

"Retired in fall 2012 from a career as a communication system engineer," advises **John Bleiweis**, ME '68 (Great Falls, VA; johnbleiweis@earthlink.net). "I am now spending time planning trips and traveling, being a volunteer computer instructor for the Jewish Council for the Aging, and hanging out with two grandchildren who live close by. I love being able to sleep late. This past winter resembled Ithaca a lot. Fortunately, I rarely had to be somewhere first thing in the morning, and we're getting plowed out much quicker than in the past." What's next for John? "Figuring out where to go in May, instead of our planned trip to Kiev and the Crimea." ☐ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

**68** Kudos and my appreciation to those who reported their news via e-mail. The rapidly growing number of you (last issue one, this issue six) who reported using this 20th-century technology, I think, would agree with my comment in our last column that e-mailing is quick and easy, and that e-mail is a fun way to communicate. I'll add that e-mail is also environmentally friendly and economical. Now, don't you think everyone should report their news from their desktop, laptop, PC, tablet, smart phone, or whatever new gadget comes our way? To paraphrase *The Cat In The Hat*: You can send it from a chair / You can send it from a car (not moving) / You can send it from near / You can send it from far / You can send it from an office / You can send it from a house / You can even send it from your bed / And someday they'll invent a chip so you can send it from your head.

**Steve Steinhardt** fled his frigid home in Albany, NY, for the winter and took his tennis and golf games to Boca Raton, FL. While there, he dined with AEPi fraternity brother **Art Bernstein** and his wife, Margaret. At last year's New York State Senior Games, Steve won the bronze medal in Pickleball, a rapidly growing racket sport that enables players to stand in one place while striking a whiffleball, thus reducing the incidence of back, leg, arm, and neck injuries, while at the same time reducing a player's exercise. (Next sport: Statueball, requiring no movement, thus producing no injuries or exercise.) **Harry Greenberg** retired last year and enjoyed an extended stay this winter at his home in Vail, CO. Harry frequently exchanges e-mails with Beta Sig '68 frat brothers **Richard Garick**, **Robert Cantor**, **Howard Needleman**, MPS '75, and **Neil Rivchin**. Harry is now back at his home in Dexter, MI, planning and working out for a bike trip along Croatia's Dalmatian Coast next fall and working on his garden.

**William Goewey** lives in Silver Springs, NY, and leads an active life raising sheep, cutting firewood, cross-country skiing, and helping his sons and their families as well as others in the community. In the summer, Bill stays active biking and kayaking. **D. Lynn Toepperwein** Rogers lives in Levant, ME, and retired from teaching in Y2K (remember that dreaded abbreviation?), which freed up her time to write local history books related to the Civil War and veterans from her area. She's also busy singing barbershop harmony with two choruses and a quartet. Lynn and her husband, Dale, enjoy traveling, but are especially excited that their kids and grandchildren have moved back to Maine after many years away. **Gloria Pessirilo** Jurisic volunteers as a docent at the L.A. County Museum of Art and also serves on

the board of the Jules Stein Inst. Affiliates at UCLA. Gloria visited campus last spring for the first time since graduation and stood on the very spot in Ackerman Union where she and her husband first met (collective aaah!).

**Deborah Sundell** Perotti is happy to be walking distance from work at the water company she manages in Saxapahow, NC. Still excited about learning new skills, Deborah is taking a class in QuickBooks, which will make the bookkeeping at work so much more efficient. The cold and snow in the North Carolina hills this past winter reminded Deborah of winters at Cornell. Fortunately, she had the birth of a new grandson, Edwin John, and her other grandchildren to keep her warm. **Bill Falik** teaches an interdisciplinary course in law and business planning at Berkley Law School, Haas School of Business, and the College of Environmental Design. Bill also continues working on developing large master-planned communities in beautiful Northern California and contributes his time serving on nonprofit boards. **Thomas Fingar** returned to teaching at Stanford in 2009 after a 23-year detour to Washington, DC, that began as chief of the China Division in 1986

50th high school reunion, so share it with us! ☐ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

**69** Hope you all appreciate the warm weather! **Ann Sullivan** lives in Ithaca and is enjoying her free time gardening, traveling, volunteering, and with her Ithaca grandchild. Her husband, Nick Salvatore, is still teaching at the ILR school. **Dick Erali** writes, "My surgery practice in Auburn, NY, is going very well. My farm, Second Wind Organic Farm, is a joy, and may even turn a profit in two years." Dick misses singing with the Glee Club and sailing on Cayuga's waters.

**Judith Burdin** Asuni (judyasuni2007@yahoo.com) is back working in her "beloved Nigeria" after a sabbatical in Washington at SAIS and US Inst. of Peace. "Now bringing together the government oil-producing corporation, a small indigenous oil company, and local communities for mutual benefit—not an easy task!" Judith adds that she was recently diagnosed as the fourth of five women in her family with breast cancer and feels strongly that the cause was environmental.

‘I still have all my original body parts in (reasonably good) working order.’

Ann Savishinsky Epstein '67

and culminated as deputy director of National Intelligence for Analysis and chairman of the National Intelligence Council, 2005-08, and included several high-level positions in Intelligence and Analysis for the State Dept. Tom and his wife, Orlene, travel extensively, as his teaching assignments have included Santiago, Beijing, and Oxford. Tom says, "I am delighted to teach some of what I learned in Washington."

**Herb Fuller** is still actively involved in digital film production. He is currently presenting his latest production, *The Greatest Locomotive Chase*, filmed in England, to travel and railroad enthusiasts. Herb was gratified to hear that copies of his two novels, *It's a Wrap* and *Film at 11*, were among the first to sell out from the Cornell writers table at our 45th Reunion last June. They have now been released digitally. Herb and his wife, Martha, enjoy traveling in retirement, especially since they no longer are required to first save up vacation days. Herb also volunteers serving on the board of his hometown fire department in Prudence Island, RI. **Diane DeGeorge** Nichols has been the data manager for the Blood and Transplant Unit at the U. of Rochester Medical Center since 1999. She enjoys the work so much she plans to continue for several years. "I get great satisfaction knowing I fill a necessary role and make a difference for our patients, albeit behind the scenes." Her daughter recently gave birth to her first child, a boy, which makes three grandchildren for Diane. For this birth, she had the excitement of being in the delivery room and cutting the umbilical cord. One of her goals is to continue returning to reunions until our class lodging is in the Statler. (Hope to see you there, Diane!)

We're all interested in hearing about our classmates, so keep sending those e-mails. Perhaps by now you have a funny story from your

Her future plans are to continue to work for peace in Nigeria and to "address the horrible cancer rates in the US." All the best to you, Judith.

**T. Shepard Burr** (Lake Mary, FL) is a semi-retired CPA, but is still actively presenting seminars and handling unique tax cases (such as short sales and foreclosures), working full-time in their family real estate business including buying, selling, rehab'ing, renting, and lending. He will try to wind down business over the next five years. His 70th birthday present was a trip to Beijing, China. This past winter reminded him that he really likes living in Florida. "I spent 22 years in Ithaca and don't miss the weather, but I do miss the natural beauty of Upstate New York." **Rob Kaufelt's** company, Murray's Cheese, opened its newest location on April 10 in the Sherman Oaks Superstore, part of the Ralph's grocery chain. This is the 109th Murray's shop from New York to Seattle. His next project is Murray's Melts, a new grilled cheese concept. He is most proud of growing the "first national chain—and brand—of specialty cheese." **Rick Spiewak**, ME '70, recently relocated to Annapolis, MD, where he continues to work for the MITRE Corp., focusing on mission planning for the US Air Force.

Fellow Hotelier **Mark Emerson** writes from Florida: "I've been retired for ten years and have a lovely life here in Jupiter, FL. I attend an annual 'Boxcar' reunion each year in Hilton Head with, among others, **Pete Tyson '68**, **Dave Sherf '67**, **Jay DuMond '67**, **Matt Cleary '73**, and **Garry Morfit '67**. And I keep up with a couple of Sigma Chi fraternity brothers as well. While in business, I recruited at the Hotel school a couple of times, and a professor named Alex Susskind had me do roundtable seminars on three occasions. Beyond that, my Cornell ties are few and far between, though I do get a visit from the Planned

Giving department most years." The next column will be full of reunion news—enjoy the summer!  
✉ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

**70** By the time you receive this issue, **Bill**, ME '71, and **Gail Post Wallis** (our fantastic reunion chairs), **Ellen Kotsones** Kreopolides, and I will have joined the Class of 1969 in Ithaca for their 45th Reunion. We will have watched and studied their reunion events, as well as visited the reunion headquarters and events of all the other reunion classes. We will have new ideas from being on campus in June, but we are still anxious to hear ideas and suggestions from you for our 45th. The Legendary Class of 1970 will be gathering in Ithaca Thursday to Sunday, June 4-7, 2015.

**Josh Katzen** (Newton, MA; joshkatzen@gmail.com) and classmates **Marty Katz**, **Elliot Gordon**, **Harry Brull**, and **Rick Ludwig** continue to insist that qualifying for senior discounts at movie theaters is not a reason to give up enjoying the great outdoors. This year, the group will meet in Banff, Alberta, for their annual week of September hiking in beautiful places (in the context of sleeping in hotels and eating well). What a great tradition! Have fun. **Ronald Terrazas** (Scottsdale, AZ; ronterrazas@gmail.com) writes, "Tired of retirement, I started two new companies last year: Legacy Franchise Group (franchisor consulting and sales) and Prudencia (financing wind turbines). I'm working harder than I did in my 30s, and glad to be doing it again." Ronald likes the excitement of being an entrepreneur and says he is now preparing for the second half of his life!

**Debbie Cheney Lazar** (deblazar@gmail.com) has been writing a blog about the latest adventure she has shared with husband **Rick** (chaosfdl@gmail.com). The link (<http://deblazar.wordpress.com/2014/03/06/and-watch-out-for-pirates/>) will take you to the most recent entry, but there is a table of contents to all 12 entries on the right-hand menu bar. Debbie and Rick have moved to Florida and certainly fit the demographics of "snowbirds" and/or retirees, but they feel far from retired. In fact, they both hope to keep working forever. Rick has been in the heavy construction industry for decades as a trouble-shooter, problem-solver, manager, and consultant. His latest projects include being contract manager for the Hoover Dam By-Pass Bridge, which is 20 miles south of Las Vegas and was completed in August 2010. He was also manager for the Light Rail Tunnel on Capitol Hill in Seattle, and keeps in close touch with the Big Bertha tunnel drillers there. Rick will continue to be available for whichever projects need him the most. The Lazars are thoroughly enjoying living aboard their 85-ft. tugboat in the balmy Fort Myers, FL, climate. **Jody Humphreys** Vilardo and **Robert Neville**, Hotelie friends, have visited them, and Rick and Debbie hope to see more Cornell friends in Ft. Myers.

**Anita Harris** (harris.anita@harriscom.com) has relocated to Cambridge, MA. She is an author and has published a new edition of her earlier book, *Broken Patterns: Professional Women and the Quest for a New Feminine Identity*. Anita is seeking a publisher for her now-completed Ithaca Diaries. She describes it as a sort of "Gidget Goes to the Revolution" version tracing the transformation of a student, the university, and the nation in the tumultuous 1960s. Additionally, Anita is managing director of the Harris Communications Group, an award-winning PR and marketing firm based in

Cambridge, MA (<http://NewCambridgeObserver.com>). Anita says she is still looking for Mr. Right. At the same time, she is enjoying great freedom and creativity in an exciting environment. However, she does have concerns about the ill health of several friends and family members. In her future, Anita sees more books and photo shows, speaking, communications consulting, building New Cambridge Observer, and hopefully travel.

**Sharon Sauerbrunn** Doyle, MFA '72 (Sierra Madre, CA; sedoyle@verizon.net) has been given a Fulbright scholarship to go to London to teach screenwriting at the London College of Communication in 2014-15. She plans to study the differences between the way Americans and the British develop TV. "Downton Abbey, here I come!" Sharon has a new grandchild on the way, and her son Nick is having his first solo show in NYC. Sharon says that two good things in her life are her chickens (!) and the film she is editing on the Afghani girls' school in Pakistan, which was founded by her Quaker meeting.

I received a very sad message from Hawaii that **Rani Denise Ulrich** died on April 1, 2014, after a nearly two-year battle with ovarian cancer. She started at a hospice on March 11, and her brothers were able to get to Hawaii to share a few last activities with her, along with friends. Denise greatly enjoyed this and passed peacefully. No services were held and her ashes will be scattered. ✉ **Connie Ferris** Meyer; tel., (601) 256-3088; e-mail, cfm7@gmail.com.

**71** As most of our classmates reach that magic number 65, they are finding new ways to balance work, play, and everything in between. **William Dickinson** (bdickinson@oceanreef.com) has sold his real estate company and will be working with the Ocean Reef Club Real Estate Co. "I can now revive my neglected habits of flying, golf, tennis, motorcycling, and fishing and brush off the dust!" Living in Key Largo, FL, he had no complaints about the past winter that the northerners endured this year. Bill is expecting his first grandchild this July. **Steve Fierce** (sfierce@yahoo.com) reports that he is now fully retired. He has also moved halfway down the eastern coast. "Last fall, we moved from the Philadelphia area to Pinehurst, NC, to be closer to our two grandsons. However, we still plan to spend the summers at our house on the Jersey Shore." He is embracing retirement and is enjoying "golf, travel, woodworking, and no stress," though he doesn't appreciate the "getting old" part of the equation. Steve and his wife, Betsy, will be vacationing with **Russ Davies** and his wife, Pat, in the Poconos in May. Steve and Betsy are also planning a trip to Switzerland and Italy this fall.

**Susan Primmer** (Suprim123@comcast.net) reports that she is still working in dermatology. For the future, she says, "I'd like to do something less stressful but still interesting. I would like to have fun and not feel guilty about it." Susan's daughter recently started a job as a junior producer at BuzzFeed.com in L.A. Now that sounds like a fun job! **Irene Smalls** (ISmalls107@aol.com) is working on multiple creative fronts including writing, storytelling, and marketing. "I am exhibiting a group of authors at the Frankfurt Bookfair, the world's largest, in October in Germany. Details at [www.frankfurt2014.com](http://www.frankfurt2014.com)." Much of Irene's time is focused on young people. "I will continue to develop my HairMath stem education project for math and science adverse black girls."

Irene lives in Boston and is the proud grandmother of two, a boy and a girl.

We also heard from **Eric Freedman** (freedma5@msu.edu). Eric has been named Knight Chair and director of the Knight Center for Environmental Journalism at Michigan State U. in East Lansing. Congratulations! Here's some news that we don't get to report on much these days: **Harry Tipper** (htipper3@comcast.net) wrote, "On March 28, 2014 I married Mary Elizabeth Burns at a sunrise service in Tranquility Park, Osprey Cove, St. Marys, GA." Our very best wishes to Harry and Mary Elizabeth!

I will close with the news that my college roommate, **Beth Kraegel** Labush, and I (**Gayle Yeomans**) are leaving in just two days for a two-week African safari adventure—Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and (briefly) South Africa. We'll let you know how it went. Hopefully, there will be two people returning (just kidding)! Please, please send us more news, so we can share it with your classmates and other Cornellians! ✉ **Gayle Yeomans**, gyeomans@gmail.com; **Linda Germaine-Miller**, LG95@cornell.edu.

**72** Class correspondent **Gary Rubin** appeared on "Today's Verdict," a live, half-hour television talk show, on March 25 to discuss the legal implications of the NYC East Harlem explosion. Gary also examined the issue of aging infrastructure in NYC and throughout the county. "Infrastructure is an issue that affects everyone. We're all in this together. It doesn't matter if you're a Democrat or a Republican, if you happen to be standing where the infrastructure explodes, you're going to suffer the consequences," he says. Gary is a partner in the law firm of Schiff Hardin and has practiced construction law in NYC since 1975. He has written frequently on adjudication of construction disputes.

**Dave Cooper** (davec41@gmail.com) lives in Branford, CT. **Larry Taylor** (New London, NH; ltaylor@nec.edu) recently opened and directed the New England College downtown site in Concord, NH. He is still teaching, too, as professor of psychology. Wife **Deb (Long)** is still VPAA at Colby-Sawyer College. The couple has two grandchildren. Right now, Larry does not like that he is too busy and laments the recent long, cold winter. He'd like to enjoy some warmth when the semester ends. After 40 years being based in Rochester, NY, **Charlie Brown** (csbrownjr1950@gmail.com) and wife Renée are relocating to Pittsboro, NC, south of Chapel Hill. They are looking forward to the third stage of their career and making new friends, following 33 years with Kodak and three years running an academic center of STEM education.

**Sandra Smithers** Yeater, MBA '80 (Amherst, NY; sanyeater@gmail.com) is executive director of the Integrity Health Group (recently rebranded from Tonawanda Pediatrics), the largest pediatric group in Western New York. She achieved NCQA PCMH recognition for her medical practice, and the National Association of Professional Women named her VIP Woman of the Year for 2014. What Sandra likes most about her life right now is that she can spend time each month in North Palm Beach, FL. She says that the heavy snow this winter reminded her of the time the university closed during our undergrad years. **Clifford Donn** (Morrisville, NY; donn@lemoyne.edu) e-mails that he is still at Le Moyne College (now 32 years), but has moved from the now defunct Dept. of Industrial Relations and Human Resource Management to the Dept. of