

Greetings! By the time you read this we will be well into 2013, and I hope that the year is off to a happy and healthy start for all our classmates. 2013 is a big year for the Class of 1988 as it is the year of our 25th Reunion! The big event will be taking place on the Hill June 6-9. If you have not yet received the official reunion mailing, keep an eye out for it. If you have already received it, then please give every consideration to attending. My wife, Ann, and daughter Grace (3-1/2 currently) and I will be making the trip from Northern California for reunion and an extended visit with family and friends in New York. I hope to see as many classmates as possible in Ithaca for all the reunion activities. Our reunion chairs are working hard to ensure the event is fun for all!

Eric Way became the director of diversity and inclusion for the Volvo Group at their corporate headquarters in Sweden after 18 years in product planning. He continues to live in Lyon, France, but commutes to Gothenburg, Sweden, three days a week, where the company provides him with a second apartment. Eric says, "It's like Second Life in real life. A bit complicated, but so interesting." Eric enjoyed spending four weeks in Italy last year traveling from Apulia to Tuscany to Cinque Terre. He also started working on learning a fifth language in 2011 with an intensive course in Mandarin in Beijing, extending his education through life as any Cornellian would! A little closer to home and with an easy trip for reunion, **Christine DelVecchio** Croft is working as a local realtor in the greater Ithaca marketplace, having switched companies to Warren Real Estate in June 2012. Christine also joined the Lansing Sewer Committee last year, meeting weekly with leaders in the community to develop a new sewer district. She has been keeping in touch with a number of Big Red alumni and recently reconnected with **Andy Turner**, MPS '93. **Janeen Rapp** Pendergast completed graduate school, earning a master's degree in nursing. She works as a family nurse practitioner.

Daniel Cavicchi's book, *Listening and Longing: Music Lovers in the Age of Barnum* (Wesleyan University Press, 2011) received the 2012 Deems Taylor Award from the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) and the 2011 Peter C. Rollins Book Prize from the Northeast Popular Culture Association. Daniel was appointed interim dean of liberal arts at the Rhode Island School of Design, a post he began in January. Another author in our class, **Shaun Hawkins**, MBA '94, published his second book last year, a novel titled *The Swan Diver*, which is available on Amazon in book form or on Kindle/iPad. Shaun also informed us that his daughter Brianna is a senior at Bates College, where she is captain of the women's basketball team.

Kelly Smith Brown, MBA '92, is very excited about our upcoming 25th Reunion and pointed out the "diversity of life stages" our classmates comprise—some with children graduating from college, others with children only graduating from pre-school. Kelly has an 8-year-old daughter and boy/girl twins who turned 6 late last year. In addition to her Cornell volunteering, Kelly is the vice chair for the board of trustees for the Cincinnati Ballet and serves on the development committee for the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden. Kelly makes every effort to keep in touch with her Tri Delta sisters from Cornell. Class treasurer **Chad Snee** lives in Troy, OH, and is the editor of the Scott line of stamp catalogues providing values of US and worldwide stamps for collectors. As a collector himself, Chad says, "It's a great gig, like getting paid to eat ice cream." His oldest daughter, Katelyn, got her learner's permit last fall and is learning to drive a stick shift, while her sister Charlotte is an honor-roll student in junior high school. Chad's youngest, Margaret, "adores playing with the iPads in her third grade class." Chad retired from the Navy on May 1, 2012, after 21 years of service.

Alison Minton sent a note that she said should be filed under the category of "unusual hobby." She and her 12-year-old umbrella cockatoo taped a segment for National Geographic's "Spoiled Rotten Pets." Chris (the cockatoo) and Alison filmed for seven hours all over Manhattan from Alison's apartment on the East Side to Rockefeller Center and Fifth Avenue. The show was scheduled to air between January and March 2013, so perhaps it's not too late to catch it. Classmate artist and photographer **Stephen Sheffield**, BFA '89, completed a permanent corporate art commission for Brookfield Renewable Power. The work consists of nine large-scale art pieces for their headquarters in central Massachusetts. Images of the finished pieces are at <http://stephensheffield.com/projects/50>. Stephen comes from a long line of Cornellians, including parents **David '55**, BArch '60, MRP '61, and **Allison Hopkins Sheffield '56**, and sister **Laurie Sheffield '84**, BFA '85. Stephen resides in Boston's Back Bay with his wife, Alison, and sons Milo, 7, and Finn, 4.

Corrections Dept.: Apologies to **Dawn Levy-Weinstein** for mixing up her husband's name in a report on their trip to London in the Jan/Feb column. He is classmate **Adam Weinstein**.

Once again, our 25th Reunion will be held June 6-9 in Ithaca. Look for me, notebook in hand, as I collect news for what will be my final Class Notes column. Help me make it a great one! If you're reading this, please consider coming to reunion, and if you're in contact with any other classmates, please encourage them as well. Until next time (or till I see you at reunion), I wish you peace. ☐ **Steven Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu; **Brad Mehl**, bradmehl@gmail.com; and **Sharon Nunan Stemme**, sen28@cornell.edu.