

# GIVING WITH PURPOSE

For the past 112 years every donation given to Pine Manor College, big or small, has made a difference in the lives of our students. This support has helped us with monumental projects such as moving from the Dana Hall school in Wellesley to our own home in Chestnut Hill, build and renovate buildings such as the Ashby Campus Center, Haldan Hall and Ellsworth Hall, and provided millions of dollars in scholarship support to students who had a dream. We are grateful to all of our donors through the years. We are highlighting a few of our alums who have and continue to be among some of our longest supporters. Join us in thanking them for their loyalty to our College.



## BARBARA (BABS) GRAY KOCH '50

When Babs Gray Koch, '50 was recently asked about her decision to support Pine Manor College

with a legacy gift, she replied, "I put a lot of credit to the small, wonderful, cozy environment and cultural life that was there." However, at first, she recalls, "I didn't want to go." Her father suggested a visit to campus, a two-year school at the time, and after much deliberation, her father managed to convince her to make the journey. She soon realized that Pine Manor "was fabulous for me. It gave me a very good bounce to my life, and a good foundation."

As with her initial hesitation about her own enrollment, each transition for the school has also given Babs pause. The change from a two-year to a four-year school, from a women's college to co-educational made her ponder, "how are they going to change?" I wanted to "make sure it is for the better," she says. It took time, she continues, to "get over my

own hurdles but I am happy to support an important mission."

With the announcement of the partnership with Boston College, Babs wrote: "I am certainly delighted that Pine Manor College and Boston College have worked together so creatively and have advanced a new [path] of expanding so many educational opportunities for underserved students. I am so happy that the legacy of Pine Manor College, will have a chance to live on through this new "Pine Manor Institute for Student Success", along with "Messina College". The integration of Boston College with Pine Manor College has been a great step for both colleges. I'm grateful to know that many of my personal hopes, dreams and goals have been more than fulfilled.....that all students might have a special education in a supportive environment. This could lead to real goodness and justice for everyone."

"I know what Pine Manor College brought to my life," Babs states, "and I want it to do the same for others. That's why I want to ensure my support continues well into the future."



*Katharine Richmond,  
Dean of Permissions*



*Mary Virginia Harris,  
Academic Dean*



*Cathrene Peebles  
Gilbertson,  
Social Dean*



*Candlelighting  
Service, Led by  
Joanne Pennington*

Photos: Pine Log 1951



Studio



Marion A. Gleason,  
Dispensary Director



Cameron Thompson,  
English



Madeleine Crawford,  
Biological sciences



Marguerite Brodeur  
Lee, Theatre



John Phillip Agnew,  
Acting Dean



Beverly Gertrude  
Alexander, English



Jean Gertrude Brown,  
Physical Education

Photos: Pine Log 1959

Photos: Pine Log 1964

## WALLIS ANNENBERG '59

When Pine Manor College moved from Wellesley to the Chestnut Hill campus in the mid 1960s, there wasn't an adequate library, and there were no facilities for communications majors. In honor of his daughter's time at Pine Manor College, Ambassador Walter Annenberg, who founded popular publications such as TV Guide, was the lead donor in a capital campaign to build a state of the art communications center and library. Ms. Annenberg (her friends and classmates call her Wally to this day) has been involved not only as a loyal donor, but also as a

trustee and now a trustee emerita. The Annenberg family's generosity has been part of Pine Manor College's history for seven decades, and we are grateful. The Annenberg Library and Communications Center has served every Pine Manor student since it opened in 1986.



## BARBARA BIDDULPH PRESTON '58

If you meet Barbara and David Preston, it is hard to tell who the Pine Manor College alum and who is the spouse of an alum. David loves the College as much as his wife Barbara does and they have been generously supporting the College for years. Barbara has enthusiastically been part of planning her class reunions and was a long time trustee, now trustee emerita. Barbara and David have hosted many

wonderful events for Pine Manor College over the years, and the two are extremely involved and philanthropic in their local community.



## CONNIE HESS WILLIAMS '64

When the news was announced in June that President Biden nominated Connie Hess Williams '64 as a member of the National Council for the Arts, the Pine Manor College's community was thrilled yet not surprised. In responding to the news, President O'Reilly wrote: "Connie has remained an ongoing benefactor of Pine Manor College through unrestricted gifts that provide financial aid to our students and support our programs. We are very proud of all her accomplishments, and we are grateful for her thoughtful generosity toward Pine Manor College."

A long-time advocate for education and the arts, Williams' family funded the Hess Gallery as part of significant philanthropic investments in these fields, as President Biden's nomination stated, "Williams is

widely known throughout her community for her strong record of involvement with a special focus on education, the arts, and economic development across broadly diverse regional organizations. She served as the Chair of the Board of The Philadelphia Museum of Art and is now Chair Emerita. She was also a trustee of the National Museum of American Jewish History, Steppingstone Scholars Inc., Barnard College, The Episcopal Academy, The Baldwin School, Pine Manor College and The Kimmel Center of Performing Arts in Philadelphia."





## ELIZABETH (BETSY) VAN ORSDEL MOULDS '64

When Elizabeth “Betsy” Van Orsdel Moulds '64 attended

a luncheon a few years ago at the home of a fellow alumna, she never expected that she was about to create what would become Pine Manor College’s largest alumnae club in the country! The spirit and enthusiasm typical of Pine Manor College graduates inspired Betsy to develop a network of women from numerous generations in the Northern California area. Together they created the Northern California Alumnae Club. As members began hosting events and offering ideas, the club began to grow.

Using her many talents Betsy’s impact on the Pine Manor College Northern California Alumnae Club is unmistakable. As the largest centralized association of alums in the country, the club hosts multiple activities

throughout the year. Betsy describes how each member is a part of the legacy of Pine Manor College, and as a member of the Board of Trustees for eight years, from 2006 to 2014 and member of the college’s Advancement Committee, Betsy attests: “You could always tell that the faculty and staff really cared about the students.”

This statement is echoed every day by generations of Pine Manor College alums all over the country and the world.



Mary Gegerias, French



Rodman Robinson Henry, Art History



Thomas Michael O'Donnell, Mathematics



Harriet Howe Greene, Natural Sciences



Mahala Beams, Dance, Music



Gary Harris, Political Science



Kathleen Aguro, English



Sid Abdullgh, Management, Eco

Photos: Pine Log 1964

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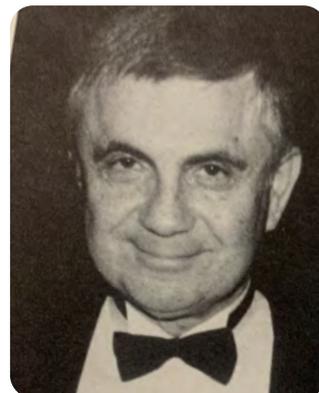


## ANN PAPPAGOHN VASSILIOU '93

Ann Pappajohn Vassiliou '93 and her parents Mary and John Pappajohn P'93 are among Pine Manor

College’s most loyal supporters. Ann Pappajohn Vassiliou '93 received her degree in Early Childhood Education, and in honor of her accomplishments, her parents Mary and John Pappajohn gave generously to renovate the Child Study Center, now the Ann Pappajohn Vassiliou '93 Child Study Center. The Pappajohns are passionate about education and saw the value this highly regarded preschool brings both to the surrounding community, to faculty and staff whose children attend, to the PMC students who worked in the school, and to the students who gain valuable experience attending the school. Mr.

Pappajohn was born in Greece and moved to the United States, settling in Iowa as a very young child. He learned English when he moved here, worked in his father’s store growing up and graduated from the University of Iowa. The lessons from growing up in a new country and working in his father’s store set the stage for Mr. Pappajohn’s eventual business and philanthropic career. Whenever Pine Manor College has needed advice or assistance, the entire Pappajohn family has always been there for us.





Judith A. Davidson,  
German



Elizabeth Ballantine  
Gardner, Biology



William Stargard,  
Art History, Athletics



Nancy White,  
Psychology

## ANNE NOLAND EDWARDS '70, P'00

Anne Noland Edwards loved her experience at Pine Manor College, so much so that her daughter Christine attended and graduated in 2000 and spent time after graduation working as a teacher at the Child Study Center. Anne – an honorary degree recipient who was the chairwoman of the College’s Women of



Promise Capital Campaign, as well as Co-Chair of the Pine Manor College Board of Trustees – and her family have been extremely generous to Pine Manor College. Their kindness has ensured that hundreds of students have been given the same opportunities. Anne learned a great deal about art during her time at Pine Manor College and is passionate about the arts, serving on several boards including the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York, and the Delaware College of Art and Design in Wilmington.



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