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Fall 2023 AADC Class Notes

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Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt continues to share her ideas as the benefactor of the AADC Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt Workplace and Professional Development Symposium. The AADC hosted the eighth annual symposium on September 23.

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The Class of 1944 will mark its 80th milestone reunion at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2024, celebrated on campus on June 7-8.

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The Class of 1949 will mark its 75th milestone reunion at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2024, on June 7-8.

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Condolences to **Irene Dale Goldfarb** on the passing of her husband Sam on August 21, 2023. They were longtime residents of Princeton, NJ, and married for 72 years. Sam graduated from Rutgers, where he met Irene on a blind date. Together with Irene, Sam was

a supporter of the AADC and a familiar face at some events. He was named a Loyal Son of Rutgers. Surviving are three daughters, including Ruth Koizim '73, a son, three grandchildren and an extended family.

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Exciting trips seem not to be our lot in life these days and we are pretty much on memory lane centered on classmates of whose deaths we have recently learned.

Teresa Gualtieri Karutz was born in Atlantic City and died there on February 3, 2022. In 1949 she was crowned Miss Atlantic City by visiting celeb Frank Sinatra, winning a scholarship which she used at NJC, spending three years with us as a member of our class. She married in 1953, moved to Connecticut, had two sons, and after a divorce created a career for herself, first in fashion publication and subsequently as associate producer of Art Linkletter's tours of military bases for seven years. She then went into commercial real estate and began taking law school courses, finishing in 1980 in the first graduating class of the University of Bridgeport Law School and licensed to practice in Connecticut and Pennsylvania. but not New Jersey. She married again in Connecticut, but when that ended, she

moved back to Atlantic City where she was a paralegal. Teresa is survived by her two sons and their wives, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Margaret Price Riesz, a History-Education major, died December 9, 2022, in Fairfax County, VA. where she and George Riesz (a Princetonian whom she met on a blind date set up by Ann Hardiman) had been living since 1989 when George retired from Bell Labs. The couple lived largely in New Jersey and Maggie became a National Park Ranger in the Sandy Hook Interpretive Division. The move to the Washington, D.C. area provided many opportunities to volunteer at the Smithsonian Museum.

Joyce Pommer Tobenkin, a Mathematics major at NJC, died February 8, 2023, in Walnut Creek, CA. She and her husband, Myron, a pharmacist (who died in 2011) had lived in Contra Costa County since 1956. Joyce is survived by a daughter and a son and two grandsons.

Geraldine Moreland Brockett died April 8, 2023. Gerry was a Library Science-English major at NJC and a Cooper captain. She married Fred soon after graduation and after his service in the Army, they moved to Doylestown, PA, and Gerry worked or volunteered in a number of local or church libraries. Gerry suffered from rheumatoid arthritis for more than 60 years but always maintained a positive attitude.

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We celebrated our 70th Reunion at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2023 in June.

Sarah Alexander Hoogheem shares, "I was able to pursue a career in teaching, have an active retirement of 32 years and counting, but most of all, I met wonderful women who became close and cherished friends to this day."

Mary Rooney Byrne shares the passing of a classmate and friend. She writes, "My dear friend **Norma Marston Hockenjos**, died peacefully on January 24, 2023, following a stroke. She resided in Westfield, PA, for over 57 years, where she raised her family and was active in the First United Methodist Church of Westfield and was a retired deacon."

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Hi all! We all know about "bucket lists," things to do and



**AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2023
Class of 1953
70th Reunion - Friday, June 2, 2023**

Front row, from left: Elizabeth Lewis Kelton, Claire Lehmann Stang, Kathleen Warnsdorfer Stout.

Second row, from left: Joan Steiner Colasante, Maryjane Beck Weideli, Mary Rooney Byrne, Sarah "Sally" Alexander Hoogheem.

places to see when you are still able to enjoy them, but I'm developing a few "wish I had" notes. I became interested in an Ancestry Project last year, and it didn't take me long to wish I had asked my grandmother more questions. My parents and I lived with her from my early childhood until I was 21 and left home to marry Nick. She was the essence of family history, a natural storyteller, and I absorbed a lot about her early life and other family members, but I wish now I had asked her more specific questions. My husband and I are both dealing with mobility issues, so when it's time to take our 12-year-old miniature poodle Jazzy for her necessary walks, I wish I had taught her to use our indoor plumbing. We have lived in the same house for over 60 years, so you all know what's coming next. I wish I had disposed of more of our treasures years ago. Trying to lighten the load by sorting it into "quote" trash, donations and so-precious-I-must-keep-it piles is not easy.

Most 1957 classmates have moved several times and have already gone through this process, but I've been late to the party, so it's big on my "wish I had" list.

All of us in the class of 1957 are in uncharted territory, reaching ages we've never experienced before. Clearly the message is *carpe diem*, filling each day with whatever means most and finding joy in whatever we can do. Contact with other people, whether close friends with whom you share social history or just phoning a neighbor,

is fulfilling. Even if you haven't been in touch for a while, those shared Douglass years make conversation easy. I hadn't talked with "**Nezi**" **Inez Phillips Durham** for several months, but during our phone conversation she shared her news and her satisfaction with her new apartment space within the house she and her daughter share.

I received a note from **Anne Rodda** who is bouncing back from a mini-stroke and grateful for all the world-wide traveling she did in the past. I also heard from **Pat Mate Knox** who sent along two Douglass pins (one from 1982) for the Memorabilia Committee. So please keep in touch – with each other – with me – for we'll always share that bond of our NJC/Douglass experience.

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It was my honor and privilege to work with **Ellie vom Eigen**

Winslow, my co-president and AADC Director of Alumnae Relations Lorrie Delaney '18 in making plans for our 65th Reunion this past June. Although the number of our classmates physically present was disappointingly small, we were able to include several of you on a Zoom call. Those of us on campus participated in a lovely jazz brunch and then were able to adjourn to our own private room where we proceeded to join other classmates on Zoom. Those attending in person were **Mary Coles Arena, Sherry Weissberg Spiezle, Marie Bryan Steen, Judith Appel Werner** and myself. Joining us on Zoom were: **Mary Alice Bisbee, Vaira Pelekis Christopher, Lynn Schwartz Cooper, Bobbi Myers Kramer, Dian Keuhnelian Petty, Carole Gorsky Sherman, Sherrie Loomis Winkworth** and **Ellie vom Eigen Winslow**. We all had a chance to catch up with our lives and do some reminiscing about old times. After the session those of us physically in the Student Center went outside onto the patio to enjoy the beautiful weather and continue our reconnection. A good time was had by all who attended.

Ellie vom Eigen Winslow, although not able to attend reunion in person, was very much involved in crafting our participation. She asked me to send along the following message: "Ellen and I worked very hard to create a reunion opportunity. We were especially fortunate to work with Lorrie Delaney '18 at the AADC, who made every effort to understand and accommodate the needs of 87-year-olds scattered around the country, with greatly diminished ability to travel to New Brunswick. I turned out to be one of those but was delighted that she also arranged a Zoom meeting available to our email list. The virtual gathering turned out to be very worthwhile, and



**AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2023
Class of 1958
65th Reunion - Friday, June 2, 2023**

From left to right: Sherry Weissberg Spiegle, Ellen Miller Samuel, Mary Coles Arena, Judith Appel Werner. Inset: Marie Bryan Steen.

clearly a pattern to repeat on a regular basis. I opened the Reunion Yearbook we had compiled in celebration of our 50th reunion in 2008 and was just amazed what a great document that was. In contrast, Ellen has just compiled an updated 'In Memoriam' list which now contains 84 names and which she has distributed electronically to the class. Let her know if you did not receive yours. I had mentioned my work in founding a Pennswood Chorale, an SATB group which did not exist here. We recently held our first concert for the community and were amazed at the audience response. In the absence of enough men, I'm thinking of a sub-group of just women's voices, which those of us who sang in the Voorhees Chapel Choir will fondly recall. I continue to be very involved in the Concerts Committee. The ending of the Covid pandemic has once again opened the doors to the excellent classical music community in Philadelphia and Princeton."

I received the following from **Anne Brawer Rolbin**: "I wish I had some news to send you but at 85, things are pretty quiet. I am thankful for good

more driving, my car was donated. I play a lot of bridge, much of it online. Computers have made communication much easier."

Dian Keuhnlian Petty filled us in on her life. "I reside in Arlington, VA, near both sons and their families. We have a cottage in Maine where I spent 19 months in isolation during Covid. Every spring for the past 20 years, I return to my favorite place in Southern CA. So I spend my year in three places and I love it. I can manage domestic solo travel but have had had two rolling suitcases destroyed in transit. Balance is my issue, resulting from a mild stroke eight years ago. I continue to take weekly personal training and water aerobics classes at the "Y" and love it! I wish I was more mature when I attended college. I had had no worldly experience. Worst of all, I needed a mentor. I was just too young!"

Mary Alice Bisbee wrote: "Although most of you from New Jersey were first generation college grads and recent immigrants, my family had been here since 1634 arriving on the Good Ship Hercules from Sandwich,

health. I don't travel any more, too difficult to navigate the airports. I live in Belmont Village, a senior residence, in a nice apartment in Cardiff by the Sea, CA. It makes my kids happy to think I am safe and well fed. I miss my home but my kids didn't think it was a feasible solution any more. No

England to Sandwich, Mass. on Cape Cod. I also had aunts who had college degrees, but Yankee Farmers did not promote education much. Girls just had to be married off or become school teachers, and that was not what I wanted! Cheers!"

Phyllis Boorstein Romm thanked me for keeping in touch through this alumnae news column. She informed me of the recent passing of her husband, Alan. She still lives in NYC, but now as a widow. She wrote the following: "Alan died, five months after his 90th birthday. It was a life well lived and he is so very missed by me and our five children and 13 grandchildren." On behalf of our class, I extend sincere condolences to Phyllis and her entire family.

Judith Appel Werner wrote: "It was a special and wonderful experience to attend our 65th reunion at Douglass. It conjured up 65 years of memories of college and the life it created for me after graduation. Many thanks to Ellen and Ellie for coordinating and making it happen. It brought great sadness to me that we had so few attendees, but we were excited, proud and thrilled to be there. I am still working! And I am still getting requests to play organ for musical groups in my area, church services, accompanying choirs, etc. It is very rewarding for me as I love the great classical music of both sacred and secular genres. My only sadness is that my mother is not here to know, because it was her hairbrush on the seat of my jeans that made me practice. Campus looks a great deal the same as I remember it and the music building brought a few tears! We were lucky to attend such an excellent source of learning and I pray it is there for years to come. May each of you 1958ers stay healthy and safe."

I received this wonderful letter from **Betty (Mathis, James) Duke**: "Thank you for

the picture and the memoriam. I am so sorry I missed the opportunity to visit with the class. Dick and I are fine. With his five grandchildren and my five, we have been very busy. New great-grandchildren for Dick and two marriages of his granddaughters and college graduations on my side made for a busy travel schedule last over the last months. Daughter Christine has retired from National Children's Hospital and is now a science liaison with a pharmaceutical firm with both daughters out of college and one through an MA. With my other daughter, Lauren and her family, three generations of us will head to Australia and New Zealand to take in a few Women's World Cup soccer games and enjoy those two countries. Lauren and the three grandchildren all are experienced soccer players and son-in-law Thomas brings his lacrosse history to this athletic part of the trip. We will enjoy many other aspects of the countries during our three-week stay. I continue to teach full time in the master's program at the School of Public Policy at the University of Maryland. This spring I was surprised by a most unexpected honor recognizing my previous career as a federal government executive. I was inducted into the Government Hall of Fame in April. This was the fifth year of the Hall of Fame program. My 2023 "class" included a posthumous recognition of Thurgood Marshall, and seven other leaders like Thad Allen, who led the Hurricane Katrina recovery and the BP Gulf of Mexico clean-up, and some Defense and NASA leaders. The citation noted that while some of the over 50 members from the first five classes are well known figures like Thurgood Marshall, Tony Fauci, Secretary of State Madeline Albright, others are unsung heroes. I actually see myself not as special like most of them, but rather I am just

emblematic of the thousands who work hard and try to make a positive difference for the country. In any case, it was a terrific recognition and a wonderful opportunity for Dick and my daughters to join me for a festive gala at the National Cathedral to celebrate the event. All my best to you and to the class."

Fran Lozowick Jaffe responded to my sending the 'In Memoriam' list. I asked for some news but have not heard back from her. I wish her well.

Lucille Megerdichian Bills sent regrets that she was not able to partake in Reunion. Lu has always been very involved in our class and its activities, and her presence was missed by those of us who were involved.

Lisanne Armstrong James wrote: "Thanks for sending me the 1958 Memorial list. It is so long! Many of the class are gone. I never would have guessed that! I guess I thought I was going merrily along with health and a husband just like everyone else. What a shock that there are so few left! I am still at the Library making posters and doing general upkeep there. It is getting so busy what with more programs and now tourists (Kennebunkport, ME). My gardens are loving all this rain and may be out-distancing me. Loving this cool summer so far plus playing with a six-month old great grandson! I keep thinking many of us are still out there. Maybe not."

Marlene Applebaum Cohen reminded us that she is still living in south Florida and could not come up for Reunion. However, she mentioned that she often gets together with fellow Floridians and classmates **Barbara Podel Zitomer** and **Maxine Friedman Cahn** and they were planning to all celebrate Maxine's birthday at lunch the same week as the reunion.

The class extends condolences to **Mary Coles Arena** on the loss of her

husband Art who passed away July 29, 2022, after a long illness. Art was 88 years old. Mary and Art were married on June 28, 1958 and had three children. They have three grandchildren: Nathaniel, Elizabeth and Jacob. Nathaniel will be going off to college this fall. Mary continues to live in her Ewing, NJ, home with her son Arthur. She is continuing to collect our class memorabilia, most of which now resides with her.

The AADC received news to share with our class from **Gail Pihlblad's** husband, Barry. He shared, "Gail (GSAS'66), who earned the Douglass medal in 2002 for service to Douglass, partly as the Assistant Dean for Tradition, did me the great honor of becoming my wife (29 June 1963) and then my guide and mentor until on 24 February 2020, when she died in my arms in the Critical Care Unit of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, to whose medical school she donated her body. In her memory I have established an AADC Fellowship in her name, pledging \$1,958 annually in honor of her graduating class. I invite you to honor her memory with me in any way you feel appropriate. Thank you. - Barry Wittman"

We have received word of the passing of **Mary Anne McLean Bradford** this past January. I have no other information, but we extend condolences to her surviving family.

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Believe it or not, our 65th milestone reunion takes place at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2024, June 7-8, on campus.

This class column reports the news of the deaths of several classmates: **Gloria**

Mosca Havens (04/08/2023), **Rose Ann Borichewski Howarth** on April 4, 2023; **Irene Figarotta Pearse** on April 3, 2023; and **Lilli Vincenz** on June 27, 2023.

Each of these classmates led fulfilling lives and made the world a better place.

Irene Figarotta Pearse was born in Brooklyn and lived most of her life in Woodbridge, NJ. After graduating from Douglass, Irene earned a master's degree in history at UCLA Berkeley. For 42 years, Irene was employed as a history professor at Middlesex College in Edison; she retired in 2010. She was a member of the Woodbridge Historical Society and the Barron Arts Center.

Rose Ann Borichewski Howarth was an involved '59 classmate always willing to participate in class events. In her obituary notice in The Star-Ledger, Rose Ann is described as a "Lifelong teacher and principal, (who) created Rutgers Prep's first Pre-K program, loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother."

The obit also tells us that "After her retirement from Rutgers Prep, she returned to classrooms where she read stories to children most often using puppets to further enlighten the storytelling."

And for many years, I was the fortunate recipient of the Howarth family Holiday letter, complete with family news, and accompanied with many family photographs.

Gloria Mosca Havens and I grew up in the same town - Garwood, NJ, and so we were classmates in Garwood elementary schools and Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield. And then, we became students at Douglass and Gloria commuted by car from Garwood, while I lived on campus, so I was always assured of a ride home or back to campus if needed. Gloria was a music major, and she taught for many years in

Clark, NJ, and she also had many private piano students.

In an obituary notice in The Star-Ledger, **Lilli Vincenz** is described as "an activist who was a central - if long unsung figure in the early years of the gay rights movement."

The article continues "Dr. Vincenz devoted more than half a century to the cause of gay equality, beginning with her first courageous pickets in Washington, DC, in the 1960s, and continuing into her later years, when she acted as a keeper of the history that she and other activists had lived."

Rest in peace to our classmates.

At the funeral for Gloria Mosca Havens at St. Anne's Church in Garwood, I met up with our Douglass classmate **Alice Fargau**, a longtime friend of Gloria - and a few days later, I contacted Alice, and here is her response:

"It was good talking with you a couple of days ago, but not about the sad news of Irene's and Rose Ann's, passing. You asked me how I was spending my time these days. Well, I try to keep busy and maintain a positive outlook on life. The four piano students I have are so enjoyable to work with. A brother and sister, ages 12 and 10 respectively, are driven up from Princeton by their mother to receive piano lessons from me. I had worked with them about three years ago when they lived in North Plainfield, but when the family moved we lost contact. Out of the blue last year the mother called me and wanted me to be their piano teacher.

My neighbor next door is 10 years old and she comes over for her weekly piano lesson. She also plays the saxophone, receiving instruction at her elementary school. It is amazing how much I can learn from today's youngsters that get so much from the Internet! My sole adult student is a friend, actually she is my dentist. Having learned piano as a child she wanted to

come back to playing the piano, so we meet every other week, her work schedule permitting. My students are preparing for a recital at my home. There will be an audience of family and friends, with refreshments to top off the afternoon.

More music activities fill my days. I am an organist for a Scotch Plains church playing for their weekly Sunday service. I offered to help the church while they were looking to find a full-time organist. That hasn't happened and so my job has continued now for the past five years! The Musical Club of Westfield is an excellent community organization, made up of music teachers, concert pianists, and other professional musicians. In May, I played seven of my original piano compositions. Also, I'm a subscriber to plays at the George Street Playhouse and the Shakespeare Theatre in Madison.

Besides teaching and playing the organ I have been composing selections for church choirs, texts being supplied by a creative writer. Twice a week I go to an exercise class in Plainfield, in an attempt to keep the creaky joints and bones moving. I keep in touch with **Stacey Anastasia Carumpalos** and **Georgette LeNorth.**"

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Ruth Farb '60 was honored by First Tee of Coastal Carolinas

Ruth Farb was honored recently by the First Tee of Coastal Carolinas following a fundraising golf outing played in Murrell's Inlet, SC, for her dedication to fundraising to 12 major local organizations to support youth in golf in the Myrtle Beach/Georgetown County areas. **Donna Coulson '77** joined Ruth and friends for the event.

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Carole Yeske Wells-Desin writes: "Saima Karp Kint passed away on the last day of 2022, in Oakland, succumbing to a weakened heart from the chemotherapy she received for breast cancer twenty years ago. With her scientific background she sought every available treatment available for that as well as the Parkinson's which manifested in recent years. As expected of her exacting nature, Saima suffered no fools, often telling doctors that she knew better than they what she needed.

Sam, as many of us knew her at Douglass, took her Coopie waitress skills to the Space Needle after college and before settling in the Bay Area. She worked as a chemist for the government and took great pride in her work. She and her Estonian husband, Arne, spent as much time as possible at their Tahoe home where they loved to host and ski.

Saima and Arne never lost their passion and love for their homeland, Estonia. It permeated every bit of their lives, staying close with the emigrant community in California. After Estonia opened to visits and travel

again, she flew at least twice a year to her beloved Tallinn. For her 80th birthday, Saima celebrated in a wintry Estonia, hosting a large party for everyone she knew in the country. Sam rests with Arne in the place she called home.

Carole also shares: "Saima and I lived about 20 minutes apart in Oakland. Our bond was Douglass and New Jersey. When she settled in San Francisco, she sent me letters with glowing remarks of the beautiful city, so of course, I followed suit. She and I lived together for a year in an apartment in Berkeley before she and Arne married. In the last several years when we were both widows, we met at least twice a year for our birthdays. As she began to have difficulties, I saw her more often, trying to help her through the stages that left her impaired. She and I did not agree politically, which as you know has been tricky to navigate in some years. But our friendship went back so far and there was nothing to sunder that.

There is nothing remarkable in my life right now except the fact that I am still upright, still functioning. Having outlived two husbands and all lovers, I live alone in my home in Oakland, but near my son and his family with two boys in Berkeley. Starting family late in life, as did my son, Benjamin, I have grandchildren in elementary school! I do some volunteer work as most of us able-bodied do and use my money to support my values in the environment. My attempts to continue hiking in the Sierras (my first love after family) are fraught with sore feet and more challenges. So, I am wasting fossil fuel (until I buy an EV) with road trips to the mountains in the West. The next one steers toward Montana following the trajectory of the Nez Perce band of Natives. At my last birthday dinner, my seven-year-old grandson tapped me on the hand and

said, "Nana, I'm glad you didn't die yet." Me too, Theo."

Bernice Venable Proctor writes: "I am researching my storied ancestors who played a role in Florida's history as free men, which will be included in my manuscript. I met Valerie Scoon, Professor and Filmmaker at Florida State's Film School. She was the award-winning producer of the PBS film, "Invisible History: Middle Florida's Hidden Roots," which covered a portion of my ancestors' lives as well as a history of Florida's middle region. It won the 2021 Suncoast Regional Emmy Award, airing in May and June 2021 throughout a number of regions and nationwide.

I will also be part of a presentation sponsored by the Tallahassee Historical Society in November regarding my great-great-grandfather, Antonio Proctor [aka Propinos], who served as an Indian Agent, translator, and guide for Governor Kinnelan of the Territory of Spain in St. Augustine and for Governor Duval of the Territory of Florida at the start of the 1800's. He was also a translator during two of the Seminole Indian Wars. I was elated to learn that my family patriarch originated from Santo Domingo. Having been orphaned at a young age, I did not learn of my family history and ancestral Hispanic heritage until 2018."

Betsy Sack Brody writes: "Because I moved from New Jersey right after graduation, I was never able to participate in our class affairs and attended only a few reunions. My husband, Michael, and I are now full time Florida residents. This July we treated our three children, significant others, and three of our four grandchildren to a week's cruise on Alaska's Inland Passage. It was wonderful watching the grandkids (ages 12, 14 and 15) get along so well and our adult children enjoy each other's company! They live in different

parts of the country and so it is infrequent that they are all together.

As for me, **NJ Scheers**, my husband Frank and I live in Alexandria, VA (43 years!), and welcome any Douglass grads to come for a visit. My Ph.D. is in statistics and my career was primarily with the Consumer Product Safety Commission, a regulatory agency. While I wound up in a management role at CPSC, I continued my research interest in preventing infant suffocation deaths on soft bedding that was instrumental to the recent ban on crib bumpers, a long time coming. In retirement, I am part of a three-person statistical consulting company (BDS Data Analytics) that I organized after I retired from the Federal government – we're in our eighth year – which helps me to stay somewhat current technologically.

Our son Joshua is a physician living in Brooklyn with his wife (an Operations Manager for the Brooklyn College Cancer Center) and two daughters (ages 11, 14). Our daughter Maria, who we adopted from Colombia at age six, is a graphic designer with Army Intelligence in Charlottesville. This spring we had a lovely visit from **Joan Gibson Burnham** and her husband Doug, an engineer. They took Ubers into the museums and we spent hours talking about old times and our lives. These relationships from our college days are priceless."

Linda Stamato writes: "I had my first-ever column appear on Politico—which is published online. I continue doing what I can for the New Jersey State Policy Lab, and, finally handed over the remaining papers for my archive at Alexander Library. I'm active locally, on my local library foundation board and as a commissioner on the Parking Authority, the latter isn't something I contemplated when a student at Douglass, but it's a policy and a fiscal

challenge and central to sustaining downtowns, so consequential.

My daughter Liz is living in Ann Arbor with her three sons, one is in his third year at the University of Michigan. Middle son, Tim graduated from law school (Ohio State), and oldest son, Paul, a battery and energy expert, is also vice chair of the Young Democrats of Michigan! He may be coming to Rutgers to give a lecture! My daughter Eve is the educational programmer and much else at the Historical Society of Princeton and conducts the best tours, rivaling, in my judgment, the London Walks! If you're going to be in the area, give her a call and arrange for a walk; you won't regret it!"

Leslie Young

Harmony writes: "This May, Byron and I boarded United for a trip to Australia and New Zealand. It was the trip of a lifetime! We did fly business with the "real beds" and stayed over in LA on both legs.

Australia's climate is not ideal. Most of the country is hot and dry but very few people live in the "outback." The climate is milder close to the ocean and there are seasons. I would not mind living there—except for the snakes. (There are 18 species, and they are ALL venomous!) In Melbourne, we made the long, magnificent ocean drive, joined up with a local greeter, and saw things that most tourists do not see. After five days we joined 16 people, plus our Australian tour leader. Australia is

relatively young, with a much smaller population. New Zealand, on the other hand, has no snakes! It is absolutely beautiful with mountains, rivers, and gorgeous vegetation. The climate is also better. If this trip is on your bucket list, Go for it! And, if it's not, put it there!"

After graduating from Douglass, I spent my first year working as a cryptanalyst and using my Spanish during the Cuban crisis. I decided to switch from French to Spanish, enrolled in the Middlebury College Spanish School in Madrid, Spain, and received an M.A. in Spanish in 1964. During my year in Spain, I lived with Senorita Medina, the previous Douglass Spanish House Director. Returning to the US, I

married and taught Spanish at both the high school and college levels. Later, in 1985, with both kids in college, I obtained an M.S. degree in Speech Pathology from William Paterson University. Thinking of starting my own business, I entered NYU Graduate School of Education that Fall, ending up with my ABD (All But Dissertation) in Speech Pathology. Armed with these degrees plus my Spanish background, I became a *bilingual* Speech Pathologist, working first in hospitals and then in the Public Schools. I retired from the Paterson School District in 2010 and spent the next 10 years working for a private agency



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60th Reunion - Friday, June 2, 2023

Front row, from left: Sheila Levin Kremer, Christine Pattee, Diane Sacks Miller, Enith Kaplan Tepper, Lynne Agress, Carole Shaffer-Koros, Marie-Elaine Mackiewicz.

Second row, from left: Esther Schachter Barcun, Drusilla Cherry, Rita Arenofsky Gordon, Judy Schneiderman Mischne, Susan Barrish Claman, Linda Mines Jerrow, Bernice Fishman Feuer, Fran Ehrlich Isakoff, Eleanor Kwik Letcher, Betsy Westermaier.

Third row, from left: Barbara Fay, Susan Goldfine, Erika Pfeifer Leviant, Carolyn Seaman Emerson, Helen Blumenthal, Ruth Weinar Ross, Joyce Lauton Nestle.

Back row: Florence Morcheles Weisz.

doing evaluations until Covid intervened.

I've been married for almost 60 years to a wonderful guy, Byron, a fellow teacher. We have two children, two grandchildren, and a grand dog. Over the years, we have done a great deal of traveling but our best trip ever was our recent "bucket list" trip to Australia and New Zealand."

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We gathered for our 60th Reunion at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend in June. See our Class Photo for all the classmates who celebrated and were welcomed by Class President **Susan Goldfine** and Vice President **Betsy Westermaier** at Reunion.

Florence Morcheles

Weisz shared some of her art and also Class of 1963 memorabilia in a display at our class gathering at Reunion. Florence currently has an exhibit at the "Delaware Contemporary," in Wilmington, DE, through December.

Bernice Fishman Feuer

shares, "I am a docent at the Newark Museum of Art since I retired. My husband and I have traveled to China, and twice to India, Africa, and Israel. We have two children and four grandchildren. Our grandson, Spencer Rubin, is a student oboist at Juilliard. You can hear him on YouTube."

Karin Vroom de Waal

shares, "My husband and I drove across the country in the fall of 2022. We are very proud of our sons and daughters-in-law, and our four grandchildren, now all in their twenties. We have recently visited with second and third generation cousins in the Netherlands. I play viola with The Baroque Ensemble of the Palm Beaches and am chair of a French discussion group in Central New York."

Drusilla Cherry, MSSW, presented a workshop, "Being

Aware of Our Emotional Health," at the AADC's Eighth Annual Victoria Dabrowski '42 Professional Development and Workplace Symposium. She also celebrated with us at Reunion.

Christine Pattee

continues to host mini virtual reunions on Zoom each month on the second Tuesday at 4:00 pm. Topics covered include and range from our feelings on aging and dying, to our favorite professors and residence counselors. She invites all to join in and connect with our classmates.

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Hard to believe that we will celebrate our 60th milestone reunion! Come connect with classmates at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2024, June 7-8, on campus.

With her 13 grandchildren aged 11 to 28 spread across the country, **Enid Rose Rothman** tells me she keeps busy with travel as well as with community activities. Winters may find her in Florida with her husband of 38 years. After college and raising her children, Enid worked as a social worker as well as with seniors. Of course, now like most classmates, Enid acknowledges she herself is a senior even if she doesn't feel that way. She spent time in Washington, DC marching for pro-choice. Enid keeps up with classmates **Trudy Globus Sarver** and **Denise Rosenzweig Stieber**.

Duane DuBois Voss

updated me on how busy she has been in the twelve years since she retired from Roche. Living with her daughter, son-in-law and their two children, she helped tutor her grandchildren and taken over enough of the household duties that her daughter was able to go back to school and earn her

PharmD. After her Roche retirement Duane also enjoyed regular luncheons with her friends in the pharmaceutical industry. When Covid struck they started meeting regularly via Zoom. Now she says they continue luncheons via Zoom. Duane keeps in touch with **Kathy Taylor**. Hurricane Ian made Kathy's Florida town house uninhabitable, but Kathy has moved on - although condo fees, assessments and taxes continue. Her condo is on the market. Kathy just returned from three weeks in Italy with her sister.

Duane mentioned there were five Clifton High School graduates in our class. So I caught up with another, **Betty Skrzypczak Kenyon**. Betty says she just retired after 48 years of teaching music and choir direction, a job she loved. Last summer she enjoyed a music majors mini-reunion with **Joanne Stevenson Murray** and **Ellie Zar Elphick**. All flew into Harrisburg, PA (Betty from CT, Joanne from West Virginia, and Ellie from CA) and had a fun time recalling being part of the Rutgers Choir and singing under Eugene Ormandy's direction. Betty is happy her five grandchildren (aged 13 to 22) live nearby so have a chance to visit. And among her first acts in retirement has been to start a Boy Scout choir in which a grandson can participate.

A number of classmates have ties to Israel. **Barbara Feinberg Nehman** and husband Gerry R '64 were in Tel Aviv in February to visit their son Jacob and his growing family. While there Gerry built his granddaughter a doll house out of found materials. Both Bobbie and Gerry participated in marches supporting the existing judiciary system. They caught up with **Barbara Genser** who lives in Rehovot, with her family nearby. Barbara is still involved with education and has completed the last book in her vocabulary series.

These are able to be used all over Israel.

I caught up with **Doris Kamp White** while she was "on the road" with grandsons looking at colleges (she has seven grandchildren, courtesy of her three children). Doris herself is regularly on a college campus as for the past twenty years she has been an adjunct professor at William Paterson University – Berkeley Campus. She teaches writing and literature and says her objective is to help students find their own voice. Doris believes her Douglass education was very strong in helping prepare her for her own PhD work. She keeps up with **Joelle Mirabella Zois**, **Janet Harwood Felleman**, **Kitty Belski Bateman** and **Norma Jehring Van Amberg '63**.

Do you still have our yearbook, the "Quair"? **Susan Humphrey Jackson** was Editor in Chief and with her highly competent staff (you know who you are) did a memorable job for us. Susie passed away in February 2023. After college she married, settled in Robbinsville, and worked for ETS as a Senior Examiner.

Another loss to our class is **Joanne Gallitano Barrett**, who passed away this past April. Her polisci background served her well at Columbia's Computer Center and later at IBM where she became a divisional CIO. Her watercolors were beautiful, reflected the water around her home and decorated many a holiday card.

Freshman year I shared Nicholas F with **Mary Ann (Gayook) Liou Wong** who passed away September 2021. After Douglass Gayook (her Cantonese name) went on to a MSW from Rutgers in 1982 and then distinguished herself in the field including writing several articles for Psychology Today. She had been in private practice in Edison since 1982. Among other things she worked at both Douglass and Rutgers in many counselling roles. With

Women-Helping Women in Metuchen Gayook had been both a counsellor and served on its board. Recently she had lead panels for the AADC's Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt mentoring program. Significant accomplishments for a little girl fleeing from China at age 3 and suddenly dealing with new worlds. She is survived by daughter Jennifer and son Matthew.

Our condolences to **Winnie Wolfson Chait** whose husband Arthur H. Chait (R.U. '61) passed away in April. They had been married almost 60 years since Winnie was an undergraduate. Our sympathy also goes to **Roz Corenzwit Lieb** whose husband Michael R. '62 passed away in August 2022. When Roz had been practicing law, Michael was honing his skills as a scholar of English.

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Eileen Chaborda Miller's cardiologist was a student in **Eileen Poiani's** math class at St. Peter's University. Dr. Patrick Saulino told her that he had asked Dr. Poiani what he would have to do to get an A in the class. Dr. Poiani told him that she didn't give A's. He worked hard and received an A.

I received the following news in an email from **Adrienne Byer Gallagher**: "I plan to retire in December from my psychotherapy practice. My current office is in Lansdale, PA, where I have practiced clinical social work since 1976. I still love the work. Hope all is well with you and that you remember me. I would love to hear from friends from Douglass, where my daughter graduated in 1992." Please reach out to me or how to get in touch with Adrienne.

Eileen Poiani (see photo), was recently at the NASA/Goddard Space Flight

Center in Greenbelt, MD, where she had an amazing visit along with a group of Saint Peter's University students and faculty. With Eileen from left



Eileen Poiani '65, far right, at Goddard Space Center.

are Professor Mary Anne Gallagher-Landi, an Education Ambassador for the NASA Climate Change Research Initiative (CCRI), and Dr. Aprille Ericsson, Aerospace Engineer at Goddard Space Flight Center and Project Manager for Small Business Innovative Research and Small Business Technology.

Karen Hirshfeld Ralston wrote: "Love from Qualicum Beach, B.C., where we don't have any wildfires, nor that terrible smoky air. Did you get any? It's been just beautiful; sunny but at times cool for us New Mexicans. The locals say it's hot!"

Sadly, we share the death of two classmates and offer condolences to their loved ones and friends.

Barbara Little Britt on August 17, 2023. Recently, Barbara served as a member of the Honorary Committees of the AADC 100th Anniversary Proud History to Bright Future Gala in 2022, and the AADC 95th Anniversary Forward Together Gala in 2018. She was also a major donor to the Campaign for Douglass, and a room at the Kathleen Whitehead Ludwig '75 Global Village Living Learning Center on campus is dedicated to her.

Judy Allen LaFiura died on April 16, 2023, in Vermont from complications following her long battle with Alzheimer's disease. She is survived by her husband, whom she met in

high school, their two sons and families, and her sister Connie Allen Nelson '66. Judy earned an English degree from Douglass and later an art degree from Ramapo College of New Jersey. She taught literature and art during her career at her high school alma mater in Ridgewood, NJ, and later at nearby Northern Highlands Regional High School, before retiring to Vermont.

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Lorraine Dutcher Minor writes that **Janice Heineken Cecil, Arlyn Meisner Kerr, Elaine Wohlers Hirsch, Nancy Sanders Crowther** and she have been getting together via Zoom every three months or so since our 55th reunion in June 2021. She lives in Maryland. Elaine and Nancy are also living on the east coast in New Jersey and New York respectively, while Jan is in California and Arlyn in Washington State. In-person meetings with all five of them together were rare and updates via email were infrequent. Now they can keep up to date on their activities, reminisce about their Douglass days and compare notes about retirement life.

Dottie Stein Krugman created a scholarship this year at the high school that she attended and where she worked for many years as a teacher and administrator. The scholarship is for a graduating senior majoring in history or education. On May 23, Dottie awarded the first one to a young woman majoring in vocal music education. Even though the graduate will not be attending Douglass Residential College, Dottie was very excited about the presentation and hopes to present many more.

Peg Godwin Worthington was sorry to miss the 2023 Douglass reunion, but she left on vacation to Turkey for two weeks with the gal with whom she has travelled for 30 years and whom she only sees on vacation.

Jan DeVore Sibal lives writes that, "my education and experience at Douglass was paramount in my life's choices." "Still a hippie at heart," Jan lives in Vermont, "where people can still choose," and is proactive in civil liberties and abortion rights.

After **Marilyn Vanderhoof's** husband, Wayne Denton, died of Covid in November 2020, she moved to an over-55 community in the Mueller neighborhood to be closer to her son. She spends her year shuttling, usually driving with her dog, between north Austin, TX, where her son and two grandsons (11 and 9) reside and Madison, WI, where her daughter lives.

Marilyn volunteers in an Austin elementary school. She spent the majority of her life in Madison, so she loves being back in her condo, gardening, playing bridge (never played at Douglass) doing water aerobics with the water warriors group at the community pool and connecting with the many friends who still live there. Marilyn notes that, "every year there are tragic losses of good friends, but that difficulty is part of our journey." Her younger sisters and brother are still on the east coast and Marilyn tries to manage a visit once a year - either to the Jersey shore or the west coast of Florida where they alternate their seasons.

Connie Allen Nelson writes that she enjoyed the year she worked on our class of 66's 50th with Marsha and Wilma. Sadly, Connie's sister, **Judy Allen LaFiura '65**, died in April in her Alzheimer's dwelling in Vermont. Connie last saw Judy at home in E. Dover, VT, where Judy and her husband had retired.

After a hot last summer, Connie and her husband stayed put during Hurricane Ian. Water and plumbing were at half force and there was no electricity for a week. "We survived," Connie writes, but many southern oaks and palms did not.

Last December, Connie share that she had a health emergency. While visiting her daughter and family in Austin for Christmas, her 22-year-old replaced knee was attacked by an infection. Connie was in the Texas hospital for eight days, was on IV antibiotics for six weeks and is still on oral antibiotics for a year or longer. She is experiencing side-effects from the medication and must take extra precautions when outdoors in the sun. When Connie returned home to Venice, **Mildred Schenck Hardman** was first to visit.

Connie enjoys her Presbyterian church and keeps busy by trying to speak French, making art and doing kind deeds.

Marsha Edelman Malberg's granddaughter, Elizabeth Malberg Dobson, celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on February 11, 2023, in Westchester, New York. Marsha writes, "Of course, Elizabeth was fabulous! It was a very special day. I loved spending time with my daughters, Jessica and Rebecca, and my granddaughters, Elizabeth and Penny."

In March, Marsha flew to Cincinnati, OH, to meet Rebecca and Penny, who live in Oakland, CA. They enjoyed visiting the Cincinnati Zoo. Penny loves Fiona the hippo and the family had a wonderful time.

In June, Marsha attended our 57th Reunion Vanguard Lunch at the Student Center with **M. Wilma Harris, Dottie Krugman** and **Janice Donelon Balou**. **Eileen Stukane** had registered but could not attend.

As for me, **Frances Weingarten Lobman**, I am a

San Diego Jewish National Fund Board Member and was able to travel to Israel with a national group to participate in the celebration of Israel's 75th Independence Day in April.

On May 2, I was volunteering in communities near the 29-mile border with Gaza when the first rockets were fired into Israel. Our group needed to be evacuated from the area. During the next two weeks, 1468 rockets were fired from Gaza into Israel, 430 of which were shot down by the Iron Dome defense system. Homes in communities, mostly established in the 1950's, were destroyed, crops were ablaze, and people were traumatized. Our volunteer team focuses on providing safe environments for dealing with the trauma caused by frequent rocket fire and incendiary devices.

Addy Schultz shares that she lives in Haddon Township, NJ, and was a speech therapist for Jefferson Health for 47 years, specializing in rehabilitative medicine for adult patients. For 25 of those years, she was chief of Speech Language Pathology in the Department of Rehabilitative medicine. For 17 of those years, after training, Addy volunteered as a non-denominational pastoral care advisor. The work involved trauma, end-of-life and talking to families.

Addy retired from Jefferson Health in June 2020, but continues an active life. In 2015, Addy and her husband, Jim Klein, volunteered to become a host home with the non-profit Hosts for Hospitals. Under this program, people open their homes to families with a loved one receiving medical care at a nearby hospital. In addition, Addy maintains an herb garden, participates in weekly Zoom calls with friends, and started a book club.

Mary Morris Makofske's poetry chapbook *The "Gambler's Daughter"* was published by The Orchard

Street Press in 2022. Mary's full-length poetry book "No Angels" came out over the summer from Kelsay Books. Mary's poems, essays, and fiction have appeared in more than 60 literary journals. She's available for readings and book discussions. You can find more about her writing at www.marymakofske.com.

Other than writing, Mary tends a large garden with her husband Bill and is also active with Sustainable Warwick and Invisible Hudson Valley. Mary wrote, "Retirement is so busy that I may have to retire from it and relax." She and Bill will be taking their annual trip to Cape Cod this year with their sons' families—ten in all.

Save the date for our 60th reunion: June, 2026

Sadly, we report on the passing of three classmates, and send condolences to their loved ones.

Vicki Zak died on December 6, 2022. Vicki was an award-winning writer who co-authored, and authored, four best-selling health care books, after a career in marketing.

Carol Zlotkin Rippepoe passed away on January 5, 2023. She was a longtime librarian at Ocean Township High School, where she also started a service club for girls that encouraged self-worth and a positive outlook.

Susann Coll Smith passed away on June 19, 2023. She was a pioneer for women in the field of computer science and technology, through a long career in government positions, retiring as a senior Project Manager for Computer Science Corporation.

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Greetings! By the time you read this, the summer will have passed, and we'll be in the fall season. I'm not about to whisk away the season that quickly,

so here's the latest news as of the beginning of June!

Sadly, our sister-alumna, **Ruth Ann Shea Burns** passed away on April 9, 2023. The AADC and Rutgers in memoriams described her as a trailblazer in journalism, broadcasting and communications. As a newlywed, Ruth Ann managed to obtain journalist credentials, intent on traveling to Vietnam where her husband, Rutgers grad Carl Burns, was stationed. At 21, she was the youngest accredited correspondent in the war-torn country. She returned stateside to complete her studies at Douglass. She went on to earn a master's degree as a fellow of Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers. Her stellar career continued, first in newspapers, then broadcasting. Among other pursuits, Ruth Ann rose to be Vice President and Director of Channel Thirteen/WNET. Surviving are her husband of 57 years, her children, Christopher (Jennifer) of Waxshaw, NC, Heather Stables (Joseph) of East Windsor, NJ and five grandchildren. Her brother recently passed away.

Eileen Kramer Wilkinson passed away on March 21, 2023. After graduating from Douglass, she began her career as a home ec teacher at Toms River Intermediate School, where she met her future husband Jay. She continued teaching in Point Pleasant Boro. After retiring, she and Jay traveled the world until his passing in 2006. Afterwards, Eileen continued to travel with family and friends. She was actively involved as a member of St. Joseph RC Church, serving in many capacities. Surviving Eileen are her children, Brian Wilkinson (Siobhan), Christie Brubaker (David) and Tim Wilkinson (Allison), eight grandchildren, her sister Agnes Canfield and many nieces and nephews.

On a lighter note, here's a message from our Class President **Elaine Auerbach**. "I encourage all who can do so to contribute to the AADC Annual Appeal. Let's help others who come after us! In personal news, I continue to travel and really feel it is do it now or maybe never. In January, Bert and I took a lovely cruise to Aruba, Costa Rica, the Panama Canal and other ports. In April, we spent a week in New Orleans celebrating the marriage of the daughter of a friend. In mid-May we returned from a road trip around northern Arizona and southern Utah. We hosted friends from Israel who were seeing the West for the first time. It was exciting to see such sites as the Grand Canyon, Bryce and Zion through their eyes. Life is moving at a slightly slower pace recently due to my husband's medical issues. We feel lucky to still be able to do so much!"

Jane Schwanwede

Cowan shared news about an "interesting spring season filled with many discoveries and some disappointments" as she continues to determine what she can and cannot do with arthritic knees. She and Archie started with a short cruise to the Bahamas, her "feasibility cruise." This worked out fairly well, although most of the activities that she had previously enjoyed were no longer possible. Still, the weather was wonderful, and they had a good time. Jane is endeavoring to remain positive and enjoy "the new normal." Spending time with her grandchildren guarantees that she will be smiling. No matter what, she wished you all a happy spring, summer and fall!

Here's the latest news from **Diane Alberti Gallo**! She and Vito took a great trip to Mexico in May, touring Mayan ruins and have Morocco on their schedule for September. In the meantime, Diane recently won first place for a pastel in the Union County Senior Art Show

sponsored by the Council on the Arts. Her winning artwork will be exhibited next at the New Jersey State Senior Art Show. Ever active, Diane volunteered this spring to serve on a local government committee, not realizing that this was an elected position until she saw her name on the June ballot for Union County Committee Woman! Since she was the only candidate, I guess we'll have to append her new title whenever we get in touch with her in the future!

Since Elaine, Jane and Diane were the sole contributors for this set of class notes, I'm going to fill in with information I have about those with whom I continue to be in close contact as well as my own news. I enjoy periodic chats with Jane, **Ellen Fischer**, **Maryann Langen**, **Peggy Smith**, **Cheryl Masingill** and **Eleanor Rand Giovanielli**, so here are a few updates on these classmates.

As **Ellen Fischer** is nearing retirement, she's been busy redecorating her home in Little Rock, AR. Hopefully, this reno will be complete long before you read this entry. We often chat about our opera-going experiences. I have been attending Met HD performances in a North Brunswick movie theater, while she had attended them in AR until the theater there closed post-Covid. She and her friends really miss this opportunity to attend and tailgate after the performances.

Maryann Langen continues to enjoy attending Irish music gigs in the Boston area. She's been working in her garden. The light of her life is her new dog! She is Maryann's second rescue dog and seems to be adjusting well to her new home. This year's discussion group sessions were winding down when I spoke to Maryann in late May.

Peggy Smith and Bill spent a couple of weeks in Florida in January and another week in Myrtle Beach in May. I



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Class of 1968
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Front row, from left: Barbara Melino Harris, Elizabeth Nemeth Mane, Olive Huguenin Klein, Daina C. Riveiro, Vivian Gross Newmark.

Second row, from left: Barbara Castellana Stasiak, Elizabeth Latshaw Trundle, Susan Williamson Cleveland, Mary-Jo Cords, Marlene Redman Donnelly, Lyn Geller Stein.

visit them in Hamilton, NJ, as often as possible. The two of us usually go out for lunch and play a few rounds of Mancala while catching up on family news. Peg's been participating in a book group for some time now, so we also compare notes on recent reads. Peg also volunteers at a local animal rescue shelter. She and Bill adopted three kittens several years ago after fostering them. The three grown cats often entertain us during my visits!

En route to a three-day stay in Cape May in mid-May, I had lunch with **Cheryl Masingill** and her sister Melissa in Sewell, NJ. Cheryl is living in a continuing care facility near Melissa. Cheryl and I shared memories of our years of living in NYC after graduation from Douglass. We three laughed our way through the story of our abrupt departure from the Grammercy Park Evangeline (Salvation Army Women's Residence Hall) and our move into our uptown apartment with

Maryann and Eleanor! The four of us had many adventures while living together and have remained close friends.

After months of physical therapy and acupuncture for a lower back issue, I was ready to take off for Cape May at the end of May. I joined a friend from Michigan and her cousins at the beach for three days. The weather was beautiful, and it was wonderful to get together with them. On the way home, I stopped in Lincroft to visit another friend, so my friendship bucket is continuing to refill.

I spoke to **Eleanor Rand Giovanielli** in late May. She was at home in Los Alamos, NM, that day, but she and Damon make frequent trips to Colorado to attend musical performances in which their grandkids perform. She and Damon were soon to head off to Europe with their youngest grandson, Nico. They were looking forward to this fifth and last grandkid trip, which would

introduce Nico to Italy and Switzerland.

In June, I was looking forward to spending time with El & Damon, when I fly west for a visit. We've not seen each other since our 50th class reunion! En route home, I'll spend a couple of days in McKinney, TX, with my nephew Ryan's family. They've been back East only once since moving there, so this will be a chance for me to get to know my great niece and nephew, Ava and Cooper!

I've enjoyed attending Met operas this season. The newest ones ("The Hours" and "Champion") certainly broke the mold...no more "stuffy" performances with singers standing steadfastly on stage as they sing! I sang in two spring concerts with Lehigh Choral Arts this spring. Learning Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" was a challenge, but I thoroughly enjoyed revisiting Durufle's "Requiem!" This past year I swapped out last year's task of chairing reunion planning, taking on the position of Clerk of Session for my Presbyterian Church family. Phew! This role entails a ton of paperwork! Am making progress, but I've vowed to turn the job over when I turn 80! (That's not so far ahead!)

I was scheduled to have carpal tunnel release surgery on my right hand at the end of May. As I composed this column, the date was approaching, but it will be long past by the time you read this news in the fall! I'm hoping that I'll get a better response from classmates for the December Class Notes! In the meantime, I'm sending you best wishes for the remainder of 2023!

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We celebrated our 55th Reunion in June and enjoyed

spending time together and took our photo at the Vanguard Luncheon on Friday (see photo).

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In April, my sister Jill Prusko and I toured Spain and Portugal. Among our stops in Spain were Madrid, Toledo, Granada, Cordoba, Seville, Avila, and Salamanca. In Portugal we toured Evora, Lisbon, Cascais, and Fatima. We saw the westernmost point in mainland Europe, Cabo da Roca, Portugal near Cascais.

Among those in attendance at the Broadway play 'A Beautiful Noise' in February were **Harriet Farber Klein** and I.

Sheila Kelly Hampton and I represented our class at the Vanguard Luncheon on June 2, 2023. (See photo)

Madeline Takash Grabowski '67, Cornelia Ursillo Calderone and I got together at Cornelia's house in Point Pleasant Beach recently (see photo). We had lunch at the Shrimp Box and walked along the Manasquan Inlet.

Judy Dolin Bentkover hosted a mini-reunion (see photo) of friends from freshman year at her beautiful, beachfront home in Naragansett, Rhode Island. Unfortunately, **Janet Kapsol Cashion, Rocki Cademartori Lorenc** and **Sheila Kelly Hampton**, were unable to attend. Thanks to **Carol McClure Sanzalone '69** for taking the group photo!

Condolences: I regret to inform you of the death of **Lois**



From left, Cornelia Ursillo Calderone '70, Linda Clark '70, with Madeline Takash Grabowski '67.



1970 classmates, from left, Judy Dolin Bentkover, Roseann Rubino Sharo, MaryGrace Petrozzello Allenchey, Gae Pisciotta Chilla, Joan Hojciecki Boyle '69, and Pam Zogbaum McMahon.

E. Wright, on May 15, 2023. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

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Greetings Douglass College Class of 1971! If you would like to be more involved in the AADC, please email me. The AADC needs our continued support from us financially, and as volunteers.

As always, please send your class notes whenever you would like. The next class notes are due December 2023. If you know a class member who is not getting my emails, please ask them to email me directly, so I may include them in the future.

The year 2023 had highlights for me. I was elected Vice President for Development for our AADC Board of Directors. I thank the AADC Nominating Committee for their confidence in me, and for the AADC members who voted for me.

Another highlight was my being voted "Woman of the Year" by The New Jersey Federation of Republican Women. I was honored on June 3, 2023, and received a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol,

provided to me by my Congress Member Chris Smith; a Joint Legislative Resolution from the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly, presented by my State Assembly Member John Catalano; and a proclamation presented by the Board of Commissioners of Ocean County, NJ.

Alyssa, my older granddaughter is 21 years old and babysits for Magdalena, my only other Granddaughter, age four. Having had two sons, there is nothing like having two granddaughters!

I enjoyed Florida from January to March of 2023, and I plan to keep going to Florida when New Jersey is cold. I wish you all the best and look forward to hearing from you. Again, our next deadline is December 2023.

Class President **Martha Boughner** is enjoying retirement with the pursuit of golf in the summer and musical presentations year-round. She plays regularly with the Summit Symphony and the Caldwell University Wind Ensemble, and substitutes when needed with Reeds, Rhythm, and All That Brass, a 40s-style dance band. She also enjoys playing musicals for local high schools; Seton Hall Prep did "Bye Bye Birdie" in April, which was the

first musical she ever played, back in 1965 at Princeton High School, which she also conducted while in grad school in Syracuse in 1973. In March, Martha presented a recital, playing a sonata written for her by composer Randall Svane, with classmate **Laurie MacNeill Clancy** accompanying her on piano. The recital was at St. James Episcopal Church in Upper Montclair.

Our Class VP **Karen Gustavsen** shares: "I had my left hip replaced in October 2022 and my second cataract surgery in May 2023 now just waiting for my new glasses so I can see the computer more clearly. Feel like a whole new person!"

In addition to working two days a week as receptionist at Thompson Falls Veterinary Clinic, I serve as treasurer for the local Friends of the Library, President Elect for the Montana Women's Clubs, Western District President for the Montana Women's Clubs, and editor of the Montana Woman Magazine which is a quarterly publication of GFWC of Montana."

Aliss Valerie Terrell, shares: "I was fortunate to spend a few days in Durham, NC, recently at the Southern Documentary conference. These are the films I am working on: "Saving Mr. Charlie's Trees," "Behind the Scenes," "Film Production Rabbit Holes," and "Transforming Heartbreak."

Linda Janet Holmes writes: "Since retiring as Director of the Office of Minority and Multi-cultural Health, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, I have written two books: "Safe in a Midwife's Hands: Birthing Traditions from Africa to the American South," released May 2023. The book includes interviews with traditional Black midwives and midwife descendants in the American South and in Kenya, Ethiopia and Ghana. Ms. Magazine

selected my book as a "must read." Amazon recently noted it has become "the most frequently purchased book by nursing programs." Now living in Hampton, VA, my retirement years have included writing the first biography on Toni Cade Bambara. "A Joyous Revolt: Toni Cade Bambara, Writer and Activist," which includes Bambara's teaching years at Livingston College at Rutgers. I now live a short drive from beaches in Buckroe and Fort Monroe, where frequent walks by the Chesapeake Bay inspire new writing ideas. My website is lindajholmes.net/works.htm

Jo-Eilyn M. Ryall, MD, shares: I retired from private practice in Psychiatry on May 30. Now I am traveling to Scotland and Ireland in September and visiting family. I also volunteer, support the arts and exercise.

Marilyn Brown writes: "I am still teaching at the Georgia Institute of Technology, where I am a professor of sustainable systems. I've been inducted into the National Academy of Engineering and the Ashley Academy of Sciences. In September I will become a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. My half-century of work on climate change mitigation is now being nicely recognized, after decades of skepticism. All the best from me and Frank Southworth."

Congratulations to **Kay Turner**, Ph.D., who was named to the 2023 AADC Society of Excellence for her career accomplishments as a feminist scholar, folklorist, author, artist and performer! Kay shared an update with us. She writes: "It's been a while since I wrote a note to classmates! Great to see some of you at Reunion--our 50th/51st--in June 2022. I retired from NYU Performance Studies Dept. in Spring 2022. Now all obligations are self-created! I've been active with various art, writing, and social justice projects since the pandemic began. In April 2020,

I became part of a collective of artists and organizers in NYC called "Naming the Lost Memorials" (NTLM). Purely on a volunteer and seat-of-the-pants basis, from May 2020 to June 2021 we put up ephemeral memorials on fences around the city to give people a place to name and grieve loved ones lost to Covid-19. You can see photos in a feature done on me and the project for Rutgers Today Online. In July 2022, NTLM received a \$550,000 grant to continue our work with community partners from 2023-2025. Last year, I worked with two artists in Brooklyn to produce a multi-media sculpture, painting and performance installation at Five Myles Gallery called "Hekate's Grove," a feminist meditation on the Greek goddess Hekate. With sound artist Terry Dame, I made "Urging Commingling," a soundscape installation for this show. In 2021, I made an artist book with photographer Zini Lardieri called "Before and After: What the Witch's Nose Knows That Andy Warhol's Nose Doesn't Know," which was based on a performance I did at A.I.R. Gallery in 2017. I published several essays, including "The Witch in Flight" (also available as an address on YouTube) for the "Journal of American Folklore (Winter 2023)" and the forthcoming "A Queer Time That Is Not Yet Here" for the "Journal of Folklore Research (Fall 2023)." Most fun of all, I have a new band "Kay Turn Her and the Pages." We had our first show in June 2023 with more to come this fall. I would love to rock my Douglass sisters! Hope all are well as Class of 1971 continues through our 70s!"

Dot Wright shares: "It is hard to believe that I was married 52 years ago in New Brunswick, the day before graduation. My husband had his Rutgers graduation a few days later. We still live within walking distance of the home

where I grew up. It is now owned by my nephew. In another hard-to-believe category, I have a grandson who will graduate from Penn State as an engineer next May. He is the oldest of my eight grandchildren and has introduced me to the wonderful world of grandparenthood and the true feeling of love. Every day these grands give me joy. Unlike my children, no one argues with me, and we just have fun.

My husband and I were on the Rutgers Sailing team and continue to own a boat. He tries to race on weekends. We are lucky to own a house on LBI in New Jersey where our kids grew up sailing and surfing every summer. My grandchildren continue to enjoy their summers down the shore, even the ones who live in College Station, TX. We now have lifeguards in the family. When they tell me what happened on the beach, I have no courage to ask how old the women was who fell in the waves and couldn't get up. I just am more careful in the waves.

I am retiring this year and my husband will continue to practice law by himself. Now I can dedicate more time to my historical activities. I belong to too many lineage societies and go to meetings. I am a Civil War, Revolutionary War and Pilgrim reenactor. I appear as my ancestors to honor the commitment they made to this county. It's interesting to be descendant from the only minister executed for witchcraft at Salem. My family never discusses their Protestant roots. Next year, I am going to the Civil War Battlefield at Williamsburg, VA, to participate in the installation of a plaque in the area where my great-grandfather fought with the New Jersey Troops from Jersey City. I will proudly carry

a replica of his unit's battle flag. In 2025, I am going to march in the 250th reenactment of the Battle of Lexington with the other descendants of Phinneas Cole. He survived the battle and the American Revolution and moved west from Bedford, MA to NYC. But that's another story.

The direction of my life continues to amaze my children. Who else has a mother who plays handbells and raised bees? My grandchildren will go back to Gettysburg (a pilgrimage for all whose ancestors who fought there) and are awaiting the planned trip to Lexington and Salem."

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Tina B. Gordon was elected as Secretary on the AADC Board of Directors for a two-year term through June 2025.

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We celebrated our 50th Vanguard Reunion at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2023 in June, with lots of classmates coming back to campus for the festivities. We were inducted into the Vanguard Fifty Society.

Linda Caldwell Epps was elected as a member of the AADC Board of Directors for a two-year term through June 2025. Most recently she was the Board Vice President for Development.

Patricia Dredge Heimall shares, "I am happily retired after over 45 years of working in healthcare; lots of changes seen in that time, as automation and computers



**AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2023
Class of 1973
50th Vanguard Reunion - Saturday, June 3, 2023**

Front row, from left: Linda Vallone Randall, Elizabeth Perry, Pat Dredge Heimall, Deborah Hipkins, Michele Mishkin Havens, Brenda Bright Snyder, Jewel Thompson-Chin, Nina Moffa Scully, Gayle Rowlette Ford, Sheila Wormley Coleman, Linda Caldwell Epps.

Second row, from left: Terry Glowacki Seibert, Nancy Fila, Sharyn Banks, Robyn Bellek Lee-Stubbs, Linda Marchant, Denise Winland, Barbara (Basia) Maynard Hirsh, Susan Davis Hatala, Karen McLane Torian, Carol Digiorgio, Joanne Colletti Blizard, Crete Perry Gordon, Charlene Brown-Smith, Jacqueline Montgomery.

Third row, from left: Mariclaire Sanders Stotler, Susan Pick Dubas, Valerie Smith Paul, Donna Borrmann Miller, Elaine Gavaghan Russo, Claudia Maraviglia Dewane, Kathleen Smith Page, Marianne J. Ardito, Edwina Verner, Joyce Baida Halper, Virginia "Ginny" Reed, Gail Richman Schlafer, Brenda Goode Way.

Fourth row, from left: JoAnn Kovatch Kuser, Barbara Morgen Wertheimer, Connie Henry, Michele Senko, Mary Lawlor.

Fifth row, from left: Robin Conway Morley, Barbara Helmich, Gail Walker, Susan Klimkowski, Sherre Davis Wesley, Nora Bennett Zielinski.

Back row inset, from left: Brenda Patterson, Jacqueline Young.

became major influences in daily routine. I am enjoying life and activities with our seven grandchildren, all living in south Jersey, ages 13-8, and three married children, keeping us on the road often. John Heimall R'73, '84 and I have lived close to campus and will celebrate

anniversary #49 this year! Our daughters are both also Rutgers grads - Jennifer Heimall RC '98 & Jessica Heimall RC '10. Time has flown since 1973!"

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Come celebrate our 50th milestone reunion at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2024, June 7-8, on campus. We will be the Vanguard Class



**AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2023
Class of 1978
45th Reunion - Saturday, June 3, 2023**

Front row, from left: Sue McCahill Zahorbenski, Elena Anastasiou Rossi, Diane Todd Sprague, Margaret Dolan.
Second row, from left: Debra Tantum Kuser, Kathleen Skettini Bailey, Kristin Long, Jane Mitchell Imbesi.
Third row, from left: Rochelle Saperstein Ohring, Irene Boczar Stewart, Susanne Strippoli Curran

and inducted into the Vanguard Fifty Society in honor of this milestone reunion!

Special thanks to **Ruth Toni Armstead**, who recently completed her term as a member of the AADC Board of Directors. She is currently the President of the AADC Black Alumnae Network (BAN).

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Margaret "Marty" Gillis delivered the keynote address at the AADC's Eighth Annual Victoria Dabrowski '42 Professional Development and Workplace Symposium in September. Marty is a well-known successful business owner, community leader and advocate.

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I, **Denise Busby**, am delighted to note that I was appointed to serve on the AADC Board of Directors as the AADC Annual Appeal Chair. I enjoy connecting with our alumnae community and working with the board and AADC staff.

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Donna Coulson joined **Ruth Farb '60** and friends recently for a fundraising golf outing in Murrell's Inlet, SC, where Ruth was recognized by First Tee of Coastal Carolinas for her dedication to fundraising to 12 major local organizations to support youth in golf in the

Myrtle Beach/Georgetown County areas.

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Well, it's official – we Class of '78 Renaissance Women will be celebrated as the next Vanguard Class at our next milestone reunion! It's a good thing we have five years around that reality! In the meantime, our 45th Reunion was a blast in June. Amidst a slate of programs and activities interspersed music, refreshments, and much conversation.

Objectively, the most lively and educational session was "A Taste of the Mediterranean: Fun with Phyllo," presented by our Class President and AADC Reunion Planning Chair **Elena Anastasiou Rossi**. Saturday was capped off with a casual private Class dinner at Tavern on George (formerly Tumulty's) organized by **Kristin Long**.



Donna Coulson '77 (left), Ruth Farb '60 (far right), with friend Michele Bennett.

Kristin arranged special guests Douglass Dean Dr. Meghan Rehbein and Erin Flaherty, Assistant Director of Development, to join us. Having an opportunity to exchange news and views with our special guests was, well, special.

Kristin Long shares that she is living the dream in her 3.0 gig as Director of Sales & Philanthropy for The Philadelphia Citizen. She is capitalizing on all the



1978 Class President and AADC Reunion Planning Chair Elena Anastasiou Rossi did a cooking demonstration at Reunion.

connectedness of her 45 years in broadcasting to cultivate partnerships, sponsorships and grants for solutions-based journalism, following the Drew Brees career trajectory of "Master, Mentor, Make a Difference."

She splits her time between Philadelphia, PA and Stone Harbor, NJ, with plenty of road trips to wherever the Phillies are playing or wherever Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band are performing. Her pro bono side hustle is coaching and counseling workplace newbies and the underemployed.

After a farewell Sunday breakfast with her Reunion buddies, **Rochelle Saperstein Ohring** hit the ground running in the month of June. A trip to the Jersey shore, performing an outdoor concert with the Rutgers University Alumni Wind Symphony in Lambertville NJ, and a fabulous trip (her fourth) to Israel with her husband and the United Synagogue of Hoboken. This trip included many historical and archaeological sites new to her.

Congratulations to **Gabrielle Anastasiou Rossi '14**, who just earned a doctorate from Rutgers School of Public Affairs and Administration. Big sis



AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2023
Class of 1983
40th Reunion - Saturday, June 3, 2023

Front row, from left: Debi Cace, Bernadette Martin.
Second row: Rachel Ingber, Kathy Towson, Lois C. Peterson.

Catherine earned a Ph.D. in 2016. Our **Elena Anastasiou Rossi** and husband Louis are so proud! Elena celebrated with her daughters in the torrential rain at a Taylor Swift concert in Foxborough, MA. A bonding experience for sure!

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Debbie Lynch was elected to a second term as Vice President for Alumnae Relations through June 2025.

Special thanks to **Karen Lynch**, who served as Alumnae Engagement Chair.

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Bertha Lee Aiken was appointed to the AADC Board of Directors as Alumnae Engagement Chair.

Special thanks to **Linda Swenton Naselli**, who completed a term as an AADC Board member.

It is with sadness that Class President **Jocelyn Briddell** and I share the passing of classmate **Sharon Robin King Jones**, of Piscataway, NJ, on August 16, 2023. Many of our classmates attended her celebration of life.

Sharon was dedicated to our class and helped plan and recruit classmates to celebrate our milestone class Reunions when she was our Class Vice President.

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Rachel Ingber, former AADC Executive Director, who celebrated at our 40th Reunion in June, shares, "It's hard to believe it's been 40 years since we graduated from Douglass College! Ira and I recently celebrated our 12th anniversary. We are blessed with seven grandchildren who bring us joy. Wishing everyone good health and lots of happiness!"

Coretta Graham came to Reunion from Texas. She shares, "I was named Business Leader of the Year in 2019 by the Corpus Christi Black Chamber of Commerce, of which I am the current president/CEO. I am Class of 2023 for LeadershipTexas."

Johnston & Johnson Chief Historian **Margaret Van Gluck Gurowitz** led the AADC NJ Regional Group on a guided tour of J&J's interactive Powerhouse Museum in New Brunswick.

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Mary Kelleher DiMartino was named to the 2023 AADC Society of Excellence for her commitment to advancing women's leadership and serving her community. She is Executive Director with J.P. Morgan. Congratulations!

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Rochelle Lieberstein Stern presented a workshop, "Calming the Work-Life Ride: Being Aware of Outside Factors Shaping Your Life's Passion," at the AADC's Eighth Annual Victoria Dabrowski '42 Professional Development and Workplace Symposium.

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Reunion 2023 in June marked our 35th Anniversary! Although I didn't see any other Class of 1988, I was excited to see alumnae from various classes with whom I could reminisce,



Classmates from 1988 at their 30th Reunion, from left, in front, Cheri Beasley and Veronica Davis; in back, Lisa Bussell Rossello, Marianne Ficarra, and Yvette Allen-Lomaro.

and was happy to see **Rachel Ingber '81**, former Executive Director of the AADC, and retired Dean Marjorie Munson. I decided to decline the Class of 88 photo by myself, and instead to include this picture



**AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2023
Class of 1993
30th Reunion - Saturday, June 3, 2023**

Nicola Saul Minott, left, and Jennifer Bender

from our 30th Reunion in 2018 (see photo).

I enjoyed the Saturday activities including the Champagne Jazz Brunch, Alumnae Snack and Social, and a Bus Tour of New Brunswick and Piscataway campuses (shocked to see all of the new building that has taken place on the Livingston, Busch and College Avenue campuses). Looks like it's Douglass's turn for remodeling and building!

Informative updates sessions were presented at Reunion by both AADC Executive Director, Valerie Anderson '81 and President Jeanne Fox '75, and by Douglass Dean Dr. Meghan Rehbein. AADC Board Executive Committee members Tina Gordon '72, Lisa Dorio Ruch '89, Judy Meyenhofer Musa '89, and Kathy Love '75 also helped answer questions about the AADC.

The acceptance speeches by honorees at the Alumnae Awards Ceremony were inspiring, and I was cheering on these outstanding, well accomplished women, so well deserving of their awards.

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Come celebrate our 35th milestone reunion at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2024, June 7-8, on campus!

Judy Meyenhofer Musa was elected as Board Vice President for Marketing and Communications, through June 2025. She presented a workshop, "Public Speaking: How to Share Your Passion Through Effective Communications," at the AADC's Eighth Annual Victoria Dabrowski '42 Professional Development and Workplace Symposium. She was joined by her business partner, Julia Brannan-Rauch R/L '81.

Lisa Dorio Ruch, Esq., was moderator of the "Life, Legacy and the Legal Field" panel at the Eighth Annual Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt Workplace and Professional Development Symposium.

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Caprice R. Jenerson, Esq., was named to the 2023 AADC Society of Excellence,

recognizing her legal career, advocacy, and non-profit leadership. She also served on the "Life, Legacy and the Legal Field Panel" at the at the AADC's Eighth Annual Victoria Dabrowski '42 Professional Development and Workplace Symposium.

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Schmidt Workplace and Professional Development Symposium on the "Life, Legacy and the Legal Field" panel.

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**AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2023
Class of 1998
25th Reunion - Saturday, June 3, 2023**

Front row, from left: Joanne Murad, Jean Cook, Emily Rizzo.

Second row, from left: Sarah Hymowitz, Katie Lynch, Perri Gottlieb, Teri Sciacchetano.

Back row: Vanessa Zoe Morin Melis

Our class celebrated our 30th at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2023 in June.

Jennifer C. Bender, Esq., was a panelist at the Eighth Annual Victoria Dabrowski

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Jean L. Cook



**AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend
2023 -Class of 2003
20th Reunion - Saturday, June 3, 2023**

Jameelah Wright



**AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend
2023 - Class of 2008
15th Reunion - Saturday, June 3, 2023**

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Come celebrate our 25th milestone reunion at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2024, June 7-8, on campus

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Andrea Sciarrillo has launched a podcast called Sister Tipsters. Episode #61 featured her DC roommate, **Liz Bolton** in "Notes from a Homeschooler, Part One." You can find her podcast on Apple Podcasts.

After living in California, Alaska, and Amsterdam, Liz is living in the northeast for the first time in over 20 years and loving it! She and her family are renovating a New England farmhouse and look forward to visiting Douglass when travels take them to New Jersey.

Tennille Robb joined the U.S. Space Force.

My news is that in my law practice, I recently by won two decisions in the New Jersey Supreme Court resolving two questions of law that had been previously undecided by New

Jersey's highest court – the borrowed employee doctrine and the right to record a forensic medical examination.

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Ikecia Lenese Mapp was elected to a second term as a member of the AADC Board of Directors through June 2025. She also presented a workshop, "Be You: Packaging Your Life's Passion with Purpose," at the AADC's Eighth Annual Victoria Dabrowski '42 Professional Development and Workplace Symposium.

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Tiffany Toliver, MD, was elected to a second term as a member of the AADC Board of Directors through June 2025.

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Mallorie Medley was recently promoted to Director of Strategic Accounts for TransPerfect Medical Device Solutions. Additionally, she has entered her second year of business as Chief Creative Officer for her handmade knitting business, Fortuknit. In addition, she is continuing her weekly cello lessons and was

elected to serve as a member of the AADC Board of Directors, and serves on the Symposium Planning Committee.

Sharae Allen is "getting used to new motherhood, adoring her husband and currently working on her next romance novel." Last year her debut novel came out to exciting reviews and her next novel will be published this fall.

Amanda Chan is rounding out her third year of living in Pennsylvania! She just finished the school year as a site director for before and after school programs in the Council Rock School District and looks forward to a summer of catching up on housework, spending time with friends, teaching group fitness classes, and making a return to capoeira.

Sangeetha Subramanian presented a workshop, "The Hidden Job Market," at the AADC's Eighth Annual Victoria Dabrowski '42 Professional Development and Workplace Symposium.

As for me, **Ria DasGupta**, I finished my first year as the Director of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging Initiatives for The Juilliard School. I have been finding joy in gardening and sharing the harvest with family and friends. Every year I get closer to my goal of replacing all the grass in the yard with native plants!"

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Come celebrate our 15th milestone reunion at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2024, June 7-8, on campus.

Christine Esposito Sargent was elected as a member of the AADC Board of Directors through June 2025.

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Ashley C. Sawyer, Esq., was a panelist at the Eighth Annual Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt Workplace and Professional Development Symposium on the “Life, Legacy and the Legal Field” panel.

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Yesenia Perez, Esq., was a panelist on the “Life, Legacy and the Legal Field” panel at the Eighth Annual Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt Workplace and Professional Development Symposium.

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Our class celebrated our 10th at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2023.

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Congratulations to **Gabrielle Anastasiou Rossi**, who earned her Rutgers School of Public Affairs and Administration Ph.D. and also got married.

Our class will celebrate our 10th milestone reunion at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2024, June 7-8, on campus.

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Meghan King Stratton reports, “I’m happy to share that I’m starting a new position as Supervisor of Instruction, Humanities (Grades 6-12) at Boonton, NJ, Public Schools!

Elizabeth “Liz” Davis, a Pediatric Registered Nurse, recently earned a master’s in nursing administration at Monmouth University.

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Our class will celebrate our 5th reunion at AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2024 on June 7-8, on campus.

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Catherine Sackey served as Chair of the Eighth Annual Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt '42 Workplace and Professional Development Symposium Committee.

Lily Juhasz presented a workshop, “Your Personal Brand, Your Legacy,” at the Symposium.

Sandeep Patwalia is working with Lily as co-chair of the AADC Young Alumnae Network (YAN). YAN hosted its Ice Cream Social at the Ruth Schilling Hennessy Alumnae



Mary I. Bunting Program Class of 1988 graduates in photo taken at graduation day 30 years ago.

Center, and its annual YAN-O-Ween and fall gathering.

Bunting Notes

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AADC Reunion Weekend 2023 in June marked my 35th Reunion anniversary as a member of the Class of 1988! Although I couldn't find any other Bunting Class of '88 alums, I was excited to see Bunting alumnae from various classes including **Jean D'Amore '09** and **Dori Miller '17**, and was happy to see **Rachel Ingber '81**, former executive director of the AADC, and retired Dean Marjorie Munson.

I decided to decline the Class of 88 photo by myself at Reunion, and instead, decided to include this throwback group picture from the Bunting graduating Class of 1988 (see photo).

I enjoyed the Saturday, activities, including the Champagne Jazz Brunch, Alumnae Snack and Social, and a Bus Tour of New Brunswick and Piscataway campuses (shocked to see all of the new building that has taken place on the Livingston, Busch and College Avenue campuses). Looks like it's Douglass's turn for renovation and building!

There was a great array of afternoon programs, including an insightful and instructive talk on Horticulture and Well Being, presented by our very own Bunting Connections' leader, **Jean D'Amore '09**.

Informative updates sessions were presented at Reunion by AADC leaders and by Douglass Dean Dr. Meghan Rehbein.

The acceptance speeches by honorees at the Alumnae Awards Ceremony were inspiring. Among the awardees was our very own Bunting alumna, **Dori Miller '17**, who received the Young Alumna Mabel Award.

Our Sisterhood of the Bunting Class of '88 Alumnae are looking forward to our 40th Reunion, five years from now in 2028! Let's start planning now!

There are plenty of ways to connect this fall at AADC events and programs. Mark Friday, December 8, on your calendars or on your phones for the annual Bunting Connections Holiday Party Potluck & Attic Treasure celebration at the Alumnae Cottage.

Condolences: Sadly, Retired Douglass College Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Janet “Jan” Yocum, who served and advocated for students during our Douglass years and during her decades-long tenure, passed away on July 30, 2023. Our sincere condolences to her loved ones and many friends.

Upcoming AADC Events & Programs

For updates and to register visit us online:

www.douglassalumnae.org

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

**AADC Hosts the L'Hommedieu Lecture:
Truth & Reconciliation – Healing Wounds
Featuring Race & Gender Justice Activist Naomi Tutu**

Saturday, December 2, 2023

AADC Black Alumnae Network

- **BAN Holiday Gathering at the Alumnae Center, 11 am**
- **George Street Theater Event: "Having Our Say", 2 pm**

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Virtual AADC Fall Alumnae Council

Monday, December 4, 2023

AADC Pride Network Virtual Discussion "Turbulence Together"

Thursday, November 9, 2023

**Deadline to Submit Nominations for
AADC Board Officer Candidates**

Friday, December 8, 2023

AADC Bunting Connections Holiday Party & Potluck

Monday, November 13, 2023

**AADC Reunion Weekend Planning Committee
for All Alumnae**

Upcoming AADC Alumnae Travel

Wonders of Peru – February 22-March 4, 2024

Italy – Charm of the Amalfi Coast – June 19-27, 2024

Scotland – Stirling – August 14-22, 2024

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