



# MARIST COLLEGE Center for Lifetime Study Chronicle

Fall 2020

Dear Members,

As we move forward, leaving behind the pleasant fall weather and the successful online fall semester, our attention focuses on the arrival of winter weather and the upcoming holidays. We've a lot to be grateful for as we look ahead to the coming months. We are thankful for the continued good health and safety of our families and friends. The members of the CLS Council are appreciative of the continued support from the membership. Some examples include continuing membership, volunteering on committees, providing technical support, creating slates of interesting and educational courses, and agreeing to become members of the Council.



For many of us, Thanksgiving was different this year since having our families together in one place could have presented a significant risk. Our family celebrated with a virtual gathering, using Zoom of course, and will continue this practice throughout the holiday season.

**Upcoming Events** - An excellent slate of classes is available in the winter semester, and registration continues until December 11<sup>th</sup>. Classes will begin on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Membership renewal begins soon. In January, look for a communication from the CLS office regarding the details.

The spring semester catalog will be available on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, and registration will begin on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Class will begin on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Virtual Classes Will Continue** - As was the case in the fall, the winter and spring semesters will be online, utilizing the Zoom platform. While we all would prefer to be in person at Locust Grove, indoor gatherings continue to provide significant risk for the transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

We are hopeful that in-person classes may resume in the fall of 2021, but it is too soon to know what the environment will be like next fall.

**Communication with the Council** - Please read the section on [page 4](#) on a new method to communicate with members of the CLS Council. It should provide a centralized point of contact to provide input and receive timely responses. You may want to print and save a copy of the procedure.

*I extend my personal wishes to you and your families for happy holidays, and a new year filled with peace, joy, learning, safety, and continued good health.*

*Bob Nasser*

## Marist College

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## CLS Chronicle

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# Upcoming Events



## Join Us!

Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

3:00 PM

Join CLS

for a

Zoom Holiday Social

*featuring*

Instrumental & Vocal Music

### **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!**

Zoom links will be distributed for these events on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> by email to all CLS members.

**Remember** to save the emails so you can find them on the day of the event!



## **Inside the New York State Bridge Authority**

**Presented by Chris Steber, Public Information Officer**



*Photo from the NY State Bridge Authority's Facebook Post (Timeline Photos)  
Mid-Hudson Bridge Photo taken by Chuck Calio*

CLS members are invited  
to join the residents of  
Woodland Pond at New Paltz

on

**Wednesday, December 9, 2020**

**10:00 AM (90 mins.)**

This event was coordinated by Jim Temple  
Chair of the Connections Committee

Zoom Link Will Be Provided on Friday, December 4th by email

## Communications between CLS Membership and the CLS Council ~ New Procedures ~

In order to simplify and facilitate communications between the membership, the Council and committee chairpersons, as well as to reduce the amount of emails that require handling by the CLS office, a new email procedure has been implemented. Using this procedure has two primary benefits for our members:

- 1- Members are not required to know the name of the individual in a particular position on the council, nor are they required to know the email for the individual.
- 2- An historical record of all communications between membership and the council will be kept on the email ID associated with each council position.

The procedure is as described here:

- 1- **Address all emails to: [clsmarist@gmail.com](mailto:clsmarist@gmail.com)**
- 2- In the **Subject line**, use one of the following **keywords** to indicate the general area of your communication. The keywords are NOT case sensitive.

A list of CLS council members & committee chairs responsibilities has been included to assist you.

TO COMMUNICATE WITH	USE ONE OF THESE KEYWORDS
Classroom Support Chairperson	av; audio; video; visual; sound; zoom
Connections Chairperson	connections
CouciLink Chairperson	councilink
Finance Chairperson	finance; finances
Member Services Chairperson	member services; refreshments; cleanup; setup; food; snacks
Membership Chairperson	membership
Office Support Chairperson	office support
President	president
Scholarship Chairperson	scholarship
Secretary	minutes; secretary
Special Events Chairperson	events; special events
Treasurer	treasurer; treasury
VP for Curriculum	curriculum; class; classes; instructor; teacher; presenter; speaker
VP for Public Information	public information; outreach; newsletter; public; information; chronicle
VP of Administration	administration; annual meeting; convocation

If an email sent to [clsmarist@gmail.com](mailto:clsmarist@gmail.com) does **NOT** include any of the above keywords, those monitoring the account will determine how it should be routed.

Bob Nasser, CLS President

# COMMITTEE NEWS & UPDATES

## CLS Scholarship Committee Plans for a Special Fund Raiser

The CLS Scholarship program was started in February 2012. Each year, the CLS Scholarship Committee selects an adult student(s) enrolled in the Marist College School of Professional Programs to receive the award(s).

Although we have an endowed scholarship fund, we continue to build up this fund by soliciting donations. Towards that effort in a normal year, before the COVID-19 pandemic, we would typically have a 50-50 fund raiser for the Marist CLS Scholarship during the Annual Holiday Tea at Locust Grove. Obviously, that cannot happen this year.

In order to continue our efforts to increase the scholarship fund, we are planning to have a raffle, but this time, it will be a separate Zoom event after the holidays. We are hoping to make this a bigger event than the normal drawing at our holiday social. Current thinking is that we will also raffle prizes solicited from local businesses. Of course, more details will follow in a separate communication when our plans are finalized. We are hoping that we can count on you to attend and participate in this special event!

Kenneth Knapp, CLS Scholarship Chair



## Zoom and the Classroom Support (AV) Committee

Well, we did it! Our first semester with Zoom. I think all members of CLS deserve kudos and a pat on the back for being flexible and patient enough to adapt to the new demands and for learning to navigate the virtual classroom world of Zoom. There were remarkably few problems. Some of that success was due to the willingness of AV Committee volunteers who offered to act as a “help desk” and answer phone calls and emails from CLS members experiencing the inevitable problems, but much of it was due to the perseverance of all of you in learning new skills. I am quite sure that our next sessions, winter and spring, will go even more smoothly. There will soon be updated instructions for members, presenters and class managers based on what we have learned, and as before, the members of the AV Committee will be ready to help with any unusual problems you might have.

Leathem Mehaffey, for the Classroom Support Committee



## Three Cheers to our Curriculum Committees

By the time you read this article you will have probably registered for the Winter 2021 semester. The work that it takes to put together even a mini semester like this one is quite daunting. Do not worry, I am not going to detail the entire process. Instead, I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who serve on the four curriculum committees. Their names are published in each catalog. Take a look, they are your friends, neighbors, and fellow members of CLS. Together, these individuals put together 14 courses for this past fall semester, 8 courses for the mini winter semester and at the current count 16 courses for the coming spring 2021 semester. All done under the new and strange COVID-19 and Zoom environment. I personally believe they should be congratulated for their effort on our behalf. Let me also wish all a happy and safe holiday season.

Leonard Turkenkopf, VP for Curriculum

## CLS Welcomes New Members

Jo Anne Abraskin  
Beverly Banta  
James Barba  
Judith Barba  
Blanche Bergman  
Linda Butrym  
Paul Butrym  
Anne Christmas  
Tina Das  
Robert Deik, Jr.  
Nancy Dotterer  
John Eickman  
Laura Esposito  
Karin Fein  
MaryBeth Flynn  
Jinny Goff  
Robert Goff  
Brenda Goldstein  
Barbara Goodman  
Barbara Greenberg  
Herman Harmelink, III  
Nancy Hartley  
Julia Hayes  
Gary Holbert

Patricia Holbert  
Barbara Horgan  
Carmen James-Lawrence  
James Jeffreys  
Kenneth Kahn  
Ruth Kava  
Trudy Lackner  
Werner Lackner  
Frederick Lawrence  
Linda LoGiurato  
Nancy Mahar  
Marion Mandra  
Jean McAvoy  
Denise McGinley  
John McGinley  
Irene Mehalakes  
Susan Minard  
Caryl Morris  
Michele Muir  
Mary Murray  
Ruth Nelson  
Carolyn Nufer  
Duane Pearson  
Jeanne Pearson

Carol O'Malley  
Wendy Preston  
Thomas Quinn  
Sandra Rae  
Linda Rappaport  
Kathleen Roach  
Rocco Romeo  
Gay Russell  
Susan Schryver  
Sandra Scott  
Jacqueline Seidel  
Priscilla Seidel  
Nancy Shannon  
Kenneth Stier  
Judi Stokes  
Mark Te Nyenhuis  
John Tyliszczak  
Lillian Verkuil  
Renee Weisman  
Ronnie Wolfson  
Ann Woolsey  
Sharon Yanow  
Mary Ann Zani

## IN MEMORIAM

CLS mourns the loss of  
fellow member

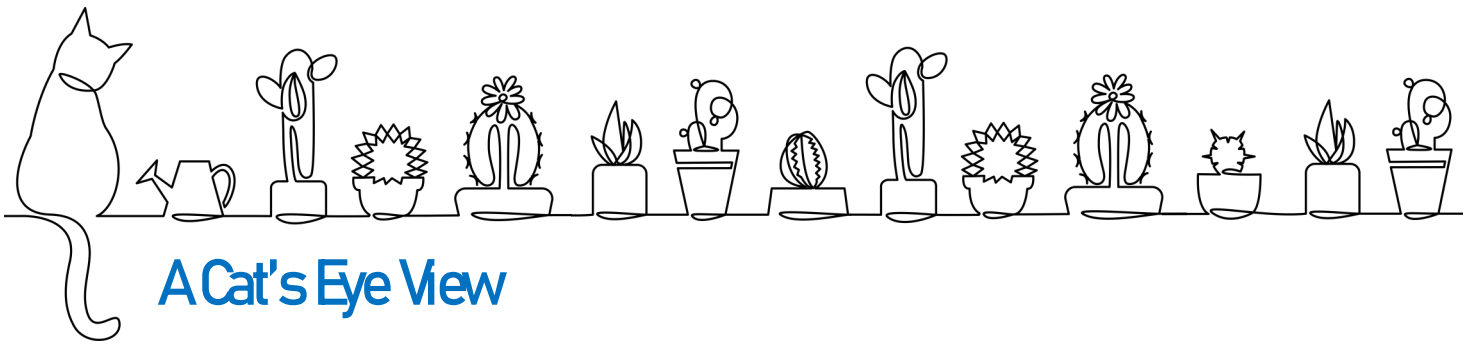
**Thomas (Tom) Wade**  
(Nov. 2020)

## 2020/2021 Membership Dues Collection Notice

On January 4<sup>th</sup>, the CLS office will be sending an email to all current members regarding the collection of the balance of the **2020/2021** annual dues. Payments (by check) will be collected from January 4<sup>th</sup> to January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Keep an eye on your email so you don't miss the deadline.

Barbara Carpenter, Membership Chair



When Zoom classes began in September, I was often sequestered in front of the computer in our den. Our kitties would invariably search me out. Lucy's only objective was to be a complete nuisance. Once she became bored with batting pens and paper clips off the desk and chewing on the Scotch tape roll, she would wave her tail across the screen in dismissal and meander off looking for more stimulating entertainment.

Gracie, on the other hand, would peer at the screen, perhaps attracted by the colors or movement of the mouse arrow over the presentations. One class, however, captured her complete attention. Each Tuesday morning, she would sit down in front of the computer monitor and attend World Events Through the Eyes of Photojournalism taught by Gary Miller. She would arrive shortly after class began, and together we would go on a visual journey of historical events of the last 100+ years, captured by the cameras of photojournalists. At the end of the semester, I realized that she had *purrfect* attendance!

For the finale of the course, I created a slideshow of personal photographs that were special to class members. I decided to put it to music using a recording of "Kodachrome" by Paul Simon. I had to replay the slideshow numerous times to get the lyrics synchronized with the photos. Whenever Gracie heard "Kodachrome" playing, she would appear in the den, jump up on the desk and sit in front of the monitor to watch the slideshow, over and over as I fine-tuned it. She never gets tired of it!

Not all of Gracie's classroom experiences were successful. On one occasion, while I was attending a Zoom class from another organization, Lucy leaped on the desk, landing on the keyboard, catching her back paw on a lamp cord. The lamp went down on top of her and as she fled, she skidded across the desk on a stack of papers into a cup of tea, fortunately not hot, which toppled over pouring tea across the desk, and everything on it. I reacted shouting, "GRACIE, NO!" and as I tried to stop the flow of tea, I saw, in horror, that my Zoom camera and microphone were on!

Gracie was not the only cat who played a role in CLS Zoom classes. Cathy Kinn's cat, Abby, decided to assist Cathy in her role as class manager. As Cathy tells it, "My only kerfuffle happened during our third meeting when I left the site for just a minute to get my book and when I got back, *everything* was going awry. Members were being made co-hosts, people were being switched around...Robin was right there and getting readjusted took only a few minutes. Later, when we were trying to figure out what happened, I remembered that my cat had been in the area...and when Abby wants to go from Point A to Point B, keyboards don't matter at all."

If you would like to see a version of the CLS photojournalism class slideshow click link below:

<https://youtu.be/ffJXDabJ7vw>

Share your humorous Zoom story with us in the next edition of the Chronicle!

Merrilee Osterhoudt



# Marist Center for Lifetime Study Awards 2020 CLS Scholarship to Local Single Mom

The CLS scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to non-traditional adult students who are pursuing a college degree while balancing family and work responsibilities. This fall we proudly awarded \$3000 to Alithia, a single mother who exemplifies the kind of student that the CLS scholarship was designed to assist. Alithia is on track to graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Professional Studies in 2021. To summarize the beautiful essay that she submitted would not do it justice, so, with her permission, we are sharing it with you, in its entirety. Join us in congratulating Alithia and wishing her much success in pursuing her dreams.

~ Merrilee Osterhoudt

*“My name is Alithia. I am a single mother with a son. My son is my first, and one of the biggest, joys of my life. I have raised my son as a single mother from an early age. I have not had the pleasure of having a lot of support, but with the support I have had, I knew that if I were to be lucky enough, I would definitely want to put those opportunities to good use*

*When I was younger, I was lucky enough to attend college at a community school. I attended school for about three years after being out of high school for many years. Unfortunately, I wasn't so fortunate to graduate because raising a child, going to college, and working to provide for my son and myself proved to be too much. But that experience did not stop me from still wanting better for my child and me. Five years later I enrolled yet again into another community college with the notion that I would complete my studies, and I would do whatever it took to complete my education, and be the role model for my son to follow. I want to be frank; the work was tough and there were many long nights of study, but three years later I proudly walked across the stage as I held my degree in my hand. I told myself, 'I did it,'. This was the second happiest moment in my life.*

*I have continued on this path of furthering my education here at Marist as an undergraduate. I have had some challenges with education over the course of my life, but those challenges have not stopped me from continuing to work toward my dream of obtaining a Bachelor degree. After I enrolling at Marist, I have been so fortunate to be taught by some of the country's best faculty, and now my hope is to be fortunate enough to obtain financial support to make possible this dream of mine to put all the things that I learn here at Marist to good use. Gaining an education here at Marist has been a great cultural and diverse experience.*

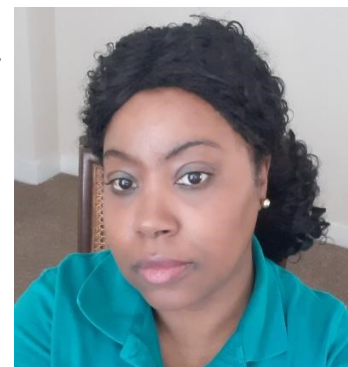
*I want you all to know that getting a scholarship will allow me the opportunity to buy the books that I need for my studies, as well as allow me to focus on my studies to obtain the highest grades possible. I know that I will work hard to take advantage of this great opportunity that not everyone will experience. For those of you sitting in the decision chairs, I feel this scholarship will be a great way of giving support to others who know the struggle of working to achieve higher education and the struggles, that it can sometimes bring.*

*Now that my son is older and almost finished with school, I want to further my education again, but this time it is for myself, my community, and for the people that will follow me after my studies here at Marist will end. I have been fortunate enough to put my education to good use to educate those people in my community, and those with whom I come into contact each day as a case worker.*

*Granting me the Center for Lifetime Study Scholarship will be a great investment in someone who has shown the drive and dedication that it takes to complete higher education, and the ability to use her education gained from Marist to make a difference in our future.*

*Thank you for your consideration.*

*Alithia”*



**CLS Scholarship Committee:** Ken Knapp (Chairperson), Sue Blodgett, Alice Cirieli, Bob Kaminiski, Leathem Mehaffey, Merrilee Osterhoudt, Ange Rapa

**Note:** The CLS Scholarship was established to address the unique needs of adult students who are enrolled in degree programs at Marist College, who face significant challenges as they balance education, family and work responsibilities, without access to the variety of financial aid opportunities afforded to most traditional college students. Since the scholarship achieved endowment status, 5 scholarships have been awarded. The CLS Scholarship is funded entirely through the generosity of our members. Donations to our scholarship can be included with member renewals, or mailed to the Center for Lifetime Study, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 at any time. Checks should be made payable to: CLS Scholarship Fund Marist College.



# My 100-Year Reflection

by Eric Fuegel

Eric Fuegel, at 100 years of age, is currently the oldest member of Marist's Center for Lifetime Study, joining in 2001. He became an active and vocal member, sitting right in the front row of classes. He engages with presenters regularly, according to Ange Rapa and Leathem Mehaffey. Eric was a longtime member of the Classroom Support Committee.

But there is more to Eric Fuegel than just his membership in CLS.

Eric is a senior member of IEEE, a member of AAIL, the Mystic/New Moon Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. He is also an avid racing sailor as part of the Chelsea Yacht Club. Eric took up ballroom dancing in 2005 with Ben and Esther and is a member of the Leisure Time Dancers, Ballroom and Latin Dance Club of the Hudson Valley, Mid-Hudson Valley Ballroom Dance Club, and Germania, and looks forward to dancing again alongside CLS's own Esther Odescalchi, his partner in this picture.

Eric worked at both General Electric and IBM continuously for approximately 50 years in product development and product engineering in many management and technical positions.

During the World War II years, Eric worked for GE in Schenectady, Lynn, and Pittsfield, Massachusetts in the capacitor lightning arrestor cutout division.

In 1950, Eric moved to Poughkeepsie for IBM in DSD working with EAM punch card machines, the electrical lab, and 701 and 702 computers. He worked at World Headquarters, 590 Madison Avenue, NYC, where he had a one-year temporary assignment with McDowell, who reported to Tom Watson, on design automation, reliability, and the RAMAC computer, which was being developed and manufactured in San Jose. Eric worked in ASDD in Westchester where he learned software simulation of hardware. In Poughkeepsie, Eric worked in a group developing a software simulation model of MVS, he did the IOS part, then did an IOS subsystem simulation model in the hardware architecture group before his retirement in 1990. Eric also taught a Calculus class at Marist College.

Eric was involved in many organizations. He was chairman of the Western Massachusetts RPI Alumni Association, the Poughkeepsie Day School Board of Trustees, and chairman of the DC Chapter, NYS and National Society of Professional Engineers. At CYC, he was captain of the lightning, club, and ensign fleets. Eric was also active in the Boy Scouts of America, was an Eagle Scout and assistant scout master in Kingston, and later served as DC District Commissioner of the Nimham District.

Eric was born in Brooklyn, NY on November 30, 1920 to Gottlob John and Helena Matilda Muehleisen Fuegel. His parents were natives of Germany and immigrated to the United States before World War I. He lost his only sister when she was fifteen and his father when Eric was sixteen. Eric grew up in difficult financial circumstances. At age 10, Eric apprenticed as a tool maker at the Apollo Magneto Corporation under his uncle, Herman Schmidt. Eric attended Kingston High School, graduating in January, 1938. He was press and managing editor of *Dame Rumor*, the High School newspaper, and was a member of the NRA, DeMolay, and Sea Scouts. He won an Advanced Mathematics prize, and 1/3 of an American Legion prize.

Eric started RPI the following September where he was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity and was Vice President and Scholarship Chairman. His degrees include a B.E.E. in 1942 and an M.E.E. in 1948. RPI honorary societies were LCR, Eta Kappa Nu, Tau Beta Pi, and a full member of Sigma Xi. He learned about solid state physics taking classes at Syracuse University. In 1979, he received his M.S. in Operations Research at Union College.

Currently, because of COVID-19, Eric is in quarantine like the rest of us and he is anxiously awaiting the reunion with his dancing, CYC, and CLS friends.

