

45TH REUNION REPORT

JUNE 4 - 7, 2009

Glorious weather — mid-70s and sunny — the campus looked great. We had a fine turnout of 185, with 120 classmates. A lot of chuckles, and if you read this entire piece, you may find a few chuckles more. Our headquarters were at the bottom of Libe Slope, remember the old freshman men's dorms? now BRAND NEW William Keeton House, a whole different concept in campus living.

And yes, Transportation **up** the Hill worked out well, with dedicated buses for every event. The venues for all events were gorgeous, and gave new perspectives on the Cornell campus of 2009.

Major praise goes to the three Reunion Chairs-

Arnie and Mary Cantor Hammer,
and Stan Morgenstein

BIG Thanks go to the many helpers: (keep reading)

Nancy Taylor Butler and **Susan Boxer Klein** organized the affinity calls. **Carolyn Chauncey Neuman** set up extensive mural displays of class memorabilia created by **Alix Schneeberg Beeney** and her husband Craig, to become part of our archived history at the University Library. **Carolyn Stewart Whitman** and **Steve Whitman** directed our staff of five clerks. **Linda Cohen Meltzer** and **Barbara Lutz Brim** assisted with registration - no small job. Linda also selected our souvenir, and served as our financial advisor. **Bruce Wagner** filled multiple roles such as webmaster, graphics designer, and JFK Award video editor. **Bruce and Don Allen** worked together on publicity. **Susan Mair Holden** coordinated the delicious meals, beginning with a cocktail reception Thursday evening at the glorious new **Lab of Ornithology**. We saw a beautiful film about the building and the birds. Then dinner at the **Country Club of Ithaca**, exchanging reminiscences of our days on the Hill.

Ronald Ehrenberg, Professor and University Trustee - and most importantly, Cornell parent - addressed our group on Friday morning at Goldwyn Smith Hall about his "lessons learned" as a parent of a Cornell student who earned his degree despite multiple physical challenges.

Beverly Feinberg-Moss planned a special class tour Friday afternoon of Weill Hall, the 2009 completed life sciences research center designed with cutting edge green construction technology. **President David Skorton** joined us for twilight cocktails and a chat at the Johnson Museum of Art on Friday.



Jan and Doug Moe; Cheryl and Stephen Newton



Class of '64 banner



Merrill and Paula Isenman; Bill and Karen Frommer



Debbie Roth Shulman, Barbara Stiefler Schlein, Toby Rice Goldberg, Cindy Wolloch, Ellen Weiss Feingold, Janet Stern Cohen, Debbie Simon Troner and Marcia Goldschlager Epstein

Peter Meinig, chairman of the Cornell Board of Trustees, addressed us at our class dinner Friday night.

Joan Melville,

JFK award chair, hosted a superb video created by **Cindy Wolloch** and **Bruce Wagner**. The video told of the 45-year history of our JFK Award with interviews of the winners then and now, a production that will also become part of our class archives. This year's winner Amy McKlindon 2009 was present and graciously thanked the class for the award.

Dean Cowie, resident head of Keeton House and ILR professor, explained the ins and outs of this new concept of campus living, modeled on four similar houses on West Campus that serve as a popular alternative to Greek housing or apartment living. **Sherwoods**, great fun, with **Paul Reading** and **John Perine** our two Sherwood classmates, entertained at our Saturday afternoon picnic at Cornell Plantations. The highlight there, Paul's still smooth college lover-boy serenade of classmate Barbara Brim with his mock-serious style that brings the house down. Enjoyed by all, well, mostly by **Barbara**.

Lynn Friedhoff Feigenbaum got a round of applause, our classmate who returned to Ithaca this spring to finish the few credits she needed to finally get her degree.

Janet Spencer King, our out-going but forever outstanding President and the amazingly calm co-reunion chair **Mary Cantor Hammer**, capped off the final evening event, our elegant Saturday night reception and dinner held at in Duffield Hall, yet another snazzy new campus building with a four-story atrium, a spread of glass and lighted space, opening out to an F. Scott Fitzgerald-like terrace. So glamorous! With cocktails and smiling conversations on the terrace in the late afternoon sun, we lingered, trying to take it all in - our hearts filled to the brim. After we supped on truly fine cuisine and wine, Janet and Mary ended the evening by recognizing all the volunteers who made our reunion happen.

Susan Mair Holden took office as our new Class President at Sunday Brunch where we formally elected the slate of officers for the next five years.

We had a brief remembrance of classmates no longer with us, and said farewell to old friends and new until we meet again on the hill.

We all look forward to the 50th.



Stan Morgenstein, Janet Spencer King, Cornell President David Skorton, Professor Robin Davisson, and Arnie and Mary Cantor Hammer

Treasurer's Report

by **Barbara Lutz Brim**

I hope everyone has enjoyed the holiday season and will have a prosperous new year. As some of you may know, I am now our class treasurer as Linda Cohen Meltzer will be busy preparing for our 50th Reunion. I hope I can live up to the wonderful job she has done for the past 20 years.

2009 - Another year when '64 had a goodly number of dues payers--about 455! Quite respectable, but our numbers are trending down.

In 2010 let's strive to get the number back up closer to 500!

Thanks to all of you for your enthusiasm, interest, and support.

Don't miss this year's chance to stay connected to Cornell and your classmates. Simply complete and return the enclosed dues card along with your payment. If you wish, you can pay your class dues on line through our class website @ <http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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With our 50th reunion, next on our agenda now would be a great time to start to reconnect.

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Our 2009 JFK Award winner

Amy McKlindon

The 2009 John F. Kennedy Memorial Award

Our 2009 JFK Award winner, Amy McKlindon, is now pursuing her dream career as a child welfare advocate at Child Trends in Washington, DC, a nonpartisan, nonprofit research center dedicated to the purpose of improving the lives of at-risk children.

A 2009 graduate of the College of Human Ecology, she earned a degree in Policy Analysis and Management focusing on Family and Social Welfare Policy. After hands-on experience at Child Trends, Amy plans to earn a joint degree in law and social work, to become a law guardian and to achieve her dream of amending juvenile and family law procedures: “I want to dedicate my career to insuring that those small voices are heard.”

Amy grew up in Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, the oldest of three children. Both of her parents work in health care, her father as a dentist, her mother a nurse. Inspiration in helping others, Amy says, comes from her mother’s generous and giving nature in her work and family life, especially the sensitive and competent ways she cared for Amy’s grandfather.

At Cornell, Amy was the primary author of a research brief studying children living in the foster care of their grandparents. Her guide to resources on this subject will be used, budget permitting, by policymakers and practitioners throughout the state of New York. In addition, Amy’s proposal for a guide to help children whose parents are in prison has been widely praised and is expected to be a key tool in the field.

Amy is a gifted researcher and writer; as well as an empathic young woman able to work effectively with multi-racial clients of varied socioeconomic backgrounds and age; e.g. ethnic groups in New York City, Ithaca, and Edinburgh, Scotland – where she spent a semester studying and working in child welfare.

While maintaining her Dean’s List status, Amy found time to volunteer with the Cornell Elderly Partnership, teach for the Cornell Prison Education Program, work as a REACH Tutor in the Gossett Residential Facility, and teach for Collaborative Leadership. Another significant extra-curricular activity was her involvement in founding SMILEY, a student group aimed at fostering community, leadership, and confidence in adolescents. A member of the Cornell Peer Review Board for several years, she was Chairperson for a term.

Amy is the recipient of several academic honors. She was a Cornell Tradition Fellow, a Cornell Urban Scholar, and a Truman Scholarship National Finalist 2008, in addition to having been selected for membership in Kappa Omicron Nu and Golden Key

honor societies. For showing “the highest character and achievements both on and off campus,” the Department of Policy Analysis named her a PAM Outstanding Senior.

Upon graduation, Amy concluded two and a half years of research for the Parenting in Context and Strengthening Families projects.

Her supervisor, Rachel Dunifon, describes Amy as intelligent and mature: a “thoughtful visionary.” Though she has had ample recognition for her ability and accomplishments, Amy remains a quietly and modestly self-confident soul, pursuing her goals with common sense, discipline, and grace.

At our 45 Reunion in June, Amy addressed the Class of 1964, thanking us warmly for helping her take the next step towards her goal of impacting juvenile and family law. She promises to keep in touch with us as her dream becomes reality.



Amy McKlindon with Joan Melville and Janet Spencer King

Tradition Fellowship Academic Year 2009-2010

October 2009

To the Cornell Tradition Fellowship Class of 1964 I am writing to express my inexpressible gratitude for my Tradition scholarship for this academic school year. My name is Kristen Jenkins and I am a current freshman in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. I am recently from Greenwich, Connecticut, but I spent most of my life growing up in Saline, Michigan. I am very excited to be at Cornell this year and since the beginning of the school year, I have become involved in many activities. I am on the club volleyball team, on the newly-formed croquet team The Order of the Mallet, and I plan to take part in the Society of Women in Law and perhaps join a pre-law fraternity. If it has not already become apparent, I plan to pursue a career in law. I hope to find some kind of internship at a law firm this summer, although I am still contemplating giving up my current summer job working as a teacher at Greenwich Country Day Summer Camp. These are only a few of the things going on in my life at the moment, and I’m glad I get to be a part of it because of your generosity. Thank you again!

Kristen Jenkins
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Cornell Class of 1964 Membership 2010

Dear Classmates,

I last wrote to you just after our 40th Reunion, when we were basking in the afterglow of yet another glorious weekend on the Hill with some of the best people I know. Co-chairing that event with Barbara Brim and Don McCarthy was certainly the most satisfying volunteer experience I have ever had, even though it was like having a part-time job after spending my days with adolescents as a guidance counselor in Scarsdale, New York. Carolyn Neuman and I also co-chaired our 20th Reunion, an experience that created ties that bind!

Now, I am most honored to be your new class president, ready to learn and work with the staff at Alumni Affairs and the fabulous team of officers that was installed at our 45th Reunion in June. Our goals are predictable and absolutely attainable. I believe with the leadership of these enthusiastic officers, we will have the most classmates ever to attend a Cornell 50th Reunion. It will be the most enjoyable reunion ever staged, and we’ll have a great time doing it! Of course, we need you to make it happen.

At our 35th Reunion, Barbara Brim, our new class treasurer, approached me and said, “I’d like to help.” After establishing that her skill set exactly matched my deficits and that she was retired, we became co-chairs for our 40th. It was Barbara’s first reunion. Please let us know if you, too, would like to help. As we move toward 2014, we will post specific reunion tasks on our website, hoping that you will come aboard.

Please do visit <http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu> for pictures of our splendid 45th Reunion, magnificently chaired by Mary and Arnie Hammer and Stan Morgenstein. You’ll also find Class Notes, other interesting information, and a convenient way to pay Class Dues and send news of you and yours.

Our 50th Reunion chairs are a perfect trio, as each is experienced and talented: Linda Cohen Meltzer, who has been our ever-reliable and good-humored treasurer and record-keeper for 20 years and chaired our amazing 25th Reunion; Joan Melville, who capably and creatively chaired our JFK Scholarship Committee for fifteen years, and Bruce Wagner, our class web magician. Reunion attendees will remember that Joan and Bruce have produced two terrific multi-media shows for us: the first, a hilarious presentation based on a class questionnaire, looking at us then and 40 years earlier; the other, along with Cindy Wolloch, a heartening look at how our young, idealistic JFK scholarship winners have fared in this world with the benefit of our awards.

Taking over as JFK Scholarship chair and associate VP is Cindy Wolloch, recently retired Chief of the Fulbright Program for the Western Hemisphere at the U.S. Department of State. Other active and honored Cornellians, Marcia Goldschlager Epstein and Michael Newman join us as VPs. Continuing are Beverly Feinberg-Moss, associate VP and editor of this newsletter for the past ten years; Barbara Furman Attardi, secretary; and Bev Johns Lamont, editor of our Class Notes since our 10th reunion! And, happily, our out-going class president, Janet Spencer King, will continue as advisor.

Many of us have held a variety of Cornell volunteer positions over the years and continue to do so, but working with classmates has been the most gratifying for me. Sharing such an important part of our lives with one another—essentially growing up together over four pivotal years—brings a history to every relationship with a classmate, whether a beloved roommate or one met for the first time at a meal during Reunion. What a great basis for a new friendship—someone who knows exactly how it felt as we struggled and/or stretched, and ultimately succeeded at becoming well-educated young adults from one of the greatest universities on earth!

All the best, until we meet again or anew,

Susan Mair Holden