



# '62/55TH IN VIEW

## 50 Years ... and Looking Forward!

Hello! Hello? Is anyone here? Are we still here? We mean the Cornell class of 1962—remember them? That's right, that crowd that showed up in Ithaca last June to celebrate their 50th. Are they still around?

You betcha we are—just as feisty and great as ever! More than a year after a fabulous weekend, we're done catching our breath and looking forward to our 55th! Believe it or not, it's less than four years away: Thursday-Sunday, June 8-11, 2017. Don't start questioning whether you'll be around; of course you will be—your class needs you!

While you mark down those dates in your mind—if not on your calendar—here are some thoughts as we look back on last year: What did we make of ourselves when we came face to face with our classmates a half-century

later? Of course we looked different, but what about our outlook on life? Did we really learn those "Lessons for Successful Living" taught to us in our seminars? Is it realistic to say, "Shall we meet at 100?"—and, we hope, many more.

As far as your class council is concerned we are definitely not "reunited-out." Far from it! Matter of fact, back in January your leaders met in Boston to get an early start on planning. One thing we know for sure: the great Backtalk Band has already been booked for our Friday night soiree. And we're kicking around ideas for a streamlined Reunion—looking at halls for class headquarters and realizing that, although we're still young at heart, we will be older in body and not looking to run around that much, although we hope the beer tents will still be there.

And here's a note from our Reunion chairman, Neil Schilke: Your class council doesn't have all the good ideas. If you have some, he'd love to hear from you via email at [neroschilke@aol.com](mailto:neroschilke@aol.com). Neil and his crew plan to use all sorts of social media to contact classmates in the next four years and convince them to take advantage of diminishing opportunities for us to get together (another reason to plan ahead).

You may think it's a bit early to start planning our 55th, but you would be wrong. Because every five years for the past half-century, your class has kept its vitality by doing just that—participating in many Cornell projects and looking ahead. We hope—even now—you'll join us and continue to "CATCH THE SPIRIT!"

### OUR CLASS OFFICERS:

#### One Newby, the Rest Veterans ... All Terrific Leaders!

For more than half a century most of the Cornellians listed below have kept the class of '62 alive, active, involved, and going strong. Frankly, along with the consultation of the full class council, we are blessed to have a cadre of talented and committed leaders taking '62 into its second 50 years. In future issues, we'll be profiling these great classmates, but for now, take a look at the folks who continue to lead the way:

President: Ruth Bleyler  
Immediate Past President: Alex Vollmer  
Secretary: Sandy Van Velzer  
Treasurer: Marc Gerber  
(our competent "newby")  
Membership/Outreach Chair:  
Mike Duesing  
Class Correspondent: Jan Crites

Annual Fund Rep: Ruthie Fortcamp  
Reunion Chair: Neil Schilke  
Reunion Co-Chairs: Frank Quirk,  
Evelyn Eskin, Char Collister, Don Juran  
Newsletter Editor: Mike Eisgrau  
Class Historian: Judy Rich  
Webmaster: Jeff Blumenthal

YOU MAY NOT KNOW ALL OF THEM PERSONALLY, BUT THEY DO DESERVE OUR THANKS.

### *Rhodes Tradition Fellowship Update*

One of the very practical and helpful contributions our class of '62 is making to Cornell is the funding of the Frank and Rosa Rhodes Cornell Tradition Fellowships. The \$4,000 annual stipends go to students who fulfill work and volunteer requirements while also maintaining a competitive minimum grade point average. These funds help to reduce the scholars' student loans. In essence, over a four-year period, the burden can be lessened by as much as \$16,000.

A wonderful example: Janelle Boyd '13, a student in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Janelle is from North Hempstead, Long Island. With a focus on communications and theatre during her Cornell years, a four-year record of work and accomplishment outside of class achievement, and her expected graduation in August, she

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# The Nest-Cam Takes Flight

For those “empty nesters” in our class, have we got a treat for you! What if you could relive those (supposedly) wonderful days of childcare and not have to worry about baby bottles, diapers, or cribs?

Now don’t thank us until you’ve tuned in to an exciting real-time show at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology’s Great Blue Heron Nest-Cam website: [http://cams.allaboutbirds.org/channel/8/Great\\_Blue\\_Herons/](http://cams.allaboutbirds.org/channel/8/Great_Blue_Herons/)

This amazing display—the Great Blue Heron Nest-Cam—has been running since January. It’s supported, in part, by a second \$5,000 challenge grant from the class of 1962.

This past winter, your class council thought it would be a good move to show our continued support of the lab. At

## *Thanks to You and the Class of ’62!*

**A generous challenge gift from the Class of ’62  
doubled donations of \$5,000 to the BirdCams,  
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the beginning of the year, adults began to mate and build their nests. Soon they laid their gorgeous blue eggs, and the watch was on to get the first glimpse of their hatchlings. At this point, the baby birds are making their way into the world.

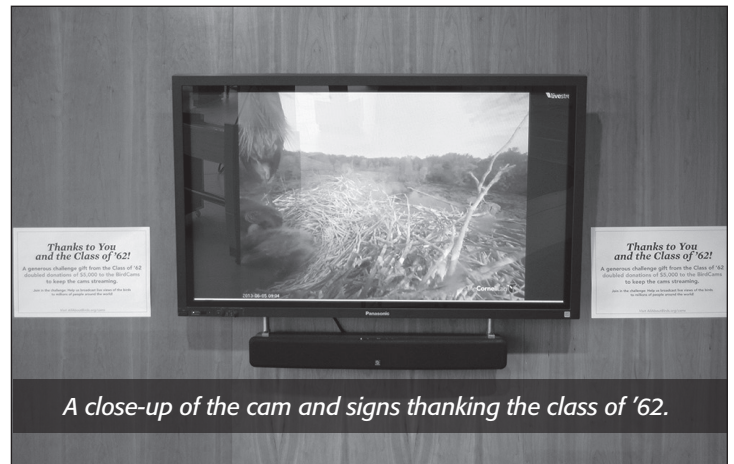
Visitors to the lab know the Nest-Cam is a ‘62 class effort—beautiful signs in the lobby acknowledge our contribution along with a direct video hookup to the nest when the birds are publicly on view, generally in the spring and summer. And a “crawl” at the bottom of the website screen—back when the eggs were hatching—announced our ‘62 challenge grant. Lab Director John Fitzpatrick expressed his gratitude to our class with the following words:

“The support for this great work comes from members and friends, like you! I am so grateful for your support and advocacy of the lab. Thank you again for your generosity!”

You know you don’t have to wait until 2017 to pay a visit to the Hill!



*The Nest-Cam and signs in the lobby of the lab.*



*A close-up of the cam and signs thanking the class of '62.*

## Class of '62 2013 Dinner and Meeting





# Dick Levine: A Life in Journalism

If you see his picture, you wonder how Dick Levine can look so young. One answer is tennis, the sport that has been part of his life for seven decades.

But a more important part has been his profession: journalism. Our classmate has been involved in the "Fourth Estate" for a half-century since he graduated with us in 1962. He's enjoyed a distinguished career at Dow Jones, publisher of *The Wall Street Journal*, where he started as a reporter and eventually sat on the

company's management committee.

He formally retired as vice president of news and staff development of Dow Jones in 2006, after 40 years with the company. But he has remained active as president of the Dow Jones News Fund, Inc., a private foundation promoting careers in journalism through internships and scholarships for college students, and as a director of the Dow Jones Foundation.

Something else has kept Dick young: in 1980—after 14 years as a White House correspondent, labor editor, military correspondent, and chief economics writer and "Outlook" columnist in the *Journal's* Washington bureau—he was named editorial director of the company's newly established interactive information services division, a pioneer in electronic publishing. Long before many of us knew the term "PC," Dick was in the forefront of a new era in publishing—he has seen the digital world almost from its beginning—and has worked with the young people who populate it today.

Dick will tell you that, while his Cornell degree is from the ILR school, he really majored in the *Cornell Daily Sun*, serving as sports editor and managing editor. After Cornell, he attended Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, where he

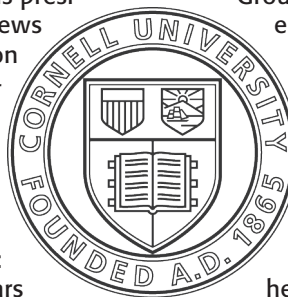
earned a master's of science and a Pulitzer Traveling Fellowship.

At Dow Jones, he was named vice president of the Information Services Group in 1987 and, following several other senior editorial posts in electronic news, he was named vice president and managing editor of Dow Jones Newswires in 1995. Over the years he expanded and directed a global news staff of more than 870 journalists in 92 bureaus. In 2001 he was appointed executive editor of *Newswires*.

As for journalism and Cornell: Dick has recently stepped down after having served 15 years on the *Cornell Alumni Magazine* Committee—the last five years as chairman.

The most important partner throughout his career has been the lovely gal he met at Cornell—Neil Ann Stuckey '63. Married in Annabel Taylor, they recently celebrated their 50th anniversary and have two sons and five grandkids. Dick has been a '62 class council member for many years, and both he and his wife have been on the Cornell University Council and established two Cornell Tradition Fellowships. Ironically, these loyal Cornellians live in (shhh!) Princeton, New Jersey!

We are proud to have a classmate like Dick Levine. His career—and service to Cornell—bring added luster to our class. He looks forward to trying to keep young playing tennis—and being with us for our 55th.



Dick Levine

## Rhodes Tradition Fellowship Update

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hopes to go into the field of motivational speaking related to professional growth, communications skills, and conflict resolution.

In 2012, with class member donations and an increase in market value, we can report that the Rhodes Tradition Fellowship fund is now worth more than \$112,000.

Former President Frank Rhodes says our class participation is "exemplary ... in keeping Ezra Cornell's dream alive ... something to be used for the benefit of other people ... and that's what the class of '62 fellowships keep alive."



Frank and Rosa Rhodes



Janelle Boyd '13 received the Rhodes Fellowship.

## Some Dues ... And Don'ts

That fabulous 50th Reunion, which many of you remember firsthand, did not come without a price. Over and above registration fees, there were many expenses that came out of your class treasury. Your class council has no doubt that the expense was all worthwhile, but we have to look ahead to refilling our coffers. That's why we're taking this opportunity to remind you—**don't forget to pay your class dues.** Here's why:

We have more than 400 dues-paying class members. That's less than a quarter of the known members of our class, and we really need to increase your participation. Right now, dues are \$55 for a single person, \$65 for couples, and \$30 for those who do not want to receive the *Cornell Alumni News* magazine. Those are small increases and, we feel, a minimal price to pay to continue the tradition of a great Cornell class. So dig out that dues card from the pile on your desk, and help us boost our numbers. You'll be glad you did. Thanks so much!



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