

CLASS NOTES

NEWS OF FELLOW CORNELLIANS

37 "I'm looking forward to coming to Reunion in 2019," writes **Barbara Keeney** Mandigo, a Human Ecology major on the Hill. She also shared the sad news that her son **Frank Mandigo '67**, died on December 17, 2017. He got his PhD in Materials Engineering from Cornell in 1972. ♦ **Class of 1937**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

44 **Norma Hirshon** Schatz says she is "most fortunate" to be enjoying cultural, political, and social activities in Sarasota, FL. She writes, "I caught up with friends and family in Connecticut in August and am looking forward to a family gathering in New York."

How did you ring in the New Year? Let us know. ♦ **Class of 1944**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

46 I found a misplaced note (dated March 15, 2018) from **Priscilla Alden** Clement, thanking the alumni office for putting her in touch with a Cornellian who lives in her area. The title of the CAM message was "Different yet connected." Priscilla said they had a lengthy phone conversation and found many "connections" from their years at Cornell and that they hope to meet face to face soon. In September, Priscilla answered some online form questions. "In my super retirement (retired from active retirement), the closest thing to work is getting up each day and doing usual chores. Then I work in our library reshelving books, do pool exercises, go food shopping once a week, and take a walk around our pond every morning."

Priscilla still keeps a round-robin letter going—just three out of six still living. The most satisfaction she gets comes from getting news from her children, and from her faith. The first person she met at Cornell was **Sara McKissock** Vick, as she had already known her other roommate, **Virginia Dondero** Pfundstein, from high school. If she had a day in Ithaca, Priscilla would visit her luxurious room in Balch, which was provided for the president of WSGA. Then she would go to the Straight, where she waited tables for four years, then off to the COOP to buy a Cornell short-sleeved shirt!

Thank you, Priscilla, for your news. You are truly a faithful Cornellian and we love hearing from you! Online news is a convenient way to send your latest info. Your classmates really enjoy reading this column. Please send your news! I will repeat Paul's mantra: "Thrive for '75! Make history on the Hill in 2021!" ♦ **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, 1 Baldwin Ave., #501, San Mateo, CA 94401; tel., (650) 342-1196; e-mail, dmprey@aol.com. Class website, www.classof46.alumni.cornell.edu.

Charles deProsse, MD '50 (Iowa City, IA) reports, "I have two main activities at present: attending adult education classes at three institutions of higher learning and reading for pleasure. No more biking, hiking, or mountain climbing! I am working hard at dealing with age-related infirmities. My single professional activity is in public health. I will attend my 43rd American Public Health Assn. annual meeting this fall. My most satisfaction these days is waking up to greet the morning. I miss

Ithaca. Having spent 28 months there as an undergrad, I returned in 1958 to spend 12 years in medical practice, then left to pursue academic medicine. I would spend a day in Ithaca visiting the old haunts that still exist and marveling at all the changes."

William Weigle (Danville, KY) says he's in an "OK" retirement home, where he enjoys frequent visits by his wife, Peg, and their many loyal friends. Bill plays bridge, but no longer plays golf, although he does reminisce over his two holes-in-one of bygone days. **Gordon and Eve Freyer Spencer '47** (San Diego, CA; gspencer48@hotmail.com) are in the independent living section of their San Diego continuing care facility, which, like Lois's and mine, protects them from most of the serious problems that occur in the aging process. They enjoy their hiking program and occasional group expeditions.

The Three Big Red Musketeers from SRC in Pleasanton, CA, **Leonard Ladin '55**, **Ron Roach '60**, and **Paul Levine '46**, plus Leonard's classmate **Les Patrick '55** from Sausalito, are readying an assault on Berkeley's Zinck's 2018 event on October 18, 2018. We expect to return with a treasure trove of Cornellian doings to share with you, gentle readers, in a future CAM issue.

Happy New Year, plus our annual reminder: If you have scrapbooks, diaries, letters, photographs, or mementos from the 1940s at Cornell, send them to Evan Earle, Director and University Archivist, Carl A. Kroch Library, Ithaca, NY 14853-5302; tel., (607) 255-3530; fax, (607) 255-9524; e-mail, efe4@cornell.edu. Your survivors will probably toss out such materials, but the university might very well display them. It's better and more ecological to direct them to the university now. Evan advises they have lots of material from the really early days, but very little from the 1940s.

To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at the below e-address. Include your name, city, and state. ♦ **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir., #S-202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (925) 201-7575; e-mail, pblevine93@gmail.com. Class website, www.classof46.alumni.cornell.edu.

47 "I still live in a house on the farm of my grandson **Paul Fouts '95**," writes **Shirley Buck** Rabaler (Cortland, NY). "Since I no longer drive, my local daughter, Sharon Fouts, is my helper. I am able to attend church and am a member of Cornell Women's Club of Cortland County. My current connection to Cornell is with great-granddaughter **Julia Fouts '20**, Paul's daughter, who is in her third year at Cornell, majoring in Animal Husbandry. She keeps busy with many things besides classes. My granddaughter **Julie Settle** Adamchick '09, DVM '14, is a fourth-generation Cornellian. She is currently studying for her doctor's degree at U. of Minnesota."

Stanley Reiter fondly recalls materials professor **Joseph Jeffrey '25**, MS '35, who had a great impact on him at Cornell. ♦ **Class of 1947**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

48 **Harriet Morel** Oxman (Sarasota, FL) occupies her time with travel and volunteering at the local library. Her Cornell education led her to become

principal at Erasmus Hall. From a very different location, **Louise Van Nederynen Atterdigg** sends greetings to all her classmates from her home 8,000 feet up in the Colorado Rocky Mountains, where she and her late husband, **Paul '46**, BS '45, retired in the mid-1980s; he died five years ago. She is in good health and leads an active life in church and community activities, including 25 years volunteering at the visitor center at Rocky Mountain National Park (no more long hikes or skiing, though). At home she is a quilter and weaver as she gazes upon her magnificent mountains. She describes a great family life, seeing her son in Denver several times a year, plus trips to Houston and Seattle to spend time with her three daughters, 13 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren, though having great regrets that her two sons are deceased. As you might expect, she is blessed with many local friends—most of them the age of her kids. She also stays in touch with classmates **Pat Hoke** Ruch and **Mary Eleanor Wells** Symons, and, of course, **Silvia Kilbourne** Hosie, MNS '49.

Bart Holm writes from his home in West Grove, PA, that he stays active in his community, feels it's important to stay involved with as many peers as possible, and enjoys the support and understanding of his dog (your correspondent can testify to that feeling as well). Looking back at his Cornell days, they included being drafted into the U.S. Army in WWII and then receiving a Civil Engineering degree, which determined his early career. On the non-academic side, Bart feels the whole college experience broadened his abilities in peer interaction and created lifelong friendships with **Bob Persons** and other brothers at Phi Kappa Psi. On the family side, son **Craig '76**, MBA '78, and grandchildren **Shannon '11**, BA '16, and **Spence '14** are all Cornellians.

Phyllis Flyer Kavett tackled the STEM programs at Cornell as a mathematics major and was in many mostly male classes, occasionally flustering the male professors when they lapsed into terminology they regretted—like describing a new curve in geometry as "like an inverted bra." She was a pioneer in a field that later was to include many female students and more support programs enabling women to compete fully. As a war and post-war mathematician, she also remembers the further handicap to women of that era finding employment in competition with all the GIs coming home who received deserved preference in filling the job openings that were available. But she succeeded and spent nearly 60 years teaching mathematics and mathematics education from pre-K through college. She takes enjoyment in remembering the "firsts," including being the first family member born in the US and to attend college. She was on NPR radio, published many journal articles, and, for diversity, operated a farm in Monmouth County, NJ, that bred sheep, beef cattle, Dalmatian dogs, etc. She was an early promoter of women's causes, being the first woman chair of the academic department in the College of Education at Kean U.; first woman mayor of Howell, NJ; founding president of the New Jersey Assn. of Elected Women in Office; and professor emerita, mathematics. Among all this, she raised three children, now adults, and has six grown grandchildren.

Thomas Dolan graduated from Cornell with a degree in zoology and conservation, also serving in the American

Field Service in India and Burma, the “Forgotten War” during the ‘40s. He states that his college training was key to the positions he held throughout his career, giving him credibility and direction, as well as the scientific tools of his specialty. His personal life included a divorce in 1975 followed by marriage to the “most wonderful lady imaginable”; they had a cabin in the Montana mountains for 20 years and loved to fly-fish. He has been a widow for two years and lives in Lafayette Hill, PA, where he is working on a memoir, is on several zoological and environmental boards, and enjoys two large and close families.

I end with the thoughts of **Nancy Winslow Doyle**, whose note indicates she was at the 70th Reunion, stayed at the Statler Hotel with her daughter, and expects it to be her final one. She offers a very fine motto for us all: “Use your time wisely as it gets shorter. I am using every minute. Try to listen to everyone and realize their opinion comes from where they are in life and they need to believe whatever it is. It is not my place to change their mind. Life is a gift. I appreciate it.” Send news to: ♦ **Ray Tuttle**, 65 Oyster Reef Dr., Hilton Head Island, SC 29926; e-mail, RayTutt@aol.com.

49 Congratulations, **Jack Gilbert!** Our class president has accepted the offer of a life membership on the Cornell University Council. When the University Board of Trustees convenes, the council becomes part of that group, Jack explains. Jack, who has moved to a “ranch house” in Ithaca, tells us that he is enjoying it very much; life is “very quiet.”

Jack Rupert, JD '51 (rup18129@aol.com), our new Reunion chairman, reports that he has moved to Kendal at Ithaca from his home in Ohio. Here, he says, he is closer to his three children. “Kendal,” he adds, “is an excellent place to be—an interesting group of people. There is very little political discussion other than criticism of President Trump. The university is similar to other universities in its left-wing orientation. I read the *Cornell Daily Sun* every day, and that’s the general position.” Jack writes poetry and, looking for “an organization concerned with one of my many interest groups,” was pleased to discover a poetry writing group in the community. He notes that while his poetry rhymes, “all the rest write free verse—no rhymes—which is messaging.” About ten members participated in the annual presentation of their own work recently. Jack notes that he doesn’t like to “just sit back reading.” He enjoys being actively involved in some of his many interests. He was able to bring most of his library, mostly reference works, with him when he moved to Ithaca.

Classmates, your doings are of great interest to each of us! Please send in your news. We should like to know how each one of you is spending your time. It would also be good to have your opinions on the state of the union! What are your ideas about life and the world around us? Have your interests and point of view changed over the years since we left the Hill? Do write or e-mail me with your opinions on any topic that interests you. ♦ **Dorothy Mulhoffer Solow**, 50 Grant St., Wellsboro, PA 16901; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 From our presidents, **Jim and Nancy Hubbard Brandt**: “It has been a regular class practice for the last several years to hold an annual dinner in each of the four years prior to a Reunion year in April at the Cornell Club in New York City. All classmates are invited, and, though most attendees are from the East Coast, classmates also attend from New England, the Midwest, and Colorado, to name a few. This year our annual class dinner will be held on Friday, April 26, and

we are exploring the possibility of having it at Cornell Tech on Roosevelt Island in NYC. We have already engaged Tom O’Handley, director of development at Cornell Tech, as our speaker. He will be the speaker whether we are at the Cornell Club or on the campus at Cornell Tech. As more arrangements are finalized, we shall be sending you the information. We hope more of you can make arrangements to attend this last dinner before our 2020 Reunion.”

Ames Filippone, MD '53 (Mantoloking, NJ) gave up surgery 18 years ago, but misses the challenges it posed. He enjoys living the life of an aged widower on the New Jersey shore and stays occupied with several unnamed hobbies. He took two 14-year-old granddaughters on a two-week Road Scholar tour for multi-generation families to Venice, Florence, and Rome. “They had an eye-opening time of it, though I must admit it was a strain to keep up with them on the four to six miles of walking each day.”

Earl Mac Arthur, EdD '71 (Morristown, NY) maintains a weed-free lawn and flower garden, and when his bad back permits, he enjoys golfing with his sons, grandsons, and great-grandsons. As he says, “One of the pleasures of living long.” Earl’s wife died in 2017, a day short of their 65th wedding anniversary. His greatest satisfaction has been watching his kids, then their kids, mature, succeed, and contribute to society. The first person he met at Cornell was **John Ross** in the queue to receive his ROTC uniform. If he had a day in Ithaca he’d visit all his old haunts, should they still exist—his fraternity, Seal and Serpent, Apt. 59F in married graduate student housing, and the Hasbrouck Apartments. And, should his stamina hold out, he’d walk the Ag campus.

It’s challenging to be a Cornellian out here in the Midwest. There are so few of us and there are two confusions. Cornell College is one. The other is the U. of Nebraska, which usurped our Big Red moniker. Moreover, it’s difficult to explain why, unlike other states, New York does not have a U. of New York with big-time Division One football and basketball teams. This involves trying to explain why Cornell is a hybrid with its Ivy League colleges integrated with the state’s statutory colleges. For example, Cornell’s seven Ivy sisters do not have colleges of agriculture, ecology, industrial and labor relations, and veterinary medicine. This distinction caused me to make some comparisons among the Ivy League institutions. In each case, I have listed the institutions in order of the statistic.

Current national ratings (*US News and World Report*): Princeton, 1; Harvard, 2; Yale, 3; Columbia, 5; Penn, 8; Dartmouth, 12; Brown, 14; Cornell, 16. Acceptance rates range from Harvard’s 5 percent to Cornell’s 13 percent. Student enrollments: Columbia, 25,000 (8,000 undergraduates, 17,000 graduates); Cornell, 23,000 (15,000/8,000); Penn, 22,000 (10,000/12,000); Harvard, 21,700 (6,700/15,000); Yale, 13,000 (5,800/7,200); Brown, 10,000 (7,000/3,000); Princeton, 8,250 (5,400/2,850); Dartmouth, 6,400 (4,400/2,000). Undergraduate tuitions are all mid-\$50,000s. However, Cornell has a range of tuitions for its master’s and doctoral programs. Most master’s and doctorates are \$29,500. Veterinary medicine for residents is \$36,966, and for nonresidents is \$52,892; Hotel is \$82,876; Law is \$184,000; and Johnson School Tech is \$102,652. Endowments in billions: Harvard 36, Yale 27, Princeton 23, Penn 12, Columbia 10, Cornell 6.8, Dartmouth 5, Brown 3.2. Harvard has over ten times the endowment of Brown. Cornell’s endowment appears disappointingly low.

Is any of this of importance? Probably not. It tells us nothing about the output of a university. What does a great university actually produce or contribute? What’s its value? How can it be measured? Those questions led

me to this edited re-run from my class column of July/August 2001: “We know that Cornell is a great university. We knew it when we were on the Hill. And we know it now. What makes a truly great university? Low admission rates? Percentage of full professors teaching students? Well-compensated faculty? Academic standing of faculty? Faculty publications? Faculty resources? Impressive endowment? Amount of budget for instruction? Student retention rate?”

Could it be that the best measure of a great university is none of these? That instead it’s the difference it makes in the lives of its students? And ultimately, the differences they make for a better world? How can such differences in contributions and accomplishments be defined and evaluated? On what basis would you claim Cornell to be a university of top rank? Proud to be a Cornellian? Tell us why and we’ll report it in our column.

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51 We’ve never heard directly from **Frederick Crow** (Hampton, VA), but recently Pi Kappa Alpha’s Megan Cook let us know that at the 2018 Int’l Convention, retired Air Force Colonel Frederick A. Crow (Beta Theta at Cornell) was inducted into Pi Kappa Alpha Order of West Range, established in 1986, which recognizes outstanding alumni for achievement in their careers, service to society, or service to the fraternity. This honor is bestowed every other year to a select group of men representing government, business, entertainment, sports, and other fields.

Frederick, who witnessed the Pearl Harbor attack as a teenager, enlisted in the US Army Reserve and dropped out of high school to enter the US Army Air Force’s Aviation Cadet program during the late stages of WWII. He was unable to complete his flight training until the war was over, so he was discharged and returned home to complete his high school education. Frederick’s service to the nation continued in college as a member of Cornell’s Reserve Officer’s Training Corps, and he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the US Air Force, earning his pilot wings in 1952. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in English from Cornell.

He served as a fighter pilot and air controller at various bases between April 1953 and June 1964 and deployed with his unit to Europe in support of the Berlin crisis during that time. He completed the Army Command and General Staff College, then served on the staff of Headquarters Tactical Air Command at Langley Air Force Base before completing F-4 Combat Crew Training and serving with the 433rd Tactical Fighter Squadron.

On Easter 1967, Frederick’s aircraft was shot down while leading an airstrike over North Vietnam and, following his ejection, he was taken as a prisoner of war. He spent the next six years in captivity, three of them in solitary confinement. After his release in March 1973 and arrival at Andrews AFB in Maryland, he said: “We come to you from the prisons of North Vietnam. Our motto was ‘Unity Before Self.’ Our mission was to return with honor. We have accomplished our task. And here we are now in the shadow of our nation’s capital, fighting back tears of joy and gratitude. We have reaped the fruits of our faith, and trust in our God and Commander-in-Chief, our families, and all the people of this wonderful, wonderful country and world who have worked so hard and so long to bring us all home. We are indebted to you forever. America, we love you.”

Colonel Crow continued to serve until his retirement from the Air Force in 1981, and attended the National War College five months after his release. His personal decorations include the Silver Star (twice awarded), Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross (two awards), and the Prisoner of War Medal. Please send your news to: ♦ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 Hard to believe that by the time you read this we will have been through Halloween, Thanksgiving, Chanukah, Christmas, and heaven knows what else. We will even be into 2019. I have not been completely devoid of narrative from you, but close. Fortunately, I have heard from our treasurer, **Dick Dye**, MPA '56 (Pleasantville, NY; dickdye@verizon.net). He writes, "Anita and I lead quiet but nevertheless busy lives. The highlight is keeping up with our growing and generally scattered family. First in that group is Anita's son, Javier, wife Arlene, and twin grandchildren, now 4, living in San Rafael, CA. Javier is an architect and Arlene is high in the staff of the largest HMO in Marin County, CA. Then, we have my daughter, Carolyn, her husband, Jon, and two grown grandsons. They live in Princeton, where Jon is the headmaster of the Hun School and Carolyn teaches at a private elementary school. Lastly, there is Rick, who is a senior software engineer, now working with an organization linking American consumers to super big space telescopes around the world. Rick lives the closest to us in New Milford, CT. The rest of our activities circle around our personal interests in classical music, Anita's book club, and my efforts over the course of each year to help recruit speakers for the Chappaqua, NY, Foreign Policy Discussion Group for its spring and fall series." Thank you, Dick.

Always nice to hear from someone not heard from before. **Richard Bergman**, MA '54 (New York, NY; write richardnyc@gmail.com) wrote, "Happy memories of the time when students could 'work their way through college.' Enjoying life in NYC, family visits, recording books for the blind, and performing in TV commercials and music videos. Send me a note if you care to reminisce at the Cornell Club some time, or to receive a link to my TV work."

Carr Ferguson, LLB '54 (mcfersg@earthlink.net) sent his news in with his dues. He and **Marian (Nelson)**, MA '54, are still thriving. He had been visiting his old New York law firm every week or so in summer and fall and teaching at USD law school when it is cold back East. He continues, "Marian and I are still enjoying every day together since we met 68 years ago. Walking and lawn bowling have replaced golf. Duplicate bridge seems to satisfy Marian's competitive appetite now, and I'm still doing a bit of barbershop singing." What gives satisfaction? "Family, of course: four beautiful daughters and their husbands who seem to enjoy our company, and the 11 grandchildren they've brought us, including five Cornellians, all graduated now, working, and, we hope, finding their own life companions. Our first two great-grandsons are as fascinating as were our daughters and grandchildren. We're still healthy enough to get to Cornell for graduations, Reunions, and TCAM meetings and are active in the affairs of some other schools and take classes in the fall. While our summer home on a lake in northwest Connecticut is where we want to be when the kids can be with us, we look forward to using our NYC apartment in the fall for opera, ballet, and theatre visits."

Dorothy Baczewski Waxman (New York, NY; dwaxman@msn.com) also sent in news with dues. She

wrote, "I am going to Vancouver for a Textile Society of America seminar in September. After a long career in fashion and design, I am now most interested in textiles and craft." **Joan Aten Beach** (joanabeach@gmail.com) wrote, "Happy, healthy, though not wealthy, and some wise. Living in Atlantis, FL, where **Sandy '51**, BCE '53, and I moved after being washed off Hypoluxo Island, FL, in the last big hurricane. Sandy died three years ago, dreaming of playing golf in heaven. Our daughter, **Diana Beach '78**, living in Seattle, WA, has started her own podiatry

I was one of three Cornellians in the audience who stood up to sing the Alma Mater." Before we were all 80, Steph set up a computer file titled "You know you are getting old when . . ." Here I share it: "You know you are getting old when: you are upset at the extra notes added to the traditional 365 of the Jenny McGraw Rag; the AARP begins sending mailings to your son; your granddaughter introduces you to her fiancé; you are the only person in your stamp club who has used V-Mail; you are the only person in the room who does remember Pearl Harbor;

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DOROTHY BACZEWSKI WAXMAN '52

service. Our third offspring is an oceanographer and works for the Navy in Washington. This is particularly interesting as we watch Hurricane Florence headed for the Outer Banks. At least it is not headed for us this time!" **Eli Manchester Jr.** writes, "I'm still in Cohasset, MA, most of the time and Fox Hill Retirement Community in Westwood, MA, some of the time. We were all set for the 65th Reunion until a month beforehand, when both daughters advised that they each had a senior graduating from Milton Academy the Friday of Reunion weekend. So much for Reunion." Eli hoped to get to TCAM weekend this past fall.

"Still here!" writes **Carol Singer Greenhaus** (Mamaroneck, NY, and Palm Beach, FL; carolgreenhaus@gmail.com), who is enjoying her and **Edwin '50's** expanding family. "Three daughters, six grandchildren, and seven (soon to be eight) great-grandchildren!" **Evelyn "Chris" Hoffmann Huffman** (Kansas City, MO) was "decluttering with great difficulty. The desperate attempt to get organized goes on and on. My desk is a pile of 'stuff.'" Sound familiar? Chris had been "seeking cooler weather on an island off the coast of Denmark. KC is very hot, especially this year." She planned to return to that island or any other island that's cool. She also planned to try a West Coast island last August and would welcome suggestions from any of you on cool islands. Chris's P.S. was, "How come the dues go to Iowa?" Anyone know?

In March, **Jean Brown** Craig (Gwynedd, PA; jeno1020@aol.com) wrote that she was "looking forward to family parties—wedding, advanced degrees, etc."—and that she was getting over a broken hip. In September, I learned from her daughter, Pam, that for three months Jean had fought an aggressive kidney and then lung cancer. Jean is, as of mid-October, at home at Foulkeways at Gwynedd in palliative care.

Among students in recent Cornell's Adult University classes were **Charles Rodin**, **Nancy Radick** Lynk, and **Harold Tanner** at the Mohonk Mountain House conference on the 2018 midterm elections; **Shirley Sagen** Norton in the Ithaca class on the astronomical disc; **William Bain**, who was abroad in India; and **Judy Calhoun** Schurman, who sailed the Adriatic.

In late summer, **Stephen Tauber** e-mailed, "On August 18, the First Unitarian Universalist Society presented a chimes concert in Newton, MA. Of the four chimers (that's how they refer to themselves), three are Cornellians: **Robert Feldman '66**, PhD '75, **Catherine Jordan Longley-Cook '03**, MAT '05, and **Scott Silverstein '08**.

Nobel-prize-winning research during your graduate student days is being taught in seventh grade; your grandson asks why the sound on the landline is called a dial tone; the oldest member of the US Senate is younger than you are." Any additions from you? ♦ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com. Class website, <http://www.classof52.alumni.cornell.edu>.

53 Longtime class correspondent **Jim Hanchett** is experiencing health issues, so a team of four classmates has volunteered to edit the class column. E-mail your news to 53news.cornell@gmail.com or contact any of the people listed at the end of this column.

I'm impressed to hear from **Roberta "Bobbie" Pesner** Becker (ogorbecker@aol.com) that after spending five weeks caring for three great-grandchildren, ages 5, 7, and 8, she is still "doing very well!" I found amazing libraries and a shady playground," she reports, "and the kids dubbed my baked chicken 'amazing!' What more could I ask?" Regular Tai Chi for the past 11 years is one activity that keeps her fit. **Janice Button-Shafer** (jbuttonshafer@gmail.com), the second woman to receive Cornell's Engineering Physics degree, is delighted to report three generations of women physicists in her family. "My daughter, Christina, has been doing 'space physics' (our solar system) research at Caltech since 1996, and one of her daughters is majoring in physics at Washington U. in St. Louis." Janice has written a book, *Defying Death: My Twin Son's Lengthy Battle with Cancer*, about the battle her son **Charles '92** has fought against cancers of the head and throat, which have challenged him throughout most of his successful mechanical engineering career.

Ruth Burns Cowan (ruthcowan@aol.com) brings us up to date on her project as executive producer of the documentary film *Tribal Justice*. The film follows the work of two Tribal Court Chief Judges in California as they develop justice systems reflecting tribal values. "In the West justice means punishment," observes Ruth, "but in these courts justice means wellness—both for the people who have been injured and for those who have caused the injuries." Ruth was on hand for a November showing of the film at the Museum of the American Indian in D.C. The *Wall Street Journal* calls it "a lovely, bittersweet film about an intensely delicate subject." It is available on Google Play or as a download from the Apple App Store.

Bob Neff, JD '56's (princetoneff@aol.com) historical novel, *Uber Alles*, was featured at the American Library Assn.'s annual meeting in 2017. Now available from Amazon in paperback or Kindle formats, the book has been called "a riveting historical narrative" and "a testament to the life-affirming power and beauty of music." In his seven years on the Hill, Bob studied engineering, political science, and law, and his writing reflects a lifelong interest in writing, drawing, and jazz piano. He reports that his next book, a sequel titled *After All*, is nearing completion. **Joan Schultz** Petroske (joanpet36@optonline.com) reports a move from Manorville, NY, to Stony Brook, NY. Illness and hospitalization prevented her from attending Reunion.

Vic Wintriss (vic@wintrisstech.org) is the founder and chairman of the League of Amazing Programmers, a not-for-profit institution teaching the programming language Java to students from fifth grade through high school. More than 400 kids in his home city of San Diego attend weekly after-school classes in a long-term curriculum that can lead to professional certification. Vic reports, "Several grads have gone on to Cornell to study computer science." With a mission of "igniting young minds through programming," the organization welcomes volunteers and encourages other cities to copy its model. For more info, go to www.jointheleague.com. We received a letter from **Liren Zheng, PhD '97**, the Wason curator at the university's Kroch Library, thanking us for the Class of '53 Library Endowment funds used to purchase a significant volume about Confucius, one of East Asia's most widely revered historical figures. Entitled *Concise Companion to Confucius*, the book is edited by Prof. Paul Goldin of the U. of Pennsylvania and curates teachings from a team of distinguished scholars.

And now for an introduction to your new '53 class correspondents: **Jack Allen**, PhD '66 (jwallen@msu.edu) majored in Agricultural Economics and also holds MA and PhD degrees from Cornell. He directed marketing at the American Meat Inst. before joining the marketing faculty at Michigan State U.'s School of Business. As an emeritus professor, he joined MSU's USAID marketing team assisting small-scale vegetable growers in Latin America, Africa, and India. His wife, **Linda (Cone) '58**, graduated from the School of Hotel Administration and completed an MS in economics and doctoral coursework in management at Michigan State. **Jack Brophy** (johnbrophy@aol.com) applied his Mechanical Engineering knowledge working in heating and hospital equipment sales, selling his company in 2006. Married to the former Martine Maudet, a native of Cannes, he has lived in New Canaan, CT, for 25 years and is currently the facilitator of the library's memoir workshop. In 2001, Jack was instrumental in reviving the original Cayuga's Waiters of the Fifties, and the group performed annually at Reunions for 15 years until retiring in 2018. **Dick Halberstadt** (trh47@cornell.edu) is an Engineering Physics grad who earned a PhD in math at the U. of Cincinnati. Dick spent his career at Procter & Gamble. A lifetime resident of Cincinnati, he is married to **Peg (Jones) '56**. He has written and published an entertaining book, *The Adventures of the Cousins*, a collection of fantasies in which the main characters are his grandchildren and their new friend: a 16,000-pound dragon. **Caroline Mulford** Owens

(53news.cornell@gmail.com) is an A&S graduate who started her career in the advertising department of DuPont, took a break to establish a family, then followed an entrepreneurial route, building her own corporate communications company. Retiring in 2000, she and her late husband, Jim, a Yale, relocated from Westport, CT, to the shores of Sunset Lake in southern New Jersey. Please send your news to: ♦ **Caroline Mulford** Owens, 53news.cornell@gmail.com; **Dick Halberstadt**, trh47@cornell.edu; **Jack Brophy**, johnbrophy@aol.com; or **Jack Allen**, jwallen@msu.edu.

54 You've saved the date—June 6-9. You've made your hotel reservations at the Statler, which is class headquarters. Reunion details will be arriving in your mail this month. Now it's just five short months until the big event, our 65th Reunion. Why not take this time to contact old friends to see if they are coming and to encourage them if they're on the fence? Go to cornellconnect.cornell.edu to find classmate connections, and while you're there, update your own personal information and e-mail preferences. Problems? Call (607) 254-7013. And remember, your class website (www.classof54.alumni.cornell.edu) has complete, up-to-date Reunion information. Looking forward to seeing you in June!

"Not a lot has changed in the last years, though the family has been growing," says **Sandy Dreier** Kozinn (skozinn@optonline.net). "My 11 grandchildren have swelled to 17 with the addition of spouses among the older ones, and those married have expanded my joy with 19 great-grandchildren, all in Israel. I do try to visit annually, and spend the rest of the year memorizing names!"

Bob Lynk, DVM '61, writes that he and his wife, **Nancy (Radick) '52**, were looking forward to once again attending CAU's pre-election seminar at Mohonk (lower Hudson Valley in New York State), November 2-4, 2018. "**Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76**, has been conducting this seminar for many elections. I have been retired since

1998 (Delmar Animal Hospital) and am enjoying retirement. I have been doing watercolors and framing them since 1994 (www.robertlynk.com). I also take care of tickets for Cornell/RPI hockey here in Troy, NY, since 1986. I still bowl a couple times a week—of note, after a 19-year hiatus, last March 2018 at 85 years, four months, and three days, I bowled another 300 game. I would recommend joining a senior bowling league wherever you are. Conditions are great since smoking was eliminated several years ago. Bowling provides a great weekly activity—besides, we need more bowlers."

Anita Zicht Fial retired from her public relations agency about five years ago and is now living happily in New York City. "I've not only done some of the traveling I was not able to do when I was working, but happily find Manhattan to be a retiree's paradise—easy to get to theater, concerts, ballet, and more. And I love seeing my kids and grandkids more often. Life is better than I expected when I finally left my business. Hopefully good health will continue." **Evan Charney** (echarney@msn.com) says he's happily retired after "40 wonderful years" in pediatrics. He's now a full-time printmaker. To see some of his lovely work, go to: <https://evansart.smugmug.com>.

Hugh Schwartz (hughschwarz@aol.com) reports, "I recently finished writing *Producer and Organizational Decision-Making: Is Behavioral Economics Losing Its Way?* (My answer is yes, as evidenced by the fact that most of the enterprises of Jeff Bezos, Elon Musk, and Steve Jobs have not reflected the findings of behavioral economics, nor have those of many other producers and numerous organizations.)" The first person Hugh met on the Hill was **John Johnson**, who became one of his freshman-year roommates. If he had a day in Ithaca, Hugh would walk around campus to admire all the changes since 1950. He adds that his daughter, Laura, and her family are still in Sydney, Australia, where she is a nurse practitioner, her husband is an astrophysicist, and their son looks forward to starting kindergarten. Son Frederick is completing a course in Durham, NC, as a dental technician. "Maria Rosa, my wife, is a Uruguayan, retired from the World Bank, who is somehow managing to keep us all together." ♦ **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesliereed@me.com. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>

55 Well, here I am, settled in Portland, ME . . . and I like it very much! I moved here last spring so I have yet to deal with the winter weather, but I live in a cozy 55-plus community that suits me fine. Proximity to the water, a vibrant downtown, a gas fireplace, lobster, and someone else to shovel the snow were definite plus factors. My middle daughter, **Joanna Morris** Brinker '86, who's been a Mainer for 20-plus years, lives just a few miles away with her two girls, so I was encouraged by her positive reports. I trust that global warming will reach us, but I'll have to wait and see.

Now on to the mailbag. **David Berler**, MD '58, retired from medical practice and teaching in June of last year and is enjoying traveling, summers in Martha's Vineyard, family, golf, and tennis. Looking back, he remembers that the first person he met at Cornell was **David Hyman**. When asked, "What would you do if you had a day in Ithaca now?" he said he'd like to "walk the campus with my freshman granddaughter," who's studying in the Arts college and loves it, according to her grandfather. **Diane Rubinger** Roland reports that "retirement is lovely and busy." She's working on the library committee at Vi at La Jolla Village, playing bridge, and going to the theater. A recent milestone was "celebrating my 85th birthday with all the family and some friends."

Donald Huene is still working as an orthopedic surgeon, doing consultations, and also racing thoroughbreds. In fact, "A horse in which I have an interest won a Grade 1 \$400,000 race!" Now widowed since his wife, **Annette (Spittal) '56**, died, Don keeps busy with 14 grandchildren. "I'm doing exactly what I want and being able to select the options that interest me most." **Joe Silverman** has been doing forensic psychiatry for the past seven years. He and Patricia relocated and downsized a year ago and are now living in a senior retirement village. Speaking of early friendships, the first person Joe met at Cornell was **Jules Weiss**, whom he remembers fondly. Joe enjoys keeping up with **Bob Tischler**, **Ginnie Robinson** Pumphrey, **Margy Doorty** Kerr Richenburg, **Dick Frank**, **Clive Usiskin**, and others. If Joe had a day in Ithaca, he'd visit his grandson, **Will Silverman '21**, whose parents are both alums, Class of '86 and '87. **Nancy Eisenberg** Grabow has relocated to New Jersey, where she'd like to connect with Cornellians in the area. She met **Fletcher Hock '53** at a Christmas party last year, and also passed on the unexpected sad news of **Axel Hochkoeppler**'s death.

'We need more bowlers.'

BOB LYNK '54

of Fidelity Investments, then chairman and CEO of the Cabot Corp. Predeceased many years ago by his first wife, **Elizabeth (Little) '61**, Sam is survived by his wife, Diane, three children, two step-children, and numerous grandchildren. Send your news to: ♦ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 Scanning the input from all of you, there is a recurrent theme that seems associated with our traditional residences—namely, “downsizing.” We seem to recognize the labor for maintenance is getting out of hand, as well as facing a lifetime of accumulations that have lost their meaning. Perhaps we really don’t need to hang on to the kids’ homework from elementary school. We begin to focus on smaller, more efficient residences, with or without care facilities, and geography that puts us closer to our family roots.

Recently our class webmaster, **Larry Wheeler**, wrote, “As some of you may already be aware, we sold our house in Houston and have relocated to the Texas Hill Country. We are building a house in San Marcos, TX, in the Kissing Tree 55-plus development, and we will be residing in our condo on the Comal River in New Braunfels until the new house is completed. There were a number of reasons for the move, but we guess the main reason was a need for a new adventure. We probably also got pushes from last year’s Hurricane Harvey and the increasing traffic congestion in the big city. Our son and his family relocated from Houston to Brenham, TX, recently, so there was not much holding us in Houston.” Larry’s thoughts are similar to others’ in similar situations who have commented, and in a future column I may report on our own efforts to simplify our lives. At present, Susan and I are still in the “getting rid of stuff” phase. More to follow.

Barbara Braun writes, “Here’s an announcement of my solo show of 26 paintings at NYU’s Kimmel Galleries, ‘Reflections in Oil: Works by Barbara Braun,’ from October 4, 2018 to January 27, 2019.” From the press release for the exposition: “Braun, who majored in English Literature and minored in Art History at Cornell, is an art historian (PhD, Columbia 1977), author, and literary agent. She rediscovered an early love of painting eight years ago. Since then she has taken a variety of courses and workshops, focusing her work on abstract oil painting, and has exhibited often in Woodstock, NY, where she has a home. Her basic inclination is toward expressionist abstraction, incorporating figures and elements from the human and natural worlds. She is also keenly aware of current events, and finds herself drawn to abstract evocations of the plight of refugees and of African American men confronted by the police. This is her New York debut.”

A note also from **Edwin Burmeister**, MA '62: “A bit unusual, but I am an emeritus professor at two universities, research professor of economics emeritus at Duke U. and commonwealth professor of economics emeritus at the U. of Virginia. My wife, Marjorie McElroyh, is still full-time, teaching and doing research at Duke. Her primary interest is in quantitative research using econometric methods. My spare time is now spent on two things. First, showing my golden retriever, Abby, in American Kennel Club conformation dog shows. She is now more than halfway toward winning her American Kennel Club Championship status. Secondly, I am constructing and enjoying the sound from a very high-end sound system with primarily McIntosh equipment. It has been a challenge to get everything working, including the streaming of extremely high-quality audio files. And

yes, I have reluctantly concluded that vinyl does indeed sound better—much cleaner than CDs, etc.”

Madeleine Fried Grossman wrote that she and **Ed '59**, along with classmates **Lewis**, MD '65, and **Anne Klein Rothman**, had a great trip to Australia last spring. “We are delighted to have two grandchildren in the Class of '21,” she writes. Setting a fast pace this past year, **John Sargent**, ME '67, and wife Laurie traveled to Japan (a Cornell trip), Italy (independent travel hooking up with a Cornell trip to Apulia, Italy), the Galápagos, and the Peruvian Andes, and recently to Scotland, Paris, Reims, Burgundy, and Alsace. In addition to their travels, John writes that he is doing ongoing research into mathematical modeling of the impact of hemodialysis treatment, which was recently published in an article (September

and vak-pak local foods for freezer meal kits that can be made locally by teens, retirees, and food pantry clients. I have developed the PowerPoint training materials to share, so healthy meals can be made from unsold local farm foods. Millions of pounds do not have a local processing market focused on freezing and vak-pak’n in spite of the fact that meat has been frozen and vak-pak’d since the 1960s. A memory of a meat processing class at Cornell inspired me to do vegetarian meals.” Anna lives in Kinderhook, NY. If she had a day in Ithaca, she would do a presentation to a Cornell class to teach students to do food processor HACCP plans, as well as to a class for folks in downtown Ithaca.

Pat Dunn Peck (patpeck2@verizon.net) of Sarasota Springs, NY, just completed the Camino de Santiago from

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EDWIN BURMEISTER '61

2018) on acid-base issues and optimization during dialysis treatment.

Lastly, a note from **Jay Treadwell**, Reunion co-chair at our 55th: “I have had a rather rare form of brain cancer for the last three years and, though it has taken me close to those three years to retire, I have managed to keep going. More and more of my time had been spent in visiting various medical offices and hospitals, but now the good news. While the cancer had spread from the brain to the lungs, it, under the miracle of immunotherapy, has been reduced 30 percent, so it looks like I will be able to help Cornell a little longer. When I was in the middle of this treatment I resolved to set goals one at a time and they have been compartmentalized thusly: go to Peggy’s family reunion in Point Clear, AL (now done); reach my 80th birthday (almost done); travel to Vermont to see friends; travel to the West Coast to see friends; go on a Scandinavian cruise; and don’t get out too far ahead of myself.”

Remember us in your thoughts. Your classmates want to hear from you. E-mails are quick and easy. Susan will produce the next edition in two months. Send us your news. ♦ **Doug Fuss**, dougfuss@attglobal.net; **Susan Williams Stevens**, sastevens61@gmail.com.

62 Happy 2019! Jan and **Marc Gerber** (marcjang@aol.com) retired to Naples, FL, in 2009. “We thought we would play golf and tennis, but shortly after moving here I discovered how much music was here with opportunities to play my trumpet. I hadn’t played my horn since the mid '90s. I was invited to a Dixieland jam session one Tuesday morning. That has mushroomed into a life of music, crowding out the golf and tennis. I play on average more than ten times a week in Dixieland bands, a '40s big band, and assorted dance bands, and in a military band. I am loving my dream. The Big Red Band was a huge part of my life at Cornell. We have two daughters and five grandchildren. One grandson is at Cornell studying Civil Engineering like his grandpa. His younger sister hopes to attend Cornell next year. My family and my music give me great satisfaction.”

From **Anna Boese** Dawson (hometownfoods12106@gmail.com): “I have been using my 1,400-sq.-ft. NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets-inspected kitchen to freeze

Tui to Santiago, Spain: “90 miles of walking up hills and down, along streams, through wooded areas and small hamlets and cities, in six days!” Pat is doing a lot of volunteer work, primarily with genealogy and history groups and 4-H, and enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, two sets of twins aged 6 and 9. When **Jim Dierks** (dierks66@frontiernet.net) and **Skip Wilder** were talking at our 40th Reunion, they discovered they both found relief from northern winters on Longboat Key, FL. Fast forward some years and Skip found fellow '62 Mechanical Engineer **Bill Kobernusz**, ME '64, lurking in the area, too. Then it was Jim’s turn: visiting the Mote Marine Aquarium he recognized another '62 ME, **Mike Bommer**. “Must have been something in their studies at Upson Hall that drove all of us to the same part of the Sunshine State. The guys get together from time to time for lunch and try not to talk about prelims!”

Jane Brody Engquist (janeengquist@juno.com) writes, “I’m more than delighted to report that my twin grandsons, **Tomas Engquist '22** and **Stefan Engquist '22**, are continuing a three-generation Cornell legacy (grandma Jane and great-grandpa **Sidney Brody '31**), Tomas in A&S and Stefan in ILR. I came to Ithaca in August to help them move into their freshman digs. What luxurious accommodations! Almost enticed me to return to college, though I’m still writing the weekly “Personal Health” column in the *New York Times*. My column on getting the right amount of sleep to succeed in college ran the same mid-August week and went viral among families of incoming freshmen throughout the country!”

Enjoying Cornell’s Adult University classes in Ithaca last summer were **Robert '60**, MS '66, and **Helen Tintle McAfoos**, who studied 1968, and **Samuel '61**, MD '66, and **Judith Shapiro Greenblatt**, who learned about the history of Brooklyn. Off campus, the McAfooses also attended Mohonk, as did **Patricia Brown Gemeinhardt**. **David Major '61** and **Evelyn Eskin** explored the Smithsonian, and **Mui Ho**, BArch '66, traveled to India. The Galápagos were the destination for both Jane Brody Engquist and **Stephen Ashley**, MBA '64. Check out this year’s schedule at cau.cornell.edu.

It’s a new year—start it by sending a few lines to bring your classmates up to date! ♦ **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 President's Corner: "One of the challenges of senior living is the identification of primary sources, not only for current events, but also for scholarly perspectives on our ever more rapidly changing world—historically, contemporaneously, and prospectively. As Cornell alumni, I especially call (or recall) your attention to a primary source, and option, for the lifelong pursuit of scholarly works: the Cornell University Press (CUP). As a bonus, since opening its doors CUP has been

professional life. See the spring edition of the *Human Ecology* magazine for the full article.

Debra Willen Stern "spends time playing bridge and continues to guide high school students who are in the process of applying to college. I'm having fun in both activities. One of them, from time to time, touches others in important ways, changing the course of life, here and there. I am a Bronze Life Master in bridge. My husband, David, is semi-retired, but still cares for the frail elderly

own dining room, and a large gathering area. Nearby parking and frequent university-provided bus service up the hill assure that mobility will not be a problem. Activities planned by both our Reunion committee and the university will provide both learning and entertainment opportunities. Special class events will be posted on our class website (<http://www.cornell1964.org>) as plans are firmed up. For those who have attended previous Reunions, you know the breadth of these activities. For those who have never attended a Reunion, you will not be disappointed. So make plans now to come to campus June 6-9."

It already sounds terrific. Now here's news from fellow classmates who I hope we'll see in June. **Dennis Sweeney** is retired and recently moved from Connecticut to Greensboro, NC. Dennis's departure from the North meant he no longer is a volunteer with the Rye, NY, Fire Dept., a post he held for 47 years. He writes that he volunteers with his local church and keeps busy reorganizing a lifetime's accumulation of "everything," but that he also enjoys "sitting on the porch each morning to watch everyone rushing to work." He's looking forward to our 55th Reunion. **Michael "Tim" Graves** is retired, but still lives in Fairport, NY, with wife Suzanne, where he enjoys photography, attending veterans' gatherings, and attending their grandchildren's concerts, plays, and sporting events, the last including their youngest granddaughter who is on a traveling lacrosse team. Tim writes that Prof. Walter LaFeber had the greatest effect on him while at Cornell, a feeling shared by classmate **Robert Ross**, MBA '66.

Michael "Tree" Smith last September attended a Class of '64 Phi Gam reunion in Wolfeboro, NH. He writes of the get-together, "Eleven of the remaining 16 in our class were there. A highlight was taking the cog railway ride up Mount Washington." Tree and wife **Linda (Dyer), MPS'04**, who still call Anchorage, AK, home, "then went to Pittsburgh to begin a 334-mile bike ride from there to Washington, DC, on the Great Allegheny Passage Rails-to-Trails route and then onto the old Chesapeake & Ohio (C&O) Canal Path.

Physician **Susan Schiffer** Labarthe, BS Nurs '67, has been quite active as well. From her home in Montpelier, VT, she writes, "I 'retired,' i.e., started drawing pension, a year or so ago, but continue working part time in primary care at the V.A. (hospital) in White River Junction, VT. It's given me time to get back to the gym after several years as a budding chair potato. I keep busy by singing tenor in the Onion River Chorus, coordinating volunteer cooks from my church for the local homeless shelter, meditating with my two meditation groups, and riding my new eBike to church and for most local errands—if it's not too hot, or too rainy, or too cold. Also reading lots and lots of science fiction and going daily down the internet rabbit hole. I generally get to San Francisco around Christmas to catch up on the grandson (and his parents, of course) and see my Vermont son and wife more often as they're just nine miles up the road." Susie adds, "I'm looking forward to Reunion and hope to see many friends there. I may go on a pilgrimage to the places I lived in 1968-71 (Seneca Street and Jacksonville) while back in town for my ex to finish up his degree."

David Evans reports he's recovering from prostate cancer and expects a clean bill of health this month. He strongly recommends that all men get PSA tests. David is president and CEO of Direct Proposal Resources LLC. He and wife Sherry live in Reston, VA. If he makes it to Ithaca, he'd like to walk around campus and Colledge town and visit his fraternity (Phi Sigma Kappa). **Alexandra "Sandy" Kressel** Sussman is in an assisted living facility

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MADELEINE LESTON MEEHAN '63

a source of financial aid for students with previous training in the printing trades. Students have been paid for typesetting and for the operation of presses that print textbooks, pamphlets, a weekly student journal, and official university publications.

"According to Wikipedia, 'Today, the Cornell University Press is one of the country's largest university presses. It produces approximately 150 nonfiction titles each year in various disciplines, including anthropology, Asian studies, biological sciences, classics, history, industrial relations, literary criticism and theory, natural history, philosophy, politics and international relations, veterinary science, and women's studies. Although the press has been subsidized by the university for most of its history, it is now largely dependent on book sales to finance its operations.' May the options and opportunities offered by CUP bring you much mind-expanding pleasure from now until our next opportunity to share those experiences in person. See: www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/ordering. **Dick Clark**."

John Kennedy, MBA '65, writes that he is "kept busy by my young wife, golf, community, church involvement, and travel. Our 22nd grandchild arrived last February. The Marylou Kennedy Research Professorship was inaugurated in July 2017 at the U. of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor, MI." **Herb Friedman** and his wife, Wendy Drexler, live in Belmont, MA. Herb retired in June 2017 after 44 years as an attorney specializing in adoption law. "I am now tutoring English at a local community center with foreign-origin students, taking courses, and staying active by swimming and exercising. Wendy and I traveled to Portugal in April, where I reviewed my Portuguese, which I utilized on a consulting experience in the Amazon when I was a graduate student." Herb and Wendy visited Newfoundland in June for a poetry seminar that Wendy attended.

Classmate **Rae Messer** Reilly was featured in the spring issue of *Human Ecology* magazine. Rae's husband, Pete, passed away in November 2017. Before he died they made decisions on organizations they would like to leave money to. Rae made a generous gift of \$200,000 to the Cornell Costume and Textile Collection, a collection administered by the Dept. of Fiber Science and Apparel Design. "Rae started out in retail and the home sewing industry in New York City before ending up at Iowa State U.'s textile and clothing department as an Extension specialist in textiles and clothing—a role she held for 18 years." **Alexander "Sandy" Williams, MPA '63**, received the Sloan Alumni Assn. 2018 Alumni Achievement Award. The Sloan Program in Health Administration falls under the College of Human Ecology. Sandy had three intertwining careers in health, wellness, and medicine throughout his

as a geriatrician in private practice." **Madeleine Leston** Meehan leads "a charmed life between the Caribbean and Eastern Long Island enjoying music and friends. Visual artists never retire," she says. **Doris Grayson** Kitson spends her time in New York City visiting family, playing tennis, and checking museums on the West Coast. "My grandson is a college freshman and has his own radio show of electronic music. Prof. Doug Dowd had the greatest impact on me at Cornell."

Judi Gottfried Ruttenberg: "I'm living with my husband, Neil, in the Maryland suburbs of D.C. I have three adult children, and my granddaughter just started her senior year at the U. of Miami. I've been happily retired for seven years, just hanging out and occasionally doing some volunteer proofreading. Before retiring I worked for almost 30 years in the IT field, first as a programmer and then as a project leader. I worked for the 2010 Census, but I'm not sure if I want to work for the 2020 Census. For fun, I go to the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival for two weeks every year—my 19th Jazzfest this year."

From **Joe Brennan**: "After earlier visiting the Coliseum in Rome, Chichen Itza in Mexico, Christ the Redeemer in Rio, Machu Picchu in Peru, and the Great Wall of China, I took my 17-year-old granddaughter (Mia) in the last year to Japan (Hiroshima), India (Taj Mahal), and Nepal (Mt. Everest). I have only one more destination, Petra, that I am planning during my upcoming tour of Israel, Jordan, and Egypt, in order to complete my bucket list of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World. I'll celebrate my 81st birthday in September with my 82-year-old girlfriend (always liked older women!)." Send news to: ❖ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com. Class website, classof63.alumni.cornell.edu.

64 Happy New Year! And it's a very special year because it's Reunion time for our class. Preparations are already under way for our 55th the weekend of June 6-9, so read about them here, then start making plans to attend (I'm already scoping out airfares).

Last September, class president **Bruce Wagner**, ME '66, Reunion chair **Carolyn Stewart** Whitman, and Reunion food chair **Susan Mair** Holden were on campus for Reunion Kickoff weekend. Carolyn wrote of the weekend, "The sessions covered everything from understanding New York State legalities around serving and transporting liquor, to budgeting, housing, and childcare options (we were exempt from attending that session!). We have reached the stage where we get special consideration for on-campus housing. As a result, we will be housed in one of the new West Campus dorms—Alice Cook House. This is an air-conditioned building, with elevators, our

shares it via Spotify. **Rick Spiewak**, ME '70, and wife Judy recently moved from Massachusetts to Maryland to be closer to family. He changed jobs in November 2017 and is currently the developer for a website used by the Dept. of Defense personnel to access their Mass Transportation Benefits.

Happy to hear from **Seth Bramson**, who is an adjunct professor of history and the historian in residence at Barry U. in Miami Shores, FL. His 31st book (he is America's single-most-published Florida history book author), the history of the Florida East Coast Railway in color, is the first-ever complete history of that famous line in color. The company historian of the FEC, he is "number one in a field of one," the only person in the country who bears that official title with an American railroad. Recently elected president of the Miami Pioneers and Natives of Dade (MP/NOD) historical society, Seth adds that to his presidency of the Miami Memorabilia Collector Club, and he warmly invites any Cornellians in greater Miami or South Florida with an interest in history to contact him for information on those two groups. At present, besides teaching at Barry U. and at the Nova Southeastern U. Lifelong Learning Inst., he isn't doing much except being in the process of writing five more Florida history books simultaneously. You can check out Seth by going to Amazon.com, putting his name on the search line, and hitting enter—and then sit back and enjoy what comes up.

John Babbitt recently reconnected with **Ron Klaus** and his wife, **Nan (Shreve) '68**, who are living in Ireland. John hopes to attend our 50th—his first Reunion. We hope so too, John. **Barry Passer**, BS '72, is living in Ithaca and retired after 30 years of mechanical engineering at NCR in Ithaca, with eight patents in receipt printing and coding. He is now in this 17th year of teaching science, math, and technology in area middle and high schools. He still finds time to play tennis every day (weather permitting) at the Cornell Faculty Tennis Club clay courts in the gorge, and walk his dog in the Cornell Botanic Gardens. He also enjoys hiking up and down Buttermilk gorge a few times a year.

Save the date: 50th Reunion, June 6-9, 2019! Plans for our Reunion are well under way, thanks to the hard-working reunion committee—and they can use some help. **Jon Kaplan**, MD '74, is looking for classmates to help contact affinity groups. Please contact Jon at jonkaplan7@gmail.com if you can roll up your sleeves and send some postcards to a specific group (postcards, mailing labels, and postage supplied by our class). Cornell Fund reps Jay Noyes and Lee Pillsbury are hard at work as well on our class gift. Please note that any gift from a classmate from now until June 30, 2019, will be counted toward our Reunion gift, so get out those credit cards and checkbooks!

Check out our website for updates on Reunion, www.cornell69.org, and make plans now to attend our 50th! Please continue to send your news to: ♦ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

70 Our next Cornell Class of '70 "Party Weekend" will be taking place in Ithaca in 17 months! I am pleased to announce that our Reunion chairs, **Sally Anne Levine**, JD '73, and **Cathy Hogan**, BS '00, have been busy making plans for our Big Red 50th Reunion, June 4-7, 2020. If you are interested in helping with Reunion, have suggestions for programming, or have ideas, questions, or comments, please e-mail Sally and Cathy at Cornell70Reunion50@gmail.com.

Did you move recently? Do you have a new e-mail address? Don't miss out on future Reunion communications. Please update your contact information by visiting

cornellconnect.cornell.edu. Now is a great time to connect with your '70 friends and classmates about the 50th Reunion for the Legendary Class of 1970. Log on to our various '70 sites: our class website, cornell70.org; our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Cornell70; and our Twitter page, www.twitter.com/CornellClass70.

David and **Suzanne Grisez** Martin continue to live in Cranbury, NJ. As always, their family and friends bring them the most happiness in their lives. For the past 25 years, Suzanne (suzannegmartin@gmail.com) has had her own healthcare consulting business. She has cut back to working three days a week and has two to three big clients a year, which works well for her. Suzanne and David did a lot of traveling this year, the highlight of which was a Baltic cruise. Her daughter and family recently moved to Riverside, CT, and they are in the middle of a major house renovation, so Suzanne has been helping out.

In July 2018, Suzanne and her two grandchildren were joined by a good friend and spent a fabulous week in Ithaca at CAU (Cornell's Adult University). The grown-ups took a wonderful course entitled "1968" with Prof. Sid Tarrow. Maddie, 7, was enrolled in the science program, and Xavier, 4, enjoyed the "around the world" program. They lived in a student dorm and ate in student dining halls, along with lots of high school students on campus studying and participating in sports camps. This was an experience in itself. She would highly recommend CAU and plans to return next summer. The first person Suzanne met at Cornell was **Margo Williams** Pollak. They were roommates for three of the four years as undergrads. In late September 2018, Margo and Suzanne took a birthday celebration trip to Savannah and Hilton Head. They especially enjoyed spa and beach time and had great weather.

Wordsmith **Fred Piscop** (Bellmore, NY; tihaz@aol.com) recently created five crosswords that will appear in

the movie *Crossword Mystery*, scheduled to premiere on the Hallmark Channel in early 2019. Although **John Macionis** (macionis@kenyon.edu) retired from teaching at Kenyon College in 2013, he continues to author and revise a number of textbooks (<http://TheSociologyPage.com>). He spends summer and early fall at his place on Lake George. John is active in a number of nonprofits dealing with the environment and affordable healthcare. He reports that he has been single for five years, which he says is both challenging and enjoyable. He finds it very satisfying to work at finding ways to make a difference in the world. Early on during our freshman year, John connected with **Richard Barron**, with whom he played in a motley group called the Dirty Old Band, and he continues to enjoy getting together with Richard. During a recent visit to Ithaca and Cornell, John enjoyed going to the Johnson Museum and walking the campus, which included crossing the gorge on the Suspension Bridge.

Ellen Saltonstall has three grown children and three grandchildren. Her youngest graduated from Cornell, and she says it was a thrill to return to campus while he was there. Ellen teaches yoga, anatomy, and Bodymind Ballwork, a self-awareness and release technique. She has also published four books: *Yoga for Arthritis*, *Yoga for Osteoporosis*, *Anatomy and Yoga*, and *The Bodymind Ballwork Method*. Family and work bring great satisfaction to her life. Should she have a day to be in Ithaca, Ellen would walk through campus and go to a lecture or concert.

As we approach the 50th anniversary of our graduation from our beloved Cornell, I have decided to retire from my decades-long role as class correspondent for Cornell's Legendary Class of 1970. It has been quite a run and I have totally enjoyed getting to know so many of our classmates through the news they have shared for the class column in *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. I deeply

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enjoys her art, friends, and traveling. If she had a day to spend at Cornell, she would listen to a good lecture, go to the bird sanctuary, and visit the art museum.

I hope everyone had a healthy and happy holiday season and that you are wintering well. We enjoy hearing from you and having the opportunity to share your stories with our fellow classmates. Please keep all of your news and views coming in via the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. Or send your news directly to either of us at: ♦ **Mary Flynn**, maryflynn1@me.com; or **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu.

78 Blissful retirement appears to be the theme of this issue—something we've all likely contemplated, if not already arrived at as of late.

Forty years after starting law school in August 1978, **Stephen Kesselman**, JD '81, retired from private practice. He is in regular contact with his ZBT brothers, including **Bill Sternberg**, **Ron Frier**, and **Brian Ochs**. Stepping down after nine years as a department chair brought **Eric Cotts** "a period of rapture, replete with bike riding and unadulterated study." He writes that his older child started a poetry class, so it looks like he'll start writing again, while the younger child gave up trying to stay away from academia and took a postdoc position. Eric and his wife enjoy walking the dog in the woods, but he admits, "The most satisfaction is more material based: we purchased some magic chairs for our screen porch, rocking easy chairs. Staring at the big old hickory trees feels good."

Karen Wilk Rubin happily retired in June from public health and clinical nutrition after 38 years as a registered dietitian. The past 20 were at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood, FL. "I'm having fun in the sun!" says Karen. "I love the freedom, including getting up and going to sleep whenever I want!" Also retired is **Leah Minemier MacLeod**, MS '83, who says she's becoming proficient in family logistics. With her husband, **Don '77**, BS '81, now working at UCLA, the women in the family are in the Bay Area and the men are in Orange County. "Not ideal," says Leah, "but we're dealing with it." Laughing and loving her family, pets, friends, and the weirdness of life brings Leah the greatest satisfaction these days. Were she to visit Ithaca, she would visit friends in Dryden, Lansing, Oswego, and Ithaca.

Pat Reilly recently retired from AT&T Labs after more than 34 years. She is planning to step up her volunteer work, which already includes several volunteer positions for Cornell, while also spending more time in the gym and traveling. Pat is thrilled that both daughters are gainfully employed and living nearby in New Jersey. **Gary Smotrich** is thinking about bidding farewell to New Jersey, where he has had a plastic surgery practice for 30 years. He also practices in Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard, where the family has a home. Gary's older son Danny is a senior in aerospace engineering at Georgia Tech, and Jonny is a freshman in marine biology at Coastal Carolina. Flying his airplane provides Gary with great fulfillment. He would spend a day in Ithaca walking around campus, taking his old tour guide route.

Cynthia Kubas now works for Servier Pharmaceuticals, a French firm that purchased Shire Oncology. She took a romantic Danube cruise from Germany to Hungary in August, and reports, "Budapest is just beautiful!" Cynthia recently celebrated birthdays with classmates **Mary Bowler** Jones in New Jersey and **Susanne Solomon** in Ithaca. **Susan Keating** was looking forward to becoming a great-aunt for the first time; her own great-aunt is now 104 years old! Susan thoroughly enjoyed a get-together

at Indian Ladder Farm hosted by the Cornell Club of Albany in June: "Everyone was so enthusiastic!"

A few of our classmates immersed themselves in a summer Cornell's Adult University (CAU) class on campus last July or joined a study tour to destinations around the world in 2018. These non-credit courses, designed and led by some of Cornell's most gifted faculty, allow alums to continue learning and pursue their passions in good company. **George Paul Thacker** participated in the Personal Essay: A Writing Workshop, **David Levine** studied What Your Genes Can Tell You and Why It Matters, and **Leslee Moore** got a peek Inside the Smithsonian with Curators and Conservators. If you'd like to learn more about CAU, visit www.cau.cornell.edu.

For those of you in more northern climes, stay safe and warm this winter. To everyone: share your news with us by writing to: ♦ **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilene.lefland@gmail.com; or **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyjfuller.com.

79 A big Reunion celebration—our 40th Reunion!—is coming up quickly. Please be sure to save the dates: Thursday, June 6 to Sunday, June 9, 2019. Now is the time to start reaching out to friends and making plans to "Return to the Hill." Think about tracking down those buddies from your freshman/upperclass dorms, your apartments in Collegetown, and your sororities and fraternities. Use social media to locate the friends with whom you played intramural sports, acted beside in campus plays, practiced on the athletic fields, shared homework tips in study groups, and partied all night long. Reunion is definitely a time where the old adage holds true: "The more the merrier!"

We heard from **Bolivar Arboleda**, who is planning on being at Reunion. Bolivar shared that the American College of Surgeons published an article he had written on how a group of Puerto Rican physicians went about helping others after hurricanes Irma and Maria in September 2017. He wrote that since the hurricanes, the residents of the island have all been in reconstruction mode. Bolivar is actively engaged in his medical practice, yet definitely enjoys traveling with his wife, Diana Margarita, and playing with their two grandkids.

Kathryn Gleason and her husband, Jeffrey Zorn, are full-time residents in Ithaca, where Kathryn has had a wonderful career teaching Landscape Architecture and Archaeology at Cornell, where she is a full professor. Kathryn's mother and sister also live in Ithaca, and a favorite family pastime is investigating family history in the region, as well as in Ireland, England, and the Channel Islands. Kathryn and Jeffrey have a son, Noah, who is a college freshman. Kathryn remembers fondly her freshman year at Balch Hall and her friendship with **Laura**

Jensen Broe, the first person she met on the Hill. Responding to the question, "What gives you the most satisfaction in your career?" Kathryn wrote: "Directing an archaeological dig at the Casa della Regina Carolina at Pompeii with my colleague Prof. Caitlin Barrett and lots of great Cornell students. It is time to pass on the baton, and there are terrific students interested in what the ancient landscape can tell us about the changing environment and cultural resiliency."

Judy Wyman Kelly and her husband, John, live in West Hartford, CT. Judy teaches history at the U. of Hartford. She dedicates her time to working with immigrants and refugees, and she is the co-chair of the West Hartford Human Rights Commission. Judy and John's older daughter is attending college in Southern California. Judy has fond memories of Cornell and recalls that the first person she met on campus was **Laura MacPhail**.

Bob Mateus writes that he continues to "provide SanDisk semiconductor storage products to the masses." Bob has been with SanDisk for 15 years and travels frequently to Asia, including such cities as Taipei and Saigon. He has daughters in college in San Francisco and Berkeley, and he gets great satisfaction supporting his daughters in their college and athletic endeavors. When asked, "What would you do if you had a day in Ithaca?" Bob responded: "Play squash and tennis and then go out to the lake for a Pinesburger!" The first person Bob met at Cornell was **Douglas Leland Wright '81**.

Our "snail-mail" news and our "online" news from all of you is running low. Please send us updates that we can share. And please make plans for being in Ithaca, June 6-9, 2019! Feel free to write to any of your correspondents at: ♦ **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, cindy.shea@sothebys.com; **Kathy Zappia** Gould, Kathy.Gould57@gmail.com; **Linda Moses**, lindakmoses@gmail.com.

80 Our 40th Reunion is next year. You should dig out your yearbook and review your classmates' pictures. Nobody you meet will even vaguely resemble their senior photos, but it will keep you busy for a few hours until it's time for the early bird special.

Leslie MacKenzie Vasbinder shares with us the news that classmate **Alan Dunn**, of Johns Creek, GA, has won multiple rounds of the television quiz show "Jeopardy!" Alan has watched the program for more than 50 years, since the reign of host Art Fleming. Alan is a software development manager; he is quoted in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* as saying that he "belongs to a tribe of nerds." This correspondent (**Dik Saalfeld**) plays the home version of "Jeopardy!" with his wife: "They're causing a nauseating odor in the hall closet." "What are Dik's bowling shoes?!" Conversation in our



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household isn't reminiscent of the Algonquin Round Table, but it's rarely dull.

Jill Holtzman Leichter, formerly of Dunedin, New Zealand, moved back to Ithaca a few years ago. She is an editor and publisher at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. She remembers that the first person she met at Cornell was **Eve Pranis**. In answer to the generic Class Notes question, "What would you do if you had a day in Ithaca?" she joyfully replies, "I have them all the time!"

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STEVEN BARRE '81

Dan Simpkins, ME '81, and spouse Irene live in Bethesda, MD. Dan said that if he had a day in Ithaca, he would "stop at the Johnson Museum to take in an exhibit." He would then "take a walk over the suspension bridge to North Campus, skirt Beebe Lake, and stroll to the Cornell Botanic Gardens (formerly the Cornell Plantations) to watch the sunset." Dan sold Hillcrest Labs, pioneer of Smart TV. Fellow classmate **Dave Karlin** was with him at Hillcrest. Dan adds, "We have both started new ventures! Dave is a consultant, and I'm the founder of a tech startup. My daughter, **Nina '19**, just started her senior year. She is an Art History major with a minor in Information Science. She is looking for an interesting job at the intersection of art and technology; if anyone is looking for a superstar with that background, give a shout!" Dan is attempting to learn bridge and golf. He says, "I also have a great time on the Engineering college council working on new approaches to engineering education, and I'm thoroughly enjoying giving back to Cornell through my work on the council."

Tom Miller, PhD '90, says he has been teaching structural engineering at Oregon State for nearly 30 years. His wife, Annette, teaches band at Santiam Christian and Albany Christian schools. Daughter Erin teaches junior high school music in Renton, WA, and daughter Kristin just graduated from Western Oregon U. with a degree in exercise science and dance. Tom says, "The best part of my job is working with student groups and getting to know the students informally outside of class." We asked him about traveling from the Pacific Northwest to Ithaca for a day, and he responded that "it sounds crazy, but it would be in the winter, to see a Big Red hockey game!"

When I read that **Russell Hargrave**, BS '81, "started a drone company called Aero Drone Corp.," I pictured him putting together little whirly toys in his garage, but it turns out to be a company that uses technology "to capture aerial data driving economic, environmental, and public safety solutions." The company has a 6,000-sq.-ft. campus, with over nine miles of outdoor flight testing grounds. The company uses a fleet of drones for aerial inspections, agricultural planning, security, and photography. If dropped in Ithaca for a day, he would "explore every square inch of the campus again!" He has two 12-year-old children, and derives satisfaction from spending time with them and his wife, Stephanie. The contemporary chamber music group, Ensemble for These Times, featuring our own **Nanette Cooper-McGuinness**, celebrated its tenth anniversary by winning a Gold Medal in the 2018 Global Music Awards. The group's new season features classical music by Hollywood composers

exiled by, or lost in, the Holocaust, as well as new music inspired by film noir.

Gail Wechsler writes that she is the library director of the Law Library Assn. of St. Louis. "I am responsible for all the operations of the Civil Courts Law Library in downtown St. Louis, a public and membership law library. We serve everyone from judges to those who cannot afford an attorney and need legal research assistance. I have implemented a robust monthly continuing legal

education program, expanded services to our members, and enhanced our web presence, among other things. My husband, **Bob Cropf '81**, and I are the proud parents of Jeremy, creative arts director at PBS Seattle and winner of multiple Emmy Awards, and Hannah, an art student at Cornish College of the Arts. I also enjoy work as a volunteer leader at a nonprofit focused on gun violence prevention, and as a board member at Bravely, which assists women recovering from life on the streets."

You can turn on your hearing aids again—the election cycle is over! We have a nice respite until the next one starts on—let me check my calendar . . . oh no. ♦ **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25 @ cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, leona barsky @ aol.com; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24 @ cornell.edu.

81 Coming soon to a theater near you: **Susan Scarf Merrell's** second novel, *Shirley*, is being made into a feature film starring Elisabeth Moss ("Mad Men," "The Handmaid's Tale") and Michael Stuhlbarg (*Call Me by Your Name*), and directed by Josephine Decker (*Madeline's Madeline*). The 2014 novel is about a grad student and his wife who move in with famed horror author Shirley Jackson, played by Moss, and her Bennington College professor husband, played by Stuhlbarg, in the hopes of starting a new life. Instead, they find themselves fodder for a psycho-drama. Can't wait to see the movie!

Kevin McCarthy (mccarthykev@me.com) writes that he and his family recently moved to the St. Louis area. Also in the area, **Bob Cropf** (robert.cropf@slu.edu) is professor of political science at Saint Louis U. "The same job for 27 years! But still love it!" He and wife **Gail Wechsler '80** met on a cold February day at the Straight in 1979 and celebrated 33 years of marriage in August. His mom still lives in Ithaca, and he returns to campus every time he visits. "The campus has been transformed but still looks terrific!" He keeps in touch with Ecology House roommate **Aaron Stern '80** as well as **Pete Rosenblum**, who lived down the hall.

Lois Lupica and husband **Tom Sather '80** have moved to Denver, CO, but will soon spend four months in Melbourne, Australia, where a Fulbright Award will allow Lois to conduct comparative and qualitative analysis of access to civil justice in Australia. Her older child, Noah, is in his third year at Brown Medical School. Younger son **Jesse Lupica '18**, ME '18, just graduated from Cornell and moved to Redwood City, CA, to start a job at Facebook as a software engineer. In addition to her accomplishments as a professor of law, Lois's talents include encaustic painting, a process that uses heat to fuse pigments with hot wax. See www.lrlupica.com for a display of her beautiful encaustic work.

In his bankruptcy law practice, **Ted Araujo** (taraujo@bodowlaw.com) is also focused on access-to-justice issues, and in May he received an award from the National Assn. of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys (NACBA)—the Hammes-Shulman Award, recognizing significant legislative and advocacy contributions at the state and national levels. Ted's particular emphasis has been on trying to bring student loans within the protection of the bankruptcy laws. However, he proudly reports that son **Robert Araujo '15** has no loans "so there is no conflict of interest!" After graduation Ted spent two years as assistant university counsel at Cornell and then joined the Marine Corps. He lives in Manlius, NY, and often sees **Anthony Boyadjis**, JD '84, who just got his Tesla delivered!

Susan Glenn Joseph (susan.joseph1786@gmail.com) writes that she recently switched careers after spending most of her professional life as an in-house attorney and general counsel. She became interested in blockchain technology four years ago, and since then has been working as a consultant on blockchain as it applies to insurance, financial institutions, identity, supply chain, digital rights, real estate, tokenization, and regulatory technology issues. She was the first executive director of ID2020, a UN initiative using blockchain to provide identity to the world's population. In May, she was named the North American representative for B3i, a blockchain startup formed by the global insurance industry to explore the use of distributed ledger technologies for the benefit of all stakeholders in the industry's value chain. She also started a not-for-profit, Diversity in Blockchain, with five co-founders to encourage diversity in the industry. Her twin daughters graduated from Cornell a year ago and are both happily employed in their fields. Her husband, Leon, is teaching middle school math at an inner-city school. For Susan, "helping others learn and understand how digital tools can help them, and working on inclusion and humanitarian causes" is what gives her the most satisfaction in life these days. If she had a day in Ithaca, she would tour the campus, go to the Ithaca Farmers Market, eat ice cream at Purity (mocha chip!), walk around Beebe Lake, go to one of the state parks, and walk around the Plantations (now the Botanic Gardens).

Franny Osman (frannyola@gmail.com) has been active on town transportation, disability, and select boards, with a focus on improving public transit in the west suburban Boston area. She and husband **Bill Freeman, MS '81**, live in a cohousing neighborhood in Acton, MA, where she enjoys writing and also swimming in nearby Walden Pond. Her kids are now 21, 25, and 28. At Cornell, **Roz Kennedy** Kenworthy, **MAT '70**, and her Risley friends had the greatest impact on her.

Our best wishes for the New Year! All three of us live in South Florida, and this is the perfect time of year to visit the region—let us know if you will be in the area. Many thanks for your updates. Please keep sending us news! ♦ **Steven Barre**, sbarre@aol.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net; **Tanis MacKay-Bell**, TanisMBell@gmail.com.

82 A wonderful gathering of D.C. area Tri-Delts that they know about—"Sorry if we missed anyone!"—was hosted by **Denise DeConcini** and **Bob Ramin**, MBA '85, in their Silver Spring, MD, home last July. We were so happy that **Wendy Raymond** and her husband, Dave Backus, were also visiting the area. Joining us for fun, food, drink, and looking at old photos of our young selves—as Denise said, "Always a sobering experience at this point"—were Chris and **Michele Daniels** Koch, Phil and **Catherine Cull** Chatfield, Joe and **Jann**

interesting commissions ranging from a creative office campus for a major entertainment network, a support center that serves the Los Angeles homeless population, and a public park, to single family and multifamily residential work." Alice recently decided to give up teaching entirely to focus solely on the practice and her family. Their oldest is a high school senior and will be applying to Cornell, their middle child just started high school, and their youngest recently started seventh grade. Together, they moved into a new (yet unfinished) house that they designed and built themselves.

I find it amazing when I read that some of you are grandparents, while I am still the mother of high schoolers. Also witnessing life changes are **Brian and Susan Stiff Parmelee '87** of San Clemente, CA, who just witnessed the marriage of their middle son in July. As their children have grown, the two took the opportunity to downsize their home. That may be giving Brian more time to spend playing with his rock cover band. He is working as a VP at JAMS, the largest private provider of mediation and arbitration in the world, while Susan is running a non-profit providing counseling and wellness resources to local teens. Brian regularly sees **Eric Hage**, his freshman-year roommate. **Julie Bick Weed** was the inspiration for me to learn a new word: *apronym*. I discovered my new vocabulary word (which means a person's name that is regarded as amusingly appropriate to their occupation) upon learning that Julie writes about the legal marijuana industry for *Forbes*. In addition, Julie writes for the *New York Times*, mostly about the travel industry. You can find her at <http://www.JulieWeed.net>.

This column for January was written as summer still has a hold on Atlanta. My summer was highlighted by a wonderful trip to Ljubljana, Slovenia, with the AlpAdria and Eastern Europe Chapter of the Cornell Hotel Society. I recommend that you add this often-overlooked country to your itinerary someday soon. No matter where you travel, remember to write your class correspondents so we can share your news in future columns. ♦ **Toby Goldsmith**, toby.goldsmith@gmail.com; **Lori Spydell Wagner**, mwagner@maiwealth.com; **Nancy Keates**, nancy.keates@wsj.com.

87 Happy New Year to the Class of 1987! **Karen Lootens** Odden's second novel, *A Dangerous Duet*, was published in November by Harper Collins. The book is a Victorian mystery set in a Soho music hall that has ties to the London underworld. Karen's first novel, *A Lady in Smoke*, was a *USA Today* bestseller. **Michael Millette's** son **George '22** is a freshman in the College of Engineering.

John Rosenberg has a new job with Transfer Enterprises Inc. and is still doing interior architecture in Connecticut. **Chris Olsen** has been working since November 2016 as a litigation services counsel at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, in the Los Angeles/Century office. In June 2018 he participated for the first time and completed the AIDS/LifeCycle, a seven-day, 545-mile bike ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles. The event benefits the Los Angeles LGBT Center and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. Chris raised more than \$4,500 and was recognized for his efforts by the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, a daily newspaper that focuses on the local legal community. He plans to participate in the 2019 event.

Jeffrey Handelman, MPA '92, celebrated his 25th anniversary at the New York State School Boards Assn., where he oversees human resources and administration. He says that he and his wife are getting used to being empty nesters. His daughter is a freshman at Binghamton

U. and his son is a junior at the U. of Vermont. **Jill Barnett Kaufman** is a psychotherapist, divorce coach, and divorce mediator. Jill's son is a freshman at U. of Michigan, so she too is an empty nester. **Richard Rotmistrovsky**, DVM '91, works as a veterinarian in Scottsdale, AZ. He says he has taken up ballroom dancing and travels yearly to Argentina to pursue Argentine tango.

Jill Israeloff Gross was named associate dean for Academic Affairs at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law

meeting with her longtime faculty advisor and current member of the Board of Trustees, **Mariana Wolfner '74**. Her husband, **Russell Ruthen**, and classmates **Deena Berton**, MBA '89, and **Stephen Odio** visited the *Cornell Daily Sun's* new home in Ithaca. Russell started teaching physics, and Geetanjali has been active in organized medicine as well as running a busy practice. Their oldest son, Neil, is studying at Oberlin College, having landed an internship at Weill Cornell's Englander Inst. for Precision

'Veterinarian Richard Rotmistrovsky travels yearly to Argentina to pursue Argentine tango.'

LIZ BROWN '87

at Pace U., where she has been a professor for 19 years. **Rachel Wagner** wrote that her last day as an owner of Wagner Zaun Architecture was September 28. She founded Wagner Zaun with Doug Zaun in fall 2005. Rachel had been fully employed in the field of architecture since 1987. She said that after 30 years of managing and maintaining a business, designing, researching, and teaching, she is taking a break from full-time employment to explore other pursuits.

Amit Batabyal did research instead of teaching this fall. Amit is an economics professor at the Rochester Inst. of Technology. His daughter, **Sanjana '18**, graduated from CALS last spring. **Stacey Neuhofer** Silberzweig attended a great program on ancient grains given by Mark Sorrells, a professor of Plant Breeding and Genetics at CALS, at the Cornell Club in NYC on September 15. **Shari Brasner** introduced Prof. Sorrells. Stacey enjoyed catching up with classmates **Lisa Cocchi**, **Rosemarie Cryan**, **Gabriel Boyar**, and **Jeff Cohen** at the event. ♦ **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu; **Lisa Griffin**, lag77@cornell.edu; **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, wwg5@cornell.edu.

Medicine. Twin sons Avi and Amar are sophomores in high school. They were fortunate to travel to Tanzania this summer and witness the natural beauty of that country. They didn't see President Obama, who was in Tanzania at the same time, but they did ride a hot air balloon over the Serengeti!

We heard from **Victor Seidel**, who says he enjoyed our 30th with friends and fellow classmates **Peter Lee**, **Steve Santisi**, **Bruce Kruger**, ME '89, **Steven Chartier**, and **Tobe Mellman** Rubin, MD '92. Among the highlights for Victor was visiting their old house on Linden Avenue, marching with the Big Red Band for the Arts Quad concert, and running together in the Reunion 5K. He thought the campus looked as stunning as ever, and the main Reunion dinner venues on Beebe Lake and at the Straight were spectacular. Victor also enjoyed meeting up with his uncle **Daniel Seidel '58**, who was back for his 60th Reunion.

Jessica Wang reports that she's a member of the history faculty at the U. of British Columbia, and is currently enjoying a fellowship year at Harvard U.'s Warren Center for Studies in American History. She says she has open-ended research time, good company, and a Harvard library card—what could be better?

Genise Reid sounds like she's staying busy! She says that lately she's been writing niche devotional guides and small-group studies for faith-based organizations. A few of her books are available on Amazon.com (search "Genise Reid" in the books department). She is nearing her 20th wedding anniversary to Leon and never tires of explaining that her maiden name is Reid and her married name is also Reid. She notes that someday she might try to find out the statistical probability of same-last-name marriages. What gives her the most satisfaction these days is her hobby as a live-sound engineer.

Suzanne Taylor e-mails that she received a Master of Law degree in civil litigation and dispute resolution from Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto. Unfortunately, before she could follow through on plans to open a mediation firm, her partner was diagnosed with a brain tumor and she took the retirement path instead. She continued as a hockey writer covering the Buffalo Sabres for a few years, but has now retired from that as well. In 2006 she decided to get over a decades-long fear of flying that began with a particularly bad flight from Newark to Ithaca, and which had kept her from going on vacation for 17 years. She started with a trip to India

88 Happy New Year, Class of '88! This is **Aliza Stein** Angelchik, part of the triumvirate of class correspondents, having learned about this opportunity back at Reunion last June from fellow class correspondent **Debbie Kaplan** Gershenson. I hope you all are having a good year so far. I am personally looking forward to contributing to the class correspondence and hearing from classmates.

I thought I'd first provide an update about myself. I've been running my own marketing strategy and research consulting firm for almost two decades, focusing on pharmaceuticals and biotech. I've been fortunate to have a wide array of clients, keeping busy over the last few decades and traveling a fair amount, both domestically and internationally. My husband, Paul, is a plastic surgeon and we have three active boys. Josh is an analyst at Oppenheimer in the Big Apple; Kai is getting ready for middle school and heavy into Tae Kwan Do and math; and Jacob, a big chess enthusiast, is in elementary school.

At Reunion (which I went to with close friend **Laura Bloch**) I bumped into many classmates I haven't seen in forever (which was awesome!) including **Geetanjali Akerkar**-Ruthen, MD '93. She writes that 2018 has been a wonderful year and that it was fun heading back to Ithaca to celebrate our 30th Reunion. She enjoyed

to build at the Jimmy Carter Work Project there, and has been traveling and following Jimmy Carter ever since, including becoming very involved in the Carter Center, President Carter's foundation in Atlanta.

Tracey Boss is a pediatric neuro-optometrist. She has been living in Maryland for two years and has two lovely children. **Jennifer Dell**-Ernstrom e-mails that her parents are selling the family farm, so their family focal point will shift from the Finger Lakes to Bucks County, PA. Check out the following if you'd like to know more: <https://4490-county-road-6-trumansburg-newyork.com/>. And last but not least, **Daniel Cavicchi** contributes that he began serving as interim provost of Rhode Island School of Design in June 2018. This marks his 22nd year at RISD, where he has held various positions, including professor of history, philosophy, and the social sciences; dean of liberal arts; and associate provost.

That's all for my first column—thanks for reading! Please continue to let us know what's new and exciting in your life! You can send in your "hellos" and stories using the online news form at: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>, or write to any of us at the addresses below. Until next time! ♦ **Aliza Stein** Angelchik, aangelchik@sonorusbrand.com; **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, alm46@cornell.edu; **Debbie Kaplan** Gershenson, dag97@cornell.edu.

89 Ah, we are only a few short months away from that glorious celebration of time passing—Reunion! If this is not already on your calendar (June 6-9, 2019), I strongly encourage you to mark it down and start googling flights, maps, hotels, or dorms—the newly refurbished Robert Purcell Union for us this time! As a proud attendee for each of the '89er five-year get-togethers, I can attest to the fun, fascination, and—get this—*relaxation* of Cornell Reunion. Yes, I just used the words "relaxation" and "Cornell" in the same sentence.

Gone are the days of 1,000-word essays, formula sheets, 200-page reading assignments, prelims, and—the most terrible, chest-tightening, stomach churning of all—finals. Once you're there, they don't so much as ask you to write down your name, let alone an essay. (You get a lanyard and a personalized button and never have to pick up a pen. Hand-to-heart, it's the truth.) And, for those of you who may have had a car on campus back in the day (I get giddy and a bit light-headed at the mere thought of this one), you can park all over the place! No permits! Plus, the food is, without exception, excellent, and they encourage you to hang out and drink beer on the Arts Quad. (I am not making this up!) Our co-chairs, **Carol Borack** Copenhaver (cabcope@hotmail.com), **Debbie Schaffel** (comellian89@yahoo.com), and **Dave**

Scher (david_scher@yahoo.com), have been taking all their years of experience putting these together to create a fantastic weekend (dinners at the Botanic Gardens and Beebe Lake, among other things). They are happy to take on any helpers, so get inspired and reach out to them!

Many of our fellow '89ers are hitting career strides and facing empty nests. **Emily Farnham** Mastrianni is currently president of Mann Wireless. She writes, "We provide in-building signal enhancement system design, installation, and integration services (we make your cell phones and two-way radios work inside). My oldest daughter graduated from Wesleyan and is a Spanish teacher in Connecticut. My middle daughter, **Grace '20**, is a current junior at Cornell in the College of Human Ecology; she is also rowing with the women's crew team. My youngest daughter is still in high school, so she's unsure of where she will land!" Emily says that the first friend she made at Cornell was **Jinny Van Deusen**, whom she met at the freshman orientation BBQ on the Baker Quad. "We see each other regularly and are both looking forward to our 30th Reunion in 2019!"

Jim Loi writes, "In 2017 I retired from the State Dept. after 22 years of service. That career took me and my family to Romania, South Africa, China, and Singapore, as well as on domestic assignments that included the White House under Presidents Obama and Bush. I am now partner and COO of the Asia Group, a D.C.-based strategic advisory firm that advises US companies in their business in Asia. My older daughter is a junior at Bowdoin. Daughter number two is a freshman at the U. of Puget Sound. My son is a sophomore in high school." While Jim says he looks back fondly on hikes in the falls, pizza at the Nines, and Dunbars (RIP), at present what he enjoys most is "watching my children transition into adulthood."

Grace Manchise Couture and husband Brian became empty nesters when they sent their youngest off to Boston College last August. They recently relocated from Connecticut to California, where Grace is talent acquisition partner for CVS Health and Brian is environmental manager at SONGS (San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station). As for Cornell, Grace writes that the first person she met was **Cathy Rauscher** Gianchandani, "who became my apartment-mate junior and senior year." And if Grace had a day to spend at Cornell? She would walk the campus, go to the bookstore, and visit the gorges. **Gerry Haddad** and his wife dropped off their daughters at Cornell this past August: senior **Amelia Haddad '19** and sophomore **Genna Haddad '21**. While there, they "had dinner with **Antoinette Romanelli** Buckley '90 in Ithaca, who was also dropping off her sophomore daughter. We recently had dinner in NYC with my freshman-year roommate, **Doug Beal**, who had just moved back to the US after 21 years abroad."

I have to add my own name to the list of the empty nesters. My older son is a sophomore at American U. in Washington, DC, which he thoroughly loves. My younger son is a high school senior and going through the application process. Toward that end, my husband and I have done "several" (ahem) college tours, two of which provided me with mini-reunions. When we went by way of Pittsburgh, we had dinner with fellow freshman-year Lyon Hall alum **Lisa Spellman** Porter and her son, and our trek to New Jersey allowed for a meal with my honorary roommate from freshman year, **Vaishali Trivedi** Bhatt, and her husband, who have already sent both of their boys off to college.

And that high school graduation that is looming for my son will occur just a few days before the Class of '89 30th Reunion. I plan to arrive on campus excited for the

fun—but with a large box of tissues in hand. Send your news to: ♦ **Kris Borovicka** Gerig, kgerig@columbus.rr.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Kidder** McGarry, laurenkiddermcgarry@gmail.com; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com.

90 As Allan reported in the last column, former class president and Reunion chair **Carolyn DeWilde Casswell** passed away last summer after a long and brave battle with breast cancer. I cannot remember exactly when it was she told the class council about her illness, but I remember being concerned because it had been detected at an advanced stage. During the many years that followed, I served as a class officer with her and never ceased to be amazed by Carolyn. She always stayed positive, energetic, and completely passionate about all things Cornell.

Carolyn's dedication to Cornell was evident to everyone who knew her. Former class president **Jeff Goldstein** shared his memories of her: "I met Carolyn the first night of freshman year in Mary Donlon Hall. Little did I know how much she would contribute to Cornell experiences for me and for many others for many years to come. While in school, she was a force to be reckoned with: a fierce crew competitor, president of her sorority, and, of course, a great student. After Cornell, she continued to give back so much to the university and our class. I know because I followed Carolyn into every office she held with the Cornell Club of Washington and our class, and I was able to see the huge impact she had. I will always miss her terribly, but every memory of Cornell brings back memories of Carolyn, and every memory brings a smile."

Class Reunion chair **Elinor Langfelder** Schwind was among several classmates present at Alpha Phi sorority during Homecoming weekend. "A beautiful and poignant memorial service for Carolyn was held in the Alpha Phi garden. The house corporation dedicated a lovely stone bench among the mums that Carolyn enjoyed planting at the house each year. The ceremony included moving tributes from Carolyn's husband, **Bill '89**, MBA '01, members of her family, officers of the Alpha Phi house corporation board, and numerous Alpha Phi sisters, including **Annett Inacker** Trail and **Sharin Skolnik**." I am glad to hear that Carolyn's spirit will continue to live on at a place that was special to her at Cornell.

My heart also goes out to former class correspondent **Tamiko Toland**, her husband, **Ian Hayward '05**, and older son Aidan on the passing of her younger son, Colin, last March. Diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor just before he turned 2, Colin taught me so much about fully living life one day at a time. He always kept his sense of humor through many complicated surgeries, medical procedures, long hospitalizations, the recovery process, and rehabilitation. Through Tamiko and Ian's updates, it was heartwarming to see how the Cornell hockey team, the Ithaca Police Dept., and the Ithaca community rallied around Colin during his ups and downs. Mayor **Svante Myrick '09** declared September 12 Colin Hayward Toland Day after he was sworn in as an officer of the Ithaca Police Dept. He was eventually promoted to the rank of lieutenant. Two officers drove down to St. Jude's in Memphis during Colin's last stay there.

Colin was not a figurehead police officer. He went on patrol on the Commons, attended SWAT training, and did many things that police officers do. His dream to become a police officer came after his sixth brain surgery and a series of 30 radiation treatments at St. Jude's in 2016. "I came back from my hospital, and I really wanted to help people, so I thought it would be a great idea to become



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Aside from work, Jess and his wife, Jen, have a number of trips abroad planned. They recently visited Singapore and have upcoming trips to Switzerland, Germany, and Australia coming up later in 2018. He is quite focused on growing his company and keeping himself healthy and fit. Jess says he gets the most satisfaction when he is able to, through his work, contribute meaningfully to others' lives, helping them to reach their potential, achieve a goal, or grow in some way important to that person. He remembers his time at Cornell fondly, noting that **Rick Adie '75** was among the first people he met. "He remains among the most influential people I had the pleasure of knowing during my time at Cornell." Jess still lives in Ithaca, where he enjoys some time with his friends, mountain biking, and touring the local breweries or restaurants.

Rachael Kermis is in her last year of family medicine residency and acting as chief resident and fur-mom to her Sheepadoodle, Watson. She has also been staying actively involved as the resident representative on the board of directors for Louisiana's family medicine academy. After residency, she is staying in Baton Rouge to have an outpatient clinic and to teach part time with the residency. Her focus will be expanding sexual health resources for her patients and implementing preventive health measures. Send news to: ♦ **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

13 We have some very interesting news to report this month. First, **Oily Wang** says hello from China, where he is doing well.

Sefra Alexander, MAT '13, is a fellow at the Crop Trust that oversees the World Seed Banking Network including the Global Seed Vault in Svalbard (part of the Norwegian islands). As part of her fellowship, Sefra is conducting impact assessment research of the taro crop through the lens of ethnobotanics in Fiji! As the self-proclaimed Seed Huntress, Sefra is on the hunt to preserve the biodiversity of fields and forests, especially following natural disasters. She is reminded that we humans are "people of the pinch," meaning that we live in a pinch in time when we can either stand by and watch the genetic erosion of our flora, or step in as stewards and caretakers. She is also the hostess for the podcast "SpartanUP!", promoting the international obstacle course racing company. Sefra travels the globe running through mountains with some of the world's most elite athletes. One race, the Death Race, sets the record for the world's longest barbed wire crawl. She says that the first person she met at Cornell was the Carya Ovata, a hickory tree in the MacDaniels Nut Grove. If Sefra had one more day in Ithaca, she would go seed collecting with the Primitive Pursuits.

Jonathan Lee just finished medical school at SUNY Upstate and started his vascular surgery residency at Mount Sinai Hospital. He is grateful to Cornell for its excellent educational experience. He looks forward to seeing what Cornell does for his brother, who is a junior in the Applied Economics and Management program, and hopefully his sister too, who is applying to Cornell next year!

As always, I want to hear what you've been up to since graduating so that YOU can be featured in our columns! E-mail me with news. ♦ **Rachael Schuman**, RASchuman@gmail.com.

14 Happy New Year, classmates! We hope you all had a fun holiday season, and we look forward to seeing many of you in Ithaca at our class's 5th Reunion this June! **Kelsey Gatto** Peoples, BS '13, graduated with her MS in nutrition and food science in 2016

and now works as a clinical registered dietitian nutritionist at a top hospital in New Jersey. She also started her own private practice, the Peoples Plate LLC, to offer more in-depth outpatient education and counseling both in person and virtually through video conferencing. In November 2017, Kelsey married Philip, a fellow New Jersey native.

Exactly one year after their engagement at Beebe Lake, **Ryan and Paige Kulling Larkin** were married on September 29, 2018 at Cornell, with a ceremony at Sage Chapel and a reception at the Statler Hotel. Paige and Ryan timed their wedding to occur during Ithaca's Apple Harvest Festival: a nostalgic favorite for both of them. Class of 2014 wedding party members included **Timothy Healy**, **Lauren Taylor**, and **Ruth-Anne Langan**. Among numerous Cornell alumni from several years, other Class of 2014 guests included **Katherine Owsiany**, **Collin Meier**, **Parvez Ahmed Garcia**, **Nathaniel Root**, **Andrew Newman**, **David Li**, **Larry Rosenzweig**, MPS '16, **Narayanan Sadagopan**, and **Michael Freund**. Paige and Ryan will be celebrating their honeymoon in Tahiti and Moorea this winter. Paige finished her PhD in experimental pathology at the U. of Virginia in May 2018 and is currently a clinical microbiology fellow at UCLA. Ryan is an award-winning independent producer in Los Angeles who is currently developing his first feature-length film. Please keep us updated with all of the exciting happenings in your lives! ♦ **Samantha Lapehn**, srl76@cornell.edu; **Tejal Thakkar**, tdt42@cornell.edu.

15 Greetings, classmates! Now that the holiday craze has settled, please take a moment to send us your news. How did you ring in the New Year? ♦ **Haley Velasco**, hav9@cornell.edu; **Ariel Cooper**, alc258@cornell.edu. Online news form: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

16 Hello again, classmates! As winter is now settled in, we can imagine our beautiful Cornell campus filled with snow. With a little distance, it's easy to remember how pretty the snow looks on the statues of Ezra Cornell and A.D. White . . . It's also easy to forget the early sashes to campus in heavy winter boots! While forgetting the trials of winter may be easy, please do not forget to send in news!

We heard from classmate **Laura Bach**, who began serving in the Peace Corps in Uganda in November 2016. Laura works at Arua Hill Public School, where she has lived and taught for the last two years. For her final project, she is raising money to bring 20 computers to the school. Best of luck to you, Laura! **Alexander Krakoski** (alex.krakoski@gmail.com) writes, "I am now working with a boutique venture capital firm called Dot Capital (www.dotcapital.com). I'd like to connect with entrepreneurial alumni that would like to work together."

Chloe Chung (cgc63@cornell.edu) started at UCLA School of Law this year and plans to graduate in spring 2021. "Prior to that I tutored underprivileged children in Southern California and then worked as a litigation paralegal at Kirby McInerney LLP, a securities and anti-trust firm specializing in class action litigation in NYC." If she had a day in Ithaca, Chloe would walk around campus, eat at CTB, grab a drink at Loco or Ruloff's, have late night pizza at CTP, hike the falls, go swimming, and tan at flat rock.

Sincere thanks to all of our classmates who shared their latest updates with us. We would love to include more in our next column, so please do not hesitate to write! ♦ **Meghan McCormick**, mcm324@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.



RED SEA: Berobed graduates fill Carnegie Hall at Commencement 2019.

Medical College 1940s

Cedric C. Jimerson '40, MD '43, who recently turned 100, was honored along with other veterans at a ceremony in Harrisburg, PA, commemorating the 75th anniversary of D-Day. He served as a captain and battalion surgeon in the US Army Medical Corps in World War II; he spent a year and a half in Europe in the 663rd Medical Clearing Company, including six months in a combat zone in Germany, for which he won two Bronze Stars. He notes that he was well trained but that doctors often had to improvise to treat complex cases. He and other surgeons developed a method using tubing and condoms to stabilize gunshot wound patients and prevent collapsed lungs. After his military service, he was appointed chief of surgery at Community General Hospital in Reading, PA, in 1950, where he served until his retirement in 1986. He has written several books about his experiences.

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1950s

Jack Richard '50, MD '53: "I retired fully in March 2018 and am enjoying life in New York City, especially theater, concerts, and museums. Through an acting course I am taking at the 92nd Street Y, I got a role in a movie, which was shot from October to January and is now being put in its final form. How's that for a new career at age 90? I would love to see any classmate who visits New York."

Herbert Vaughan Jr., MD '55, has been keeping up with the news and would like to hear from **Hiram Kendall, MD '55**, and any other classmates.

Stanley Landau '53, MD '56: "I have been retired almost 20 years from the practice of adult and pediatric urology. Still go to weekly Medical Grand Rounds. I travel abroad once a year and to Sarasota part of the winter. I'm still playing golf and duplicate bridge. Maxine and I have five children, nine grandchildren,

and a great-grandchild on the way. Made the big move this year from Hewlett Harbor, Long Island, to the North Shore Towers. Life here is much easier and good. Onward and upward."

Kay Ehlers Gabler, MD '57: "Many of our classmates were deeply saddened by the recent death of **Jack Madaras, MD '57**, this spring. Jack was a successful thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon, an avid world traveler, and a longtime friend to many in our class. His personal outreach contributed enormously to the success of our 60th Reunion last fall, with a record class dinner attendance of 22 (12 alums and ten spouses or family members). For many years Jack pulled together classmates in South Florida, from Sarasota to Boca Raton, for a spring luncheon held on Sanibel or at Fort Myers, an occasion we all looked forward to and hopefully will continue. Jack will surely be missed for his friendship and goodwill, and respected for his loyalty to WCM."

'At a conference in Augusta, ME, in April, I reconnected with Deb Hagler, MD '92. We have been living 30 miles apart, which is not far in Maine miles, yet did not connect until today. We took a selfie and will be sure to have coffee—we know many people in common!'

— Steven E. Diaz, MD '92

the National Ski Patrol continues to grow, as does other community involvement. Family life on Cape Cod offers wonderful opportunities, though grandchildren in Texas and Metro New York are too far away. I continue to see the wonderful gifts to Weill Cornell described in the frequent fundraising materials in the mail. I look forward to seeing Weill Cornell join NYU Langone and Kaiser in using these incredible resources to provide tuition-free undergraduate medical education."

1980s

Brad Radwaner, MD '80, writes that in addition to continuing his 27-year-old private cardiology practice in Manhattan (Cardiovascular Prevention PLLC), he has branched out into the treatment of varicose veins and chronic venous reflux disease, with the opening of Elite Veins NY. He notes that he even fits into his old cardiology fellowship scrubs!

Scott D. Hayworth, MD '84, continues to serve as president and CEO of CareMount Medical PC (CMM), the largest independent multi-specialty medical group in the US. On January 1, the physicians and employees of

the Murray Hill Medical Group joined CMM, establishing its presence in the NYC market. Dr. Hayworth is also CEO and board chairman of CareMount Health Solutions LLC (CMHS), a collaborative physician-owned management services organization launched by CMM in 2019. CMHS provides management services and expertise in population health for physicians, hospitals, and healthcare systems seeking to reduce costs, improve margins, and enhance the patient experience.

Roger Blumenthal, MD '85: "My wife, Wendy, and I became frequently traveling college lacrosse fans after our son, Ross, became the starting goalie at Drexel as a freshman. Among the most fun games was a one-goal win at Hofstra and 12 days later an upset win over top-seeded UMass in the CAA semifinals. It is very exciting but stressful to have a goaltender in the family with so many games decided by one or two goals."

Nan A. S. Hayworth, MD '85, a former US Congresswoman, is a strategic business development adviser for Pilot Growth Equity Partners and a frequent guest on television and radio providing commentary on government, healthcare, public policy, and politics. She has



MARCHING ON: Kuei-Chiu Chen, PhD (left), associate professor of biology, leads grads lined up for Commencement in Doha, Qatar.

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GROUP SHOT: Dayyan Mohammed Adoor, MD '19, takes a selfie at the Qatar branch's Commencement.

2000s

Piyush K. Agarwal, MD '00: "After finishing seven and a half years at the National Cancer Institute as the head of the Bladder Cancer Section in the Urologic Oncology Branch, I am moving to the University of Chicago to run one of the largest bladder cancer programs in the Midwest. I will be a full professor of urology/surgery, director of the Bladder Cancer Program, and director of the Urologic Oncology Fellowship."

Carin H. Gribetz, MD '00: "I am pleased to announce that I have moved my dermatology practice to 969 Park Avenue in New York City, where I continue to practice both medical and cosmetic dermatology."

Jian Shen, MD '02: "I continue to focus on the most advanced endoscopic surgeries of the cervical, lumbar, and thoracic spine. I have published six clinical study papers on endoscopic spine surgery in journals such as *World Neurosurgery*. I won the 2019 Parviz Kambin Award, the most prestigious international award in endoscopic spine surgery."

Rupa Krishnamurthy Wong, MD '02: "I co-founded the Association for Healthcare Social Media, the first nonprofit dedicated to positively influencing public health and healthcare through social media. We aim to accelerate the sharing of healthcare information over all platforms while advocating for the integrity of online medical information. Together with three other amazing female physicians, I also founded a conference for women physicians in private practice. In an era of continued gender pay disparity and workplace discrimination, the task of negotiating as a woman in the private practice sphere can be daunting. Our inaugural conference, Pinnacle, will be held December 6–8 at the Four Seasons in Dallas, TX. We seek to address the specific challenges that female physicians face by providing actionable information on tactics, tools, and strategies for running or joining a successful practice. Topics will include contract and salary negotiation, private practice management pearls, and branding and marketing. I hope some alumni will join me!"

Tali Lando, MD '04: I am a married mother of three girls, living in Westchester, NY, and a practicing pediatric otolaryngologist at ENT Faculty Practice in Ardsley, NY. After completing my residency in otolaryngology–head and neck surgery, I did a two-year fellowship in pediatric airway surgery at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. I started my current job straight out of fellowship. Last May, I published my first book: *Hell & Back: Wife and Mother, Doctor and Patient, Dragon Slayer*. It is available on Amazon and various other venues. Since then, I have written several articles and done various speaking engagements and podcasts related to the book. Check it out on my website, drtaliaronoff.com."

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2010s

Stephanie Purisch, MD '12, completed her maternal fetal medicine fellowship at Columbia and will be joining its MFM faculty in September. She lives on the Upper West Side with her husband and their one-year-old son.

Neal S. Parikh, MD '13, became an assistant professor of neurology at Weill Cornell Medicine on July 1.

Kevin Johnson, MD '14: "I am the former head of Q! LGBTQ Students in Medicine at WCM. I finished my addiction psychiatry training this year and will be starting a transgender health clinic in Syracuse, NY. I have also been working as an editor for the second edition of *Trans Bodies, Trans Selves: A Resource for the Transgender Community*."

Eda Dou, MD '16: "I'm a diagnostic radiology resident at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell, currently finishing up my PGY-3 year. I was recently elected to the executive board of the New York Breast Imaging Society."

Graduate School of Medical Sciences

Bruce A. Sullenger, PhD '91, the Joseph and Dorothy Beard Professor in the Department of Surgery at Duke University Medical Center, was inducted as a fellow of the National Academy of Inventors last spring.

Maureen Gannon, PhD '96: "In recognition of the successful implementation of the Vanderbilt University Medical Center Mid-Career Leadership Development Program, I received an award at our end-of-year faculty assembly. I was honored to receive the Thomas A. Hazinski Award for Effectiveness in Monitoring Professional Development of Faculty, which is given every other year."

George T. Wu, PhD '07, joined the intellectual property group at the law firm of Lathrop Gage. He specializes in biomedical-related matters and cutting-edge technologies, and also counsels clients on patent applications and trademark and copyright registrations.

ALUMNI

'46 MD—Alexander R. Stevens Jr. of Seattle, WA, April 25, 2019; physician.

'49 MD—Harold W. Evans of Grand Forks, ND, October 29, 2018; internist, Grand Forks Clinic; worked with the University of North Dakota School of Medicine; Federal Aviation Agency medical examiner; Naval flight surgeon; veteran; enjoyed family genealogy, reading, golf, computer files, and ocean cruises; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'50 MD—Willard C. Thompson Jr. of Charlotte, NC, May 10, 2019; surgeon; chief of staff, Presbyterian Hospital; veteran; enjoyed classical music, astronomy, wilderness adventures, and woodworking.

'51 MD—E. William David Jr. of New York City, May 5, 2019; pioneer in the field of medical ethics; clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology, Weill Cornell Medicine; first director of quality assurance and VP of medical affairs, New York Hospital; served in the OSS in World War II; active in community and professional affairs.

'54 MD—Walter L. Freedman of Tucson, AZ, December 3, 2018; former chief of ob/gyn at Denver Health; veteran.

'57 MD—John S. Madaras of Short Hills, NJ, April 9, 2019; thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon; veteran; enjoyed golf, sports, photography, ornithology, and travel.

'61 MD—James W. Ryan of Augusta, GA, May 4, 2019; professor emeritus, University of Miami; established the Lee Walter and Emma Elizabeth Haddox Ryan Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund at WCM.

IN MEMORIAM

FACULTY

David A. Hamburg, MD, of Washington, DC, April 21, 2019; had a wide-ranging and distinguished career as a clinician, scientist, and public servant who advanced humanitarian programs; did early and seminal work on the impact of stress on the brain; awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1996 for his work toward understanding human behavior, preventing violent conflict, and improving the health and wellbeing of children; as chair of psychiatry at Stanford University in the early 1970s, created a multidisciplinary department that became a national model; served as president of the Institute of Medicine (now the National Academy of Medicine); directed the Division of Health Policy Research and Education at Harvard University; served as president of the Carnegie Corporation for nearly two decades, promoting peer counseling and after-school programs in the US and the development of policies and programs to prevent war and genocide across the globe; chaired commissions for the United Nations and European Union; since 2003, was a DeWitt Wallace Senior Scholar in the Department of Psychiatry at WCM, where he produced *Preventing Genocide: Practical Steps toward Early Detection and Effective Action* and *Learning to Live Together: Preventing Hatred and Violence in Child and Adolescent Development*, the latter co-authored with his late wife, Betty Hamburg, MD, who was affiliated with WCM's Department of Psychiatry.

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