallaudet.edu/office-of-development/giving-at-gallaudet/class-giving/class-of-1970>.



Class Treasury Report
Fred Pickering, Treasurer

As of December 1, 2019, we now have \$4,404.06 in our 1070 Treasury Fund. Thank you for those who have contributed to the 1970 Class Treasury Fund. Let us continue to increase the amount.

Please understand that there are two separate funds for our 1970 Class. One is the 1970 Class Treasury Fund. The second one is the 1970 Class Gift Fund. I am the Treasurer for the 1970 Class Treasury Fund. The money in the 1970 Class Treasury Fund helps cover the expenses when we have our class reunions every 5 years. This coming October 2020 is our 50th Anniversary Class Reunion. That is a very special event and we need money to help us offset possibly the cost of registration, the special services for the deaf/blind and other special needs class members, and the expenses for provisions and supplies needed for our 50th Class Reunion.

Excerpts from the Knob Hill News
Helen Merritt Tingley and Ursula Klim Attia, Coordinators



Question Box

6. What Do I Think of Preparatory Boys?

This question requires a rather frank answer. However, I am basing my answer on I have seen them do several times since the first day of orientation. Of course, I believe that the Preparatory boys are no worse than the ones we knew at school. I know they will eventually become more mature in the next few years.

However, the boys have made a good impression on their Preparatory sisters in several ways. For example, they wear their best clothes with ties every Friday and on holidays. They are also eager to get busy with the Camp Fund which they originated, and other projects.

On the whole, the Preparatory girls and I are very proud of them as our Prep. brothers, the members of the Class of 1970.

Mary Roberts
California

"Good-bye, November"
Good-bye, November, Good-bye,
We enjoyed many great plans,
during November.
We walked on the sidewalks,
Viewing autumn's trees and grass,
the students, while in class
paid attention to the teachers,
but some of us daydreamed,
some of us wrote for fun,
some of us stared at the teachers
vacantly,
we still enjoy talking about,
what happened in the classes,
no matter whether the lectures
were good or poor.
Our most enjoyable period was our
Thanksgiving vacation;
We left the campus to eat, drink,
dance and be merry.
Also, we felt romantic.
Now, it is time for you, November.
To rest and sleep for eleven
Long months, Good-bye!

Teddy Hensley



Memorials Report

Mary Ann Limoni Kraus, Coordinator

Our deepest sympathy goes to Shelley Lefkowitz Goul whose husband, John M. Goul died unexpectedly on October 5th, 2019 in Los Angeles, California. John is Kathy McIntire Sutton's cousin.

Thanks to Kathy Sutton for finding the information of James A. Melby's short obituary which was printed in Gallaudet Today magazine in Gallaudet Library - Archives during Gallaudet U Homecoming. You will find James' obit added in the Memorials section in **Gally70.com**.

Kathy and I stopped by Peikoff Alumni House (Ole Jim) and found Ezekiel Sambo's two long obituary pages. They are now posted in the Memorials section. Thank you, Paul, for putting up both obits.

Do You Remember?

Celia May Laramie Baldwin, Coordinator

Our Cat, Becky II

Submitted by

Sara Beth Stanley and Celia May Baldwin

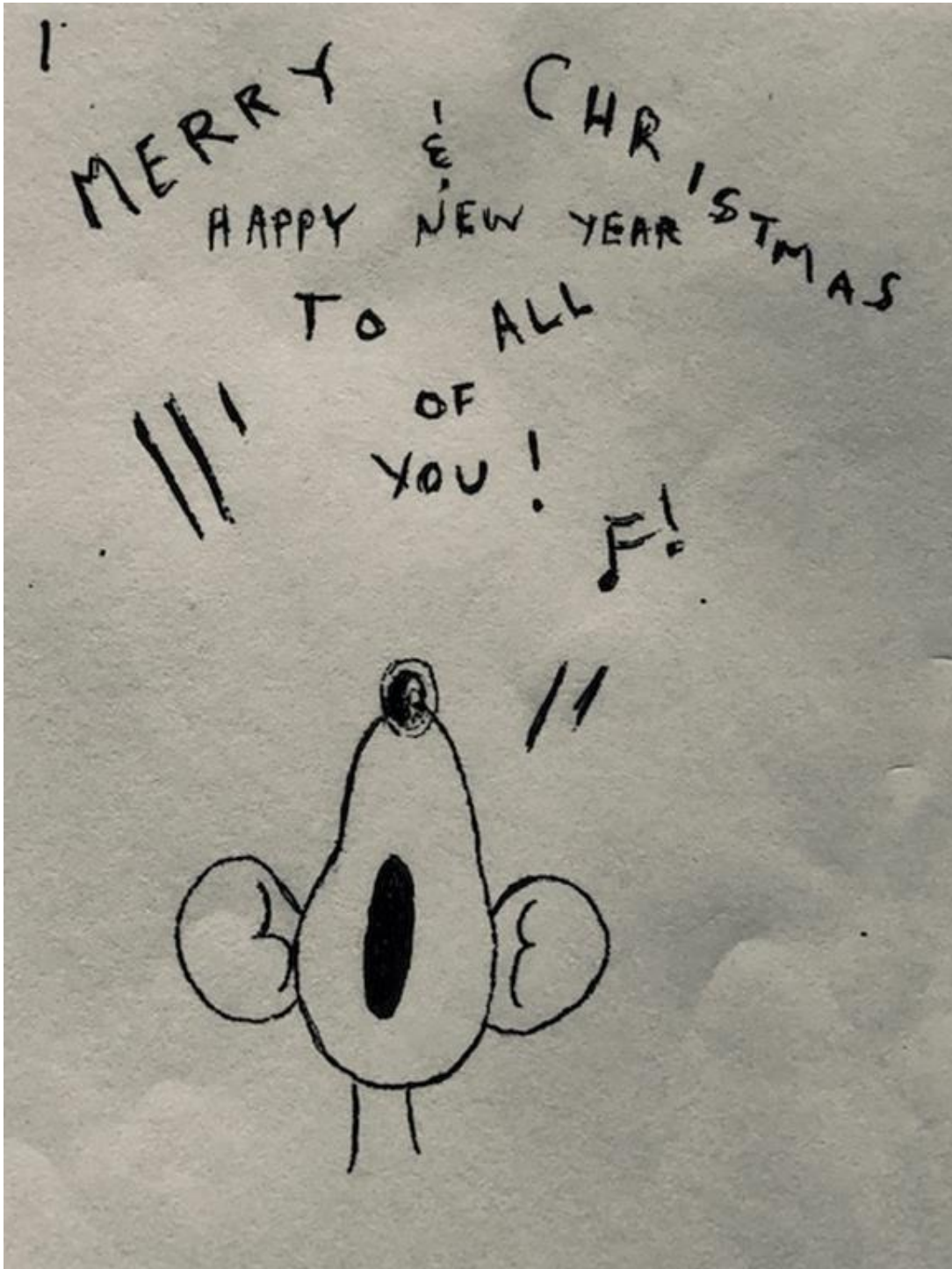
“Know what? We, girls in Cogswell Hall, are keeping 12 cats. There are no rules forbidding pets so... Naturally, Sara and I have one. We call her Becky #2, after our beloved ghost who left us last year, heh! She is about 3 months old and is very active. She could not leave Sara alone at nights for she loves to play with her curlers. Will take a picture of her someday and send it to you. She has a LONG tail about 10 inches long. On certain nights, she would run around and around the room.” ***From Celia May Laramie's letter home written on October 21, 1967.***

NOTE: Suzie Marshburn Jacobs would like for other cat owners to come forward with their stories.

NOTE #2: CM was called in by Dean Benson twice. Sara and CM finally found a home for her with Linda Allen Whitworth.



Becky II



Editor's Note: This drawing was printed in *Knob Hill News* without the name of the artist. Please email me (moheaney@gmail.com) if you know who the artist was. Thank you.

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To you all,
Class Members of 1970
Happy Holidays
From the Newsletter Team
and
Committee Chairpersons/
Coordinators

By Robert P. Sutton