

kindly allows me an occasional walk-on appearance. Son Michael completed four years as assistant to the American judge at the Int'l Court of Justice in The Hague. He is completing his PhD in international law at Cambridge. He and wife Sinead have two beautiful daughters, Eilis and Eibhlin. Our daughter, Marie, teaches English at a local college and is working on her novel." Having the greatest impact on him at Cornell, Alan adds, was "Prof. Allan Bloom—the most brilliant lecturer I ever saw." ❖ **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

68 While most of us have been dealing with winter's waning elements and spring cleanup, **Bob and Bette Nelson Zippin** have been putting the finishing touches on plans for our 50th Reunion, June 7-10. In early February, the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) gave the Zippins the opportunity to fine tune those plans along with our class officers. Our president, **Jane Frommer Gertler** (jgert19@aol.com), treasurer **Beth Deabler** Corwin (bethcorwin7@gmail.com), webmaster **Corinne Dopsloff** Smith (cbs24@cornell.edu), and Cornell Annual Fund representative **Jay Waks**, JD '71 (jaywaks@akc.org) met with the Zippins to have one more review of plans for our once-in-a-lifetime experience.

I, of course, will be at Reunion with pad and pen and would enjoy hearing your news for future publications. Over the past five years I've been privileged to hear and report about your experiences, accomplishments, family events, and Cornell memories during what for many of us has been a transitory time in our lives. I appreciate all the positive feedback the column has received, but most of the credit goes to you, our classmates, who have provided us with a peek into your lives and some insight into the accomplishments that spring from sharp minds, hard work, a sense of community, and a first-rate education at our beloved Cornell. This column has attempted to further our links to each other and to that grand institution sitting far above Cayuga's waters and now around the world. As some show moderator said years ago, "Keep those cards and letters comin' in," and I'd add those e-mails that enrich and entertain us. For those who cannot be with us at Reunion, continue to enjoy your accomplishments and association with Cornell. For the hundreds of you attending Reunion, have a great time. ❖ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

69 Greetings from the beautiful mid-coast of Maine! Our class officers and council members attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Philadelphia from February 1-3, 2018.

Class presidents **Alan Cody** and **Charlotte Bruska** Gardner send us this update: "Save the date for our 50th Reunion, June 6-9, 2019! Our class officers and council have begun preparations for this very special event and we want you to be there. You can help! Please consider signing up to be an affinity group leader and reach out to your Cornell classmates who were important to you. Please contact **Jon Kaplan**, MD '74, at jonkaplan7@gmail.com if you are interested. He can send you contact information and postcards to use. Stay tuned to our class website, www.cornell69.org, for upcoming news about Reunion and pre-Reunion events. If you wish to have your contact information on the website for other classmates to connect with you, e-mail **John Wilkens**, ME '71, at: john@wilkenslink.net."

According to President Alan, "Our shared Homecoming tailgate party with the classes of the '70s was

a great success, with over a hundred attendees including several from '69. Watching the Big Red beat Brown handily made it even better! Congratulations to **Tom Jones**, MRP '72, who, along with five other alumni, received the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award on the Saturday night of Homecoming Weekend! This is Cornell's top alumni service award and we extend our best to Tom and his family for his being so honored."

Phil Callahan is still working at the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, but is likely retiring early next year. Phil hosted **Sandor Kovacs** in Pasadena as Sandor organized a "Kipnapping" of his PhD advisor at Caltech, Kip Thorne, who just won the Nobel Prize for the detection of gravitational waves. About 40 of Kip's more than 50 PhD students participated in the celebration. Too much detail for the column, but a little background: "I had only a nodding acquaintance with Sandor at Cornell, but we were grad students together at Caltech. **Paul Schechter '68** (Physics) was my roommate. Sandor did his PhD ('77) on calculations of gravitational waves from merging neutron stars."

David Halpert writes, "I spent the last 15 years in Santa Monica, CA, after leaving Manhattan after luckily dodging 9/11. Every year I live is a bonus, having left the 105th floor company of One World Trade Center after ten years in April 2001. I like the Cornell Club events in Southern California and still do interviewing. Hard to believe it's almost 50 years since I graduated!" We can't believe it either, David!

Jim Miller retired from 32 years teaching social studies in the Syracuse city schools and managed to steer several of his students to Cornell. "I am currently in my 14th year of teaching social studies teacher 'wannabees' at SUNY Cortland. I spend much of the spring traveling upstate supervising social studies student teachers. Each fall I take my freshman history classes to a wonderful Kroch Library presentation by **Evan Earle '02**, MS '14, the university archivist. I chair the wine tasting committee of the CAACNY in Syracuse. We hosted our 20th annual Far Above Cayuga's Wineries scholarship wine tasting and silent auction on Friday, January 26, 2018. It's held at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse. We had 19 area wineries owned by Cornell alumni, as well as over 200 silent auction items including many hotel and restaurant gift certificates from the Ithaca area. We also invited *in absentia* bids. Silent auction items are posted on www.caacny.com, where one can also purchase tickets for future auctions. I also retired from 35 years as a CAAAN member and 20 as a CAAAN chair and on the CAAAN Advisory Committee ('CAC). Ithaca High School's '65ers held a second reunion at the Ithaca Yacht Club in August, where I saw **Linda Johanson** and **Dave '71** and **Susie Darsie Arnold.**"

Thanks to our officers and council members for their hard work on the Reunion—and save the date, June 6-9, 2019, for our 50th! Check out our website for updates, www.cornell69.org. Enjoy the summer and take some time to send your news to: ❖ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

70 In just two years, we will celebrate our 50th Reunion during a fun- and event-filled weekend party in Ithaca. The dates are June 4-7, 2020. Be sure to regularly check out our various '70 sites: our class website, cornell70.org; our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Cornell70; and our Twitter page, www.twitter.com/CornellClass70.

James Collyer (jcollyer@cbn.net.id) and his wife, Tuty, continue to live in Asia. He asks, "Retired? Is that a

word?" Presently, as he is supporting an education initiative, James is working to connect theory to practical outcomes. He has also been doing some writing and finds that he is "still leaning heavily on **E.B. White 1921.**" (That is wonderful, James. *Elements of Style* by our famous fellow Cornellian is one of my favorite high school graduation gifts. His trilogy of classic children's books is a good idea for new baby gifts too.) James and Tuty are still chasing their two teens. The older daughter is in Ithaca. James muses, "How did that happen?" He adds, "Living the cliché: never stop learning!" and notes that this gives him great satisfaction in his life. If he had a day in Ithaca, James would "relish the diversity, sit in a lecture, take in the view from the HFJ, cruise the Botanic Gardens, find a bench in Sapsucker Woods, and count cars with a double scoop of Purity."

Jonathan Forge (jjohn@tpg.com.au) continues to live in Sydney, Australia, with his family. He is retired, but continues to do some philosophy—"applied morality, about why weapons research and related activity are wrong." Their daughter, Sarah, has moved to L.A. Jonathan likes swimming in the two beautiful outdoor pools by the Sydney Harbour, spending time with his family, and wine! He recalls that the first person he met at Cornell was **Charles Iseman '67**, in the dorm on College Ave. "Mind you, it was a long time ago." Jonathan adds that the first person he got on with was **Josiah Marvel '66**. Should he have a day in Ithaca, he would wander about to see if places where he had lived were still there. If Noyes Lodge still exists, he says, he would "go there and look for shadows of the past." Jonathan has not been back to Ithaca since 1971! Send news to: ❖ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

71 Class president **Barbara Brem** Noveau sends this report: "This year your class officers and council members convened in Philadelphia on Super Bowl weekend for the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). The city was abuzz with anticipation for the big game, which culminated in the Eagles first-ever Super Bowl win. Most of us had headed home long before kickoff, but it was fun to brush up against all the excitement at the same time that our Big Red hockey teams were ranked first (men) and fifth (women) in the nation. Our CALC weekend kicked off with a town meeting featuring Cornell's incredibly impressive president, Martha E. Pollack, on Friday afternoon, followed by the opening reception and then our customary classes of the '70s reception. This year, our crew was treated to a breathtaking bird's-eye view of Greater Philadelphia from the Pyramid Club, perched 52 stories above Center City.

"Saturday featured meetings, workshops, and panel sessions with student entrepreneurs and talks by leading professors and notable alumni. Later in the day we held our class meeting, which was packed with lively conversations about how to boost class dues renewals, whether our treasury was sufficient for a big bash on our 50th Reunion (looking good), discussion of potential class gifts, and the fundraising effort required to fund a major gift to our alma mater. We'll be asking for input on the class gift from all classmates as we make our dues-collection calls this spring. All that focused conversation made us pretty thirsty and hungry, so we repaired to the Marriott ballroom for the closing reception and then walked a number of windy blocks to a lovely private class dinner at the Estia Greek Restaurant arranged by **Carol Fritz**.

"Along with me, the Great Class of '71 was represented at CALC 2018 by **David Beale**, **Laurie Berke-Weiss**,