

# AADC CLASS NOTES FOR ALUMNAE & Friends

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The Class of 1938 celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Celebrate at the Vanguard Luncheon and other activities during a special AADC 95th Anniversary Weekend with Alumnae Reunion, April 20-21.

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Congratulations to **Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt**, who recently presented a TedX Talk, "Taking Control of the Aging Process," at the Bridge Builder conference last November in Wilmington, DE.

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We celebrate our 75th Reunion in April. We hope you will come back to the Vanguard Luncheon and other activities during a special AADC 95th Anniversary Weekend with Alumnae Reunion Weekend and the AADC Forward Together Gala, April 19-21.

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We celebrate our 70th Reunion in April. We hope you will come back to the Vanguard Luncheon and other activities during the AADC 95th Anniversary Weekend, with Alumnae Reunion Weekend, April 20-21.

**Marie Di Francesco Leppert** was recently honored for service to her community with the third annual Scotch Plains-Fanwood Martin Luther King Day of Service Award. The award was presented by the 2017 honoree and the Honorable Leland S. McGee, the inaugural awardee and President of Social Justice Matters. Marie's brother, former New Jersey Gov. Donald DiFrancesco, also attended and spoke before the ceremony. In accepting the award, Marie credited her father as a role model for her in giving service to the community. Some of the highlights of her activities and contributions include serving as the current recording secretary for both the Historical Documentation Committee and Preserve the Shady Rest Committee. In the past, she served on the Historical Preservation Commission and was assistant curator for the Historical Society, where she trained docents, catalogued and preserved items, gave tours and facilitated school programs.

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Classmates, I have not heard from many of you. Please send your news.

**Lois Salmon Toole** married a year after graduation and was an Army wife for a short time. After her husband Dave completed his ROTC obligation and entered corporate life, with many relocations in less than 14 years, the couple (and two sons) settled down in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, where they remain. Lois painted as time allowed and did more and more work with watercolors. In 1976, she switched to transparent watercolors as her exclusive medium. Since then she has exhibited in almost 500 national juried exhibitions and won 170 awards. She holds 17 Signature Memberships. She is a past trustee of the Chagrin Valley Art Center and continues in an active role in the Art Center, currently on the advisory board. Google Lois online to see some of her work.

## Nancy MacDonald

**Goodwin Johnson** lives in Sanford, NC, and regrets not living close enough to get to reunions easily. She urges classmates to stay active physically and mentally and practices what she preaches. She leads an exercise class three days a week and walks a mile or two a day with her dog. She volunteers as an instructor and counselor for the AARP Tax Aide program at her senior center and she leads a Bible Study program at her church's Women's Fellowship. She recently served for four years as an officer of the Property Owners Association. It does seem she is keeping out of mischief!

**Lynne Whitford Hansen** is enjoying her relocation to a senior community in Highlands Ranch, CO, on the south side of Denver. Among its virtues is that it gets her closer to her son and his family. She says she tries to take full advantage of the community.

One classmate still traveling is **Charlotte Nudge Oliva**, who recently went to Churchill, Manitoba, to see polar bears as they headed for Hudson Bay for their winter hunting. Char's group stayed four days in a lodge and moved out into a protected wildlife zone on the tundra in one of those high, big-wheeled vehicles that enable people to get close to the bears. The group also enjoyed seeing other critters alien to Char's home territory (Southern California) like red foxes, ptarmigan, snow buntings and snowy owls and very large ravens.

## Jane Tomlinson

**Mathews** still has a few 50th Anniversary books (verbal self-portraits collected for that occasion) now 15 years old but no less historical than in 2002. If you didn't get to that Reunion and want a souvenir, let me know and I will get the word to Jane.

Take care and please be in touch with your news to share.

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We celebrate our 65th Reunion in April. We hope you will come back to the Vanguard Luncheon and other activities during a special AADC 95th Anniversary Weekend with Alumnae Reunion Weekend, April 20-21.

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As promised my last column, I have sold my house in Berkeley Heights and have moved into a brand-new home in Monmouth Junction, NJ, as of last fall. Downsizing had its harrowing moments, but overall everything from the house sale to putting belongings in storage to closing on the new house and finally actually moving in went fairly smoothly. The new location is lovely and the house is roomy and well planned and I am feeling quite at home already. Please note my new address above. My phone number remains the same, (908) 464-5972, as well as my email address. I'd love to hear news from any of you out there who wish to share their thoughts with classmates.

I will pass along news to you from holiday cards in my next column. With the demands on my time from my

recent move, I haven't been as diligent in contacting classmates for the latest news items, but I have a few things to share.

My first guests in my new home were Gina and Kevin Jack and their two daughters. Gina is the older daughter of the late **Wilma Grundmann Bernabei**. We have remained close and have been spending Thanksgiving and Easter holidays together for years. They are part of my extended family and delightful to be with. Whenever possible, **Lola Fuchs Kamp, Carol Fine Simonse and Patty Oliver Rege** stop in to see Gina and her family, keeping up on our connection to Wilma.

**Juanita Fieseler** reports that she attended an informal workshop last fall hosted by the AADC Memorabilia Committee at the Alumnae Center titled, "Caring for Photographs." It was presented by classmate **Janet Tepper Riemer**, a retired Preservation Archivist and a member of the AADC Memorabilia Committee. Janet shared her expertise and tips, as well as an overview of conservation from old photographs to digital photos. Juanita shares, "As a person who stayed in the same basic place (teaching in South River) during my working career, I found her transitions from first job to retired active volunteer interesting. Her presentation was a nice overview of the history of photography. The best parts were actual examples of old-style photos, many from her family. From daguerreotype through digital, she had examples of 14 kinds of photos we may be storing either improperly or poorly in our homes."

In October 2014, Janet received the Roger McDonough Award for her lifetime of outstanding service to the New Jersey history community at the New Jersey Archives and History Day held at the Monmouth County Library. Janet shared her

career change from home economics to paper archivist and paper conservator in a previous column in 2015.

I also share news and congratulations to Janet, who will receive an AADC Alumnae Recognition Award at Alumnae Reunion Weekend for her involvement as a member of the AADC Memorabilia Committee. The award will be presented during Reunion Convocation in Voorhees Chapel on Saturday morning, April 21.

Living near New Brunswick makes an easy trip to attend various events on campus. Last fall, **Lola Fuchs Kamp** and I attended the L'Hommedieu Lecture in Traves Hall featuring *New York Times* op-ed writer and book author Nicholas Kristof, who gave an interesting and inspired talk.

This fall, I received an email from **Barbara Bayley Cross**, who was visiting New York City and hoping to get together with classmates. **Carole Fine Simonse, Patty Oliver Rege** and I were able to make a last-minute plan and went to meet her. We spent hours in conversation over lunch at a roomy upper West Side restaurant. Barbara is slowly adjusting to life without Jack and keeps busy taking part in many local activities near her home in South Carolina. Her love of books and book clubs remains unabated. She expects to be visiting from time to time, as her younger daughter and family live in New York State and her son and his family in the city. We look forward to seeing her again!

Sadly, this year, **Betty Jackson Holland George's** husband, Dan, passed away. More recently, we have also learned that **Barbara Henry Trought's** husband, George, passed away. We extend our deep sympathy to both Betty and Barbara.

**Condolences:** Our sympathy to the family of

**Constance (Connie) Adams Hennigan**, who passed away in September. Connie was a dear friend, classmate and housemate our senior year. We had many good times together and I met her parents, her brother and twin sister over the years. Connie was born in Linden. After graduating from Douglass, she taught in the Linden school system. She married John Hennigan in 1960 and moved to Clark, NJ, where for many years they owned Hennigan Associates and The Chalk Up shop, a gymnastics apparel store. She was predeceased by her husband in 2014. She is survived by her sons, Thomas and Robert, daughter Maureen and three grandchildren. Her twin sister, Cecilia, also survives.

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I hope you will come back to the Vanguard Luncheon and other activities during the AADC 95th Anniversary Weekend and Alumnae Reunion Weekend, April 20-21, to celebrate our 60th Reunion.

Congratulations to our classmate and Vice President/Fund Agent, **Gail Phillips Houlihan**, who will receive the Vanguard Service Award from the AADC at Vanguard Luncheon on Friday, April 20. Gail has been steadfast in her commitment to our class and the AADC for more than six decades, sharing her enthusiasm and serving in various leadership roles, including on the AADC Board of Directors.

I heard from **Jacqueline Horowitz Stapleton** in late summer. She writes, "Sadly, I will be unable to attend our

60th reunion. I was very blessed to be at our 50th. The trip from Israel is too costly since I will be back during the summer. I have had a wonderful partner, Norman, for the past 10 years. We live in the Berkshires in the summer and in Jerusalem for the rest of the year. My life in Israel has been very full, what with my volunteer work for Hadassah Hospital and my involvement with the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. I still live in the communal settlement that I joined over 47 years ago (Neve Ilan) just outside the city. And on the proud side I report four grandchildren. Three grandchildren just turned 20 and 21. Two girls and a boy, all now serving in the Israeli army. My oldest, a girl, has just become an officer. Life in Israel has its hard side, but I love my chosen country. It has been a very rewarding place to live and has resulted in my creating a very meaningful life. My experience in Douglass has prepared me for this life very admirably."

**Rosebud Lefebvre**

**Caradec** wrote that she has three sons and a daughter-in-law who have graduated from Texas A&M. She has a granddaughter who graduated from Ole Miss and one who will soon graduate from UT San Antonio. She writes, "Since I was a commuter student, I'm not sure how many people even know anything about me. **Naomi Fuchs Nierenberg** and **Nancy Bancroft Kulas** are the only classmates I've had any contact with at all. I probably won't make Reunion, as family has moved away from the area."

I want to thank **Tam Martinides Gray** for forwarding remarks made by Gloria Steinem at the Susan and Michael J. Angelides Lecture at Rutgers last year. Ms. Steinem, who co-founded *Ms. Magazine* in 1971, praised Rutgers for its "long and distinguished history of women's education and

groundbreaking research." She cited the founding of Douglass College (now Douglass Residential College) in 1918, the launching of the Center for American Women in Politics in 1971 and the development of the Institute for Women's Leadership in 1991.

**Mary Alice Bisbee** writes, "Thanks so much for your newsy notes! Even if I will be unable to attend our 60th Reunion, I will keep you all in my thoughts. I am still somewhat ambulatory and continue with all my social advocates on climate change and single payer health care."

**Emma Kuck Ohnemus** regrets that she won't make it to Reunion. She writes, "John and I have been married for 61 years, have four children, 11 grandchildren and five greats. After 22 years in the Air Force, we stayed in Little Rock and retired. I retired as an attorney. This year we moved into an active 55 and older community and we love it. Still traveling. So far, so good. Miss the East Coast."

It was so good to hear from **Naomi Fuchs Nierenberg**, who writes, "Having retired almost six years ago from a very busy professional life at Princeton Airport, I had reservations as to what would keep me busy. All of those wonderful things that you couldn't do because of work and other family obligations are now within reach as I am living that 'active senior life.' It's almost three years since Dick died and that, too, has had a profound change of what and when I can do things. My weeks are full with participation at the Center for Contemporary Art in Bedminster, where I attend classes in ceramics and create uninterrupted. It has been wonderful and I have had some success with entries into various juried shows and sales. Not making a living from this, but it is a validation. I still play tennis several times a week and frequent the arts of

Princeton, New Brunswick, New York and Pennsylvania. Traveling has once again become a reality – with a safari to Tanzania with my son Ken and his boys for the 'big birthday.' I have traveled to visit my son Jon, who built Earthsong Lodge about 20 minutes from Denali National Park. His business during the winter is providing dog sledding trips into Denali."

**Judy Appel Werner** writes, "Class Notes always interest me greatly. I haven't seen many of you in years yet am always glad to hear about you and your families, as we are in our 80s, a remarkable achievement. My life is wonderfully and incredibly busy as I continue to work and play the organ and piano in many churches, schools and other professional venues. It gives me great pleasure that I never dreamed of still doing at 81. How many times do I thank God for Douglass' music department and my graduate work. I am on the board of my beach club and that, in itself, is like a part-time job! Tennis continues to occupy a great deal of my summer hours. Our senior doubles team won the trophy against seven other women's teams in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Having had both knees replaced over last winter, I was quite proud. My daughter and family are in Dubai for three years, an interesting challenge and vacation destination; my older son stills works for University of California-Berkeley and my younger son for the Audi Corporation. We are all incredibly lucky to be Douglass alumnae and I look so forward to our Reunion."

Our Class President, **Ellie vom Eigen Winslow**, has had a busy year. She writes, "For me, this has been a year of great change, leaving the town that has been my home since 1951 and the house and garden I've loved for 36 years. In late July, my eight-year old Vizsla, Mikki, and I moved to

Pennswood Village, a continuing care retirement community in Newtown, PA. My six-room house has been compressed into a one-bedroom apartment looking out over a meadow. The residents are a friendly, amazing group, very active within the community and reaching out to activities in the greater Philadelphia area. I already have tickets to the Philadelphia Chamber Music Society and the Pennsylvania Ballet, having figured out the all-important skill of getting to Philly by train. Finding my way around Bucks County is another matter. The highlight of my summer was a week at Berkshire Choral International, my favorite summer vacation haunt, in Sheffield, MA. With much effort, our group learned and performed Mahler's *Symphony # 8*, called *The Symphony of a Thousand*, for the large forces required. In all my years of choral singing I've never taken on a greater challenge. My memories of many summers at BCI, as well as the years in Maplewood, are precious. A group of our classmates has been working hard to plan for our very special 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion. I hope as many of you as possible will come."

Our Treasurer, **Laura Rau Hofing**, just got a note from **Shirley Ahlers Kearney**, who says she will not be able to attend Reunion, as she is recovering from a stroke. She is in *The House of the Good Shepherd* in Hackettstown, NJ. We all wish her well and a speedy recovery.

I personally can report on a great 15th wedding anniversary trip to France last July. We spent four days touring Paris and then took a river cruise to the beaches at Normandy. It was a very educational, exciting and memorable trip. Visits to our children and grandchildren in Massachusetts, California and Texas kept us on the go last fall. During our last trip to the Boston area I caught up with

**Omi Kamy Cantor** and roomie **Bobbi Myers Kramer**. Both are hoping to attend Reunion and Bobbi's two daughters have committed to driving her down to stay with us here in Oakhurst. Looking forward to having them here! I also can't wait to see as many of you as possible at our Reunion, which promises to be a fabulous time.

**Laura Rau Hofing** reports a great response to our request for class dues. Thanks to all who have already contributed and those who anticipate participating. This, along with some dollars which have remained in our class treasury, help greatly with Reunion expenses. We are committed to keeping costs for attendees at a minimum. We optimistically view this as a sign that we will have a good turnout in April.

**Condolences:** We are saddened to report that **Jacqueline Schwartz** passed away in August 2016.

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Traditions! How many traditions do you remember from our days at dear old Douglass College?! We had Campus Night in October of freshman year, when we doffed our dinks and engaged in a tug of war with the "bloody" sophs on Antilles Field. We had the Sacred Path ceremony at the end of freshman year, allowing us quicker access to College Hall, to the library and classrooms in Recitation (now Ruth Adams) and to classes in other buildings. And every year we had Yule Log in December in Voorhees Chapel.

So, now I have a confession to make: In my years at Douglass College, I never attended a Yule Log ceremony! (It wasn't a conscious decision on my part - it just happened.) Now, fast forward to the 80s, when I was

serving on the AADC Board of Directors and I attended my first Yule log ceremony. And, guess what? There's a working fireplace on the left side of the dais in Voorhees Chapel! Who knew? You did, I'm sure.

Ergo, when **Lenore Marcus Livingston** sent me an email message just before the 2017 Yule Log ceremony, in which Lenore told me that I could watch this year's ceremony on my computer, I jumped at the chance to enjoy that beautiful traditional ceremony once again. Thank you, Lenore.

Now here's a bit of wonderful news: **Bette Loebel Baer** recently became a great-grandmother! I learned that delicious news through a Facebook posting that featured a photo of Bette's adorable great-granddaughter, Vera. Is Bette the first "GG" in our class? (See photo of Bette, who is easily recognizable, since her current photo looks a lot like her photo in the '59 *Quair*!)



Congratulations, Bette!

Our class president, **Lois Rabinowitz Steinberg**, celebrated her milestone birthday in December, hosting guests at Pairings: Palate and Plate in Cranford, NJ. Among the guests were **Irene Figarotta Pearse**, **Ellen Sue (Knopf) Spicer-Jacobson**, **Paula Syby Buchak** and **Sue Rosenberg Charnet**. Ellen Sue reports, "Lois had reserved several tables at the restaurant. Each table had a photo of Lois from a certain year and our table was 1943. The food was delicious and we four had a good time talking and catching up."

Ellen Sue, who lives in Bala Cynwyd, PA, celebrated her 80th birthday on December 2 on the west coast, home to her daughters (in California) and her son (Nevada) and their

families. For her special birthday, Ellen Sue composed a poem, whose words are appropriate for all of us at this stage of our lives:

**Rising Up While Slowing Down: Older Yet Bolder**

May I be so bold to say  
I like getting old. Hooray!  
Hooray!

I like not working ev'ry day  
and posting on my blog without  
any pay.

May I be so bold to admit  
I like growing old while I stay  
fit:

Yoga, tai chi & swimming (sans  
Fit Bit),

and spending more time  
reading American Lit.

May I be so bold to beam  
that growing old's not what it  
may seem.

The upside is there's more time  
to dream,

and see your friends over  
coffee and cream.

Growing old is not really so  
bad.

Think of all the challenges  
you've had.

Gather memories with family  
and friends.

Enjoy each day from beginning  
to end!

Finally, I encourage all of you to come back to campus in April as we celebrate the founding of the College in 1918 and the creation of our wonderful Alumnae Association by the first graduating class, the Class of 1922, 95 years ago. (Maybe we'll even sing the "Marching Song," words and music by Katherine Boynton '22, with the immortal words "...Twenty-two we'll follow you, For you have made us see, That we can make the world re-echo, With the praise of NJC.")

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I wish a happy, healthy New Year to all my classmates. I

received a Christmas card from **Dianne Dunne Rubright**, who told me she and Herm celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a family party. Twin sister Donna was in attendance and both ladies are doing well.

**Marilyn Rockafellow**

**Sirasky** and husband Fred are enjoying the warm climate of Sarasota, FL. They are involved in theater groups in the area. They enjoy travel in their RV and hope to come to PA in May. They will stay with Al and me so Marilyn and I can catch up on all the news.

**Luda Woytenko**

**Bakanovich** has returned to live with daughter Sophia in Kendall Park. She spent a year in Michigan helping daughter Elizabeth with the family homestead. We're glad you're back, Luda.

Our president, **Phyllis Talluto Logie**, is always on a busy schedule. We have talked on the phone and hope to have a luncheon with classmates in the Spring. All are welcome.

As for me, **Dolores**

**Dooley Newman**, Al and I are doing well. We don't travel as much, but we do try to do lunch once or twice a week. We'll try to get away for a weekend on occasion. I am still substitute teaching. They are so short of subs in Pennsylvania they won't let me retire. I do enjoy getting out and being with the kids. I sub in the local high school. It keeps me young.

This is a BIG birthday year for our class. We are turning 80! Hard to believe. Have a wonderful birthday, everyone, and stay well.

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In addition to being the key speaker, **Kathy Taylor** was awarded the Douglass Project Award for the Advancement of Women in STEM at the first annual Douglass Project STEM Lecture & Research Symposium last October. Cheering her on were **Zieva Dauber Konvisser**, **Phyllis Lieberman Michelson** and **Annamarie Previte Sabb**. **Duane Dubois Voss** and **Ilona Kozel Alford** had also planned to attend but ran into conflicts and could wish her well only by email. In Kathy's career at General Motors she helped perfect a new type of catalytic converter for cars, which significantly reduced their environmental impact. Today, whether wintering in Florida or summering in Massachusetts, she is more likely to be found at an easel, continuing her avocation in watercolor painting.

Like Kathy, **Phyllis Lieberman Michelson** is likely to winter in Florida but summer in New Jersey – when not traveling. She and husband Maurice enjoyed a bucket list trip to New Zealand and Australia. She says it was an active trip with a lot of hiking, magnificent scenery and interesting encounters with the indigenous people. Previously they had celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an amazing trip with the entire family (15 strong) to Costa Rica. Otherwise she and Maurice keep busy up north with frequent trips to NYC for theater, activities in their active NJ adult community and attending lectures at Rutgers and Princeton. In Florida they

enjoy the many cultural venues around Siesta Key and outdoors activities around Sarasota. Phyllis plans a get-together with Kathy in Florida in the near future.

Phyllis mentioned she occasionally sees **Ruth Eisenberg Hague** at a book club in their NJ community. Ruth says shortly after she moved into the area she was in an exercise class and thought the woman next to her looked familiar. In a very short time she and Phyllis figured out they had been classmates. After Douglass, Ruth obtained her Masters in Social Work from Rutgers and went on to a career in social work. Now she is formally retired but says she still does a lot of volunteer social work, including with battered women in shelters. In addition to the book club, Ruth stays active with bridge and exercise classes, as well as keeping up with her three children.

After about 10 moves since college, **Ilona Kozel Alford** settled in the Greenville, SC, area. Although she was out when I called, her husband Bill caught me up on some of the family's highlights. Both enjoy good health and traveling. Because air travel isn't what it used to be, most of this year's traveling has been in the southeast and by car. Their two grandchildren live in Atlanta and they enjoy visits there.

From Maryland **Brenda Lewis Stewart** writes that all is well and she and Jim are both retired from their veterinary work. Their hobby now is spending time with their dogs and agility trials. Brenda says one bucket list item is a trip back to Shrewsbury in the summer.

**Bev Sansone Smith** was delighted to report that her husband Wally (RU '64 – and a high school classmate of mine) was presented with the IEEE UFCC Society's Achievement Award for major contributions to the fields of piezoelectric

ceramic-polymer composites, handheld ultrasound scanners and relaxor-based piezoelectric single crystals. This is the highest Society-wide award presented in special recognition of outstanding contributions. And she and Wally have also mastered Skype so they can talk regularly with their daughter and granddaughter, who now live in Scotland.

**Lynne Masto Silvestro** tells me she hasn't been getting about as much as she used to but loves hearing from people, whether it's calls or email. But she warns she may not answer the phone right away due to scammers, i.e., not needing her carpets or chimney cleaned, not wanting to take that Caribbean trip she may have won, etc. Lynne has also removed her name as "administrator" of the Douglass Class of 64 Facebook page, leaving me in charge. Hah! She knows how much fun I have had sharing this responsibility with her.

**Condolences:** Sadly, I report that, quite unexpectedly, **Ruth Happel Mamunes** passed away in her sleep last July. She is survived by her husband Ted, RU '66. In addition to helping people throughout her career with the Social Security Administration and, after retiring, helping people obtain disability benefits, Ruth was always active. She enjoyed birds and was pleased with the stand Ted set up so she could watch the ospreys on the river. Ruth loved music and foreign travel. Her last email to me was about her return to the violin, music lessons and having fun being back at college and maybe taking an art course. She figured if she was having fun Ted wouldn't feel guilty about fishing. At the same time she was busily planning a trip with **Mary Ann Fishbough Stangil** to Canada to visit **Margo Macek Griffith**.

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Always faithful with Holiday greetings, Don and **Sandi Kirschner Walker**, who live on the west coast of Florida, wrote that they managed to survive Hurricane Irma by evacuating to SC. Irma followed them, so they moved on to GA! Thankfully their home remained intact. Their grandchildren are a sophomore at Wesleyan in CT, two grandchildren graduating from high school this year and an eighth grader! Their other travels have been to Portugal on a Viking Cruise and the Western Mediterranean on a three-masted sailing ship with Tauck Tours.

**Virginia Carollo Rubin** traveled to Botswana and Malawi last spring. Ginny's daughter, Lynsey, was married in Chimayo, NM, last fall and her youngest daughter and family recently moved from New Hampshire to San Anselmo, near Ginny. Her third daughter lives in the Los Angeles area.

**Karen Hoffman Bryson** and I took a two-week trip through Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, Canada, last summer. We met in Portland, where we had a great reunion and dinner with Carlos and **Jeanne McCloud Quijano**, who owns and operates an organic fertilizer business. I hadn't seen Jeanne in 52 years! In the fall, Karen, the inveterate traveler, left with a group of friends for Northern Portugal and Northern Spain, a trip she had planned and organized to the last detail.

They often followed the Way of St. James in a private mini-coach, not hiking as the pilgrims do. Learning from Karen, I took a 12-day trip to the Loire Valley and Brittany, France, the ultimate destination of which was Normandy, one of

the destinations on my bucket list. It was a memorable experience.

Some of the 50th Reunion Committee met in New York City in mid-November. **Judy Shapiro** hosted a dinner in her home on Saturday evening. Those present were **Marilyn Marolda Steiner, Eileen Chaborda Miller, Karen Hoffman Bryson, Betty Rowland Franck, Mary Borghi Luther** and her husband, Ray, **Judy Spurgat** and yours truly. We met on Sunday in Times Square and enjoyed the play, "Beautiful." Judy arranged for us to have dinner at one of her favorite restaurants in mid-town. The group hopes to continue such get-togethers and welcomes anyone who would like to join in. Please let one of us know. We do have a good time together!

**Condolences:** Sympathy of the class is extended to the family of **Diane "Bunny" Klein Henderson**, who died in Boulder, CO, on June 5, 2017. Bunny was married to Eugene Henderson in 1976 and they had five children, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren. After Douglass, Bunny earned a master's in English and taught school in Boulder until she retired. Her many interests included gardening, working as a vendor and board member of the Boulder Farmer's Market and volunteering with Emergency Family Assistance. She will be greatly missed by a large, close-knit family and many friends.

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Hello, everyone! We have a celebrity in our midst! We send congratulations to **Janice Ballou**, who was inducted into the Highland Park High School Hall of Honor last October. The

inductees were feted at a homecoming celebration. Honorees were selected because of their contributions to society according to the school mission statement. We now understand that Janice demonstrated "OWLS," which stands for "Openness, Wisdom, Leadership and Spirit." A photo now hangs on the wall at Highland Park High School.

**Marsha Edelman**

**Malberg** shared that for several years she, her husband and extended family have enjoyed a family vacation in Stone Harbor, NJ. Marsha's sister, **Susan Holly Edelman '72**, is always a part of the family reunion. This year there were two daughters, their husbands and four granddaughters who romped in the ocean, walked on the boardwalk, played on a nearby playground and savored delicious dinners. This past August, as in past years, I, **Diana Thompson Adelizzi**, joined the family for lunch and a visit.

**Sue Estler and Janice**

**Ballou** were among a group of former Douglass athletes who were honored at a recent Rutgers Women's Basketball game as part of the Douglass 100-year anniversary.



Sue addressed the group at a pre-game luncheon. (See photo of **Sue Estler** (l) and **M. Wilma Harris**.)

As members of the Vanguard Fifty Society, our class is invited to the Vanguard Luncheon on Friday, April 20. **Sue Estler, M. Wilma Harris** and **Marsha** enjoyed the luncheon last year. If you are interested in attending, please contact **Marsha Edelman Malberg** at memalberg@aol.com. If there is enough interest, we hope to

host a dinner in the evening for classmates.

**Condolences:** Sadly, we send condolences to the relatives and friends of classmates who have passed away.

**Margaret Kleinman**

**Rolnick** passed away on June 15, 2017. She was born in Manhattan and grew up in Queens. In later years, her family moved to New Brunswick. She majored in sociology and worked at St. Peter's Hospital as a medical social worker, where she met and married Dr. Jerome Jacob Rolnick with whom she celebrated 46 years before his passing. Margaret became an artist specializing in painting and quilt making. She made ritual Jewish art, opening Margaret's Craft Shop on Raritan Avenue. Her husband built wooden boxes, which she decorated and sold in her store. She is survived by three children and seven grandchildren. Her sister, Marsha Kleinman, cared for Margaret during the last year of her life.

We know that these next two condolences are from some time ago, but we wanted make sure you are aware of them.

**Rita Breen** (first name was **Laraine** according to her yearbook posting) passed away on December 7, 2002. Rita earned a degree in Political Science-Education at Douglass.

**Marilyn Sara Lance**

passed away on November 7, 2005. Born and raised in Perth Amboy, Marilyn lived there for many years before she moved to Lawrence Township. She majored in psychology at Douglass and earned a law degree from Seton Hall School in 1971.

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**Mary Lou Fenelli** sent along this news: "I participated in both the 2017 and 2018 Women's Marches here in Denver. I was delighted to see how many more men and more young women, especially teenagers, participated in the 2018 march. On March 24, 2018, along with friends and neighbors, I will participate in the March for Our Lives at the State Capitol in Denver. My spouse, Karen Hansen '65, and I enjoyed attending her Vanguard 50th Reunion in 2015 and my Vanguard 50th Reunion in 2017. For both of us, it was wonderful to reconnect in person with so many longtime friends. Although we have both used phone, email, and text messaging and Karen has also used social media to stay connected, being together with these friends again at Douglass was fantastic. We look forward to participating in future AADC events on campus."

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We celebrate our grand Vanguard 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion in April. We hope you will come celebrate at the Vanguard Luncheon and other activities during a special AADC 95th Anniversary Weekend with Alumnae Reunion Weekend, April 20-21. The Class of 1968 will be inducted into the prestigious Vanguard Fifty Society at Friday's Vanguard Luncheon and will process into Voorhees Chapel on Saturday for convocation. On Friday evening, we will have a special dinner for our class on campus at the

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It is hard to believe that it's 2018 and the year that most of the members of our class (part of the generation who couldn't trust anyone over 30) are now turning 70! I had a dinner for my husband Rob Slamon at Mar Belo in Long Branch, NJ, in January to celebrate his 70th.

Not only did I go on my annual road trip north to Nova Scotia last summer, but I also drove south to Coconut Creek, FL, in December to deliver my 96-year-old neighbor, her dog and her car to her condo where she spends the winter. Enjoyed a brief stay in sunny 83-degree weather before flying back to New Jersey. Now I've driven the entire length of Route 95, from Maine to Florida!

Please let me know what's going on with you, so I can share in this column.

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**Sandy Hahn Lanman** has been doing research on her family and shared with us some exciting results. "What began as a quest to find my mother's biological family 20 years ago grew into a much larger project last year when I added DNA testing to the mix.

As a result, I finally identified my mother's biological father when his granddaughter came up as a half-first cousin match. It was very exciting to finally meet his grandson in NY in February. I also began researching my dad's family tree in 2017. Unfortunately, my father, Ludwig Hahn, a Holocaust survivor and WWII veteran, died in March 2017, but before he passed, he gave us the gift of his DNA for testing. It has led to the discovery of several 'new' cousins whom we could link to his family tree. Additional online research has turned up others. I am gratified that I've been able to establish relationships with all of these new family members. I belong to several Facebook groups on genealogy and DNA and two genealogy clubs. Warning to anyone who starts doing this: It can become an obsession." Sandy says that she continues to present a lecture, "Finding Family: Dead or Alive," but that she has to change it each time she delivers it because of all the new discoveries.

We extend our sympathies to **Jane Hoerig** on the loss of her mother, Margaret "Mugsie," on February 18 at age 97. Jane reports she died peacefully in her sleep.

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We celebrate our 45th Reunion! Come back during the AADC 95th Anniversary Weekend and Alumnae Reunion, April 20-21. **Michele Ozumba**, President of the Women's College Coalition, will be presenting a session on Saturday afternoon during Reunion activities.

Congratulations to **Karen McLane Torian**, who will receive the Margaret T. Corwin Award at Alumnae Reunion Weekend during Convocation in Voorhees Chapel on

Saturday morning. This is the highest AADC Alumnae Award for service to the AADC and alumnae. A member of the AADC Board, Karen has served on various AADC Committees and is an active member of AADC Black Alumnae Network. She is co-chair of the recently-launched AADC Smart Talks, part of the AADC Women's Life-Long Learning Initiative.

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Our class will celebrate our 40th Reunion at the AADC 95th Anniversary Weekend and Alumnae Reunion Weekend, April 19-21. Mark your calendars to come back to campus to celebrate!

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**Debbie Lynch**, AADC VP of Alumnae Relations, and her husband Paul enjoy traveling and just returned from the AADC Alumnae Travel trip to South Africa with **Valerie Anderson '81**, **Bertha Lee Aiken '81** and **Jeannette Fleisher, Bunting '77**. They had an opportunity to meet sister alumna **Phuti Mahanyele '93**, a member of the AADC Society of Excellence, who is the Executive Chairperson of Sigma Capitol in Johannesburg. They followed up the African visit with a stop in London.

Debbie's old roommate, **Sharon Gant Yorlano**, is looking forward to two weddings this year, as both her son and daughter will be getting married.

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We are thrilled to share the news that AADC Executive Director **Valerie Anderson** has been named a "Woman of Achievement" by the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC. Valerie will receive her prestigious honor at the NJSFWC Annual Women of Achievement Dinner on May 7 in Atlantic City. The AADC will be on hand to celebrate Valerie, so let us know if you are interested in attending.

**Valerie Anderson** and **Bertha Lee Aiken** took a trip to South Africa as part of the AADC Alumnae Travel Program, accompanied by **Debbie Lynch '79** and her family and **Jeanette Fleisher**, a Bunting from the class of '77. Valerie called it a life-changing experience, seeing the culture, the animals and the sights of

Botswana, Johannesburg and other places on the tour. By coincidence, while at a game lodge in Botswana, the group ran into **Susan Martin '68**, who was traveling with her husband, reinforcing the notion that Douglass women are everywhere. The AADC group was hosted for a visit by AADC Society of Excellence member **Phuti Mahanyele '93**, who is the Executive Chairperson of Sigma Capitol in Johannesburg. Phuti passed along the news that she is getting married in April!

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We celebrate our 35th Reunion in April. Come back during the AADC 95th Anniversary Weekend to celebrate at Alumnae Reunion Weekend, April 20-21.

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Attention Class of 1988, you may not believe it, but this will be our 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Alumnae Reunion Weekend is taking place April 20-21 this year.

Class Officer nominations for the 2018-2023 term are now being accepted. Nominate yourself, or a classmate, for any of the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Fund Agent, Alumnae Council Representative or Historian. Send the name, address, telephone number and email address of your nominees to us at: **Lisa Bussell Rossello**, Vice President and Alumnae Council Representative, at [lisarossello@msn.com](mailto:lisarossello@msn.com) or **Marianne Ficarra**, Secretary, at [ficarra@aol.com](mailto:ficarra@aol.com)

We celebrate this milestone Reunion during the AADC 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend, April 20-21. Please alert our classmates and all of your Douglass alumnae friends. This year is also a landmark one for Douglass since it marks the 100th anniversary of the New Jersey College for Women. Join us during the special celebration! Please be sure to see the schedule of events at the end of Class Notes for all the details about the weekend. The AADC Forward Together Gala honors the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC and will feature keynote speaker Carmen Twillie Ambar, Oberlin College President and former Dean of Douglass.

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Congratulations to **Elizabeth Middleton Rizzotti '89**, who will receive the Alumnae Recognition Award from the AADC at Alumnae Reunion Weekend's Convocation on Saturday, April 21. Beth serves on the AADC Board of

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We celebrate our 25th Reunion during the AADC 95th Anniversary Weekend with Alumnae Reunion Weekend, April 20-21. Register today and join the celebration!

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Hope you are coming back for our 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion during the AADC 95th Anniversary Weekend, with Alumnae Reunion Weekend, April 20-21. Register today and join the celebration!

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Dr. Laura Micheletti Puaca delivered this year's Zagoren Lecture on March 6. She is an associate professor in the History Department at Christopher Newport University and spoke about the history of efforts to encourage women and girls in STEM fields. Laura is the author of "Searching for Scientific Womanpower: Technocratic Feminism and the Politics of National Security, 1940-1980."

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Save the date for our 15th Reunion during the special AADC 95th Anniversary

Weekend, with Alumnae Reunion Weekend and the AADC Forward Together Gala: From Our Founding Into Our Future, April 19-21. Register today and join the celebration!

Congratulations to **Lauren Nathan-LaRusso**, who will receive the Alumnae Recognition Award from the AADC. AADC Alumnae Awards will be presented at Alumnae Reunion Weekend's Convocation in Voorhees Chapel on Saturday, April 21. Lauren has served on various AADC Committees and as Secretary and is a member of the AADC Board of Directors. An attorney, she is in a new position in the New Jersey Governor's office.

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We will celebrate our 10th Reunion during the AADC 95th Anniversary Weekend, with Alumnae Reunion Weekend, April 20-21. Register today and join the celebration!

I have a few updates to share. **Ame Bora** recently marked her two-year anniversary as the Economic Empowerment Coordinator at *Womankind*, where she supports survivors of gender-based violence through

financial literacy and workforce development. Last fall, Ame was recognized by the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence as one of NYC's Domestic Violence Advocates of 2017. She lives in Harlem, NY.

**Mallorie Medley** remains at TransPerfect, where she's been for the last six years. Her main office is located in Boston, but Mallorie has relocated back to New Jersey, where she works remotely. She's located in the South Jersey/Philadelphia area, but travels to Boston and Barcelona occasionally to assist with production training.

**Tynisha Coleman** began working at Rutgers University in Newark recently as a project manager in the Office of Faculty Affairs. This was a major achievement, accomplished through hard work and support from her mentor, **Tina Gordon** '72, in the AADC Mabel's Alumnae Mentoring Program.

As for me, **Ria DasGupta**, I continue to work as a diversity officer at the University of San Francisco, where I am also a doctoral student in the department of International and Multicultural Education. I am still dancing and teach at Chhandam School of Kathak in Berkeley, CA. In 2017, I became the managing editor for the *International Journal of Human Rights Education*.

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Congratulations to our Class President, **Yesenia Perez**, who will receive the Young Alumna Mabel Award from the AADC at Alumnae Reunion Weekend Convocation on Saturday, April 21. Yesenia has served as on various AADC Committees and as Secretary of the AADC Young Alumnae Network. The events Yesenia has helped create and conduct have attracted new alumnae, who enjoy such activities as "YAN-O-WEEN" and "Treat YAN-self." We are proud classmates!

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We celebrate our first milestone five-year Reunion during the AADC 95th Anniversary Weekend, with Alumnae Reunion Weekend, April 20-21. Register today and join the celebration!

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**Kaila Boulware** is a digital fine artist and philanthropist residing in the NJ/NY area. Kaila's philanthropic efforts include organizing everything from drives to feed the poor in her NJ community to serving as President of The Baldie Movement to help people with alopecia or other conditions that affect their hair to feel empowered. Using digital Canvas, she brings art into the digital landscape without devaluing its experience in the

virtual landscape. She currently educates artists in the greater New York Area and nationwide in digital media production and art development. She invites you to learn more about her story, her art and her philanthropy on [KailaBoulware.com](http://KailaBoulware.com).

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Alumnae Reunion Weekend will be celebrated during the AADC 95th Anniversary Weekend, with Alumnae Reunion Weekend, April 20-21. Register today and join the celebration! Class years ending in 3s and 8s will celebrate milestone reunions and all alumnae are welcome to celebrate.

For those Buntings who graduated with me in 1988, this will be our 30<sup>th</sup> reunion, but for Buntings we are truly united by being a special affinity group and we actually celebrate our Douglass experience across the years. This year is a landmark year for both the AADC, celebrating its 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and Douglass marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the New Jersey College for Women.

Our very own Bunting sister alum, **Lisa Kaado '03**, is the Symposium Chair for the 2018 Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt '42 Workplace and Professional Development Symposium on Saturday, September 8, 2018. Save the date for an inspiring day of workshops, networking and

connecting with sister alumnae. And congratulations to Lisa, who in her Women's Political Caucus role, has once again been named to Senator Loretta Weinberg's Women's Power List.

Congratulations to **Cricket O'Neil '03**, who has assumed a new position at NBC Universal Media as Manager of Infrastructure Vendor Management and Technology Business Services. Wishing you well, Cricket!

I attended an impressive Douglass authors' event last November with my dear friend and one of our Bunting alumnae, **Suzann Goldstein '84**, a member of the AADC Society of Excellence, along with non-Bunting alumna **Barbara Potti Crooker '67**, both of whom discussed their writings (prose and poetry) on loss that spurred a genuine, passionate discussion among attendees.

Please keep in mind that **Jean Gluckman D'Amore '09** is the contact for Bunting Connections online, that builds relationships among sister alumnae who graduated from the Mary I. Bunting Program. If you have not already joined Bunting Connections, please contact Jean and you will be informed of upcoming activities and meet ups throughout the year in addition to communicating with old and new Bunting alumnae friends.

Jean reports that the holiday party was well attended and lots of fun, with the hilarious, traditional "Attic Treasures" gift exchange. She said that Bunting Connections hopes to join forces with AADC Young Alumnae Network to host a "Paint 'N Pour" event. Bunting Connections hopes to host a potluck reception in May. Jean would like to see you all at Alumnae Reunion Weekend, April 20-21.

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