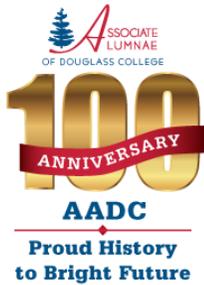


# AADC CLASS NOTES FOR ALUMNAE & Friends

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We share the death of **Katherine Phillis Beattie Basile** on April 28, 2021, and offer condolences to her loved ones. Her children share that "she was a pioneering force in education and labor rights and an adoring mother, grandmother and great-grandmother." She was a Long time resident of Laguna Beach, CA. She is survived by a daughter and a son.

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We will celebrate our 75th reunion AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend on June 10-11, 2022. Save the date.

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We share the death of **Lois Lockwood Perrier** on April 1, 2021, and offer condolences to her loved ones. She was a history major and went on to work in New York City, raise two children and teach in the Pleasantville, NY, school district for 22 years before her retirement.

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Sadly, we share the deaths of two classmates and offer condolences.

Longtime Class Secretary **Betty Bohsen Haupin** died on March 23, 2021. Betty was past president, vice president and historian of the Class of 1951 and served as a leader for many milestone reunions, including their Vanguard 50th. After earning a degree in English, she earned an Elementary Education certification at the Newark State Teachers College (Now Kean College). Over the course of 25 years, she taught in schools in Bloomfield, East Brunswick and Milltown, NJ. She was named Teacher of the Year twice and was active in the education community as a member of the National Education Association, New Jersey Education Association and the Middlesex County Education Association. Betty was also a talented pianist. She was predeceased by her husband of 56 years, George, and is survived by their four children, 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Ellen Correl Lehner** died on November 12, 2020. She went on to earn a doctorate in mathematics at Purdue University. She was Professor of Mathematics at the University of Maryland in College Park for several decades, as well as Professor Emerita.

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You won't be surprised to know that there is very little news of exciting doings and the pandemic probably gets a lot of credit for that. Hope you have been doing well and have been healthy through it all. By and large, all that hand washing seems to have killed the common cold.

What little news I have includes that **Vivian Sheldon Yettru** and husband Carl have moved from their home of 60 plus years in Cornwall, NY, to an assisted living facility close to friends and relatives and are very happy with the change. They like the variety of activities and the proximity of medical services when needed.

**Vangie Caliandro** is still walking a lot around upper Manhattan, but beginning to wonder how much longer she will be able to stay in the second-floor walk-up apartment where she has lived for 42 years. I think it's a case of the spirit being willing but the knees getting weak.

As we move into the year leading up to our milestone 70<sup>th</sup> reunion and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the AADC and celebrations at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend on June 10-11, 2022, I want to urge you to keep your contact information up to date and accurate with the AADC. Most of the information about those upcoming events will be coming electronically, and indeed the celebrations themselves may be electronic. The June 2021 reunion,

featuring the graduating classes ending in 0s and 5s and 1s and 6s, seems to have involved no in-person class gatherings of classes before 1966, but there were Zoom reunions of reunion-year classmates closer to our vintage. It would be wonderful if even a few classmates living close to New Brunswick could get together and, with the help of the AADC, form the nexus of a Zoom reunion with classmates unable to get back to campus. Four years ago, eight of us did get to campus on the Saturday of Reunion Weekend and we didn't all live close. Times and situations have changed, but new possibilities exist.

Condolences to **Ellin**

**Fennessy Barker** on the death of her husband, Charles A. Barker Jr. on May 1, 2021. Charles, who worked in the insurance industry and was a prolific writer, graduated from Rutgers in 1951 and remained involved with his class, the alumni association, the Cagers Club of the women's basketball team and was selected as a Loyal Son of Rutgers.

Sympathy is extended to the families and other loved ones of classmates whom we know to have died recently.

**Mildred Smith Quinlan**, a Chemistry-Bacteriology major at NJC, died February 15, 2020, in Oakland, CA; unfortunately, I found no obituary and can't tell you anything about her life after graduation. The most recent address we have for her was Berkeley, CA.

**Paula Herman Alexander**, a Music-Education major passed away on January 12, 2021. Born in Paterson, she married Daniel Alexander in 1952 after our graduation. Much of their life together was lived in Trenton as part of Trenton's Jewish life and in Yardley, PA. Daniel died in 2009 and Paula moved to Ewing, NJ, where she died. She is survived by three sons

and their wives and seven grandchildren.

**Marion** (used to be -ian but pretty consistently has been -ion of late) **Mehrman Pavlidis** died February 1, 2021. She had majored in Music-Education at NJC and taught music in Linden and later fifth grade in Mountainside. She gave up full time teaching to take care of two sons and a daughter, but continued as a substitute after moves to Princeton and Lawrenceville, and became an Avon sales representative. Marion was married to Theo Pavlidis, a computer scientist, for 55 years. The family moved to Long Island in 1986 when Theo joined the faculty at Stony Brook University and she joined him on many trips to scientific meetings. At home, she loved gardening and the family's dogs and fed stray cats. A Zoom funeral was held on February 4.

**Lois Salmon Toole**, our watercolorist par excellence, died February 15, 2021. At a beach party in the summer following our graduation, Lois met David Toole on a blind date and they married in 1953. The newly-weds settled in upstate New York for over ten years, where they had two sons. In 1968 the family moved to Chagrin Falls, OH, and quickly became very involved in the arts community and Lois, previously an oil painter, began lessons in watercolor painting and soon moved exclusively into transparent watercolor painting. She exhibited at local shows, and following success at that level, national shows. Over 40-plus years, Lois paintings were shown in 500 juried National/International shows and she won 165 awards. To get the whole picture, be truly impressed, and avoid my being accused of plagiarism, please Google Lois. In addition to her painting endeavors, for over 45 years Lois was a member of her church's English handbell choir and she and Dave ushered at

the local community theatre. In addition to her paintings and the books she wrote, Dave, two sons and their wives and two grandchildren survive.

**Joan Nulton Aichroth**, of Charlotte, VT, passed away March 4, 2021. An English major, she married Donald T. Aichroth, a Marine, shortly after graduation. They lived at various Marine bases as their family grew to include two sons and three daughters and moved to Vermont when Donald retired. When Joan began teaching, it was at a Manpower Training facility, and then she moved to Burlington High School where she taught for twenty years and is fondly remembered by her students. She loved to read, swim, garden and be with her wonderful family, which grew to include four grandchildren. Donald and one son and one daughter predeceased her.

**Geraldine Decheser de Vesty** died March 28, 2021. A Zoology-Bacteriology major, her degree as an undergraduate was a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Rutgers. She married Malcolm W. de Vesty in August 1950, and they moved to Albuquerque, NM, in 1954. The couple had three children, and when they reached early adulthood, Geraldine went back to school, earning a master's in Special Education from the University of New Mexico in 1974, after which she taught at the elementary level for 21 years. Visits to over 40 countries made her a world traveler; other avocations included gardening, long walks, piano playing, reading, and sewing. Her progeny include 18 grandchildren and great grands.

**Frances Heerich Kunz**, a Home-Ec major in college and a resident of Point Pleasant since 1954, died April 23, 2021. She worked for many years as a substitute teacher in Point Pleasant and Bay Head schools and was a dedicated

volunteer for UNICEF and St. Gregory's Pantry. She was predeceased by her husband, William, and her son Bruce and survived by sons Larry and Craig and their wives, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

**Charel Young Schaub** died on April 26, 2021. Charel had a full scholarship to NJC, graduating with high honors and membership in Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Delta Pi. She was a bi-lingual executive secretary at Ortho Pharmaceuticals in Raritan in the 1950s and, when her sons were older, she was a substitute teacher in the Hillsborough Township school system and later worked for the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce.

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We share the death of **Marilyn M. Mackenzie** on May 24, 2021. She was an English as a Second Language translator and teacher for the Morristown School District and a longtime resident of Cranford, NJ.

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Since the last class notes column, the Ohye family sadly reports on the passing of Class Secretary **Reiko Fukuyama Ohye**. Reiko is survived by her three children, Diane, Rick and Jan, and their spouses, two grandchildren, her sister

Kazuko Nancy Fukuyama and beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

This final column under her name has been written by her children, Diane, Rick, and Jan. They write:

**Reiko** passed away peacefully on April 22, 2021, after a brief battle with cancer. She was surrounded by family at her home in Monmouth Junction, NJ. We are grateful to all who donated in Mom's memory. Our mother was a proud alumna and supporter.

In 2016, Mom returned to Douglass, where she was invited to speak of her childhood experience of internment during World War II. She delivered a plenary speech, "From Japanese Internment to Douglass," as part of the course Knowledge and Power: Issues in Women's Leadership.

While Mom had many cultural and intellectual interests, most important to her were the people in her life. Our mother was the loving dowager countess of her extended family and circle of friends, which included many fellow alumnae. Pre-COVID, she and classmates who live in New Jersey would meet for on-campus events and an annual tea party. During the pandemic, Mom enjoyed keeping up with friends remotely; she participated regularly in online exercise and sketch classes with her best friend of 69 years, **Lola Fuchs Kamp**. In addition to her online classes, Lola continues to take her ballroom classes, online and in person, recently performing a mambo/waltz showcase dance with her instructor.

The lockdown has not caused many problems for **Juanita "Fiesy" Fieseler**, who writes, "I think being an only child with many interests has helped." She has good neighbors and stays connected to family and friends, participating in dance and fiddle groups through Zoom sessions.

She notes, "Technology is moving faster than I can keep up! My schedule is quite full, and I really enjoy not having to travel."

**Lainey Dormand Hicks** has cheerful family news to report. Granddaughter Gracie is pursuing her doctorate in audiology at Towson University. Over the summer she was interning at an ENT office in Easton, MD. Grandson Ryan completed six years in the navy assigned to the U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln. Upon completion of his service, he was accepted to the University of Maryland campus at College Park. He is taking courses online and hopes to attend classes in person this fall.

**Betty Holland George** is looking forward to a trip to Michigan's Mackinac Island with Elise, her California resident daughter. Betty thinks of this trip as a pilgrimage for Senator Phil Hart of Michigan, whose staff she joined in 1958. When Senator Hart announced in 1975 that he would not seek reelection. Betty asked him: "Why are you not running?" Although 15 years had passed since Betty worked on his staff, his response was a handwritten letter, which included the suggestion that a "regular turn-over of the Senate" was a good idea. Known as the Conscience of the Senate, Senator Hart was diagnosed with cancer in 1976 and died while still in office. Before his death, his fellow Senators voted to name their new building, then under construction, the Philip A. Hart Senate Office Building in his honor. Betty writes "Phil Hart was just a wonderful human being. He is buried with his wife on Mackinac Island, and when Elise and I visit, we'll meet two of his sons. On the way, we'll stop at Lake Superior State University, where a scholarship in Phil Hart's memory exists."

Betty also added this kind message, for which we are deeply grateful: "To Reiko's family and to her many friends at Douglass. I am so very sorry about her passing which I consider untimely. She was always on the go and living a full and interesting life. I am happy for our friendship over the years. She added much to my life."

**Barbara Visentin Nelson** sent a holiday note illustrated by a picture of her beautiful oil painting, *Sunset at Low Tide*. She also included a photograph of their newest family member, Tiny Tim, an adorable Pomeranian-Chihuahua puppy. Barbara joked that after watching "too much HGTV" during lockdown, she and Bill reconfigured their large front hall closet and laundry room into a normal-sized hall closet, laundry room, and extra bedroom (or study). Last November, they enjoyed Thanksgiving with their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in Hilton Head. Granddaughter Katherine has joined Facebook in Austin, granddaughter Kristin is at Fannie Mae in Washington, D.C., and grandson Mike works for a pharmaceutical company in Boston. The big event of this year was granddaughter Samantha's marriage to fiancé Eric, on Memorial Day weekend in Denver. While Barbara and Bill were not able to attend, they shared the joy of the celebration.

**Julie Heilemann Phifer** filled us in on some of her and Ken's bright spots for the year. One was the return to the U.S. of their daughter Amy and son-in-law Gregg, who retired from the International Mission Board and now reside close by. Happily, Amy and Gregg join Julie and Ken for dinner once a week and help with difficult chores as they arise. Amy's daughter Rachel is now beginning her own

career, working at Pioneer Bible Translators in Guinea. Other highlights are the two most recent additions to the family, one-year-old great-grandson Oskar and great-grandson Cyrus, born at the end of May.

Before COVID-19 struck, **Barbara Gilcher Ramm** bought a house in Forest Falls, CA, in the San Bernardino Mountains. But the lockdown locked her out. As Barbara puts it, "I now have a beautiful retirement home that I have never seen except on Zillow." And during the pandemic, "wildfires caused by a gender-reveal party burned thousands of acres of forest, practically up to my doorstep. My son stayed until he was forced to leave." Thankfully the local Cal fire crew protected her village. Until she moves into her new home, Barbara is "still living in Cranford and wearing my mask."

**Barbara Eck Sorini** kept busy during COVID. She took online Italian conversation classes and participated in Story Worth, a program that triggers biographical memories through varied questions. She and her granddaughters read and discussed books and created art projects inspired by Sarah Green's book, *You Are an Artist*. Barbara was looking forward to hopefully being able to go to summer musical events at the Newark Museum, the Morris Museum and the BSO's annual Tanglewood concerts. She and her three granddaughters plan to view the Kusama show at the NY Botanical Garden. In the fall, she will visit her daughter in San Francisco.

Barbara also wrote a thoughtful note about our mother, "Though we are in our 80s, it is never easy to hear of the death of a classmate, particularly one as vibrant and cheerful as Reiko. Despite life's usual and unexpected challenges, Reiko never seemed to let it interfere with

her friendship and family. She was a driving force during our NJC/Douglass years and continued to keep us connected. She will be missed by all but also kept in our memories. Always know your mom was appreciated and loved."

We are grateful to be able to write this column for our mother, Reiko, who loved her time at Douglass and the dear alumnae friends she made. It has been a comfort to hear from our mother's friends and see how lovingly she is remembered. We thank the intelligent, resilient, and caring women who kindly shared news of their lives with us and apologize if we have inadvertently omitted any contributions sent to our mother earlier in the year.

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We will celebrate our 65<sup>th</sup> at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2022 on June 10-11. It is also a special time as the countdown has begun for the AADC's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June. In addition to Reunion, there will be a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Gala on June 11, 2022.

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I would like to begin this column by thanking all those responding to my pleas for news. It has been a hard time for everyone and it is sometimes difficult to be upbeat, especially with all the issues that seem to plague us as the years go by. That our time at Douglass was special is obvious as we reach out to one another to keep in touch and reminisce about old times.

Along those lines, **Laura Rau Hofing** has once again offered to open her beautiful Long Beach Island home to us classmates for an afternoon in September. As always, we look forward to this mini-reunion and would love for more of you who live in the area to attend. Please let me know if you would like to join us. We have not picked a firm date yet, but will as soon as we know who would like to join us.

So here goes. As soon as I reached out to everyone looking for input for this column, I heard from **Janice Kaplow Orland**, Ed.D. She writes, "It has indeed been a different year! Because of the pandemic and my own health issues I have spent most of the year indoors. Luckily I was fortunate and returned from Florida to live with my friend Karen and her daughter Jessica in Westchester County NY. Jessica followed me, and is a Speech Pathologist in a local school district and Karen has a double career as a principal in a special education school in NYC and a Graduate School professor at a University. Luckily through them I get plenty of stimulation and stay current with the impact of the pandemic on the educational system for all ages. What it taught us is that we need to be able to alter our skill set as demanded by what is put in our path. I am quite frankly amazed and extremely proud of the professionals and prouder still of the students and parents who so quickly adapted to a virtual educational system. It was hard to do! I know that many of my peers also needed to enhance their technical skills and learn to Zoom with family and friends to visit, celebrate special occasions, play games and generally stay in touch. Wow, people in their 80s and 90s setting up Facebook pages, sending money gifts to grandkids through Venmo and ordering our food on line. Hooray! It really has been a

challenging year. Wishing you all a happy healthy, productive year ahead."

I'm always happy to hear from **Judith Appel Werner** who also lives here on the Jersey Shore. She writes; "It was a tough, strange and reflective year, one in which I personally did a great deal of reflection. Memories, challenges, disappointments all bundled up to sort out. But gratitude that my family remained safe and sadness for a world permeated by death, warfare and injustice. I still play the organ and piano for many church services, weddings and funerals of friends beloved and, having just turned 85, wonder if it's time to call it quits. I do so love it and the fingers still work, so maybe? Hoping this finds all my classmates well, proud of your college, proud of your country and proud of who you are."

I love hearing from **Ellie vom Eigen Winslow** who always writes so beautifully and usually conveys words of wisdom and optimism for us all. "Life at Pennswood Village has in many ways returned to the 'normal' that once made life so good here. We are no longer required to wear masks throughout our buildings and friendship-enhancing activities such as use of the dining room and in-person meetings of our many committees have returned. Beginning with the bad months in March, 2020, the community has been fortunate to follow rules which severely limited cases of COVID on the campus, with only two deaths among 400 residents. Many of us became adept at Zoom meetings. My work with the Concerts Committee continues, as we bring in virtual concerts from the excellent world of music in Philadelphia. But we will also be trying to bring some live concerts to our auditorium this fall. We will need to find out who will be willing to perform here. Bus trips to attractions in the area are beginning again,

but still with small numbers and subject to the requirements of the destinations. I continue to be grateful for the excellent health care available here. I join Ellen's hope that we can try for a 65<sup>th</sup> Reunion at Douglass two years from now. The photos from our 60<sup>th</sup> are part of the visual treasures on my computer screensaver."

**Susan Koszeghy Naef** sent what I am sure was a difficult letter to write. "This has been a very difficult year for us too, as for the rest of the world. Our old lives, here in peaceful Hamilton have been, perhaps a little worse. Our older son, Mark died in December. Our loss was perhaps soothed by the outpouring of caring and kindness from family, relatives and friends. We are involved at the moment in planning a celebration of Mark's life. More than half of Mark's classmates, now living all over the US, will be traveling here, as well as relatives from FL, MS, VA." Husband Charlie turned 90 this year and was serenaded on his birthday by a young family from their church. Mark's widow, Chelle, and their two granddaughters live just an hour away, in Syracuse. Her closing words were "So, we are happy to emerge from our cocoon." Condolences from the Class of '58 to the entire Naef family on Mark's passing. We hope that his memory will be a great comfort to you all.

On a happier note, **Carole Gorsky Sherman** sent the following upbeat letter. "It was great to hear news about classmates during the past 15 months, as we all tried to keep busy and safe. My family and I spent the time reading and playing bridge online. My three daughters recently took up bridge and have far surpassed my husband and me with all the new conventions. We spent the winter in Florida as snowbirds (as we have for the last 21 years). Our eldest granddaughter was married in May and gave us the chance to

celebrate with our grandchildren and relatives. Our last grandchild just graduated college and will be living in NYC only a few blocks from three other grandchildren, so we look forward to seeing them more often than during their college years. I look forward to the next news column and keeping up with the girls of "58".

I was delighted to hear from **Nancy (Nikki) Mockridge Dietel**. She writes, "I did write something to you sometime in the past few years, but neglected to send it. Those who remember me know that I was mostly called Nikki when I was at Douglass. I have many fond memories of my years there. I married two weeks after graduation and we were married for 61 years. He passed away in September of 2019. We had three wonderful sons. Unfortunately, they all live in different states so when the pandemic hit, they weren't able to visit. I'm handicapped due to arthritis and a fall. I am still in our first and only home and am managing pretty well. I am able to get around in the house and have an aide that shops and cleans for me. Kind neighbors look in on me and are kind and caring. I am so happy I chose to stay here during the lockdown. I will stay as long as I'm able. Sending good wishes to everyone."

**Mary Alemany Blumenfield** sent apologies that she hasn't communicated with us in such a long time. She started her letter with the sad news that her husband Dave passed away in September 2019. "He had broken his hip earlier that year and was in rehab but not doing well. He also had dementia and just seemed to give up. I was having a lot of remodeling done on our house thinking he would come home in a wheelchair but he never got to see it. I'm just glad he died before the COVID-19 lock-downs because he wouldn't have understood why I

didn't come to see him every day. We would have been married 60 years in December of 2019. My daughter Diane took early retirement and is moving in with me. Her house in New Jersey is being sold with settlement the end of this month. She's been a tremendous help to me, both physically and emotionally. My son Dave and his wife live just 20 minutes away, so he's often here and helps in a lot of ways. I've really been blessed with two wonderful, caring children. I've been busy gardening, sewing face masks, and rearranging furniture. I'm still active with my church with two Bible studies via Zoom and a virtual Sunday service. I'm hoping to be able to sing in choir again whenever we can get together. I really miss it. Hoping everyone is staying safe and well and in good spirits." On behalf of the entire class, we send our condolences on Dave's passing and our thanks for keeping in touch with all of us.

**Ellen Dubow Alpart** sent this wonderful uplifting letter which I pass along to you here. "Hi to all my classmates. It is so hard to believe how quickly time has flown by and here we are in our 80s with lots of fond memories of Gibbons and Jameson dorms and dating my husband Jerry, now with 62 years of married life behind us. Lots of blessings along the way and enjoying fairly good health. Our children are married, living in New York and New Jersey, and have gifted us with 11 grandchildren plus two with our son's second marriage, ages ranging from 15 to 27, and three great grandchildren. Jerry retired from his orthodontic practice and after forty years of teaching, working with him, and my volunteer work, we are enjoying and keeping busy with family and retirement. We reside both in our original home of 52 years in North Caldwell, NJ, and our vacation home five minutes from Stratton Mountain

Ski Resort, VT. Our deck there looks out at a Bubbling Brook and a community tranquil pond for rafting and frog hunting. Enjoying time there for 40 years, along with winter skiing has been pure happiness. Taking possibly our last trip to Iceland over the summer, having many memories of former trips to Africa, Morocco, Japan, Thailand, Indonesia Vietnam, Italy, France, Poland, Germany and South America, and unforgettable family trips to Israel and Costa Rica. But nothing was better than family time spent within our own beautiful country and our camping adventures, usually in a tent in the rain. Especially proud of our children who are trying to make our world a better place in any small way they can. Check out the Amazon Prime documentary "A Most Beautiful Thing" the story of the first all-Black high school rowing team in the United States which originated in Chicago through efforts of our son Kenneth Alpart and his former foundation, Urban Options. Thinking of all my classmates and hoping for a peaceful fulfilling life."

**Lisanne Armstrong James** sent the following delightful note. "COVID shut out our library's patrons and all activities. But it shut in us staff who continued to process new books, CDs & DVDs as well as requests and returns. The art work I do for events and programs was cut back drastically. But the curbside service was very successful for our many readers. Slowly now we are easing reopening with limited hours and programs. I can walk to the library and love being out in the early and beautifully thick greening-up of summer. I still design and create my own cards and now the garden calls too. Our sweet small old town (Kennebunkport, ME) has many tourists, sadly more than ever, now driven north by COVID, looking for real estate as well as trinkets.

Our small family has three fire fighters, chickens and cats, is local and healthy and looking forward to picnics."

**Pat Kurtz Ameling** sent the following note. "I am fortunate to be in good health and able to do my grocery shopping, dentist and chiropractor visits, and exchange mystery books with a church friend. The interesting news has come just recently from my daughter Lisa and family. Earlier in the month Carl, Lisa and Kristie flew out to Rapid City, SD, for a week, to do some sightseeing in the area before attending a ceremony in Pierre, the capital in June. The sightseeing included Mount Rushmore (of course), the Crazy Horse monument, Devil's Tower (seen in Close Encounters of the Third Kind), Wind Cave, the Badlands, and so on, even in the extreme heat out there. The event in Pierre was for the dedication of a statue of Carl Gunderson (my son-in-law's great grandfather) who had been the eleventh Governor of South Dakota from 1925 to 1927, after serving as a state senator and lieutenant governor. Next year will complete the project for all former governors, whose bronze statues are and will be located on prominent street corners in the city. It was a proud moment, which included Carl's two sisters from Dallas. Now it is a matter of waiting for restrictions to ease, for getting back to church in person (choir has been on Zoom all along) and being able to take deep water running classes in a local indoor pool. My knees will be very grateful for that. Take care, everyone."

I called **Paula Blackman Hymanson** over the winter to offer my condolences on the loss of her brother Michael Blackman. She sounded well and we had a great chat. Her news to pass along was that her youngest grandson had recently become engaged.

Condolences: It's been a difficult year for everyone and, sadly, I report the passing of too many of our classmates. I am sure the entire class joins me in sending condolences to the following families.

## Laverne Schlegel

**Roncalli** passed away on January 18, 2021. She and her late husband raised their son, who survives her, in East Brunswick, NJ. Laverne was a personal assistant at Johnson & Johnson, before leaving to teach fifth grade at the Willet School in South River. She is also survived by several caring and devoted family and friends.

## Marelynn Weiss Zipser

passed away on February 19, 2021. After Douglass, Marelynn earned her M.S. and Ph.D in food science and nutrition. She had a long and distinguished career in food science. Her obituary listed too many accomplishments to mention here, but I was particularly struck with the fact that she "spent twelve years as Director of Product Development and Quality Control for Celestial Seasonings Tea Co. in Boulder, CO. She formulated many new tea blends for the company, including Mandarin Orange Spice, Lemon Zinger, and Cinnamon Rose." She is survived by her husband Ed, daughters Gerry and Jacqui, and extended family members.

We have also learned of the death of **Rosanne Goldston Rubinstein** on March 30, 2021. Rosanne is survived by her daughter Dorie, son Robert and five grandchildren.

In a note from her daughter Jill, we learned that **Victoria (Vicki) Spencer Spruiell** passed away August 5, 2020, from cancer. After Douglass, she earned a master's degree from Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey). In her spare time, she studied voice at The Juilliard School. She held various positions as a social worker, executive assistant,

and music teacher throughout her career. She became an early teacher of Transcendental Meditation. Vicki traveled extensively, including to India for humanitarian projects. She is survived by four daughters, three grandchildren, a nephew, extended family and friends.

We have also learned of the passing of **Marguerite (Margo) Doyne King** in November 2020 after a battle with dementia. Margo was a Social Worker in Newark, NJ, before becoming a realtor. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Richard, whom she met at Rutgers, two sons, three grandchildren, and a sister.

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In the Spring 2021 class column, I noted that since many of us have been homebound for most of the year, I hadn't heard much current news from classmates.

Nonetheless, classmates do have some news to report this time! Here's the latest from **Phyllis Saskin Shames**, who lives in Florida. Phyllis wrote about visits with her family, and with her move to a new residence - Windward Palms, which (she wrote) is on Military Trail in Boynton Beach, about 3-1/2 miles from where she used to live in Boynton Beach. She shares her new address with us: 8440 S. Military Trail Apt. 321 Boynton Beach 33436. Take it away, Phyllis!

She wrote, "I just got back from five days visiting my daughter Leslie and family in Atlanta. It was Lucas' eighth birthday and he had a hang gliding party. No, I didn't. Lucky traveling just before things got crazy again with COVID and the airlines. My son Mark and Nicole also live in Boynton Beach and I also spend time with my grandson, Aidan (age 12) and take him for golf

lessons sometimes. He's a delight.

I have been at Windward Palms since late May. I love my efficiency (500 sq. ft.) apartment. The food (three meals a day) is fine. Can't beat the maid service and not having to cook. It is a strictly independent living place, no assisted care, etc. The facility is rather small with only about 100 apartments. The people are pleasant enough, but I can't say I have found many with whom I have much in common. I've tried all the activities including bingo! They all bore me. I've been there, done that. Never been a game player. So I do a lot of reading and TV watching. I have friends in other senior places around the area and they all say the same thing.

There is a bus that takes people to medical appointments and shopping venues. I had considered ditching my car, but I might go mad if I couldn't once in a while just get out on my own."

I get together with **Rhoda Katz Brenner** once or twice a month for conversation on her patio. In the winter, **Lois Rabinowitz Steinberg** and **Ceil Berman Lovit** join us, too. Rhoda is constantly busy with podcasts and various special Zoom lectures. But I'm looking for activities away from screens." Wishing you all the best in your new home, Phyllis!

In other news, our class president **Lois Rabinowitz Steinberg** organized a luncheon get-together in August, at Seasons52 in Edison, NJ. Attending were **Mary Cardinale**, **Alice Firgau**, **Iren'e Figarotta Pearse**, Lois, and yours truly. We had a wonderful afternoon catching up on our current lives, and, also, remembering our time at Douglass College! (I had brought along our 59 Quair yearbook in case anyone experienced a lapse of memory, but that wasn't the case at all!)

**Alice Firgau**, who lives in North Plainfield, continues her involvement with music, playing the organ at local Sunday church services. Alice wrote, "My music degree is still serving me well as I still give piano lessons, though on a limited schedule. Another musical pursuit that keeps me busy is the organist's post I have been filling for the past two years. I offered to help out a nearby Baptist church while they were looking to fill the organist's position. I told the church committee that I would play the organ for their services, but I would not be their organist forever. Another musical activity that I'm enjoying in my retirement is composition. Recently, I have composed an art song, setting the poetic words of Emily Dickinson for voice and piano. A friend from North Carolina has sent me her words for an inclusive hymn. She asked me to compose the music. The finished choral piece is titled "The Welcome Gate." It was sung in August by a 40 voice choir in a regular Sunday service."

I hope to see many of you at the AADC's 100th in June!

## '60

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Sadly, we share the death of Class Secretary **Dolores Dooley Newman** on September 7, 2021. Dolores was devoted to celebrating the Class of 1960 milestone reunions at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend and encouraged classmates to join her. Not only was she a dedicated and proud member of the AADC, she also remained connected to her Linden High School alumni association. After Douglass, Dolores taught high school in New Jersey in Middletown and was a substitute teacher in the Pascack Valley School District.

She later retired from the Octorara and Coatesville School District in Pennsylvania. She loved traveling, photography, her collection of dolls and putting together photo albums. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Albert, and their two sons, a daughter, three grandchildren, and her sister, brother, and many nieces and nephews.

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shares an update from **Diane LeBow**, Ph.D., who recently published her memoir, "Dancing on the Wine-Dark Sea: Memoir of a Trailblazing Woman's Travels, Adventures and Romance," published by Gold Country Writers. She has won awards for her writing, women's rights work and photojournalism all over the world. Diane is a pioneer of women's studies and innovative college teaching in Paris, Holland and the US. She was inducted into the AADC Society of Excellence in 2014 in recognition of a decades-long career in higher education as an educator, writer, activist and photojournalist. She shared her work on campus when she delivered the 2007 Zagoren Lecture, "Women of Afghanistan and the World: Stories and Photos from the Road." You can see more of Diane's work at [www.dianelebow.com](http://www.dianelebow.com).

**Isabel Goll Drzewiecki** completed her term in June as Chair of the AADC Nominating Committee. She serves our class as Alumnae Council Representative and is an active member of the AADC Memorabilia Committee.

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We will celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2022 on June 10-11. It is also a special time as the countdown has begun for the AADC's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June. There will be special events and programs all year. In addition to Reunion, there will be a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Gala on June 11, 2022.

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Class President **Susan Goldfine** shares that our devoted Class Secretary **Carole Shaffer-Koros** has been feeling the impact of the pandemic, dealing with recent family losses. We send class sympathy to her on the loss of her brother and nephews.

Susan, a radiologist and a New Yorker, reports that she has been called out of retirement to work per diem at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City in the Radiology Department.

**Christine Pattee** continues to organize Class of '63 min-reunion Zoom sessions, which have been held on the second Tuesday of the month for more than a year. It is an opportunity for classmates to connect and socialize. In addition, Chris reached out to classmates who are librarians and book lovers, including **Maryanne Ferrarese**, **Diane Mason Davenport**, **Sandra Lindbergh**, **Roberta Headley** and **Marie Droge Smith**, to revive getting together on Zoom for a class book club. The group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Recently they discussed the book, "The Boston Girl" by Anita Diamant. Next they will discuss Wallace Stegner's "Crossing to Safety."

The discussion will be facilitated by our classmate **Linda Brill**. If you would like to connect on our Zoom sessions, please reach out to Chris at [c2pattee@aol.com](mailto:c2pattee@aol.com).

**Lynne Agress** shares that her Letter to the Editor was published on April 18, 2021, in *The New York Times*. Her letter, with the headline "A Woman's World" read as follows:

"Moirra Dunegan's review of *The Barbizon* on April 4 brought back memories. In 1963, newly graduated from Douglass College (women's college of Rutgers University), my dad allowed me to go to New York City, only if I lived at the Barbizon. Reference letters were required, preferably from a clergy, and I remember my mother wondering why the same Renoir print appeared above the tiny bed in every room we were shown. Women could not wear slacks, even young female guests, and no men were allowed in rooms, even one's father. The only celebrity residents of whom I was aware were Joan Crawford's daughters. Each morning I walked from 63rd and Lexington to the Time/Life Building in Rockefeller Center to work as a secretary in an advertising agency. Only young men were copywriter trainees. After five months, I moved to an apartment with a college classmate, and a few years later, with an M.A. in English, I moved to Massachusetts to study for my Ph.D."

Condolences: Sadly, we share the deaths of two classmates and extend sympathy to their families.

**Kathleen Higham Ruggiero** passed away on April 23, 2021. She made East Windsor, NJ, her home for the last 48 years. She worked at Educational Testing Service (ETS) and as the Assistant Registrar at Rutgers University before leaving her career to devote herself to her family and the family business, Ben's

Shoe Repair. After her children were grown, she rediscovered her management talents at Roper ASW until retiring in 2007. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Biagio, four children, five grandchildren, a brother, sister and extended family.

**Reva Melnick Berger** passed away on February 27, 2021. Reva followed her Naval husband wherever he would sail, later moving to Scotch Plains, NJ, where they raised their family. Reva enjoyed hosting family and friends, including for many Seders and celebrations. She was an entrepreneur during most of her professional life, incorporating artistic talents while creating costume jewelry and home design. She also became a top realtor. She was involved in her community, where she helped found one of the first domestic violence shelters in New Jersey and a local Jewish Community Center. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Gene, two children and grandchildren, and a large extended family.

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It seems classmates are just beginning to come out of hibernation, some back to work and play and some to formally retiring and considering their Act Two.

**Ann Rappoport Rosenberg** had gone to grad school in her fifties and became a licensed clinical social worker. She worked as a therapist for ten years but then found it difficult to sustain continuity when she began to spend winters at her condo in Florida. Now she keeps up with her four children and 15 grandchildren. Happily, a son and daughter live across the street from each other in New Rochelle where she can visit with seven of them. Ann's other

two sons and families live in Jerusalem, where they are raising the remaining eight. Occasionally she stays in touch with **Carolyn Kristol** who keeps promising to come visit the next time she is near Exit 4 on the New Jersey Turnpike. As for Carolyn, from her home in Fort Lee, she observed the drastic change in traffic during the pandemic. Carolyn decided to formally retire from her law practice last December and was looking forward to getting out more as COVID restrictions ease. But although retired, she occasionally will handle some things for former clients.

### **Arlene Silverman**

**Handler** formally retired some 11 years ago. She was with the New York Attorney General's office for 17 years and then a judge for 24 years. In her spare time she had taken up golf and resumed playing bridge. She coped somewhat this past year by playing bridge weekly online. When she married, she found her husband had a place in the country in Pennsylvania and they began to split their time between NYC and Pennsylvania. Arthur has just retired so she expects to be playing more golf in the country. She looks forward to attending some class reunions in person! In the "small world" department, Arlene mentioned a first cousin of Arthur had graduated with us, **Elayne Rosenberg Grenstan Galin**. So I asked Elayne what was happening. She explained that she married shortly after college and moved to the Detroit area. Unfortunately her husband passed away relatively young. Ultimately, Elayne married again, and about ten years ago, again became a widow. Today she keeps up her membership in her synagogue and has begun thinking of moving back east to be closer to her two children, one in Massachusetts, the other in Kentucky.

Last year **Kathy Taylor** never did get back to Cape Cod

from Florida. However she was able to paint twice a week with another relocated snowbird and even able to enter three Massachusetts art shows remotely. Kathy says she also watched lots of Zoom programs and lectures. She looks forward to returning to Falmouth.

**Ann Silverstein Chodash** writes that her husband Barry passed away in April, 2020, after a long battle with cancer. They had been happily married for over 50 years. She says she is now doing well. And when we chatted we discussed her "Act Two." Some years ago, when working as an artist, Ann had some one-person shows in NY. Now she is getting back to her creative side, writing poetry, playing the piano, and doing Tai chi. Her focus is spirituality and working to a higher consciousness in order to become a spiritual teacher. (Her model is Eckhard Tolle, a spiritual teacher and best-selling author.) Helping with this has been exposure to online dating (she's really enjoying the experience) and meeting those with different backgrounds and religious beliefs. As I've always been single, we had a fun conversation.

On Facebook **Barbara Zimmerman** posted a picture of her two good-looking grandchildren, Jack and Grace. Jack just graduated from Seton Hall Prep and plans to attend Lehigh, his mother Jessie's alma mater. Grace graduated from Cuthbertson High School in Waxhaw, NC, and plans to study Interior Design at Central Piedmont Community College. Barbara herself is looking forward to a delayed St Peters High School reunion to be shared with **Shelia Herbert** and **Stephanie Strassner Frank**. No, she says she is not riding her motorcycle to this.

Condolences: In the "sad news" department, **Marilyn Hochheiser Sapiro** passed away in 2019. We'd spoken some years ago when she was

still working for the State of New Jersey as a speech and hearing specialist and enjoying her work, but fearing she might be asked to retire. She is survived by a son and family in California.

We also offer condolences to **Katherine Steel Schroder** whose husband John passed away this past April.

**Ginny Moravek** passed away in December, 2020. Ginny was an accomplished pianist and had a career in music education spanning 47 years, 37 spent in Edison Township public schools. She was an active leader in choral associations and her school choirs excelled in competitions throughout the United States and Canada, as well as performed at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center. Ginny received many awards not only for her superior choirs but also for her meritorious service in music education. Among these, she received the Master Teacher Award in 2002.

### **'65**

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I have a few updates to share. We celebrated our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion in June at the virtual AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend, which was double the celebration because Reunion was not held in 2020 due to the pandemic.

**Judith Hirsch Paul** shares an update. She majored in Spanish, French and Italian at Douglass, which, after graduation, led her to KLM in advertising. She moved from New York to San Francisco, where she lived for 25 years. She married at age 51 and enjoyed a lot of travel. When her husband was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, they moved to North Carolina. After he died, Judy moved to Vero Beach, FL, where she now enjoys lots of sun.

Once again, **Judy Shapiro** directed the youth in her Synagogue in the play, "Muppets Mitvah Mystery: A Musical Revue by Brotherhood Synagogue." She has carried out this labor of love for the last 16 years. For the last two years, the play has been entirely done via Zoom, with the kids performing in their homes. She writes that she is now getting into movie production and to stay tuned. Here is a link to the show: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vakdTGXSe0I&t=82s>

After graduation, **Karen Andersen Coghlan** worked in the public relations office at Upsala College before doing some substitute teaching while living in Michigan for several years with her first husband. After returning to New Jersey, she became a supervisor at the Bergen County Welfare Board, then went to New York Tel and AT&T, which she left as a district manager. The last 20 years of her career was with an architectural and environmental consulting company in New York, doing public involvement for state and federal clients. The EPA and US Navy were among the firm's key environmental clients. She says that providing public involvement to support the EPA during its PCBs assessment of the 200-mile Hudson River Superfund site was among the most rewarding projects she worked on. Her Navy work took her as far as Hawaii and Guam. Karen and second husband, Vince, have been married for 46 years. She has five step-daughters, two sons-in-law, six grandchildren, one-great-granddaughter and two step-great-grandchildren. She and Vince have traveled a lot and are now retired in Florida.

Condolences: Sadly, we share the death of **Pamela Kraft**, who died on March 14, 2021. Her obituary, "Pamela Kraft, 77, Dies: Arts Magnet and Champion of Indigenous Rights," was published in *The*

*New York Times* on May 7, 2021. The Pamela Kraft Memorial Fund has been developed to celebrate her life and to help realize the vision of her as Tribal Link Foundation's Founder and its long-time Executive Director. We offer our condolences to her family and friends.

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I hope this edition of our class notes finds you doing well this fall. I gathered input from some of our classmates in May and hope to receive more notes for our December 15 class notes deadline.

Let me temporarily "doff the hat" of Class Secretary and "don le beret" of my role as Chair of our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee. Yes, we will be celebrating another milestone in June 2022, hopefully in person on campus! ("Just in case", I attended the virtual celebration of the 2021 Reunion this past June. The activities planned by the milestone classes and brought to fruition with the wonderful help of the AADC staff. I chatted with **MaryLou Fenili** and saw **Carol Trovato** online!)

Members of our Reunion Planning Committee are: **Janet Redemann Sage, Susan Lipton Malin, Ruth Henn Krosin, Diane Alberti Gallo, Nancy Bell Hohnstine, Carol M. Trovato and Phyllis Koczela Wolfe.** By the time you read this column, we will be in the throes of the planning process. If you'd like to join our group, please let me know.

Reunion 2022, scheduled for June 10-11, also marks the AADC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Proud

History to Bright Future! Events to honor this milestone have been and will be ongoing since, culminating with a grand celebration coinciding with our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Check your email or the AADC website for 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary updates and news about the Gala celebration!

All that having been said, here comes the news from our classmates:

**Janet Redemann Sage**

hopes to see us all, whether live or virtual at our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion. She thanked those of us on the executive committee without whose encouragement she would never have survived the darkest and brightest hours of our term of office. While facing challenges of one kind or another, one of Janet's favorite pastimes has resumed: singing Karaoke! She hopes each of you has been able to resume whatever activities give you joy during the summer months and that we'll remain healthy as fall begins.

**Elaine Auerbach** spent most of the pandemic period working on her latest book. *Dirty Linen: How Women Sued the Reader's Digest and Changed History* was to be published by Wildcat Press during the summer. Elaine and eight other women sued the publishing giant for sexual discrimination in the 1970s. Former Douglass Professor Christine Downing read the proof and provided this quote for the book cover: "This is truly a mythic heroine's journey, intertwining the story of the lawsuit with an intimate account of the author's own early naiveté, ongoing hesitations, and her life as a daughter, wife and mother, above all, communicating that this was a collaborative journey, not a solitary one." Elaine also managed to do some hiking at Joshua Tree National Park in between sessions on the computer.

News from **Holly Elissa Bruno** included information about her livestreamed,

interactive program, *Happiness is Running Through the Streets to Find You: Translating Trauma's Harsh Legacy into Healing.* This program is aired Monday afternoons via the ActiveChildhood UK Facebook page. She invited classmates to tune to hear and share thoughts about turning difficult times into meaningful moments.

**Jane Schwanwede**

**Cowan** wrote from North Carolina that she and Archie had spent the long months during the shutdown, ricocheting back and forth from the Raleigh area to the beach, and appreciating a change of scene whenever possible. They took their first road trip in April to Mississippi where they enjoyed the Gulf Coast and Cajun food. June enjoyed a grandson's graduation and seeing family for the first time while at the beach. She sent wishes for her classmates' ongoing safety!

We extend condolences to **Barbara Poti Crooker**, whose husband, Richard "Dick" M. Crooker, passed away on April 30, 2021, after a lengthy illness. Further information is available on the site of Keller Funeral Homes, Fogelsville, PA.

**Susan Talmadge Skheel**

writes that she had a lovely Memorial Day weekend with our classmate **Virginia "Ginny" Gardner Moll** and her husband. They visited both the newly opened and renovated Philadelphia Museum of Art on a rainy day and the glorious Longwood Gardens on a beautiful sunny day!

In mid-May, **Diane Alberti Gallo** shared her relief that we were beginning to see the light at the end of the COVID tunnel. She expressed sadness at the way people throughout the world were still suffering with this horrible virus. She and her husband were able to visit outdoors with their grandson, daughters and their families, cousins and neighbors. She

admitted that being isolated for so long had turned her into a bit of an introvert, and that she was just getting her extrovert "sea legs" back! Her grandson is now three and the bright spot in her life. They FaceTime regularly, and it was so wonderful to see him growing in all ways. And, of course, "He's smart as a whip!" Diane's comment about our 2022 Reunion was a shout out "hopefully, we'll all be healthy and ready to party in person in 2022 and I look forward to seeing everyone then!"

When I shared my news about a jaunt to the Montclair Presby Iris Garden, **Nancy Bell Hohnstine** mentioned that she'd always wanted to visit this lovely spot. A theme arose when she referred to the fact that she is a member of Grounds for Sculpture, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Garden Conservancy, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and Rutgers Gardens! At the time when she wrote, Nancy H. was planning a June trip to Stratton, VT, with a side trip to the Gardener's Supply Company in Williston, VT. Yes, Nancy, I felt sharing your interest in gardens is newsworthy!

**Ruth Henn Krosin** and I chatted in late May as she was preparing to head back to D.C. after spending the winter in Florida. They enjoyed the relative freedom in warm weather to sit outside at restaurants, participate in water aerobics (golf for her husband). Participating in virtual activities in Washington, D.C., kept Ruth feeling connected.

I've also been in touch with **Susan Lipton Malin.** She lives near the Mario Cuomo Bridge (formerly Tappan Zee Bridge) in Nyack, NY. This was a small empty-nest move from Bergen County where she and her husband had been before. She continues to keep in touch with friends from Bergen County. She has wonderful memories of past years at the Iris Garden in

Montclair! Susan is beginning to think about touring other gardens, open air and accessible, in her vicinity or northern New Jersey!

**Carol Trovato** recently relayed contact information for some of our classmates, so I've added them to my limited list. If any of you has contacts for some of those with whom you've stayed in touch, I'd love to have you forward the information to me!

Note: A letter regarding our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion gathering in 2022 will be sent via the AADC to the entire list of classmates. If you need to update your contact information, please contact the Alumnae Office!

I had a lovely conversation with **Phyllis Koczela Wolfe** after she volunteered to serve on the reunion planning committee. She shared news that she, her husband and extended family of 80+ relatives had escaped virus hazards! While my family is small in size, Phyllis and I both share gratitude for the blessing of our family's health! She and Bill took two lovely outdoor day trips during the pandemic: one to the Grounds for Sculpture outside Trenton and the other to Space Farms in Sussex County. She highly recommends both sites!

On a sad note, I received belated news of the passing of our classmate **Maryjane La Chac Thompson** of Providence, RI, on September 30, 2013. She battled breast cancer and is survived by her husband, Olin Thompson Jr., her daughter Amanda Thompson, her son Olin Thompson III and three grandsons.

At the moment of my composing this Class Notes column, I (**Nancy Schumann**) have managed to get through the many months of being isolated thanks to the access I've had to friends and family across the country via phone! Do you remember the ad "*Reach out and touch*

*someone?*" I'm sure some of you can name the product being "sold" way back then. Was it Hallmark or the Bell Telephone Company?

Seriously, I had wonderful life-saving phone conversations with the following classmates during my time of solitary confinement: **Peggy Smith, Cheryl Masingill, Eleanor Rand Giovanielli, Ellen Fischer, Jane Schwanwede Cowan, Kathryn Bloom, and Maryann Langen**. Fortunately, these carried me beyond my walls. I also stayed in touch with friends from other walks of life, but the Douglass chats were special!

More solitary activities have been reading, jigsaw and crossword puzzles, coloring and listening to the classical music on WQXR. Bi-weekly visits with roomie **Peggy Smith** and her husband Bill were also essential to maintaining balance in my life! Increasing outings for lunch, family visits, etc. have been a blessing! One of the first events I attended was an outdoor guitar concert at The Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Asbury, Warren County! This was the last of a series of performances during the Raritan River Music Festival in the spring! It was really cold out, but the music raised the spirit of all those gathered to hear the tango music! On that note, literally, I will bid you all farewell, hoping that as many of you as possible will be gathering in June 2022 to celebrate our 55<sup>th</sup> and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AADC!

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**Dianne Mills McKay** serves as Member of the AADC Board of Directors and recently became Chair of the AADC's mentoring

program and was elected to serve on the AADC Nominating Committee.

**Carol McClure Sanzalone** recently exhibited some of her colorful paintings in Lambertville, NJ. The joint show called "Creating Joy" was on display at the Artists' Gallery. Carol notes on the Gallery's website, "My creative spirit is inspired by images I encounter in the Delaware Valley and beyond. When I am painting, or considering a subject, I am always involved in considering the beauty and unique graphic quality of the color patterns and textures on the image."

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About 50 of our classmates participated in the virtual AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2021 in June to celebrate our 50th Reunion and induction into the Vanguard Fifty Society, together with the Class of 1971. Our Class President **Rocki Cademartori Lorenc '70** welcomed us to the ceremony. Congratulations to **Sheila Kelly Hampton**, our Class Vice President, who received the Vanguard Service Award at Reunion. Classmates reconnected and reminisced at our breakout session "Sharing Memory Lane." **Alice Herman** was the keynote speaker at Convocation. Everyone who participated had a wonderful experience.

We hope to celebrate next year in person at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend to be held June 10 and 11, 2022. We will join the procession into Voorhees Chapel. Save the date!

Condolences: Sadly, we share the death of **Tamara Bezsoniw Bauman** on December 17, 2020. A resident of East Greenville, PA, she was a Special Education teacher in the Upper Perkiomen, PA, School District for 30 years.

Our sympathy goes out to husband Jeffrey, son Bryan and daughter Stacy, as well as the rest of her family.

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Thank you to **Jean Lindsay Mervine** for serving as our most-recent class secretary. As always, Our Class Vice President **Karen Gustavsen** organized so much of our reunion, so well. Karen made it possible for our class to order a great class scarf for Reunion. About 70 of our classmates participated in the virtual AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend in June to celebrate our 50th Reunion and induction into the Vanguard Fifty Society. We shared the spotlight with the Class of 1970.

Class President **Martha Boughner** welcomed us to the ceremony and later to our Class of 1971 virtual gathering. It was great to see so many of our classmates and to hear about what everyone is doing, whether in their careers or retirement. We had people tune in via Zoom from New Jersey to Montana to California. It was great!

**Fredda Klein Sacharow**, a freelance journalist, met **Kay Turner** at our Reunion class gathering and later did a story about Kay's work in Brooklyn. Kay spearheaded a community memorial wall to honor those who lost their lives to COVID-19. Fredda's piece was published in *Rutgers Today*.

After we shared the death of **Dr. Mary Ann Jensen**, who died in December 2020, we received a note from her husband Peter about the enduring friendships she made at the Douglass Spanish House during her student days and her many achievements. He writes, "Mary Ann, **Allyson Zeman Speier**, and **Ramona 'Mona' DeJonghe Sappio** met

as students in the Spanish House at Douglass in the fall of 1969 and graduated together as Spanish majors in 1971. They developed a lifelong bond and referred to themselves fondly as the 'three chicas.'

In addition to her Douglass degree, Mary Ann earned an M. Ed and Ed. D. at the Graduate School of Education and was the director of the Office of Psychological Services at Douglass at the office on Nichol Avenue until she retired in 2011. She was an advisor to a number of graduate students, predominantly women, in their doctoral programs and who went on to serve in counseling offices at other educational institutions. She was also a fan of the Rutgers Glee Club in which I sang over four years as an undergrad and enjoyed many of the concerts. We were married in Kirkpatrick Chapel in 1972 and our three children all earned Rutgers College degrees, as well as some advanced degrees at Rutgers."

Condolences: Sadly, we share the death of **Inovelía (Ino) Tamargo Sowder** on May 25, 2021, in Annandale, NJ. She passed away just as our class was about to celebrate Reunion. We have also learned of the passing of **Joanne Stern Burke** on January 10, 2021, in Georgia, and **Marianne Wilkes Drake** on November 21, 2015, in New Jersey. Sympathy of the class is extended to their loved ones.

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**Tina B. Gordon** has been named into the AADC 2021 Society of Excellence and will be inducted at the AADC virtual ceremony in November. Tina is being honored as a retired Public Relations Executive and as a longtime AADC Leader, including as a former two-term

president of the AADC Board of Directors and Vice President of Marketing and Communications. She was elected to serve as Secretary and began her term in July. In addition, Tina is spearheading the new AADC 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary "Legacy of Leaders Series" published on the AADC website.

Our class will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Vanguard Reunion at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend on June 10-11, 2022. We will be inducted into the AADC Vanguard Fifty Society at the Vanguard Luncheon. It is a special time as the AADC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Proud History to Bright Future, coincides with Reunion 2022. Stay tuned for more information about Reunion and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Gala that will be held on June 11. Mark your calendars and save the date!

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**Michele Hudgins Ozumba** has been named to the AADC 2021 Society of Excellence for her work in Executive Leadership, Advocate for Women's Education; Racial and Social Justice; and Women-led Philanthropy. She will be honored and inducted at the AADC virtual ceremony in November.

**Dr. Linda Caldwell Epps**

was awarded a Doctor of Humanities honorary degree from Princeton University at its 2021 Commencement in May. She has devoted her professional life over more than 40 years to the advancement of cultural and educational institutions in New Jersey and beyond. Linda is CEO of 1804 Consultants. At the AADC, she is a dedicated leader as Vice President of Development on the AADC Board of Directors. She was inducted into the AADC Society of Excellence in 2014.

**Karen McLane Torian**

received a 2021 New Jersey Women of Achievement Award in August. The award is sponsored by the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC and Douglass Residential College.

We extend sympathy to **Jewel Thompson-Chin** and her husband Glen and family on the death of her daughter Sidoney Marie Chin on April 11, 2021. Sidoney was surrounded by her loving parents and close friends when she died at the age of 31 of a rare and unanticipated illness. She resided in Edgewater, NJ, and was an Associate Director of Human Resources for the Guggenheim Foundation and Museum in New York City for the past six years. Among the outpouring of condolences was from **Inez Philips Durham '57**, Jewel's godmother and the person responsible for Jewel's decision to attend Douglass. Classmate **Deborah Hipkins**, was Sidoney's godmother and shares, "I have wonderful memories of the summer spa visits Sidoney and I shared on Martha's Vineyard. Since she is my only godchild and our birthdays are one day apart, what better way to celebrate. I will always cherish those times we had to catch up with each other and share our thoughts and visions for the future. Our sweet Sidoney has begun her eternal future and I miss her."

'74

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**Ruth Toni Armstead** was elected to a second term serving as a Member of the AADC Board of Directors. Toni was also elected to serve on the AADC Nominating Committee.

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**Kathleen Whitehead Ludwig** will be inducted into the AADC 2021 Society of Excellence in November in recognition of her work as a Public Health Advocate and Educator, Lead Donor of Ludwig Global Village Living Learning Center at Douglass, and Philanthropist.

**Margaret Gills** received a 2020 New Jersey Women of Achievement Award in August at a double presentation of awards for 2020-2021. The award is sponsored by the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC and Douglass Residential College. The ceremony had been delayed for a year due to the pandemic.

**Virginia Apelian** shares that her memoir is online on her website at [apelian.wordpress.com](http://apelian.wordpress.com).

'76

Denise K. Busby  
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Our classmate New Jersey Supreme Court **Justice Jaynee LaVecchia**, announced in March that she will retire from the bench at the end of the court's current term. After serving for 21 years, she became the longest-serving female Justice in the state's history. She has authored notable opinions on issues as varied as school funding and the right to privacy. Justice LaVecchia, an AADC Society of Excellence member, has celebrated with her class at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend and other events.

On a personal note, I, **Denise Busby**, completed my term in June as a Member of the AADC Board of Directors and on the Nominating Committee. It is always a pleasure to be involved and to serve on a committee!

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**Elena Anastasiou Rossi** served as Chair of the 2021 AADC Reunion Planning Committee, helping host the first-ever virtual AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend in June. Planning has begun for Reunion 2022. She invites all alumnae to get involved and celebrate at Reunion on June 10-11, 2022. We will also celebrate the AADC's 100th Anniversary: Proud History to Bright Future, culminating in a Gala on June 11.

'79  
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In addition to serving as Co-Chair of the AADC 100th Anniversary Committee, **Debra Lynch** was elected to serve as the Vice President of Alumnae Relations on the AADC Board of Directors for a two-year term that began July 1. She encourages all to get involved and celebrate as we countdown to our momentous milestone in June 2022. Visit our website to learn about upcoming events and programs  
[www.douglassalumnae.org/aad-c-100th-anniversary/](http://www.douglassalumnae.org/aad-c-100th-anniversary/)

Debra succeeds classmate **Karen Lynch** as the most-recent VP of Alumnae Relations. Previously, Karen was Chair of Alumnae Engagement on the AADC Board of Directors. Karen is also a member of the 100th Anniversary Planning Committee.

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Class Vice President **Dr. Jocelyn D. Briddell**, who hosted a virtual gathering last spring to help us plan our 40th Reunion, says thanks to all who joined us to celebrate! Our class gathered on Saturday morning at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend to connect. We also enjoyed the virtual Reunion Convocation ceremony and afternoon activities. We were joined by classmate **Valerie L. Anderson**, who celebrated her 10th anniversary as AADC Executive Director in March. Class officers elected at Reunion are: **Jocelyn D. Briddell**, Vice President; **Mary Elizabeth Donnelly**, Alumnae Council Representative; **Randi S. Greenberg**, Secretary; and **Paula Schnorbus**, Historian.

Congratulations to **Jocelyn**, who recently became Assistant Director of the Richard. A. Henson Honors Program at University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

**Linda Swenton Naselli** was elected to serve as a Member of the AADC Board of Directors. Linda is an active alumna who has played a role behind the scenes and on screen at AADC events hosted on Zoom, including the Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt '42

Workplace and Professional Development Symposium.

**Bertha Aiken** completed her term in June serving on the AADC Nominating Committee. We also offer condolences to Bertha on the recent passing of her mother.

Our sympathy is extended to **Julie Johnson Thick** and her family on the death of her husband of 37 years, Robert, who passed away on May 30, 2021.

Condolences: Sadly, we share the passing of classmates and extend sympathy to their loved ones.

**Maureen Kenny Savidge** died on May 27, 2021.

**Raffaella L. Losa** died on March 26, 2021. Born in Toronto, Canada, she lived in North Brunswick before moving to Milltown 10 years ago. She worked for Utica National Insurance Company for over 15 years, was a member of Business Marketing International and served as a regional president.

We also recently learned of the death of **Claudia K. Kaminski** on November 2, 2018.

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'84  
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**Dolores Ijames Bryant** most recently served as a Member of the AADC Board of Directors, completing her term in June. You may have seen her on Zoom during AADC Awards Ceremony in the spring, where she served as Emcee. She is serving as Chair of the AADC Nominating Committee and is Alumnae Council Representative for her class.

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**Catherine Larranaga Theil** had a first career in health care and is currently an educator – two essential, front line fields that have been so appreciated during the pandemic.

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We will celebrate our 35th at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2022 next June 10-11. It is also a special time as the countdown has begun for the AADC's 100th anniversary: Proud History to Bright Future in June. In addition to Reunion, we look forward to the 100th anniversary Gala on June 11, 2022.

'88  
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I was hoping to receive an influx of notes from my 1988 Classmates, owing to the isolating circumstances related to the pandemic and the rise in communicating via Zoom, texts, emails, and social media. I would truly welcome you reaching out to me via email or Instagram. I would love to hear from you and know that you are well and safe.

We share news that **Cheri Beasley**, formerly Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, announced her candidacy for the US Senate in the spring. She was the first African American woman elected to serve as Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. She was inducted into the AADC Society of Excellence in 2015 and the Rutgers African American Alumni Alliance Hall of Fame in 2013.

The Honorable **Robin Ransom** was appointed to the Supreme Court of Missouri in May. Justice Ransom, who grew up in St. Louis, graduated with a degree in political science and sociology and earned her law degree in 1991 from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law.

As for me, **Marianne Ficarra**, it has been a year filled with many losses of friends (including several revered Douglass/Rutgers faculty and staff) and some family members, a few of whom died from COVID-19. We mourn and miss each one. I know many of you have experienced similar losses, and varied forms of anxiety during these unprecedented times, and would love to hear from you prior to the next publication.

Although stressed and anxious over the past year, my family and I were blessed to stay safe on both coasts and stay in touch online. Being reunited with our West and East Coast family after fifteen months, was a jubilant

occasion filled with hugs and tears.

In early winter of 2021, My husband Bob and I were fortunate to remain safe by mostly staying within the “community bubble/apartment.” We were both able to work from the Florida apartment and from our New Jersey home, as well. Bob is still working part-time in fabric sales, and I am continuing with my Fine Art appraisal business. Our California family, Glenn, Alison and Ella, have been super careful in Los Angeles. Glenn has been writing non-stop for TV and movies (in theaters and streaming). He was part of the trio who wrote the script for *Jungle Cruise* and who wrote and directed several episodes of a film series for Apple TV on the subject of *WeWorks*, starring Anne Hathaway and Jared Leto. Our granddaughter Ella, who turned 18 in March, attended high school virtually, with the exception of the last two weeks of school where they returned to hybrid learning. She is now headed to the University of Vermont, where she has been accepted to the School of Environment and Ecology. Needless to say, we are ecstatic that she will be on the East Coast, closer to us! Our son, Chris, who heads up Viacom/CBS's Digital Marketing department, has been working virtually from home via Zoom and may return to the office later in the fall.

Wishing everyone a hopeful, safer and kinder 2022. Looking forward to hearing from my 1988 classmates.

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**Stephanie Cayne**, who is sixth grade special education teacher in New Jersey, was named as the Pine Brook School Teacher of the Year for 2020–21! Most recently, Stephanie served as Secretary

on the AADC Board of Directors.

**Natalie Jobity** delivered a dynamic keynote address at the AADC Sixth Annual Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt '42 Workplace and Professional Development Symposium. She is a certified career and business coach and brand strategist. Her keynote was titled, “Made For Influence: Four Strategies for Future Career Success.”

**'90**  
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Some of our classmates joined in to celebrate at our 30<sup>th</sup> reunion at the virtual AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend in June. I enjoyed connecting and seeing class Co-Presidents **Joan Henderson Collier** and **Sandra Sinnicki Rogan**.

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**'93**  
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**Julissa S. Germosen** recently started at a position as Director, Partner Ecosystem Development at Salesforce.

**'94**  
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**Cristina Martin Greysman**, Head of SAP on Amazon Web Services Partners- Americas, presented a workshop at the AADC Sixth Annual Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt '42 Workplace and Professional Development Symposium. Her talk about unplanned career disruptions was called “How to Get Back Up When the Rug Has Been Pulled Out from Under You.”

**'95**  
Mary Hrywna  
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**Jennifer O'Neill** was named Woman of the Year from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for her outstanding fundraising drive, a cause close to her heart.

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**Perryne LP Lokhandwala**, Found(her) of the Domestic Place, LLC, was a featured panelist in the Women's Success in the Workplace Panel Discussion at AADC Sixth Annual Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt '42 Workplace and Professional Development Symposium.

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**Evangelia (Lena) Repousis**

celebrated with classmates at virtual AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2021 events, sharing the Class of 2000 jingle: "to infinity and beyond!" She also completed her term serving as a Member of the AADC Board of Directors in June.

'01

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**Ikecia Lenese Mapp**, who is serving as Co-Chair of the AADC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, was also elected to serve as a Member of the AADC Board of Directors. Ikecia invites all alumnae and friends to get involved and celebrate as we countdown to our momentous milestone in June 2022. Visit our website to learn more about upcoming events and programs for our AADC 100<sup>th</sup>: Proud History to Bright Future. We look forward to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala on June 11.

'02

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Please send news to share. As for me, **Aimee Slabinski Linke**, I recently became Director of Human Resources at Lingraphica in Monroe, NJ, a company that helps people with speech and language

impairments improve their communication, speech, and quality of life.

Save the date! We will celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2022 next June 10-11. It is also a special time as the countdown has begun for the AADC's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary: Proud History to Bright Future in June. There will be special events and programs all year. In addition to Reunion, we look forward to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Gala on June 11, 2022.

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**Dr. Tiffany Toliver '04**, a physician, was elected to serve as a Member of the AADC Board of Directors.

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'07

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**Jennie Villa** was elected to serve on the AADC Nominating Committee. She has been a presenter at the virtual AADC Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt '42 Workplace and Professional Symposium.

We will celebrate our 15<sup>th</sup> at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2022 next June 10-11. It is also a special time as the countdown has begun for the AADC's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary: Proud History to Bright Future in June. There will be special events and programs all year. In addition to Reunion, we look

forward to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Gala on June 11, 2022.

'08

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**Mallorie Medley**, who is serving as Chair of the AADC's Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt '42 Workplace and Professional Development Planning Committee, was elected to serve as a Member of the AADC Board of Directors.

**Tynisha Coleman**, serves as a Member on the Board and in leadership roles with the Lectures Committee. She is also heading up the upcoming AADC Service Project in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, to be announced soon.

'09

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**Jean D'Amore** was elected to serve on the AADC Nominating Committee. She also serves as an Alumnae Council Representative.

**Kerri Crowley Hueftle** was named the Woodbury Junior-Senior High School 2021 Teacher of the Year (Gloucester County). She writes, "during a year where educators had to reinvent and reimagine teaching and learning with virtually no training or support. I am an impactful, talented educator with 10 years of professional experience teaching Spanish and Psychology at the K-12 and collegiate levels. I am also an expert in personalizing training for adult learners and instructional design using the ADDIE model. Currently, I am pursuing a second Master's Degree in Digital Media design with a graduate certificate in Learning Design and Technology at Harvard University."

'10

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'11

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'12

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We will celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2022 next June 10-11. It is also a special time as the countdown has begun for the AADC's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary: Proud History to Bright Future in June. There will be special events and programs all year. In addition to Reunion, we look forward to the AADC 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Gala on June 11, 2022.

**Katie Kroeper** and her husband Bryan announced the birth of their son, Liam on May 21, 2021. "Liam is an absolutely precious baby – his little coos and the faces he makes are already enough to absolutely melt our hearts and make us tear up." Her sister, **Allie Kroeper '15** is Liam's aunt.

**Valerie Weiss**, an attorney, shares, "I started a new professional adventure in June. I said goodbye to my law firm Ogletree Deakins and joined international Flavors and Fragrances (IFF) as their in-house Employment Counsel. Working at IFF has been wonderful so far! A highlight was meeting my full team in our New York headquarters. I cannot wait for what's in store."

'13

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**Amarillis (Amy) Diamond-Rodriguez**, who serves as

Chair of the AADC Pride Network, was elected to serve as a Member on the AADC Board of Directors. Her term began July 1.

**Maggie Kobilas** recently accepted a new position with Blink Charging as a Site Acquisition Manager. She is working with the company to set up electric charging stations for electric vehicles and lives in California. Previously, she worked with Tesla in the New Jersey, England and Spain, where she could apply her fluency in Spanish and Polish languages.

'14

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Class President **Gabrielle Rossi**, a founding member of The Dream Project, was featured in *The Daily Targum* at Rutgers recently. The organization helps students to engage in service and fundraising for various causes, culminating in an annual bike ride to raise awareness. She is pursuing a Ph.D. at Rutgers-Newark School of Public Affairs and Administration.

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**Kaila Boulware** opened a bookstore in New Brunswick with her husband and son in June. She shares, "Hidden Gems Literary Emporium will be the only family-owned bookstore in the town. The community already seems very excited, and we are too!"

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**Lorraine Delaney** was elected to serve in a new volunteer role. As of July, she is the Vice President of Marketing and Communications on the AADC Board of Directors for a two-year term.

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## Bunting Alumnae Notes

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to the office later in the fall. I am wishing everyone a hopeful, safer and kinder 2022. Looking forward to hearing from my Bunting sisters.

**Lorraine Delaney '18** was elected to serve in a new volunteer role. As of July, she is the Vice President of Marketing and Communications on the AADC Board of Directors for a two-year term.

Lorrie offers her condolences to the family of **Reiko Fukuyama Ohye '56**, who died on April 22, 2021. She shares, "I attended Reiko's plenary speech during my first semester at Douglass. I have never forgotten Reiko. Her profound words and lessons from that day have stayed with me ever since."

**Jean D'Amore** was elected to serve on the AADC Nominating Committee. She also serves as an Alumnae Council Representative.

**Virginia Apelian '75** shares that her memoir is online on her website at [apelian.wordpress.com.online](http://apelian.wordpress.com.online)

Condolences: We express our sympathy to the family of **Ramona Rue Truncer '81**, who died on February 28, 2021. Ramona had a diploma in professional nursing and worked for many years at Princeton Hospital, later attending Douglass to earn a degree in English Literature.

## Celebrate at Traditional & Commemorative AADC Events and Programs

### Countdown to Our Momentous 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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**Wednesday, September 29**

**Virtual AADC Class Officer Training**  
6:00 pm ET, via Zoom

**Monday, October 18**

**AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2022 Planning  
Committee Virtual Meeting**  
6:00pm ET, via Zoom

**Thursday, October 28**

**Virtual AADC 2021 L'Hommedieu Lecture: An  
Evening with Dr. Bernice A. King**  
7:00 pm ET, via Zoom

**Saturday, November 6**

**Virtual AADC Fall Alumnae Council**  
8:30 am ET, via Zoom

**Sunday, November 7**

**Virtual AADC 2021 Society of Excellence Induction  
Ceremony, 1:00 pm ET, via Zoom**  
Honorees Tina B. Gordon '72, Kathleen Whitehead  
Ludwig '75 and Michele Hudgins Ozumba '73

**Upcoming 2021 & 2022  
AADC Alumnae Travel**

**Morocco: Land of Enchantment, Nov. 12-21, 2021**

**Egypt: Legends of the Nile, Jan. 25-February 5, 2022**

**Iberian Treasures: Undiscovered Spain & Portugal,**  
June 22-July 3, 2022 – This is a special Post-AADC  
100th Anniversary Trip

**Greece: Athens & Kalamata, October 14-23, 2022**

**Swiss Alps & The Italian Lakes, July 13-22, 2022**

*Visit our website for more information, including our  
travel vendor's recent "AHI Cancellation Fee  
Announcement." Please note the AADC and AHI Travel  
continue to monitor the status of the pandemic and all  
trips are subject to change in line with health guidelines  
and the safety of travelers. Visit [aadc.ahitravel.com](http://aadc.ahitravel.com).*

**AADC 100<sup>th</sup>: Proud History to Bright Future**

In addition to our fall programs and events, the 100th Anniversary Planning Committee is pleased to share some highlights thus far of upcoming spring events and programs as we recognize our Proud History to Bright Future! For the latest anniversary planning updates, visit [www.douglassalumnae.org/aadc-100th-anniversary](http://www.douglassalumnae.org/aadc-100th-anniversary):

**Legacy of Leaders Series** published online thru June 2022, our series highlights the impact of volunteer leaders during our first century. [www.douglassalumnae.org/aadc-legacyofleaders/](http://www.douglassalumnae.org/aadc-legacyofleaders/)

**Service Project** focused on women and honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, to be announced

**AADC Annual Zagoren Lecture**, featuring an alumna as our speaker, to be announced, March 2022

**AADC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Women's Conference**, with special workshops and keynote speaker to be announced, Spring 2022

**AADC Festival for Alumnae, Family & Friends**, featuring family fun for all, details to be announced, Spring 2022

**AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2022 Heralding the 50th Reunion Vanguard Class of 1972 & classes ending in 2s and 7s**, June 10-11, 2022

**AADC Alumnae Awards Ceremony** will be hosted during Reunion Weekend

**AADC Recognizes Day of Official 100th Anniversary**, June 10, 2022

**AADC 100th Anniversary Gala**, featuring dinner, dancing and more, hosted at the New Brunswick Hilton Hotel, June 11, 2022

**Post-AADC 100th Anniversary Trip to Spain & Portugal**, June 22-July 3, 2022

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For updates and to register go to [www.douglassalumnae.org/event-registration](http://www.douglassalumnae.org/event-registration)

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend**  
**June 10-11, 2022**

We will herald the Class of 1972 on its  
50th Vanguard Reunion and Milestone Classes  
ending in 2s and 7s.

All alumnae are invited to celebrate this  
special time as we mark the  
AADC's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Proud History to Bright Future.

Take part in special events, including  
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**Mission:**

The AADC is an independent 501 (c ) (3) organization. The AADC develops and promotes connections among Douglass alumnae by providing programs, services, networks and life-long learning opportunities that represent the interests and needs of our diverse alumnae. The AADC provides prudent stewardship of the Douglass Fund and other endowed funds held by the AADC for the benefit of Douglass; distributions from these funds contribute financial support to Douglass and her students.



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