

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



Editor's Extensions
Marilyn O'Leary-Heaney

Unbelievably, the Year **2020** has arrived! The most exciting event of the year, the **50th Year Class Reunion** will occur at Gallaudet University in 9 months, October 28 – 31, 2020. Our chairpersons, committee coordinators, contributors and newsletter team are getting busier lately and will remain so for the reunion. Our utmost goal is to make the reunion the most memorable event for every one of us, the Class of 1970. The Newsletter team will continue to provide significant information and interesting features on a monthly basis.

There are two new additions to 50th Year Class Reunion Newsletter. First, the selfies of our committee members will be shown when each sends a report or article to be printed in the Newsletter. Secondly, a new feature, *Gallaudet Alumni Emeriti Club* is introduced in this issue. **Joyanne Rasmus Burdett** is the contributor and she will provide curious and delightful information about this organization and Medallion which we will receive at the ceremony. Joyanne will continue contributing to this feature every month until October. Welcome aboard, Joyanne.

The next issue, No. 12 will be distributed in February.



Chair's Corner
Kathy McIntire Sutton, Chairperson

Happy New Year! Welcome to the year 2020! This is the year that we will have our 50th Anniversary Class Reunion in October 28-31. I am so excited about it. The committees are on the roll making plans for the anniversary reunion. You will be receiving more information from the committees in the Newsletter every month this year.

You received an email from **Fred Pickering** asking you to send your current home address. **Please do it even if you lived in that home for years.** You will receive the snail mail packet from the Alumni Relations/Class of 1970 with all the instructions with registration, hotel reservations, and some other information. The Registration Committee will keep you informed. We **do not** want any of our class members to be left out.

When you read this Newsletter, it will be 286 days before we meet at our 50th Anniversary Class Reunion. The time is getting closer. Keep saving your money. Start making plans to go to this exciting one-time event. Fifty years is a milestone for all of us. We want all of you to be there.

The Committee Chart

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		* Hosted by Alumni Relations Office



Class Gift Fund Report

Connie Fisher Friedman, Class Gift Fund Coordinator

Happy New Year and CONGRATULATIONS! We begin the year 2020 with \$37,130.00 in our Class Gift Fund!

This is up from \$32,205 in mid-December, a remarkable growth of \$4,925 since our last email on December 16, and \$2,130 beyond our year-end goal of \$35,000.

Even more impressive: At the time of our last newsletter, December 6, 2019, we had \$28,080; thus, we have increased the fund by *\$9,050 in just one month*. We rock!!!

Thanks to the many repeat donors and the two new donors who have contributed since our last newsletter: **Douglas E. Fuchsman and Shirley A. (Edwards) Hampton**.

Please help us increase not only the amount of our gift but also the number of class members who contribute. If you have not yet given it to our class-gift fund, please consider doing so today.

Here's the link: <https://www.gallaudet.edu/office-of-development/giving-at-gallaudet/class-giving/class-of-1970>.



The Class of 1970 Endowment Fund

Cynthia Neese Bailes, Co-chair, Reunion Committee

We have surpassed the \$25,000 minimum for establishing an endowment fund as our class gift to Gallaudet. Our endowment principal will be held forever. Between four and five percent of the market value will be paid out each year to support an initiative established by the fund. What better way for the Class of 1970 to say thank you to and to invest in Gallaudet University. (See Issue 6, April 2019 for more information about endowments.)

Now it is time to decide what we as a class will support through our endowment fund.

To give you an idea, here is a list of all the current funds at Gallaudet:

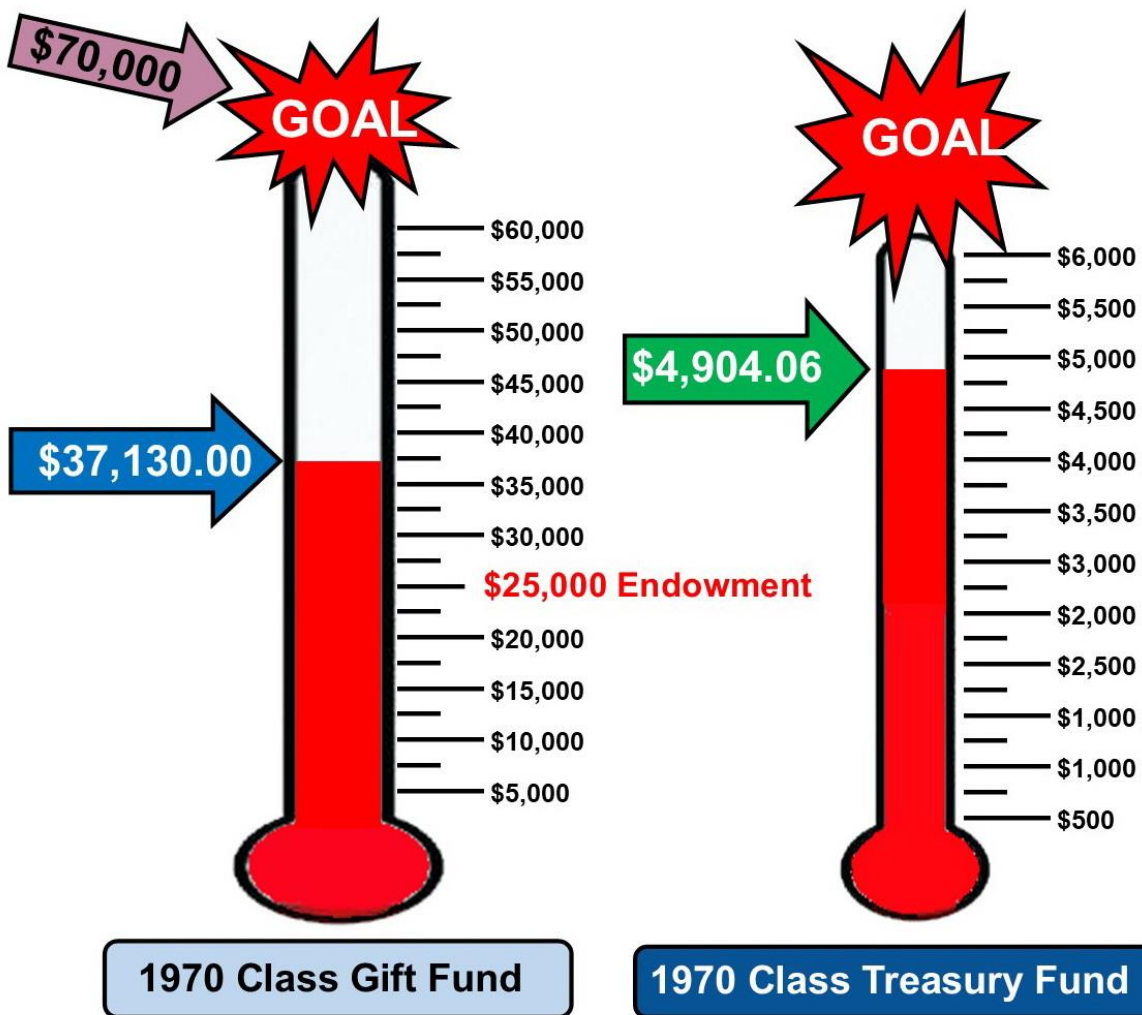
<https://www.gallaudet.edu/PDF%20Files/gallaudet-endowment-funds-list-072319.pdf>.

If you scroll down this list, you will see eight class funds, all of which support student scholarships. We can also support scholarships, but we can, if we prefer, support programs, research, or other areas such as the Gallaudet museum or Alumni Relationships.

We want to include ALL class members in determining what our class will thank Gallaudet. To do this, we will conduct at least two surveys. The first survey is designed to get a sense of what aspects of Gallaudet we value as a class. You will be able to choose from the general categories of scholarships, programs, research, and others. A text box will be included to allow you to write more specifically what you wish to support.

The second survey will be based on your responses. We will share survey results and subsequent plans as we proceed. Our goal is to make our decision prior to our gathering in October 2020.

The more responses we receive, the better we will be able to determine a gift to Gallaudet that represents ALL of us! When you receive the survey, please respond as quickly as you can. Thank you!



Updated by Paul Stefurak



Class Treasury Report
Fred Pickering, Treasurer

As of December 31, 2019, we now have \$4,904.06 in our 1070 Treasury Fund. 😊
Thank you for those who have contributed to the 1970 Class Treasury Fund. This will help a lot with our 1970 – 50th Anniversary Class Reunion. The more money, the more help we give to the class reunion.

The Memory Lane



Editor's Note: *This photo was taken at a ski resort in Pocono Mts., PA during the Senior Sneak Weekend (Winter 1970.) The seniors shown from left to right are **Kathy McIntire Sutton, Nancy Benton, Mary Telles Ruffa, Mary Limoni Kraus and Linda Lawrence.***



Memorials Report

Mary Ann Limoni Kraus, Coordinator

With our condolences to **Larry Rocque**. His wife, Gwen passed away on December 5, 2019, after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

It is sad to learn that **Dudley Hemstreet** from Washington State passed away on December 23, 2019. After we get his obituary, it will be posted in **Gally70.com** under Memorials. With our condolences, may he rest in peace.



Database Report

Fred Pickering, Database Specialist

Hello Class Members,

Thank you to those who responded with your current home/ mailing address. I am still waiting for other class members to respond. Please, pretty please respond.

As I mentioned in my email last month that the Alumni Relations Office will send out the Registration Packets via snail mail. So, **now I really do need you to send your current home/ mailing address so I can compare it with what I have on my database sheet.** It is so important that you send me your current home/ mailing address. You **will not get** the Registration Packet sometime in February or March 2020 **if** your current/ mailing address is not the same as in my database sheet and you did not let me know.

Again, this is an urgent plea. Please send your current home/ mailing address to me at fpic47@gmail.com as soon as you can. When I get it, I will compare your current home/ mailing address in my database sheet and will update it if I find your different address. And I will let you know. If you do not send me your current home/ mailing address, then I will assume it is your current home/ mailing address in my database sheet.

Also, please update your information in Gallaudet University Alumni Association website: <http://alumni2.gallaudet.edu/alumnirecord.asp>.

We want **ALL** of you to be able to attend this special event-1970 - 50th Anniversary Class Reunion. We cannot miss out on this one-time event.

Thank you.

Fred Pickering



Gallaudet Ice Hockey
Charmaine Letourneau, Contributor

In 1967, the Chesapeake Amateur Hockey League began, and the Gallaudet Ice Hockey team, with 18 very talented players joined. Most of them were from Canada. Many of the games were played at Uline Arena (renamed Washington Coliseum), which was about 4 blocks from Gallaudet. They played against 8 teams from around the Washington, DC area.

Photos from 1967 Yearbook



Dennis Warick



John Burton

At the first few games, there were only about 30 fans cheering for the Gallaudet Ice Hockey team. After hearing about how very exciting the games were, more and more Gallaudet fans began showing up to cheer. The loyal fans would brave the 4 blocks in the freezing weather to see the hockey games. One of the fans mentioned that she was looking forward to getting out of the cold, only to find that the arena was equally cold. Well, we couldn't let the ice melt, could we? Gallaudet fans were thrilled with the very fast paced games, with lots of body checks and fighting. The players would drop their gloves and sticks to fight. That made the fans getting all fired up and start yelling and

swearing. They also yelled loud when their team made a goal. The deaf players couldn't hear the yelling but they knew they were being cheered by the fans standing up and waving the fists

It was a brand new and exciting era in hockeydom. For the first time, the hearing players in the league were playing against an all deaf team. The hearing players were told to stop moving and stay in place to let the deaf players know when the whistle was blown. Sometimes it didn't work, and a deaf player would skate all the way to the opposite end to shoot a goal.

The National Brewers were the powerhouse of the amateur league, and they considered the Gallaudet Ice Hockey team their strongest opponent. Gallaudet did win the conference championship one season.

It was with great sadness when the Gallaudet Ice Hockey team disbanded in 1975. Canada's provincial governments decided not to continue financial support for students attending Gallaudet due to the enormous cost of the tuition. Consequently, there were fewer talented hockey players left.



Excerpts from the Knob Hill News

Helen Merritt Tingley and Ursula Klim Attia, Coordinators

What New Year's resolutions did you make?

Well, I tried to make the same New Year's resolutions for 1966, which I have made every year since I was in high school. They are:

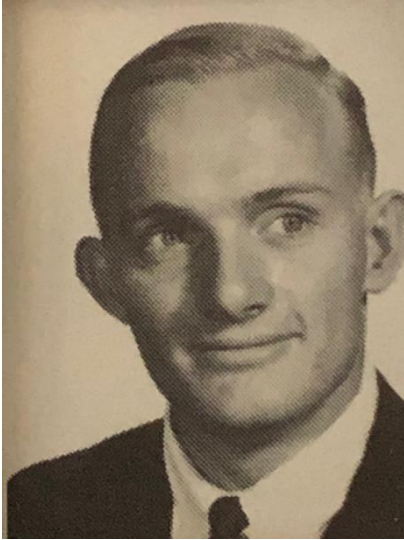
- 1) deciding to watch my diet very carefully.
- 2) Attempting to stop talking too much while I sit on my chair at Peet Hall during my study hour.
- 3) Relaxing for a little while.
- 4) Exercising every night and morning.

I hope this year my resolutions will not be broken.

Nicole Ekle
Washington



Nicole Ekle

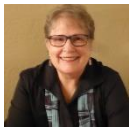


Burton Quartermus

"Why I Have Volunteered to be President of the Preparatory Boys' Government?"

My purpose for becoming president of the PBG is to improve the government which we have this year. My aim is for PBG to have our government directed by our boys, not counselors or faculty members. I want to see our boys develop endurance which can help them in their search for a better living. I surely hope to improve our PBG. The basic requirements for a strong PBG are: cooperation, independence and happiness. I believe that our government can't continue without a constitution. The constitution which we have now needs a revision and amendments. I still want to look for more improvements to make our PBG Stronger!!!!!!!!!!!!

Burton Quartermus
President of PBG



Do You Remember?

Celia May Laramie Baldwin, Coordinator

Did You Remember our BECKY, the Ghost of Peet Hall?

Submitted by Celia May Baldwin



My mom was the best. She kept all my letters that I wrote back home during all my five years at Gallaudet. As I was walking down the memory lane reading my handwritten letters, I came across this one and felt compelled to share it with you all.

Letter was written on November 7, 1966.

“Well, to begin this wild story and you probably would not believe it. Let’s go back to October (1st part) Sara and I were in our room when all of sudden our window blinds clattered for no reason. The windows were closed. Then some time later when Sara was taking a nap, her bedspread was “blown” by a strong current and then she felt a loud thump and after that she heard a slam on the doorway. The exactly same thing happened to me. I thought that she was in the room and when the door was opened, it caused all of those mishaps explained above but it didn’t. So we decided to call our “ghost” Becky. Ever since something happened, we usually would tell Becky to stop that. Then last week when Sara was alone in the room, the lights went off and then on. She ran out and thought that she would catch a prankster but she did not. No one was in sight. Then next night when Sara was sleeping, she woke up and thought that I sat on her feet but there was no one except herself in the room. Boy, she ran out for life. We explained all those incidents to some girls. Petrone, so curious, decided that she wanted to meet Becky, the ghost. So she visited us one night, hoping that her wish would come true. She and Sara decided to put my miniature gavel in one certain place and left the room locked. Spent a half hour in snack bar celebrating Sara’s birthday. (10 of us girls were there to celebrate). When we returned, we could hear our heart thumping, opened the door and found the gavel in other place. Screaming, we ran down the hallway meeting Mrs. Cox. She “investigated our room, laughing all the time and said, “Halloween is over” and “Maybe Miss Peet’s soul is here”. And ever since the topic about Becky was the main topic on the campus for almost two weeks. I believe that about 100 girls already visited our room. Boy what a headache. I am sure that it will be printed in **Buff and Blue**.”

NOTE: Sara and I finally got our plea to move to Cogswell Hall in February. Someone said a student died in that very room. Believe it or not?



Gallaudet Alumni Emeriti Club
Joyanne Rasmus Burdett, Coordinator

Happy 2020 to each one of you! Let’s make it another great year! What makes it a little bit special year for us? We can start the countdown to the day we meet again at our Class of 1970 50th Anniversary at Gallaudet!

This issue will cover how the Alumni Emeritus Club was originated.

First of all, I want to thank Daphne Cox, Class of 1982, for contributing wonderful information about the origin of the Gallaudet Alumni Emeriti Club. This is going to be one of the main reasons why each one of us is greatly motivated to go and receive our own medallions.

Again, just a 70ly reminder: All class members both 70ers and ex-70ers **must be present** at the Gallaudet Alumni Emeriti Club Induction ceremony on Gallaudet University campus in order to receive the medallions personally from the University President. If it won't be possible for you to show up, no need to feel sad as you still have the opportunity when you go to that ceremony at another time. But, of course, it is going to be awesome and memorable if we all could be there together for that ceremony! At this writing, the induction will be held on Friday, October 30, from 2 to 3 PM. The location is to be announced later. All we need to do is to make sure we are in our seats by 1:45 PM. The program is sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations, Gallaudet University.

Here goes the story of the history of the Gallaudet Emeriti Club Program as quoted from Daphne Cox...

Daphne Cox, '82 and Gallaudet retiree since 2016. Daphne worked in the Office of Alumni Relations for thirteen years from 1995 to 2008. While employed with the Office of Alumni Relations, from time to time, I went to a conference for Alumni professionals as a part of professional development.

In January 2004, I, in my position as Associate Director of Alumni Relations, attended CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) Conference in San Diego, CA, to get new ideas for the expansion of HC programs involving alumni of color, affinity groups, 50+ year classes, program milestones, etc.

One lady from Colorado college gave a presentation about its Alumni Emeriti Club Program. The program is a graduation-like ceremony with the President and Provost in full graduation regalia, historical tidbits from that class' time, the presentation of the medallion and a photo opportunity with the President. The concept got my full attention. After the workshop, I sat down with her asking questions, picking on her brain for the establishment of a similar program at Gallaudet. She sent me a package containing samples and materials a week later. I dived into the new project with enthusiasm...

To be continued in the next volume #12 in February... 1) the rest of the history, 2) who came up with a design idea for the Gallaudet Alumni Emeriti Club medallion? and 3) who used his/her graphic design skills to incorporate Gallaudet symbols and wordings on the obverse and reverse sides of a bronze medallion? Can you answer these questions?

With 70 hugs, Joyanne

