

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

**Editor's Extensions**

*Marilyn O'Leary-Heaney*

Spring is here at last! Regardless of the season change, the preparation for our 50<sup>th</sup> Year Class Reunion by the class members on several committees remains ongoing with much effort and enthusiasm. The Newsletter has become more exciting, informative and transparent than ever!

The Newsletter No. 6 has two new additions. The article prepared by our Co-Chair **Cynthia Neese Bailes** describing in detail the establishment of our Class of 1970 Endowment Fund, and a Photo/Video Committee Report prepared by **Mike Holland**.

**Chair's Corner**

*Kathy McIntire Sutton, Chairperson*

The plans for the 50<sup>th</sup> Year Class Reunion are moving along nicely. My two awesome Co-Chairs, Cynthia Neese Bailes and Ron Burdett, our amazing Editor, Marilyn O'Leary-Heaney and our supportive 1970 President Jack Lamberton and I have been meeting every month making sure things are on target. Abby Drake and Sam Sonnenstrahl from the Alumni Relations Office have been very helpful in our correspondences. If you have questions to ask, ideas you want to share or want to be part of any of the committees, please feel free to email me at [Chair70@robandkathy.net](mailto:Chair70@robandkathy.net).

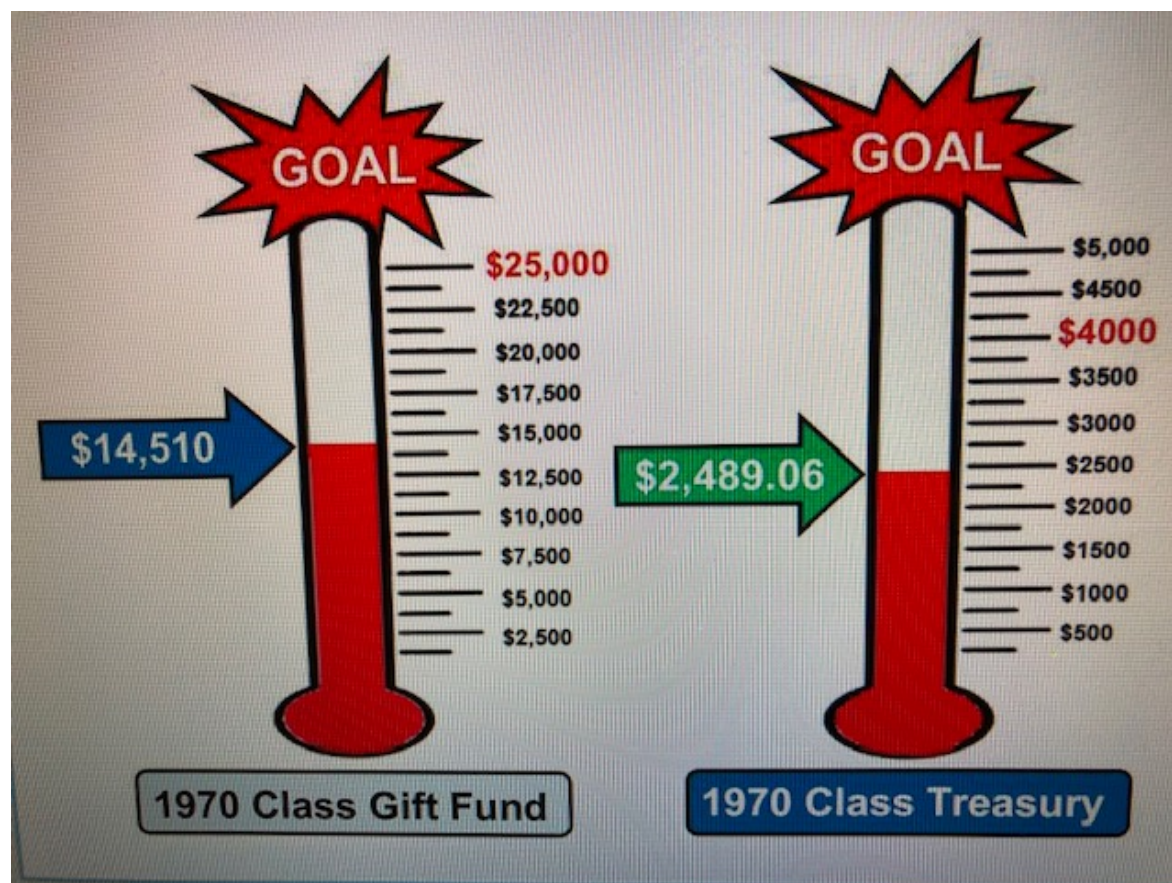
The Class of 1969 will have their 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion this coming October 23-26, 2019. I have talked to several of the 1969-committee members for tips and ideas that will help us with ours. They were very helpful. In the past, the Alumni Relations Office have asked the next class in line to come and volunteer to help with the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion during the Homecoming weekend. It is our turn to volunteer to help the 1969 Class Reunion. They need 10 volunteers. (The Class of 1971 members will help us next year.) I am planning to be there. I was there for the 1967 Class. I had a great time. I know that a good number of you live in Maryland, D.C., and VA. It will be wonderful if you say you want to volunteer to help. Please email me

and let me know if you want to help. Maybe those who are married to one of 1969 Class members can volunteer to help. Please contact at [Chair70@robandkathy.net](mailto:Chair70@robandkathy.net).

### **Class Treasurer's Report**

*Frederick Pickering*

As of March 18, 2019, we have \$2,489.06 in our 1970 Class account. Thank you so much to those who donated money to our 1970 Class account. I really do appreciate this. Any amount (small or large) will help greatly. As mentioned in the February Newsletter, we are aiming for at least \$4,000 in the account. Let us achieve that goal. Write a check or money order to Gallaudet University Class of 70. Send it to Fred Pickering—1114 Morningwood Lane, Great Falls, VA 22066-1609. I will let you know that I got the check/money order. Again, thank you.



*Designed by Paul Stefurak*

## Class Gift Fund's Report

*Connie Fisher Friedman*

The latest balance of donations to our Class of 1970 Endowment Fund is \$14,510.00.

I strongly believe that an endowment fund is one of the best ways we can support our alma mater now and forever. With an endowment, we will be able to produce income to support Gallaudet through scholarships for students or support for programs or research.

We will decide what form of support we want to offer through our endowment, and will develop an agreement with Gallaudet to distribute the income according to our wishes. To give you an idea of what we might support:

### Scholarships

- First Year Students
- International Students
- Students of Color
- Students in a Program:
  - Education
  - Social Services
  - International Studies
  - Other?

### Programs

- Alumni Programs
- ASL & Deaf Studies
- Athletes
- Education
- Social Work
- Other?

### Research

- Bilingualism
- Early Education
- Language  
And Cognition
- Neuroscience
- Signed Languages
- Other?

If you have other ideas you would like our class to consider, please contact me at: [cjf613@gmail.com](mailto:cjf613@gmail.com). All suggestions are welcome!

We are looking forward to seeing our class gift fund continue to grow.

Here's the link to make a contribution: <https://www.gallaudet.edu/office-of-development/giving-at-gallaudet/class-giving/class-of-1970>

Connie Fisher Friedman  
Class Gift Coordinator

"YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE RICH TO GIVE"

## **Establishing our Legacy in 2020 and Beyond: The Class of 1970 Endowment Fund**

*Cynthia Neese Bailes, Co-Chair*

Class of 1970 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee

Alumni Classes present Gallaudet University with a gift during their 50th Anniversary Reunion as a way of supporting our Alma mater and saying: Thank you! Some classes have presented the University with one-time gifts in varying amounts. Others have opted for a long-lasting gift—an endowment fund, which requires total contributions of at least \$25,000.00.

As you are aware, it is our goal to establish an endowed fund by October 2020. Thanks to the many of you who have been contributing to the Class of 1970 gift fund (<https://www.gallaudet.edu/office-of-development/giving-at-gallaudet/class-giving/class-of-1970>), we have already passed the half-way mark.

Through an endowment, we will be investing in the future of Gallaudet University. Interest income from the fund will provide yearly revenue for awards in honor of the Class of 1970—*the fund will actually be in our name*. We will be establishing a lasting legacy to our class—a gift that keeps on giving.

### ***What is an endowment fund?***

Endowments are funds in which a principal of at least \$25,000 is held in perpetuity—that is, forever. The funds are invested to increase the principal and provide income. A small portion of the market value of the fund, typically between four and five percent, is paid out each year to support an initiative established by the fund.

The Board of Trustees decides the percentage of interest each fund may use for awards each year. This year's payout is 4.8%. With a fund of \$25,000, that would amount to \$1200. While this may not seem like a lot, remember, not only is there a payout every year, the amount of the payout will increase as the market value of the fund increases. In other words, endowments are *permanent* funds.

If through some wonderful twist of fate and generosity, we reached \$70,000 in contributions, a 4.8% payout would be \$3,360.00.

***What will the Class of 1970 endowment fund support?***

We will decide what initiative to create or support in collaboration with Gallaudet University. In this issue, Connie Fisher Friedman, Class Gift Coordinator, suggests some general areas we could support and invites you to contribute other ideas. Over the next year, we will work with the Office of Development to review options and with you to determine areas our class is interested in supporting. We will narrow down our choices, and present the three most promising initiatives for a class vote.

Once we determine what we would like to support, we will work with the Office of Development to create a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which will guide the distribution of our fund. This MOU, which is a signed agreement between our class and Gallaudet University, will determine exactly what our funds will be used for and how they will be administered.

If we do not reach our goal by October 2020, but still want to establish an endowment fund, we can proceed with a MOU with Gallaudet University. We will then have five years to reach \$25,000 minimum to establish an endowed fund.

If we reach the \$25,000 by October 2020, we don't have to stop there. We can continue contributing to this fund after our reunion to grow the principal.

I think all of you will agree that we are well on our way to reaching this goal and beyond!

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



*Dr. Francis J. Casale, Pastor*

**My Great Memories at Gallaudet**  
Dr. Francis J. Casale

At the American School for the Deaf (ASD) in Connecticut, I was a Day pupil all my school life as I lived just down the street.

When I attended Gallaudet for the first time, I was somehow afraid to have roommates. They would all be strangers to me. During the first week I was lucky to be alone in a room, as my other assigned roommates have yet to arrive.

My heart sank when I was moved to another room where assigned roommates, **Douglas Ellis** and **James Kalina** became my co-mates. Alas, I had to learn to live together. These two boys had a very independent streak. It was a new experience for me. After a while, I began to enjoy being with them. Believe it or not, I finally overcame my fear and became independent myself.



There were a lot of things that I learned about myself as a Deaf person. I began to notice that I had a visual problem. I realized that some people made fun of me but I accepted who I was and moved on. I learned to become more independent.

I thanked these wonderful roommates and friends at Gallaudet who taught me to see myself more clearly. I also received great leadership training from various areas like, Drama, and Art, etc.

After graduation, I attended CSUN for my Masters and realized how supportive Gallaudet was at that time. It encouraged me to live on my own and make wise independent decisions.

Currently, I am a Senior Pastor for the Deaf/Deaf-Blind/ASL congregation in Covina, California. I have educated many people to become leaders from what I learned at Gallaudet. Many of these people were immigrants who were not familiar with ASL, Deaf Culture and Deaf History. I have taught them, so they could carry on and educate their children.

What a blessing!! God is so good!!

Hail to Gallaudet!!!

## **Database Report**

*Fred Pickering*

Thank you again to those who have responded to me verifying the information I asked for. You are also responsible to let the Alumni Relations Office of any changes in your home address or email addresses. There are still more who have not responded, please do so by sending your information—Name (including maiden name), address and email address to **Fred Pickering at [fpic47@gmail.com](mailto:fpic47@gmail.com)**.

Thank you to those who responded with the missing email addresses. Here is an updated list of the missing classmates (see below). Originally there were 51 missing email addresses. Now it is down to 46. Yay! Please look through the list again and see if you find one or more you know, please contact them, so they can contact **Fred Pickering at [fpic47@gmail.com](mailto:fpic47@gmail.com)**. Or you can send the email address to Fred Pickering. We want to include them in our 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion Newsletters.

#	Last, First, M	#	Last, First, M
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	Parker (Underwood), Flo C.
7	Carter (Firestone), Barbara Lynn	31	Roop, Betty Annabelle
8	Chye (Lee), Lulu Louise	32	Ross, David Lynn
9	Cook, Gary	33	Schwebke, Michael R.
10	Eliot, Lynn D.	34	Selinger, Donna K.
11	Emanuel, Clifford D.	35	Shoremake, Dennis
12	Gill (Collins), Patricia A	36	Stephenson, Rita R.
13	Grant (Wiggin), Carmen	37	Thompson, Roger
14	Grant (Wilk), Sharon	38	Trengrove, Janice R.
15	Hanks, Rosalyn	39	Turley, Rose Marie
16	Hensely, Teddy	40	Underwood, Jimmy D.
17	Holte, James	41	Von Bergen, Thomas
18	Jones, William K.	42	Wagstaff, Paul Alfred
19	Jordan, John M.	43	Waivers, Michael
20	Kennedy, John Roland	44	Williams (Johnson), Sandra
21	Lane, Eric Sheldon	45	Zirnheld, Rita
22	Lankford, James F.	46	Zurcher, Larry A.
23	Laurent, Leola M.	47	
24	Lujan, Alejandro H.	48	

## Memorials Report

*Mary Limoni Kraus, Coordinator*

With our condolences, Gregg Nesemeier passed away February 23, 2019. His obituary is in Class of 1970 Memorials (**Gally70.com**).



## **Do You Remember?**

*Celia May Laramie Baldwin, Coordinator*

## **Do You All Remember Our Dear Dean Benson?**

Submitted by  
*Shirley Edwards Hampton*

It's almost 55 years ago the pre-prats residing at the Peet Hall wanted to have some fun near the holidays! We decided to have a party. Of course we invited Dr. Elizabeth Benson to join us. She gracefully did!

Someone decided we need a Santa, yes, a Santa. Don't recall why. Maybe just to entertain Dr. Benson?

Also we decided to get a plant for Dr. Benson. Don't ask if she ever waters it. That's too late to check now.

You can see the pictures! Like Jay Shopshire's videos, I preserved some pictures from our Gally days.

Who's the Santa? You can see how skinny this Santa's legs were. Not sure how to fill them. Used pillows for the front and back, it's cheaper during our lean days, not having to rent one.

I was the one who revealed Santa. The other girls in the picture, the first one is unknown (if you know, let me know!) and Sarah Stanley Harris.

We indeed had some fun and it was hilarious. It was a rarity to see Dr. Benson smile.



*Shirley Edwards as Santa and Dr. Elizabeth Benson*



*Nikki Ekle, Shirley Edwards and Dr. Elizabeth Benson*

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book Report

*Bernie Brown, Coordinator*

We have been having our monthly meeting discussing plans for our Anniversary Book. We are excited to add two more class members in our committee. Please welcome **Willena Osmola McDevitt** and **Connie Paine Henes**. Willena will work with me in developing the yearbook and Connie will work in compiling the profiles. Kathy will help her. Jay will search for pictures needed for the Anniversary Book. If you are interested in helping us, please let Bernie know- - [berniebrown@gmail.com](mailto:berniebrown@gmail.com). We would love to have you join us.

1=We will use the 1970 yearbook “selfies” of you; if none is available, we will resort to the 1965 or subsequent yearbook pictures.

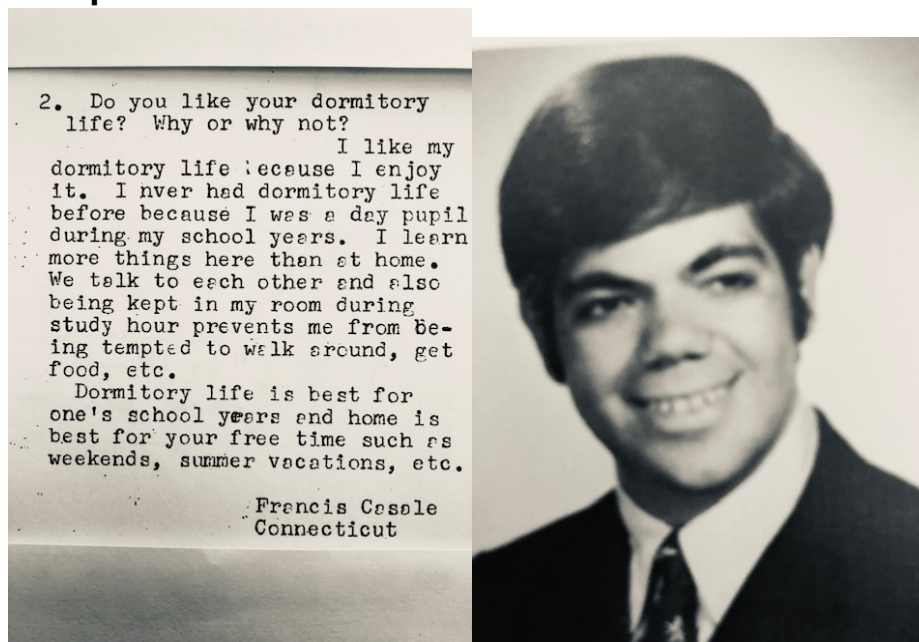
2=A letter will be sent out in May 2019 requesting all 1970 class members 1) to fill out a profile form and 2) to send in current pictures, specifically “selfies”, family pictures, vacation pictures or activities. More specific information and instructions will be given in the letter.

I am excited about our upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion in 2020. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there. You do not want to miss this **BIG** event.

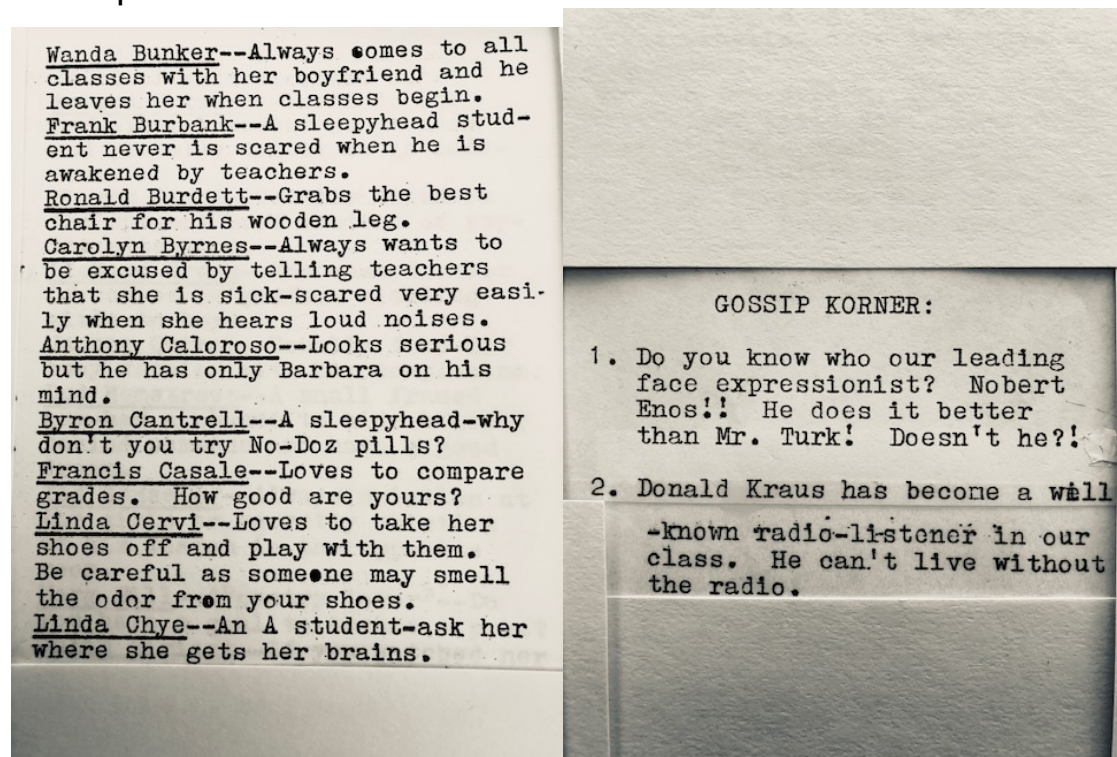
## Excerpts from the Knob Hill News

*Helen Merritt Tingley and Ursula Klim Attia, Coordinators*

### Excerpt 1



## Excerpt No. 2 and No. 3

**Registration Report**

*Ruth Ann Lally Schornstein, Coordinator*

Here are the names of volunteers for the registration committee:

- Barbara Titus Evans
- Connie Fisher Friedman
- Sharon Groff Lane
- Joanne Stump Nelson
- Janie Pearson

And my sister, Mary Lynn Lally ('66)

In the past four years, I volunteered to assist registration for other classes during their 50th anniversary, and I expect some from these previous classes will volunteer for our reunion as well.

I still need more volunteers beginning Tuesday evening and to be done before the Conclaves on Thursday evening. I am especially looking for male volunteers.

Please contact me at [aslcui@aol.com](mailto:aslcui@aol.com).

I appreciate your volunteering!



## Memory Lane



*This photo was taken at the East and West Tug-o-War event during the freshman year in the spring of 1967. The participants representing East were Tom von Bergen, Isaac Pakula, Nick Imme, Larry Rocque, Bob Furman, and Fred Pickering.*

	<b>1970 - 50th Class Reunion</b>	
	<b>1970 President</b> -Jack Lamberton	
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	Jay Shopshire	
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