

# The Mighty '70ers Newsletter



## Chair's Corner

Kathy McIntire Sutton, Chair

First of all, I want to thank Marilyn O'Leary-Heaney again for the fantastic job with our 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion Newsletters. Cynthia Neese Bailes and I will continue to keep you up to date on what is going on with our 1970 class. As you can see from the top of this page that our Newsletter has a new name. We chose this name because our virtual reunion reminded us once again how mighty we are!

What an awesome time we had during our virtual 50th Class Reunion! I must admit that I was not sure how many of us will show up on Zoom because many of us are not familiar with the Zoom technology. I was so happy to see many of you on Zoom. It was so fun to watch the dry runs seeing the class members figuring out how to use the Zoom and chatting among each other. The Kick Off took us down the memory lane. It was very sentimental. Gallaudet was home away from home. Seeing our pictures wearing the Medallion during the Alumni Emeriti Club Induction gave me goose bumps. This is an honor for us that we made it through 50 years. Wow! It was amazing to watch the two teams play during the College Bowl Challenge. I was amazed to see how it was put together when we could not be there in person. The 1970 Class Reunion breakouts were really cool! It was so awesome that we could do this. This could not have happened without Sam Sonnenstrahl, Abby Drake, Derrick Behm and Jesse Saunders who helped make this a success and a memorable one for us.

I loved the comments I received from you about our virtual 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion, the Anniversary book, and the vest. Paul Stefurak put up a section for you to read the comments in our gally70.com—see his report below for more information. If you want to share your comments, please send it to me via email – [chair70@robandkathy.net](mailto:chair70@robandkathy.net). The more the merrier.

Some of you asked about getting together for our in-person class reunion. We will have one. It is a matter of when. Let us wait and see.

We are the Mighty '70ers. Let us go forward and be who we are. Stay safe, stay healthy, and stay happy.



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

**Hip, hip hooray!  
We, the Mighty Class of 1970 exceeded our gift fund goal!**



**\$72,930 & 71.6%  
116 out of 162 classmates donated to our gift fund!**

We raised \$7,860 between October 15 and November 20 thanks to:

One anonymous donor;

New donors: Joseph Benedetto; Carl G. Blicharz; \*Jennifer Carroll; \*Deborah Carson; Robert E. Firestone; Vera Pedersen Fleischer; \*Edward W. Heaney; Russell K. Huggins; Sandra Pratt Huggins; Delorus Freer Jarrett; \*McMaster-Carr Supply Co.; \*Ruth P. Moore; Laura Dinndorf Scolaro; and Irene Tunanidas;

[\* = non-70er donors]

Repeat donors: Sandra Kazmierski Bianco; Katherine McCausland Carver; Doug Ellis; Shelley Lefkowitz Goul; Robert I. Harris; John A. Jacobsen; Mary A. Limoni Kraus; Leonard Paul McComb; Rodney C. Nunn; Joy E. Rader; Ruth Ann Lally Schornstein; Kathy McIntire Sutton; and Helen Merritt Tingley.

We want to thank each of you for making this possible! As of November 18, 2020, we officially have TWO endowments: ***The Mighty Class of 1970 Student Scholarship Fund*** (\$45,000) and ***The Class of 1970 Jack R. Gannon Alumni Relations Fund*** (\$27,930).

For more information about our endowments, and a list of all donors, see:

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

You can contribute to these funds via: <https://www.gallaudet.edu/office-of-development/giving-at-gallaudet/class-giving/class-of-1970>. There will soon be a drop-down feature under "Designation" allowing you to choose one or both funds.

**THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU 70 TIMES!!!**



**Class Treasury Report**  
*Fred Pickering, Treasurer*

I am working on the financial report. I am waiting for some bills to be paid and checks to be cleared. I will send out the treasury report when I am done. Thank you for your patience.



**Memorials Report**  
*Mary Ann Limoni Kraus, Coordinator*

It is with our deepest condolences to the family of Robert E. Webster who passed away recently on September 19, 2020 in Portland, Oregon. His obituary is in **Gally70.com** under **Memorials**. [<http://gally70.com/memorials/index.htm>]



**Website Report**  
*Paul Stefurak, Specialist*

We had a great time during our virtual class reunion. Now I am working on our 50th Class Reunion page so you can watch the videos. From time to time, it will improve. It is not completed, but soon it will be. You can get in anytime to read or watch the videos on our website – [www.gally70.com](http://www.gally70.com). Be sure to click (**Virtual 50th Year Anniversary Class'70 Reunion**) at that bottom page. [<http://gally70.com/gallery/virtual-video-50th-reunion.htm>]

I enjoyed your comments to inspire all of us. Thank you! Many of you sent comments about the reunion. I just put the comments section with Part One on same page. If any of you want to say something about the class reunion, or the anniversary book, or the vest, please send your comments to Kathy McIntire Sutton [chair70@robandkathy.net](mailto:chair70@robandkathy.net).



**Deaf-bits**  
Seventie, Class of '70'Mascot

Screenshots from Jesse Saunders, Gallaudet University - Saturday virtual class reunion





Sent by Robert I. (Bob) Harris

**2020/10/29**

**DeafDigest Mid-Week edition—October 29, 2020**

**— Deaf Space or Deaf Friendly**

**What is Deaf Space? What is Deaf Friendly?**

**Deaf Space**, copied from the original **Deaf House** concept, means no walls would block **Deaf Eyes**. **Deaf House** was originated by past deaf contractor **Bernard Brown**. **Deaf Friendly** means signs in the store that a deaf customer could point to. A perfect example would be Subway setting up a “Steak” sale on the counter instead of high up on the walls!

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