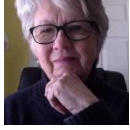


**Class of 1970**  
**50<sup>th</sup> Year Class Reunion**  
**Newsletter**



**Editor's Extensions**

*Marilyn O'Leary-Heaney*

Recently, our reunion committee chairpersons and I agreed that we will continue distributing the Class of 1970 Newsletter during the Pandemic. It is planned that the newsletter will have fewer reports and features in a timely manner. We will also share any update news until we receive a notice from GUAA office via Kathy McIntire Sutton of the new dates for our reunion. Hopefully, it won't be too long.

There is an interesting article written by Karl Kovach in this issue for you. You will find it fantastic to read. Thank you, Karl.

Stay healthy and safe!



**Chair's Corner**

*Kathy McIntire Sutton, Chairperson*

An email dated June 3, 2020 was sent to you about that there will be no in-person alumni events during Homecoming this October due to COVID-19. Please check in our junk/spam mail if you did not get it. We will keep you posted on any future plans for our 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion. As mentioned in the email that we would like for you to share your ideas about what we can do to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion. Send your ideas to me— [chair70@robandkathy.net](mailto:chair70@robandkathy.net).

By now you all should have received your draft profile. Yay! Look over your profile and see if it meets your approval. Please respond if it needs some corrections. If you have not received yours, please let me know – [chair70@robandkathy.net](mailto:chair70@robandkathy.net).

For those who sent in their forms and checks, you should have received an email from Abby Drake asking you what you want her to do with the check. Please respond to her so she will know what to do with your check. The forms will be discarded.

Thank you, Marilyn, for continuing with the newsletter despite not having our 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion this October. I know that the class members want to receive any updates and any news of what is going on in our 1970 class.

You, the 1970 class members, thank you for being there for me and my Co-Chairs.

May you stay healthy, keep safe and be happy.

## The Committee Chart

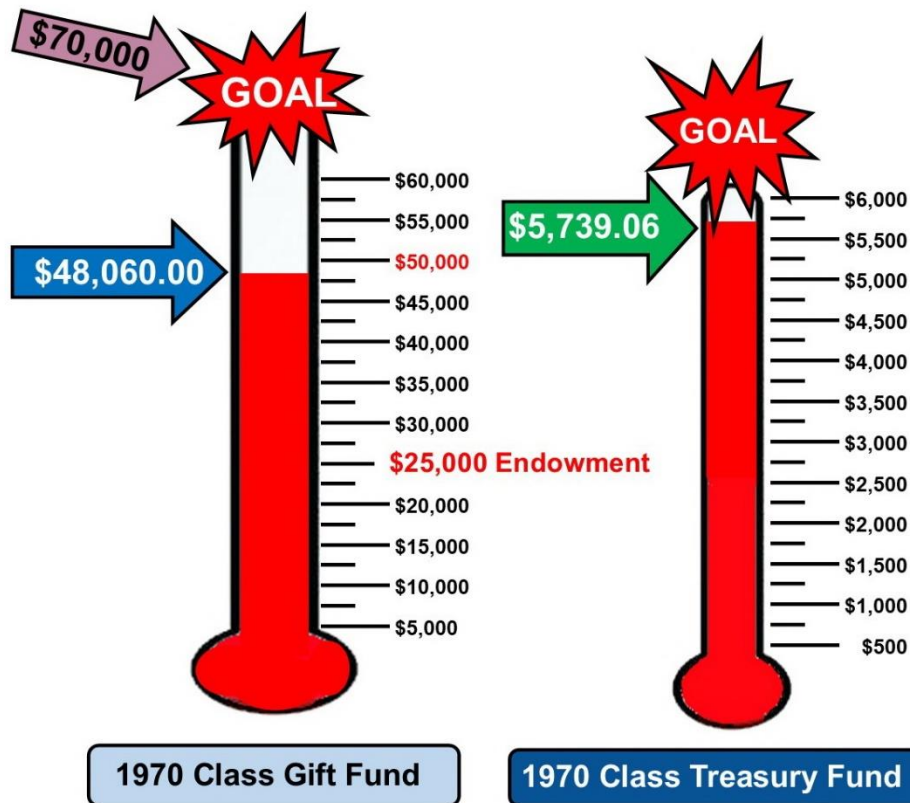
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		Golden Anniversary Luncheon (Fri)*
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**Class Treasury Report**  
*Fred Pickering, Treasurer*

Thank you for your donations. We now have a total of \$5,739.06 in our 1970 Class Treasury Fund. Please continue to donate by sending the check, payable to 'Gallaudet University Class of 1970' to **Frederick Pickering**, 1114 Morningwood Lane, Great Falls, Virginia 22066-1609.

## Class of 1970 Fund-Raising Barometers



Updated by Paul Stefurak



### Class Gift/Endowment Fund Report

*Cynthia Neese Bailes, Co-chair, Reunion Committee*

Our Class Gift Fund is growing steadily. As of June 4, 2020, we have \$48,060, an increase of \$1,050 since our last newsletter. We are only \$1,940 away from \$50,000.

We have two new donors: **Jane D. Bolduc** and **Norman L. Nelson**. Our class giving rate remains at 40.2%.

Eight class members made repeat donations since our last newsletter:

**Cheryle Conte-Coulston**  
**Doug L. Ellis**  
**Mary Limoni Kraus**  
**Joel M. Silberstein**

**James A. Dudasik**  
**John W. Justl**  
**Janie L. Pearson**  
**Helen Merritt Tingley**

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>.

We will continue our gift-fund drive with the goal of reaching \$70,000 by the time we convene for our reunion. 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>.

To date, 24 donors have contributed videos that we share in emails and add to our website. We aim to send out at least one video per month until our reunion. If you would like to do a video or have one to share, please contact me at [cynthianeesebailes@me.com](mailto:cynthianeesebailes@me.com).

### Memory Lane



*This is one of our last Class of 1970 gatherings. This photo was taken at a ski resort in Poconos Mts., PA during the Senior Sneak Weekend.*





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

**My “68C” Story**  
Submitted by Karl Kovach



Karl Kovach

Since I was 6 years old, I’ve made a hobby of all-around handyman work like plumbing, automotive mechanical and body repair, carpentry and woodwork, electrical, TV repair, etc. but my work with a 1931 Model ‘A’ Ford Cabriolet 68C stands out as special. This is the story of how it changed my life and inspired me to become an Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA), judge.

I first met Donna Callaway in late 1970, after graduating from Gallaudet. We both loved camping and often went with friends until, eventually, we started dating and I met her parents. Her father, Donald was so proud to show me the unrestored 1931 Model ‘A’ Ford Cabriolet 68C that he had bought for \$250 when Donna was 10 years old. “This car has a rare body style,” he told me, as he pointed out parts where the design had changed in 1930 after the start of the Great Depression. He told me of his post-retirement plans to paint the body, install a new seat and top, and fix the engine so they could use it as a pleasure vehicle and ride around in it for fun. Donna loved the car and remembered fondly going for rides in it around town with her father.

In June of 1987, years after Donna and I had married, her father suffered an aortic aneurysm and died suddenly. Because Donna loved it so much, his will stipulated that the 68C was to be given to her and I felt that I needed to take up the work he had planned to do on the car and learn why Donald was so proud of its rarity. Luckily, he had saved all the original records and documentation for the car as well as several of Model 'A' Ford magazines from the '60s and '70s. After some of years of research, I came across a helpful contact from the Cabriolet Club of Texas and, after exchanging many emails, he requested some information about the car (engine and frame Vehicle Identification Numbers, body code, and pictures) to conduct his own research into its provenance. The results were unbelievable to me! Of the approximately five million Model 'A' cars that Ford produced in 1931, 6,842 were Cabriolet 68Cs with only 250 remaining intact. Donna's was one of only five cars in existence to match VINs on the engine and frame, signifying the originality of the parts.

My contact at the Cabriolet Club of Texas told me that the slant-windshield 68C body style was introduced on March 31, 1931, and is, as my father-in-law had told me, considered a rare body style. Manufactured by the Briggs Body Company for Ford, the Cabriolet is a convertible with glass side windows, unlike the canvas side curtains found on many other roadster models, with a shipping weight of 2273 lbs. and a 1931 price of \$595. The 68C had two different manufacturing periods during 1931: early '31 and late '31 with notable differences in the carburetor, firewall, and rearview mirror assembly at the top of the windshield (early had three screws and late had two screws). Donna's 68C is the late model, beginning July 1931 and lasting until the end of that model year.

Continuing my research, I ran across a section of the "How to Restore Your Model A" manual dedicated to the 1931 Cabriolet 68C and was surprised to find that the Editor, Laurence Plate Jr., was a Gallaudet graduate ('57 Chem and '60 Math) as well! I reached out and we spent the next two years conversing via VP. Laurence, who has owned two 68Cs, had learned a great deal about them from his father who was employed with Ford during that era and was able to give me a great deal of information about the car and its proper restoration. For example, I recall asking him why the engine and frame VIN were dated to March 1931, but the body code was dated somewhere between July and the end of 1931. He explained that in those days Ford didn't assemble the whole car at one time. The engine and frame would be manufactured and then shipped off to one of 6 different plants around the country. Some months later, for the 68C, the Briggs Body Company would take the frame and engine and attach the body to them. I was fortunate enough to meet up with Laurence in Prescott, AZ during the second week of March 2015 on my way to the National and Grand National AACA meet in Tucson and asked him to sign my copy of the "How to Restore Your Model A" manual.

In early 1994, I began disassembling the 68C and learning more interesting things about the car through the process. I discovered that the fuel system is gravity fed, unlike modern pump-based fuel systems, and the braking system is completely mechanical! No hydraulic lines or fluid at all, just a series of metal rods connecting the front and rear brakes with the pedal. I managed to disassemble the chassis parts, sandblast, and paint

them with a primer coat before needing to put the 68C restoration project on hold. It would be nearly 7 years before I could return to it. In 2004, I decided to turn the remainder of the restoration over to a professional restoration shop to ensure it was done as correctly as possible (to factory specifications) so that we could compete with it in car shows. The restoration was completed in August of 2006 and when we surprised Donna's mother, Loretta, with the fully restored car she exclaimed tearfully, "Oh! Donald must be so proud and happy up in heaven!"

Donna and I began traveling to various car show around the country, eventually becoming members of the Model A Ford Club of Cape Cod, Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA), Model A Restorers Club (MARC), and Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA). The AACA, founded in 1935 and headquartered in Hersey, PA, is the largest with over 50,000 members in the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, and the UK and we would average about 7 trips per year just to AACA shows. In October of 2007, Donna and I won our first National AACA award during their annual Eastern Division National Fall Meet in Hershey, PA. They have meets in various states, with an average of 200-500 cars each meet, but the Eastern Division National Fall Meet is AACA's largest show, with over 1000 cars on the show field, 10,000 vendors, 200-300 cars for sale or auction. And about 150,000 attendees each day of the four-day event. You can learn more about the AACA on their website at [www.aaca.org](http://www.aaca.org). Since that first win, our 68C has gone on to win many of other awards:

- AACA National First Place 2008
- AACA National Senior 2009
- First place Concours D'elegance in Holmdel, NJ 2010
- AACA Grand National First Place 2011
- AACA Grand National Senior 2013
- First place in Henry Ford's 150th anniversary at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, MI 2013
- First place Choice by Committee in Father's Day in Hyannis (Cape Cod) 2013
- AACA National Award Winner Ford Award (first deaf winners since the trophy was introduced in 1976) 2014
- Best Restoration in Blast From The Past Car Show South Dennis, MA (Cape Cod) 2016
- First place in Annual Heritage & Garden Museum in Sandwich, MA (Cape Cod) 2017

We've been fortunate to have met a great many interesting and friendly people in the antique car community, and among them, Former U.S. Attorney Guy A. Lewis stood out. He was appointed Director of the Executive Office for the U.S. Attorney by Attorney General John Ashcroft in 2002, serving until 2004 under George W. Bush and Bill Clinton and has been a great friend to the antique car community. I met him at a National AACA Meet in Homestead, FL in 2010 where he had 8 antique cars registered for the show with all 8 receiving awards. Another good friend I've made through the community is Dave Zimmerman, an AACA VP Judge, who wanted me to become a judge and told me, "Being deaf doesn't matter, you can judge the cars by visual

inspection and attend AACA Judge and Continuing Judge Education courses annually.” So, with that endorsement, I applied to become a judge in 2011 and am now the second deaf judge in AACA history, the first deaf judge having been active in the '90s and subsequently stopping due to health reasons. I'm currently a Senior Master Judge based on credits earned, and one of about 300 judges total in the AACA.

As with many people in the antique car community, restoring and showing that the first car sparked a passion for the hobby and my collection has grown to six antique cars:

- 1928 Ford Model A Phaeton
- 1929 Ford Model A Phaeton
- 1931 Ford Model A Cabriolet 68C “Donna”
- 1931 Ford Model A Tudor
- 1968 Firebird convertible
- 1982 Corvette

Since Donna's death in 2016, I have been working to restore the 1968 Firebird she bought when she was 18 years old with a rare L6 cylinder Overhead Cam engine. My goal is to complete the restoration before our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in September 2022 and drive the car to Florida as we did on our honeymoon in September 1972 to relive the memories. I've also named the Cabriolet 68C “Donna” in her memory, to keep it alive as part of our family heritage.



1928 Ford Model A Phaeton





1929 Ford Model A Phaeton



1931 Ford Model A Cabriolet 68C,  
"Donna"



1931 Ford Model A Tudor



1968 Pontiac Firebird,  
restoration in progress

1982 Chevrolet Corvette



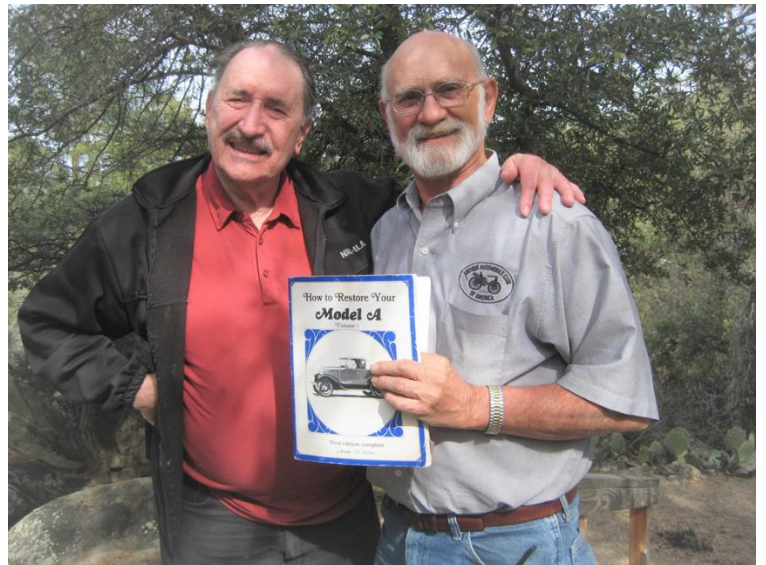
Karl and Donna Kovach in front of their  
1931 Ford Model A Cabriolet 68C





Karl Kovach and Guy Lewis

Laurence Plate Jr. and Karl Kovach with a copy of the "How to Restore Your Model A" manual dedicated to the 1931 Cabriolet 68C edited by Laurence Plate Jr.



Karl Kovach with a team of other judges at an AACA meet



## Excerpts from the Knob Hill News

*Helen Merritt Tingley and Ursula Klim Attia, Coordinators*



*Robert E. Webster*

### How The Camp Fund Was Started and Grew.

In the fall of 1965, we didn't have any idea about the camp-outing until Mr. Turk suggested it. He said that there was a fine camping place, 35 miles north of Washington. He set a camp fund goal at \$1200 and he also said that we could raise money through projects such as "Bo-irl Basketball"--"Doctor Elsterat" and so on.

We chose Mr. Blicharz and Miss Ekle as our managers on the candy projects. Mr. Blicharz was replaced by Mr. Cantrell, and his assistant, he chose Mr. Whiggun, who was also replaced by Mr. Webster (Excuse me, that's me!)

The camp fund thermometer, which we set up last fall, was watched almost everyday and the red color rose very slowly. It was obvious that we needed projects to raise all the necessary money. The first project, "Bo-irl Basketball" was a huge success and we netted about \$300. Then a few more projects helped push the fund upwards toward the goal.

Finally, on April 7th, the goal was reached and it was \$200 in excess. But however it dropped because we had to pay off our debts. But don't worry, the play and the canteen helped push it up and over the goal.

I believe, at this time of writing, it is somewhere around \$1300 and there are only a few days left and I hope the Camp will be successful and the most memorable event to in our college years.

Robert E. Webster





### **Kickoff Night Report**

*Nikki Ekle and Cliff Boland, Co-coordinators*

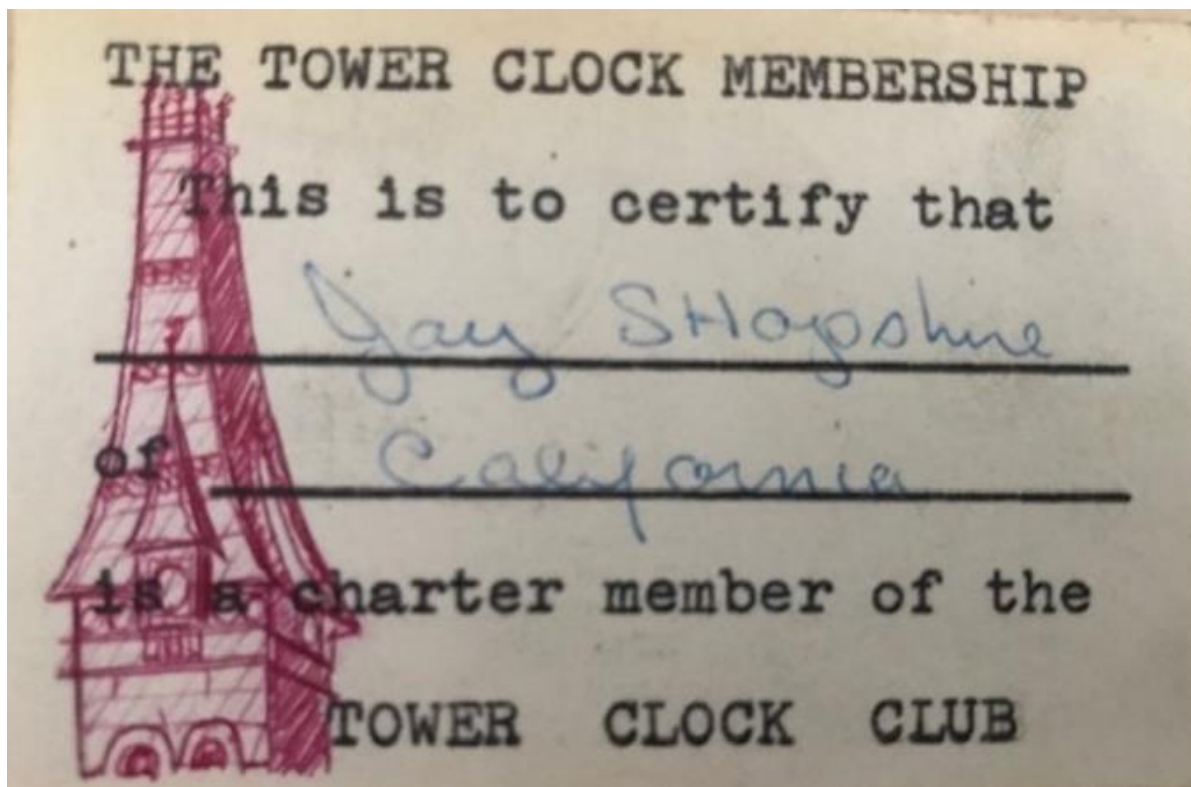
Our committee meets every month to plan a memorable Kickoff for our reunion. Although we are sad that we will not convene in October 2020, we will continue to meet and plan for our gathering at a future date.

At our last meeting Tim Scanlon shared with us an ASL poem he created for the Kickoff, "Hail to Tower Clock." Wow! We loved his ASL poetry and we think you will, too. We can't wait for you to see his poem when we gather to celebrate!



### **The Anniversary Book Report**

*Bernie Brown, Coordinator*



We will have a membership card called the Tower Clock Club printed out. Some of us went up the Tower Clock received the membership card while in Gallaudet and others did not. Those who went up the Tower Clock (partially & full) will receive a membership



card. Please check your name on the list. Let Kathy know if your name is not on the list – [chair70@robandkathy.net](mailto:chair70@robandkathy.net).

### TOWER CLOCK CLUB

Benton, Nancy	Ice, Dale	Pakula, Issac
Boland, Clifford	Jacobsen, John	Pedersen, Vera (Fleischer)
Brown, Bernie	Kallina, James	Pickering, Fred
Burdett, Ronald	Keeshan, Derek	Pickus, Barbara
Cooper, Jack	Klim, Ursula (Attia)	Pierce, Cheryl
Corbett, Kathy	Lamberton, Jack	Quartermus, Burton
Dinndorf, Laura (Scolaro)	Laramie, Celia May (Baldwin)	Ritter, Dale
Dudasik, James	Lawrence, Linda	Roberts, Mary (Devine)
Egbert, William	Leighton, Edwin	Scanlon, Tim
Ellis, Douglas	Limoni, Mary (Kraus)	Scolaro, Ronnie
Enos, Norbert	Marshburn, Patricia (Jacobs)	Shopshire, Jay
Fisher, Connie (Friedman)	McComb, Paul	Snyder, Sharon (Pakula)
Furman, Robert	McIntire, Kathy (Sutton)	Stanley, Sara (Harris)
Gabriel, Ron	Merritt, Helen (Tingley)	Stefurak, Paul
Green, Norman	Moore, Steve	Trachtenberg, Carol
Harkins, Richard	Moran, Pat (Yates)	Ungewitter, Karl
Harlan, Barry	Nunn, Rodney	Vaught, Arlyce (Watson)
Harris, Mack	O'Leary, Marilyn (Heaney)	Yates, Samuel
Holte, James	Paine, Connie (Henes)	Young, Macklin



#### **Pre-50<sup>th</sup> Class of 1970 Reunion Report**

*Paul Stefurak and Fred Pickering, Coordinators*

Since the 1970 – 50th Anniversary Class Reunion will not be held during the Homecoming weekend of October, we will wait and see what our future class reunion plans will be. Once we know what the 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion plans are, we will plan our Pre-50<sup>th</sup> class reunion.