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42 **Cecilia Hurwich** continues her active life in Berkeley as a member of a weekly Memoir Writing group, practicing Tai Chi, and appreciating the volunteer help she gets through her membership in the Ashby Village, an organization that helps aging members stay in the homes. This “village” is one of nearly 200 founded locally across the country, in a movement that began only about a dozen years ago. **Marty Griffin** is having fun teaching himself to play the accordion. He plays by ear and once he mastered the keys, many songs from his youth and beyond opened up to him. He enjoys jamming with a friend whenever they can get together. Marty also keeps active in the Audubon Canyon Ranch. How about letting class members know what’s happening with you—travels, awards, committees, new interest or hobbies?

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49 A classmate spotted Señor Week, the emblem of our week-long event, for sale on eBay for \$125. The event itself produced a 1949 class gift plus endowment now worth \$460,000 held by the UC Berkeley Foundation—a lot of money for a time when total “fees” were \$60 per year! Now the state has abdicated its responsibility and those fees are \$12,000 plus. **Bill Bagley, J.D. ’52**, lives in San Rafael, is Permanent Class President of ’49, and was co-valedictorian with **Phyllis Stickland Willits, M.A. ’54**. He writes: “At 87, I’ve retired from my national law firm (Nossaman, LLP) after 63 years before the bar, and concurrently from many years of public service: the State Legislature, the first chairman of the Federal Commodities Futures Trading Commission, member of the California Public Utilities Commission, chairman of the California Transportation Commission, and (most important to me) 14 years of pro bono service on our Board of Regents. In 2002, I was named Alumnus of the Year, a most cherished title from our University.”

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52 Since the loss of our Class Secretary, **Mardy Robinson**, who served us so well for over 60 years, the Class Committee met in January. First, we wanted to honor and remember Mardy, and then we needed to make decisions for the future. We will plan another class reunion in 2017, 65 years! On behalf of the class, we have made two gifts in Mardy's memory. One gift was given to The Class of '52 scholarship fund. This is an annual scholarship to a qualified applicant who could not otherwise attend Cal. Mardy and her husband, Ned, along with **Marie Matthews**, initiated the fund several years ago, and if you wish to learn more about it or make a contribution please contact Joani Carpenter at Alumni House. The second gift went to Pappy's Boys, which provides scholarships to football players. Mardy was an avid Cal football fan, and all of us remember our student years when we went so often to the Rose Bowl. In response to the direction of the committee, **Elaine Anderson** will serve as co-Class Secretary with **Micky Scholte** who has served as our Southern California co-secretary for many years. **Harry Hanson** has written, "We have retired to Carmel Valley Manor and spend week-ends at our ranch in Corralitos." Please send items of interest for future issues of the magazine to Elaine or Micky at the addresses below. We need lots of news in order to prepare an interesting column. Best wishes to all, and we'll see you in 2017!

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54 We were happy to receive notes from over 30 classmates who were unable to attend our 60th Reunion last October, but sent us notes on the invitation cards anyway. Due to space limitations, they'll be appearing in coming issues of *California* this year, in no particular order, so keep reading!

**George Greenwood** and his wife, Georgiana (Reed College '60), are living in Berkeley. George is a retired structural engineer. Their son Andrew is a Captain of the Berkeley Police Department, and their daughter Samantha has been employed by Alice Walker and Chez Panisse since she was 18. **Leroy Scolari** and wife Joan live in Lompoc, and own and operate a family cattle ranch. Since 1984, Leroy has been Director of the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts. **Ricardo Tonda** and wife Mary live in Walnut Creek. He retired from Shell Chemical Co. in 1992, and they enjoy traveling. Their four adult children are all married. **Carl Walker** and wife Joyanne Elkinton-Walker are in Orinda. Carl is a semi-retired consulting engineer: electrical, mechanical, and energy management. They still travel, and are involved in international social projects. **Barbara Kite Wigren** is in Concord. She is a signature member of the California Water Association, and is a 60-year member of the American Association of University Women. She is a member of Prytanean Alumnae and remains active in her Congregational Church. **Marcia Leduc Sydor**, and husband Richard live in Roseville, and are retired teachers. They have three children, six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Marcia is a member of the DAR, and she and Richard enjoy travel and Toastmasters. **Marilyn Bobet Beaver** lives in Diamond Springs, in a mobile home park on a lake, and enjoys many social activities. Her husband John is deceased.

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58 Stephanie Franco is the first student to be supported by The Class of 1958 Achievement Award Program Scholarship that we established in celebrating our 55th Reunion. Stephanie is in her second year at Berkeley and majoring in social welfare. She hopes to attend graduate school for either clinical psychology or sports medicine because she is so highly passionate about both. Outside the classroom, she is interning with the RAZA Recruitment & Retention Center. Another focus of our 55th Reunion Campaign was the J. Christopher Stevens Public Service Memorial Fund, established in memory of the late Ambassador to Libya. Chris's mother, **Mary Floris Commanday**, is a classmate. The first students benefiting from the Fund will be part of the Cal in the Capital program in Washington, D.C., this summer. Four students will receive varying amounts, depending on need, to help defray their housing expenses. A third focus was the editing and publishing of Mark Twain's *San Francisco Sketches* by the Mark Twain Papers and Project in the Bancroft Library. It is anticipated that final editing will be completed next year and the volume will be published in 2017. Contributions to each of these funds are still most welcomed. Checks may be made out to UC Berkeley Foundation and sent to Lynn Nakada, University Relations, 2080 Addison Street, #4200, Berkeley CA 94720.

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61 As many of us become great-grandparents, we often wonder where the time has gone. But, wait! It's time to plan another reunion, our 55th! The Reunion Events co-chairs, **Joy Holmes Maquire, JoAnn Thiebolt Berridge**, and **Jim Stonehouse** are starting Reunion plans. Many interesting possibilities for the fall 2016 reunion are being considered, and a survey of class members will aid the committee in the planning. Details can be seen on our class website, [www.kaneprod.com/Classof61](http://www.kaneprod.com/Classof61). This website is maintained by **Bruce Kane** and has contact information for many in our class.

There are now three co-chairs of the Giving Committee. The previous co-chairs, **Peter Frazier** and **Bill Ausfahl** will be sharing these duties with **Brad Wait**. The remainder of the \$600,000 in donations and pledges being collected by the end of 2015 will complete the full endowment for the collegium chair. The committee will then start raising funds for our 55th Class Reunion giving. Any help on these committees will be appreciated. Contact committee co-chairs to volunteer.

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65 **Terence Clarke's** ninth book, the novel *The Notorious Dream of Jesús Lázaro*, was published in February of 2015 by Astor & Lenox. He is the author of two other critically acclaimed novels and two short story collections. His third story collection, *New York*, will be published at the end of the year 2015. He lives in San Francisco and can be reached at: [www.terenceclarke.org](http://www.terenceclarke.org).

**David Olsen's** full-length poetry collection, *Unfolding Origami* (2015), won the Cinnamon Press Poetry Collection Award in Britain. His work has appeared in leading

journals and anthologies on both sides of the Atlantic. A playwright and poet, David was formerly an energy economist, management consultant, journalist, and performing arts critic. He has lived in Oxford since 2002. David can be reached at:

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68 A March Class of '68 quarterly gathering was held at the Graduate School of Journalism when Dean Edward Wasserman spoke about the school, free speech, and the press. Our June gathering will take place in the South Bay on June 13 with Professor Bruce Cain discussing his recently released book, *Democracy More or Less: America's Political Reform Quandry*. Next Up: September 19 and December 5, both at Cal. All Berkeley alumni and friends are welcome. Please email [Cal68@blueconnect.org](mailto:Cal68@blueconnect.org) for more information.

On April 18, Cal Day, the Goldman School of Public Policy's Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement sponsored "Big Money Politics after Citizens United: Keeping Voters Engaged in Democracy." This panel feature Berkeley alum Eva Paterson J.D. '75, a groundbreaking civil rights leader; Nate Persily, nationally recognized constitutional law expert; and Pete Peterson, a political scientist and civic engagement expert. Visit [gspp.berkeley.edu/centers/ccde](http://gspp.berkeley.edu/centers/ccde) to learn about the Center, founded by the Class of '68 at the Goldman School of Public Policy. To watch Center events online, click Public Events on the homepage. The Center presents public programs on the Cal campus and supports graduate student research at the Goldman School and Cal undergrads attending the University of California Center in Washington, D.C.

Get Involved! Fundraising for the Center is ongoing. Many thanks to Class of '68 members and others in the Cal community for their generous support. Visit the site and click Make a Gift for more information.

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69 Sally Edwards, who co-founded the California International Marathon and was a successful runner and triathlete, headlines the third class for the Sacramento Running Association's Hall of Fame. Sally co-founded the CIM in 1983. She started Fleet Feet Sports in 1976 and expanded the company to 40 retail stores and \$20 million in sales before selling it in 1993. She also has written 23 books on sports, fitness and health. Her athletic achievements include winning the 1980 Western States 100-Mile Endurance Run, 1983 American River 50-Miler and 1988 Ironman Masters title.

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71 Santa Rosa Junior College professor and travel escort Gino Muzzatti has appointed agency owner **Sharie Sbrazza** to design his custom worldwide tours for 2015–16. Destinations are Sicily in May, Tahiti in October, Catalonia in November, and Myanmar in December 2015; plus Cuba, the UK, and Tuscany in 2016. Andiamo has been a CST agency since 1979 in Santa Rosa.

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**72 Kim Thoman**, who recently retired after teaching art and art history at Merritt College in Oakland for 30 years, has been working full-time on her own art. She was recently interviewed by 3Dprint.com about her cutting-edge art involving 3D printing of sculptures that are digitally wrapped with her paintings. The article is at: [3dprint.com/38897/emerging-venus-kim-thoman/](http://3dprint.com/38897/emerging-venus-kim-thoman/). Kim has numerous solo exhibitions scheduled for the next three years, including Los Angeles, Saint Mary's University in Minnesota, and the Mendocino Art Center. Kim has a studio near Berkeley and can be seen online at [www.kimthoman.com](http://www.kimthoman.com). She is married to Bob Bezemek '70, Boalt '73, who continues to practice labor law, representing labor unions, from his office in Oakland.  
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**82** Prompted by the recent article "Full Cycle" in *California*, **Anthony D'Antonio's** sisters (Annette '72 and Karen '76) wrote to share that after graduation, he cycled from San Francisco to Maryland. Life then got busy with less time for cycling. Every year on his birthday, August 1, he rides his "age in miles" rain or shine!  
**David Smethurst** published two new books through Amazon in January, *The Road to Kandahar: A Novel of the Second Afghan War 1878–80*, and *Hollywood Props: One Man's Experience with Conservation and Destruction in Remotest Central America*. The latter describes a four-year research project conducted while he was a geography Ph.D. student working with the late Dr. Bernard Nietschmann.  
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**83 Judy Holm** moved to Miami and founded the Global Fine Art Awards in 2013. The first presentation of awards was given at a banquet this past fall honoring museums and artists around the world for their contributions to the art world.  
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**95 Brian Watkins** is living in Seattle and happily married to Yonnie Woo '94 with two children and enjoying the journey. He is back in the jewelry business after leaving Blue Nile in 2008, founding Ritani ([www.ritani.com](http://www.ritani.com)). He reports, "I realized a few years ago that there had to be a smarter and better way to buy an engagement ring. Beyond being a leading designer and U.S. manufacturer of bridal/fine jewelry, Ritani is the first in the category to embrace the 'Clicks and Bricks' model. Ritani is serving millennial expectations."  
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**09 Paige Keffer** was recently hired as Vice President of Business Development at BigTeams, a high school sports software platform based in the Washington, D.C., metro area.

We currently have no class secretary listed for the following classes: '29-'31, '35, '04, and '06 onward. If you are the class secretary, please contact the magazine office at 510/642-5981.