

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

Editor's Extensions

Marilyn O'Leary-Heaney

Now we are in 2019 and we can say we will meet at our 50th year class reunion **NEXT** year! Did I mention "next"? Can you believe it? Unbelievably, the time has been going by pretty quickly.

Our Newsletter Team continues working enthusiastically on the next issue, No. 5. We have maintained our goals of reporting the reunion plans, bringing interesting and humorous stories, and memorable pictures. We are also excitedly observing the growths of our class gift and class treasury funds. I will distribute issues every two months this year and the next one will be in April.

I am thrilled and would also like to announce that we have added a new feature to our newsletter!!! It is called *Excerpts from Knob Hill News*. **Helen Merritt Tingley** and **Ursula Klim Attia** are the coordinators and they will select the excerpts from the *Knob Hill News* for the *50th Year Class Reunion Newsletter*. *Knob Hill News* is the 5-issue newsletter developed in 1965 for a year by the Class of 1970 Preparatory Class. If you are interested in reading the *KHN* issues, go to **Gally70.com**. Welcome aboard, **Helen** and **Ursula**.

Chair's Corner

Kathy McIntire Sutton, Chairperson

We are in 2019 and one month has gone by already. We are off to a good start. We have added two more committees. We are excited to have **Angela Petrone Stratiy** in charge of the Entertainment Committee and **Mike Holland** in charge of the Photo/Video Committee. Welcome aboard. Twenty-one more months until we get together for our 50th Class Reunion. That is less than 2 years. Are you saving some money each month or each

week for the exciting Homecoming weekend? If you are, that is great! Keep it up! If not, it is not too late to start now. This is one big event you do not want to miss and that is a milestone for all of us.

See below the picture of us at the Chairs' Committee Videophone Conference. It was taken on Jan. 16, 2019.



Top left: Kathy McIntire Sutton, Chairperson

Bottom left: Ron Burdett, Co-Chairperson

Far right: Cynthia Neese Bailes, Co-Chairperson

Top right: Marilyn O'Leary-Heaney, Newsletter Editor

Bottom right: Jack Lamberton, Class President

Class Treasury Report

Fred Pickering, Treasurer

As of January 18, 2019, we have **\$2,099.06** in our 1970 Class account. The 50th Class Reunion Committees are in the process making plans for our 50th class reunion in 2020 and there will be some items such as paper goods, printing materials, decorations, and other items that we will need for some of the activities during the 2020 Homecoming weekend. Also, we need to help pay part of **Paul Stefurak's** website account that he uses for

our **Gally70**. He has done a fantastic job keeping it up to date. He is doing it for free (the labor part - that is more expensive than the account itself). We need to add more money in the 1970 class account. We are aiming for at least \$4,000 in the account for now and we need to keep the money amount above \$1,500 to avoid the monthly fees. It would be greatly appreciated if you, the members of the Class of 1970 help pitch in to achieve that goal. Write a check or money order to Fred Pickering, 1114 Morningwood Lane, Great Falls, VA, 22066-1609. Thank you.

Memory Lane



Photo taken in our freshmen year the fall of 1966.

Database Report

Fred Pickering, Coordinator

Thank you to those who have responded to me verifying the information I asked for. Also, **you are responsible to inform the Alumni Relations Office of any changes in your home address or email address.** There are still more who have not responded, please do so by sending your information - name (including maiden name), home address and email address to **Fred Pickering** at fpic47@gmail.com. I am including a list of the missing classmates (see below). Please look through the list and see if you

know at least one of them, contact them so they can contact Fred Pickering. We want to include them in our 50th Class Reunion Newsletter mailing list.

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1	Astbury, Elizabeth L.	25	Martin, Donald Patton
2	Bandemer, Barbara A.	26	McKinley (Cooper), Susan
3	Barbur, Kenneth Swan	27	Metters, Robert
4	Becher, Kenneth J.	28	Morrison, Jerrold S.
5	Benedetto, Joseph Michael	29	Mosier, William Frank
6	Bishop, Jeffrey	30	Nesemeier, Gregg Russel
7	Carter (Firestone), Barbara Lynn	31	Parker (Underwood), Flo C.
8	Chye (Lee), Lulu Louise	32	Roop, Betty Annabelle
9	Cook, Gary	33	Ross, David Lynn
10	Eliot, Lynn D.	34	Schwebke, Michael R.
11	Emanuel, Clifford D.	35	Selinger, Donna K.
12	Gill (Collins), Patricia A	36	Shoremake, Dennis
13	Grant (Wiggin), Carmen	37	Spitze, Jeanette (Found!)
14	Grant (Wilk), Sharon	38	Stephenson, Rita R.
15	Hanks, Rosalyn	39	Thompson, Roger
16	Hensely, Teddy	40	Trengrove, Janice R.
17	Holte, James	41	Turley, Rose Marie
18	Jones, William K.	42	Underwood, Jimmy D.
19	Jordan, John M.	43	Von Bergen, Thomas
20	Kennedy, John Roland	44	Wagstaff, Paul Alfred
21	Lane, Eric Sheldon	45	Waivers, Michael
22	Lankford, James F.	46	Williams (Johnson), Sandra
23	Laurent, Leola M.	47	Zirnheld, Rita
24	Lujan, Alejandro H.	48	Zurcher, Larry A.

Class Gift Fund Report

Connie Fisher Friedman, Coordinator

We are well on our way to reaching our goal of at least \$25,000 to establish an endowment. In early December, we had \$12,340.00, surpassing the half-way mark. We now have **\$13, 845.00**.

Thanks to those of you who have contributed and continue to contribute.

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

If you prefer, you can send a check with the notation "Class of 1970 Gift Fund" to:

Gallaudet University, Office of Development, Denison House
800 Florida Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002

You can also make a donation directly to Gallaudet from your online banking account, using the same address as above. Remember to specify your donation is for "Class of 1970 Gift Fund". If you forget to do that, your donation will go to Gallaudet's General Fund, not to the Class of 1970 Gift Fund. Thank you!

*Editor's Note: The letter below is written by **Helen Merritt Tingley** and **Ursula Klim Attia** introducing the new feature, **Excerpts from the Knob Hill News** for our 50th Year Class Reunion Newsletter. The first excerpts appear at the end of this letter.*

Hello Class of 1970,

We are very pleased and honored to re-establish Knob Hill News (KHN) Newsletter for 2019 (6 issues) and 2020 (10 issues). Helen has preserved 5 original issues from 1965-1966 which are in excellent condition. We plan to work together to provide excerpts from these archives in our future

newsletters for you to enjoy. You may laugh, even shed some tears, but our intention is that these memories will bring you joy!

The Time Machine

Let us flash back to our antiqued times, November 1965, our first issue of KHN. With the technology we have now, it is hard to imagine the painstaking process of using an old-fashioned manual typewriter with the white correction labels on the carbon papers which was really a pain in the neck, especially when some misspellings and grammar mistakes were discovered! Sometimes the typewriter keys were stuck together. Sigh!! What a hassle that was! With that in mind, please forgive our inexperience as you read the original copies. Obviously, there was no personal computer at home, so how did we print them? Any guesses? We used a mimeograph, not the print shop, which was in the basement somewhere of our university campus. Despite the fact that we did not have spelling and grammar check to help us in those days, we are sure you will still find pleasure in reminiscing about our youth as we did.

We hope that these issues will encourage you to get motivated and save up for our next reunion in 2020. We look forward to celebrating with you and sharing even more memories. Keep your eyes open for our next issue in April.

As we come to the end of our first 2019 issue, let us leave you with a challenge: Class 1968 had a record high attendance of 93 alumni; the Class of 1969 will meet this October. Can the Class of 1970 beat their records? Come on Class of 1970 - WE CAN DO IT!

So, how many of you are going?

KHN Coordinators,
Helen Merritt Tingley and Ursula Klim Attia

Excerpts from the Knob Hill News

Helen Merritt Tingley and Ursula Klim Attia, Coordinators



The First KHN Issue Cover

Excerpt No. 2

1. Which do you prefer, living on or off campus? State your reasons.

To me the advantages of living on campus outweigh those of living off campus. It's safer to live together with a group of people one knows, than living in an apartment with strangers, who are scattered throughout the building. Being deaf, we need people we can rely on for making telephone calls etc. And too there are also the costs of transportation and lunch to be considered. I wonder where in the world I can get that homework assignment done away from the college library? But it is a good experience to live off campus if one has enough self-discipline.

Margaret Olson
New Jersey

Memorials Report

Mary Limoni Kraus, Coordinator

Our deepest condolences to **Chuck Theel** upon the passing of his wife, Julie Munz Theel, Class of 1971 on December 14, 2018. May she rest in peace.

We sadly announce the passing of **Chuzo Okuda** on December 19, 2018 after battle with liver cancer at his home, Sunol, CA. His obituary will be posted in Memorials in **Gally70.com**. May he rest in peace.

50th Anniversary Yearbook Report

Bernie Brown, Coordinator

Kathy Sutton, Jay Shopshire and Bernie Brown were on VP conference call to discuss 50th anniversary yearbook last January 12, 2019. Bernie will handle yearbook development; Jay will be assisting Bernie. Kathy will handle contacts with class members. We reviewed anniversary yearbooks for their contents. We think we will use similar format as that of the 1967 & 1968 yearbooks. Jay pointed out that we will not use pictures from pre-Gallaudet years. Jay encouraged that we do not have large group pictures because the faces would not be visible. Bernie offered to be available for discussions/questions related to yearbook on Saturday mornings. Kathy & Bernie wished Jay's speedy recovery from hip replacement. Bernie may be contacted at berniepbrown@gmail.com or VP 240 547 5302.

Registration Committee Report

Ruth Ann Lally Schornstien, Coordinator

Greetings to all!!

I am honored to serve as the coordinator of the registration team. The purpose of this letter is to recruit volunteers to serve on the registration committee. We will have packets and badges to hand out at registration time. The volunteers will need to be at the registration booth on Wednesday to hand out packets to registered members.

Please contact me at aslcul@aol.com. I look forward to hearing from you. It will be loads of fun to greet each member that will come for our Class of 1970 50th Reunion.

Best Class of 70,
Ruth Ann

Class of 1970's Mini-Reunion
Clerc Classic XIX
January 18, 2019
Riverside, CA



Attending the reunion are as follows: Paul Stefurak, Larry Vollmar, Doug Ellis, Barbara Hauwiller Enos, Norbert Enos, Angela Petrone Stratiy, Shelly Lefkowitz Goul, Connie Paine Henes, Jack Lamberton, Ursula Klim Attia and Helen Merritt Tingley.

Do You Remember?

Celia May Laramie Baldwin, Coordinator

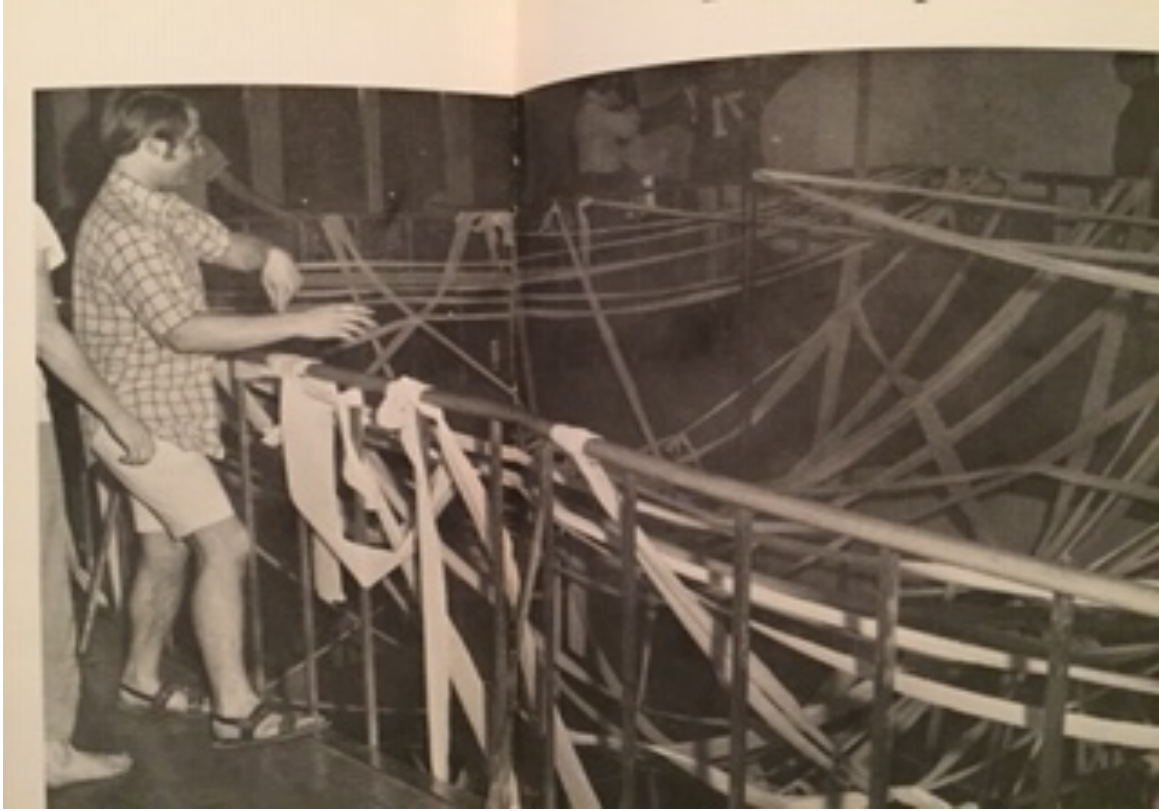
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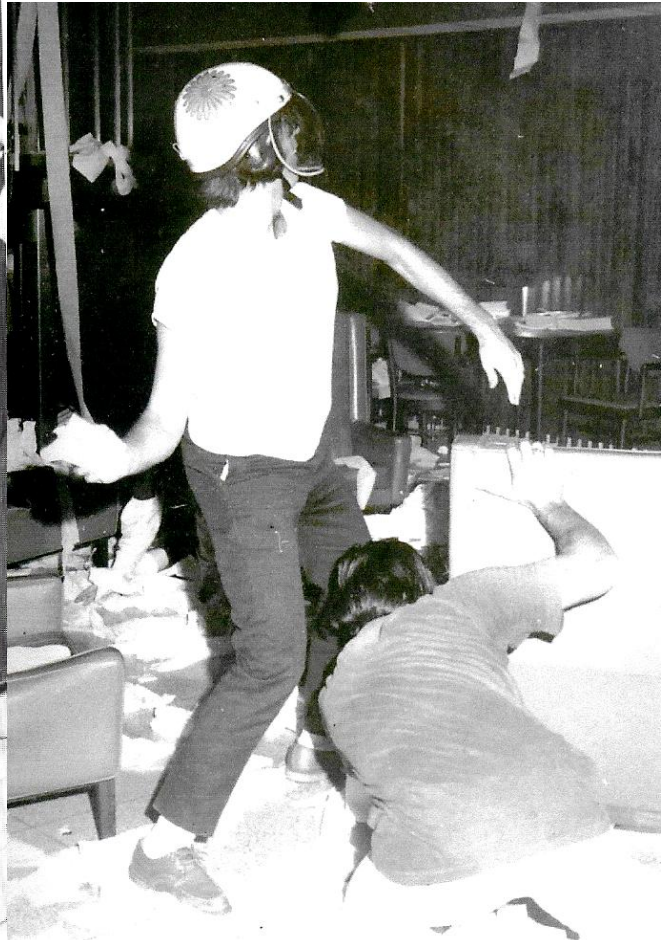
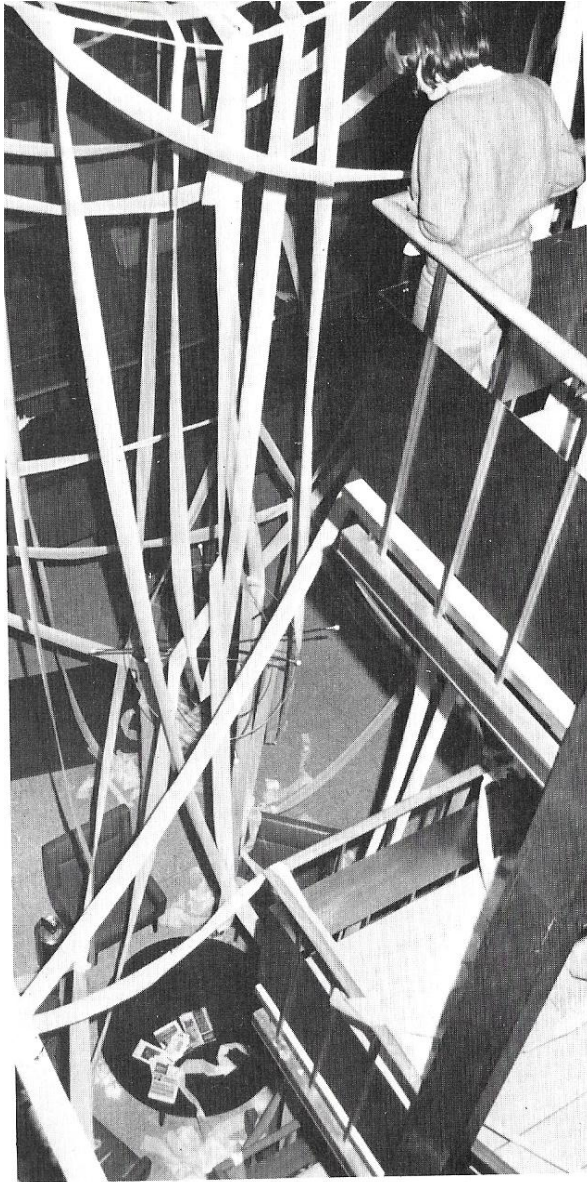
Angela Petrone Stratiy

One evening everyone was cramming for the final exams during the late spring of 1969. I was on the second floor of Cogswell Hall and looked around and up each level. I decided to take a break and walk around to refresh myself. Each floor was so quiet and deserted. Sure enough, we were seriously studying at this time. To break the boredom, I suddenly became a bit of naughty and thought of something to lighten up. So I got one roll of toilet paper and threw across to the next rail of the second floor with no one watching me. Then I left and returned to study. One hour later, I wondered about my prank, so I decided to go where I threw the roll. To my great amazement, each floor was beautifully decorated with toilet papers - crossing over and over. Yes, I was appalled and decided to say nothing. Dr. Benson called for the meeting and asked who did this. No word was spoken from the audience. I was tight-lipped worrying that I would be suspended or disciplined. No action was taken at this time. We left home for the summer. Upon our return to Gallaudet, we were shocked to find out that each of us who resided in the Cogswell Hall was charged for the toilet papers. I believe someone has the photos of this lavish decoration.





Derry Keeshan



Barry Harlan and Jay Shopshire

The Interview

Charmaine Letourneau, Coordinator

Interview with **Angela Stratiy (Petrona)**

By Charmaine Letourneau

Angela Stratiy went on from Gallaudet to get her Masters at Western Maryland College. With that degree to her credits, she taught at the North Dakota School for the Deaf for a couple of years. She later headed for her home city, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. She taught at the school for the Deaf there for 14 years. During that time, she married a hearing man with whom she had 3 sons. Eventually she moved to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, where she continues to reside for half the year, while snowbirding in Arizona for other half.



Angela is well known for her one-woman comedy show. Much of her materials is based on a deep understanding of the funny differences between the deaf and hearing people. She affectionately pokes fun at the hearing world. She's creative and hilarious. She often gets invited to perform in major cities across Canada and the USA. Angela says she gets her jokes from life experience and studying people.

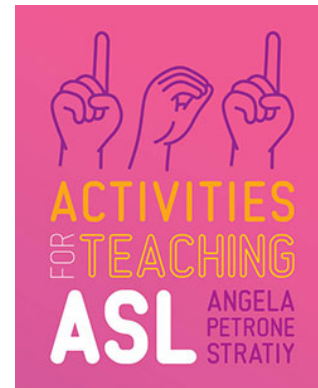
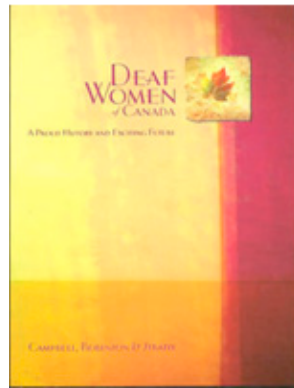
Her most memorable performance was at Syracuse, New York in 2005. Her name appeared in huge letters across the sign above the theatre. See a photo below. (“I would be very proud too,” says Charmaine)



Angela says her parents, Forrest Nickerson (see my note at the end) and Gallaudet all had a huge impact on her life. They all gave her the confidence to be who she is today...a comedian, actress, workshop presenter, and teacher.

Angela is retired now, but this has not stopped her from writing a few books (see photos below) and she is still an active member in the Deaf community. She sometimes subs at the Alberta School for the Deaf, and she sometimes teams up with hearing interpreters to interpret for Deaf people. She enjoys doing some crafts and is very good at it. She is

developing the fourth book “101 ASL Activities for Kids”. Hmmm, a very busy lady!! If you are interested, check www.deafutopia.com.



Charmaine’s personal note:

Forrest Nickerson (now deceased) knew way back in the late 1960’s before anybody, including William Stokoe, that our sign language was the true language of the Deaf and that we do have a vibrant Deaf Culture. With that thought he along with Angela Stratiy, established a national organization in 1971 known as the Canadian Cultural Society of the Deaf. The purpose of this organization is to promote and preserve sign language and Deaf culture, and also to encourage Deaf people to take pride in their language and heritage. American Sign Language had not entered the English language until about 1980.

