

Class of 1970
50th Year Class Reunion
Newsletter

Editor's Extensions

Marilyn O'Leary-Heaney

The 1st issue of our Newsletter distributed last March was well received and the Reunion committee members are very pleased with the results of our team's work. We are excited to add two new features to our newsletter, "Life Challenging Experience" essays and interviews with selected class members. Charmaine Letourneau will do the interviews and I will do the essays. These features will appear alternately in every issue. The Treasurer's Report and reports regarding our Database, Support Service Providers (SSP), the class gift, apparel, the class parade and memorials are included in this newsletter. I hope you will find this issue well shared and fun to read. If you miss the 1st issue via email, you will be able to find it in our class website, **Gally70.com**. The 3rd issue will be distributed in September.

Chair's Corner

Kathy McIntire Sutton

Can you imagine that it is half way in the year of 2018 already?!?! Cynthia, Ron and I want to welcome Arlyce Vaught Watson as our Support Service Providers (SSP) Coordinator, Janie Pearson as our Apparel/Parade Coordinator and Connie Fisher Friedman who joins the Class Gift Committee as Coordinator teaming with Sam Yates as Co-coordinator. My co-chairs and I have been continuously working on setting up a few more committees. It will be a matter of time before we complete the committees with our enthusiastic class members. We would appreciate greatly if you contact us of your interest as a committee member. If interested in joining either existing or future committees, please contact me at Chair70@robandkathy.net. Enjoy reading the reports and articles in this June 2018 newsletter. I will say this again – Please start saving your money **now** for our 50th Year Class Reunion. You will not want to miss it.

Class Treasurer's Report

Fred Pickering

As of May 17, 2018, the current balance of our Class of 1970 account is \$1,011.06.

1970 Summer School Class
Taken in 1965 at Ocean City Beach (MD)



Editor's Note: Tim Scanlon, as shown waving at the background, said his attending the summer program at Gallaudet was one of his most memorable summers and helped him make a firm decision to enroll as a full-time student in the fall. He gave the credit to Steve Baldwin, '68 for his support in the decision-making.

Class Gift Coordinators' Report

Connie Fisher Friedman, Coordinator

Sam Yates, Co-Coordinator

Most of us are grateful to Gallaudet for our rich experiences since we left. Not only did we make lifelong friends, we acquired knowledge and skills that continue to sustain us into retirement. As a part of our 50th reunion celebration, we will thank Gallaudet with a class gift.

Our goal is to establish an endowed Class of 1970 fund that will be a permanent legacy to our class. To do this, we must raise a minimum of \$25,000. Some members

have suggested we shoot for \$70,000. This may seem like a lot, but it is possible to reach this goal before our reunion. For example, if at least 200 class members contributed \$350 each, within the next two years, we could reach this goal. The amount each of you ultimately donate is entirely up to you. We encourage you to contribute as much and as often as you can.

The good news is we have a head start. Many of you have contributed to our class gift fund over the years. As of today, we have \$5560.

Our class gift will support an area of our choosing, to be voted on during the reunion. The Class of 1970 Reunion Committee will determine three possible areas or ideas for us to vote on in 2020. If you have ideas for an area to consider, please let us know at cjf613@gmail.com.

Making a donation is easy at this link: <https://www.gallaudet.edu/class-of-1970>. All contributions are tax deductible. You can also donate through this same link on our class website (<https://www.gally70.com/50th-reunion/Gally-gift-fund/index.com>).

We will be sending monthly emails to update you all of us about the progress of our class gift. We look forward to presenting our gift of thanks to Gallaudet University in October 2020!

“Life Changing Experience” Essay

Marilyn O’Leary-Heaney, Coordinator

Elmer Hayes

My “Life Changing Experience” after 50 years since I graduated from Gallaudet University in 1970.

On December 2, 1970 President Richard Nixon proposed for the establishment of an environmental agency called the EPA. After graduation, I decided to pursue this agency, which hired me on the spot. Although, at first I was assigned a scientific desk job that I held for a year before transferring to the Beltsville Agriculture Center. I became a research chemist; lecturer; coordinator and trainer in the area of pesticides and held this position for 32 years. Let me remind you that in those days (1970-1971) there were hardly any interpreters, even worse none were able to interpret scientific jargon.

1969 – After having navigated the marriage water, we unfortunately ran hard aground after 4 years. No offspring resulted from the marriage.

I seriously advanced my chemistry career and was later awarded EPA's first handicapped award for excellence in chemistry.

1975 – While attending World Congress for the Deaf in Washington, DC I met my future spouse to which I have been with for some 40 years now, I inherited, raised and loved the addition of her 2 children. Since I have always been enamored with the Oceans we evolved into a sailing family, which has taken us to many distant places with the lakes of east coast of Maine to Florida and Bermuda. We ventured in our sailboats and navigated the Oceans for 27 years. After the kids left the flock, we lived aboard for 7 years along with our dachshund.

2006 – When we finally cast our ropes and sold the sailboat, we traveled via motorcycle/sidecar all over USA, Alaska and Canada. Then we traveled via VW bus and currently, the Sprinter RV to distant places like Labrador; Newfoundland; Alaska; ventured above the Arctic Circle to Inuvik, NWT and beyond. Being avid boondockers and rural off-road travelers, we plan to continue our travels in Canada and USA for the foreseeable future till our bodies tell us otherwise!

Currently resident in Prescott, AZ.

Support Service Providers (SSP) Coordinator's Report

Arlyce Vaught Watson

I am happy to be part of the 50th Year Anniversary Reunion. This is an exciting time for all of us to be there in October 2020.

For those who have special needs such as sight guide, Braille or large print, close vision/tactile interpreting for those with visual loss, mobility accessibility for users or any other special accommodation, please contact Arlyce approximately two months in advance to submit your request so that your needs can be adequately met. Contact her at:

VP 240-560-4035

Text 240-810-3140

Vaughtwatson@gmail.com

Please specify your specific need(s) and state your preference to have male or female or either one to be your SSP.

Apparel/Parade Coordinator's Report

Janie Pearson

I am looking forward to being part of the Class of 1970's 50th Year Reunion as the Apparel and Homecoming Parade Coordinator. I have gone to an embroidery shop to seek what they have to offer such as vest jackets, sweaters, hats, scarves. I would love to have your input to help with ideas what you would like. It would be beneficial to have two or more members to work with me. My main thought is to make everyone happy and satisfied with the apparel. We all live in different areas. It would be wonderful if we could get something that we could use or wear anytime. Please send me your input at this email: janie12@comcast.net.

As for the parade, it will be taken care of by the Gallaudet University Alumni Relations Office. It will be a simple procedure. I will check into this much later.

Happy Preparing Time to everyone!

Memorials Coordinator's Report

Mary Limoni Kraus

Greetings to all 70ers!

After days of searching for information on the death of 70ers, we managed to find information for most except for the 4 listed below.

The last column in the "Memorials" in the **Gally70.com** website lists the last location before they died. There are classmates that are missing the location information. It will be much appreciated if you know when and/or where they died, please let me know. My email address is makraus3@gmail.com.

Larry K. Doherty died on February 14, 1984. Where???

David Donaldson died between 2011-2015. Exactly when and where???

Darla Hartley Thompson died on January 1, 1991. Where???

Ezekiel W. Sambo died on January 27, 2011. Where??? (possibly in Africa)

Hats off to Paul Stefurak and Fred Pickering for working with me and making this easier to do the Memorials.

Another big favor to ask of you 70ers – We would like to have a power point show of the classmates who have passed away being shown during our 50th year anniversary reunion. We need someone who has experience with power point shows and would like to help me with it. If interested, please contact me via my email listed above.

Thanks so much,

Mary Limoni Kraus

Database Specialist's Report

Fred Pickering

Hello! Many of you have not yet sent me the information I have been asking for to see if the information that Gallaudet University Relations Office matches your information. I only need your **1) full name including maiden name, 2) home address and 3) email address**. If you have moved, chances are that the Alumni Relations Office does not have your updated information. This is so important because you will receive information about the 50th Year Class Reunion by US Mail not by email or online. Please, please, and please give me the information I have been asking for by emailing me at fpic47@gmail.com. If you have already sent me, no need to send one again. Thanks!

Do You Remember?

Celia Laramie Baldwin, Coordinator



The picture was taken at either Krug Hall or Cogswell Hall in Spring 1970.

Mother Superior's Special Visit

Written by Julianna Massar-Fjeld

One night during the final exam week at the Gallaudet quad, I was chatting with Derry Keeshan and before we knew it, I ended up wearing a nun habit owned by him. So fun acting began...

Act 1: Scene 1

Mother Superior needed a cab ride back to the National Airport. She went up to a hearing RA's apartment at Krug Hall. The RA answered the door wearing his boxers. Oops! He immediately closed the door and emerged out fully clothed. He took me down to the front desk where he could use a phone to call for a cab. Mother Superior curtailed him from calling a cab by showing him an x-rated book that she was carrying with her. (Don't ask me how I got the book.) The RA realized that it was a prank. He slammed the phone down in front of many laughing students.

Scene 2:

Mother Superior went to Cogswell Hall and entered Marilyn O'Leary's room. She was in a state of shock. She was stunned thinking that her former nun from her Boston School for the Deaf was visiting her. To this day, she commented that she could not forget that unique moment. (FYI: She said that what I wore was exactly the same habit, the order of her Boston School for the Deaf.)

Scene 3

Mother Superior went to another room to see two students. Upon seeing the nun, they immediately kneeled down between their desks and made their "confessions." It was Mother's Superior's turn to be in a state of shock. She was in her confusing state of mind but yet, gave them blessings. She then zoomed out. (Because I was blindsided when it happened, I had no idea what they were saying. So no worries...)

