

his wife, Anne, live in Baltimore, they spend a fair part of the year at their second home in magnificent Santa Barbara, where they're closer to their three children and their families. Now in semi-retirement, Jeff is still serving on the boards of three companies and chairs an investment committee for CalPERS, which leaves him time for traveling. **Herb Fuller** (hfuller01@comcast.net) and his wife, Martha, recently cruised around North America via Cunard's *Queen Elizabeth* and Amtrak, transiting the

captures the youth of the late '50s and '60s, which, as Bill Bryson said, was "an especially wonderful time to be a noisy moron."

Hope everyone had a special time at our 50th Reunion. Our sincerest appreciation to all volunteers, especially Reunion chairs for life **Bob** and **Bette Nelson Zippin**. I encourage all classmates to continue to share their stories through Class Notes mailings and through me: ❖ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

German POW Stalag IV-B for five months, then liberated by the Russians on May 1, 1945. Returning to Cornell to complete his degree, Barney reconnected with the great love of his life, **Ethel (Handelman) '46**, who waited for him at Cornell until she learned that he was, indeed, alive and had survived the war. The book is expected to be published before the end of 2018. You can search for Seth's books on Amazon.com.

Ron Gidron lives in Madrid, where his main activity now is being a singer/songwriter and composer. You are more than welcome to visit the following websites to enjoy listening to over 70 songs (12 in English) and 200 compositions: <http://www.rongidron.com>; <https://www.facebook.com/rongidron/>; and <https://open.spotify.com/album/3SFeZ4SuexYBsRTdfGReK>. Ron and wife Lourdes are celebrating 50 years of marriage this year. "Taking 14 members of three generations to my birthplace country for an encounter with our roots. I enjoy my family (six grandchildren), the musical creation process (in cooperation with the Muses), going to good shows (mainly music like opera, concerts, theater), traveling (regularly to my beach place in Alicante, and my mountain place in Sierra Nevada, Granada, both in Spain), and reading both nonfiction books and novels, mainly historical." If he had a day in Ithaca, Ron would visit all the places he lived in (Boldt Hall, Dewitt Place, etc.) and the buildings he studied in (Arts Quad, Uris Library, the Cornell Store, Willard Straight Hall, the Engineering Quad, etc.).

Thanks to our officers, council members, and Reunion chairs 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.

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Panama Canal. On board, the ship's program department asked Herb to present a series of lectures utilizing his travel and railroad documentaries. Herb says, "Entertaining a room full of British railway enthusiasts with movies about British steam locomotives and Cunard's *Queen Mary 2* felt quite rewarding." Since retiring from his administrative work on the faculty of the arts and sciences at Harvard, Herb's enjoyed a return to his documentary film career and has made several films with professors from Massachusetts College of Art and Design. While "travel" describes most of his projects, "Two Brides—No Waiting," which he made for his photographer niece, Herb describes as "the most profound."

David Gorelick (davidgorelick1@gmail.com) and his wife, **Naomi Feldman, MD '77**, spent last Chanukah in Israel visiting their son **Jonathan Gorelick-Feldman '02**, his wife, and their newest grandchildren, twins Emuna and Neshamah. David is enjoying semi-retirement, working part time in research in the psychiatry department, U. of Maryland School of Medicine. David and Naomi are looking forward to Reunion (now we're looking backward), as they haven't been to campus since 1989. **Nicholas Long** (nicholas@ntlong.com) and his wife, Abigail, live in Little Compton, RI, and were looking forward to Reunion, but will miss Nick's friend and our classmate **Ed Kemp**, DVM '71, who passed away last October. Nick continues to practice law, focusing on nonprofits and pro bono immigration issues. He's also working as an arbitrator/mediator and as a recovery coach. Nick just returned from his sixth annual one-month Spanish immersion study in Esteli, Nicaragua. He writes, "With my viejo cerebro it is muy dificil, but I continue to make progress, and it is so inexpensive I can't afford to stay home."

Bennett Marsh (bmarsh4@verizon.net) and his wife of nearly 50 years, Patricia, get hours of pleasure from their granddaughters Rose and Lily, who have thrived in the Smithsonian Institution's Early Education Program, where they benefit from great teachers and mind-expanding exhibits of the Museums on the Mall. Bennett's children and their families live all over the US including Seattle, San Francisco, San Jose, Phoenix, Denver, Northern New Jersey, and, of course, Washington, DC, where their daughter **Joanna Marsh** Cynamon '99 resides. Bennett stays in contact with classmates **Gary Klein**, **Richard Felder**, and **Cary Sherman**. **Rob Hamilton** (rdhiii@temple.edu) has helped to coauthor a book entitled *Not Exactly Rocket Scientists*. The book

69 Greetings from the rocky coast of Maine—hope you are enjoying the summer. Plans are well under way for our 50th Reunion, June 6-9, 2019, so SAVE THE DATE. Class co-president **Char Bruska** Gardner wrote us in April to update us on Reunion news: "Thank you for continuing conversations toward our Reunion in 2019. Much has been accomplished since CALC and we are beginning to gather steam as we head into June 2018 to shadow the Class of 1968 at their 50th. **Charlotte Hildebrand** Bernini, **Cindy Nixon** DuBose, **Barbie Schultz** Spencer, **Alan Cody**, and I will be at Cornell this June to learn all we can about what was successful for the Class of 1968. Barbie's husband is a member of that class so we will gain inside information on the actual events!"

Kudos to **Susan Wohryzek** Mittler, who writes, "I am honored to inform you that I was elected as the New York State Regent for the 6th Judicial District. This covers ten counties in and around Ithaca, NY. I have served one year of the five-year term. We are currently working on equity in access to educational opportunities for all students. There is a focus on authentic, effective assessments for students, funding based on need rather than geographic location, the Every Student Succeed Act (ESSA), and culturally responsive curriculum. I continue to live in Ithaca and serve on the Sciencenter advisory board. Aside from all the snow, life is good."

Barry U. and Nova Southeastern U. adjunct professor of history **Seth Bramson** is America's single most-published Florida history book author. His 28th book was the first-ever history of Broward County (Hollywood, Ft. Lauderdale, Pompano Beach, and other cities and towns), while his 29th book, *From Brooklyn to Biscayne Bay and on to Tallahassee: The Remarkable Story of Former Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Gerald Kogan*, is the first-ever biography of a Florida judge or Supreme Court Justice. His 30th book, in Arcadia's "Images of Modern America" series, is titled *Florida East Coast Railway (FEC)*. Seth is currently working on six more titles simultaneously. For Cornellians, his upcoming biography of **Bernard "Barney" Mayrsohn '45**, BS '47, may be of great interest. Titled *From Brooklyn to the Battle of the Bulge and on to Building an International Business*, the book—nearly completed with 139 photographs, including a number taken in Ithaca or at Cornell—is the life story of a man who was captured by the Germans at the Battle of the Bulge (along with the remnants of the 106th Division, the Golden Lion Division) and was interned in

70 Our 50th Reunion is less than two years away. It will be a weekend filled with fun, friends, and festivities. Plan your journey back to Ithaca and Cornell—June 4-7, 2020—now! Be sure to regularly check out our various '70 sites: class website, cornell70.org; Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Cornell70; and Twitter page, www.twitter.com/CornellClass70.

Diana Christopulos (Salem, VA; dchristop@earthlink.net) has been named to the president's advisory circle for Appalachian Trail Conservancy (the NGO that manages the Appalachian Trail): <http://www.appalachiantrail.org/home/about-us/board-and-leadership>. She is also president-elect of the Blue Ridge Land Conservancy, which holds 55 easements in central and western Virginia.

Andrea Strongwater (andrea.strongwater@gmail.com) has reported that she has two new exciting projects debuting in 2018. First is a children's book, *Princess Ingeborg and the Dragons*, written by **Wendy Zomparelli '71**, for which Andrea has created the illustrations. She and Wendy were on the same corridor in Clara Dickson Hall during our sophomore year at Cornell. Andrea was thrilled to illustrate Wendy's book after having seen each other now and then over the years. Andrea says it's a fun story that's interesting for both children and adults. The princess goes to live with the local dragon family and learns about a whole new world. Second is a new jigsaw puzzle for the Cornell Store. The puzzle is an image of the Robison Herb Garden at the recently renamed Cornell Botanic Gardens (no longer the Cornell Plantations). She worked from a 17-page planting list to ensure all the plants are in the correct locations. Andrea's new puzzle will be available at the Cornell Store, where she signed both books and puzzles during the recent Reunion 2018 weekend in June.