

AZ, and he's looking forward to seeing more of his friends from Phi Sig Epsilon (perhaps at our 50th Reunion, June 7-10, 2018). **Neil Rivchin** retired after a total of 43 years, the last 34 as a partner in the law firm O'Connell and Aronowitz in Albany, NY. Neil and wife Pam were exploring properties for a retirement home in Sarasota, FL, or Denver, CO, and they now have more time for traveling and visiting their daughters and especially their 3-year-old grandson.

Bruce Smalling (Piffard, NY) and wife Suzanne have been retired since 2012. Bruce is busy with his five grandchildren and three sons and does volunteer work with the Alzheimer's Assn., though he misses his time as a teacher. **Ray Reisler**, MAT '71 (Los Angeles, CA) visited campus twice in 2014. On April 26 he attended the Cornell Topical Sermon Contest Awards Gala along with 28 students who wrote sermons around the theme of justice and social responsibility and the life of the honoree, Ray's father, the late Judge **Ray Reisler '27**. Ray then returned one month later to attend the graduation of his son, **Zachary '14**, a third-generation Cornellian.

Gary Mols retired from teaching and coaching high school basketball in 2001 and opened a "little" restaurant in his town of Shawnigan Lake, BC. For the past eight years he has been in business with his son, Joe. Their business is Island Murphy Beds, which, Gary half-jokingly reports, has had its ups and downs. **Judi Gichner** Kauffman writes that she continues to design, write, and teach for craft manufacturers and magazines and that she has no retirement plans. **Stan Smith** is still working and loving it. Stan's 4-year-old daughter, 2-year-old son, and young marriage keep him very active.

Kathy Riggs Van Wie (Houston, TX) is active in several nonprofits. She serves as an interpreter for the Faith in Practice surgical team in Antigua, Guatemala, and is on the advisory boards of Freedom Place therapeutic residential unit for US girls rescued from sex trafficking, and the Amistad Mission, a school, hospital, and orphanage in Bolivia. **Karen Woysner Zill** and husband Nicholas live in Washington, DC. Karen says that for the past eight years she's had a "great gig" writing the discussion guides for the PBS series "Independent Lens." Karen attended the Sesquicentennial celebration on campus (April 24-27) with classmate **Mary Lou Janicki Curran**, and said she had a wonderful weekend of stimulating discussion groups and listening to the many tributes to outgoing President Skorton, despite the frigid Ithaca weather.

Kathleen Maney Fox (Cortland, NY) reports that she's busy after retiring from her 35-year career teaching. As treasurer of Cornell's Women's Club of Cortland County, she organizes breakfasts and lunches for retirees. Kathleen says her greatest joy is her four grandchildren. **Chet Stein** fills much of his retirement time with his interest in photography and the missions to Israel he's chaired for the Jewish National Fund. His fourth and most recent mission was titled "Israel Through the Photographic Lens." Chet and his wife, Rita, report that their biggest recent event was the birth of their first grandchild, Emma Goldie, who fortunately lives just five minutes away in their hometown of Rockville, MD. Please keep sending your news, either through Cornell mailings or directly to me: **✉ Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

69 Hope you all are enjoying autumn and had a great summer. "Ahoy" to **Don Verdiani**, ME '71, who has started crewing on Delaware's

tall ship, the *Kalmar Nyckel*, a re-creation of a Dutch ship from the early 1600s. Let us know your ports of call, Don.

Lawrence Levy's second historical novel, *Brooklyn On Fire*, will be out in January 2016. The first in the series, *Second Street Station*, was published by Random House in June and featured in the Authors section of the Sept/Oct edition of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. We'll look for you on the bestseller list. **Patty Stahl** is in Dallas working part time in a private psychotherapy practice and is "perfectly happy with life as it is." She'd love to hear from freshman roomie **Jacqui Stark**. **Richard Rusk** (Athens, GA) writes, "I'm working hard on the climate change issue." He would love to connect with Cornell grads on this subject. **Jan Turk Mills** and husband **Robin, MBA '69**, recently bought a 38-ft. power catamaran to cruise the Florida Keys and Bahamas.

Jeffrey Bond is a busy grandpa. Eight years ago he retired as history chairman at an independent school in Michigan to move to southwest Virginia to help care for newborn grand-triplets. He is still fully involved with them, but he and wife Ruth will be traveling to Brussels to be with their mom-to-be diplomat daughter. This will make six grandchildren for them. **Jesse Jenner** built a second home in Colorado to be near his daughter and grandchild and may move there permanently. He writes, "I'm still managing and trying lawsuits for Ropes and Gray." **Claire Scully DeLauro** and husband **Al** keep busy traveling, maintaining two homes (one in Texas and one in California), and, she writes, "playing with people in various car clubs (Ferrari, Porsche, Mustang/Shelby)." Al is involved with the management of the Ferrari Club of America, and Claire is on the board of her homeowners' association. **Myron Bilyj** is senior principal engineer for General Dynamics Information Technology in Chesapeake, VA.

And for those of us who don't know the difference between tort and torte, here's some useful information from my daughter, **Alexis Riedl Twomey '00**, at Cornell Alumni Affairs: "The Cornell Law School operates the Legal Information Institute (LII), a nonprofit that began in 1992 (<https://www.law.cornell.edu/>). LII is the foremost provider of free access to legal information in the world, with millions of users around the globe. It generates more than half of all the Web traffic to Cornell on an annual basis. It basically provides federal, state, constitutional, and certain global law, etc., legal info in both legal-ese and layman's explanations. See: https://www.law.cornell.edu/lii/about/who_we_are. A good site to bookmark." Enjoy the holidays, and have a happy and healthy 2016. Doesn't 1969 seem like last week? Please send your news to me: **✉ Tina Economaki Riedl**, triedl048@gmail.com.

70 As yet another year is coming to a close, I will tell you about the second half of our 45th Reunion, six months ago in June 2015. I left off at the end of our delightful Friday lunch near the Johnson Museum. The University Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving at Sage Chapel overlapped with the end of our picnic lunch and museum tour. The names of Class of '70 classmates who died since our 40th Reunion were spoken as a candle was lit for them. It was a lovely and very moving ceremony, and time for reflection, presented by Cornell for all of the reuniting classes. The Olin Lecture, an always anticipated Reunion event, was later on

Friday afternoon. It featured a much discussed, and perhaps even somewhat controversial, talk by author **Junot Diaz, MFA '95**. His most recent book is *This is How You Lost Her*.

The '70 class reception and dinner spanned three hours on Friday evening. It was held at the Statler Hotel's Carrier Ballroom and included our official class meeting. Soon after the reception, the Hangovers, the male a cappella subgroup of the Glee Club, entertained us with lively songs.

Paul Vizcarondo, one of our longtime Cornell Annual Fund representatives, gave us a rousing report on the results of our 45th Reunion Campaign. Dollars raised: \$10,617,626, a Class of '70 best. These funds were gifted by 485 classmates and included 46 Tower Club members (gifts of \$5,000 or more). Our class has 61 Cayuga Society members (those classmates who have included Cornell in their estate planning) and 447 1865 Society members (classmates who have given to Cornell for two consecutive years at least). Hooray and congrats to all of our participating classmates!

Friday evening's star attraction was President David Skorton. Reunion 2015 was his last as Cornell's 12th president. On July 1, he became the 13th director of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. He is always a dynamic speaker, and shared personal anecdotes as well as comments on the legacy, achievements, and history of the Class of '70. We were honored to have him spend time with us. **Beth Heydinger Treadway**, our nominating committee chair, spoke about the new slate of officers and leadership team members for 2015-20. The updated officer and leadership team page is on our Class of '70 website, cornell70.org. There was also a special thank you to retiring officers.

Bill, ME '71, and **Gail Post Wallis**, who did such a fantastic job with our unique and special 45th Reunion (and in large part our 40th as well) have decided that they will not continue in this role for our 50th. That leadership position remains open, as does the spot for Reunion registrar, which Bill so ably fulfilled during this last term. Our very capable and innovative VP of communications, **Murem Sakas Sharpe**, has also decided to retire, and **Don Noveau** will be filling this officer position. Thanks to all who have served the Class of '70 and to those who will continue in their roles as well as the several new volunteers. To finish up our class meeting, Gail and Bill thanked the many classmates who contributed to our 45th Reunion success. One last announcement was made: the winner of our class lottery was **Suzanne Grisez Martin**. She won a free 45th Reunion registration fee. Suzanne was randomly chosen from those classmates who paid dues, signed up for automatic renewal, and are loyal members of our class. Congrats and thanks!

The main Reunion event on Saturday morning was President Skorton's last State of the University address. It was a special occasion for all those in attendance. Our final event was the reception and dinner on Saturday evening at Lynah Rink. Right before the festivities began, classmates had the opportunity to join a special tour of Cornell's athletic facilities. The entire evening, which was hosted by our class VP, **Sally Anne Levine, JD '73**, celebrated the athletic legacy of the Class of 1970. Our NCAA championship 1970 men's ice hockey team was represented by **Ian Orr**, who was accompanied by his wife and our classmate, **Pat (Gallagher)**. Their fantastic and undefeated season has still not been matched after 45 years!

Classmates attending our 45th Reunion who were members of athletic teams during our four years on the Hill were announced, and Andy Noel,