



Reunion Chairs Linda, Bruce & Joan at CALC 2013

President's Letter *(continued from page 1)*

We will be hearing more about an initiative that will ask classmates more than ever before to give any amount they choose for two consecutive years to the Annual Fund. The timing is ideal for us because, from what we understand, we can be the first 50th Reunion class to win this challenge to help the University.

At 24 of us, we are a terrific group, but we would love to have you join us. Perhaps you are recently retired and are looking for a worthwhile or intellectual connection that does not require a huge commitment. We are a diverse group, except our age of course, who very much enjoy each other's company. We already have two more meetings planned for the coming year, after which we will meet informally over dinner. We love welcoming new classmates, and, in fact, some of our key officers have joined us very recently - for example, Carolyn Stewart Whitman, our Newsletter and Communications chair. Please email me at smholden@opotonline.net, or any officer, if you would like to join us.

Currently we are looking for someone with design experience who would like to help with the task of decorating our Reunion Headquarters, a fun and important job that will reap much appreciation! Please let me or one of our reunion co-chairs, **Linda Meltzer**, lcm12@cornell.edu, **Joan Melville**, jmc61@cornell.edu, or **Bruce Wagner**, bdw5@cornell.edu, know if you are interested in helping in this way.

As a pre-Reunion event to interest classmates who have not been back for Reunion before, we are thinking about a party prior to the Frozen Apple in NYC, the Cornell hockey classic at Madison Square Garden, the Saturday night of Thanksgiving weekend, and we would like help with this. Or, if you would be interested in planning an event for classmates in your own area, we would be very happy to help you do that.

It is an honor to be your president, which I am enjoying very much, and I hope to see many of you again soon, but definitely at Reunion, June 5-8, 2014!

Until we meet again,

Susan (Susie) Mair Holden, President



L to R: Susie Mair Holden, Elliot Gordon, Linda Cohen Meltzer, and Carolyn Chauncey Neuman listen to a classmate's report during the class meeting held in Boston at CALC 2013.

Reunion Yearbook Project

An important part of our upcoming celebration will be a Reunion Yearbook. This will include several stories having to do with the Class of 64 activities on campus and since. However, most of the book will be classmate bios. This is your invitation and opportunity to tell fellow classmates about your life since graduation.

By now many of you will have received an email from the class reunion leaders with information concerning the electronic bio questionnaire. It is **HUGELY** important for everyone to use the electronic form for transmitting material if possible. Doing so will allow our designer, Elliot Gordon, to easily convert your answers into book pages and thus reduce the workload of our busy reunion volunteers. In addition, please upload a reasonably current photo of you with the form as well. (high resolution headshots preferred.)

If you do not have access to a computer, we are enclosing the questionnaire in this newsletter packet for you to fill in by hand. You can send this to Barbara Brim, at 2386 Camden Lake Circle, Acworth, GA 30101. However, please, if possible, have someone transfer the information from your handwritten form to the electronic one. Did we mention that our volunteers will **GREATLY** appreciate this?

If you did not receive the email with information about the bio questionnaire, the instructions and form are at this address: www.cornell1964.org/yearbook.htm.

Classmates will receive a copy of the printed yearbook upon arrival at Reunion. Classmates who submit bios, but do not attend reunion can receive the book upon payment of a modest shipping charge. All others will be able to order the book at our cost, plus shipping. Details later. Questions? Send to Janet at: janet4cornell@gmail.com.

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OUR AUTHOR'S CORNER

Have you published a book? Let us know. We are planning a book-signing party at the Cornell Campus Store on Saturday of Reunion weekend, featuring the **AUTHORS** of our class. Come to reunion with copies of your book to speak about, sign, and sell -- don't be shy!

Contact Joan Melville at jmc61@cornell.edu if you are interested in participating.

SPREAD THE WORD: Now is the time to get in touch with **FRIENDS** far and near, to encourage them to come back for reunion. Nancy Taylor Butler, our **AFFINITY** chairperson, will organize an outreach to all the members of our class to whip up excitement for reunion, which is fast approaching. Nancy can be reached at nanbutler@aol.com.

COMMUNICATIONS: The multi-talented Carolyn Whitman csw48@cornell.edu, our newsletter editor, is spearheading our **PUBLICITY** efforts for reunion. Stay tuned; there will be surprises!

DONATIONS: Tim Davis has graciously agreed to help with reunion **FUNDRAISING**. If you'd like to give a hand, email him at timothywdavis@aol.com.

GET INVOLVED: Help out before and during reunion. Contact Linda Meltzer at lcm12@cornell.edu to find out ways you can volunteer. Guaranteed, you'll enjoy being part of the big celebration, which is coming on us fast.

The best way to get to know classmates you didn't meet in the '60's and reconnect with old friends and acquaintances in the present is to **GET INVOLVED** now. When it comes to working on reunion, the more of us who volunteer now, the better the reunion will be for all of us.

Come on and get ready for an unforgettable 50th Reunion weekend!



Attention classmates: If you want to receive reunion emails, send your address to lcm12@cornell.edu so we can reach you directly.

Treasurer's Report

In 2012, we had a total of 462 duespayers, an increase from last year. Once again, thanks to those of you who want to stay connected to Cornell and to the Class of '64.

We are now just one year away from our 50th Reunion. You won't want to miss being back on the Hill to celebrate!

Stay connected to Cornell and to your classmates by paying your dues. You may pay them by mail or online through our class website at:

cornell1964.org

Please consider including a donation to our scholarship/fellowship awards.

Easier still: Sign up for automatic renewal.

Whatever you do, please don't forget to send in news to Bev Johns Lamont (blamont64@comcast.net) for our class column in *Cornell Alumni Magazine*.

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L to R: Linda Cohen Meltzer, Bruce Wagner, Barbara Furman Attardi, Joan Melville, Steve Whitman, Barbara Lutz Brim, and Carolyn Stewart Whitman celebrate with Ezra at CALC 2013 in Boston.

HELP WANTED!

Make sure the people you want to see at Reunion will be there!

Sign up to be an **Affinity Group Leader (AGL)**. We'll give you all the information necessary for contacting members of your "affinity group," such as fraternity/sorority, sports team, club, etc. Or design your own affinity group of people you especially want to be there. The contacts will begin in the fall, with periodic reminders until registration. Contact Nancy Taylor Butler at nanbutler@aol.com

JFK Award Update

Last year, our class’s JFK Memorial Award again attracted a large number of applicants. Our winner, Africana Studies major Christopher (Kit) Dobyns, of Highland, MD, was unusual in that he rose to the top even though he had a semester remaining until graduation because of leaves of absence he had taken to do development work in Africa. Kit anticipates using his JFK award to support his work with a social business in East Africa and other field experience that will lead to his working with USAID in sustainable development.

Kit’s goal and vision is to become a lifelong advocate of social change, promoting peace through entrepreneurship, primarily in sub-Saharan Africa, a mission that grows out of his Christian commitment to social justice. He takes his inspiration from President Kennedy’s cautionary charge, “There are risks and costs to a program of action, but they are far less than the long - range risks and costs of comfortable inaction.” Kit came to his professional goal after spending a year in Tanzania working with marginalized populations at a poultry farm and an orphanage, and later working to engage disabled citizens in South Africa in the emerging green economy.

His exceptional credentials and commitment were most recently recognized in his being named a Rhodes Scholar. In response to the class officers’ note of congratulations on that honor, Kit wrote:



“The Rhodes certainly does not change my life’s goals, interests, or commitments. With that said, it will certainly alter how I go about working with those communities in the next couple of years. I intend to use a portion of the JFK toward my work the next few months as I graduate in December and do not matriculate until October.”

At Cornell, Kit garnered many other awards, and served as a youth delegate to the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development. He was a founder and executive director of the Social Business Consulting Group, a student-run nonprofit providing consulting service to social ventures such as clean water initiatives and an indigenous artisan cooperative.

His overseas work has included service with a microfinance institution in Nairobi, an anti-poverty organization in Cameroon, and as an English teacher in Rwanda. He also is a volunteer firefighter with the Cayuga Heights Fire Department.

One of Kit’s referees described him this way: “The value structure that informs his life, whether in Ithaca or Rwanda, may have a religious origin, but as expressed, it is not creedal. Rather, his commitment to social justice is religious in that he is guided by a belief in the brotherhood of all humanity. His ability to listen, to recognize that his is but one voice among others in a particular context, in part supports this. But what strikes me even more is that he is also genuinely interested in other people because, I think, he understands the extent to which his life is enriched by a commitment beyond himself. He possesses already a vocation, in the sense that Max Weber would understand. The form will grow, change, and develop; but the fundamental moral vision and work ethic are already in place.”

Keep the JFK Scholarship and Tradition Fellowship strong. Donate when you pay your class dues!

2012 Winner – Christopher Dobyns



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50th Reunion Planning

This is the BIG ONE!

June 5-8, 2014

Our 50th Reunion is little more than a year away. Your reunion co-chairs – Linda Meltzer, Joan Melville, and Bruce Wagner – have been busy planning a weekend of fun and nostalgia, a time for re-connecting with old friends and making new ones. Come and visit your favorite places on campus and see all the amazing changes that have occurred in the half-century since we graduated.

Here are some of the projects already under way:

THE FORUM: We’ve planned our class forum for Friday morning of Reunion Weekend. Prof. Glenn Altschuler, Cornell’s VP for University Relations, has agreed to be our speaker. Glenn is an award-winning professor of American Studies and the author of nine books and hundreds of articles. He promises to engage and enlighten us with an account of Cornell from post-war years through the present day. He is currently finishing a book on the subject in partnership with Prof. Isaac Kramnick. The second part of our forum, led by Cindy Wolloch, will feature the history of our class’s John F. Kennedy Memorial Award and its grantees. Cindy has been in touch with all of our winners, and will introduce their stories as part of our class’s legacy.



THE YEARBOOK: We are planning to print a Class of 1964 50th Reunion yearbook. It will be compiled and edited by Janet Spencer King and Elliot Gordon. See the yearbook section in this newsletter for more details.

PARTY, PARTY, PARTY: For Friday night’s after-dinner entertainment, we’ve booked GREASEBAND -- a troupe whose rousing rock ‘n’ roll performance is guaranteed to reawaken your dormant inner undergraduate. Bring your dancing shoes and party!

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Class President’s Message 2013

Dear Classmates,

This is a perfect time to be writing to you because a large group of us attended Cornell’s Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston in January, and are more enthusiastic than ever about our approaching 50th Reunion! I was thrilled that 24 classmates were able to attend CALC. The 24 classmates in attendance included several first-time CALC attendees and all of your class officers — except Bev Johns Lamont, our dedicated Chicagoan correspondent — and was a near-record of the 70 classes invited to participate in the conference.

The University did a fabulous job of inspiring, training, and motivating us to do the best we can for you and for Cornell. With the work that this dynamic group has already done and the plans that have been put in place, our 50th Reunion is bound to be one of the best ever!

But we still need your help - especially to contact friends from your club, team, band, apartment/house, etc., to encourage them to attend. We call this Affinity Group Leadership, and Nancy Taylor Butler has already identified 27 of us to be “AGL’s,” but we would like to have many more. I have found that it is important not only to speak about Reunion with Cornell friends with whom you are still in touch, but to reach further to those you would really enjoy seeing again. And it is not too early to ask them, and you, to save the date, which is **June 5-8, 2014!**

I also am confident that we will be able to make our mark with a significant increase in the number of participating classmates for our 50th Reunion gift, and in overall financial support of the University, which is incredibly important. At CALC we learned of needed and desirable University improvements that are waiting for, and depend solely on, philanthropic funding.

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Tradition Fellowship

Dear Class of 1964,
I want to thank you so much for your kindness and generosity over the past four years. The Cornell Tradition Fellowship has been an integral part of my Cornell experience, and my time here has been more exciting and meaningful because of it. Tradition gave me the motivation to get involved on campus from early on in my freshman year, and that energy and involvement has only increased since. I feel better about my college years knowing that I completed work and service to improve Cornell, and it is because of your class that I was able to do so. Thank you again for everything!

Kristen Jenkins ILR ’13

Other JFK Award News

Kit is the latest in a line of JFK scholars that stretches back to 1965. In anticipation of the Class’s 50th anniversary in 2014, a project is currently under way to contact and survey as many grantees as possible on the Award’s impact on their public service careers in fields ranging all over the professional map. This project will also document the class’s activities during our senior year to establish the Award. You will see the results in the 50th anniversary reunion yearbook, and at reunion itself.

The JFK Award selection committee currently consists of classmates Tim Davis, Judie Pink Gorra, Janet Spencer King, and Chair Cindy Wolloch. We are also privileged to have two award alumni on the committee: Dr. Joyce West, JFK ’86, and Jared Genser, JFK ’95. Joyce directs mental health research for the American Psychiatric Association. Jared is founder of Freedom Now, a renowned organization that works to give voice to and free prisoners of conscience worldwide. Their contributions to the committee’s work have been invaluable in helping to institutionalize the award well past our 50th.