



## St. Clairsville High School Class of 1969 Classmates' Aspirations for 2020

Janie (Van Curen) Vazquez, 1/13/2020



Several years ago I began to research my ancestry. I knew that my Great Grandfather was a co-owner of the St. Clairsville Monumental Works and made many of the grave markers that are in St. C area cemeteries. What I didn't know was that he cut the 28 stars on the front of the Salt Lake Temple in Utah. I have no idea how he came to be commissioned for this job. I plan to visit Salt Lake City in May to see the Temple and to do some additional family research.

Don Pickenpugh, 1/13/2020



I was elected Recording Secretary for the Cumberland Trail Genealogical Society for 2020-2021 and hope to learn more about genealogy. I became a part of this group several years ago while GIS Director for Belmont County, promoting GIS and online land records. I plan to give a presentation on the original Land Patents for Belmont County, which show the original purchasers of land from the US government in the late 1700's and early 1800's. A pdf map can be found on the Wheeling Area Genealogical Society's website here:

<http://wagswv.org/index.php/wheeling-area-genealogical-society/genealogy-research-forms-and-guides/> .

*Update from Don 5/15/2020...*

The Cumberland Trail Genealogical Society has postponed all meetings until further notice, and given the age of most members, I wonder if and when we will meet again. In the meantime I purchased a used survey-grade GPS unit and am working on a survey project of several hundred acres. That should keep me busy for many months! Seems like the hills got steeper than they were 35 years ago!

Karen (Keiffer) Henderson, 1/15/2020



1. Strengthen knee after partial knee replacement by going to the physical therapist and to the gym. Play on the tennis team again by September.
2. Switzerland has increased the language requirement for residency. It must be French, German, Italian or Romansh. English is not accepted as an official language. Take French classes to go up one more level and meet this new requirement in case I want to apply for a Swiss passport.
3. Travel to Rome and Ireland this year.

Nancy (Pettit) Gorby, 1/20/2020



I want to make memories that I can take with me....and for my husband, Robert, to take with him....

What matters to us is family and friends....

Spending time with them....

Therefore, we are having "I'm still alive" parties every six months while Robert is still alive, and me, too.....next one due in April or May...depends on the weather and how Robert is feeling....

To make some good memories to take with us...for the other one that is left behind to hold on to....

Until we meet again...

Remember this.... you can't take your material things that you collected throughout your life, but you can take your memories...

Therefore, my dear friends, come to our get together in October .... Let us make some good memories together ....

Good time memories are my Aspirations.

#### *Update from Nancy 4/2/2020...*

Well guys my "I'm Still Alive" party is on hold.....I think it is going to be over a year before any party.... Therefore, it is time for a New Aspiration... I know it is hard on some of you to stay put inside.... I'm going to give you a little look into my life.... Three to four years ago... Robert and I mostly stay put during the winter months, but we did go out to eat, to the barbershop or shopping ....Well I got a cold.... I tried to isolate myself from him....I did the best I could....however, with me being his caregiver it did not work.....Robert ended up being in ICU fighting for his life again.....Well after that.....before every winter I stock up and got my haircut before our modified lockdown.....We only went out for food and Doctors appointments..... From that time ....knock on wood...no colds .... This time when I heard that the coronavirus was in Washington and California states.... I started stocking up for three months....,I only had three days to do this.,usually I have three months before winter....You can't get everything...like fresh vegetables, bread and milk for three months..... but I did my best.... Now we are in reverse isolation..... we don't go out.... I cancelled most of our Doctors appointments...except for one....we needed documentation for the need of Robert's O2.....we got the documentation two days ago.....when the weather is nice....we will sit outside by our front door.... that will be it....Our daughter and her family can't come and visit us... She is on the front lines..... She is a Nurse in Emergency Room in Pittsburgh..... She is fighting for us..... Thank God we have great neighbors..and Robert's sister and nephews..... the apartment manager gets our mail and several neighbors called to see if we need anything at the store.....they will get our milk, bread or fresh vegetables.... We are blessed.... By the way I learned to cut Robert's hair.... If I say so myself ....I do pretty good job...I do only one style...a buzz cut.... LOL...

Now for my Aspiration.... I want you to stay positive..... stay safe at home.....be with your family.... hold on to them.... if you can't see your children .... there is a thing call a phone.... or now day thing call texting.... Our Grandparents had the Spanish Flu and our parents WW II..... We have great genes .....we can do this.... If anyone needs to talk .... I'm a good listener.....you have my E-Mail address on Jane's spread sheet.... I'm here.... God bless you and keep us safe.....

#### Elizabeth (Hickenbottom) Elder, 4/24/2020



I don't have any great aspirations—simply to stay healthy and be able to enjoy my life with Jack and our kids and grandchildren. We had planned to do a lot of traveling this year, but due to the coronavirus, those plans have had to be postponed.

In March, we had planned to go to Ft. Lauderdale and Key West. We had rented a convertible in Ft. Lauderdale and were going to drive through all of the Florida Keys and spend a few days in Key West.

This June marks our 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. For our honeymoon in 1975, we went to Cape Cod. We were planning to return to Cape Cod and also drive up the coast to Acadia National Park.

It saddens us that we will not be taking these trips this year. But, more importantly, we want to be safe and healthy. There is always next year!!!!

Donald Iannone, 7/8/2020



Some good news to share. I was appointed to the faculty of Transcontinental University (TU), based in the European Union (Malta) and accredited in the EU, with its US headquarters in Columbus, Ohio. We offer both online and physical classroom education, but just online during the pandemic. TU is just starting up in the US. I'll be teaching in the MBA and PhD in Business programs, and working on some special university-wide initiatives. It's good to be back in an educational environment. My 15 years at Cleveland State University (1986-2000) was the highlight of my career. TU offers system-based business education that is global in nature and personally transformational. Students not only learn the concepts, but also they experience how to use the concepts in your own work environment. It's a new and refreshing approach to educating people in business. Our programs are relevant to non-business students as well, such as in education, healthcare, government, and the nonprofit sector. It's learning by doing, with an emphasis on system change and improvement. Here is the link: <https://unforgettable.education/about/faculty/donald-iannone/>