The Mighty '70ers Newsletter



Hello 1970 Class members,

I hope you are all doing well. The past five weeks have been quite an experience for me. I had surgery on my left shoulder due to a big tear and three detached tendons. It turned out well. My husband, Rob had a complete replacement on his right knee. Our son, Robbie came to take care of us while our daughter and family were out of town. Then I ended up in the hospital with a kidney stone and infection complications. Now I am home recovering. I sure hope that none of you need to go through this. Hence the May/June 2021 Newsletter will give you the updates.

I am pretty sure that you all are aware that Cynthia Neese Bailes, one of our 1970 class members, is a member of the Board of Trustees. I was so excited to see her video sharing her part of the committee meetings. If you want to watch it, here is the link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGJX6U7YQI8



Class Gift/Endowment Fund Report
Cynthia Neese Bailes, Co-Chair & Gift Fund Coordinator
Celia May Laramie Baldwin, Gift Fund Co-Coordinator

The Class of 1970 Endowment Funds Report

Good news! Our endowment funds have grown in market value. The principal balance reflects actual donations.

The Mighty Class of 1970 Student Scholarship Fund

Market Value Principal Balance
\$48,716.91 \$45,420.00

The Class of 1970 Jack R. Gannon '59 Alumni Relations Fund

Market Value \$29,545 Principal Balance \$28,950

You can help us grow the principal of each fund by contributing at this link: https://www.gallaudet.edu/office-of-development/giving-at-gallaudet/class-giving/class-of-1970



Class Treasury Report Fred Pickering, Treasurer

Hope you all are well these days...

As the long-time Class of 1970 treasurer, I wanted to drop a few words about the future of our class treasury fund.

First, I want to thank Arlyce Vaught Watson and Kaye Peacock, who served as auditors before and after our 50th class reunion. Their oversight of the management of our class fund has been helpful and appreciated.

Moving forward, we have expanded the role of the auditors to work with me on a plan for our class fund once we, the Class of 1970, decide to close our account. Thanks to our new auditors, Celia May Laramie Baldwin and Joel Silberstein, for agreeing to take this on. We will work with the Gallaudet University Alumni Association (GUAA) and the Gallaudet University Office of Development to consider options for donating what remains in our treasury account.

We will be communicating with you regularly through this newsletter as we work through this planning process and will acquire your approval once we have proposed plan.



Memorials Report
Mary Ann Limoni Kraus, Coordinator

A note from Mary Kraus

It is sad to learn that Robert "Bob" Firestone passed away on Saturday, May 15, 2021, at Jacksonville Skilled Nursing & Rehab. Book. Our condolences to his family. Please see his obituary in Gally70 Memorials.

His profile can be seen on page 72 -50th Anniversary Book.