

Greetings classmates of 1966-70. I again feel privileged in my attempt to keep us all connected almost 46 years later. While most of us feel we just left the SMWC, the reality is a bit different. It is with sadness that I share the news from October 2025 of the passing of **Carolyn Gallogly**. I am so grateful that Carolyn and Bob finally visited me in Australia! It was a great visit sharing memories, laughs, food and wine! Also late in February 2026 was the passing of **Julie Cicia Penry**. Her good friend, **Carmen Hansen Rivera**, wrote, "True to her personality she shared a lot of laughs and had many friends. Please keep her family in your prayers; she will be missed." RIP Julie. Truth is that we are not getting any younger and a 'shout out' to classmates that maybe struggling with health issues for themselves or family members.

Ruth Dilger Kelly sends greeting on a cold winter's day having just returned from 84 degrees in Mumbai. A great trip! All is well in Louisville! Along with daily water aerobics and frequent lunches with friends, Ruth keeps busy with family, volunteering and a lot of travel. Two of her children live in Louisville and one in Connecticut. She has five grandchildren in college or grad school, four in high school and one sweet seventh grader. She very recently returned from India and is always looking for a travel buddy. Love to all, stay healthy and just keep moving!

Christine "Chris" Seelman Rochetti sends greetings from the burbs of Chicago. The news here is pretty tame. She and Rick are both in pretty good shape. "We leave the pharmacy drive-up and say, 'See ya tomorrow.'" Rick plays tons of golf and has been on several golfing trips to Scotland. Chris works for an estate sale company, occasionally. But like many of us gets the guilts thinking the entire time she should be home cleaning out her own house!!!" Regrettably that is the truth for most of us as our kids NAG US! DECLUTTER! Last May Chris ventured to the Dominican Republic for her sister's 70th birthday. They had a great time but later decided it might be best to hang out in the states instead. Book club sharing is great but ... the daytime book club is very serious; the nighttime book club has yet to pick a book that everyone reads. The however, wine is DELIGHTFUL!!! This past summer her son from Charlotte moved back so they now have both guys in Arlington Hts. It's been wonderful having them home. Neither is married yet

but she still has hopes. Instead, her sister shares her five grandchildren with her! “Seriously, family is EVERYTHING!”

Patricia Kienzler Graham thanked me for my efforts over the years (as have others). Seems her husband, Don is Secretary for Notre Dame Class of 1970 so appreciates both our efforts in connecting with classmates. Patricia is looking forward to The Woods’ Golf Outing (known as the Pomeroy Classic) May 1. **Sue Mower** organizes the team with **Carmen Piasecki, Patricia “Patti” Lyons Connor, Jeanie Reime Heller** and **Barbara “Barb” Brugnaux**. They take a more leisurely approach and walk the course with them and cheer. Husband Don gathers the balls and drops them at the best ball. Barb and her husband plan Thursday and Friday dinners, and a good time is had by all. She and Don are busy with grandchildren and travel. Don is still working and is Treasurer of the Abraham Lincoln Association. Patricia continues to play tennis, golf and bridge. Their travels take them to Miami, New York, Kansas City and Chicago to see the kids - two children and six of the 14 grandchildren are in Springfield. In the last few years, they have travelled to Greece and Italy and taken two cruises. Life is good.

Martha Crane reports 2025 was a good year both for family and herself. She welcomed the arrival of her newest grandchild, another girl to her youngest, Luis’, a second daughter. They live nearby so she gets to enjoy their company. Her other children are doing well. Martha spent a month in Texas for her grandson’s 18th birthday, 6 weeks in Spain visiting her daughter’s family and month in Washington state with the other son. Fortunately, Martha continues to hike and kayak during all these visits. The best part of the summer was getting together with **Karen Kelly Kiss** and **Mary Ann Green** for a mini reunion in New Jersey. Martha is in good health and stays active. She feels truly blessed.

As Martha mentioned, the three of us had a mini reunion in Ocean City, New Jersey. My girls and nieces and nephews planned a family gathering that seemed to focus on fun rather than a funeral after my brother Frank died in 2024. So instead, we gathered family in 2025 to Ocean City for a mini reunion, including my sister, **Valerie Kelly Sullivan ’64** and her family. In all, we managed to gather almost 60 Kelly family members. Note: Not at

a funeral! I (**Karen Kelly Kiss**) continue to keep busy with aqua aerobic classes, swimming laps at the local pool and chasing my “Dead People”, AKA genealogy. David and I are good, mostly upright and doing OK. We see the Sydney grandkids: Harry, 5 and Bobby Michele, 3. Thankfully, we have Facetime to talk to them and the American grandson, David and daughter, Michele. I have even worked out how to share my iPad screen with the grandkids viewing the book as I read them the story.

Hope this finds all our 1970 classmates doing well. Wish we had a few more responses, but it is what it is. Next time I NAG – just do it. Keep well and keep enjoying and getting older. Remember it is a privilege denied to many.