

Class of 1970
50th Year Class Reunion Newsletter

Editor's Extensions

Marilyn O'Leary-Heaney

This will be the last quarterly (Issue No. 4) newsletter for this year.

Starting February 2019, every member of Class of 1970 will continue receiving our 50th Year Class Reunion newsletter every two months.

In 2020, the newsletter will be distributed every month.

We are striving to make our class reunion newsletter reachable to every member of our class.

Our goals remain effective as ever in keeping you well informed of our ongoing committee plans; encouraging you make plans in attending the 2020 reunion and making our Class of 1970's 50th Year Reunion one of the most memorable events in our lives.

We are pleased to have **Elmer Hayes** joining our newsletter team! He will do the editing and proofreading work. Welcome aboard, Elmer!

We will be delighted to hear from you, all class members! If you have any ideas, comments or suggestions that you would like to share with us in the newsletter, I can be reached at moheaney@gmail.com.

Happy Holidays!!!

Chair's Corner Report

Kathy McIntire Sutton

The year of 2018 is just about over. It really went by quickly. It is now less than two years before we get together to celebrate our 50th Anniversary Class Reunion.

Please welcome **Ruth Ann Lally Schornstein** (Registration), **Joyanne Rasmus Burdett** (Club Induction) and **Elmer Hayes** (College Bowl) on board. We would love to have more of you to join us:

The Existing Committees

- Apparel/Parade
- Support Service Providers
- Memorials
- College Bowl Challenge
- Alumni Emeriti Club Induction
- Registration/Combo
- Class Gift

The Upcoming Committees

- Banquet
- Photo/Video
- Entertainment

If interested, please email me at Chair70@robandkathy.net.

Do you want to know if you are a lifetime member of GUAA? Go online and ask via alumni.relations@gallaudet.edu or sign up via Gallaudet.edu/guaa. You can watch the video to learn more about the membership and how to obtain it using this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sd21yeaf6sl&feature=youtu.be>

Happy Holidays to you all! See you next year!

Treasurer's Report

Fred Pickering

As of November 16, 2018, our Class of 1970 account bears a balance of **\$2,099.06**.

Database Report

Fred Pickering

Permit me to emphasize that this is a continuance from a previous newsletter that **encouraged** you and all class members who have yet sent full pertinent information about them.

I need your:

- 1) Full name including maiden name
- 2) Home address
- 3) Email address

If you have moved, **chances** are that the Alumni Relations Office may not have **updated** information. This is important, as you will be receiving via U.S. Mail a packet containing 50th Class Reunion material. This information will not come via email.

Urgently: Please send the information soon to Fred Pickering at fpic47@gmail.com.

Memory Lane



*This photo was taken at Camp Letts, MD celebrating the end of our first year at Gallaudet in May, 1966. There is an article written about our memorable camp weekend in **Knob Hill Newsletter**, Issue No. 5 in www.Gally70.com.*

Memorials Coordinator's Report

Mary Limoni Kraus

This message is to inform you that Sheryl Crawford who was a resident of California, passed away on the 28th of September 2018.

Class of 1970 Gift Fund Coordinator's Report

Connie Fisher Friedman

As coordinator of the Class 70 Gift Fund, I have two goals in mind:

(1) Send out brief notices each month letting everyone know how much closer we are to our goal of reaching at least **\$25,000.00** in order to establish an endowment fund.

(2) In the monthly notices, include a video of a class member sharing something about their experiences at Gallaudet and/or why they cherish and value their years at KENDALL GREEN.

We are looking for class members who would like to do a video. (**Celia May Laramie Baldwin** did the first one, which you hopefully have viewed by now.) The video should last no more than 2 minutes. Anyone who is interested in doing a video, please email me at CJF613@gmail.com.

In the meantime, don't forget to keep those donations coming. You can donate online at:

Gallaudet.edu/office-of-development/giving-at-Gallaudet/class-giving/classof-1970.

You can also send a personal check or send payments via online banking at this address: (Make sure you note that the donation is for the CLASS OF 1970 GIFT FUND if you choose this option.)

Gallaudet University Office of Development
Denison House
800 Florida Ave NE
Washington, DC 2002

We have met our goal of exceeding \$10,000 by the year's end. We currently have **\$12,340**. Many thanks to all who have contributed.

Thank you.

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



The 2 and Half Day That Should Never Be
Written by Tim Scanlon

The day after Gallaudet graduation ceremony on May 1970, a yellow Mustang swooped by Krug Hall. Out of the car stepped a hard-partying guy: **Rod Moreland**.

His commotion attracted us seniors, who happened to be outside. There was talk about him and his co-riders; **Andrew Lowitz**, and **Philip Steimle** who were trying to make a record attempt by driving to California in 2 and half days in their yellow Mustang.

I happened to be there among the crowd questioning Rod’s planned feat. Out of his pocket Rod showed me a handful of pink pills saying, “those are bennies, they can take us to California in no time.” Were we a little skeptical of what they would achieve. After exchanging congratulations and best wishes, the yellow Mustang went off that morning via a northern route. The

next day, my green Barracuda and I along with **Dean Alexander** and **Francis Casale** took off using a southern route.

Upon arriving in California, we learned of devastating news that the yellow Mustang never made it and its occupants were all killed somewhere in Nebraska.

One month later, with only \$100 cash in my pocket I decided to trace all by myself in my faithful broken speed-o-meter Barracuda the northern route back to Gallaudet. On the way back, I was determined to see the wreck of the yellow Mustang. I noticed a new shiny guardrail on Route I-70 and decided to exit and explore the scene. True enough within the towing service area was mangled yellow wreckage.

It made me sick by seeing a gaping hole on the floorboard, mangled driver's seat, and a missing pair of sneakers in the backseat that was smeared with blood. Went back to my car, drove away and never looked back. In the ensuing hours and after much driving, I had scared flashbacks, but held to the wheel so firmly that my hands were shaking.

After arriving safely at Gallaudet but my body was all shaking? Was happy to see **Jack Levesque** who came out to greet me. He asked if I was all right. I nodded and showed him of how little change I had in my pockets whereas I was hungry and that I had been on the road for 2 and half days!

Academic Bowl Coordinator's Report

Elmer H. Hayes

I have been tortured, crucified...almost led to the gallows as I've been asked to act as an introductory stagehand for the Academic Bowl game during our 2020 reunion. Class of 1970 vs. GU's current classes (to be announced later.) You can guess by this writing that I gave in so here I am, volunteered to coordinate a search for members of our class to participate in this Academic Bowl. It will not only be a game of intellectual challenge but also fun! I will be looking for individuals from the class of '70 who would be interested in challenging the younger GU opponents. I strongly urge you to consider this opportunity (no studying necessary.) If you are interested in participating in this on stage Academic Bowl event, please contact me at svelsha@hotmail.com.

Do You Remember?

Celia Laramie Baldwin, Coordinator

The Mighty Bison Float

Written by Charmaine Letourneau

I remembered very well the week before the Homecoming in 1967 during our sophomore year. Each class was supposed to create a float for the Homecoming parade and the competition.

Class 70 decided on creating a huge bison. Because of his artistic skills, **Alfredo Corrado**, along with **Fred Pickering**, was chosen to organize the Class 70 Float with members assisting. There were 30 of us, and we were a real good team.

We used chicken wire to form the shape of a bison, we then cut/paste crepe paper for stuffing within the chicken wires. Don't remember how many exactly, but I can swear there were thousands of squares. We worked tirelessly but didn't finish the day before Homecoming. Worked all night long to finish it. In spite of sleepless night, we were proud to parade the mighty bison around the football field. Ours was the best float!!!! What a wonderful memory!!!

