

screens. Those who escaped the lower floors either got out through a back door (on the lowest level) or through the windows on the first floor at street level.

The Tompkins County District Attorney's Office has never initiated criminal proceedings in the case. Until recently, Cornell University did not allow scrutiny of its archives and records relating to the fire. Our class's 50th Reunion Book, published in 2017, featured an article by one of the '67 survivors, **Judith Adler** Hellman, who recalled what happened that night. Subsequently, the *New York Times* ran a long piece examining what it could find out about the case.

Cornell President Martha Pollack delivered opening remarks at the dedication of the memorial, acknowledging that, "For too long, all of you have felt unheard and your memories unacknowledged. No one can take away the pain of what you experienced. But what we can do is hear your stories and become the custodians of your memories with this memorial, which will remain here in the heart of campus for as long as the University stands."

In her reflections, Sherry Carr described Anne McCormic, who was one of her roommates and was enrolled in what was then the School of Home Economics during her time at Cornell, as a "dynamo" and observed that "earlier administrations" had refused to recognize the need to honor those who were lost in the fire or resolve the issue of its origin.

The case was complicated by the university's failure to observe fire codes in the building, which lacked fire doors, sprinklers, and other standard protective requirements. Subsequent investigations by the New York State Police, fire marshals, and other authorities have reached inconsistent conclusions as to whether an accelerant, which is a fire-causing substance, was detected on the Res Club premises. Although the District Attorney's Office regards the fire as an open case, few people expect any legal action—civil or criminal—to be brought.

The memorial reads, "In memory of nine vibrant and brilliant young scholars who died in a tragic fire at the Cornell Heights Residential Club on April 5, 1967," then lists the names of the deceased and concludes: "Their families, friends, classmates, colleagues, and the entire Cornell community promise to never forget them." ♦ **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St., NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

**68** Your responses for the column confirm that most of us are not "slowing down" after retirement. **Jim Michaels** (rabbijim1718@verizon.net) retired after 15 years as director of pastoral care at the Charles E. Smith Life Communities in his hometown of Rockville, MD, but is still active training chaplains. He continues his studies, which include three months a year in Israel. While in Israel with his wife, Karen, this year he saw **Mike** (and Kirstein) **Lahav**, **Steve Unger**, ME '70, and **Chet Stein** (who he often sees at home in Maryland).

**Steve Steinhart** (ssteinhart@nycap.r.com) refuses to slow down, putting in enough time on the pickleball courts to win a silver medal in mixed doubles and a bronze medal in men's doubles at the 2019 New York State Senior Games in Cortland. Also competing at the games was our classmate **Neil Rivchin**. In the winter, Steve and a bunch of his jock friends take their pickleball and tennis game to Florida, where this year he spent an evening at his frat brother **Art Bernstein's** home in Boca watching the 2019 Super Bowl.

**Herb Fuller** (hfuller01@comcast.net) and his wife, Martha, live in Somerville, MA. Retirement gives them enough time to take the train from Boston to Seattle,

WA, when visiting their son and his family. Retirement has also given Herb enough time to rise to the prestigious rank of "cook" on Prudence Island, RI, a place where men are serious about their cooking skills. This year, Herb grilled hundreds of burgers and Saugys (the local hot dog) for the local island-wide Fireman's Fair and Harvest Fair. Herb now has the time to reignite his passion for film making. Fifty years ago, he borrowed the film department's movie camera for a special train trip headed across New York State to the 100th anniversary of the Golden Spike, which completed America's first transcontinental railroad. This year he and Martha took Amtrak to Salt Lake City for the 150th anniversary of that same event. The trip included a visit to the freshly restored Big Boy, the world's largest steam locomotive, which had at one time been crewed by his uncle-in-law **Guy Boyce deChadenedes '51**.

**Jill Werdann** Bauer (jill.bauer87@gmail.com) retired about five years ago after practicing family law in her own practice for 30 years. She and husband Jimmy decided they would take time to enjoy their family and to see the world. In the last five years they have accomplished both. They have frequently visited the families of their daughter Kate, a professor at U. of Michigan, and their daughter Elizabeth, an executive with Cigna in Philadelphia. Their worldly travels have taken them to all the continents except Antarctica. On several trips they were joined by Jill's Cornell roommate, **Jeani Walton Haven**, and her husband, **Miles '67**. Jill also keeps in touch with **Janice Milkman** Berlin, the first person she met at Cornell excluding the students who were directing traffic at check-in. Great to hear from so many classmates. ♦ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

**69** Greetings from the mid-coast of Maine! Hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season.

**Anne Simon** Moffat and husband Keith, a professor at the U. of Chicago, commissioned a beautiful sculpture at the Cornell Botanic Gardens, dedicated June 8 during Reunion weekend. The towering new sculpture, Double Allium, is crafted of metal and glass, stands 12 feet tall, and sits along the walkway to the Nevin Welcome Center. Log on to <https://news.cornell.edu/stories/2019/06/towering-double-allium-installed-botanic-gardens> to read more about the sculpture and artist and our generous classmates. Thank you, Moffats! **John Mitchell** made the long trip from Anchorage, AK, to attend Reunion. He was particularly impressed with the Rare and Manuscript Collections in Kroch Library, so much so that, at the invitation of university archivist **Evan Earle '02**, MS '14, he "contributed several items, including 'guns-on-campus' articles from *Newsweek*, *Life*, and the *New York Times Magazine*. I also saw a display of underground comics and later sent my collection to Katherine Reagan, assistant director for Collections and curator, who maintains that display." He also gave **Peter Yarrow '59** (of Peter, Paul and Mary fame) a poster from their spring 1966 concert at Cornell.

**Donald To** as lives in Newport, RI, and still "lives to sail and race." Last August he "bought Sparkman & Stephens, the 90-year-old iconic naval architecture and yacht brokerage firm founded in 1929." **Andrew Goldstein** and wife **Jean (Love) '70** live in Portland, OR, and enjoy indulging in hobbies, including amateur radio, guitar, and banjo, and of course family. A fourth grandchild recently arrived. Andrew is exploring physics, Buddhist philosophy, and mindfulness meditation. If he had a few days in Ithaca, he says, "I would put on my best walking shoes and walk around campus, downtown, and Sapsucker

Woods." **Barbara Fuchs Turell** and husband **Mike '70**, MS '72, took time to see "what's new and what's the same" on campus during Reunion, along with son **David '94**. They both speak with high school students in their area around Frederick, MD, who are interested in attending Cornell. "I'd like to thank all our present and past class officers, class correspondents, and Reunion chairpeople for their service to our class." Our pleasure, Barbara.

**Philip Muskin** is a professor of psychiatry at Columbia U. Medical Center and is in private practice. "We visit Ithaca regularly as that is where our granddaughter lives." After visiting with her and going up to the Botanic Gardens, a stop at the Dairy Bar would be high on his to-do list. **Barry Nocks** lives in Greenville, SC, where he continues to "teach as lecturer in the graduate program in city planning at Clemson U., where I officially retired in 2012 as professor emeritus, and remain active in local, state, and national planning organizations. Teaching remains an enjoyable vocation, particularly helping students prepare to become effective professionals. Fortunately, my wife and I remain healthy and active." His son also teaches, and they enjoy experiencing the growth and development of their three grandchildren.

**Ron Gidron** lives in Madrid, Spain, and celebrated his 50th anniversary with wife Lourdes last year. They traveled quite a lot both in Spain and abroad and are enjoying their six grandchildren. "I advise some firms on direct marketing, and I dedicate most of my energy to composing and promoting my music. I spend time teaching Hebrew and music (the latter to granddaughters)." He composes and arranges music for publication. **Marguerite Waller** writes to us from Santa Monica, CA: "I would like to announce to members of the classes of 1969, 1970, and 1967 that a memorial is being dedicated to those who died in the Cornell Heights Residential Club fire on April 5, 1967. (This project has been the focus of my retirement time recently.) My daughter is studying game design while I have been writing about Federico Fellini, the centenary of whose birth is 2020." That's it for this column. Send your news to ♦ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

**70** In a short five months, many of us will gather in Ithaca to commemorate and celebrate our 50th Reunion at Cornell. It will be the culmination of untold hours over many months of very hard work and a great deal of creativity by our two amazing Reunion chairwomen, **Cathy Forster** Hogan, BS '00, and **Sally Anne Levine**, JD '73. The Class of '70 has a designated 50th Reunion e-mail address: Cornell70Reunion50@gmail.com. Please use it to connect directly with Sally Anne and Cathy and their Reunion committee to volunteer your help before, during, or after (or all of the above) our special weekend. They want to hear from you with questions, ideas, concerns, and suggestions regarding our Reunion. I am thinking that many of you have memorized the dates, but here they are again, just in case: Thursday, June 4, 2020 until Sunday, June 7, 2020!

**Tom Newman**, our co-chair of affinity groups along with **Toby Marion**, tells me that any Class of 1970 classmates who would like to contact members of their particular affinity group should please contact Tom at [tnewman1207@gmail.com](mailto:tnewman1207@gmail.com). More of our '70 classmates will attend our 50th Reunion when they know their friends, teammates, fraternity brothers, sorority sisters, fellow members of clubs and organizations, freshman dorm-mates, and more are planning to attend. This is a perfect time to start this important networking if you haven't already!