

Class of 1974

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50th Class Reunion



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Beverly (Johnson) Bolsen

“After I graduated, I did not find a teaching job, so I worked for First Wisconsin Bank in Milwaukee, eventually became an accounting clerk. I took accounting classes, then started to work on my MBA degree at UWM. The Bank started a computer programmer training position, so I learned Cobol and began work as a programmer. In Chicago I worked for Continental Bank, took classes and finished my MBA at Northwestern University. Bill and I had two children, and I worked part time. Eventually Continental outsourced the computer department to IBM. My job changed, then was being eliminated. I saw an ad in the local paper and applied to be the Children’s Ministry Director at a church in Wilmette. While working there I took classes at the Evangelical Covenant Seminary and got a master’s in Christian ministry. Taking classes when in my 50s was wonderful – learning for the joy of learning! We now live in Skokie, IL. Carlsbad CA, Myrtle Beach SC, and Hawaii are favorite places to visit.”



Family Update

“My husband William (Bill) Bolsen is a retired commercial loan banker. We have two children (Bill III and Lisa). Both are married. Bill and his wife live in Houston. Lisa, her husband, and their daughter live one suburb away from us.”

Nostalgia

“Schlags and parties. It was easy to meet people.”

Sally (Pope) Chrystal

Sally graduated from Marquette University School of Dentistry in 1978, then did a one-year internship at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Dentistry continued to be her passion until retirement in 2015 due to breast cancer. “Thank you, Carroll College!”



Family Update

“In 1987 I married Wayne Chrystal, who worked for Deluxe Corporation who had a long history with Carroll College as well. Wayne and I have been blessed with wonderful careers, loving families (both of us from small towns in Wisconsin), dear friends and world travels!! I will always credit Carroll College with helping me become ‘my best self’, and the professors (Dr. MacIntyre, Dr. Bud Hudson, Dr. Guthrie) for opening my eyes to a world of beauty! Laurel Richardi Holmer and I always look at the art we see in nature and in museums throughout the world as ‘a Guthrie Moment!’”

Nostalgia

“Carroll College was one of the best things that has happened in my life!! Shirley Hilger talked to me at Waupaca High School, and I was convinced that Carroll was the college for me! So many wonderful memories! My continued best friend, Laurel (Richardi) Holmer met the first week as freshmen at Carroll, and have remained best friends ever since!”

Professors

“My gratitude to Carroll runs deep. My advisor, Dr Bruce MacIntyre, molded my career that continued for 38 1/2 years! I was a Chemistry/Biology major signed up for Medical Technology, but he convinced me to visit other professions as well. He had me shadow a physician, a dentist, and sent me to shadow a chemist at Dow Chemical in Midland, Michigan. After taking his advice, I knew that becoming a dentist was the right career for me! My grandmother had taught me to sew, do embroidery and needle work as a child, and Dentistry was exactly the same! Perfectionism was right up my alley!”

Janet Grant

Upon graduation I worked at Carroll in Student Services for two years and then moved to the University of Minnesota for a Masters in Educational Psychology. I served as a Head Resident at Augsburg College and then Assistant Dean of Students at St. Olaf College. I took a turn from student work and went to Holden Village, a retreat center affiliated with the Lutheran church located in an abandoned mining village in the North Cascades of Washington state where eventually I became Executive Director, 1994-2005. When I left there I got a second Masters in Pastoral Studies at Seattle University and served as a Chaplain for 17 years at Providence St. Peter Hospital in Olympia, WA, retiring in 2023. In retirement I am enjoying my cabin near Chelan, WA, water aerobics, involvement at my church, being outdoors and keeping up with friends.



Family Update

As an always single woman, I have kept close relationships with 10 nieces and nephews, their spouses, 23 great nieces and nephews, and 9 great, great nieces and nephews as well as a brother and two sisters-in-law. I get to the Waupaca area yearly to nurture those relationships. Also, as a youngest of four, I have seen the deaths of parents and a sister and brother. For the past 19 years I have lived in community in Tacoma, WA with friends who I met during my years at Holden Village.

Nostalgia

My memories are mostly on the campus, itself. I have special memories serving as a Resident Assistant two years to freshman women and locking the doors at 10 pm; on Student Senate; on the College Activities Board and mopping up beer on the ballroom floors after schlags; chairing All School Sing; leading Associated Women Students and campus ministry; working the front desk at the library where I could study when it wasn't busy...and more. J-term offered me, as a naive farm kid, the chance for field experiences in inner city Milwaukee in schools and social services. I remember climbing to third floor Old Main for Latin class in Dr. Stallman's tiny turret office. When Dr. Cramer arrived a group of us marched to the airport to meet him. Best of all was befriending students from classes younger and older.

Professors

Following up on my involvement on campus, I was always appreciative of Dr. Robert Buzza who supported me with RA challenges and who hired me for my first job post college. Mr. Jim Van Ess was my library supervisor and always encouraged me with my own studies. Ms. Jane Swanson taught how to swim. Dr. Tom Williams was a source of challenge and humor as we co-chaired J-term. Dr. Joe Hemmer made it possible to have an alternative degree in Communications

Laurel (Richard) Holmer

Laurel Richardi remained in Waukesha after graduation to complete an internship in Medical Technology at Waukesha Memorial Hospital. After marrying Carroll classmate, Jeffrey Krewson, they lived in St. Louis, Missouri together for 11 years where Jeff worked as an architect, and Laurel as a medical technologist. Laurel earned a masters degree in Education from Washington University, taught hematology at Washington University School of Medicine, and authored a chapter on leukemias in a widely used clinical lab science textbook. A move to the Lake Tahoe area of California in 1989 to marry Andy Holmer, husband of 35 years has led to many adventures and continued learning & serving. After teaching at the University of Nevada in Reno for 6 years and employed as an Infection Preventionist for 20 years, retirement in 2018 has opened up a new life chapter. Church activities, community service, golfing, gardening, hiking, traveling, and time with family are very fulfilling.



Family Update

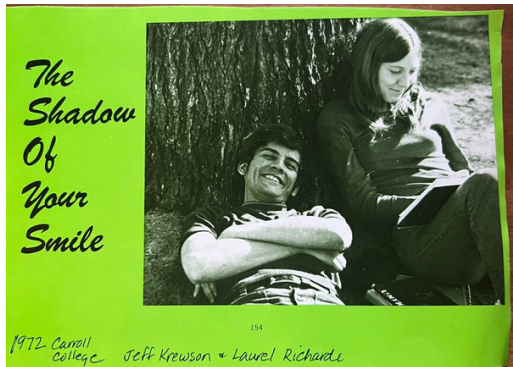
Married to retired superior court judge Andy Holmer. 2 children: Alyson (30); Erik (29).

Nostalgia

“Too many vivid memories to name just one: Dorm life, hours of studying, frat parties, Carrolleers. My still longtime friend Sally (Pope) Chrystal is the best memory of all!”

Professors

Biology professors Drs. Roy Chrisoph, Bruce MacIntyre and Batha Art Professor Dr. Guthrie; Music professor Dr. Burnham.



Jennifer Hopkins

Graduating with an Art Education degree, Jenny knew she was not prepared to teach. In 1974, a federal law was written to provide public education to all youth aged 3-21. UW-Whitewater offered the first graduate degree in Early Childhood Special Needs Education in the Midwest. This was an extraordinary time in Jenny's life as she was able to be on the ground floor of such an exceptional field of study. Jenny met Keith at a party at the Delta Rho house at Carroll. The party was full of Chi Omegas who played summer women's softball and Keith was their coach. Keith and Jenny married 2 years later. Jenny was actively involved in her church and Keith performed in several community theaters. They both taught for over 30 years and then retired in Eagle River, Wisconsin, building a house in the woods on a pristine 18-acre lake.



Family Update

In the fall of 1987, Jenny and Keith adopted a baby from Korea. Nine months later, Sarah was born. Ben grew up strong and wise. He is now an Emergency Department doctor in Charlotte, NC. He has a beautiful wife and 3 sons; 14, 10, and 8. Sarah has performed in community theater with her dad, since age 5. She participated in human relation roles and cheerleading in high school. Her undergrad is from UW Madison and her graduate degree is from U-Alabama Birmingham as a Nurse Practitioner. From Urgent Care in Birmingham, she landed in Philadelphia as a Primary Care NP and director of LGBTQ with an underserved population. Presently, she has begun working on her doctorate of NP. She and her mom have been to Europe twice, but Sarah has been to 26 countries. It's all about the cultures, foods, museums, and scenery. They have traveled the U.S. as well.

Nostalgia

Jenny's sorority sisters encompass her nostalgia at Carroll. The friendships developed still remain in her heart and there are still get-togethers that are precious and memorable. Jenny greatly misses her best friend at Carroll, Emily Johnson class of 1975, who passed away over 10 years ago. Jenny and Emily were in each other's weddings and spent lots of time together after college. Keith's brother, Charley, graduated from Carroll in 1978 and earned a doctorate in biology. Jenny's dad graduated from Carroll at age 53 after serving 24 years in the military, graduating in business. Jenny's maternal grandfather, Dr. Alfred Gregory, ministered at the 1st Congregational UCC church. He opened the church fellowship hall and had a stage built so Carroll could perform plays at the church as well as perform piano concerts. Her grandmother taught voice and piano to Carroll students. Nostalgia runs deep in Jenny's heart for Carroll College.

Carol (Hillstrom) Liederbach

“After graduating from Carroll with majors in Communication and Spanish, I eventually earned a Master of Science in Human Resource Management. As a profession, I specialized in Employee Compensation programs and global systems, spending the majority of my time working at Harley-Davidson and Rockwell Automation out of Milwaukee. I traveled extensively both with my jobs, as well as after I retired, having been to all 7 continents, 50 US states and 42 countries. However, during and since Carroll, music has continued to be my passion. I still actively play and teach piano and sang for seventeen years with the Milwaukee Symphony Chorus.”



Family Update

“Previously married to a Carroll student. He's long gone, but the union gave me 3 wonderful sons and 11 grandchildren, ranging in age from 14 years to 1 month. Number 12 is on the way!”

Nostalgia

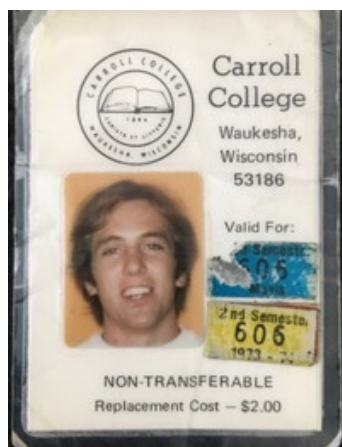
“Among the many musical memories at Carroll, the best is singing with the Rodo Sisters, our campy 1940's style trio. Having a blast at Carroll singing with the likes of Peace with Grease, we continued singing professionally for another five years after graduating and continue to be friends to this day.”

Professors

“Before my freshmen year, in the summer of 1970, I went to campus to test out of the foreign language requirement, having studied Spanish already for 7 years. I successfully tested out, but before I could leave, Señor Alvaro Perez talked me into turning the credits I received into a second major. Through that study, I developed a love for foreign languages, using Spanish both in my jobs, as well as travel, including mission work in Mexico. I have also studied German and since retirement am currently studying Finnish, the language of my heritage. On the communication side, who could not be forever influenced by the bold teachings and antics of Joseph Hemmer and Joe Daily! They taught me how to navigate and negotiate in the corporate world with confidence.”

Robert Long

Work history, FBI in WD.C. / Illinois Bell in Chicago / AT&T in Chicago. During this time with AT&T, he met and married Diana Bamerick. She was the product of the Bell system as well. He received a retirement offer at the age of 49. After they were married, Diana left the Bell System and started her own consulting company. On retiring they moved to Taos, NM. Designed and built a beautiful pueblo style adobe home. They played a lot of golf, spent time skiing and caring for aging parents. After ten years, they moved to Kerrville, TX where they lived until 2022 when they returned to the Chicago area. They now live in Barrington, IL. Bob and Diana love to travel. Their wider travels have included trips to Bali, Thailand, Viet Nam, Morocco, Kenya and Tanzania to name a few. They took a safari in February of this year. It was truly a vacation of a lifetime. Cooking is another passion and they both enjoy preparing and devouring lovingly prepared meals.



Family Update

Diana and Bob have been married 39 years. Second marriages for each and Diana has a daughter Talia who lives in Durango, CO. Bob laughingly enjoys telling anyone who will listen that he never has changed a diaper...Talia was 7 when they became a family.

Nostalgia

The first vivid memory occurred during his senior year in high school in Marinette, WI. Bob visited a number of colleges and universities and none of them felt right. When he stepped outside the car on his visit to Carroll and saw Main Hall, he smiled. He knew immediately this would be his home for the next four years. At the end of the first semester, Bob was playing Sheepshead one afternoon with Shooter, Runt, Hugo, and Jack Miller, when a song came on the radio titled, "Alice Long you're still my favorite girlfriend." Jack laughed and said, "That's what we will call you from now on." Within two days everyone on the floor was calling him Alice. Within a month the entire student body was calling him Alice. At 6'4" and 200 pounds what was he to do? Embrace it of course! Coming back for the 50th reunion, no-one will know who Robert Long is, but he believes that the name of Alice will bring some smiles and a few hugs!

Joy (Evans) Ruecktenwald

“While student teaching in Menomonee Falls, I became engaged to my supervising teacher's team partner, Rueck Ruecktenwald. After graduation I was a 3rd and 4th grade teacher at Whittier School in Waukesha. After 7 years I changed jobs to medical coding for the primary care providers at Prohealth Care. I became the team lead for the coders and interim supervisor until my retirement in 2020. I retired so I could start a new wonderful job as babysitter to my granddaughter born at the height of the pandemic in April. I also have taken time to travel to Iceland, Italy, Costa Rica, Galapagos on a sailing ship, and Hawaii. Plans have me in Kenya, Tanzania and New Zealand in the coming year. Love to garden and enjoy time with friends. I also am heading the cataloging of the Les Klug Photography Collection at Carroll for the art dept. Les Klug was my uncle, and his works were donated by my mother to Carroll, so this is a project close to my heart.”



Family Update

“Was married in Rhode Island after only dating for 7 weeks before becoming engaged. One summer we used our vacation time to spend 6 weeks traveling to most of the national parks in the West by car. Amazing experience! Our daughter, Jackie, was born and changed our lives. We continued to travel to different parts of the US each summer. Our daughter is now 40 and with her husband Jason have a daughter named Maddie who is 4. The highlight for me is having adventures on my Mondays and Tuesdays with her. My husband retired as an elementary principal at Prairie School in Waukesha then became a Chapter 1 Math teacher at Hadfield. We decided to retire for good in 2020. We now work on projects throughout our home, have great vegetable and flower gardens and enjoy being retired. Trips to the zoo, State Fair, Greenmeadow Farm, China Lights and all the other attractions Wisconsin has to offer keep us busy with our granddaughter.”

Nostalgia

“I have such fond memories of my time at what was then Carroll College (CC). I worked as a telephone operator in New Hall where you actually connected & disconnected wires to announce calls. As president of the Independent Women's group, we made a Conestoga Wagon out of a bed frame for the homecoming parade. When coming back the bed flew off the truck. Luckily it didn't hit anything. My best memory of choir was marching into the auditorium holding a candle while singing, *O Come All Ye Faithful*. When we got to the third verse as a soprano, we got to do a descant which was magical. Having education classes in the hot house third floor of Rankin was an experience. Enjoyed breaks to play cribbage with my roommate Tina in The Pit. I joined the CAB (College Activities Board) & loved all the little activities we planned my first year on campus. Life at Carroll was very different back 50 years. A lot has changed but will always be grateful for my experiences there.”

Professors

“Dr. Schwanke (my kindergarten class professor) was amazing. Her final was the most thought provoking 1 question test. She gave us a blank paper to answer this question posed by a concerned parent: "My child says they only play with blocks the whole day. What are they learning here?" It made me always think outside of the box to help my students learn throughout my teaching career. Mrs. Burnham was my piano teacher & really helped me with my nervousness when performing in front of others. My brother who wasn't in music but very talented agreed to be my partner for a massive duet. He was so proud that he had huge octave chords & said he would drown me out. I will never forget when Mrs. Burnham (while we were rehearsing) casually walking over & shutting the top to Joe's grand piano. His shocked face was priceless. The professors at Carroll were always available to help or guide students. I specifically chose Carroll for the smaller classes & individual attention you got if needed.”



Barry Sang

After graduating from Carroll, Barry attended Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary, earning the M.Div. in biblical studies in 1977. During the next two years, he served as an ordained assistant minister in Pittsburgh, PA. Barry then earned both the M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees in biblical studies, with distinction, at Drew University, graduating in 1983. In 1985, he began fulfillment of his teaching vocation at Catawba College, in Salisbury, NC, where he taught religious studies for 38 years, retiring in 2023. During that time, Barry published an online introduction to the Hebrew Bible, chaired the Religion & Philosophy Dept. And served as dean of the arts and humanities, as well as the accreditation liaison. He also fell in love again with the French horn, continuing to perform through the present day. Barry remains deeply involved in music and the other ministries of his local church.



Family Update

While he was in seminary, Barry was introduced to an enchanting and intelligent Carroll student who was exploring a career in Christian education. Little could he have known that the young woman, Kathy Hanna '78, would become his wife in 1980, beginning a marriage of love for forty-four years, and still going. Kathy and Barry adopted a daughter from birth in 1994, tragically losing her during the Covid-19 epidemic years. Kathy has served the community in a wide variety of ways, among which are church secretary, church pianist, assistant director of Christian education, and office manager at a thriving homeless shelter and crisis ministry organization. She continues to gift her church with her lovely voice and piano skills.

Nostalgia

Barry holds fond memories of dormitory snowball fights, steak night at the cafeteria, walks in the deep snow and walks through the lovely fall maple leaves on N East Avenue. He remembers deep conversations with his fellow students, who helped him grow as a human being. He recalls the joy and challenge of performing in the college choirs and wind ensemble, and, of course in Peace With Grease. What blessed him the most in those groups were the friendships with some absolutely wonderful and talented people. Those relationships, along with friendships with other members of the Carroll community, gave deep beauty to Barry's four years there.

Professors

The most influential professors in Barry's life began with Lamar Cope (religion), whose commitment to his students and to good scholarship would propel Barry into a college teaching vocation of his own. Red Sinclair's (religion) down-to-earth sense of humor and appreciation for the history of religion were also inspirational. There were other powerful paradigms of commitment to students as well, including Dr. Phyllis Stringham (music), Jack Killory (psychology), Paul Moss (music), and Cardon Burnham (music). Students' lives mattered to these professors.

James Schneider

“After Carroll, I joined Price Waterhouse where I remained almost 20 years as a Partner. Then, I was the SVP of finance at MCI, and later CFO at Dell Technologies. I founded Horizon Bank in Austin, where I remain as the Chairman. Served on numerous Corporate Boards including Lockheed Martin and the GAP.” Jim has served on the Carroll Board of Trustees from: 2000-2008, 2010-2019, and 2019-present. He was inducted into the Carroll Athletics Hall of Fame in 2009 for his prowess and success in football as a student. In addition, he has also been a champion for Pioneer Athletics since his graduation by attending many games, athletic events and through his support of updating facilities; including the naming of Schneider Stadium and renovations to the Van Male Field House.



Family Update

“I am married to Dr. Francine Misch-Dietsh, a dual American/French citizen who has a home in Nice, France. She speaks 6 languages, and we travel often. I have two children and 3 grand kids.”

Jann (Gillig) Slayton

Jann Gillig and Jim Slayton met in the Pit freshman year. Jann asked Jim to a Delta Zeta party . . . and the rest is history! They moved from the Milwaukee area to Wausau in 1977 where they raised their family, worked, and were active community volunteers. Retired for 15 years, they travel a lot - all 50 states and 43 countries so far. Jann and Jim will miss the reunion as they will be traveling in Greece and Turkey.

Family Update

3 grown children - Stephanie (NC), Joshua (MN), and Emily (CO) and 5 grandchildren ages 7-11.

Nostalgia

“Fond memories of the beautiful campus and making friends that have lasted for more than 50 years. Carroll professors made me question, think and have respect for civil discourse.”

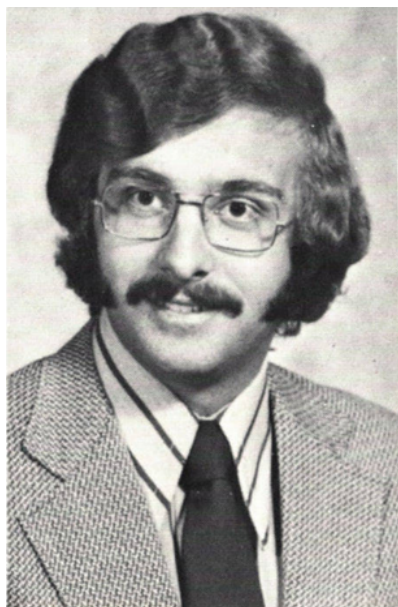
Professors

“Mr. Perez, Miss Breslin and Dr. Sava not only were my college professors but were always there for support after graduation. Dr. Folsom humbled me but never crushed my love of languages. He helped me double major and go abroad by approving summer school English courses at Rockford College.”



Rick Trindl

“JD from UW Law School in 1990. Practiced law in Waukesha and retired in Nov 2017. Hobbies are golf, pickleball, traveling, camping, hiking, and e-biking. Have traveled extensively since retiring. Some favorites are Israel, Southern Africa, Caribbean, Mediterranean, European river cruises, ‘Band of Brothers’ tour through England and Europe, American Southwest, and Glacier National Park. Will be cruising Australia and New Zealand next year. Also enjoy watching our three grandkids' various activities!”



Family Update

“Married for 51 years to Kathy (Hellen) Trindl, also class of '74. We have two sons, two granddaughters (Addison, 13 & Aubrey, 11) and one grandson (Austin, 8). Kathy is also retired (from life insurance underwriting for AIG). We both enjoyed our careers, but often say ‘retirement is the best job we've ever had.’”

Nostalgia

“My best memory of Carroll has been the life-long friendships formed with my Delta Rho Upsilon brothers and their wives!”

Jo Ann Warren

Home to Barbados. Worked in hotel industry. MA at Marquette U. Returned to Barbados, worked in advertising creative and production for radio and tv. Married Howard, had Kate, moved to England. Stay at home Mummy. Moved to Canada, worked in marketing, events, promotions, creative and development of web sites. Retired. Grandmother on call 24/7/366!



Family Update

I am still married to Howard. Kate married David and had Fox Solomon, who is 7, and Cecily Byron, who is 5.

Nostalgia

Just one? No can-do cause it's a smorgasbord of memories. The Homecoming date with the "King." The marriage proposal I gently declined. The awesome wapatoolie 21st birthday party arranged by friends, even the police showed up, sweet of them! Schlags and Spring afternoons skipping classes. Countless hours in Youman's Little Theatre involved in everything, including creating the Lanterna Magica effects for the production of John Dos Passos' *U.S.A.* Meeting the 'un-cola' man, Geoffrey Holder and the Broadway star and Carroll Player, Alfred Lunt. Graduation, the mouse, and my family all showing up because my family could not be there. The sprinkles on top are the incredible friends who have done this 50-year journey with me, mostly from afar, who still put up with me, and for whom I am eternally thankful.

Professors

Gordon Folsom, Joe Hemmer, David Molthen, and Joe Dailey.

David Whiteman

David Whiteman attended the University of North Carolina for graduate school in political science and received a Ph.D. in 1981. He taught political science and film studies at the University of South Carolina from 1981-2015. His publications included a book on "Communication in Congress" and a variety of articles on legislative politics, green politics, and the politics of documentary film. For the past 43 years, he has served as a volunteer and board member for the Nickelodeon Theatre, the only arthouse cinema in South Carolina.



Family Update

David Whiteman lives with his partner, Lee Jane Kaufman, who taught international law at the University of South Carolina. He has a daughter Athey (37) and two grandchildren, Natalee (15) and Jack (2).

Nostalgia

“My most memorable experience at Carroll was the January 1972 trip led by Eugene Haugse to Eastern Europe, still in midst of the cold war. The trip dramatically broadened my horizons by including stops in West Berlin, Leningrad, Moscow, and Prague at a time when travel there was still quite restricted.”

Professors

David Whiteman majored in English and Political Science, and the professors who most influenced his life were Lelan McLemore (Political Science), who served as a role model, and Gordon Folsom (English), who made him understand the full meaning of criticism. Also very influential were Eugene Haugse, Lamar Cope, and the creative writing professors James Vopat, and Viola Wendt.

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