

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

**Editor's Extensions**

*Marilyn O'Leary-Heaney*

Finally, the fall has arrived! This is the same season when we meet for our 50th-year class reunion at Gallaudet next year!! Believe it or not, we will be united together a year from now after all these years of being apart. It is time for us to start counting the months or even days to prepare our trip to Washington, D.C. I have already made plans for our newsletter to be distributed monthly starting January 2020 to all, the class members more excited and highly motivated.

I am elated to inform you that I have help with the newsletter. Rob Sutton, Kathy McIntire Sutton's husband, will do the layout work on the remaining issues. Thank you very much, Rob.

There is a new additional report in this issue, The Entertainment Report. Angela Petrone Stratiy is the coordinator. Welcome aboard, Angela.

The next issue will be distributed in December.

**Chair's Corner**

*Kathy McIntire Sutton, Chairperson*

It is now October 2019! That means we have one year (12 months) left before we meet at Gallaudet Homecoming weekend. All the committees are working very hard to make our 50th Class Anniversary a memorable one. You don't want to miss this special event.

My two Co-Chairs and I are excited to welcome Clifford Boland as our Welcome Back Coordinator and Fred Pickering as our Parking and Transportation Coordinator.

My trip to DSA surpassed my expectations of what I envisioned. I enjoyed every minute of each day there. There were 26 of us (1970 class members). It was great seeing them. Please read my DSA Report for more news.

I mentioned in my last report that I will go the Gallaudet Homecoming weekend to help with the 1969 Class 50th Anniversary activities. Ten of us from our 1970 class will be there to help. I am looking forward to it.

	<b>1970 – 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion</b>	<b>Updated 9/23/2019</b>
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		Fifty-Plus Dinner (Fri)*
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## Memory Lane



Tim Scanlon and Julianna Massar-Fjeld performed in their leading roles in “The Miser” play at Gallaudet Theater in the spring of 1970.

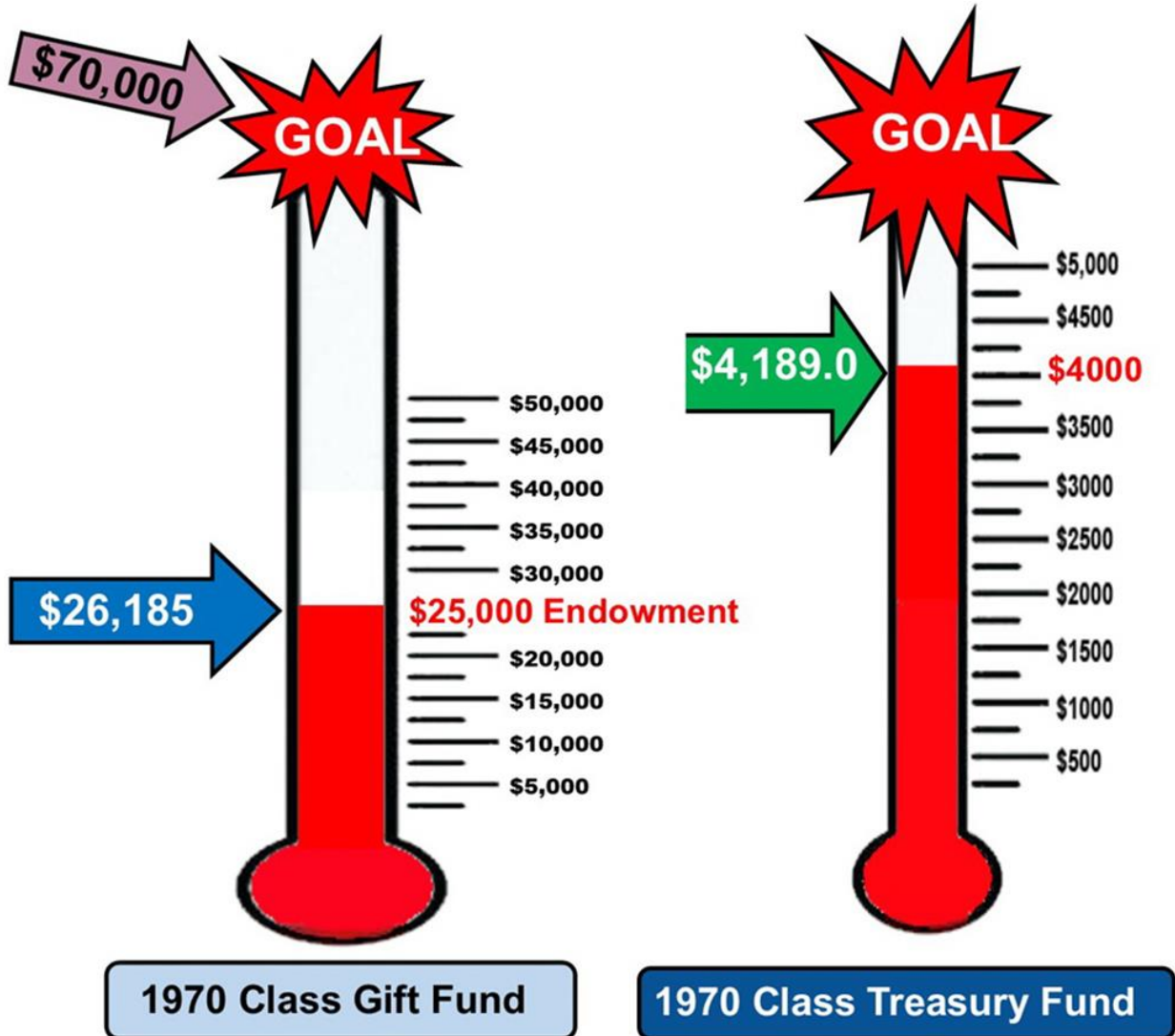
### **Class Treasury Report**

*Frederick Pickering, Treasurer*

Thank you to those who contributed money to the Class of 1970 Treasury Fund. We now have \$4,189.06. This has doubled since January 2019 which was \$2,099.06. This is wonderful news. We would like to continue to increase the amount to help us possibly offset the cost of registration, the special services for the deaf/blind and other special needs class members, and the expenses for provisions and supplies needed for our 50th Class Reunion.

You can see the red bar moving up on the barometer either in the Newsletter or the website—gally70.com. Write a check or money order to **Gallaudet University Class of 1970**. 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. Thank you for your support.

### Class of 1970 Fundraising Barometers



By Paul Stefurak

## **Class Gift Fund Report**

*Connie Fisher Friedman, Class Gift Coordinator*

*Cynthia Neese Bailes, Co-Chair, 50th Reunion Committee*

We are happy to report a balance of \$26,185 in our class gift fund. This means we have met the threshold for establishing an endowment fund. The fund has grown by \$4,465 since our last newsletter in early August. Thanks to those of you who recently donated, whether for the first time or yet again. We have grown from 60 donors in early August to 63 today. Many who have contributed since August are repeat donors. Class members who contributed for the first time since August are:

Pamela Katz  
Mary Ruffa  
Alfred T. Scanlon.

You can view the names of all contributors at our Class of 1970 website:

<http://gally70.com/50th-reunion/Gally-gift-fund/index.htm>.

Now that we have successfully met the requirement to establish our Class of 1970 endowment fund, we will focus on three things. First, we will continue to grow the fund - our goal is to reach \$70,000. For now, we will focus on reaching half that amount, \$35,000, by the end of 2019.

Second, we aim to increase the number of contributors. Currently, 63 out of 201 class members (31%) have donated. We hope to increase that donation rate to 50% by the end of 2019. This means 38 new donors between now and December 31. By the time of our reunion, we hope to increase this rate substantially—wouldn't it be wonderful if we had 100% participation?

Third, we will be exploring options for what to support with our gift. In the next newsletter, we will detail the steps we will take toward deciding the purpose of our gift. We welcome ideas; ultimately all of us together will decide what we will support.

Thank you to all our contributors. We hope you will consider contributing again. And if you have not yet contributed, here is the link: <https://www.gallaudet.edu/office-of-development/giving-at-gallaudet/class-giving/class-of-1970>.

Finally, we continue to seek videos and written statements from class members and would love to add your story to our collection. We hope you will write a short (up to one page) statement or make a 2-3-minute video expressing your support for Gallaudet. Contact Connie at [ossd1965@gmail.com](mailto:ossd1965@gmail.com) or Cynthia at [cynthianeesebailes@me.com](mailto:cynthianeesebailes@me.com) if you would like to share. You can view past videos and written statements on our website: <http://gally70.com/50th-reunion/Gally-gift-fund/index.htm>.

## The Interview

*Charmaine Letourneau, Contributor*

Interview with Nikki Ekle, a traveler  
by Charmaine Letourneau

Nikki's goal in life is to see as many countries in the world as money allows her. So far, she has visited 12 countries and counting. She'll be off to Italy soon for one month.

Nikki often travels with a CODA companion. She says it's safer in unfamiliar areas than traveling solo because she's a female, deaf and older now. Also, it's more fun to share the experience with him.

Nikki says it's scary to get lost especially when you don't understand the language. To compensate for this problem, she memorizes the signage and the surroundings of her hotel to help her find her way back. Having a travel companion makes a huge difference when one gets scared. The scariest experience was walking through a ghost town in Mazatlán in the dark, but they didn't meet anyone. WHEW!! She says it's important to be calm in problematic situations, which is not always easy when you are shaking like a leaf.

Nikki's upcoming plans are to visit are Hungary and Egypt and safari in Africa. When asked why she loves to travel, she replies that it's because of her curiosity, sense of adventure, and about experiencing new places and cultures. Travel brings her joy and gives her something to look forward to as well as providing her with new and fun challenges.

The best places to visit for her are Norway and Mazatlán, Mexico.

Nikki thinks Norway is the most beautiful country in the world. In Norway, by chance, Nikki came upon a farm with the sign "EKLEVEGEN". She wondered if they were her relatives and checked to see if they were. Sure enough, they were on her paternal grandfather's side. What an amazing and happy discovery!





In Mexico, Nikki met a 2-year old deaf girl, and fell in love with her. They became good friends, and Nikki makes an annual trek to visit her. She's now 22 years old now with a son and a husband.

The challenges of being a traveler are whether or not to trust strangers, how to communicate in a different language, not to lose your passport, not to get lost, and to be relatively careful about what you eat and drink. Nikki and her companion did experience a bout of food poisoning.

Nikki says it's important as travelers to remember passport and itinerary at all times. Losing them is no fun at all. It's also important to bring a first aid kit, hand sanitizer, toothbrush and toothpaste, and oh yes, charger cord for phone or tablet.

St. Augustine once said, "The world is a book, and those who do not travel, read only one page."

So, let's travel the world to increase our knowledge of the world through many pages, not just one.



Peru



Iceland



Germany

### **Registration Report**

*Ruth Ann Lally Schornstein, Coordinator*

Only 1 year left for all of us to meet again at Gallaudet's Homecoming for our 50th anniversary!

Registration forms will be posted on-line sometime in February. We will be the first class to register online! How about that?!?

We are locating more and more of our classmates! We hope to locate them all so that we can have as close to 100% attendance as possible!

After the Homecoming of 2019, we hope to get the prices to you all!! Best is for you all to start saving for this fabulous 50th Class '70 Reunion!!!

### **Database Report**

*Fred Pickering, Database Specialist*

I am getting responses from some of you helping me find and/or correct some errors in the home and email addresses. Thank you!! This is great. Please keep finding the missing class members. See below for the names of the missing class members. We have 36 left. If you find any 1970 class members that are not on our Alumni List, please let me know via email [fpic47@gmail.com](mailto:fpic47@gmail.com).



1	Astbury, Elizabeth L.
2	Barbur, Kenneth Swan
3	Becher, Kenneth J.
4	Bishop, Jeffrey
5	Carter (Firestone), Barbara Lynn
6	Chye (Lee), Lulu Louise
7	Cook, Gary
8	Dawes, Diana from FL
9	Doland, Patricia Bridge from MD
10	Eliot, Lynn D.
11	Emanuel, Clifford D.
12	Gill (Collins), Patricia A
13	Grant (Wiggin), Carmen
14	Grant (Wilk), Sharon
15	James, Robert Lee from WVA
16	Jones, William K.
17	Jordan, John M.
18	Lane, Eric Sheldon

19	Lankford, James F.
20	Laurent, Leola M.
21	Lujan, Alejandro H.
22	Martin, Donald Patton
23	Metters, Robert
24	Morrison, Jerrold S.
25	Parker (Underwood), Flo C.
26	Schwebke, Michael R.
27	Selinger, Donna K.
28	Shoremake, Dennis
29	Stephenson, Rita R.
30	Thompson, Roger
31	Trengrove, Janice R.
32	Underwood, Jimmy D.
33	Wagstaff, Paul Alfred
34	Waivers, Michael
35	Zirnheld, Rita
36	Zurcher, Larry A.

**Excerpts from the Knob Hill News**

*Hellen Merritt Tingley and Ursula Klim Attia, Coordinators*



Sandra Pratt Higgins

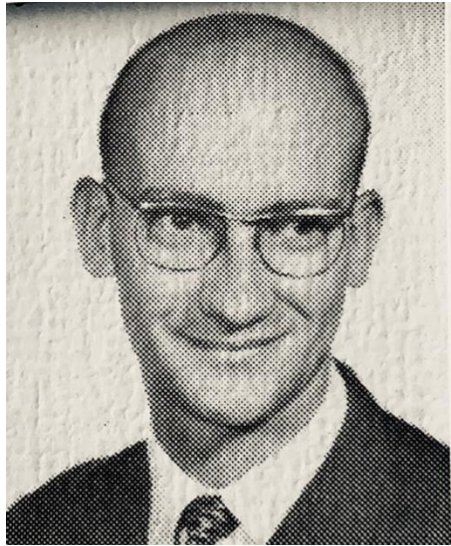
What was your most embarrassing moment here?

You know that I am not an American but a Canadian so that is why my sign language is different.

One day I was talking to one of my friends. I was using my own sign language to her, and when I said a word in my own sign language, she began to laugh hard, but I didn't know what was wrong with it. Then she told me the word's meaning in her sign language.

I have learned a lot of new signs here.

Sandra Pratt  
British Columbia  
Canada



Cyril Axelrod

#### QUESTION BOX

What is your real ambition? Why do you wish to achieve it?

After the first question, which I am asked by my friends, "Why did I travel such a long way to Gallaudet College?" My answer is simple and direct, "To broaden my educational knowledge and understand the methods of teaching the deaf." The well-organized teaching program here is most advantageous to me, as South Africa lacks a high standard of education for the deaf especially the negroes, who need educational training badly. Out of thirteen million inhabitants in South Africa, two thousand negroes and white deaf people, partly supported by the Government, when they have financial difficulties, receive their educational training at four or more different scholastic institutions within the territory. Naturally, their ambition is to receive more education at Gallaudet College, the world's only college for the deaf.

A few months ago, a secretary for the South

Africa National Council for the Deaf, under the government's authority, traveled throughout the country to discover if the deaf people living on the farms were educated. After his survey, he proclaimed at the meeting that there were about five hundred deaf people who were mostly kept under the care of their parents without receiving any education. The secretary made a strong plea that the Government establish more educational institutions for the deaf.

After clearing this secretary's speech I asked his Lordship, Bishop Green, who is responsible for the educational facilities for the negroes, whether I could fill the vacancy by becoming a missionary for the deaf. His Lordship consented and recommended that I study sociology to aid me in my work for the deaf. My reason for coming to Gallaudet College is to complete my education so that I can aid the deaf negroes and white people in South Africa after my graduation.

Cyril Axelrod  
South Africa

## **Entertainment Events**

*Angela Petrone Stratiy, Coordinator*

Hi Everyone,

Tim Scanlon and I are excited to be in charge of entertainment during the reunion. We are asking if you are interested in giving a short skit or a brief anecdote. We are planning to have entertainment for the welcome gathering on Wednesday evening and the banquet Saturday night. We may add entertainment to other events such as the breakfast and lunch hosted by Gallaudet if time permits. If you are unable to come, we appreciate if you can send me videos. Please contact me at [angela.stratiy@icloud.com](mailto:angela.stratiy@icloud.com) if you are interested.

I wonder if you remember our first preparatory show, the Doctor Elsterat Show, with skits directed by George Johnston, such as:

Dr. Elstad (Art Dignan)  
Batman and Riddler (Norbert Enos);  
Two in One, Oral Roberts, Family (Enos and Barbara "Bunny" Hauwiller, now Enos);  
Movie Director (Ann Sandell and Steve Moore);  
The Farmer and the Rooster (Celia May Laramie, now Baldwin);  
Rye Whiskey (Angela Petrone, now Stratiy, and Paul McComb);  
Cry Baby (Mary Hill); and  
Care, Tag (Julie Hiriart and Francis Casale).

I also wonder if anyone has a copy of the Doctor Elsterat Show program. If you happen to have the program or remember more skits, please let me know.

We are looking forward to entertaining you.

## **Do You Remember?**

*Celia May Laramie Baldwin, Coordinator*



### **Did This Happen to You, Too?**

Submitted by Sara Beth Stanley Harris

Early in the fall of 1965, as a new preparatory student, I was "green" on many things. I am sure most of us were!

One evening at a Student Union Lounge Building, I was on the first floor where the little "Post Office" was. There was a crowd of students around. One person came to me and asked me to please ask James Souza for his father's shoe size. By the way, he was a senior and wonderful stage actor and you go and figure.

I was so naïve and believed it as a sincere request. So, I walked to James and asked. He looked at me with a sad face and replied slowly . . ." My father has no feet". It hit me so hard and I quickly walked away, sobbing.

Then many students kept saying to me," It was all joke" or "it was not true" but I did not stop crying until much later. At that moment, my innocence and naïve attitude were just evaporated. It was a big lesson for me. Do not ask at all!

Was it for you, too?

## **Deaf Seniors of America Conference (DSA) Report**

*Kathy McIntire Sutton*

DSA 2019 was held in Seattle, Washington from September 2nd to 7th. This was my first time to attend the DSA Conference. I had not heard about it until last year when Nikki Ekle mentioned that I should go there because I was the Chair for our 1970 Class 50th Anniversary in 2020 and many of our class members will be there. So, I went. I had a wonderful time there. I enjoyed every minute of it.

Twenty-six 1970 class members attended the conference. The workshops, exhibits, board and other meetings, activities, GUAA Retreat, Gala Banquet and tours were great. It was so wonderful seeing old friends and meeting new friends.

The three highlights for me were 1) the 1970 class gathering on Thursday, 2) the GUAA Retreat on Friday and 3) meeting with Gallaudet University President Bobbi Cordano on Saturday morning. On Thursday, the Class of 1970 class members met at the Space Needle Food Court area. We took the monorail near the Grand Sheraton Hotel. It took only a few minutes to get there. We discussed mostly the 50th Class Reunion and chatted. Paul Stefurak and Jay Shopshire took pictures, but we did not get a group picture because several had to leave early for another activity. 😞

Friday night, President Cordano spoke a powerful message. Then I noticed that many of the 1970 class members were there, so I was able to get 19 of them for a group picture. Then Saturday night at the Gala Banquet, I was able to get 5 more for another group picture. 😊 See pictures below.

Saturday morning, Rob, my husband and another couple were walking back to the hotel after breakfast to attend the Board meeting when we saw President Cordano walking toward us. I asked President Cordano if she had a minute to talk to us. She responded, "Sure!" We had a delightful talk about several topics relating to Gallaudet and deafness. When I mentioned to her that we were so excited that one of the new Board members is

our very own 1970 class member, Cynthia Neese Bailes. She raved about Cynthia and how lucky they were to have her on the Board.

I picked the pictures that included all the 26 class members. The two single pictures were added because Irene Tunanidas left Friday morning and Franna Corley Camenisch was not there when we had the two group pictures taken. Enjoy looking at the pictures.



(L to R) **First Row:** Archie Harris, Sam Yates, Jay Shopshire, Larry Vollmar, Joel Silberstein **Second Row:** Angela Petrone Stratiy, Mary Hill Telford, Barbara Titus Evans, Reda Evans Tweedie, Diane Stenz, Celia Laramie Baldwin, Kathy McIntire Sutton **Third Row:** Paul Stefurak, Frank Burbank, Barry Harlan, Jack Cooper, Ed Leighton, Elmer Hayes



(L to R) Lynda Watts Magouirk, Mary Jean Secoolish, Nikki Ekle, Arlyce Vaught Watson, Claire Ness, Kathy McIntire Sutton



Irene Tunanidas



Franna Corley Camenisch



**L to R:** Claire Ness, Kathy McIntire Sutton, Nikki Ekle, Irene Tunanidas



**Clockwise:** Elmer Hayes, Sharon Hayes, Ed Leighton, Jeannie Leighton, Celia Laramie Baldwin, Angela Petrone Stratiy, Mary Jean Secoolish



**L to R:** Jay Shopshire, Barbara Burbank, Frank Burbank



**L to R:** Mary Hill Telford, Sam Yates, Ann Cooper, Jack Cooper



**L to R:** Lily Miller, Paul Stefurak, Fred Pickering, Brenda Pickering



**L to R:** Archie Harris, Barbara Harris, Joel Silberstein



**Clockwise:** Phillip Magouirk, Barbara Titus Evans, Diane Stanek, Barry Harlan, Reda Evans Tweedie, Lynda Magouirk



**L to R:** Larry and Sharon Vollmar



L to R Rob Sutton;  
President Bobbi Cordano;  
Kathy McIntire Sutton



Angela Petrone Straty in the  
DSA program book

Angela Petrone Straty after her  
performance in the Gala Banquet  
on Saturday night



Angela Petrone Straty did a great performance on Saturday at the Gala Banquet. She showed pictures of herself growing up to now. Since we are now past 60's, she shared memories what the deaf people had and what they did in the past compared what we have and what we are doing now.

**Apparel/Homecoming Parade Report**  
*Janie Pearson, Coordinator*

I have been working on finding several possible vests and jackets that we will wear at our 50th Class Reunion in October 2020. I plan send an email to all of you with a survey and vote of which vests/jackets you like. It is very important that you respond which ones you like.