

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



Editor's Extensions

Marilyn O'Leary-Heaney

Amazingly, that we continue receiving very informative reports/articles from our committee chairpersons, committee coordinators and newsletter contributors in preparation for our 50th Class Reunion this October. I deeply appreciated your continuous and dedicated work.

Our guest in this issue of "Life Challenging Experience" Essay is **Robert Harris** and you will find it very interesting to read. He describes how Gallaudet University impacted him throughout his years as a successful deaf person.

We have two new videos on display in this issue. The first one is prepared by **Joyanne Rasmus Burdett** for Gallaudet Alumni Emeriti Club. The next video is prepared by **Jack Lamberton** for The College Bowl. Don't miss them!



Chair's Corner

Kathy McIntire Sutton, Chairperson

Hello! I hope you are staying home and keeping yourself safe and healthy. I feel good that finding projects around the home to keep me busy making my home clean and beautiful.

Cynthia, Ron and I are excited to see that we have five registrants who have sent in their forms. See the Registration Report for the list who has sent in their forms. In the light of the COVID-19, it will be a matter of time to find out who else has sent in their forms due to Gallaudet being in remote status and getting mail from the post office. Go ahead and send yours in. I already sent in mine. 😊 Please read Ruth Ann Lally Schornstein's report for more information.

Jack Lamberton's report explains what the College Bowl Challenge is all about. We do need two more class members to join Jack on the team. One regular and one alternate. We want at least one female on the team. There are many potential females in our class. Come on and be courageous and join the team.

The anniversary book is coming along beautifully. Read Bernie's report and see the list of names who have submitted their profile and pictures. Can you help him meet his goal of 120 class members with their profiles and pictures? He needs six more.

The Committee Chart

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		Golden Anniversary Luncheon (Fri)*
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	Anniversary Book	Entertainment
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		* Hosted by Alumni Relations Office



Class Gift/Endowment Fund Report

Cynthia Neese Bales, Co-chair, Reunion Committee

CLASS GIFT FUND STATUS as of April 14, 2020:

We did not meet our goal of \$50,000 and 50% participation by March 31, 2020. The good news is our class gift fund has grown to **\$44,965**, up \$2,080 since our last newsletter. We are \$5,035 closer to our goal.

Overall, we have 82 donors, 79 of whom are class members, with 45 (57%) repeat donors. In the last month, we gained eight new donors, six of whom are class members. Our participation rate is now **39.7%**, up from 37.0% at mid-March.

Special thanks the eight new donors:

Mary A. Dalen Burke
Ronald H. Gabriel
Richard J. Kendall
Carol A. Trachenberg

Deaf Globetrotters Travel
Constance M. Paine Henes
Dale L. Ritter
Michael Tuccelli

And, to the thirteen repeat donors:

Sandra Kazmierski Bianco
Robert I. Harris
Joy E. Rader
Janie Pearson
Ruth Ann Lally Schornstein
JoAnne M. Stump-Nelson
Samuel L. Yates

Jack L. Cooper
John W. Justl
Lawrence A. Rocque
Alfred T. Scanlon
Joel M. Silberstein
Kathryn McIntire Sutton

In light of COVID-19, we will not set new timelines for reaching \$50,000 and 50%; instead, we urge you to contribute when you can, keeping in mind we ultimately strive to raise \$70,000.

Here's the link again for new and repeat donors alike:

<https://www.gallaudet.edu/office-of-development/giving-at-gallaudet/class-giving/class-of-1970>.

CLASS OF 1970 ENDOWMENT FUND SURVEY UPDATE:

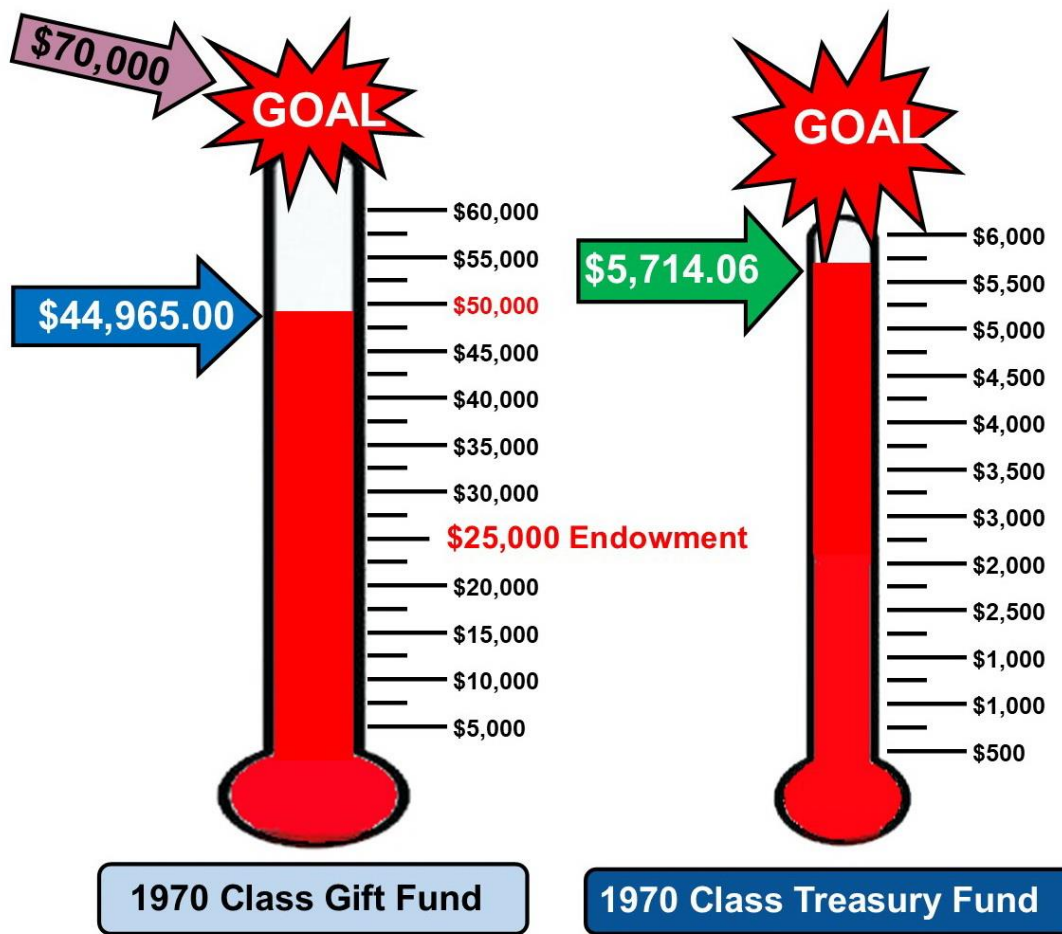
We will soon send a new survey proposing criteria for the Class of 1970 endowment fund. The criteria are based on the results of our first survey, in which only three criteria were suggested by multiple respondents: (1) students with financial need, (2) international students, and (3) students in good academic standing. The survey will seek your approval of these criteria for our endowment fund.

Our goal is to establish a fund that will guarantee student support every year, and to avoid including criteria that is difficult to apply consistently from year to year. The general criteria of "students in good standing with financial need, to include international students" will not exclude students with other characteristics that individuals cited in the

first survey (e.g., students with a focus on Deaf Culture/Deaf-Blind Studies, students who are single mothers, Deaf students with disabilities).

The survey will include a comment box where you can express any additional thoughts and concerns you would like us to consider.

Class of 1970 Fund Raising Barometers Updated by Paul Stefurak



Class Treasury Report
Fred Pickering, Treasurer

We now have a balance of \$5,714.06 in our Class70 Treasury Fund, PNC Bank.

Currently our 50th Class70 Reunion committees are planning for our 50th class reunion events on October 28-31, 2020. Some of our classmates send their money to our Treasury Fund to maintain our financial security to support our expenditures such as paper

goods, printing materials, stamps, decorations, etc. and to support **Paul Stefurak** for his expenditures on his website, Gally70.com.

It would be greatly appreciated if you continue pitch in to achieve that goal. The only thing you need to understand that you cannot file your tax exempt for donation in 2020 IRS because we do not have 501c3 tax exemption. The following steps what I do with your check:

1. Before depositing your check into our Class70 Treasury Fund account, I copy your letter, envelope, and the check/cash in the file, labeling your name/date in our Class70 Treasury Report database.
2. I keep track of your money in our Class70 Treasury Report database in EXCEL with date of transaction and our Class70 PNC bank account with history of transactions.

To help our expenditures goals, please write the check, payable to 'Gallaudet University Class of 1970' and send it to **Frederick Pickering**, 1114 Morningwood Lane, Great Falls, Virginia 22066-1609.

Please do not hesitate if you have a question, email me at fpic47@gmail.com. Thank you.



Gallaudet Alumni Emeriti Club
Joyanne Rasmus Burdett, Coordinator

Bet each one of you are counting the days before we meet again in October 2020!!

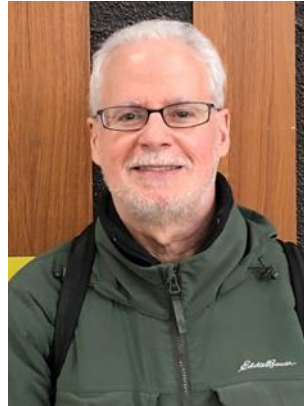
I thought instead of writing an article for this month, I would share a special treat with you to enjoy. I am grateful for the kindness and willingness of Philip and Judith (Rasmus) Bravin, Class of 1966, to create a vlog (see below) for us to watch. Their experiences of receiving a medallion in October 2016 certainly are so inspiring as well as getting us motivated in receiving one ourselves this coming October or anytime, after that for those who could not come in person to receive the honor.

Enjoy watching the vlog!
70 Hugs, Joyanne

 [GU Medallion-1.mp4](#)



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



Robert Harris

My Debts of Gratitude to Gallaudet University

Submitted by Robert Harris

My name is Robert Harris. I was asked to write a brief sketch about who I am since I went to Gallaudet University for only a short time. I grew up orally and went to a small liberal hearing college --Lake Forest College, a northern suburb of Chicago. As a freshman, I met a CODA, a sophomore. His mother was an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Gallaudet University. I asked him many questions about Gallaudet. At that time, I was majoring in chemistry.

As a sophomore, I was required to take a course: Intro to Psychology. I fell in love with the professor who wrote a book about a math formula (cognitive psychology) in terms of information processing. I was fascinated with the math formula because it helped me to articulate how deaf people can receive equal amounts of information that hearing people receive, academically speaking. I dreamed of becoming a superintendent of a school for the deaf and leading the school to undertake major reforms to incorporate total communication (sign language and speaking at the same time) in classes. I changed my major from chemistry to psychology.

I met Dr. McCay Vernon, a nationally reputed research psychologist for the deaf, in Chicago where he worked at Michael Reese Hospital doing a national research grant on deaf patients. I told him of my dream of becoming a superintendent someday. He warned me that at that time (1968), the hearing community was not ready to accept such a superintendent who is deaf. He suggested that I follow his steps to becoming a psychologist to work with deaf people.

At same the time, I noted that my classmates undertook a study aboard in other countries. I told myself why not me do it by customizing a study aboard at Gallaudet

University for one semester to learn sign language and deaf culture. I asked my VR counselor to support my study aboard at this school. He made a conditioned offer. If I take up a sign language class to learn to sign, he would support my study. I accepted his offer. He made arrangements for me to have a private deaf tutor to teach me ASL. Her name was Lorraine Sullivan, the wife of Frank Sullivan, Grand President of National Fraternal Society of the Deaf. She taught me not only ASL but also deaf culture. She introduced me to meet wonderful deaf leaders at her gatherings who happened to be alumni of Gallaudet University. Hence, they were my role models. And, the beginning of my journey to find my identity as a deaf person.

Fast forward. The best time of my life as a young adult was at Gallaudet University as a senior even though it was for one semester only in the fall of 1969. I met many deaf students who welcomed me with much warmth. My only regret is that I did not have a chance to meet many seniors (i.e., Class of 1970) because I was spending too much time with a younger deaf girl I met at this school.

Further fast forward: Went to New York University for a Ph.D. clinical psychology program with financial assistance through Graduate Fellowship Funds (GFF) Program at Gallaudet University as well as academic assistance from the Deafness Rehabilitation Program under Dr. Jerome Schein. His co professors were Gallaudet Alumni, such as Dr. Allen Sussman, Dr. Larry Stewart, Dr. Doug Watson, and Dr. Glenn Anderson. All the wonderful people who provided me invaluable advice and guidance about working with deaf people in mental health.

Ten years later, a twist in my life where I was laid off as a psychologist due to the expiration of soft money grants. I ended up setting up Harris Communications. I thanked Gallaudet University for providing me the opportunity during my study aboard to develop and eventually maintain networking contacts which, in ten years later, significantly contributed to my success in business through deaf trade shows, deaf newspapers and magazines, and the like.

Other thanks to Gallaudet University is as follows: The Publication Office at Gallaudet University asked my company to outsource its distribution center of publications across the nation for two years while they went through reorganization reforms.

In close, as a result of the aforementioned episodes of my gratitude to Gallaudet University, I wanted to give back something to this beloved university. Consequently, I made an annual donation to the university for many years. Last year, it was with much pleasure and Bison pride that I designated Class of 1970 as the recipient of my donation.



Memorials Report

Mary Ann Limoni Kraus, Coordinator

With our deepest condolences, **Joanne Stump-Nelson** passed away on March 16th of this year in Quebec, Canada. She was married to Norman Nelson, Gallaudet U class of 1964. They were at Gallaudet University last fall 2019 for Norman's 55th class reunion. Joanne's obituary is posted in the Class of 70 Memorials.

Memory Lane



*Remembering our "Hippie" times during the Senior Year (1969-1970) especially hairstyles and miniskirts. Left and right: **Allard Thomas** and **Tim Scanlon** sporting their long and curly hairdo and **Loretta Erfort** receiving an award presented by **Jack Levesque** for winning the shortest miniskirt at a party contest.*



Excerpts from the Knob Hill News

Helen Merritt Tingley and Ursula Klim Attia, Coordinators



Barbara Pickus

What do you think of some old buildings here? Should they be left as they are or should they be destroyed? State your opinion.

I think we should keep the old buildings, especially Chapel Hall. It is part of our historical heritage. If the preparatory boys live in a new dormitory, I pray the faculty will not plan to demolish College Hall. A museum should replace College Hall because it looks like a castle.

New buildings should be built for our safety.

The old buildings show the people that Gallaudet College has been established for a long time ago.

Barbara Pickus
California



Jay Shopshire

GOSSIP KORNER

. Jay Shopshire has been gathering up all the news he heard. This scooper was once a member of a Women's Auxiliary Club as a reporter. He scoops our news rather professionally.



The College Bowl

Jack Lamberton, Coordinator

Here is my video: <https://youtu.be/DF04UwSqMFo> and a written description.

REGULATIONS DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE COLLEGE TEAM AND THE HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC BOWL TEAM AS EXPLAINED BY JACK LAMBERTON

The Reunion committee assigned the responsibility of coordinating the Reunion College Bowl team to me. There was no response to the call in the March 2020 edition of the class reunion newsletter for a FEMALE volunteer – there was none!

So, I thought I would try to explain the differences between the College Team and the HS Academic Team as far as regulations and format are concerned in hopes that anyone could play the College Team. I think the College Team is easier to play and more fun to play because there is less pressure on the one who answers!

Furthermore, two classes will represent the Class of 1970 team – a total of 3 volunteers each from the 50th Anniversary Class (1970) and the 25th Anniversary Class (1995). I will be the MALE representative, but I am seeking a FEMALE representative and an alternate representative of either gender.

Rules:

In HS Academic Bowl

Round 1 (also known as the Buzzer round)

- Whoever buzzes in first, gets the opportunity to answer

Round 2

- Everyone must answer

Round 3 (also known as the Lightning round)

- The whole team answers 10 questions (usually around a single theme) in 2 minutes

In College Team

A question is presented to both teams (the Class of 1970 team and the University College Team) and someone will answer the question – NOT NECESSARILY the same person who answers the question.

I hope to hear from you about the College Team selection. Also hope to see you all at the Reunion at Gallaudet during its annual Homecoming weekend.

STAY WELL, BE SAFE and STAY AT HOME!

Thanks and take care,

Jack



Do You Remember?

Celia May Laramie Baldwin, Coordinator



Did You Have Similar Experience?

Submitted by Mary Jean Secoolish

My freshman year was a growing experience in so many ways! I lived in Peet Hall, facing Ely Hall. These were the days where we had to sign in and sign out when leaving campus. We weren't to leave campus alone. There were dress rules. We had to be in the dorm early every night because of curfew. There were no TTYs back then. No cell phones or video phones. If I wanted to call my mother, I had to either have the Housemother call for me or find someone who could hear well enough on the phone to do it. And all calls were reverse charges. Or the US mail did our communicating for us. There always seemed to be rules to follow, a dependency on others, and at times it was frustrating.

But we had other means of communication. Sometimes I could look out the window and talk to a friend if it wasn't dark out. If it was dark, we could go to the bottom of the stairwell and chat there if it was after curfew. But I especially liked one system I had for a while and remember fondly. I was dating someone who lived in Ely Hall. He was a real good guy. We talked and laughed a lot. He kissed me good night when I had to go to the dorm because of curfew. We had a lights out policy – I think it was 11 or so. So, every night around that time I would look out my window. He would blink his room light 3 times to let me know he was thinking of me and to say good night, and I would blink 3 times back. I always looked forward to those 3 blinks and went to sleep with a smile on my face.



Kickoff Night Report

Nikki Ekle and Cliff Boland, Co-Coordinators

We are excited about our initial plans for Kickoff Night (Wednesday):

1. We have a beautiful Tower Clock logo ready for our program book.
2. We are planning a two-hour program, including a Welcome Back, Entertainment, and Trivia. We will have fun, learn, and laugh.
3. Tim Scanlon will sign a song about the Tower Clock created especially for our reunion. We will have other enjoyable entertainment.
4. After the dinner and program, we will have time to socialize.
5. The location is TBA: We hope to use the Peikoff Alumni House (Ole Jim), depending on how many class members and spouses attend.



Registration Report

Ruth Ann Lally Schornstein, Coordinator

By now most of you have your registration packet. If you have not, give it until the end of the month; postal service may be slower due to COVID-19. If after April 30 you have not received your registration packet or if you have questions about registration, please contact me at ascul@aol.com.

The good news is we have five registrants so far. The first to register was **Nicole Ekle**, followed by: **Celia Mae Laramie Baldwin, Kaye Peacock, Sara Stanley Harris, and Gordon Mack Harris**. Woo-hoo! Keep those forms coming!

A few of you have contacted us about using a credit card instead of a check for registration. **If you prefer to use a credit card, attach a note to your registration form directing Abigail Drake to use the credit card number on your hotel form.** Again, in light of uncertainty due to the coronavirus, checks and credit card transactions will not take place until a determination is made regarding whether we can proceed with Homecoming.



The Anniversary Book Report
Bernie Brown, Coordinator

WANTED: YOUR ID CARDS, CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARDS, CERTIFICATES, FRESHMAN CAPS, SHIRTS, JACKETS, ETC

Hi fellow 70ers,

I am pleased to report my fine team of researchers, Joel Silberstein, Jay Shopshire and Kathy Sutton who have worked with me toward our 50th anniversary celebration book. Joel handled some statistics which would be of interest as shown below. Jay has been collecting and sending me some of your old pictures. Please send me pictures of memorabilia like ID cards, certificates, caps, shirts and other items related to our years at Gallaudet. I found my cards as shown below. Most of them will be printed in the book for everyone to see. My favorite one is the Hockey Booster pass which I paid \$1.50 to watch all hockey games. Do you remember how great our Deaf Canadians beat up the poor hearing guys at hockey games? **I NEED FOR YOU TO SEND PICTURES WHICH WILL BRING SOME SMILES TO OUR FACES!** Please send them in care of Connie Paine Henes at connieh70profile@yahoo.com



Here is the list of the class members who have already submitted their profiles and pictures. The remaining few hopefully will submit theirs soon.

1	Adolphson (Arneson), Carole	39	Holland, Mike	77	Pratt (Huggins), Sandi
2	Andrew, William	40	Huggins, Russell	78	Quartermus, Burton
3	Axelrod, Cyril	41	Imme, Nicholas	79	Rader, Joy
4	Bergan, Gordon	42	Jacobsen, John Allen	80	Rasmus (Burdett), Joyanne
5	Boland, Clifford	43	Joiner (Lamberton) , Judith	81	Ritter, Dale
6	Brown, Bernie	44	Jordan, I. King	82	Roberts (Devine), Mary
7	Bunker (Biser), Wanda	45	Kazmierski (Bianco), Sandra	83	Robertson, John
8	Burbank, Frank	46	Kircher (Lazorisak), Carole	84	Rocque, Larry
9	Burdett, Ronald	47	Klim (Attia), Ursula	85	Sandell, Ann
10	Burrell (Rogers), Nancy	48	Kovach, Jr. Karl	86	Sasseen, Marianne
11	Casale, Francis	49	Kvarnberg, James	87	Scanlon, Tim
12	Conte (Coulston), Cheryle	50	Lally (Schornstein) Ruth Ann	88	Scolaro, Ronnie
13	Cooper, Jack Lee	51	Lamberton, Jack	89	Secoolish, Mary Jean
14	Corley (Camenisch), Franna	52	Laramie (Baldwin), Celia May	90	Shevlin, Cheryl
15	Corrado, Alfredo	53	Lefkowitz (Goul), Shelley	91	Shopshire, Jay
16	Dalen (Burke), Mary Ann	54	Leighton, Eddie	92	Silberstein, Joel
17	Dignan, Arthur	55	Letourneau, Charmaine	93	Stanley (Harris), Sara
18	Dindorf (Scolaro), Laura	56	Liardon (Amman), Bonelle	94	Stefurak, Paul
19	Dorsch (Auman), Holly	57	Limoni (Kraus), Mary	95	Stenz, Dianne
20	Dudasik, James	58	Marshburn (Jacobs), Patricia	96	Strange, Stephen
21	Edwards, Shirley	59	McComb, Paul	97	Stump (Nelson), Joanne
22	Ekle, Nicole	60	McIntire (Sutton), Kathy	98	Telles (Ruffa), Mary Ann
23	Ellis, Douglas	61	Merritt (Tingley), Helen	99	Theel, Charles
24	Enos, Norbert	62	Neese (Bailes), Cynthia	100	Thomas, Allard
25	Erfort (Emmendorfer), Loretta	63	Norwood, Joyce Marie	101	Titus (Evans), Barbara
26	Evans (Tweedie), Reda	64	Nunn, Rodney	102	Titus, Eugene
27	Fisher (Friedman), Constance	65	O'Leary (Heaney), Marilyn	103	Trachtenberg, Carol
28	Fjeld, Julianne	66	Olson (Bishop), Meg	104	Tuccelli, Michael
29	Freer (Garrett), Delorus	67	Osmola (McDevitt), Willena	105	Tunanidas, Irene
30	Fuchsman, Douglas	68	Paine (Henes), Constance	106	Vaughn (Watson), Arlyce
31	Gill (Collins), Patricia	69	Peacock, Kaye	107	Vollmar, Lawrence
32	Groff (Lane), Sharon	70	Pearson, Janie	108	Warick, Dennis
33	Harlan, Barry	71	Pederson (Fleicher), Vera	109	Watts (Magouirk), Lynda
34	Harris, Archie	72	Petrone (Stratiy), Angela	110	Williams (Johnson), Sandra
35	Harris, Mack	73	Pickering, Fred	111	Yates, Sam
36	Harris, Robert	74	Pickus, Barbara	112	Yingst (Attix), Cheryl
37	Hauwiller (Enos), Bunny	75	Pierce, Cheryl	113	Young, David
38	Hayes, Elmer	76	Pollock, Nancy	114	Youngs, Macklin



Pre-50th Class of 1970 Reunion Report
Paul Stefurak and Fred Pickering, Coordinators

Pre-50th Class of 1970 Reunion
October 25 - 27, 2020 (Sunday – Tuesday)

A sweet and simple note to inform you that the webpage using this hyperlink: <http://www.gally70.com/pre-50th-reunion/index.html> will give you more information. If you plan to go to Gallaudet earlier than Wednesday, October 28, please sign your name(s) on the webpage under “**Form**”. We will have fun together.