

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



Editor's Extensions

Marilyn O'Leary-Heaney

The fall season is approaching and sadly, we are still unable to celebrate our 50th class reunion in-person at Gallaudet next month due to pandemic. So instead, we will have a virtual reunion. You will be receiving very informative reports of this unique event elaborated by **Kathy McIntire Sutton and Jack Lamberton** in this issue.

The monthly feature, **Knob Hill News** will be discontinued after this issue. I wish to express my sincere thanks to **Helen Merritt Tingley and Ursula Klim Attia** for their outstanding work. It was a real pleasure working with them.

The reunion committee reports will be continued in the future issues.



Chair's Corner

Kathy McIntire Sutton, Chairperson

Our Virtual 1970 Class Reunion is approaching! Wow! The past few weeks have been really busy working on the vest and the anniversary book orders, making a list of class members who want to receive the Medallion in October, setting up two Class of 1970 Endowments, contacting class members to make donations, and making plans for our virtual class reunion. We are really on the roll. It is so exciting to see all things mentioned above are coming together. Please read the reports from **Fred Pickering, Janie Pearson, Bernie Brown, and Jack Lamberton** so you can see what is going on.

Abby Drake from the Alumni Office is really doing an amazing job working with us and making sure that we will have a meaningful and memorable virtual class reunion. When I learned that we will not have our in-person class reunion this year, I was so sad and disappointed. I thought to myself what can we do to make up for not having in-person class reunion in October? Abby is constantly keeping in touch with us making this virtual class reunion a reality. Look at it this way, we will not have just one but two class reunions, one virtual and the other in-person! 😊 Thank you, Abby.

We will keep you in the loop of our virtual class reunion plans. You **do not want** to miss being part of this exciting event. This is a new experience for us and also for Gallaudet. I am really excited about it.



The Anniversary Book Report
Bernie Brown, Coordinator

After three years of planning for the Anniversary Book, it is now in the printing shop. The number of the books ordered by the class members is 107. The books will be shipped to Gallaudet by the end of September and then, Gallaudet will send you a copy. I am looking forward to sharing with you the highlights at our Virtual Class Reunion Kick Off.



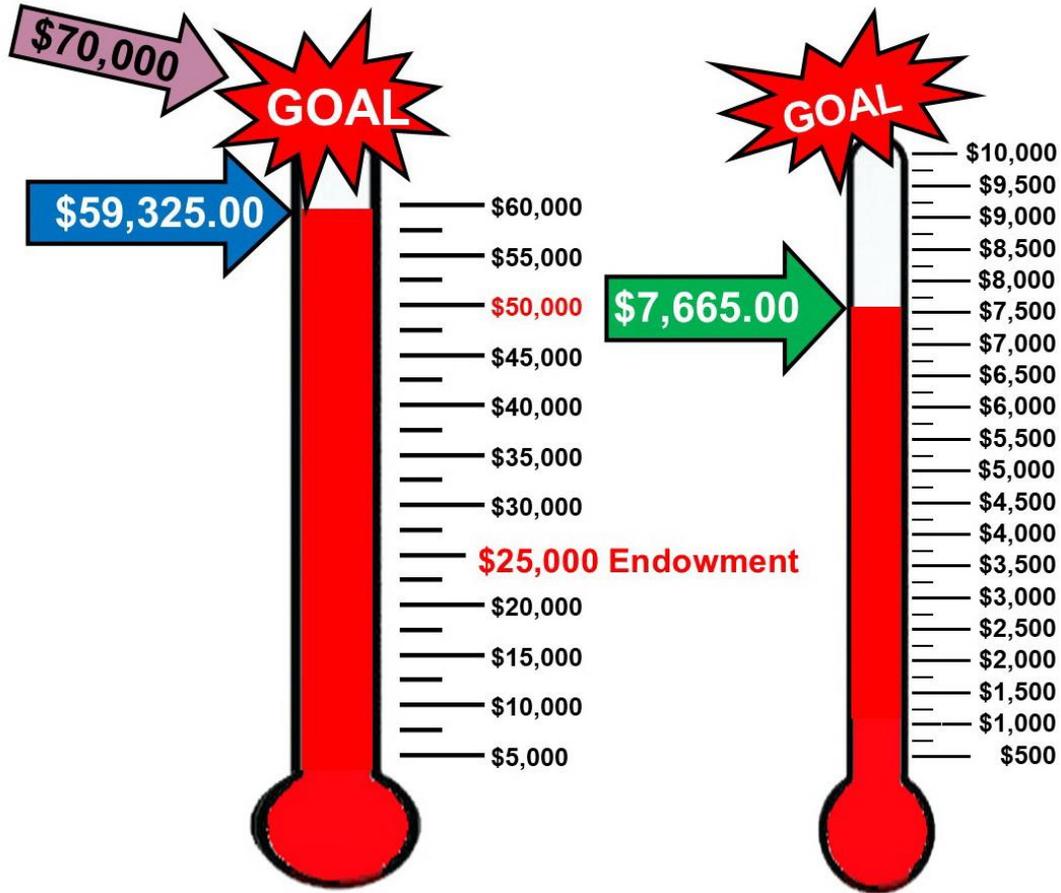
Class Treasury Report
Fred Pickering, Treasurer

We passed the \$7,000.00 mark in our 1970 Treasury Fund! The total is \$7,665.00. This is just wonderful. One class member sent a check for \$250.94 and not \$250.00. At first, I was puzzled about the 94 cents. I learned later that this class member got tired of seeing the 6 cents like you see in my last month report - \$6,749.06. That \$.06 showed up in the balance amount in my Treasury Reports for the past several months. Now, you can see the zero cents or \$.00 and not \$.06.

A couple of years ago, we asked the class members to donate some money to our Treasury Fund to help offset some future expenditures such as paper goods, supplies, food, interpreters for several visual impaired/blind class members, keep our website (gally70.com) running, shipping costs, and other necessities for our class reunion. At that time, we felt that \$4,000.00 was a good goal to achieve. As time went by, we saw the need to increase the money to \$10,000.00. You, the class members, have been generous in your donations and gratefully we thank you.

You can send your donation by writing a check payable to "Gallaudet University Class of 1970" and send it to **Frederick Pickering**, 1114 Morningwood Lane, Great Falls, VA 22066-1609. If you have any questions, please contact me via email – fpic47@gmail.com.

Class of 1970 Fund-Raising Barometers



1970 Class Gift Fund

1970 Class Treasury Fund

Updated by Paul Stefurak



Class Gift/Endowment Fund Report

Cynthia Neese Bailes, Co-Chair & Gift Fund Coordinator

Celia May Laramie Baldwin, Gift Fund Co-Coordinator

Class of '70 Gift Fund

Remember our mantra: \$70,000 and 70% by October 31, 2020!

Good news! As of September 14, we have raised **\$59,325**.

We are just **\$10,675** away from our goal of \$70,000.

We need just **24** new donors to reach our goal of 70%.

Thanks to new donors **Ursula Klim Attia, Francis Casale, Alfred Corrado, Mary Roberts Devine, James L. Kvarnberg, and Stephanie Clason Owens.**

And, thanks to repeat donors **Bonelle Liardon Amman, Cheryl Yingst Attix, Franna Corley Camenisch, Nichole Ekle, Constance Paine Henes, Michael Holland, Mary Limoni Kraus, Richard P. Miller, Norman L. Nelson, Frederick Pickering, Mary Telles Ruffa, Angela Petrone Stratiy, Kathryn McIntire Sutton, Helen Merritt Tingley, Lawrence Vollmar.**

Our chair/co-chairs, coordinators, and committee members have been contacting class members who have not yet contributed to our class gift fund in an effort to reach \$70K & 70%. Thank you all for your Class of 1970 spirit by helping!

October 31 is just around the corner! How about contributing today? Here's the link: <https://www.gallaudet.edu/office-of-development/giving-at-gallaudet/class-giving/class-of-1970>

TWO Class of '70 Endowments

We are proud to announce 85 class members supported and two opposed the proposal for two Class of 1970 endowments in our recent survey. We will present this gift to Gallaudet University during our mini-reunion in October. The amounts assume we raise \$70,000 by October 31.

(1) The Mighty Class of 1970 Student Scholarship (\$45,000)

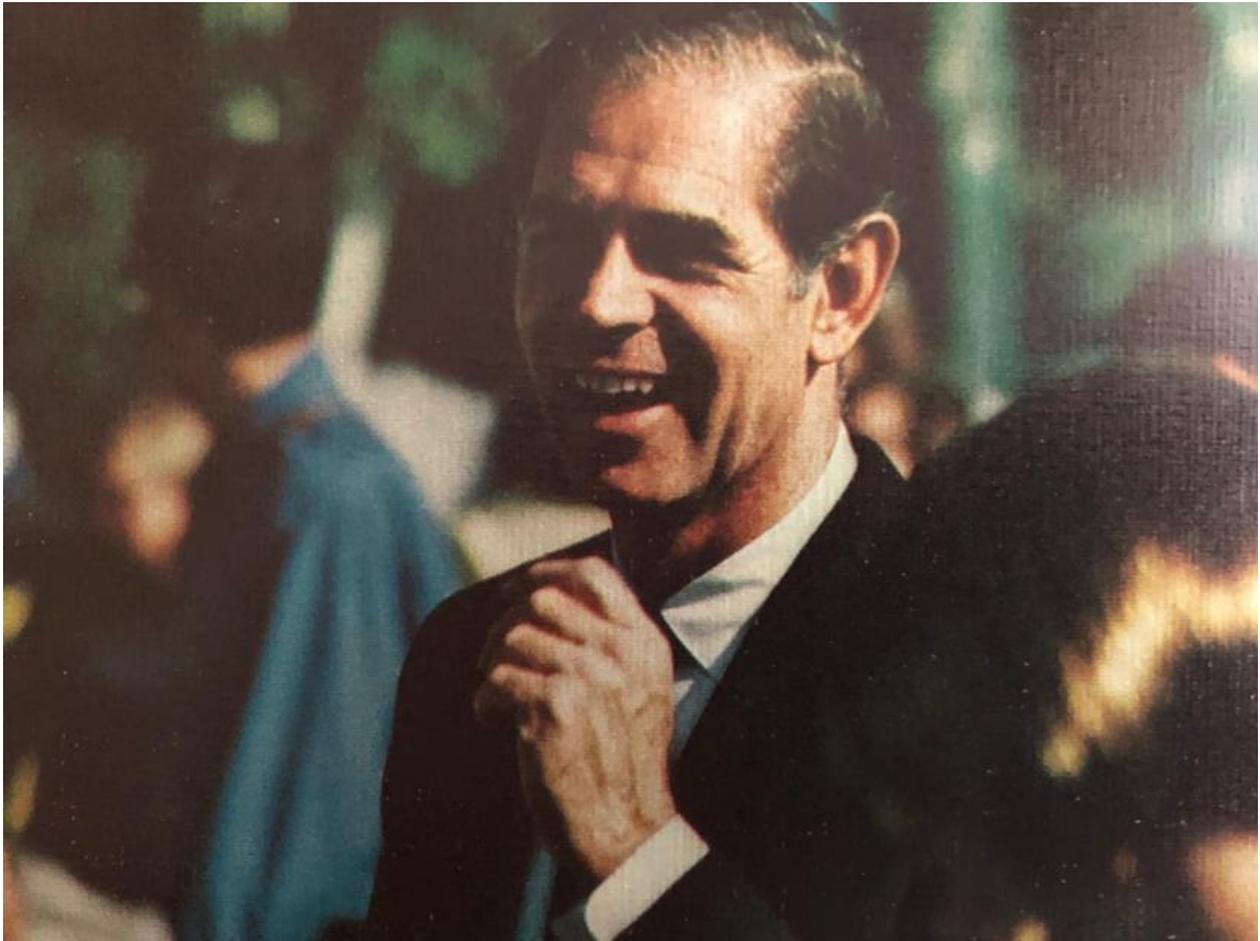
Our gift is intended to support Gallaudet in the retention of students—to give support to students who otherwise would not be able to continue their studies. The criteria for selection shall be undergraduate students in good standing with financial need, either domestic or international.

(2) The Class of 1970 Jack R. Gannon '59 Endowment for Alumni Relations (\$25,000)

Our gift is to honor the first Director of Alumni Relations, Jack R. Gannon '59, who began in 1968 when we were undergraduates. It will support activities on behalf of the alumni as determined by the Director of Alumni Relations. The payout from the endowment shall not be used in lieu of the budget allocation to the department by the university.

We once again thank the donors who proposed these two endowments: Celia May Laramie Baldwin, Joyanne and Ron Burdett, Robert Harris, Mary Limoni Kraus, Cynthia Neese Bailes, Joyce Norwood, Rodney Nunn, Joel Silberstein, Kathy McIntire Sutton, and Macklin Youngs.

Memory Lane
Dr. Edward C. Merrill, Jr.



Editor's Note: *The Class of 1970 was very fortunate to witness the beginning of a new era in our final year at Gallaudet. Dr. Edward Merrill was installed as a new President in a ceremony on October 23, 1969 replacing Dr. Leonard Elstad after 24 years of service.*



Apparel and Homecoming Parade
Janie Pearson, Coordinator

Finally, our 1970 class vests are being made now. I am so excited. There are 85 vests. The Tower Clock emblem will be on the left front side and the Bison emblem will be on the upper middle near the collar. You can see the vest sample in the **Gally70.com** website. They will be ready to be sent to Gallaudet by the end of September. Then Gallaudet will ship your vest to you. You should receive your vest around the second week of October. So, look for it in the mail.



Excerpts from the Knob Hill News
Helen Merritt Tingley and Ursula Klim Attia, Coordinators

The Farewell Letter

Written by Joel Silberstein, NHN Editor

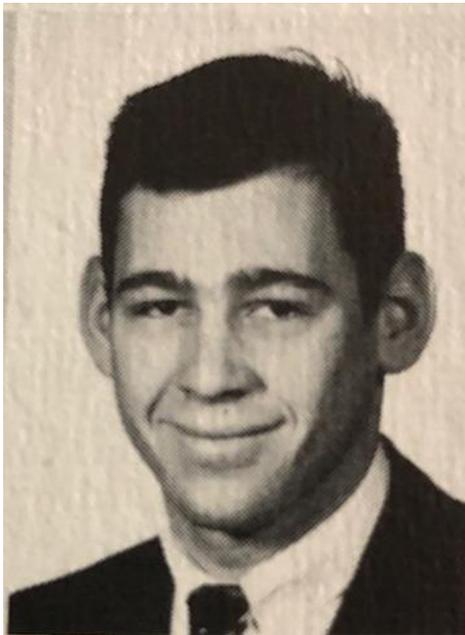
To the class of 1970:

As you all know, the Preparatory year is coming to an end. So, we decided to have this issue published as a reminder of our joys and pleasures, disappointments and struggles during the past year. Also messages from the President, Dean, and some teachers have been printed in this yearbook.

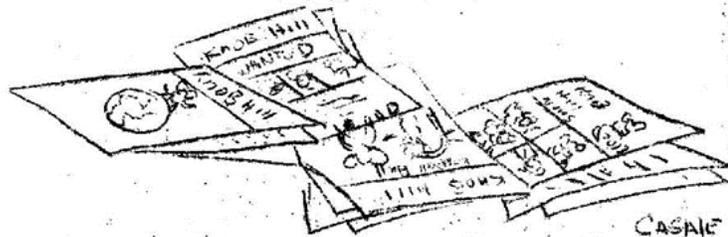
As the editor, I know that you have acquired a great deal of experience here. You know what the courses are like, what the teachers are doing (they are very different from your school teachers), and how to budget your time among courses, activities, and social life. That is enough to prepare us to move up as Freshmen next fall, where we shall meet many hardships. Your task is to face this challenge by not depending on others. I believe that VERSATILITY, THE KNOB HILL NEWS' MOTTO, IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS IN OUR TIME.

On the behalf of the Knob Hill News staff, I sincerely hope that the fond memories preserved in this book will provide enjoyable recollections for the class of 1970 of their Preparatory year of 1965-66. I also wish to extend my thanks for everything you have done this year. We bid you oceans of luck in the years to come.

-Joel Silberstein
 The Editor



Joel Silberstein





The Virtual Reunion Report

Jack Lamberton, Coordinator

Great news! We plan to have our virtual class reunion during October 28-31. There will be several events being planned. Most of them will be prerecorded. This is a tentative plan because we are working on the details. Day and time for each event will be determined. More information will be given in October. Here is the list of the some of the 1970 Class events that we are working on.

- Class of 1970 Anniversary Kick Off
- College Bowl Challenge (This event should be really interesting to watch since we will not be doing this in person.)
- Alumni Emeriti Club Induction (Medallion Ceremony)
- Saturday night (free for all) - We plan to group our classmates into 8-9 breakout groups; no agenda items as we want our class to chat with each other --- "speed dating" meaning 15-20 minutes to switch breakout groups. More information about this event will be given later.

This is so exciting for us to have the virtual class reunion with the technology advancement. You do not want to miss it.

After I get more information about zoom, we will have a dry run for you to see how it works. You can ask your children, grandchildren or friends who are familiar with the zoom. I am sure that they can help you. They can watch the virtual programs with you. Contact me if you have any questions – jack@jlamberton.net. We want as many of you to join us for the virtual class reunion.