

months of chemotherapy and is in remission from leukemia. 2017 was a very hard year, but we made it through." She enjoys "teaching, gardening, sewing and knitting, family time, playing mah-jongg, and travel." The first person she met at Cornell? "My sister, who was already there, so I knew her roommate and friends. **Eva Pupols Matsuzaki '65**, our RA, left a strong impression on me. Claudia Goldin's room was right next to mine and she would often fall asleep on my bed while I was studying." If she had a day in Ithaca, she'd "walk in Cascadilla Gorge. If it were in March, I would cheer the ice breaking on Beebe Lake and visit my old coop on Triphammer Rd."

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68 For the more than 300 graduates of our Class of '68 and over 130 friends and family joining our celebration of making it to a half-century since graduation and still being able to lift our checkbooks, June 7-10 was a nostalgic weekend of looking back at our days on the Hill and looking forward to the continuation of Ezra Cornell and Andrew White's vision and our pride in being part of its rich history. Of course, an event of this size with such varied activities requires months of planning to insure the best of the catering services, the most attractive and comfortable facilities, entertainment, and an opportunity to hear from Cornell's current leadership. For their exemplary job of chairing the Reunion and the volunteers on its planning committee, we congratulate **Bob** and **Bette Nelson Zippin**, who spent much of the last year making sure every detail was considered. Not only did they travel from their home in Celebration, FL, to sample and choose the best food service and venues for our 430-plus attendees, they also ordered great weather, which made touring the campus, a tent luncheon with music by the Hangovers at Cornell's Botanic Garden, a golf outing, and evening tent parties ideally comfortable.

Of course the Zippins were assisted by our classmates including: **Nancy Nystrom** Frantz, who has been in charge of registration for the past six Reunions and is stepping up from her role as class vice president for the past five years to president for a five-year term; affinity chairs **Susan Harrison** Berger, **Helen Karel** Dorman, **Jane Makowsky** Eisenberg, and **Susan Rosenfeld** Ledley; decoration chair **Kathy Maney** Fox; receiving chair **Linda Chesman** Byard, BS '70; and welcoming committee **Thomas Horn**, Reunion 2017 scout **Margie Greenwald** Rubin, and past Reunion chairs **Henry Siegel** and **Joan Buchsbaum** Lindquist.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the class forum, coordinated by **Richard Ahlfeld**, MBA '70, and attended by over 200 classmates and their guests. Held at Klarman Hall—the new building attached to the back of Goldwin Smith—the forum featured Prof. Emer. Isaac Kramnick, who reflected on his 46 years on campus, which have seen the growing diversity of the student body and the engagement of faculty in many more off-campus activities than they did during our years at Cornell. Vice president for student and campus life Ryan Lombardi reflected on the impact of social media, which could change a small event into an internet story, and new initiatives to increase on-campus housing and the large investment in the wellbeing of students with the opening of the Cornell Health building, which we would remember as Gannett. We were also delighted to hear from Cornell's president, Martha Pollack, both in conversation with current undergraduates at Bailey Hall and again as a guest of our class at our Friday night dinner dance in Newman Arena in Bartels Hall, where she

expressed her appreciation to the class for its record-breaking \$7.2 million donation raised in our 50th Reunion campaign.

Our sincere appreciation goes to our outgoing class officers, president **Jane Frommer** Gertler and webmaster **Corinne Dopsloff** Smith, as well as our continuing officers including now-president Nancy Nystrom Frantz, vice president **Beth Deabler** Corwin, treasurer Bob Zippin, secretary/historian **Gordon Silver**, Annual Fund representative **Jay Waks**, JD '71, webmaster Bette Nelson Zippin, 55th Reunion chair Henry Siegel, and class correspondent, me, **Chuck Levitan**. All are volunteers devoting time and resources in an effort to keep our classmates connected to Cornell and each other. I hope everyone will continue to share their life experiences with us through this column in the Alumni Magazine. Use the form Cornell sends you or just e-mail me with newsworthy tidbits.

Lastly, our 50th Reunion ended, as has each of our past Reunions, with the comedy and the harmonizing tones of the Sherwoods leading us in the Alma Mater. ❖ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

69 Hope you all had a great summer. It started late for us here in Maine, but was warmly welcomed.

Ernie Slocum and wife Amelia have made a "permanent lifestyle change" to a luxury two-bedroom apartment after their four-bedroom, three-and-a-half-bath Houston home was flooded during Hurricane Harvey. Fortunately, they had FEMA flood insurance. Durham, NH, residents **Ray Goodman**, MPS '75, PhD '79, and wife Helen are proud of their grandson, who recently joined the Marines. They will be moving to a retirement community in 2020 and will continue to travel, golf, Facebook, run "non-sensical" errands, and watch political news on MSNBC.

Adam, MPA '71, and **Laurie Haynes Sieminski** moved to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, in March, where he is the president of King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center (KAPSARC), a think tank focusing on energy issues. Laurie joined the Riyadh Int'l Quilt Guild. **Michael Smith** is in Wells, ME, and "still plays with cars." He is currently restoring a 1971 Opel GT and rebuilding a 1964 Triumph Spitfire at "Mike's garage, where nothing is easy or cheap." He regularly visits his good friend Liz in New Jersey, helping to restore her 1898 house. They were in Alaska last year and were among the 30 percent who get to see Denali sans clouds. Last spring, they spent time in Paris and Normandy.

Sandor Kovacs is a busy man in St. Louis. He is a full-time professor of medicine, physiology, physics, and biomedical engineering at Washington U.'s School of Medicine. Log on to Lund U. in Sweden to read about his honorary doctoral degree awarded in May and to learn about his incredible career and contributions to medicine. Well done, Sandor! He would love to hear from **John Tanner**, MCE '71, **John Slapp**, **George Sideris**, and **Dennis Kakol**, ME '68. **Deanna Conover** Lawatsch enjoys her volunteer work and the outdoors and would love to hear from **Christine Mumma** Booth. **Leslie DeGross**, DVM '69, is still practicing large animal medicine in Perry, NY, and is busy in summer and fall with his farming project and roadside stands. He manages to find time to vacation in Florida and California during the winter months. **Penny Smith Austin** is retired as a guidance counselor from Erie (PA) Day School and is active in Erie community nonprofits. She winters with husband **Cle '68** in Naples, FL, and would like to hear from her freshman corridor-mates.

Jon Kaplan, MD '74, is "pleased to be serving as affinity group network chair for our upcoming 50th Reunion, June 6-9, 2019!" He has sent several e-mails looking for people to reach out to fellow classmates. If interested, please contact him at: jonkaplan7@gmail.com. **Bill Shaw**, MPA/JD '73, is "virtually retired" from the law firm he started 40 years ago, but still has a few clients. He and wife **Gail (Naylor) '74** are expanding their "hobby" tree farm on the west shore of Cayuga. **Gabriel Rothberg** and wife Esther are in Los Angeles and are busy spending time with their ten grandchildren and their families on both coasts.

Thanks to our officers, council members, and Reunion chairs for their hard work on the Reunion—and Save the Date, June 6-9, for our 50th! Check out our website for updates: www.cornell69.org. Enjoy autumn and take some time to send your news to: ❖ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, tried1048@gmail.com.

70 It's true! Our 50th Reunion at Cornell will be celebrated in only 21 months! Contact your Cornell friends and classmates and plan your trip back to Ithaca, June 4-7, 2020. It will be an exciting and memorable weekend! Check out our various '70 sites: class website, cornell70.org; Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Cornell70; and Twitter page, www.twitter.com/CornellClass70. To all classmates who want to help with our 50th Reunion (both before and during), e-mail Reunion chairs **Sally Anne Levine**, JD '73 (sal.70@worldnet.att.net) and **Cathy Forster** Hogan (cathy.hogan@cornell.edu).

An addendum to news from **Diana Christopolus** (dchristop@earthlink.net), who appeared in the July/August column: The president of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) is not the president of the USA! (I asked.) Diana has now been on the president's advisory circle for ATC for several months, in addition to being the president-elect of the Blue Ridge Land Conservancy (BRLC). As Diana is very busy with other ventures, she will not become BRLC president until 2019. Because of the beautiful mountains, perfect four seasons, many colleges and universities, and excellent healthcare, she and Mark McClain moved to Salem, VA, to retire in 2003. They are 20 minutes from one of the most photographed parts of the Appalachian Trail, McAfee Knob. Diana completed her section hikes of the entire AT in 2008. She recently completed two terms as president of the Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club, the all-volunteer organization that maintains over 120 miles of the AT in their region. Diana has spent much of her time helping with opposition to the Mountain Valley Pipeline at all levels of government. Yes, she is busy!

Kurt Gerhardt Krammer (gerhardtkrammer@yahoo.com; Concord, MA) works with Alzheimer's patients. He has traveled to Paris, Vienna, and Burkina Faso, and says that Prof. Parish in the French department had a great impact on him while at Cornell. **Steven Meyerson** (smeyerson@gmail.com) and wife Linda have seven grandchildren: two in San Francisco, two in Hollywood, FL, and three in Atlanta. Steven reports that he is 95 percent retired. In 2004, he quit clinical medicine (internal medicine and geriatrics). Since then, he has been working in hospital Medicare compliance, doing consulting work for the hospitals; he also trains physicians. When Steven is not on a "gig," he plays golf, hikes, bikes, goes to the gym, and does photography. Earlier this year, he and Linda moved from Miami to Boca Raton. They just finished renovations in time to head up to Asheville, NC, for the summer. Steven says, "I'm a snowbird! Who'd a thunk it?"