



# GOLDEN TECHITE

A CHRONICLE OF  
MCKINLEY TECH ALUMNI  
CELEBRATING MORE THAN  
50 YEARS SINCE GRADUATION

## President's Message

I am pleased to announce some changes in our leadership. Doretta *Patterson* Giannetti, class of 1952, has decided to give up her responsibilities as Treasurer. Doretta has done a terrific job in handling reunion finances, contributions and other fiscal matters. I will be assuming that position, effective immediately. It has been an honor and pleasure to have served as your President since January 2015. Bill Butler, class of 1951, who has been most helpful in handling communications with the membership since joining the Golden Techites in 2001, will be the new President as we develop our partnership with the McKinley Tech Alumni Association (MTAA). In addition, Evelyn Brown, class of 1965, has agreed to serve as First Vice President of the Golden Techites. She retired from the Office of Personnel Management in 2006 after 40 + years of distinguished Federal Government service. She is an active MTAA member and strong supporter of both organization's scholarship programs.

We have also participated in monthly conference calls and Zoom meetings with the MTAA. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, all special events of both organizations have been canceled or postponed. MTAA continues the development of their new website, [www.mckinleytech-alumniassociation.com](http://www.mckinleytech-alumniassociation.com), that has a link to our website.

The Golden Techites website has been kept updated with the latest changes in contact details emailed by our members. We also find or are advised of the deaths of many classmates. We post each death on our website, along with an obituary and photo when available, and send condolences to the family and friends. Techites Wally Brockway, class of 1950, Richard Gross, class of 1947, Ann Boos, class of 1955, and Eleanor Pernia, class of 1954, deserve our thanks for locating information on deceased or missing graduates. If you have any new information on a Golden Techite, please send it to [billbutlertech@aol.com](mailto:billbutlertech@aol.com).

Both organizations should be receiving shortly the nominees to be considered for MTAA's multiple scholarships and our two \$1,000 awards this year. We are most appreciative of the contributions, noted in the contacts section of this E-Newsletter from 12 Golden Techites. We hope others will donate by sending a check, payable to Golden Techites Scholarship, to my address: 3332 Leritz Lane, Edgewater, MD 21037-3130. All donations of \$20 or more will receive a McKinley Tech mask.

Please encourage your classmates to add their contact information and profile on the Golden Techies website at [www.goldentechites.org](http://www.goldentechites.org).

In the spirit of Tech,  
Tom Antonielli, Class of 1953

**TECH IS THE SCHOOL FOR ME. IT SUITS ME TO A "T".**

# Recent Contacts

- 1947 - Harry Breitbach, **Scholarship Contributor**, harryb29@yahoo.com  
Richard Gross provided obituary info on deceased Techites  
Phyllis **Cheek** Ross, **Scholarship Contributor**, chicacheek@comcast.net  
Christine **Tennyson** Himes, **Scholarship Contributor**, Chimes29@hotmail.com
- 1948 - Eleanor **Burrows** Miller, **Scholarship Contributor**, ellymiller007@gmail.com  
Joyce Buker, **Scholarship Contributor**, joycesews86@gmail.com
- 1949 - Dorothy **Olmstead** Grossman updated her website profile, dgrossm1@columbus.rr.com
- 1950 - Virginia (Ginny) **Carlson** Lemon, jjlemon@verizon.net  
Bennett Feigenbaum added new phone number - 973-682-9500  
Cal Hook, urwatu8@comcast.net  
Peggy Anne **Allamong** Loreg, 11/19/2019 Crownsville, MD  
David Paulson, **Scholarship Contributor**, d2244p@yahoo.com
- 1951- Bill Hahn, whhret@gmail.com  
Bryant and Barbara **Longbon** Hopkins, bbhopy@verizon.net  
Clayton (Jerry) Ludeman, **Scholarship Contributor**, has new address:  
2108 Appalachian Road, Arden, NC 28704-8324  
Jack Miles, **Scholarship Contributor**, jack.margaret@comcast.net  
Claire **Eddy** Morgen has new contact information, cfriday@aol.com  
Mary Jane “Sparkie” **Sparks** Shearer, **Scholarship Contributor**, shearermaryjane@gmail.com
- 1952 - Doretta **Patterson** Giannetti (Class Representative) has a new email address:  
domommy10@gmail.com
- 1953 - Robert Beyer, **Scholarship Contributor**, 2beyers@verizon.net  
Stephen Bolen, **Scholarship Contributor**, sandzbolen@gmail.com  
Jean **Dentith** Ford, upperhay@aol.com  
Edward Grunwell, ebgru7@msn.com  
Charles and Gail **Carpenter** McGuire, **Scholarship Contributor**, gail\_mcguire@verizon.net
- 1954 - Peter Grahn, Jr. **Scholarship Contributor**, petergrahn@aol.com  
Joan **Pryor** Roberson, jpryro@icloud.com
- 1955 - Ann Boos provided obituary info on deceased Techites  
Annette **Cummins** Crouch, **Scholarship Contributor**, net.crouch@knology.net  
Andrew Findlay, enjoyed “Music in Special Years” email, amfindlay@hotmail.com
- 1957 - Lai Chin Lee, new address: 6924 Golden Rain Ct., Charlotte, NC 28277, genghisjr@aol.com  
1959 - Clarence Dendy, **Scholarship Contributor**, cdendy1034@aol.com  
1962 - Theresa **Massenburg** Bragg, **Scholarship Contributor**, bragg4phishtea@yahoo.com

**Scholarship Contributors will receive one of the Tech Masks.**

# In Memory Additions

- 1928 - Joseph DiGuilian, 10/10/1990, Falls Church, VA  
Dorothy **Riess** Eberly, 10/13/2007, Claremont, CA  
Mary Brady Hinton, 4/8/1995, Chevy Chase, MD  
Aaron Kaplan, 10/20/98, Montchanin, DE  
Arthur Kriemelmeyer, 1/13/2003, Washington, DC  
Grace **Minnick** Volland, 4/12/1993, Rockville, MD  
Samuel Shaffer, 10/29/1995, Silver Spring, MD
- 1929 - Robert Atkins, 10/4/1999, Sterling, VA  
Frank Blood, 4/9/1996, Leonardtown, MD  
Winter K. Graves, 4/5/1999, Gaithersburg, MD  
Philip Krautwurst, 12/28/2005, Silver Spring, MD  
Ward Oehmann, 9/1992, Chevy Chase, MD  
Thomas Gambrell Oyster, 12/28/2008, Loyaltown/Hagerstown, MD  
Bernard C. Oser, 3/31/2001 Bethesda, MD  
Logan Ratliff, 8/8/1997, Baltimore, MD  
George Weber, 5/22/2000, Sarasota, FL
- 1937 - Joseph H. Oehmann, Jr., 12/8/1990, Naples, FL
- 1938 - John (Jim) Jones, 2/12/2021, Spring Hill, FL
- 1940 - Margaret **Richmond** Dye, 11/27/2020, Sarasota, FL
- 1941 - Maryjo Franklin, 2/29/2012, Orlando, FL
- 1947 - Elliott Lincoln Amidon, 4/2/2014, Sonoma, CA  
Martin Philip Baltrosky, 6/13/2016, Silver Spring, MD  
Mary **Craun** Davis, 4/22/2009, Herndon, VA  
Paul Eagleson, 7/28/1999, Front Royal VA  
Douglas Ray Craun, 1/17/2013, Orange, VA  
Rosemary "Rosey" **Caw** Fling, 2018, Mt. Airy, MD  
Robert Gerst, 3/8/2020, Goose Creek, SC
- 1948 - Edwin (Ed) Richmond, Jr., 1/6/2021, Vienna, VA  
Anne Lucille "Cille" **Insley** Thomas, 1/24/2021, Grasonville, MD
- 1949 - Joan **Girvin** Shoemaker, 2/22/2020, Keller, TX
- 1950 - Robert Edwards Davis, 5/22/2006, Knoxville, VA  
Jean **Plummer** Parezo, 6/18/2016, Laurel, MD

1951 - Susan **Withers** Monigle, 1/14/2021, Ocean City, MD  
Beulah **Parker** Shanks, 1/1/2021, Reynoldsburg, OH

1953 - Jay Ira Estrain 1/25/2021, Silver Spring, MD

1954 - Margaret **Shields** Caruso, 2/20/2021, Rockville, MD  
Cleo Verbillis, 2/12/2021, Silver Spring, MD

1968 - La Bonnie Smith, 12/5/2020, Washington, DC

## Important News

Leon Segears, Class of 1972 and Vice President of the McKinley Tech Alumni Association (MTAA), sent this message on some guidance to stay vigilant and avoid being a victim wherever you live:

- \* Plan your trip ahead of time and know which route to take. Avoid high crime areas.
- \* Keep your vehicle well-maintained and with a full tank of gas.
- \* Keep your doors and windows locked.
- \* Have a charged cell phone handy.
- \* Travel on well-lit and well-traveled streets and roads.
- \* Travel with another person if possible.
- \* Travel in the center lane.
- \* Be aware of people around your car when stopped for a red light or stop sign. Do not put your window down for people asking for directions or money. Be ready to speed away if necessary.
- \* If a person asks for help, do not leave your car. Use your cell phone to call 911.
- \* Park your car in a well-lit and populated area.
- \* When parking, look around for suspicious persons on foot nearby. If you see a suspicious person or persons, pull your car out of the parking space and leave the area.

The above guidance applies especially when driving up to an automated teller machine.

If you have been lightly rear-ended by another car on the road and do not feel safe, drive away and call the police on your cell phone. Drive to the nearest gas station or police station.

Always trust your instincts.

## Tech's New Museum Projects

Andres Samperio, the Librarian at Tech, is developing a Tech Museum in the Memorial Room.

# Vaccinations and Masks

Distribution of the vaccines is helping to get us back to a more normal world. However, everyone needs to be vaccinated whenever doses are available. Let's do this as a civic responsibility, as we have done when buckling up for safety, accepting restrictions on smoking, stopping at stop signs, or accepting common sense warnings. We miss so many things that have made life a lot easier, such as going out for dinner, seeing a movie, visiting friends and relatives, being at a sporting event with thousands of fans, attending our grandchildren's graduations and our annual reunion luncheons. How can that be changed?

**BY GETTING A VACCINATION AND FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES!**



## Want one!

Just donate \$20 or more payable to Scholarship Fund.

Mail to:

Golden Techites Treasurer  
3332 Leritz Lane  
Edgewater, MD 21037-3130

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personal information, like your Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers.

If you get an email or text message from a company you do business with and you think it's real, it's still best not to click on any links. Instead, contact them using a website you know is trustworthy. Or look up their phone number. Don't call a number they gave you or the number from your caller ID.

► **Resist the pressure to act immediately.**

Legitimate businesses will give you time to make a decision. Anyone who pressures you to pay or give them your personal information is a scammer.

► **Know how scammers tell you to pay.**

Never pay someone who insists you pay with a gift card or by using a money transfer service. And never deposit a check and send money back to someone.

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► **Stop and talk to someone you trust.**

Before you do anything else, tell someone — a friend, a family member, a neighbor — what happened. Talking about it could help you realize it's a scam.

**Report Scams to the FTC**

If you were scammed or think you saw a scam, report it to the Federal Trade Commission.

**[ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov)**



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# How to Avoid a Scam



[consumer.ftc.gov](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov)



# Four Signs That It's a Scam

## 1 Scammers PRETEND to be from an organization you know.

Scammers often pretend to be contacting you on behalf of the government. They might use a real name, like the Social Security Administration, the IRS, or Medicare, or make up a name that sounds official. Some pretend to be from a business you know, like a utility company, a tech company, or even a charity asking for donations.



They use technology to change the phone number that appears on your caller ID. So the name and number you see might not be real.

## 2 Scammers say there's a PROBLEM or a PRIZE.

They might say you're in trouble with the government. Or you owe money. Or someone in your family had an

emergency. Or that there's a virus on your computer.

Some scammers say there's a problem with one of your accounts and that you need to verify some information.



Others will lie and say you won money in a lottery or sweepstakes but have to pay a fee to get it.

## 3 Scammers PRESSURE you to act immediately.

Scammers want you to act before you have time to think. If you're on the phone, they might tell you not to hang up so you can't check out their story.



They might threaten to arrest you, sue you, take away your driver's or business license, or deport you. They might say your computer is about to be corrupted.

## 4 Scammers tell you to PAY in a specific way.

They often insist that you pay by sending money through a money



transfer company or by putting money on a gift card and then giving them the number on the back. Some will send you a check (that will later turn out to be fake), tell you to deposit it, and then send them money.

## What You Can Do to Avoid a Scam

### ► Block unwanted calls and text messages.

Take steps to block unwanted calls and to filter unwanted text messages.

### ► Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect.

Legitimate organizations won't call, email, or text to ask for your