

Sandy's role as National Security Advisor in averting nuclear war between India and Pakistan—as described by Bruce Riedel of the Brookings Institution in “Remembering Sandy Berger and the day he saved the world” (<http://www.brookings.edu/blogs/order-from-chaos/posts/2015/12/02-sandy-berger-averted-nuclear-war-riedel>). But it suggests that Sandy brought imagination, persistence, and immense capacity to get things done to everything he took on. A last testament to Sandy's perseverance was related by another attendee at the funeral who had worked with Sandy, and who reported that he had responded to her e-mail less than two days before his death. **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, [derhoff@yahoo.com](mailto:derhoff@yahoo.com).

**68** Over the years, one of our most frequent Class Notes topics is about sharing life's joyous milestones with classmates, fraternity brothers, and sorority sisters. **John Seligman** ([JSeligman@dg.law.com](mailto:JSeligman@dg.law.com)) reports on a “wedding to remember” that drew classmates to Chanhassen and Winona, MN, in early September for the marriage of the daughter of **Pete Woodworth**, MBA '69, and wife Joie. John's wife, Susan, **Al Fidellow** and wife Marge, **John Wallace** '67, ME '68, and wife Laurene, and **Bill Austin** and wife Sally joined the many guests at the Chanhassen Arboretum and then extended

their stay with the Woodworths at their house and cabin on the Mississippi River, enjoying summer's last days, and each other's company.

**Gary Deems** ([garydeems@gmail.com](mailto:garydeems@gmail.com)) has been on several golf trips with classmates **Bob Smith**, **Bob Spencer**, MBA '70, **Frank Tamulonis**, and **Roger Ham**, MBA '74. Gary proudly reports that last year he played golf at Augusta National Golf Club, which completed his goal of playing all of *Golf Magazine's* 1995 world's top 100, a feat that took 20 years and spanned 15 countries and 22 states. Gary will have to come up with a new item for his bucket list, as he retired in June after 40 years in the banking industry in Oregon and California.

**John and Elizabeth Drake Lowe** ([lowe.eliza.beth@gmail.com](mailto:lowe.eliza.beth@gmail.com)) live in Demarest, NJ. Last year Elizabeth retired from Queens College and now enjoys many volunteering opportunities, especially building houses with Habitat for Humanity. Elizabeth and John's first grandchild, Isabelle, just celebrated her first birthday.

**Marc Silverman**, JD '72 ([whitewater1@optonline.net](mailto:whitewater1@optonline.net)) has scaled back after 43 years, though he is still practicing labor and employment law, now at the Law Offices of George Birnbaum in NYC. Marc reports that his somewhat lighter work schedule gives him more time to spend with daughter **Kira Silverman Geller** '95 and her husband, **Ian** '97, and Marc's two grandchildren. It also enables him to spend more time on his partnership with wife Lori in their high-end women's shoe business.

Lori's designs are made in Italy and you can see them online at [lorisilvermanshoes.com](http://lorisilvermanshoes.com).

Sometimes classmates just getting together is a special occasion, as was the case one beautiful day last September when Delta Chi brothers **Frank Wayno**, **Richard Schuler**, **Richard Maizel**, and **David Weber** ([dweber200@gmail.com](mailto:dweber200@gmail.com)) met to sail Cayuga Lake in Frank's boat. Frank, now a retired Cornell professor, docks his boat at the Ithaca Yacht Club. The get-together was part of a celebration of Cornell's Sesquicentennial, as well as 125 years of Delta Chi (founded at Cornell), and 100 years of the Cornell chapter house on campus.

**Joel** ([joel@jnegrin.com](mailto:joel@jnegrin.com)) and **Linda Schwartz Negrin** '69, BFA '69, joined **Jerry Fox** and his wife, Ronni, **Jack Eisenberg** and his wife, Sue, and **Lenny Rappe** and his wife, Rona, to create their special occasion last summer in Chicago. Jerry has long since retired from IBM, but is still working for AT&T Park in San Francisco. Jack lives in Rochester and is retired from his labor law practice. Lenny is now practicing financial planning after retiring from a career in internal auditing. Joel is still practicing law in Larchmont, NY, and has also visited with **Jeff Gorwit** and his wife, Linda, in San Diego, where Jeff is still a practicing cardiologist.

As we've passed the midway point between reunions, the Zippins, our Reunion chairs, are already busy planning an event reflective of the importance of Cornell in our lives. Keep your news items flowing via the news forms or by e-mail: **Chuck Levitan**, [clevitan22@comcast.net](mailto:clevitan22@comcast.net). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**69** **Jerry Jensen**, ME '71 ([JerryKJensen@msn.com](mailto:JerryKJensen@msn.com)) is semi-retired in Hallandale, FL (between Ft. Lauderdale and Miami) with his partner of 18 years, Gene. After a long, diversified career in business around the US (including VP of a Fortune 1,000 company), Jerry is now consulting with small businesses and working in professional theatre as an actor, director, and stage manager. He writes, “So glad to see many friends at the 45th Reunion, and looking forward to the 50th. Also proudly serving on the Cornell Mosaic Board and as regional coordinator in South Florida for CUGALA. Join me in our efforts by e-mailing me.”

**Janine Wesselmann** is in Naples, FL, having just moved from Connecticut, and she loves it. She has found lots of Cornellians there and enjoys painting, writing, traveling, and tango dancing. Not much news this time—please keep sending your updates! Enjoy the spring! **Tina Economaki** Riedl, [triedl048@gmail.com](mailto:triedl048@gmail.com). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**70** **Arthur Litowitz** ([arthur.litowitz@gmail.com](mailto:arthur.litowitz@gmail.com)) has retired from the Central Florida Orthodontic group practice. He is now a private investor and a director for a nonprofit family foundation. In addition, he is a registered

## Home Is Where the Hull Is

Debbie Cheney Lazar '70 & Rick Lazar '70

**W**hat do you call 175 tons of steel floating in Florida's Fort Myers Yacht Basin? Rick and Debbie Lazar call it *Kalliope*—but more affectionately, they call it home. Since September 2013, they've pursued a mutual passion: refurbishing a decommissioned Mississippi tugboat into a permanent living space for them and their cat, Sweetie.

At eighty-five feet long and twenty-six feet wide, their buoyant pad boasts about 2,500 square feet of living space. Although it's seaworthy, it mostly stays put: much of the dockage in the area can't accommodate *Kalliope*, the Lazars say, and moving the craft requires a crew of four. “It's a lot of boat,” says Debbie, a retired arts administrator and Human Ecology alum, “so mostly it's just our house.”

While the tug may be an unconventional choice for a houseboat, the Lazars have long been fans of such craft, having watched them muscle through East River traffic during the thirty years they lived in Manhattan. “A tugboat is particularly appealing,” says Rick, a former government major who grew up around boats on Long Island and currently works in the construction industry, “because it has a lot of substance to it—a good hull and plenty of space.”

The Lazars sold their Seattle home in fall 2013, moved aboard *Kalliope*, and started fixing her up. As they soon discovered, a tug requires constant upkeep: regular line checks and adjustments, a bilge in need of monitoring, a sewage tank to purge, fuel lines to inspect, and two massive, below-deck engines to maintain. “Your house won't spring a leak,” Debbie notes, “but with boats, you're constantly checking the hull, making sure holes aren't working their way in and sinking you.” For those curious about life aboard *Kalliope*, Debbie maintains a blog, tellingly titled “Be Careful What You Wish For.” “It's mostly just for friends,” she says, “and for all the people who ask me what in the hell I'm doing.”

— Matt Schultz

