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 agricultural industry. He began his career at the U of S in what was then the Dept. of Horticulture Sc., then spent several years in the Extension Division and later moved back to the Dept. of Plant Sciences.

Grant has taught certificate, diploma, degree and graduate students, both in the classroom and via distance. He developed extension programs in all areas of agriculture for groups in Saskatchewan, across Canada, and around the world. Grant has received several teaching & extension excellence awards, and has

Grant recently retired after 36 years as a faculty member at the University of Saskatchewan. He graduated from the College of Agriculture with a major in Agronomy and Horticulture, and a minor in Extension. His '96 MSc in Agricultural Extension set the foundation for a career dedicated to extending knowledge beyond the university, and helping students grow and develop as future leaders in the

been recognized by his professional organization, SIA, the U of S and other affiliations across Canada. Grant substantially changed or developed several courses in horticulture, agronomy and experiential learning. All his courses included an applied component, where students went beyond rote memorization and were provided with opportunities to apply their academic knowledge in meaningful ways.

Grant's Agric 445 (Experiential Learning in the Workplace) course drew the attention of the Royal Bank of Canada Future Launch initiative and led to a partnership with the university. The course became the foundation of the "Learn to Work, Work to Learn" program, which helps students develop transferable skills necessary for the workplace.

One of Grant's favourite courses was Urban Agriculture, which drew over 100 students per year from across the university. Urban Agriculture is a component of the much larger Urban Greening movement, which is the growing, preservation and maintenance of trees and other plants in the urban environment. Urban Greening fosters beauty, locally produced food, improved mental health of urban residents, and improved air quality. His Urban Agriculture course showed students how to grow food within city limits, explored local food security challenges, and examined the social, mental health, and physical benefits of gardening.

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Wilf Keller '69 C

Throughout his 45-year science career, Wilf had the opportunity to lead many research initiatives. These included the development and application of biotechnology in crop improvement with a major focus on canola. In recent years he was involved as a member of the team that successfully established the Protein Industries Canada supercluster. He has chaired and co-chaired a number of science and innovation events such as the International Rapeseed/Canola Congress in 2015.

Wilf grew up in Melville, SK. He earned a PhD in Crop Science at the University of Saskatchewan, followed by postdoctoral studies in Germany. He was first employed at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in Ottawa and worked as a research scientist and group leader from 1973-90. He and his team undertook research on biology and genetics of selected Canadian crops and

contributed to the establishment of Ottawa as a major centre



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for plant biotechnology research. In 1990, Wilf accepted a position with the Plant Biotechnology Institute (PBI) of the National Research Council of Canada (NRC) in Saskatoon and served as group leader for canola

biotechnology research and head of the Transgenic Plant Centre until 1999, when he assumed the position of research director.

After retiring from NRC, Wilf was appointed as president

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Join Us for the 1st SAGA Summer Reunion

Friday July 15th, 2022

A Full Day of Fun

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

As you know, *SAGA* had to cancel our traditional winter reunions in both 2021 and 2022. To recognize the grads that have missed out on their get-together, this year *SAGA* will hold an outdoor Summer Reunion. If you're interested, be sure to register to attend, via our Webpage at www.saskaggrads.com. As always, all other Grads are welcome to join in the fun!

2022 also marks the 50(+1) anniversary of the College of AgBio Crop Development Centre. So the CDC generously offered the use of the Kernan Farm for *SAGA* to host our event. This gives you a chance to check the new crops that Plant Sciences is working on.

Cost Recovery Registration Fee: \$40 online [Go to our Webpage for details] **OR \$50 at the Door**

Pre-registration: The registration fee covers costs of a beer-garden type event e.g. porta potties, sound system, tables and chairs, plus your meal. Go to our website and register today! Help us plan for the numbers of attendees.

USask protocols are being adjusted according to community risks.

Attendees will be required to follow the USask protocols at the time of the event. As of June 1st, masks are still required when inside, but not outside. Check the USask website.

Location: College of Ag building. And the U of S Kernan Research Farm located just east of the city, at the NW corner of the intersection of College Dr. (#5 Hwy) and Hwy 41 (To Aberdeen).

How to get there: You can utilize the free parking (all day) available at the SW corner of Preston Ave and College Dr. Lot P 15, east of the Field House. *SAGA* is providing Shuttle rides from Lot 15 and the Hotels to the Ag Building, then out to the Kernan Farm. Reverse the loop at the end of the day. Please arrive 10 min. early if you wish to use the shuttle service. As always, Pay Parking is available on-campus and under the Ag building.

Plans for the Day:

9 - 11:30 a.m. – Open house Agro Lounge and AgBio atrium. Beverages and snacks available.

- Tours of the Agriculture building (specifically art and phytotron tours), the old Crop Science building.

Will start at the Atrium. There is time to walk around campus to explore.

- Imagery Photography will be on site for those that want Class pictures. Photos taken in the Atrium. Because of time constraints, the Photo Op will be on a schedule that your Class Chairs will have.

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – Buses will leave for Kernan Farm at 30 minute intervals from in front of the Ag building. Or drive to Kernan, the very first left turn off # 41. It's a busy road, so please be aware at the turnoff.

11: 30 – 1 p.m. – If not pre-registered, you must register at the Farm to get your meal.

Noon – 1:30 – Agar's Corner Catering will be serving up their world-famous beef-on-a-bun, plus desserts. BlackFox Farm and Distillery, Living Sky Winery & Nine Mile Brewery will be there. Coffee, soft drinks and water will also be available.

1:30 p.m. – Saga 87th Reunion Welcomes, Recognition's and HLM's. Deanne Belisle, President 2022.

2 - 5 p.m. – Crop checking and/or visiting. Connect with past grads, enjoy some refreshments and take time for tours of the Kernan farm research. Imagery will be on site for less formal group pictures.

3:30 - 5 p.m. – Buses will be shuttling people back to the city, with stops at the Ag building, Parking Lot 15 and U of S hotels.

Last run is at 5 p.m. Farm gates close at 5:30

Sincerely, *SAGA* Summer Reunion planning committee of Bryan, Deanne, Eric, Jason, John, Shortee.

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OR

go to www.saskaggrads.com and click on the Group Booking Link:

SK Ag Grad - Holiday Inn Express.

Group Booking Link: takes you to the Holiday Inn Express page.

Enter check-in and check-out dates: **July 14-16, 2022** Click on **Search**

- that takes you directly to the **SK AG Grad** booking page with rates provided to the group.

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You will see Group Name: **SK Ag Grad**

You can then customize your booking.

Cut-off date: **June 14, 2022**

Group Code: **SAG**

President's Pen

Greetings, fellow College of Ag alumni and SAGA members! It is my pleasure and honour to be serving as the 2022 President of *SAGA*. For those of you who don't know me, I worked for three decades in the federal public service, delivering infrastructure programs to Saskatchewan communities. Before that I was with the Sask Ministry of Agriculture as Special Crops Specialist. I joined *SAGA* as Vice-President, just in time for two Covid years.

I would like to welcome **John Hauer, '84 C** as our new VP. John worked with Sask Ministry of Ag for almost 30 yrs. as a Land PAG, Resource PAG, Forage Spc and Range Management Spc. He is currently an Appraisal PAG with SAMA, based out of Saskatoon. I also want to recognize **Jason Fradette '84 C**, now past-president, for his hard work and vision. Jason retired from AAFC in 2019 and immediately joined the *SAGA* Exec. then became President as the pandemic hit us. He used his management and leadership skills to steer us through an unprecedented time for two yrs. joining **MAL Blair Cummins '77 S** as a two-term *SAGA* President. BIG thanks to Jason and all our Executive for managing the Covid tornado. Special kudos to Secretary **Raelene Petracek '86 C**, for keeping everything and everyone in order.

SAGA, like so many of our members who serve in agri-business, found ways to pivot our operations. We kept many of our commitments, such as the newsletter, social media & student scholarships, and minimized other cost activities. Regrettably, when we were forced to cancel our signature events, *SAGA* incurred financial losses (No surprise there). And because we are a networking and member-centric association, we really missed our usual face-to-face gatherings, such as the annual Jan. Reunions, AgBio socials, Grads versus ASA hockey tourney, Bean Feed, U of S Graduation and Convocations, plus Blair's "Cheers for Peers" initiatives at Agribition, Canada's Farm Show and Ag in Motion. And I am really sad that we have yet to greet our new Dean of AgBio, **Angela Bedard-Haughn '01C** in person.

In spite of restrictions, *SAGA* is finding ways to connect with members in the pandemic new normal. The transition to virtual Zoom meetings has been a positive change, (Thanks again, Raelene!!) enabling our remotely located Executive to link-up in a fabulously seamless way. The Zoom AGM is also proving popular, so we will continue to explore the benefits of this format or perhaps a hybrid model going forward. Our goal has always been to be the life-time Ag Grad "glue" and going digital with AGMs is another way to strengthen networks and service to members.

Connecting the Ag alumni and Ag students associations – this is an ongoing goal for *SAGA* presidents and I am looking forward to starting up again. Jason attended Graduation and I will attend the U of S Spring Convocation. A few members of the Exec. and I have been invited to attend the AgBio Convocation luncheon to

meet with graduating students, their families and faculty. If you proud parents are looking for a perfect graduation gift, why not a life-time *SAGA* membership?

Agriculture is in the spotlight again this year. It has been refreshing to see consumers acknowledging Ag's key role in providing food to Canadians and international markets. Still, though I live in the city, I feel the stress. If we look past supply chain issues and the invasion of Ukraine, costs of fertilizer and fuel, there is the weather. The Kernan Farm at the U of S was 88% finished seeding on May 16, whereas many farmers haven't started a week later as I write this. I am reaching out where I can – at this point, its quick texts cause no one has time to stop during seeding, but I hope its helpful to my farmer friends when I acknowledge they have a lot to manage and how much I admire farmers and the business of farming.

Thanks to **Kate Sauser, '23**, the 2021 ASA Public Relations Officer. She sat on the Exec. keeping us informed of college activities, even zoomed in for our Jan. meeting while very under-the-weather with Covid. I am impressed by the Ag students and the way they have adapted. The Agro Bed Push in March was hugely successful, with a record \$88,142.69 raised for Telemiracle. This was the 40th anniversary of Bed Push, and many "first" Agros took part again, (**Mayson '83** and **Louis '95** organized) joining an amazing tradition that makes us proud of the great Agros spirit. We look forward to working with the incoming PRO, **Matthew Trefiak '23**, and new ASA President and Senior Stick, **Morgan Davey '23**. In true Agro style, Matthew has already volunteered to help us where he can for the Summer 2022 Reunion.

Summer reunion? Yes, I said "Summer Reunion." We are so excited to let you know plans are well underway. Earlier, we canvassed the '21 & '22 Reunion chairs for their preference about reunions. We had many thoughtful responses, and the bottom line was that some classes wanted a summer event while others wanted a winter event, while others prefer to go with their own event at a time that suits their group AND come to the *SAGA* events. Covid has caused us to pause and consider many alternative formats, so when the CDC agreed to share their Kernan Farm venue with us, it seemed like a sign that we should try out a summer reunion. It won't be quite like our usual winter Banquet (Still coming in Jan. 2023) but you can read all about it in this newsletter. It is a wide open event, for members and non-members. The goal is to celebrate and connect and express our gratitude that we can travel to in-person gatherings again.

Please pre-register and make plans for the *SAGA* summer reunion on Friday, July 15. I look forward to seeing you there!

Deanne Belisle '79 C

and CEO of Genome Prairie in 2008 and subsequently took a position as president and CEO of Ag West Bio in 2012, serving in that capacity until 2019.

Following his retirement from Ag West in early 2020, Wilf assumed the position of Vice President Outreach with the Agricultural Institute of Canada.

Grant coordinated the AgBio Rooftop Garden, a demonstration and research project where vegetables were grown in containers on the roof of the AgBio building on campus. The vegetables were grown in repurposed containers and nourished with compost produced on campus.

Culinary Services and Louis incorporated all of the food grown on the rooftop into meals which were consumed by students and staff on campus. The project was known for producing food in “food feet” rather than “food miles”, as compost to production to consumption and back to compost was less than a mile. The AgBio Rooftop Garden won a provincial sustainability award and was recognized nationally.

Another of Grant’s initiatives was growing ceremonial tobacco

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In 2010, Wilf was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award by The Society for In Vitro Biology.

In 2015, he received the province’s highest honour, the Saskatchewan Order of Merit. In 2017, Wilf was inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame, and in 2018, he was inducted into the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame.

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for use in Indigenous ceremonies on campus. With the guidance of elders, the tobacco was grown, harvested and presented to Dr. Jacqueline Ottmann, Vice-provost of Indigenous Engagement, for distribution on campus. With Grant’s retirement, the growing of ceremonial tobacco was assumed by Dr. Stryker Calvez, Manager of Indigenous Education initiatives.

In retirement, Grant remains very involved in the Urban Greening movement, and the local urban food movement and can often be found promoting local food production to a wide variety of audiences. Grant continues to share his passion for urban greening, urban agriculture and food security through his volunteer work with inner city and immigrant families, helping them experience all the benefits of gardening and growing plants in the city.



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A Word from the Dean

As I write, campus is greening up outside my window and we are preparing for a college faculty meeting to approve the list of graduands for spring convocation, which will be the first in-person convocation since fall 2019. I am so excited to welcome the class of 2022 into the AgBio alumni family! I am also looking forward to celebrating **Les Henry ('64 C, '68 MSc)**, who will be receiving an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree, in recognition of his many contributions to soil science and extension. Next time you see Les, be sure to congratulate him on this well-deserved honor.

Around the college, there are a few changes on the horizon, including **Bob Tyler's ('76 C, '82 PhD)** retirement, hot on the heels of being named to the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame. Murray Drew (Animal and Poultry Science), Jim Germida (Soil Science) and Phyllis Shand (Food and Bioproduct Sciences) will also be retiring this summer. These professors have all had a tremendous impact on our university and we wish them the very best in their retirement. Bob Tyler and Ken Belcher ('99 PhD) also both complete their terms as department heads at the end of June – a huge “Thank You!” to both! In their places, we will be welcoming two new department heads: Tim Mutsvangwa as head of Animal and Poultry Science and Hayley Hesseln as head of Agricultural

and Bioresource Economics.

In other news, we are excited to welcome **Bree Kelln ('05 C, '10 MSc, '22 PhD)** as our new Beef Industry Integrated Forage Management and Utilization Chair, starting in September (joint appointment between Plant Sciences and Animal and Poultry Science). We are also getting a lot of interest in our newest degree program out of Food and Bioproduct Sciences, a Bachelor of Science in Food and Nutrition, which includes classes from both AgBio and the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition. For more about these news items and others, check out the college website (agbio.usask.ca).

As we stand on the brink of summer, there's still a lot of unknowns: we don't yet know what the weather will bring (hopefully something better than 2021) or what the markets might be like, but whatever lies ahead, spring remains a time of hope and optimism. I wish you all the very best of the warmer months ahead, whatever that means for you!

Sincerely,
Angela Bedard-Haughn '01 C MSc
Dean and Professor



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Sask Ag Hall of Fame

Four new members of the SAHF were announced, each known throughout the province for their contributions to Saskatchewan agriculture and the province. **Bob Tyler '76 C**, '93 SAGA President, AgBio Professor and multiple Dept. Head has been heavily involved in value added utilization for pulse crops production. **Grant Devine '67 C**, Provincial Premier, U of S Senator and Professor, and 2015 CAHF member.

Also inducted: Rick Holm, a long time Prof at AgBio, anyone that received any kind of Crops education during your time at AgBio from 1984 till '11 will have taken a class from Rick, plus he was Director of the CDC from '99 - '06.

And Bill Jameson, a Moose Jaw cattleman known throughout North America for innovating livestock marketing systems.

SAGA Honorary Life Nominees for 2023

David "Brian" Fowler '64 C (Professor Emeritus) used his participation in 4-H as a springboard to his U of S education. As a Prof in the Dept. of Plant Sciences, and one of the first scientists at the CDC, Brian spent his career improving winter wheat production, resulting in 18 varieties adapted to the Canadian Prairies and Great Plains. With winter cereals and no-till, Brian greatly contributed to conservation farming practices.

Murad Al-Katib '94 (U of S Commerce) raised in Davidson, Sk. began his entrepreneurial plans with a little company called Sask-Can. In 2007 it morphed into Alliance Grain Traders, and in 2014 became AGT Food and Ingredients. A little company that grew, continues to do so, and today is a multi-billion dollar world leader in value-added pulses, staple foods and pulse ingredients for markets around the globe

2022 Reunion Chairs

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1977 Voc Ags

We (Blair Cummins, Elton Ash and Mark Woodworth) did our Doodle poll, received the results, accepted bribes, gave it all serious consideration, consulted our local soothsayer, read the horoscopes, studied the Farmer's Almanac, analyzed the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and gazed ever so carefully into our crystal ball, and have received guarantees that the crops will be up, sprayed and be looking great, with a fresh rain to slightly delay haying so that **Tuesday, July 26th to Thursday, July 28th are guaranteed to be the best days to host our 45th Voc Ag Reunion. Dates are confirmed with the Manitou Springs Resort, just outside Watrous, <https://manitousprings.ca/>. Call now, 306-946-2233 or book online <https://reservations.manitousprings.ca> and make your room booking. Mention the Voc Ag Reunion to get the best rate.** We don't have the full schedule planned as yet, but anticipate a Welcome Reception Tuesday evening, Breakfast and activities Wednesday, with a dinner and story telling that night. Breakfast and departures Thursday. Please respond to Elton Ash ej.ash@outlook.com with a firm maybe to give us a rough idea as to overall numbers. MUCH APPRECIATED!!!

Harold Chapman – 1917 and Counting ...

Harold has notched another date on his calendar. In late April, the 2020 HLM celebrated his 105th birthday. Various reports state he got in some waltzing, ate cake, plus raisin pie, and managed a visit with family members. We don't know if they danced with Harold, but apparently, a fun time was enjoyed by all.

U of S ... You Gave Me the Fire!

“We won!” **Eric Johnson '82 C** gleefully announced. He was my debating teammate for the bimonthly debate in the Agro Lounge. We were in the final year of our Bachelor's degree.

“How so?” It was hard for me to believe this piece of incredible news. All my life, nothing had ever come easily without hard work.

“The other team didn't show up! So we won!” His green eyes flickered with dancing lights, he winked naughtily at me. “The winning prize is beer vouchers!”

I accepted the win but I couldn't feel the elation – not even with the beers, because I was going to give them to Eric and **Al Mitschke '82 C** (Mitch) (who bit my straw hat yearly during the Ag Bag Drag to ‘punish’ me for drinking only one bottle of beer). I had spent several days preparing facts and counter-arguments for our debate amid assignments and lectures, just like any obedient Asian student would do in 1981.

Disappointment seeped inside me as I watched Eric perform his Prairie jig. The debate was my last chance to shine among 400 or so pairs of mostly male hormone-powered blue/brown/grey/green eyes. As the only foreign student and the only Asian among the student body, I wanted so much to be accepted among my peers after three years of listening to the laughter of all the hoo-hahs I created in the classrooms.

After the debate win, Eric was more relaxed with me. Eric was a big Canadian giant, towering over my 4 ft. 11 inches. He and Mitch would say things to me like, “Hi Shortie! Has the snow reached your head yet?, or kneel down to tell me “The air down here is so fresh, no one else is breathing here!” They often placed their beer on top of my head as they chatted with me. I wasn't offended by anyone, the playfulness was all for fun. The College was full of happy people, and I wanted so much to be happy and carefree just like them. So I learnt to understand all forms of jokes and accept jokes on me as their friendly acceptance of me being one of the ‘buddies’. Besides, they were teaching me to navigate cross-cultural humour, a skill that has served me well in my international career after graduation.

By the third year, I got used to all the jokes about my height and ‘cute’ face. A few times I asked my classmates to buy me milk to compensate for my lack of calcium while growing up, but everyone offered to buy me a beer instead. I didn't realize, then, that milk was like water to them, one doesn't ‘buy’ milk, one ‘gets’ it from the cow in the barn! Therefore, my unmet needs in the form of a joke didn't have the targeted appeal! My joke fell flat. No one cheered me with a beer because I cracked a great joke! Years later, when I faced similar situations in other countries, I reflected on the milk vs beer situation in the College and came out with humorous ideas to build my cross-cultural communication strategy to get things my way! This tenet of cross-cultural communication, realized at a young age, helped me to polish negotiation skills in sticky situations. To joke or not to joke, that is the question.

In all my four years in the Agro student lounge, I was an ‘interesting’ monument to the student body. A quiet and polite,

old-fashioned ‘little’ girl -- the only one wearing outdated brown-rimmed glasses instead of soft lenses and the only one whose spoken English sounded like a song. Few students talked to me. If they did, they spoke in short sentences or with much reservation. Only my classmates like Mitch, **Debbie (Anderson) Lounsbury '82 C**, Audrey and Eric had two-way conversations with me, but they didn't laugh with me the way they did with others. I didn't know why then. Years later, I found the reason – they didn't know much about me while I didn't know them beyond the College life. Mutual understanding is an important tenet of cross-cultural communication, so I worked on this aspect when I set foot in new countries.

By the time I waved goodbye after our convocation ceremony due to my expiring student visa, my classmates still didn't know much about me. They didn't know that Malaysia did not have a dairy industry and that our milk products came from Australia and New Zealand. They didn't know that I never had cheese, yogurt, or alcohol before I came to Canada. I didn't grasp the many linguistic application of ‘F’ and ‘BS’ until my final year in College. They didn't know that I could only drink ONE bottle of beer without falling asleep because genetically I lack hydrogenase – the enzyme that digests alcohol. They didn't know that my family doesn't drink because alcohol was expensive in a predominate Muslim country. They didn't know that English was the fifth language I learned as a kid. They didn't know that I was shocked to the core by yearly seeing the naked Lady Godiva on horseback while Agro and Engineering College men walked around bare-chested in tight underwear in cold September. They didn't know that I didn't dare to tell my parents that there were Playboy spreads all over the Agro lounge during student elections because they would surely terminate my stay in Canada. I was supposed to study science; naked bodies and sex were not part of the university curriculum for parents who had to fork out all their savings to secure a better future for the families. I learnt that white lies are a necessity in some situations for successful cultural adaptation in view of the final goal to achieve.

Most of all, my classmates didn't ask why I landed in their midst, from a place so far away that sounded like Vietnam. They didn't know that by 1979 – the year I finished high school, the Malaysian government instituted a new quota under the New Economic Policy whereby non-Muslim/Malay students were given only a 10% quota for public university entrance, but the majority of the students with high scores in the national exam, MCE, were non-Muslims, so students like me with 5 As and 3 Bs out of 8 subjects couldn't get into university. As a girl from a lower income household, it meant I would walk on a pre-determined path – marry a small shop owner and be a good housewife and mother to sons, and stay in Ipoh, my hometown, forever.

However, students from well-to-do families, mostly boys, were sent to Western universities so that they would get high-

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paid jobs upon graduation. They would have careers and a future that girls like me couldn't even dream of. (My ebook, *Stories for My Mother*, sheds light on how education for girls change their lives for the better.) The less well-to-do families would sell family houses and heirlooms or use up decade-old savings to send even one kid to university so that he/she would come back to secure a good job and save money for another kid's education. Education meant everything to these families, as it could uplift the social-economic status of a family.

Canadian colleges seized the business opportunity to fill the unmet needs by offering Grade 13. The mother of miracles happened when my parents decided to use their savings (meant for my younger brother's education) so that I could go to Toronto for Grade 13. Then, I chose U of S because it was one of few universities my parents could afford.

The Malaysian currency, Ringgit, was half of the value of the Canadian dollar then. And so during my four years in the College, my classmates didn't know that I survived with half-priced Safeway brown bread, peanut butter, and veggies that I bought just before 6 pm every Saturday. It was a sacrifice I had to make, as I had two younger siblings back home who needed a university education, and that financial responsibility had become mine.

They didn't know that going to U of S was the crucial turning point of my life – I was given information and knowledge to transform and to be empowered in many ways. The exposure to many immigrant groups and several world issues such as hunger and South African apartheid, and the cross-cultural learnings seeded critical changes in my worldview and myself as a young woman. I became someone who dared to dream the impossible and dared to take calculated risks.

After finishing a Master's in International Administration in the US through the Crompton Peace Scholarship, I went into an international career for 14 years, embarking on pro-poor gender projects, policy-building, and reconstruction efforts in conflict areas (with missiles, landmines, rebels, and the occasional whiskeys which I learned to slowly drink in the midst of firearm exchanges by peace-seeking parties). Twenty-seven years ago I returned to Malaysia. Fate had it that I began the journey of a single mom as I pioneered a non-profit social enterprise. eHomemakers was founded to help people help themselves, especially the disadvantaged women and indigenous communities, through innovative livelihood and ICT schemes. I wrote a weekly social story column for 13 years till I was censored.

I am going to be 63, but I have many dreams, still. There are many projects I want to do, and there are two dreams yet to come true. First is a re-visit to U of S, Saskatoon, and the families who adopted me – the Blocks and the Labars; and my big Agro sister, **Irene (Mandin) Northey '81 C**. Second is to thank U of S for everything it gave me by me giving back to the university network – grooming young Canadians who are interested in community development, especially in Borneo. I will treat them well like the way I was treated by the families who adopted me when I was a

student.

I hope I can be the bridge to open up student programs for U of S and local communities. Then my little dream of cross-country skiing on Cumberland Avenue to the President's Residence will come true?

Malaysia is opening up on April 1st for international travelers after almost two years of pandemic lockdown. Any retirees interested in volunteer community work, social project planning while enjoying a multicultural setting with great foods and traveling in ASEAN are welcome to contact me. Any students in any discipline interested in online or onsite internship/gap year/gap months?

Do email me at scchong@ehomemakers.net. Projects of interest: a mobile commerce app and a project linking small organic farms from Peninsular Malaysia to Borneo with buyer communities; promoting work-life balance and teen pregnancy prevention through social media in ASEAN; editing and producing ebooks in English and other languages; creating multimedia presentations/SOP manuals and community training videos for agrotourism. Or helping struggling organic farmers to preserve soil and water. Or helping struggling centers with HIV/AIDS patients to earn a livelihood through farming and product making with tropical herbs.

Before you decide, read about my international learnings in my first ebook for Kindle, *Stories for My Mother, Volume 1* -- <https://www.amazon.com/Stories-My-Mother-1st-Collection/dp/9834037244>

Chong Sheau Ching, '82 C
March 22, 2022
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Ag Alumni at the Wheels for the 2022 Agro Bedpush



L-R Catherine Lang '17, Al Van Caesele '89C, Victoria Foster '17, Louis Bossaer '95C, Kris Cherwyk, '09, Mackenzie Seidle '20.

Agriculture in Ukraine, Part 2

The world changed on February 24th, 2022, and not for the better in Ukraine. Russia had declared war with the intent of destroying the country, the culture and the people. To date (May 24th,) they have had limited success thanks to their own corruption and incompetence but mostly due to the incredible bravery of the Ukrainian army and territorial defense organizations and the coming together of the Ukrainian people. The Ukrainian military for the past 8 years has been fighting Russians along the Donbas front, trained by USA, UK and Canadian Special Forces. Since the start of the invasion, over 40 countries, led by the USA and UK have sent arms to Ukraine. Never enough and never fast enough but they have been used to deadly effect. The Russians had to pull back from NE Ukraine and Kyiv after suffering heavy losses and have been driven back from Kharkiv. They left behind atrocities against civilians that make you ill to the stomach, as Russia continues to bomb key infrastructure targets and random civilian targets.

Agriculture in Ukraine continues to be a main target of the Russian invasion, clearly to reduce its capacity to compete for export sales with Russia. The Ukrainian government protested to international bodies to no avail. It said chemicals generated by the Russian military are polluting the soil, aerial bombing and missiles are destroying agricultural storage, processing facilities, machinery, livestock and crops. The Ukrainian delegation to the World Trade Organization said at least \$6.4 billion worth of Ukrainian agricultural infrastructure and resources had been destroyed. Chechen Kadyrovites stole a great deal of farm machinery in the Donbas, mainly John Deere tractors and combines, and took them to Chechnya, only to find they have been remotely disabled by the dealers and are now useless to them. Russian troops have also stolen or destroyed medical equipment from hospitals including new equipment donated by international relief organizations.

Some 22 million tonnes of wheat are being blockaded from

leaving Ukraine. Without exports there will be no room for the 2022 harvest which will start in July. Storing grain outside on the ground may work in Saskatchewan but not in Ukraine's wet autumns. Ukraine's inability to export wheat, corn and sunflower oil is creating food shortages and possible famine in the Middle East and North Africa, and soaring wheat prices around the world. Russians have tried to export stolen Ukrainian grain, but no one will accept it. Some 4 million tonnes are currently sitting on ships. Russia has offered to allow shipments of Ukrainian wheat in exchange for reduced sanctions, which is not going to happen. The only route available to export is overland by train, with very limited capacity.

Yet, spring planting is almost complete, with 90% seeded as of May 12th. Only in Luhansk, which is under full military control, has there been little or no planting. Farmers close to the military zones wear bullet proof vests and go home when it becomes too dangerous. Seeded area in danger zones could be down 70%, and in areas needing de-mining 30% to 40%. Fuel shortage is a major problem because Russia targets fuel depots and refineries. Diesel is in extremely short supply, gasoline not much better. Areas under Russian control may face famine as the Russians will continue to confiscate the entire harvest, in a repeat of the Holodomor. Estimates for next year are as much as 40% less than 2021. These numbers are preliminary and certainly may change as harvest gets underway.

Tanya and I left Ukraine Sunday, March 6th. When we will go home, we have no idea. We plan on staying here in Saskatchewan for the long haul, but will go back as soon as it is safe.

Our return to Canada is described here: <https://dablogfodder.blogspot.com/2022/05/life-has-been-bit-chaotic-lately.html> and here: <https://dablogfodder.blogspot.com/2022/05/our-not-so-incredible-journey.html>.

Allen Hingston '69

Zhovti Vody, Ukraine has been home for the last 15 years.

June 2022 Treasurer's Report

Covid has made it difficult for all of us, including the *SAGA* bank account. We have incurred expenses, with our only income from our investments. Unfortunately the market has resulted in some investment losses. However we have sufficient reserves to continue planning member events due to prudent planning of past *SAGA* executives. Assuming a good turnout to our summer event we should cover all our costs and make a small profit this year.

The Scholarship fund is about \$2,000 short for this fall. The executive is hopeful that we will receive sufficient funds donated for this fall's awards. However, we have decided to backstop the fund in any event.

Our executive is looking into various investment options. The objective is to maintain funds in the market place as well as reducing exposure of our reserves to negative market gyrations.

Our web page has worked well for purchasing memberships and banquet tickets. We plan to continue to use it for our summer event. However, we had some fraudulent activity on our web page which has caused us to re-assess how we collect money. You will see these changes when you register for the summer event.

Morley Ayars '75 C

New Donations Build Optimism for AgBio's Future

As the worst of the pandemic appears to be in the rear-view mirror there is a refreshing sense of optimism all around the college. It seems that donors are feeling more eager to provide support here as well. Consequently, we've had a busy and productive year in the Development Office, and I would like to share a few highlights.

Over the recent months, we've received gifts to establish six new awards for undergraduate and graduate students. We also established a new fund to offset the costs associated with the experiential learning activities of some of our courses – making these much more accessible to our students. A new friend of the college from Portland, OR made a substantial gift to the Harvey Scholarships, which is one of our most supportive undergraduate and graduate awards. Students looking to enhance their studies with educational travel will also have more funds available this year. The Gardening at Usask programming received a significant boost to its support as well. Additionally, we're continuing to receive assistance for our field and livestock operations in the form of tractors from New Holland and Robertson's Equipment, and new this year, precision air-seeding equipment from Vaderstad. We were also busily working with donors and their legal advisors as they plan future bequests to the college.

These new gifts along with the continued support from our many annual donors and stakeholders highlight one of AgBio's greatest strengths – a community of engaged alumni and friends who are, quite literally, invested in the educational experience of our students and the research capacity of the college. After the challenges of the pandemic, having such generous backing from our many supporters is a very welcome financial and morale boost.

Thank you!

Hamish Tulloch '91 C - Director of Development

Canadian Western Agribition Announces Fourth Cycle

Agribition delivers the Next Gen Agriculture Mentorship program in partnership with the province and the federal government. The program accepts 8 participants in an 18-month mentorship experience.

Mentees and their paired mentors for 2022-23 include:

Kaitlyn Kitzan 2020 Bsc AgBu and Dale Leftwich '86 BA

David MacTaggart 2020 and Bill Greuel '95 C

Erika Stewart paired with Mike Sidoryk

Kristin Thompson 2012 working with Tara Davidson.

Brooke Dudley 2020 and Alison Weaver '89 S

Chelsey Mitchell working with Megz Reynolds

Morgan Heidecker 2019 and Sheldon Kyle '00 C

Rena Leier paired with **Clinton Monchuk '00 C**.

SWEEP HARD and LONG

Ossie Lakness '49 C has been wearing the same brown curling shoes since buying them at the Tartan Pro shop in the '70s. Who knew he'd still be using them 50 years later? He curls twice at week in the Regina Callie's Queen City Seniors Club, but his first bonspiel was in 1939, on natural ice at age 16. He's tossed and swept rocks since, save for the three years he served in WWII, in the Canadian Navy as a sailor on the HMCS St. Stephen, escorting convoys across the North Atlantic.

Ossie has been a life-long farmer near his home town of Govan, SK, but it was natural that he curled and played hockey during the winter and golfed in summer. He was also involved, serving on the Curl Sask board and as president in 1970-71. And he knows all about longevity. Reta and he were married for 72 years. Also an avid curler and golfer, Reta was 92 when she passed in 2015.

Ossie's still a regular at Flowing Springs Golf Greens. He may use a cart and play from the forward tees, but he still shoots in the low to mid-90s. "Dad's really competitive in golf and curling," says son Reg. "The love of the game is still there. That keeps him young, and young at heart."

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Letter From a Very Dusty Prairie Chicken

I hadn't really planned to submit a "Prairie Chicken" letter for this edition of the *SAGA* newsletter as I have had no further information about our female Ag. Grads. I am still hoping to add to that subject in the future. However, the current drought conditions and soil erosion down here are making me want to scream.

Have you ever noticed a flock of partridges taking dust baths? Some of them were doing this in my freshly worked-up garden this morning. Last week I was on my way to Maple Creek when I encountered blowing dust so thick that there was a "brown-out" on the highway. This Prairie Chicken could have had a dust bath right there.

We have lived NE of Maple Creek for 48 years. My husband, **Derald, '65 C**, grew up on this farm so has much knowledge of the sandy soils, along with periods of drought. The Thirties devastated this area as well as most of southern Saskatchewan. Many settlers had to give up and move a lot farther north. Our current farm consists of parts of six homesteads. Somehow our grandparent generation managed to hold onto their ½ section. The rest was added in later years when climate conditions improved.

I grew up north of Unity, hearing tales of the wagons trekking north for a better life. My grandfather's place was one of the spots the travelers could stop to water their horses. There were dust storms up there, too, but the drought years were not as bad as south of the South Saskatchewan River. All our neighbourhood families were still around by the time I came along.

There are still big ridges in some of our current pastures where the land had been broken for grain crops. In the drought years, this land began to blow, carrying the tumbleweeds into the fences. They filled up with blowing dust, burying the fences. If these ridges were excavated, the barbed wire would still be found. (Last year there was a violent wind one day and our fences looked like hedges.)

When we went to University we were taught by **Dr. Rennie, '49 C**, and **Prof. Thair, '42 C**, about this era and all the effort that went into reclamation of the Palliser Triangle. (**Bob McKercher, '54 C**, had a big hand in our soils training, too). It turned out that Palliser had been right when he said much of the land here should never be broken. The Federal government in the '30's created the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration to teach farmers how to manage land, grow crops and put a majority of acres back into grass. Strip farming and shelterbelts were encouraged. We have been very fortunate to have a close neighbour who practiced all this. He planted thousands of trees in his lifetime, with many rows of them near us. Derald spent a lot of hours riding a tree planter, helping plant trees from the Indian Head Tree Nursery.

What is raising my ire is the lack of soil knowledge exhibited by some of the current large farmers. Tree rows are bulldozed; entire quarters are worked as one field and gone over so many times that the surface is just powder. No trash is left and very little stubble remains to hold snow. When I complain I am told that strip farming is not compatible with the giant machinery used today. Tough!!! If this land erosion gets really serious, there won't be enough crop to make payments on the massive equipment and expensive inputs. Put the land back into forage and save it for some day when it rains again. You can't just live on Crop Insurance forever.

The PFRA has been eliminated along with their irrigation systems, community pastures. Producers are expected to run all these privately.. The Tree Nursery is no more but evidently trees can still be obtained from the Shand Power Station Greenhouse. It is strange that the same breed of people who created the PFRA decided that it was no longer needed. Just come down here on a windy day. There are very few calm ones anymore.

"Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it."
Winston Churchill

Irene Ahner '65 C

Taking Up The Torch

Hey everybody, my portion of this newsletter is going to be short and sweet! I'm excited to be this years Public Relations Officer on the ASA and look forward to reporting on our events, as well as those held by *SAGA*, to the College, in the 2022-23 academic year! Likewise, some members of the current ASA hope to be able to get acquainted with some of you at the *SAGA* Reunion this summer! All the best with your summer ventures, I hope you all razz 'em, dazz 'em, and enjoy the warm weather while its here!

Matthew Trefiak '23
ASA Public Relations
Officer - *SAGA* Liaison

Class Photos

Imagery Photography has been taking the Reunion Banquet class photos since 2012. If anyone thinks they would, after all, like to have a picture of the gang from their last bash, please contact Imagery and see what they can do for you.

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Checking in With The ASA

Hi everyone! First, I just want to say how much of an honour it was to be the Public Relations Officer for the 2021/2022 school year, and how great it was to connect with so many alumni over my time serving as PRO. As my time as PRO has come and gone, I would like to reflect on our huge success with Bedpush this year!!

To begin, I would like to thank every one of the alumni who lent a helping hand with Bedpush, whether it be coming out to push for a kilometre (or 23!), helping lead the charge for fundraising around the towns of Highway 11, donating money to one of our fundraisers, via the online donation portal, or just spreading the word about Bedpush to help us gain exposure! This event could not have been possible without the alumni support that we received, especially coming out of the pandemic. We held fundraiser events over the month of February, including auctions, bowling, slo-pitch tournament, bingo, and a raffle, all of which were a hit. We also received enormous support from the Ag Industry and without the gracious sponsorships, whether it be a donation, food along the way, toques to keep us warm, or donating the bus for us to use, it wouldn't have been possible to make

AgBio Student Clubs Report

Over the past spring semester, EBSA (Environmental and Bioresources Student Assoc.) has gone down to Pike Lake for a hot dog roast and skating. They also enjoyed a couple of hikes throughout the city.

The Beef Team was able to do a VBP+ course in February and attend an AI course in March in partnership with the Dairy Team. They partnered with Justin LaBrash for a fundraiser at the Longbranch and discussed a trip for next year to Denver Stock Show or the Cattleman's Conference in Oklahoma.

The Dairy Team had the highest numbers the club has seen, but it was difficult to gather everyone up for events because of restrictions and schedules. This year, the main events were an AI course with the Beef Team and touring the National Holstein Convention in April. Hopefully with fundraising, they can go either to the World Dairy Expo in Wisconsin or a trip through Ontario and Quebec to visit farms there.

The Rodeo Team hosted an online silent auction to raise money to put on a rodeo next season; it was very successful! Their competitive members have been attending college rodeos in Alberta since October! Congratulations to Fayth Panchuck for qualifying for finals in breakaway roping and to Janae Wilson qualifying in pole bending. As well to all the members who worked hard to make improvements throughout the season! You can watch members compete at the finals in Brooks, AB on May 19-21!

The Horticulture Club began 2nd semester by starting a vegetable project in the greenhouse, planting tomatoes and cucumbers as well as some leafy greens. The tomatoes were ready by the end of the semester, but an infestation in the greenhouse reduced cucumber and leafy green yield. The semester concluded with plans to acquire the rooftop garden project and organize the field garden

Bedpush as amazing as it was, helping us reach that grand total of \$88,142.69 for TeleMiracle.

We also held the AgBio graduation ceremony in-person this year (woo-hoo!), the event was planned and organized by our Internal VP, Dawson George ('23), to award and send off the 2022 graduates, including several of our ASA, past and present. We were delighted with some well-thought out and delivered speeches, as well as the long-held tradition of passing on the Senior Stick, which was passed from Tana Thiessen ('22) to Morgan Davey ('23) and I can tell you he didn't get very far from the stage before his fellow Agros caught up to him.

I hope you all are proud to be alumni of the long-standing best college around, and it was a pleasure to meet some of you during my time as PRO. I hope to stay connected in the future and wish you all the best!

Kate Sauser '23
ASA Treasurer, Past P.R.O.

at the Horticulture field lab.

The Animal (Bio)Science Club met with employers from various sectors to present ideas and opportunities for future work/studies with Animal Science or Animal Bioscience degrees as well as hosted social events. In second term, the club met with Pig Improvement Company (PIC), Ducks Unlimited, Dr. Ryan Brook, poultry veterinarian Dr. Tyra Dickinson, Dr. Karen Schwean-Lardner, and Lysay Beavers from the Canadian Cattlemen's Association.

In the winter term, the Range Team had the Undergraduate Range Management Exam. It hosted study sessions with Mae Elsinger, Paige Straf, and Victoria Nameth. Faculty advisor, Amanda Muller, helped members study for the Plant ID Exam. The year finished with a two-part meeting series on wildlife and impacts on rangelands from Ryan Brook. Thank you to *SAGA* for your financial support which helped with our 2022 conference registration fees.

The Stockman's Club hosted presentations and a games night. In January, they learned about unique ranching practices in a presentation hosted by Matt and Angela Kumlin of Lazy J Cattle Company. Ian Crosbie talked about Sask Snow Beef and agricultural entrepreneurship in February, and in March, Bohrsen Marketing Services Ltd. spoke on the importance of marketing and how their services add value.

The AgBizz Club had a successful year. The club grew their social media presence greatly by over fifty percent. Games nights, bowling nights and several industry speakers were hosted for lunch and learns.

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88th Annual SAGA Reunion Banquet January 6-7, 2023

Jan. 6: 4 – 7 p.m. Friday Night Social @ Ag Building Atrium. Guided tours – Gabfest in ASA Lounge.

Jan. 7: 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

SAGA Hockey Tournament @ Waldheim, SK

Jan. 7: 4 - 9 p.m. >> 1 a.m.

Reunion Banquet and Mixer @ TCU Place in the Centennial Halls

Vice-President's Report

As I write this, we are finally through our hard winter, and farmers are out in the fields getting the seed in the ground, or waiting for the ground to dry up. Hopefully this growing season brings better conditions than the drought or near drought conditions endured last summer. As you will can see we are well on our way into planning for the 88th (Winter) Reunion Banquet to be held Jan. 6 & 7, 2023.

This reunion will be the first winter reunion we have held in the last three years, so if you are itching to get out and meet people again, then come on out. Your class Chairs will be the first to learn any Banquet details. My sincere thanks to the Chairs we already have. We are still missing a couple, so those who want to volunteer someone else or themselves, please do not hesitate to contact me at 306-220-3457 or john.hauer@sama.sk.ca I am sincerely hopeful for a big bash on January 6-7, 2023. See you all there.

John Hauer '84 C, SAGA Vice-President

Empty Saddles

Howard Townley Fredeen '43 C, Dec. 27, 2021

John Francis Michael '48 S Aug. 15, 2012

Orest Mysak '48 C, Apr. 3, 2022

Herbert John Dow '50 C, Dec. 24, 2021

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Donald William Wolf '52 S, Apr. 6 2018

Thomas Stanley 'Tom' Dorrance '53 S, Apr. 5, 2020

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George Raymond Kerr '54 S, Oct. 7, 2021

Hubert Freitag '55 S, Mar. 7, 2022

Trygve Frederick Njaa '55 S, July 29, 2021

Frank Joseph Ortt '55 S, {Correction} July 12, 2020

Dennis Michael Gizen '56 S, Nov. 12, 2021

William Francis Perkins '57 S, Sept. 26, 2021

Andrew Walter Sereda '60 C, Nov. 27, 2021

Lester Rueben Morvik '61 S, June 8, 2021

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Gregoire Germaine Gaudet '61 C, Dec. 21, 2021

John Jerome Hoffort '61 C, Apr.17, 2022

Clare Armstrong Shier '63 C, June 26, 2019

Wayne William Gamble '67 S, '71 C May 1, 2022

Gerald 'Gerry' Arthur Surine '77 S, Oct 13, 2021

Irvin Jeffery Yorga '78 C, Aug. 12, 2021

Jeanne Marie (nee Gagnon) Sinclair '82 C, Jan. 26, 2022

Rick Trent Gunderson '83 S, Jan. 19, 2022

Glenn Allan Helgason '90 C, June 23, 2021

Matthew Arthur Swaby '11, Nov. 6, 2021

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This year the University of Saskatchewan Pre-Vet Club hosted an equine first aid course as well as various guest speakers. The club enjoyed hearing case studies from Dr. John Campbell as well as information regarding diversity and inclusion in veterinary medicine from WCVN students. They finished the year with a trivia night fundraiser for our local animal shelter, raising just under \$200.

The Food and Bioproduct Sciences Club started the fall semester with a Meet the Faculty Night where students met professors and networked with them. The FABS club also hosted a pumpkin carving competition. Winter term started with a Food Science Trivia Night and the club hosted a Career Night where industry members came in to share experiences and provided students the opportunity to network.

The Judging Team sent members to the Intercollegiate and Youth Livestock Judging Competition at the Canadian Western Agribition. The team won overall high point team, with Wyatt

Dyck placing third overall while Megan Nicholas won Grand Aggregate! They hosted a home competition in March at SLS. Several 4-H and collegiate competitors attended. U of S won high point team, Shelby DeSmet won reserve high, and Justin Harcourt took overall high point.

Zach Hill '25
Agro Club SAGA Liaison

Time to Turn the Page

After 14 years the Editor of *The SAGA* is ready to call time. The SAGAExecutive is scanning our membership, looking for a successor. No Fourth Estate experience required, just a great curiosity to keep your fellow Ag Grads informed. Being involved in agricultural circles would be an asset, but you do not need to be in Saskatoon, as all is done via cyberspace. Assistant for a year or two, then, once settled in, establish your own style for the Newsletter. If interested, and questions, please contact: thesaga@sasktel.net

A Reminder for the Membership

I guess one shouldn't be surprised that as Ag grads journey through their careers and life, changes in physical addresses and now emails happen often. However, being able to communicate with the membership is essential for a Graduate Association such as *SAGA*. Because of this, keeping the mailing list for our membership up to date is a continuous process.

If you haven't received this *SAGA* Newsletter through a direct mailing or email, it may be that we don't have your current mail or email address. Not sure if your contact info is up to date or your membership status? Send us an email at thesaga@sasktel.net or by mail to:

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Henry de Gooijer '83 C

'61 C Squeezes in a Reunion



Gary and Jessie Carlson celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

On the evening of Jan. 9th, 2022, the 1961 Agro Class held their 60th Reunion via ZOOM.

Attending were: Lynn and Betty Thompson, Tom and Myrna Pringle, Syd and Janice Pickerell, Viv Noy, Bob and Pat Bullock, Howard and Mary Matilla, Gary and Jean Rice, Bob and Doreen Gilmour, Bob and Joan Baker, Dan and Angelina Beveridge, Ray and Glennis Wheeler, Betty Shields, Gary and Jessie Carlson.

Information on current family activities and happenings were shared. Plus, a number of the Agro Class of '61 have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversaries. Gary and Jessie Carlson did just so on Oct. 8, 2021, with about 50 friends and family attending via ZOOM.

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