

Zippin were there and already formulating a list of great events for our 50th. You may have read that on April 27, 2015, Cornell will celebrate Charter Day and its 150th birthday on campus and around the world. In the *Alumni Magazine* and in e-mail correspondence, you'll be reading about special events in major cities around the globe during the year leading up to Cornell's Sesqui-centennial. You may also remember that our class was the 100th graduating class, so our 50th Reunion coincides with the celebration of the 150th graduating class. Be there!

Mark and Barbara Kipp Schmidt report that they "don't miss the bustle of the East Coast at all," as they've been settling in on their 40 acres in Corona, NM. It seems rural life hasn't meant slowing down for the Schmidts, as they are busy building a barn, fencing their property for their horses, and learning about ranch life. It also hasn't meant a secluded life on the prairie, as they volunteer in the local school helping prepare kids for the Knowledge Bowl. They also work in the library, and Barbara teaches ESL and Spanish. At the end of the day they love looking out on their mountain view from their Pueblo-style house. **Jerry Kreider**, MARCH '71, is on the board and several committees of Habitat For Humanity in Philadelphia. He's still keeping in shape, actively participating in sports, and in a car club. In November he spent two weeks in Peru, which included hiking at Machu Picchu, and he plans on doing a lot more traveling.

Jerry Blackman had lunch with **Rick Shaper** in snowy and frigid NYC in January while Jerry attended a board meeting of the American College of Psychoanalysts. Rick is retired from his business and is now deputy mayor of Old Brookville, Long Island. Jerry is still actively practicing in Virginia Beach, VA, and tells us that the first of his three books, *101 Defenses*, which had already been translated and published in China and Romania, can now be purchased in better bookstores in Istanbul, Turkey. Jerry is also the first to use e-mail to send me his news and assures me it's fun and easy to do. He recommends everybody try this newfangled way of communicating. **Paul Goldberg**, ME '69, and wife Donna report Paul's retirement after 42 years with Exxon, where he frequently traveled to South America. They got together with **Mark** and **Suzy Taylor** and your correspondent at our house in Delray Beach.

Please continue to send me your news in whatever way is most convenient. If you hear news of interest about any of our classmates just drop me an e-mail and I'll follow up. ☒ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

69 Whew—nice to welcome spring after that brutal winter! Many of our "medical" classmates are still hard at work. **Gail Papermaster Bender** (Minneapolis, MN) works four days a week as a medical oncologist and still finds time to enjoy her six grandchildren. She and husband Mark love to spend time at their home in northern Minnesota on Trout Lake. Sounds beautiful! **John Mitas II** (West Chester, PA) writes, "Still doing volunteer work on behalf of the American College of Physicians regarding disaster preparedness with DHS and HHS." He is doing more volunteer work with Orphan Grain Train to provide clothing and needed goods to Haiti, the Philippines, Appalachia, and other needy populations. He still finds time to do some medical teaching on disasters and PTSD, spend time

with his new best buddy (his 1-year-old grandson), and appreciate the nuances of bourbon after many years as an oenophile. **Jonathan Kaplan**, MD '74, is in Atlanta and has had "the honor of having spent the last few years leading the HIV Care and Treatment Branch, Global AIDS Division, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention." The Branch works in more than 40 countries in Africa and Asia and has made "remarkable progress in treating HIV-infected persons and decreasing transmission of HIV. Exciting work with great people. No plans to stop yet!"

Marsha Gold (Washington, DC) says, "I formally retired from Mathematica Policy Research at the end of 2014 to allow me more flexibility to travel and pursue my interest in contemporary American craft. I will continue as a senior fellow emeritus and consultant, maintaining some projects at Mathematica and potentially doing some independent work. To mark the occasion, I traveled to India for five weeks in early 2014, enjoying the colors, sights, and diversity of that big nation." **David Zimet** splits his time between New Orleans and Boca Raton and will soon start volunteering in NOLA for a youth organization involved with community development. Now that he has the time and money, he is traveling a great deal and has been to Italy, Quebec, Hong Kong, and Bangkok in the last year. He still wishes he had more time to go fishing. **Steve Marx** is in Tampa, FL, "loving grandparenthood" with his two young grandsons, feeling "blessed and grateful." He gets back to Ithaca at least once a year for WVBR board of directors responsibilities. **Leslie DeGross**, DVM '69, and wife Elizabeth are in Perry, NY, "working (large animal medicine), farming, traveling, enjoying the grandkids, and raising sweet corn for our roadside stands."

REUNION: JUNE 5-8, 2014! By now you should have received your registration material for our 45th Reunion! If not, log on to our website, www.cornell69.org, for more info. Reunion chairs **Charlotte Bruska Gardner**, **Lee Moseley Kleinman**, and **Linda Schwartz Negrin**, BFA '69, have put together a fun and informative weekend for our class. It's never too late to sign up. Class VP **Alan Cody** makes the following appeal: "In tribute to our Cornell experience, we hope that every classmate will join us in making a special gift in honor of our reunion. Our class has set a goal to raise \$6.25 million and to have 70 classmates make a gift at the Tower Club level (\$5,000 and above). As of mid-February, we were 86 percent of the way toward our total goal, and every classmate who makes a gift, however designated (any program, college, fund, etc.), counts toward our gift. Since our class has a history of strong participation, it is no surprise we are well positioned to break the record for the most donors in a 45th Reunion. Every classmate who makes a gift, regardless of the amount, will help us to break this record—every one counts! Please go to www.giving.cornell.edu to securely make your gift, or call the Annual Fund at (800) 279-3099." Hope to see you in June! ☒ **Tina Economaki Riedl**, triedl048@gmail.com.

70 Soon, our core 45th Reunion committee members will converge on Ithaca to spend a weekend "shadowing" our sister class, the Class of 1969, during their 45th. I will give you an update on ideas and plans for our very own 45th Reunion, June 4-7 (Thursday through Sunday), in my next column. Stay tuned!

In the spring of 2012, **Sharon Hoopes Piers** (sepiers@hotmail.com) retired after 26 years of teaching high school chemistry. She has been an adjunct professor of chemistry at Calvin College. She and her husband, Kenneth, live in Grand Rapids, MI. She assures us that she is not all work and no play. In 2013, Sharon and Kenneth walked 12.5 miles of the Camino de Santiago in Spain and also spent a week at Canyon Ranch in Tucson, AZ. Sharon says she came to Cornell in 1966 with one trunk filled with clothing and supplies, plus two suitcases. **John Nees**, MD '74 (jeneesmd@gmail.com) has moved with his wife, Mariela, to a new home in Boca Raton, FL. He is a cosmetic surgeon at Aesthetic Plastic Surgery in Boca Raton and Ft. Lauderdale. John also gave a classical piano performance at the TCU PianoTexas Int'l Academy and Festival. John says, "I would like to be retired, comfortable, or working less in the northwest of Florida."

Richard, JD '71, and **Kathy Law Orloski** (Allentown, PA) are very pleased to announce the arrival of a new granddaughter, **Ezri Marie Watt**, born on November 13, 2013 in Elkins Park, PA. Her proud parents are **Nigel Watt '10** and **Kate Marie Orloski '10**. Richard muses, "Where did Mom and Dad ever come up with the name 'Ezri' for their daughter?" **Beth Galston** (bethgalston@gmail.com) had a busy year in 2013 with her various sculpture projects. Last April, her work "Sound Wave," a new computer-controlled light sculpture, was permanently installed at Music City Center in Nashville, TN. Woo hoo! "Prairie Grass," which was in fabrication when Beth wrote, was to be permanently installed in San Antonio, TX, in early 2014. "Fireflies," a site-specific light piece, was on view in the exhibit "Animals: Dreamed and Dreaming" in Boston at the Concord Art Association from November 7-24, 2013 (www.concordart.org).

Donald Shanis, MRP '72, joined Pennoni Assocs. in Philadelphia, PA, as a principal in September 2013. Previously, Donald had been the deputy executive director for the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC). For four decades, he helped to shape the transportation and regional planning process for the Greater Philadelphia-Camden-Trenton region. While with DVRPC, Donald developed a dynamic work environment that broke down unnecessary barriers and blended transportation and land use, as well as environmental and economic considerations, while using top-notch technologies and methodologies. He was successful in helping to establish a long-range plan for a diverse and complex region of more than 5 million residents. In addition to studying Planning and Engineering at Cornell, he went to the U. of Pennsylvania, where he has been an instructor for transportation courses.

This past year was a major milestone for **Bob Keller** (Columbia, MD; rek35@cornell.edu). Bob and his wife, Liz, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary, and their youngest daughter graduated from Georgetown U. and joined JP Morgan's investment banking division. Still enjoying his career in global human resources and law, Bob joined WR Grace and Co. last year and also gives back by teaching a graduate level HR seminar at Penn State U. ☒ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

71 Classmate **David Beale** (dab38@cornell.edu), co-chairman of planning our 45th Reunion with **Barbara Brem Noveau**, sent news of his children. Daughter **Elana '08** graduated with honors from the U. of