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Class of 1970 50th Year Class Reunion Newsletter

We are aware of the COVID-19 pandemic situation. Our 50th Class Reunion is still on. We are constantly in touch with the Gallaudet Alumni Relations Office. Our Chair, Kathy McIntire Sutton will keep you up to date of any news or changes from the Alumni Office. Stay healthy. Be safe. Be happy.



Editor's Extensions
Marilyn O'Leary-Heaney

Unbelievably, this is the 15th issue of our Reunion Newsletter!! Yet, it has more new information on reunion planning, updating the amounts of \$\$ donated to Class Gift and Class Treasury Funds, and as always, more enjoyable features to read.



Chair's Corner
Kathy McIntire Sutton, Chairperson

Last January, I mentioned that it is ten months before we meet at our 50th Anniversary Class Reunion. Now it is five months! Time surely flies quickly. The plans for our activities are coming along great.

I have been helping **Bernie Brown** and his people with our 50th Anniversary Book. I was able to contact many of the class members via VP calls and/or emails encouraging them to send in their profile and pictures. It was a delightful experience for me to get acquainted with them. I have enjoyed looking through the yearbooks from 1966 to 1970 several times. They have brought back many cherished memories. Go through your yearbooks and reminisce about the fifty years of cherished memories. I am sure you have forgotten some of memories until you look through the yearbooks.

A few more class members have submitted their registration and hotel forms. It would be great to see more of you to submit yours. See the Registration Report for the names. Thank you to those who have donated money to our Class Gift Fund. It is great to see new donors each month. If you have not donated to the Class Gift Fund, please follow the instructions in the Class Gift Fund Report.

Stay well, keep safe, and be happy!



Class Treasury Report Fred Pickering, Treasurer

In our Class of 1970 (Class70) newsletter, we have a balance of \$5,714.06 in our Class70 Treasury Fund.

Currently, our 50th Class 70 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**.

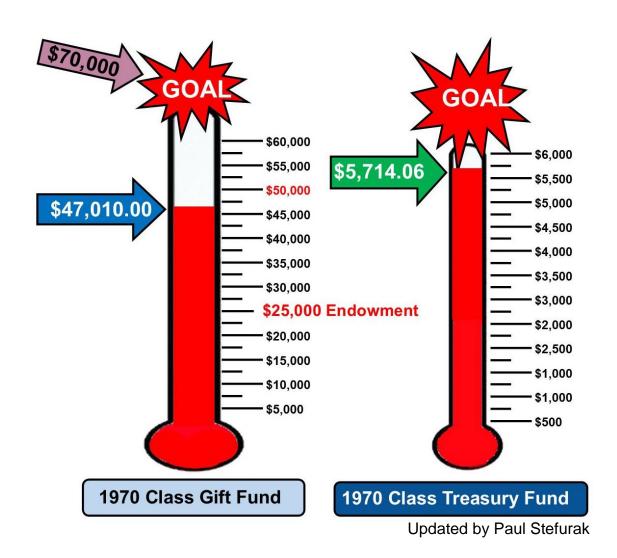
It would be greatly appreciated if you continue to pitch in to achieve that goal. The only thing you need to understand...you cannot file your tax-exemption for donation in 2020 IRS form because we do not have a 501c3 tax exemption. The following steps what I will do with your check:

- 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. Keep track of your money in our Class70 Treasury Report database in EXCEL with date of transaction and in our Class70 PNC bank account with a history of transactions.

To help our expenditures goals, please send the check, payable to 'Gallaudet University Class of 1970' 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.

Class of 1970 Fund-Raising Barometers





Our Class Gift Fund is growing steadily. As of May 14, 2020, we have \$47,010, an increase of \$2,045 since our last newsletter. We are only \$2,990 away from \$50,000.

We have three new donors, one of whom is a class member. Our class giving rate has increased from 39.7% to 40.2%.

Special thanks the new donors:

Nancy Driscoll Marcia Lathrop Richard Miller

And, to seven repeat donors:

Franna Corley Camenisch Joy E. Rader Joel M. Silberstein JoAnne M. Stump-Nelson Edwin S. Leighton
Ruth Ann Lally Schornstein
Angela Petrone Stratiy

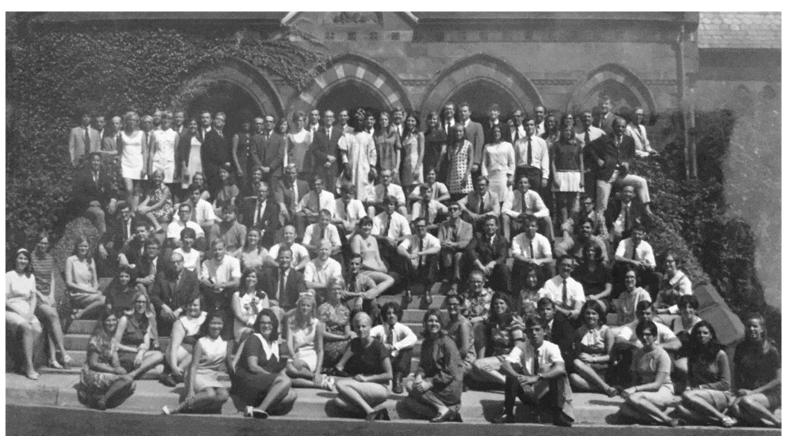
Thank you to all who have contributed to our gift fund. All donors are listed on our webpage: http://gally70.com/50th-reunion/Gally-gift-fund/index.htm.

Remember, we aim to raise \$70,000 by the time of our reunion. We can do it; we rock! 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.

So far, 23 donors have contributed videos that we share in emails and add to gally70.com. We aim to send out at least one video per month until our reunion. If you have a video to share, please send it to me at cynthianeesebailes@me.com.

STAY WELL!

Memory Lane



This photo was taken in the front of Chapel Hall in our final year as Seniors in the fall of 1969.

The Committee Chart

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Wow!! We only have 5 months left till we gather for our 50th Reunion! Time will certainly go by very fast and before you know it, we will all be at Gallaudet!!

So far, 25 class members have registered along with 12 guests for a total of 37 people! The class members who have registered are:

Celia May Laramie Baldwin Sandra Kazmierski Bianco

Bernie Brown Frank Burbank Jack Clifton Nicole Ekle

Shirley Edwards Hampton Gordon Mack Harris
Sara Stanley Harris Mary Limoni Kraus
Edwin Leighton Cynthia Neese Bailes

Joyce Norwood Rodney Nunn Kaye Peacock Nancy Pollock

Joy Rader Ruth Ann Lally Schornstein
Jay Shopshire Kathryn McIntire Sutton
Charles Theel Helen Merritt Tingley
Eugene Titus Irene Tunindas

David Young

Please do fill out and send in the registration forms. As Abby Drake at the Alumni Office will not cash our checks until we know for sure if we will be able to have the reunion at Gallaudet or not due to COVID-19.

Please note: The daily hotel rate of \$142.00 (plus tax and fees) is per room. If you have a roommate, you can share the cost of the room.

If you have not yet received your registration packet, contact me at <u>aslcul@aol.com</u>. I will send you a PDF document with the registration materials by email.

I will update you with new information in our next newsletter. If you have questions, send me an email (aslcul@aol.com).

Stay Safe and Healthy.

Looking forward to having 100% participation at our Reunion!!

Long live Class of 70!

Ruth Ann



The Interview with Elmer Hayes Charmaine Letourneau, Contributor

As a Canadian, I always feel proud when people visit our country with comments about how beautiful and wild our country is and how safe and welcoming people are. Two issues ago was a story about Barb and Henry Evans' 12 years traveling and living in a fifth wheeler and having visited all of Canada. It was refreshing to find another Class 70er doing the same thing. This time it will be a short recount of Elmer and Sharon Hayes' traveling in Canada.

Elmer and Sharon have always made their summer/fall traveling destinations to Canada. They have explored all over Canada except Nunavut. They would love very much to go there, but it is not accessible to anyone by vehicular road, only by air. Their transportations over the years have changed as they age. In the beginning, they traveled by a motorbike with a sidecar and then VW bus to now a classy Sprinter Van.

They love Canada and plan to continue traveling there. Their present goals are to make a trek to Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories, and take a dip in the freezing Arctic Ocean and to Yellowknife to witness the beautiful Aurora Borealis (the Northern Lights). Dipping in the Arctic Ocean is way too adventurous for me. BUUURRR!!

They are itching to visit Canada again, but the Canada border is closed to travelers until the ConVID19 flattens. I am sure they would speed up to Canada the minute the border reopens.



A Map of Canada



That was not all they have travelled. Elmer and Sharon had lived on a sailboat for 7 years sailing from Bermuda and up to Maine. They have 30 years' experience of sailing under his belt.









Gallaudet Alumni Emeriti Club

Joyanne Rasmus Burdett, Contributor

Hi all! Believe it or not, this is going to be my last article...till we meet again! I would like to make a nice and friendly closure to it by letting you know that this YouTube (https://youtu.be/Zzd_XqtJ3Q8) will for sure make it a lovely closure. It is something that WILL motivate us to look forward to participating in the induction ceremony ourselves! It has been a great pleasure doing all the articles for the past newsletters...No doubt, I have learned a great deal about the medallion...I hope you have as well...stay well and safe!! 70 hugs, Joyanne



Kickoff Night Report
Nikki Ekle and Cliff Boland, Co-coordinators

We are meeting monthly to plan an exciting program for our first evening together. We brainstormed our draft program book at our May 1 meeting.

Doug Ellis has joined our Kickoff Committee to help us plan the entertainment. We will include a poem "Hail to Gallaudet Tower Clock" created by committee member **Tim Scanlon**, some fun trivia questions, and other awesome entertainment.



Saturday Night Banquet Report
Franna Corley Camenisch, Coordinator

Hello 1970 Folks,

I'm definitely looking forward to seeing you again this October. **Angela Petrone Stratiy** and I are in charge of the farewell banquet program. It will be held at the Kellogg Conference Center. I have worked with Mark Johnson, the head of Texas School for the Deaf Ranger Press to develop a few things for our kickoff and farewell banquets. I am very excited about his ideas and designs for table tents, centerpieces, and banquet programs. They are awesome as they emulate our unique class banner.

Despite of its being on October 31, the program will focus only on saying goodbye to each other, not celebrating Halloween. However, there will be a small surprise for each of you. There will be a wonderful entertainment cast for our banquet. They will bring back our fond memories.

Stay safe and well. Hopefully, we will be able to attend our 50th reunion at Gallaudet this fall.

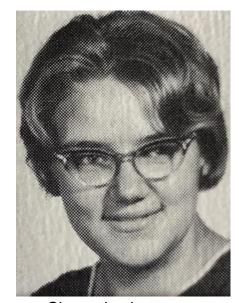
Franna





Excerpts from the Knob Hill News

Helen Merritt Tingley and Ursula Klim Attia, Coordinators



Charmaine Letourneau

Proud To Be In Class of '70

We'll be freshmen next fall, and our preparatory year will be over soon, I would like to tell you that I enjoyed and will always enjoy being in the Class of '70. It is something that I will never forget, and I doubt you will forget, either. I am proud to say I am in the Class of '70.

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I never planned to stay and finish my five years of college, but now I want to. It is you, the Class of '70, that has influenced me. I would like to thank you.

However, I would like to have everyone-I mean everyone, not some, come back. It will be regretful to us, the Class of '70, to lose those who don't want to return.

To those who don't want to come back, please think twice. You'll be very very grateful if you'do. Some of you want to get married, but why bein such a hurry? You have plenty of time in your life, and you are young. It is better to have all the fun you can during college years than to tie yourself down so soon. When I say "have fun," I mean have fun studying, too.

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I want our Class of '70 to be the greatest of all. So let's all stay together so that the Class of '70 will be the largest graduating class in Gallaudet's history.

Let ne tell you, I never saw people as cooperative as the Class of '70, but it is a disappointment for ne to say that not all of us were cooperative. It would have been much better if we all had been, wouldr't it?

Maybe you think I am too preachy. Maybe I am, but I don't so. I only want to have you all (I mean all) back next fall and make the Class of '70 the best of all.

I wish every one of you a very very happy vacation. Have a very nice time! I hope to see you all

next September. See you then. Charmaine Letourneau Alberta, Canada



Hi '70 Buddies,

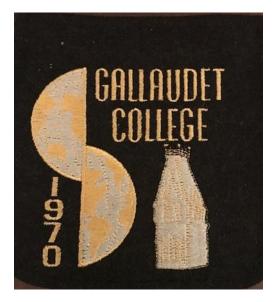
I want to thank several of you who sent in memorabilia to be printed in our 50th-anniversary celebration book. Some of you sent in some ID cards, club membership cards, certificates, and a freshman cap. **James Dudasik** sent in a "revised fee statement" for 1965-1966 detailing payments due for the whole year. They were: Tuition \$350.00, Room \$275, Board \$425 for a total of \$1050. One-half of this amount, \$525, "is payable at the beginning of each semester!" I received a "torn" 1970 logo front pocket patch from **Jay Shopshire's** class jacket. He said the jacket doesn't fit him anymore! **Connie Paine Henes** sent in her Sadie Hawkins Day marriage certificate. Connie added a story that Tom's mother took it hard, thinking her son "eloped" when she saw the certificate. I could go on, but I will have them as part of our anniversary book.

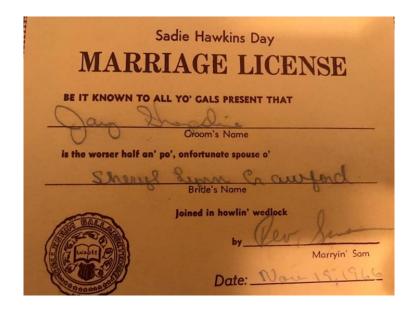
We have "officially" completed 117 profiles with several "promised" bios coming. Our contact person, **Kathy McIntire Sutton will send your profile for your review soon.** Some of your profiles and pictures were abbreviated or "deleted" due to space or other reasons beyond our control. If you see some misspelled words or wrong names/towns, please let Kathy know. You will have fourteen days to contact her for corrections or changes.

Like you, I can't wait to see how the book comes out!

Cheers,

Bernie Brown '70





One-half of this amount, \$505.00, is payable at the beginning of each semester. In addition, the following





fees are charged:

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.