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Class of 1970
50th Year Class Reunion
Newsletter

Editor's Extensions

Marilyn O'Leary-Heaney

Unbelievably, we are currently in the third month of the "new" year, 2018 and surprisingly, our exciting event, the 50th Year Class Reunion isn't far away. Fortunately, our class members have already started organizing the reunion plans. This is our first official newsletter issue and our goal is to share information about the reunion plans with you, the Class of 1970 members, motivate your interest, and encourage you to attend the reunion in October, 2020.

It is my pleasure to announce that we have added three members to our newsletter team. They are Charmaine Letourneau as the Co-Editor, Celia May Laramie Baldwin as the "Do You Remember?" Chief Contributor and Jay Shopshire as the Photo Contributor. Welcome aboard!

The Chairs (Kathy McIntire Sutton, Cynthia Neese Bailes and Ron Burdett) and I would like all of us, the class members to recognize Paul Stefurak for his continuous outstanding work on our class website, **Gally 70**. The future Reunion newsletters will be included in the website.

We hope you all will find our Reunion Newsletter informative and enjoyable to read. The next issue will be distributed in June.

Chair's Corner

Kathy McIntire Sutton

Hello 1970ers,

Yay! Our first edition newsletter.

I am pleased to see how things are moving along in 1970 50th Class Reunion plans. My two Co-Chairs (Cynthia and Ron), Editor (Marilyn) and I have met for our monthly meetings the last few months via Sorenson video conference. Oh, what a blessing to have this technology (including texts and emails)! They really do make it so easy to be able to discuss the 1970 50th Class Reunion plans. I have contacted Abby Drake, Assistant Director of the Alumni Relations. We will work together from time to time. She will keep me in the loop what should be done. Fred Pickering and I have been in touch constantly updating the members' email addresses. Please

give Fred a round of applause for his long lasting work as our class treasurer and database specialist. I am so excited to have two coordinators - Class Gift and 50th Anniversary Yearbook. Welcome aboard, Sam Yates and Bernie Brown. I am still in process of working out on the committees. More information about the committees will come in the future newsletters.

Reminder: Our 1970 50th Class Reunion will be October 28 - November 1, 2020. That is 2 1/2 years from now. Like I said before, start saving your money now for the special event. You don't want to miss it. I want to see all of you there.



Class of '70 Together
By Celia May Laramie Baldwin

"Class of '70 Together", that is our song.

*Coming from all corners, north, east, west, and south
Living our lives all those years...working, playing, retiring,*

*We now pause and make time and plan to be
On our beloved old stomping ground, Gallaudet in 2020.*

*"Class of '70 Together", in buff and blue spirit.
"Class of '70 Together", oh, how happy we will be !*

*Seeing each other once again...counting our wrinkles? NOT!
Cherish our friends, our class, and to rekindle our friendship. YES!*

*Faithful to our university, Gallaudet
But always LOYAL to our Class of '70.*

*“Class of '70 Together”
Known as true and mighty 70ers wherever we are!*

President's Pitch

Jack Lamberton

Dear Class of 1970 Members,

You must be kidding me...it will be 50 years in two years since we left from Gallaudet College/University! *Tempus fugit!* But the most important thing is that we hope this finds you and yours well.

We are fortunate to have someone like Kathy McIntire Sutton to lead up the Class of 1970's 50th Anniversary Reunion Committee. She also has two very capable assistants on her committee - Ron Burdett and Cynthia Neese Bailes. We must not forget Fred Pickering and Paul Stefurak for holding the class together. We also must not forget Mary Jean Secoolish for chairing the original reunion committee as she worked hard to move things along.

Marilyn O'Leary-Heaney volunteered to handle one of the most thankless jobs - as Editor of the Class Newsletter - thank you, Marilyn! It is my understanding that Kathy has appointed quite a few classmates to be responsible for smoothing thus filling up the reunion committee. Behind the scene, Celia May "CM" Baldwin (Laramie) has been one of my staunchest supporters - helping make certain things happen - hats off to CM! Thank you all for volunteering to help out with something in preparation for the 50th Anniversary Class Reunion.

I must admit that I feel somewhat guilty for not making the Class of 1970 matter one of my priority items but I do feel good about my contributions to other organizations over many years - - - USA Deaf Sports Federation (USADSF) as its president for 8 years and currently serving on the International Committee for Sports of the Deaf (ICSD) Executive Board as its VP of Youth Sports. These "contributions", I believe, do reflect favorably on the Class of 1970.

It is with hope we will see you all at the 50th Anniversary Class Reunion!

Warm regards,
Jack Lamberton
Class President

Class Gift Coordinator's Report

Sam Yates

Hello, Class of 1970 members! Sam Yates here.

Our 50th reunion chair asked me to be the 1970 Class Gift Coordinator, and I have gladly accepted.

I will be meeting with Sam Sonnenstrahl, Executive Director of the Office of Alumni Relations, to learn about my responsibilities and our Class of 1970 Gift Fund. I will also be setting up a committee of class members from different regions to work with me. If you are interested in being on this committee, please let me know via sam.yates70@icloud.com. I will share more detailed information in our June newsletter.

Our job from now until our 50th reunion is to set and reach our fund-raising goal. During the reunion, we will determine what we wish to do with our gift. In June, my hope is that our gift will be a lasting legacy of the Class of 1970.

50th Anniversary Yearbook Editor's Report

Bernie Brown

Kathy McIntire Sutton called Bernie Brown to ask if he would be the yearbook editor for the upcoming 50th anniversary celebration last fall. Bernie is now living in the Villages, Florida. He has been quite involved in several activities there. He is willing to make time for the yearbook development, too. Bernie is blessed to have Jay Shopshire who agreed to help him with this project. He was one of Bernie's valuable 1970 Tower Clock yearbook assistants. It is interesting to note that the 50th anniversary committee members, Ron Burdett, Kathy McIntire Sutton, Fred Pickering, Mary Ann Limoni Kraus and Marilyn O'Leary-Heaney were the 1970 Tower Clock's great assistants, too!

Bernie had a good meeting with Paula (Amann) Chance during his trip to Illinois last January, 2018. Paula was the editor of 1967's 50th anniversary yearbook. She gave him several tips and has agreed to be his "consultant" for the upcoming 50th anniversary yearbook. After looking through other 50th anniversary yearbooks, Bernie felt 1967 format would be best because it had 5 summary milestones.

Examples are: (1) Family/Companionship:, (2) Leisure/Pleasure:, (3) Degrees/Credits Earned:, (4) Employment History:, (5) Community Service/Leadership.

Bernie hopes to develop a questionnaire to be sent to all Class of '70 members this November, 2018 with reply deadline of March, 2019. This will allow the yearbook staff one year to compile, proofread and print a 200-page yearbook by June, 2020. Thanks to our present technology, pictures and communication can be done through e-mail. For suggestions/ideas, please contact Bernie at VP 240-547-5203

or berniepbrown@gmail.com. Like we did back in 1970, our yearbook will be the world's best!

HAIL FOREVER TO OUR MIGHTY '70 CLASS!

Bernie Brown '70, 1970 Tower Clock Editor & 50th Anniversary Yearbook Editor

Database Specialist's Report

Fred Pickering

To the Class of 1970 alumni (1965 - 1970),

I am the database specialist for our 1970 class. Some of my responsibilities are to track and locate class members, provide documentation to the Gallaudet University Alumni Relations (AR), and add or update all members' contact information such as home and email addresses and report to AR on a regular basis.

What I need from each of you to email me this information: 1- **full name** (please include your maiden name), 2- **home address**, 3- **email address**, and 4- **VP number** if you have one. It is so important to have this information so that when the time comes, the AR will send out information about the plans for our 50th Class Reunion. Please respond and send the requested information to Fred Pickering at fpic47@gmail.com as soon as you can.

I am really excited about our upcoming 1970-50th Class Reunion. I hope you are, too.

Fred Pickering

Do You Remember?

Celia May Laramie Baldwin

I am counting days before I see many of you at the 50th reunion! I will be soliciting stories from my classmates for this new newsletter. Don't be surprised if you hear from me in the near future. I will need at least 20 stories. We all shall have fun walking down our memory lane BEFORE the reunion. Julianna Fjeld will be doing a story for our June issue.

DO YOU REMEMBER? Let us walk down our memory lane with this first short story

On Tuesday, May 24, 1966, we the prep rats, had our Rat Funeral. It was to bury our childish deeds, immaturity and to act more like grown-ups before we entered the freshman year. The boys were dressed up in suits and ties, which was a rarity.

The girls wore black veils and hid chopped onions in our hankies so we could actually cry at the funeral! We buried our rats near College Hall, I think! Do any of you remember?

Note: Cyril Axelrod, E-70, officiated at the rat funeral.



And he actually became a priest and is recognized for his service worldwide to the deaf and blind. He had the opportunity to meet Queen Elizabeth and Pope Francis! We hope he will join us in the fall of 2020.



70er's Titbits

Marilyn O'Leary-Heaney

Kathy McIntire Sutton celebrated her 70th birthday last December at Magic Mountain. With her two sons, she bravely rode the "Dive Devil", the 152-foot flying leap. Wow!! After a couple of postponements, **Arlyce Vaught Watson** will officially retire on April 6, 2018 as a staff member working with Deaf-Blind Developmentally Disabled adults in Washington, D.C. Happy retirement, Arlyce!! If you have any interesting tidbits (limit to two sentences) for us to share, email me at moheaney@gmail.com.