



# Juniata College Class of 1971 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion June 3-6, 2021

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## A Message from Our Reunion Committee Co-Chairs

Pam Pollick Babick and Becky Valigorsky Bricen



Hello Fellow Classmates! I am Pam (Pollick) Babick, the one with the blue shirt and I am Becky (Valigorsky) Bricen, the one with the gold shirt. We hope you are healthy and safe. These past few months have been a difficult moment in our lives, as many Americans experienced uncertainty,

job losses, school and campus closings and perhaps the virus. We hope that you and your loved ones have weathered this with little discomfort. Perhaps your state is easing protocols and opening up. For us, inside, it is a vernal renewal, making us smile and think about planning ahead to special events.

Our committee certainly has a very special event, our upcoming 50th class reunion. We have prepared this newsletter to lift your spirits and enjoy the anticipation of a great weekend. The committee has met at Juniata each September since our 45th reunion, while attending the President's Commission on Giving. We have regular conference calls to update members on our committee and are in the process of making personal contacts with everyone in our class. There are three committees, the Communication Committee, chaired by Charlotte Houchin Kresge; the Legacy Committee, chaired by Carol Ellis Paullin; and the Social Events Committee, chaired by Jane Walter Loucks. These hard-working women are full of enthusiasm for making this reunion a very special one. At present there are about 15 members on our committee, and we would love to have more, so please contact us if you can join us. If you are not able to serve on one of the committees, be sure to attend our 50th Reunion! **June 3-6, 2021!** Until then, stay safe, healthy and happy.

## Did You Know?



\* Each year, Juniata hosts the Pennsylvania State Science Olympiad, a multi-event competition. Teams of the state's top science students compete for the right to represent Pennsylvania at the National Science Olympiad.



\* In 2018, Juniata formed a Mock Trial Team, coached by Dave Andrews '74. They advanced to the National finals in their first year, beating teams from Cornell, Columbia and other highly ranked universities. This year, the Mock Trial team again advanced to the National tournament, held in Cincinnati, Ohio, defeating the University of California at Berkeley, Penn State and others. Andrews reported, "We showed the strength of our program, and by the time we left, our competitors could pronounce Juniata."

## Why You Should Attend Our 50th Class Reunion

by Ann(Witt) Laird and Doug Laird



John Denver performed at Oller Hall on the Juniata campus in 1971 and sang one of his most popular songs, "Take Me Home Country Roads." Of course he was singing about West Virginia then, but he could have been singing about Huntingdon, and we could be thinking about the country roads that might take us home to Juniata for our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion! The two of us are certainly looking forward to it, and we hope you are as well.

We have attended two previous reunions and have enjoyed both of them immensely. It's fun to see how the campus has changed and how good it looks. Most importantly, however, it was great to visit with friends from the Class of 1971 and to reminisce about the four enjoyable years we spent at Juniata and what we have all been doing in the many years since graduating. While we renewed many close friendships, we also spent time getting to know classmates and their spouses whom we didn't know that well when we were in school. Some of our classmates even conducted very interesting lectures and seminars on subjects in which they had tremendous expertise. We also had the opportunity to visit with some of our former professors and the current team of administrators, led by President Jim Troha. He is a very impressive leader and made us feel comfortable that Juniata is in good hands and is moving in the right direction.

Our 50<sup>TH</sup> Reunion Committee is planning a very special weekend **June 3-6, 2021**, and you won't want to miss it. So please be sure to travel down some familiar country roads and join us for what promises to be a very memorable time!

**Memories light the corners of my mind,  
Misty water-colored memories of the way we were...**



Do you Have a Juniata memory that you would like to share? A picture or a story about our days at JC? We would love to hear from you. Please consider submitting an article (of any length) that we could include in a future newsletter. For more information, see page 6.

## Communications Committee

Committee Chair: Dr. Charlotte Houchin Kresge



This committee is responsible for communicating with the Class of 1971 as we prepare for our 50th Class Reunion. We have been working hard to reach out to each of you. During the holiday season, we prepared an insert that was placed inside your greeting card. Did you enjoy viewing the campus through the Cloister Arch on a snowy winter day? We also value the importance of personal contact, so members of the committee will be reaching out to you several times before our reunion. Don't be surprised if you receive a note, letter, e-mail or phone call from one of our committee members! Our biggest project is the publication of our 50th Class Reunion Newsletter. We spent many hours preparing this first edition, and we hope to publish a new issue every three months in the time leading up to our reunion.

There is power in shared experiences, so we invite each of you to consider submitting an article of any length about a significant experience that has made an impact on your life. (See page 6). You can also share your thoughts by submitting an answer to a question posed in each edition. (See page 6). The answers will appear in the following issue. Do you have any suggestions for other topics to include in our newsletter? Would you like to join our committee? If the answer is yes, please contact Juniata's Alumni Office at [alumni@juniata.edu](mailto:alumni@juniata.edu). Thanks!

### Future Editions of Our Newsletter



Future editions of our newsletter will be sent electronically to all classmates with an email account. **It is very important that you provide Juniata with your preferred email address.** Please go to [www.juniata.edu/alumni/info-update.php](http://www.juniata.edu/alumni/info-update.php) to update your information. Thanks!

## Trivia Questions



\* Who was the President of Juniata College during our senior year?



\* What was the name of our college newspaper?



\* What band performed "Turn, Turn, Turn," "Mr. Spaceman," and "Eight Miles High" during a concert at Juniata in 1971?



\*What did some of us use as "sleds" when sliding down the snowy slopes of Round Top?



See answers on page 6.

## Legacy Committee

**Committee Chair: Carol Ellis Paullin**



Historically, the 50th reunion class has presented a gift to the College at their Reunion. The Legacy Committee works closely with the Juniata Office of Advancement to support this fundraising effort.

When campus reopens in the fall, Ellis Hall will be buzzing with returning students happy to see their friends and continue their Juniata journey and with freshmen just beginning their college experience. As it was when we opened Ellis Hall in 1969, this prominent building is the gathering place for Juniatians, past and present. Last year, the college embarked on an exciting capital project to update, modernize, and refresh this central spot on campus. The Reunion Legacy Committee has chosen to participate in this renovation by adopting it as our Class Project. We are especially excited about an area for students on the second floor overlooking the brick pathway that runs through the center of campus. We hope you will support this project so that this space can be named in honor of the Class of 1971. And we hope that you

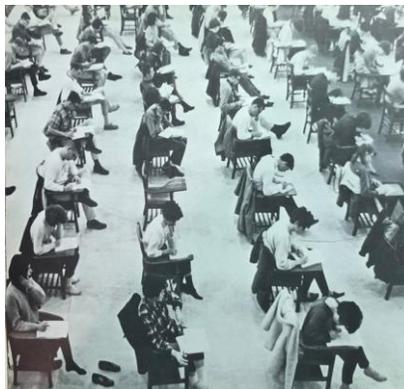
will be there when we gather again in June 2021 to celebrate our 50th Class Reunion.

The Legacy Committee, in conjunction with the Office of Advancement, will be reaching out to all our classmates to help make this project and our class gift to the college a success. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Do You Remember?



**All Class Night 1970**



**Great Epochs Exams in the Gym**



**Graduation Day 1971**

## Social Events Committee

### Committee Chair: Jane Walter Loucks



This committee works with the Alumni Office to develop and facilitate events for our reunion. To date, we have several classmates, who have volunteered for this committee. They are: Peggy Moyer Diehl, Lynne Nylund Reitnauer, Peggy Slaughter Over, Linda Cromis Hoover, Dottie Huss and Margie Biss Behnke. We will have a need for additional members, so please consider this chance to reconnect with class members. One of our needs will be someone to be in charge of music, slide show etc. Does this challenge anyone to dig out some 60's music? Most of the work of this committee is done in the year leading up to the reunion, but I would like to share one of the ideas that we are thinking about. In addition to developing ideas for alumni college classes, we would like to incorporate a service project for our class. The committee needs to discuss the particulars, but our idea is to provide a token gift

from the Class of 1971 to each member of the incoming Freshman Class of 2021. We would like to underwrite this cost by selling reunion t-shirts (the ones that Pam and Becky are wearing in their picture). You will be hearing more about this in future newsletters. Just a clarification, this is not a female only committee, so men, please come join us.

## A Little Help from Our Friends (An Invitation to Join Our Committee)

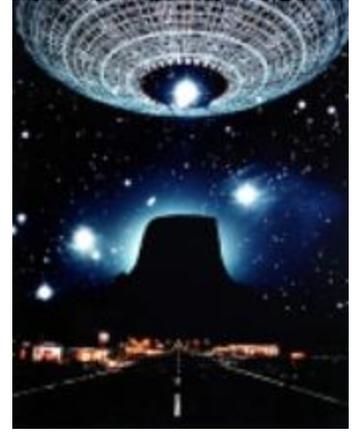
A message from our editor, Charlotte Houchin Kresge

It has been a long time since we sat in lecture halls, wrote term papers, and pulled all-nighters while studying for exams! It is hard to believe that nearly a half century has passed since we strolled the halls at Juniata. Yet, it is true, and it is soon time to celebrate that milestone! Our 50th Class Reunion will be held **June 3-6, 2021!**

Our Reunion Committee has been working hard to plan a memorable experience for all, and we would love to have you join us as we re-connect with friends and classmates. If you would like to serve on the committee or volunteer for a specific task, please contact the Juniata College Alumni Office at [alumni@juniata.edu](mailto:alumni@juniata.edu) or (814) 641-3443.

## Close Encounters of the Juniata Kind

Are you experiencing a strange, inexplicable, yet irresistible yearning to follow the North Star to some obscure point in central Pennsylvania? Well, all we can say is: Don't resist! Many of our classmates, some of whom you have not seen for 50 years, are experiencing the same overpowering yearning. Take the first step of the journey and sign up with one of our committee members. Who knows what other-worldly wonders await you at journey's end?



## What a Long Strange Trip It's Been

This section is reserved for **you**, and we want to hear from all of you. It has been nearly 50 years since we received our diplomas, and each of us has much to share about our life experiences. Please send us your thoughts or a life story that has significance to you and might resonate with our classmates.



## We Have a Facebook Page!

Join us at "Juniata College Class of 1971" to see pictures and comments from your classmates. Contribute some of your own!



Many thanks to Ted Mozer, who serves as our webmaster!

## The Answer, My Friend, Is Blowin' in the Wind

In each edition of our Reunion Newsletter, we will pose a question for you to answer. The results will be published in the following issue. Our first question asks you to complete the following:

***"When I reflect on my years at Juniata, what I miss most is...?"***



## Answers to Trivia Questions

John Stauffer  
The Juniatian  
The Byrds  
Cafeteria Trays