CORNELL CLASS OF 1950 COLUMN FOR MAY/JUNE 2023

A current pleasure of this class correspondent's job is learning about our nonagenarian classmates still actively involved in their life's work. For example, Sonia Pressman Fuentes, Sarasota, FL, wrote in: "On April 19, 2022, a book was published called The Great Stewardess Rebellion: How Women Launched a Workplace Revolution at 30,000 Feet, by Nell McShane Wulfhart, which featured a trio of women, of whom I was one. The book has been selected by the Washington Post as one of the top nonfiction books of 2022. The book tells the story of the airline stewardesses' successful fight against sexist policies by certain U.S. airlines which at the time, among other things, terminated or grounded stewardesses (now called flight attendants), on marriage or on turning age 32 or 35. I drafted the decision of the EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) in 1968, finding that those sexist policies violated Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Two documentary films will be made about the stewardesses' struggle for equal rights: one by Sarah Colt Productions for PBS and the other by British-American filmmaker Hugo Berkeley for international distribution. For these two films both filmmakers are interviewing and filming me at my home in Sarasota."