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Fall 2026 Associate Alumnae Class Notes

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We recently heard from one of our longest-living alumnae, **Dorothy Wilkens Koehler**. Dot will share some of her experiences at college and throughout life with us in an upcoming publication. Special thanks to Tina Gordon '72, who connected with her and will write about Dot. Stay tuned!

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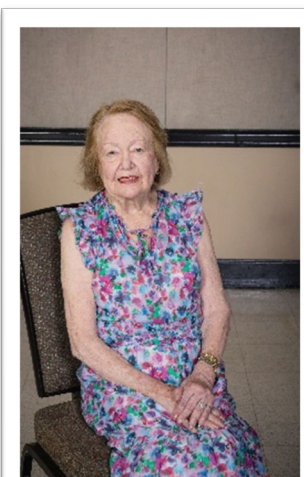
The Class will celebrate its 75th Milestone Reunion at Reunion on campus on Saturday, June 5, 2027.

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**Associate Alumnae
Reunion 2026
Class of 1956
70th Reunion -
Saturday, June 6, 2026**

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We will celebrate our 70th
Milestone Reunion on

campus on Saturday, June 5, 2027.

Please share news with classmates and let me know what you have been doing. I am always happy to report our Class news.

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I had the pleasure of attending the Spring Meeting of the AADC Alumnae Council this past April. Without passing on specifics, I can report to you that it was a well-run and upbeat meeting and left me feeling proud of our very active and productive Alumnae organization. However, it was somewhat of a "downer" that I was the only member of the Great Class of '58 in attendance. I can pass on to you that my biggest take-away from the presentations was the fact that the AADC now has the responsibility of awarding scholarships directly to our Douglass undergraduates. In this past year, some 135 Douglass women have been the recipients of over \$1 million, due to the generosity of our alumnae and the diligence and hard work of our AADC staff and leaders. We should all be very proud of that. One item of discussion I would like to pass on; should any of you have Douglass memorabilia

that you would like to “get rid of,” let me know and I will direct you to the appropriate staff and volunteers at the Associate Alumnae.

It's great to be able to pass on such an upbeat message from **Judy Appel Werner**. She writes: “We are so fortunate to still celebrate and communicate our thoughts about Douglass College and know that some of us still are here to share those thoughts! I continue to be amazed and grateful to my life at Seabrook Village. The classes, concerts, programs of all genres are a huge part of my life here; a continuous learning journey with wonderful people. I just completed a three-week program on AI (scary!), one on the Lenape Tribe during Civil War in Monmouth County, another with current events-- and on it goes. I play for the Jewish community's Shabbat service here every Friday. They had no one to play for their service and I was happy to do so. I had met Sally Preisand, the first woman ordained Rabbi in the U.S. and was honored to participate. Just celebrated my 90th birthday and all three of my grandchildren came (one from Santa Fe) - a special time for all. Hoping this finds all of you well and making each day count.” On a personal note, Judy and I had a great dinner together when I was visiting Seabrook, which is only a few miles from my house.

Our fabulous co-president, **Ellie vom Eigen**

Winslow, always has great news about her activities at her senior living complex. She sent the following news: “I continue to be very active on the Concerts Committee here at Pennswood. We have a very interesting concert coming up: the Dolce Suono Chamber Ensemble presents a new composition by David Serkin Ludwig, whose mother, Liz Serkin, is a resident here. Some of you may recognize the name Serkin, the name of an outstanding musical family of several generations. David has composed a work inspired by a painting by Gustav Klimt, *Lady in Gold*. This painting has just been donated to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC. David has just received a Guggenheim Fellowship and is high in the administration of the Juilliard School. Wow! This is the kind of stuff that keeps me involved. I'm able to continue work that I've done for at least 70 years. Philadelphia is a rich classical music area, and we are constantly asked by fine musicians to present their concerts here. We have an excellent Forum Committee which brings interesting speakers to the campus. Just the other day a university professor spoke about the need to live with AI as a teacher and the problems AI presents. I'm glad to no longer be teaching in this environment. Our large number of residents who attend concerts in Princeton and Philadelphia are

competing for bus signups to fine chamber music and choral concerts. We need at least six signups to ensure the use of a Pennswood bus and that's very important for those of us who don't want to drive to their venues. I'm looking forward to reading the Class of '58 class notes. Unfortunately, my health no longer permits me to travel, but I have so many good memories to inspire me now.”

It's always good to hear from **Lynn Schwartz Cooper**. She answered my request for news with the following note: “You surely are a true-blue Douglass alum! I wish I had something exciting to write about...but excitement doesn't seem to be part of my lifestyle these days. And I think that's a good thing at my age!! Harvey and I are still a couple, still in our home and still able to get around without too many problems. Our son turned 65 in April and it's hard to believe we have a child who has a Medicare card! Our kids and grandkids are all fine and living wonderful lives- we are very fortunate and very grateful for that good fortune.

Hopefully you and your family are well and aging gracefully!”

Yours truly, **Ellen Miller Samuel**, can report that we have had a very busy and exciting Spring. Myron's granddaughter Sara graduated with honors from Brandeis University in Boston, and while we were there, we got to see many

friends and family. My grandson Alex received his master's in Journalism, with honors, from Columbia University a couple of days later, and we were able to celebrate with him in New York City. Less than a month later, a grandson got married and our whole family came here for the big event. So at this point, three of our eight grands are married. All of this excitement has left us tired, but elated that we have been able to share in such happy and exciting times. Hopefully, lots more to come.

Susan Koszeghy Naef sent the following upbeat note: “Nothing much has changed since I moved to my new home, Seagrass Village in Daphne, AL. I am near my son and his family here. June was a busy month for our family, three birthdays, (two granddaughters and my son), another granddaughter received her doctorate in PT, and then was married in the Bahamas. My son and his wife celebrated an anniversary and vacationed in the Bahamas. I participated by Skype and then a family dinner. Living in a retirement community has its positive aspects: companionship, shared meals, cleaning services, group outings, games, etc. The negatives are: watching your companions decline in health, memory, and hearing. Also, Alabama has very warm weather. Nature flourishes, flowers bloom year-round, animals and

insects abound. We have seven ducks in our pond and many egret visitors, a concert of frogs in the evening. So far, no alligator visitors. So kind of you to continue to connect us classmates! Stay well!"

Lucille

Megerdichian Bills sends wonderful news that on August 6, she and Bing will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary. They met in the Theatre Department office the first day of Graduate Studies at the University of Iowa. The rest is history. Congrats Lu & Bing!

Marlene Cohen

Applebaum sent the following note: "Most of us are approaching or are 90. Many members of our class are no longer with us. Just remember all those wonderful years at Douglass College. They are not the same anymore. Happy Birthday to all us survivors."

Mary Alice Bisbee

wrote: "I will be 90 in January 2027, if I live that long! My move to Rochester, VT, turned out to be not at all what I wanted, so I have moved back to the Montpelier area again. This time, I am in a real, much more expensive facility with a much larger living space and only one meal a day. My seated walker is the only way I can get around now, and since my money is running out, I'll probably take advantage of our "Death with Dignity" plan, which is legal in Vermont. The current political scene is quite troubling and I am glad

that my life is nearing its end, as I fear what may be coming next; politically and environmentally. I still drive my old car and that keeps me a little bit in touch with what is going on in the outside world. Be well, all of us survivors of the Class of 1958, Douglass College!"

Jacqueline

Horowitz Stapleton

communicates from her home in Israel. "It is even more important now as we approach our 90th birthdays and our 68th year since graduation to stay in touch, and I wanted to let you know that I haven't received the class notes. I continue as always. I'm still very active and have a beautiful life despite what is going on in Israel. This morning we again had to run to the shelter as Iran sent missiles again. I continue playing bridge, playing the piano, painting, water exercises five times a week, I volunteer at the Israel Museum, am a member of a book club, Bible study group, Kibbutz Neve Ilan's senior female friendship group, and several other activities such as season tickets to the Israeli Philharmonic and the Metropolitan Live Opera series. And I still drive. I'm blessed. Looking forward to reading our next class notes."

Ellen Dubow

Alpart writes: "Can't thank you enough for keeping our class news going! Yes, so hard to believe we are all turning 90. It seems like yesterday we were in

college and yet the years have flown by. Jerry and I are blessed with knowing each other 70 years and married 68 with three married children in New Jersey, Port Washington, Long Island and Boca Raton. We have eight grandchildren, two more through our son's marriage and twin great grandchildren in Miami from our oldest grandchild Brooke. We crazily live in our original colonial home in North Caldwell, with steps, and still spend time in Bondville, VT, at the foot of Stratton Mt. Our skiing days are definitely over but we still enjoy shows, fairs, etc. and just sitting on our deck, which is by a bubbly brook and next to a swimming pond. We are slower. Jerry has his cane but is reasonably healthy, compared to friends, some of whom we have very sadly lost or are ill. We also spend two months in Naples Florida during the winter. We try to enjoy every day gratefully to the fullest knowing realistically how blessed we are. Each year we seem to age more and we can't predict the future. Jerry enjoyed his ortho practice for many years in Wayne, NJ. After that, 15 yrs of teaching, then working in his office doing volunteer work, which included starting an art appreciation program in our elementary schools. Douglass gave me a great start and I reconnected with my sophomore roommate **Sandy Orenberg Gold** who

left after two years, which had been quite wonderful. I applaud all the survivors of 1958 and say life may no longer be perfect but let's just try to do our best thinking of what we still have, let modern medicine keep us going. Simple joys can still be had even in our present, often distressing, world. Hugs to all...hold on to all the memories. I'd love to hear from my fellow classmates!"

So happy to hear from

Ellen Ehrmann Everett.

She writes: "I am still happily living in my home. I have family nearby if I need help. I keep busy doing 1000-piece jigsaw puzzles, shopping and exercising at the Y. Family activities lately included attending an Everett family event in Ithaca, NY, and my grandson's graduation from Virginia Tech. The University has a lovely inn on campus which makes it easy to get to the various events. I hope we will get to a Virginia Tech football game again this fall."

Dianna Coblentz

sent an upbeat email. She writes: "Thanks, Ellen, for keeping class notes going! I don't have much to report but do like hearing from others. I'm still in Seattle, enjoying the city and taking advantage of great opera, symphony and theater (and that's where the money goes!). Covid cut back on a lot of activities, of course, so I'm down to just one volunteer job -- at one of the local senior centers. Once a week, I'm a receptionist

there and get to greet lots of interesting people, including a few who are actually older than I am. I'm not traveling as much now except regular visits to California to visit family and a great trip to Santa Fe last summer for the opera. I haven't been to the East Coast for a long while, maybe I'll get there for our next big reunion. Best wishes to all."

Judy Baulch Long reports that all four grandchildren have graduated from college now, the last one finishing up her degree just this month. She recently flew to Los Angeles with her youngest daughter Sarah and her family to visit her oldest daughter Jennifer and her family. The whole family did manage to gather for a lovely Sunday brunch at a very fancy hotel in Bel Air, CA, but most of the rest of Judy's west coast trip was spent enjoying the weather and the plantings in Jennifer's yard. They live underneath the Hollywood sign, where they have fruit trees galore (including lemons, oranges, and avocados). Jennifer is working on getting Judy a Canadian passport, since it turns out that Judy has many Canadian citizens in her background. Last summer, Judy's entire extended family (all the way out to grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins) gathered in Bedford, NY, for the wedding of her oldest grandson Calvin, to Abigail, the girl he met and fell in love with during his freshman year in college. It

was a lovely wedding which extended over the entire 4th of July weekend in 2025. I am still living in a retirement community in Hamden, CT, where I have many friends. There is a regular breakfast club of 9 or 10 people who meet each morning. There are weekly bingo games, concerts, movies twice a week, afternoon ice cream socials, and regular lectures, which fill her social calendar. Her three children are all still doing well: Jennifer (lawyer in Los Angeles), Christopher (investment advisor in the Washington DC area) and Sarah (actress, producer and philanthropist in New York City).

We received word from her daughter that **Doris Haag Clark** passed away on June 10. She is survived by her children, son Gary and daughter Lynn Van Duyne, along with her stepchildren and grandchildren and their families. After graduating Douglass, Doris taught math at Princeton High School. Once her children were older, she received her master's degree from William Paterson University in New Jersey and then became a Learning Disability Consultant for several school systems. In later years she and her second husband, Art Clark, moved to Hobe Sound, FL, where she volunteered teaching English to several families in the area. She was also a Deacon at her church and member of the

choir. Our condolences to Doris's entire family.

I received a note from **Lisanne Armstrong James'** daughter Jenny advising us of her Mom's passing on April 8, 2026. She wrote: "She and Dave had been married since December 1958, and when he died of a stroke in 2024, her heart just broke and never recovered. That and other health issues led, after a very hard 17 months, to her final passing. They spent the last 28 years living happily in Kennebunkport, Maine, and her family of one daughter, one grandson, and one great-grandson all live nearby with their families." I have communicated with Jenny and sent condolences on behalf of the Class of 1958.

We have also received word of the recent passing of **Joan Scheld Biasini** on November 14, 2025, and **Bernice Weinstein** on August 22, 2022. Unfortunately, we have no further information.

I received word from Sherry Weissberg Spiezle that her DC roommate, **Maxine Friedman Cahn** passed away on March 6, 2026. She is survived by her loving husband, Sam Cahn, who was her devoted caregiver during her illness; her son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Stephanie Cahn; her daughter and son-in-law, Susan Cahn Slavin and Greg Slavin; and seven grandchildren.

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We celebrated our 65th Reunion in June and took an official class photo of classmates that celebrated together.

Sadly, I share the passing of **Isabel Goll Drzewiecki** on August 11, 2026. Isabel was a devoted classmate, generous supporter and dear friend to many. She leaves an amazing legacy through her career with Johnson & Johnson, and her dedicated service to the AADC, including as part of the Memorabilia Committee. Her support for future alumnae will continue through the scholarship she created in honor of her late husband John. She will be missed.

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Our Class will celebrate our 65th Milestone Reunion at

Reunion on campus on Saturday, June 5, 2027.

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Please send news to share with classmates.

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After dealing with a very snowy winter, it's easy to understand why a number of classmates have migrated to Florida. **Fran Griffith Brann** has lived there for some years. From her two children she has five grandchildren. When we spoke, three grandchildren had just celebrated college graduations. After Douglass Fran worked for IBM for five years. then ultimately moved into teaching and more recently doing private teaching. She dealt with some of the same students from their early years through graduations. Throughout this time, she has kept up her focus on the violin, music and choir activities.

And out in Washington state, another classmate involved with education and teaching is **Joanne Bruno Mooney**. Now retired, Joanne taught high school English for 34 years. She has two children (one of which went to Douglass) and four grandchildren who are now approaching college age.

Among her travels Joanne has included trips back to New Jersey. She stays in touch with Eileen Poiani '65. All in all, she's happy to report now "life's good."

Even as she changed states multiple times **Jane Cochran Jatinen** described her diverse career as focused on children's social services as well as volunteerism. After Douglass she worked in NJ and then received an MSW from the University of Michigan where she was involved with childhood education and social work. Her career then moved between Los Angeles, North Carolina and Texas (but did not allow for many trips back to NJ). Ultimately Jane retired from the University of Texas School of Social Work where she oversaw work in child protective services. Volunteerism has always been a staple complementing her career. In North Carolina, from 1999 to 2008 Jane volunteered with Animal Haven of Asheville. After moving back to Austin in 2012 to be closer to her son and two grandchildren she is now volunteering with Austin Pets Alive as well as the library and homeowners' groups. Her grandson is now working on his own master's degree and her granddaughter is studying at



Associate Alumnae Reunion 2026
Class of 1961
65th Reunion - Saturday, June 6, 2026

From left, front row: Carol Hansmann Hamlin, Susan Gordan Marchand, Isabel Goll Drzewiecki.

Second row: Nancy Punchatz Hines, Marilyn Marks Rubin, Marlene Varga Carlson.

St. Andrews in Scotland. Potential Douglass connection! **Beverly Sansone Smith's** daughter V. Anne Stokes teaches at the University of St. Andrews. Now Jane has Anne's email.

Margaret Reynard Vidale went on from Douglass to receive an MA in Early Childhood Education from Wheelock College and took a job as a nursery teacher at the Jewish Community Center in Brighton. Then she became Assistant Children's Librarian at the South End Branch Children's Library. When her first daughter arrived, she chose to be an at-home mom with her. Years later, after her

daughters left for college Margaret began volunteering as an ESL teacher at the local library. This evolved into a part-time job teaching English to immigrant hotel workers, and she did this until retiring at 60. Her husband was a professor at Boston University, and they enjoyed many travels to Europe, especially Vienna and Switzerland. Her husband passed away seven years ago. Since then, among other things she has been involved with are her two grandchildren and other activities. I appreciated her comments on what it was like to deal with knee replacement. Margaret stays in touch with college

roommate **Mary Gregory Soule**.

I had a nice, lengthy note from **Marjorie Nieh** describing her work, teaching, travel and volunteer activities. She applied her chemistry to activities for Kodak and Dupont and then moved into teaching at PRI, The University of Albany and the community college (so RPI students could also benefit). Her travels in the last decade included China (her first time returning to China since she left) and Europe. Since Covid she limits travel to the Caribbean and avoids air travel. At one time Marjorie suffered from migraine headaches. She says her serendipitous discovery of a garden grown spearment tea which miraculously treated her migraine headache in 2001 had her doing extensive literature research. This allowed her, as an Independent Scholar, to present poster presentations at several conferences on Natural Products and Alternative Medicines, notably the Gordon Research Conference. Marjorie calls this her most productive and professionally satisfied period as no corporate boss was watching over her shoulders. For many years Marjorie has taught and trained at the Tae Kwon Do Dojo and enjoys working with the young. As a homeowner she also keeps up with the challenges of "small" jobs. She concluded her note by referring to

Socrates, "we must not think that the most important thing is to live, but to live in a coherent way."

Katherine

Bonanne Rubinstein commuted to Douglass, stayed on in New Brunswick to teach high school and is now retired and relocated with her family to Sea Bright. She was widowed in 2013. In 2019 she traveled to Europe for the first time to explore and enjoy its many sights. Today from her deck she says she now enjoys the shore breezes, water views east and west, reading, family and occasional painting. Happily, she shares her home with her daughter and two grandchildren, one of which will be starting at her choice of colleges in the fall. Her son and two other grandchildren live nearby.

Other St Peter's graduates have also been drawn to the Jersey shore.

This past spring **Sheila Herbert, Barbara Zimmerman, Bert and Alice Pancza Milchanoski** and Doug (RU '63) and **Stephanie Strassner Frani** had a mini reunion at the Breakers Hotel in Spring Lake. Alice reports there was wonderful weather, fantastic food and many happy memories shared among these 60+ year friends.

Help. I could not track down the following classmates, even with Google. Does anyone know what is up with **Ada Becker Sellers, Louise Zezensky,**

Laura Parish Johnson, or Rachel Leff Sommer?

On a sad note, I offer condolences to **Beverly Sansone Smith** on the death of her husband Wallace A. Smith (RU '64). I knew Wally in high school where we all recognized that with his sharp mind and wit he'd go far. After his straight A at RU he got his Ph.D. at Princeton while Beverly was picking up her MA in mathematics. Wally joined us at many reunions and his insightful humor and wit kept many laughing.

When I hear of a deceased classmate I include in our class notes. Sometimes this takes a while depending on when someone decides to share input. I just learned that **Adeline Fine Weiner**, an older, part-time student from Roosevelt who matriculated with us passed away in 1995.

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Some members of the class meet on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 ET on Zoom. If you want to join in, please email me, **Helen Lee Potter**, at the address above.

Several of the items discussed this month were around trips which several classmates had taken. The following are books and movies recommended:

"The Banshees of Inisherin" and "The Quiet

Man" -- Spencer and **Karen Hirschfeld Ralston** had just returned from an extensive trip to Ireland and visited the land where these movies took place. "The Brightness of Light" is a documentary about the life and art of Georgia O'Keeffe, which was recommended by Karen who was a docent in a museum of O'Keeffe's works in Sante Fe, before she moved to Tucson, AZ. You can find the documentary online: www.georgiaokeeffefilm.com

Karen Hoffman

Bryson had just returned from an Oversees Adventure Tour of Latvia and Finland and recommended "The Calamity Club" by Katherine Stocker. It is not story related to her travels, but one she enjoyed and recommends.

The Joint Committee on Women in the Mathematical Sciences honored **Dr. Eileen L. Poiani** during Women's History Month in March for her leadership in higher education, sustainability, and dedication to advancing opportunities for women in mathematics. Congratulations, Eileen! This was a well-earned honor and recognition. Eileen also reports that Douglass Residential College Dean Meghan Rehbein and Elia Desruisseaux from Rutgers Foundation are interested in joining an upcoming class Zoom.



Associate Alumnae Reunion 2026

Class of 1966

60th Reunion - Saturday, June 6, 2026

From left, front row: Anne Wolin Tax, Trudy Feidelseit Burdman, Maria Dervaric Wiener, Joan Nikelsky, Marsha Edelman Malberg, Dorothy Stein Krugman, Evelyn Junge, M. Wilma Harris.

Second row: Joanne Wilder Masafy, Nancy Jobes Hale, Janice Donelon Ballou, Frances Weingarten Lobman, Linda Cohen, Barrie Weiner Levine.

Third row: Eileen Stukane, Catherine Szot Fitts, Danielle McCarthy Reid, Maureen Korp.

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Marsha Edelman Malberg writes: "Our 60th Reunion, on June 5 & 6, marked the end of my 10 years as Class Co-President. I loved being our class president – first as Co-President with the late **Sue Estler** and then as Co-

President with **Trudy Feidelseit Burdman**. I remember the feather boas we gave to all our classmates at our 50th Reunion. Fun to wear but not so appreciated by the Douglass ground crew who had to sweep up all of the feathers. I remember when we established the Sue Estler '66 Memorial Fund to award a fellowship every year to a deserving student

who graduated from Douglass.

Lots more memories of when we planned our just completed 60th Reunion. Working with Co-President Trudy Burdman, and 1st Vice-President and Reunion Chair **Eileen Stukane**, has been a joyous experience. I count Trudy and Eileen as cherished friends. Best news ever is that Trudy and Eileen are our Class of 1966 Co-Presidents for 2026 -

2031. I would like to thank my classmates for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Co-President. Our class is an amazing group of women who remember our Douglass days with pride. Congratulations to all our newly elected Class Officers. My wish is they enjoy leading our class as much as I did."

This from **Barrie Weiner Levine** (MA): Barrie was at Reunion 60 with Linden classmate, **Anne Wolin Tax**. When they cancelled the campus walk due to the heat, Barrie and Anne took the train back to Manhattan. Barrie said she stayed in the city during the first two Knicks games and enjoyed watching on her daughter's huge projection TV. "It was like being in front row seats. I am now addicted to basketball because I understand it much better and the plays and players are phenomenal. So, I have acquired a sports addiction at this late date! My husband would watch Celtics games (he was a Boston boy) but since I have NJ/NY roots, I am not ashamed to say that I am now a rabid Knicks fan!" Barrie is a published writer of haiku poetry and her book "Cotton Moon" is wonderful. Check it out!

As for me, **Trudy Feidelseit Burdman**, aside from Marsha retiring as President (see above), **Frances Weingarten Lobman** has also retired from her position as Class Secretary. **Eileen Stukane**

will move to be co-president with me and new officers include **Nancy Jobes Hale** as VP, and **Barrie Weiner Levine** as Class Secretary. Officers staying on in their positions include co-Fund Agents, **Cathy Szot Fitts** and **Ruth Schulman Feigenbaum**; historian **Dottie Stein Krugman** and Alumnae Council Rep, **Janice Donelon Ballou**.

Zooming in to our 60th reunion, June 6th, were classmates **Gail Strauss Opalinski** (Alaska), **Noelle Morrison Anderson** (CA), **Marilyn Vanderhoff** (WI), **Millie Schenck Hardman** (VA), **Mary Morris Makofske** (NY), **Connie Allen Nelson** (FL), **Gerry Meyers** (NJ) and **Muriel Hoch Slevin** (CA).

Attending in person in addition to the class officers mentioned previously above were:

Wilma Harris, Maria Devaric Wiener, Joan Nikelsky, Miki Korp, Danielle McCarthy Reid, Evelyn Junge, Linda Cohen (past Pres) from FL, Joanne Wilder Masafy, Barrie Weiner Levine and Anne Wolin Tax.

Congratulations to our Class of 1966 for being one of the top three donators to the AADC and also for being in the top three for number of individual donations!

Finally, I would like to tell you all to look up our classmate, **Leonie Milhomme Brinkema** who is a federal judge in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Leonie

was known to us at Douglass as "Dee Dee". Sadly, I share the recent passings of classmates in the five years since our 55th reunion. I include their name, college major and date of passing. If you request a total list of deceased classmates (90 in total) kindly send an email to me, Trudy, at burdmant@gmail.com.

Deborah Dobbs, Sociology, 2021, July 17;

Elizabeth Weinheimer Carlson, Biological Sciences, 2021, Nov. 05;

Linda Clark Seifried, Biological Sciences-Education, 2022, April 23;

Juanita Wade Wilson, Sociology, 2022, Oct. 13 ;

Victoria Zak, English, 2022, Dec. 6;

Carol Wallace Orr, English, 2023, Jan. 12;

Suzann E. Coll, English, 2023, June 19;

Mary Gordon Gardella, Religion, 2023, Oct 8;

Carol Zlotkin Rippepoe, English, 2023, Jan. 5;

Sherry Bauer Ziegenbalg, Math Education, 2024, Dec. 19;

Arlyn Meisner Kerr, Mathematics, 2025, June 23;

Patricia Kuchta, Mathematics, 2025, Oct. 11;

Diana Thompson Adelizzi, American Civilization, 2025, Nov. 21;

Margaret Kraemer Schieck, English, 2026, April 28;

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I'm composing these notes in early June, but you'll not be reading them until next fall. Hopefully, the summer was a pleasant one no matter where you were and what activities you pursued. I wish you all well as we enter a new season!

Here is a greeting from our Class President **Elaine Auerbach**, who writes, 'Our 60th Reunion is next year where we will celebrate on Saturday, June 5, 2027, on campus. In early June Nancy Schumann, our secretary nonpareil, began encouraging classmates to attend the celebration. Seeing as many classmates as possible is on my 'bucket list!'" (More news from Elaine is included later in the notes.)

Lacking a full obituary, Elaine was kind enough to submit an informal one for our classmates:

Kathryn Ruth

Bloom, a classmate and dear friend, passed away February 11, 2026. Despite years of fighting illness, Kathy lived a full life. After graduating with a BA in English from Douglass, she earned a master's degree, also in English, at the University of Toronto. She returned to school some 40 years later and earned her second master's degree in Jewish Liberal Studies from Hebrew College in Newton,

MA. She did her doctorate at Northeastern University in Boston, where she wrote her thesis on successful Jewish female novelists. Kathy's career included a stint in public relations for United Jewish Appeal, followed by becoming the public relations contact at Bristol Myers. This was during the AIDS crisis, when the company was developing new treatments. She then moved to Biogen, Inc., another pharmaceutical company, as senior director of communications. Kathy was a writer, penning articles for magazines and blogs. Her pieces appeared in *Lilith* (a publication covering the lives of Jewish women), *The Times of Israel* and *Hadassah Magazine*. Kathy's home base was Boston, but she fell in love with Toronto and maintained a home there. She also kept an apartment in New York City. An only child, Kathy had close ties with relatives in Israel and friends in Toronto, New York City and elsewhere. She will be sorely missed by all those whose life she touched.

Susan D. Goldey

passed on March 17, 2026. She was born and raised in Jersey City and resided in Somerset for many years. After graduating from Douglass with a BA in Spanish, she received her master's from Rutgers in 1976. She spent most of her career as a Spanish and ESL teacher at South Plainfield High School. After retiring, Susan became interested in historic

preservation and earned a Certificate in Historic Preservation from Drew University. She served as secretary on the Franklin Twp. Historic Preservation Advisory Commission for 13 years. She was also an active member of the JFK Democratic Club and a Committee Woman in District 14. Surviving are her sister Carol Lynne Rzeczkowski (Alfred), two nieces and a nephew.

Joanne Miskowski Levin passed away on March 24, 2026, in Austin, TX. She majored in English at Douglass and after graduation she earned a Master of Ed degree from The College of New Jersey. She served as an administrator in a law firm. She is survived by her sister Diane of Moorestown, NJ.

Joyce Van Der Wall Holloway passed away on November 14, 2025, in Highland Mills, NY at age 80. Born in Paterson, NJ, she earned her BA from Douglass and a Master of Science degree in Instructional Technology from New York Institute of Technology. She served as an art teacher for 31 years in Saddle River, NJ. In 2011, Joyce became a volunteer at Museum Village in Monroe, NY, where she helped carry out a major inventory of exhibited artifacts. She was instrumental in photographing and cataloging over 10,000 artifacts over the course of 10 years! She made close friendships through her work

at the Village. She was predeceased by her husband Lambert Woodhull (Woody) Holloway and leaves her brother Robert J. Van Der Wall, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Moving on to the living among us, **Jill Kamp Aaronson** wrote from Tahiti, where she was vacationing with her husband Ron. This was a stop on their 15-day cruise to Bora Bora and Hawaii! (Wow!) They attended a grandson's graduation in South Carolina earlier. Next up after the cruise was a conference in Bristol, TN. Jill was to speak at a women's gathering in Houston, TX in June and again at a conference in Pennsylvania for young professionals. She was also scheduled to teach a class about interpersonal relationships for a group from the US Army.

Elaine Auerbach shared other thoughts about her "bucket list". In the spring she began preparing to walk a segment of the Camino de Santiago with a friend in July. In November, she was to sail to northern Norway to see the Northern Lights. Although she'd previously gone to Alaska and Iceland, she had yet to see this phenomenon.

In March, Elaine heard from classmate **Lee Daly**, an accomplished crocheter who had been asked to do a presentation for her lace group. Lee asked to borrow two lace doilies that she'd given to Elaine for the talk. Lee has

now taken up weaving! During a chat, Lee updated Elaine on her two sons, Michael and Drew, and their growing families.

In July, our class book club members met to discuss "The Hidden Life of Cecily Larson," by Ellen Baker. We've been meeting at three-month intervals. If you're interested in joining the group, contact Elaine at ea2876@outlook.com.

Holly Elissa Bruno shares she was selected for the Lifetime Achievement Award in the area of early childhood care and education leadership in May at the annual Empowerment Conference in Providence, RI. "This feels very sweet given that I am a maverick, doing what I believe needs doing regardless of popular support or affirmation. I could not have achieved this without the Douglass College encouragement and requirements which aimed at its students becoming self-defining women," Holly said about receiving the honor. Besides having written books over the years on a variety of topics (leadership, legal risks, healing from trauma, etc.), Holly had the honor of speaking in April at the World Forum for Early Childhood Care and Education in Kuala Lumpur.

Rita Trezbinski Bradley says she's enjoying her retirement, immersing herself in artwork and reading. She spent Xmas in Manchester, a lovely town in England. Both her granddaughters graduated

from college this year and were looking for jobs when she wrote. Rita also mentioned that she was saddened by the news of Kathy Bloom's passing. The last time they had met was at Biogen when Rita worked at Merck. In the lobby Rita saw her and called out "Kathy". Kathy was taken aback since everyone at work called her Kathryn. "It was a funny reunion, and we vowed to get together, but sadly, we did not have this opportunity". (There's more news about Rita in my news segment.)

Barbara Poti Crooker wrote to share her new book, "Absence," about grief and the death of her husband, will be out in 2027. And a selection of her poems, will also be published next year. When she wrote in May, she said that she was traveling shortly to Gascony, France for a nine-day cooking class (duck, choux pastry etc.).

Diane Alberti Gallo and her husband took a Road Scholar trip to northern New Mexico in May. It was an interesting foray into Indian and Spanish cultures in the area around Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Taos. These cultures heavily influence life in the state. The architecture of the area is primarily adobe, with some older Hispanic influences. They met native descendants of pueblo people who have lived in the region for 1,200 years; these people shared their history, art, stories and food

with the group on several occasions. Their deep respect for the land and its resources is inspirational! On their excursions, Diane and her husband climbed up to the cave houses in the cliffs at the Bandolier National Monument site and explored the adobe homes in the Taos Pueblo. Santa Fe is the oldest state capital in the US, established in 1610! A visit in that area wouldn't be complete without a stop at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum. It is wonderful! As a follow-up to the trip and what they learned, Diane read Willa Cather's 1927 novel "Death Comes for the Archbishop," which tells the story of the French missionaries who followed the Spanish to the area in the 1900s. The archbishop featured in the book was responsible for the construction of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe. He is buried there.

Nancy Bell

Hohnstine reported that she spent a lovely three days at the end of April with her roommate **Bobbie Letts Orth** in Coral Gables, FL. They attended a fantastic *Dolce and Gabbana* special exhibition at the Contemporary Art Museum in Miami. It was a "love letter" to Italy. If this show comes to a venue near you, Nancy hoped you'd not miss it! After this visit Nancy hopped on board a repositioning cruise that brought her back to Bayonne, NJ. Nancy also mentioned that she attended

the AADC 2026 L'Hommedieu Lecture in March featuring Fabien Cousteau, an oceanographer and son of world-famous Jacques Cousteau. I understand that the lecture was well worth attending!

Susan Lipton

Malin wrote recently about learning how to eat an artichoke while dining at Douglass. In response, I reminisced about my fond memories of our sit-down dinners. Several friends were waitresses, so I'm sure they remember more Cooper and Nielsen dining hall stories! It's been sad to see the empty grassy space where Cooper used to be! We hear that Rutgers has plans to build housing there with stores beneath!

Back in March

Sharon Matlofsky Karmazin set off on a Mediterranean cruise. She was hoping to visit her Douglass roommate **Ellen Koponen Wilson** while in Detroit judging an art show.

Rita Signorelli

Pappas retired from the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, NJ, at the end of 2024 and moved to Greensboro, NC, where she spends time regularly with both her son, James, his family and her daughter Sarah. Her grandson, James, just completed his freshman year at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. Rita's third poetry collection, "The Chameleon," was published by Serving House Books last year. She

recently gave a poetry reading at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, and she enjoys occasional visits with our classmate **Jane Kiernan Cobb**, who lives in nearby Durham.

Lynne Archibald

Peverley wrote in March to alert us to the news that she's moved to the South End of Boston to live near family and enjoy all that this vibrant city has to offer. She'd love to connect with any others living in Boston and shares her email: lynnepev@aol.com.

I continue to be in touch with **Eleanor Rand Giovanielli, Maryann Langen** and **Ellen Fischer**. The three of them, plus El's husband Damon, staged a mini-reunion in Boston last year. I was supposed to have joined them, however, I was still recovering from hip replacement. They had a grand time. Eleanor, Damon and Ellen also took a trip to Ireland last year and as I write these notes, El and Ellen are touring Scotland!

As for your faithful class secretary, I just returned from a jaunt to Garner, NC, to visit **Jane Schwanwede Cowan** and her husband Archie. My 12-hour train ride (Trenton to Raleigh) brought me practically to their doorstep in Garner! We had a grand time catching up with each other, touring the Raleigh Art and Science Museums and a historic mill. While visiting, I taught Jane how to play Mancala, and she gave me an introductory lesson in Backgammon. We also had

the opportunity to have lunch with another classmate, **Rita Trezbinski Bradley**, in Carey, where she lives. She is thriving in her retirement, creating artworks and reading. Another treat was our dinner with a friend (Lisa) with whom I taught in Basking Ridge, NJ. We had the pleasure of congratulating her daughter who had just graduated from Elon University. I had last seen Lisa's family in 2011 while visiting Jane and Archie. It was a pleasure to spend time with old friends before returning home.

I am still awaiting the availability of my desired apartment at Heath Village Retirement Community in Hackettstown but am nearly finished with shedding excess furniture and other "stuff" in prep for the move. I'm hopeful that I will have re-located by the time this newsletter is published! Check to see whether I have a new address!

As I finalize this set of class notes, I want to tell you that **Diane Gallo** and I attended the 2026 Douglass Reunion in June. We were able to observe the main celebration during the Champagne Jazz Brunch in Traves Hall, located in the new (to us) Douglass Student Center. The newest Vanguard class attendees and representatives of other milestone classes processed into the room amid shouts of joy and encouragement from everyone present. Alumnae Awards were presented.

During the delicious meal and afterwards, we were able to meet leaders of the Class of '66 who were celebrating their 60th! We got some great ideas (including their Zoom activities) for our celebration next year!

As always, I send best wishes to the Class of '67 as we look forward to our 60th Reunion next June!

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Congratulations to **Sheila Kelly Hampton** who was inducted into the Rutgers Alumni Association's Loyal Sons and Daughters in April with its 2026 honorees. In attendance at the presentation was **Rocki Cademartori Lorenc**, who is pictured on left with Sheila.

My sister Jill Clark Prusko and I continued our travels. In February we took a Viking Ocean Cruise from Athens, Greece, to Rome, Italy, visiting Athens; Ephesus, Turkey; Knossos, Crete; Messina, Sicily; Naples, Italy; and flew home from Rome. In March, we



Linda P. Clark '70, right, with her sister Jill Clark Prusko at Mt. Etna.

toured Sicily from Palermo to Catania enjoying more antiquities and their delicious food! We also went up Mt. Etna which still had some snow on it.

Dr. Ferris Olin, curator, is moderating a panel discussion for an exhibit "Confluence", a Collaborative Exhibition, of artists Anna Boothe and Nancy Cohen at Urban Glass: Robert Lehman Gallery in Brooklyn, NY. The exhibit runs until November 1, 2026.

Condolences: The Reverend Doctor **Marcella L. Klimas** died on June 26, 2025. After graduating from Douglass, she earned a doctorate in divinity from the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA. Marcella was an Episcopal Priest in Pennsylvania and Georgia. Her husband Reverend Richard Hawkins predeceased her. Our sympathy goes out to her brothers John, Andrew, and Edward and the rest of her family.

Roberta

Pollock Painter, a Bunting grad, died on February 21, 2026. She was 92. She attended Bennington College and later completed her sociology degree at Douglass. Roberta was a probation officer for Middlesex County Court and the State of NJ for 26 years. Our sympathy goes out to her son Steven and daughter Bonnie and the rest of her family.'

I also want to share the unexpected passing of **Gayle Stachula Noah '71** on July 15, 2026. She lived in Nova Scotia where I visited her every summer, and we had been planning to see each other at the end of July. She has been my best friend since we were 18 years old.

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Sheila Kelly Hampton '70, right, was inducted into the Rutgers Loyal Sons and Daughters. Rocki Cademartori Lorenc '70 celebrated with Sheila.

We celebrated our 55th Reunion in June, where our very own Class Secretary **Mary Zimmerman Chyb** was honored for her longevity of service in numerous leadership roles, receiving the Vanguard Service Award. Mary is currently as Vice President of Development on the AADC Board of Directors Executive Committee, and has previously held the roles of President and Treasurer. She has mentored many AADC leaders and served on committees, including for Development, Major Gifts, 95th Anniversary, Nominating and Alumnae Council.

Martha Boughner, now our Class President Emerita, has decided after

55 years as our dedicated class president. Happily, she has turned over the office to **Prudence Zalewski**, another dedicated class member, who manages to attend our Reunions from California!

Martha writes, "It has been my great honor to represent the great Douglass Class of 1971 ever since our graduation. The interactions I've had over the years with so many of our classmates have been a treat, and the wonderful support I've had from Karen Gustavsen (VP who has always organized the best Reunion activities), Mary (Tizzy) Neary and Mary Chyb, who have worked in the rest of our class positions, have made it an easy job...and I hand them over to Prudence with pleasure and the best references! Hang in there, Class of '71...and keep on having fun! Love you all...Martha."

Incoming Class President **Prudence Zalewski** shares, "I'm writing to you as your new Class President. Martha Boughner decided to step down after many, many years of hard work for our great class of 1971. I will do my best and work my hardest to, hopefully, continue the sense of community that our class thrives on. Reunion 2026 was inspirational. It was a wonderful event for connecting with classmates and experiencing campus. Even though the reunion is over, Douglass College

never leaves me... wherever I am in the country or the world. Douglass instilled in me something that I will never forget. Some of you may remember a motto that was repeated over and over: "We are educating women as though their lives depended upon it." This thought really stuck with me throughout my life and gave me strength in many diverse situations. It enabled me to feel capable when facing challenging times. For that, I owe an immense amount of gratitude to everyone at Douglass who came before

me and developed a philosophy that focused on women and what they could achieve. I have a few stories of situations where this motto really changed the course of my life, but I would really like to hear from all of you about how Douglass impacted your lives. Send your story in to our Class Secretary **Mary Zimmerman Chyb**.

Class Vice President **Karen Gustavsen** writes, "Thank you to all the Reunion Committee planners for bringing together a great day! Sorry more of '71 could

not attend. I took advantage of the trip east to spend a few days with my sister at the shore to enjoy the sun. My husband said there was snow at home and he was going to cover the tomatoes because of frost warnings!"

On behalf of the Class of 1971 and in honor of our 55th reunion in June, it was announced at Reunion that our class ranked third in class gift totals raised during the last five years in support of the mission of the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College.

Congratulations to our class!



Associate Alumnae Reunion 2026

Class of 1971

55th Reunion - Saturday, June 6, 2026

From left, front row: Ellen Stukane Black, Mary Zimmerman Chyb, Karen Kothe Gustavsen, Martha Boughner, Mary E. Neary, Joan Robinson Gross.

Back row: Gloria Binkowski, Prudence Zalewski, Jeanette Eng Flannery, Jo-Ellyn M. Ryall.

Gwen Steiding Cerasoli writes, "I retired from reading specialist work at Perth Amboy Public Schools in 2009 and got involved with piano teaching and food pantry work. Hubby Carmen (RC 1968) and I enjoy our three grandchildren, all in central Jersey. My piano students have ranged in age from 3 to 90.

Class Treasurer **Mary Elizabeth Neary "Tizzy"** writes: "Last October I joined my brother and his family for another Viking cruise, this time on the Danube. Highlights included: a night visit to the ship's top deck to see the lit bridges of Budapest; a Vienna Your Way Personal Tour followed that evening by a delightful concert of Strauss and Mozart at an opera house; eating next to an indoor fountain at one of Vienna's coffee houses; walking the streets of Passau on a gorgeous fall day; on a less than gorgeous day, visiting a 900 year old abbey, where the tour started and ended with wine tastings; when on the boat itself, I still found it exciting to go through a lock and really enjoyed the captain's tour of the wheelhouse, especially seeing how it lowers to accommodate bridges. The cruise finished in Regensburg, where I first saw the Danube during my first trip to Europe. Never imagined I'd spend a week sailing on it!

After seven days on water, we spent five days on land,

driving to various sites in Bavaria. One was Oberammergau, where the Passion Play is held every decade. I loved the brightly painted houses with their window boxes – and the Kathe Wohlfahrt nutcracker store. Despite my brother's encouragement, I couldn't make it up the 'hill' to the Cinderella Castle but a walk around Fussen on a Summer-like day was a fine substitute. On a previous visit to Munich, I was unable to see the Town Hall Glockenspiel in operation but caught it this trip. There was much to see in Salzburg, but my favorite site was St. Peter's Abbey with its beautifully kept cemetery, full of flowers even in October. The Sound of Music Tour was more interesting than expected: a good bit of history was included, plus a ride through the countryside, and a visit to the church used for Maria's wedding scenes. Most of all I enjoyed hearing inside stories about what was filmed where, problems encountered, etc. Spoiler Alert: not a tour for those invested in taking the film literally. I'm not a 'good flyer', so multiple flights were stressful experience but landing in Budapest was interesting as we deplaned on a set of stairs. It was an exciting, enjoyable trip and, as Dean Foster might say, 'a learning experience.'"

Aliss Valerie Terrell published a new book, "To Russia and Back, New York, Paris, Saint Petersburg and Home." It is

available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon. Jennifer Murphy, author and First Responder wrote of Aliss' book: "Crossing an ocean and a continent, through love affairs and lifetimes, laughter and tears, *To Russia and Back* is a tale of astonishing scope and intimacy. Aliss Terrell weaves an American soul-survival saga from Iron Curtain Leningrad to Putin's Saint Petersburg, from the rooftops of Paris to the inner chambers of family and self. Terrell's voice is fearless, poetic, and unforgettable, a luminous, kaleidoscopic triumph of spirit and storytelling."

Joanne Sheitelman Durham, has a new poetry book "Chasing Justice," published by Shanti Arts. She writes, "The poems respond to a quote by EB White, 'I arise in the morning torn between a desire to save the world and savor the world. It makes it hard to plan the day.'" There are poems of witness and resistance to the many injustices in our world, alongside poems seeking joy and equanimity in daily living." Joanne teaches poetry workshops at the Osher Lifelong Learning Center at UNC Wilmington, and online. She co-hosts the Island Arts Council's monthly Poetry Thursdays in Carolina/Kure Beach, NC and lives with her husband on the North Carolina coast. When she's not writing, reading or talking about poetry, she practices yoga, plays tennis,

delights in her grandkids, and works for a better world for them to grow up in. Visit Joanne's website to learn more about her books and the poetry prizes she has received at www.joannedurham.com.

Sadly, we share the news that **Gayle Stachula Noah** died on July 15, 2026, and offer condolences to her husband and extended family. Gail was raised in Paramus, NJ, and following Douglass, she earned a master's degree in deaf education in California. Gail became a teacher of the deaf in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Her family shares, "Gail married John, the love of her life, in June of 1977. That love continued to grow with the birth of their three children, William, Elizabeth and Rachael. After her first job in deaf education, she went on to teach throughout the tri-county in speech and language for many years. She settled at Maple Grove Education Center, where she shared a strong bond with her fellow teachers and beloved students until her retirement in 2017."

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We will celebrate our 55th Milestone Reunion at Reunion on campus on Saturday, June 5, 2027.

Tina Gordon recently connected with one of our longest-living alumnae,

Dorothy Wilkens Koehler, Class of 1944. Tina is writing about some of Dot's experiences at college and throughout her life for an upcoming Associate Alumnae publication. Stay tuned!

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Jewel Thompson-Chin

received an Alumnae Recognition Award at the Awards Ceremony at Reunion in June. She was honored for longstanding service as an AADC Board Member, Secretary, Alumnae Council Representative, and as a Society of Excellence inductee. She is recognized for her service on committees, including Nominating, the Schmidt Career Symposium, and Reunion, and as a longtime traveler with our Alumnae Travel Program.

Dr. Linda Caldwell

Epps was featured in a *Rutgers Today* article, "Rutgers Alumna and Historian Are Shaping New Jersey's Commemoration of America's 250th," on May 11. She was highlighted for her role as co-chair of the Revolution NJ advisory council that is assisting the New Jersey Historical Commission in planning the state's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. Linda



Associate Alumnae Reunion 2026

Class of 1976

Vanguard 50th Reunion - Saturday, June 6, 2026

From left, front row: Janet Reich, Barbara Curdin, Judith Benson Rand, Denise Busby, Debra Goldstein Smith, Gwen Marshall, Regina Hubbard, Frances Gambardella, Vanessa A. Sanders Billups, Carol Ann Welsch, Gloria Spann Seigler.

Second row: Mary Faith Chmiel, Debra Hill, Ellie Geller Knapp, Robin Gaynor Krefetz, Cheryl Thorp, Larina Frederick Corlew, Ornella Pensyl, Esther Paden, Pamela Johnson James.

Third row: Debra Mariani Barca, Penny Dein Page, Denise Sutch Girgenti, Karen Wayne Berzak, Renee Robinson.

Fourth Row: Gail Johnson Burneyko, Beverly Greenhouse Perry, Marcy Leitman Guilder, Joni Beck Brewer, Jaynee LaVecchia, Deborah Boyd Small.

has served as a member of our Associate Alumnae Directors Executive Committee and shared her work with our alumnae community. She is currently a member of the Rutgers

University Board of Trustees.

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Jeannee Sacken recently won an American Fiction Award for Women's Fiction for her novel, "The Women Who Stand Between."

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Former New Jersey Supreme Court Justice **Jayne LaVecchia** was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree by Princeton University in recognition of her career in public service and law. The honor was conferred during Princeton's 2026 Commencement ceremony. Justice LaVecchia served on the New Jersey Supreme Court for more than two decades, including as its longest-serving female justice, where she authored numerous influential opinions that helped shape state law. She is a partner at McCarter & English.

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We will celebrate our 50th Milestone Reunion at Reunion on campus on Saturday, June 5, 2027.

Melinda Raso-Kirstein received the Margaret T. Corwin Award at the Awards Ceremony at Reunion on



Associate Alumnae Reunion 2026

Class of 1981

45th Reunion - Saturday, June 6, 2026

From left, front row: Randi Greenberg, Barbara Bess-Pashak, Valerie L. Anderson, Beverly Canady McCummings, Betty Doctor White.

Second row: Marcia Wright Toledo, Kathleen Davis, Bertha Lee Aiken, Susan Hart Rudy, Cynthia Sturm Murray.

Third row: Linda Morton Rivers, Jocelyn Briddell, Paula Schnorbus.

June 6. Mindy was honored for her decades-long service on the AADC Investment Committee, and service as Alumnae Council Representative, NJ Regional Connection Group chair, and on the Awards Committee. Her passion and meticulous work on the Investment Committee strengthens the AADC.

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Class President **Jocelyn D. Briddell** welcomed classmates to its 45th Reunion at Associate Alumnae Reunion on June 6, and shares thanks to classmates for helping plan a wonderful celebration.

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We will celebrate our 45th Milestone Reunion at Reunion on campus on Saturday, June 5, 2027.

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Christiana "Chris" Foglio

was inducted as a trustee member of the Rutgers University Board of Governors in July to a term through 2032. In addition, she was inducted into the Rutgers Loyal Sons and Daughters with its 2026 honorees in April. She is the founder and chief executive officer of Community Investment Strategies, Inc., which specializes in the management and construction of affordable housing for seniors and families, is past president of New Brunswick Development Corporation (DEVCO), and served for seven years on the Rutgers Board of Trustees.

Katherine Taylor Clark

is a presenter of the workshop, "Writing Your Next Chapter with Intention: Finding Clarity, Purpose, and Possibility at Every

Stage of Life," at the 11th Annual Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt '42 Workplace and Professional Development Symposium hosted by the Associate Alumnae.

Dolores

IJames Bryant was selected as the Hometown Hero at a recent Trenton (NJ) Thunder baseball game. Dolores was honored for her many years of dedicated service to the Children's Home Society of New Jersey and for her unwavering commitment to improving outcomes for children, families, and caregivers. Her passion and leadership have touched countless lives in her role as the Vice President of Trauma Informed Child Welfare, Kinship & Clinical Services.

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Associate Alumnae Reunion 2026
Class of 1986
40th Reunion - Saturday, June 6, 2026

From left, front row: Carol Ann Monroe, Marie Smith-Fowler, Ginger Crystal Garrett.

Second row: Debra Bredehorst, Linda Gross Garza, Lorraine A. Warren, Robin Josey-Gaskin.

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We will celebrate our 40th Milestone Reunion at Reunion on campus on Saturday, June 5, 2027.

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Hi classmates! I would really love to hear from my Class of 1988 sisters and receive

news, such as, where you are living now, and about your activities, and especially, your passions, delights, hobbies and causes. Please email!

We have an upcoming, big celebration of our 40th Reunion from Douglass in only two years! Let's plan on a big turnout. In the meantime, let me hear from you and fill our class notes with news of your whereabouts, and what's going on in your lives.

For this addition of Class of 1988 notes, we received news from two of our literary classmates, who had major announcements about their

recent and upcoming publications:

Gina Malone writes, "I recently published my first book of poetry, "What Does Anyone Know About Goddesses?" It is a collection of poems inspired by my mother's life. GinaMaloneWriter.com, my website, has more about the book and other poems I have published through the years. For the last 10 years, I have been editor of "The Laurel of Asheville," a monthly magazine covering the arts in western North Carolina. I live close to the Smoky Mountains, where, in my spare time, I garden, write poetry and fiction, read too many books all at once, and take walks with my dog, Eudora. I'm making notes now for the novel I've been meaning to write since college days! I have two grown daughters. Ellyn lives in Asheville, NC, works for a nonprofit and is enrolled as a graduate student in social work at UNC-Chapel Hill. Abigail lives in Cambridge, MA, and works on the business side in several theaters and venues in Boston. I'm looking forward to the 40th class reunion. It seems like only yesterday that we were living on that lovely campus, learning (almost) everything we needed to make it in life, and having the time of our lives!"

Adrienne Schwartz, now living in Austin, TX writes "So, it turns out I have become an Indie Author, with my first book launching on Amazon

this September. I have always wanted to be a storyteller and now I write Romance under the pen name Alexandra Stone, and I'm delighted to tell you, it is a far cry from the bodice rippers of the seventies and eighties. *My Dream My Knight*, is a medieval romance set at the end of Henry IV's reign and is book one of the Honor Bound Knights Series. *My Enemy My Knight* will follow and is set around the Battle of Agincourt. I also have a Regency romance in progress. I confess that I, now, know more about 1817 sailing culture, the British peerage system, and the correct terminology for ducal household furnishings than anyone outside a Ph.D. program probably should. I also write personal essays — under my own name, Adrienne Schwartz — on Medium and in my Substack newsletter, *Mist & Stone*, where I explore the process of writing and where imagination comes from. The newsletter name tells you something: I'm drawn to the atmospheric, the specific, the moment where landscape becomes feeling. As self-publishing demands, I am also, somewhat against my will, a marketer. My relationship with social media is best described as complicated but committed. What I didn't expect is that writing itself has become the great companionship of my days. The characters turn up at inconvenient hours.



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**Class of 1991
35th Reunion -
Saturday, June 6,
2026**

Cheri Jamison

The research rabbit holes are genuinely embarrassing. And there's something quietly wonderful about building whole worlds out of language — which, after all, is what Douglass/Rutgers taught us to love in the first place. Follow along at Alexandrastonebooks.com.

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Caprice Jenerson was selected to deliver the keynote at this year's 11th Annual Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt '42 Workplace and Professional Development Symposium hosted by the Associate Alumnae. Her keynote is titled, "From Survival to Thriving."

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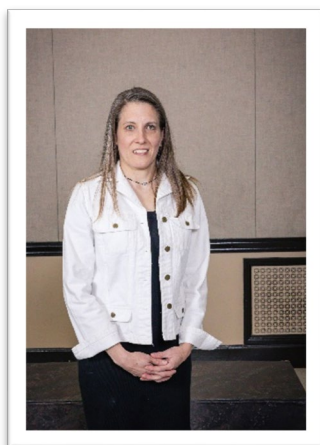
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Dutemple's debut book, *Marvelous Freaks of Nature!* will be published by Cornerstone Press in October. She shares the books description: "An amateur herpetologist gets swindled by women he meets on lizard-care message boards, a dental hygienist takes a doomed trip to see a sham psychic on the Atlantic City boardwalk, a gruesome gag gift becomes the subject of morbid fascination for a grieving woman who can't stop sleeping with her roommate's boyfriend. With surgical focus and an infectious dark humor, these stories probe a vein of longing and estrangement. From oddballs and lonely hearts living on the fringes of suburbia to stunning abnormalities pulled out from Mother Nature's bag of tricks, *Marvelous Freaks of Nature!* is a delightfully sly study of the



Class of 2001 25th Reunion - Saturday, June 6, 2026

Sandra Lake Irwin

shadowy crannies of the human heart. A dazzling debut so full of life it hurts." Learn more at alysondutemple.com and alysonmosqueradutemple.substack.com.

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Tiffany E.M. Toliver, MD.,

received and Alumnae Service Award at the Awards Ceremony at Reunion in June. She was recognized for her loyal service and leadership as an AADC Board Member, Alumnae Council Representative and Secretary of the AADC Black Alumnae Network. Committees she has served as a member of include the Jewel Plummer Cobb Sisters Conference and the AADC Women's Conference, helping ensure their success.

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Ankita Patel is a presenter for the workshop, "How to Make Your Resume and LinkedIn Profile Get Notices", at the 11th Annual

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At the Awards Ceremony at Reunion in June **Jennie Vila** received an Alumnae Recognition Award in recognition of her leadership as an AADC Board Member and on committees, including as a chair of Strategic Planning, co-chair of Mentoring, and on Nominating. She is a dedicated volunteer and participant at AADC events and programs, such as Sisterhood Book Club, Schmidt Career Symposium, YAN gatherings, and Smart Talks. Jennie is also a panel moderator at the 11th Annual Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt '42 Workplace and Professional Development Symposium hosted by the Associate Alumnae, for the panel, "Thriving at Every Stage: Confidence, Career Growth and Self-Care."

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Class of 2016
10th Reunion - Saturday, June 6, 2026

Nicole Deniflee, left, and Ashley Poulkord.

Fabiola Paul, chair of the year's 11th Annual Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt '42 Workplace and Professional Development Symposium Committee hosted by the Associate Alumnae, is the moderator of the symposium panel, "The Ups and Downs of Artificial Intelligence." She is also a workshop co-presenter of "The STAR Method: Showcase Your Value with Confidence and Clarity."

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Alison Maloney is a panelist at 11th Annual Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt '42 Workplace and Professional Development Symposium hosted by the Associate Alumnae on the panel, "The Ups and Downs of Artificial Intelligence."

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Eno Totoh is co-presenter of the workshop, "The STAR



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20th Reunion - Saturday, June 6, 2026

From left: Jaime Hart, Stefanie Lachenauer, and Amy Castelli Overman.

Method: Showcase Your Value with Confidence and Clarity," as this year's 11th Annual Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt '42 Workplace and Professional Development Symposium Committee hosted by the Associate Alumnae.

Kaila Boulware Figueroa is a presenter for the workshop, "Cultivating the Woman Behind the Work," at the Symposium where she is a previous presenter.

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Channél Jordan received the Young Alumna Mabel Award at the Awards Ceremony at Reunion in June. She was honored for her consistent support as a dedicated volunteer with the AADC Black Alumnae Network, connecting alumnae and contributing to the success of AADC events and programs. She served as co-chair of the 2026 Jewel Plummer Cobb Sisters Conference.

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Lily Juhasz is a presenter of the workshop, "How to Make Your Resume and LinkedIn Profile Get Notices", at the 11th Annual Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt '42 Workplace and Professional Development Symposium. Lily is also doing a student workshop, "Your Personal Brand, Your Legacy."

Tosin Oladipo is a panelist at the Symposium on the panel, "Thriving at Every Stage: Confidence, Career Growth and Self-Care."

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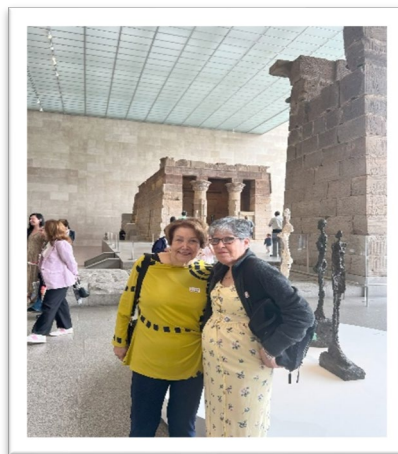
Bunting Notes

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Hi Bunting Sisters: I would really love to hear from you and receive news, such as where you are living now, about your activities, and especially your passions, delights, hobbies and causes. I really look forward to filling our Bunting class notes with news of your whereabouts, and what's going on in all of your lives.

In June, I caught up and visited with two long-time Bunting friends in NYC.

Marion Klakis '83, now living in South Carolina, was up celebrating her grandson Harrison's college graduation. **Barbara Horl '85** and I, **Marianne Ficarra '88** met with Marion and her daughter Jennifer for a delicious lunch and shared laughs and numerous stories at a NYC Mediterranean restaurant. Later that month, friend and classmate **Adrienne Schwartz '88**, was visiting with her son Justin and daughter-in-law, Meghan, from Austin, TX, in order to attend her grandson Jaden's high school graduation. We



Marianne Ficarra '88, left, and Adrienne Schwartz '88, in New York City.

met at the Metropolitan Museum in NYC, had lunch, and viewed the exceptional *Raphael and Giacometti in the Temple of Dendur* exhibition (see photo). Of course, Adrienne and I caught up on cherished memories and current adventures.

Adrienne, who lives in Austin, shared her major announcement of an upcoming publication. She writes "So, it turns out I have become an Indie Author, with my first book launching on Amazon this September. I have always wanted to be a storyteller and now I write Romance under the pen name Alexandra Stone, and I'm delighted to tell you, it is a far cry from the bodice rippers of the seventies and eighties. *My Dream My Knight*, is a medieval romance set at the end of Henry IV's reign and is book one of the Honor Bound Knights Series. *My Enemy My Knight* will follow and is

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Upcoming AADC Events & Programs

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Saturday, September 26, 2026

11th Annual Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt '42 Symposium for Workplace and Professional Development

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Young Alumnae Network YANOWEEN Gathering

Saturday, October 10, 2026

AADC New Jersey Regional Connection Group Fall Gathering: Connect Over Coffee & Conversation in Brigantine

Saturday, October 24, 2026

Fall Alumnae Council - Hybrid: Join us On Campus or Virtually

Saturday, October 24, 2026

Society of Excellence Induction Ceremony & Luncheon

Wednesday, December 9, 2026

New York Regional Connection Group Broadway Show & Dinner Outing

For exciting upcoming Alumnae Travel destinations, visit www.douglassalumnae.org/travel/

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