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By Katie O'Brien '16

The University's 1,000-plus-item catalogue of registered organizations reflects the dizzying breadth and depth of student interests, with groups related to performance, activism, cultural heritage, service, professional development, and more. Do you like Brazilian martial arts? Korean drumming? Indian dance? How about jousting in homemade suits of armor, watching "Doctor Who," playing Pokémon, keeping bees, or racing dragon boats? A visual sampling of campus clubs, where students do good works, gain valuable experience, or just blow off steam.

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By Jeff Stein '13

For Cornellians on campus during the late Sixties and early Seventies, their college days were often fraught with dissent and unrest, due to protests about the Vietnam war, conflicts over racial unrest, and other turmoil. Many activists from that era had never returned to the Hill in the intervening decades—until now. In November, Professor Isaac Kramnick hosted a two-day reunion on campus, where former radicals reminisced, met with current students, and offered inspirational lessons for today's activists.

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By Heather Salerno

For his latest book, human development professor Karl Pillemer sought relationship advice from America's elders. In *30 Lessons for Loving: Advice from the Wisest Americans on Love, Relationships, and Marriage*, he compiles insights from more than 700 people over sixty-five, many of them veterans of long unions. "These are people who've been through just about everything that keeps young people awake at night, and they're still doing okay," Pillemer says. "They're living examples that a lot of what we worry about is actually resolvable—that with resilience, drive, and flexibility, you can still be happy, even though bad things sometimes happen to you."

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Straight from the Source

Why personal interaction with students is vital

Over the years I have been at Cornell, my most important single goal has been to learn more about—and thus better serve—our large and diverse student body. No source of information about the student experience is more meaningful than the students themselves, but at a large, complex research university it can be difficult to learn from them in a personal way. For that reason, I've let students know that they can be in touch with me—by e-mail or in person, as time permits—and that I'll do my best to listen, advise, encourage, and learn from them.

Each August, during my address to new students and their families, I give out my e-mail address and urge new students to contact me if they have not been able to find someone who can respond to their question or address a concern about their lives at Cornell. I may not know the answer, but I will direct their query to someone on my leadership team who is better able to help.

From my very first year at Cornell, I've also hosted periodic office hours—following the lead of Vice President for Student and Academic Services Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94—which are open to ten students (graduate, professional, and undergraduate). We always have an excellent turnout. We have advertised the office hours in advance, in the *Daily Sun* and in our Graduate School Announcements, which are sent to some 5,200 graduate and professional students each week, and we are exploring the use of official Cornell social media to get the word out more broadly. No two sessions of office hours are quite the same . . . although we always have cookies, and they always disappear!

Some groups, including those promoting sustainability, have made sure to have a representative—a different student each time—at virtually every office hours session to advocate for issues about which they feel strongly. Their views, along with guidance received from Cornell's shared governance groups, have informed and often influenced our decisions on such issues as carbon neutrality, bottled water, sweatshops, and sexual violence.

Other students come to office hours with their own personal concerns; a fair number are aspiring physicians who want to ask me about my medical career and pick up tips for getting into



PAT DRISCOLL

Open-door policy: Skorton with student visitors to his office hours

medical school and for charting a career course. Still others come with absolutely no agenda other than wanting to meet the president and perhaps to take a “selfie” with me.

The unpredictability of the students' backgrounds, issues, and ideas makes for a very interesting hour, as we all chat in my office. Students learn a lot from each other during these sessions—often finding intersecting circles of friends, complementary experiences and concerns, and ways to continue the conversation with each other once the session concludes.

And, of course, Vice President Murphy and I learn a great deal from the students. By the end of the hour, we have new insights about what students are thinking, what excites them about Cornell, what they would like us to do differently, and how they and their friends and associates might move the discussion forward.

Vice President Murphy and I will be hosting one more session of open office hours during the spring semester. And while Robin and I are looking forward to our move to Washington, D.C., next summer, when I become secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, I will truly miss these unscripted conversations with the amazing students who have taught me so much about Cornell.

— President David Skorton
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I am very gratified that Cornell has finally joined the twenty-first century with the appointment of its first female president. As one of the first coeducational institutions in the U.S., it's about time Cornell had a female president. You go, Elizabeth!

*Lynne Byall Benson, PhD '08
Charlestown, Massachusetts*

As a woman graduate of Cornell, I'm thrilled to welcome Beth and think she sounds great. I've listened to the video [of the press conference announcing her appointment] and have one suggestion: mention teaching as well as research. She rightly talked about developing the next generation of leaders and the search for truth, but I never heard the words, "great teachers and great teaching."

*Dale Rogers Marshall '59
Piedmont, California*

Photo Finish

I agree that the picture of the Arts Quad in the mid-Fifties on page 41 of the September/October 2014 issue ("Campus Confrontation") was terrific. But you didn't identify the year it was taken, and I take issue with Charles Juran '53, BME '54, who wrote in the Correspondence section in November/December that it was taken in fall 1954.

In fact, I am also in that picture, in the group of four students standing in the lower right-hand corner. I am in a beige jacket, white shirt, no tie, behind the NROTC midshipman—and by fall 1954, I was already out to sea on a destroyer.

What was amusing is that the famous photographer Alfred Eisenstadt was standing at the top of a tall stepladder, on the walkway—and because everyone passing wanted to get in the picture, he was screaming loudly, "Get away, keep moving, look natural!"

*Richard Bosshardt '52, BEE '53
Nevada City, California*

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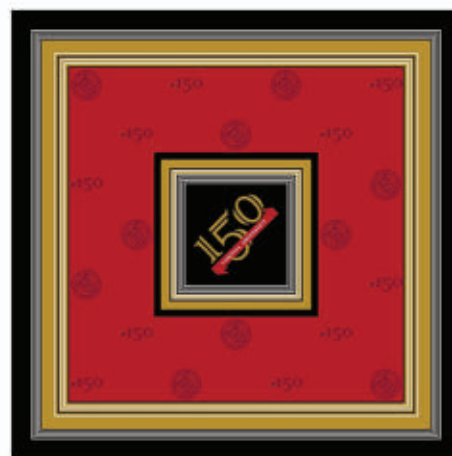
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Silent Nights

MATT HINTSA '10

Notes from January's solitude

After the vast exodus from the Hill in the middle weeks of December, after Christmas and New Year's have come and gone, January arrives in Ithaca. Each day adds a minute or so of pale, slender light to the very short hours of sun. Winter—the real, the legendary, Ithaca winter—has set down its deep, tough roots.

Ithaca is similar to such sun-kissed cities as Los Angeles and Las Vegas in one odd yet important respect: many—if not most—of its residents come from somewhere else. So during the early weeks of the New Year, Ithaca turns into a very different kind of place.

It's a little like Muscovites have fled Napoleon's army—or in this case, rushed away from the shortest, darkest days of the year in a city not celebrated for its blue skies and sunlight. Dead and dry Christmas trees, tinsel still strewn in their branches and fluttering in the wind, appear like fallen soldiers on the lawns around town, awaiting pickup by the city's sanitation crews.

Yet for those of us who remain, something quite beautiful appears on campus and in the city—something hushed and etched and sparkling, something that might almost be called holy. Ithaca becomes a small, sleepy, simple town.

On Tower Road and on the Arts Quad, on freezing January nights, minutes and even hours can go by without a single car passing or a bundled-against-the-cold walker moving silently by. The lights in the clock tower remain on, and seem especially sharp and clear in the dark, icy air.

In some of downtown's sleepier neighborhoods, if a light snow has fallen a slow hour can pass before a single set of tire tracks appears. Some houses, of course, remain lit, and some still have Christmas lights frosting their porches or lights glowing like candles in windows. Through a few front windows, on Buffalo Street and Cayuga Street, wood stoves and fireplaces blaze behind gauzy curtains, and there is the smell of smoke in the cold air.

On the other side of town, on the far eastern edge of campus, almost nothing but a slight, freezing breeze stirs the Plantations' Newman Arboretum. But near the pond, two, three, four, maybe five deer emerge from a cluster of trees. They move noiselessly, searching for food—maybe, like the rest of us, seeking even a slim minute more of light.

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— Paul Cody, MFA '87



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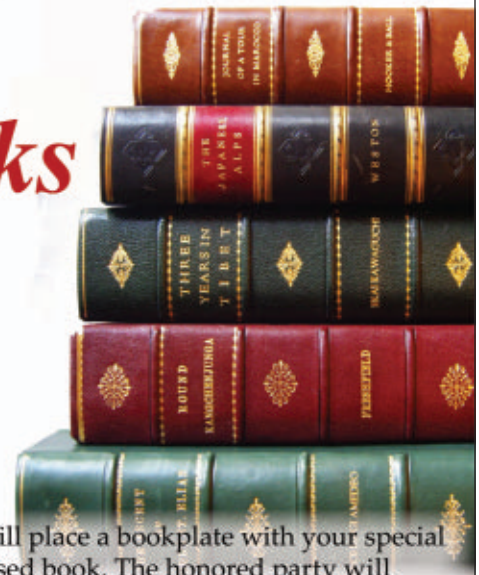
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In December, Jenny Barnett became editor and publisher of CAM, the eleventh person—and first woman—to lead the magazine in its 115-year history. An alumna of the University of Oxford, she has more than twenty years of publishing experience, including serving as executive editor of *Harper's Bazaar* and *Marie Claire* in the U.S. and as a founding editor of *UK Marie Claire*.



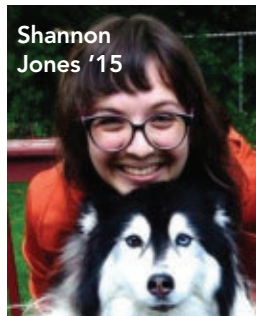
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Jenny Barnett

Before joining CAM, Barnett was a lecturer in communication in CALS, where she developed a new course on writing and editing for the media. She plans to continue teaching on the Hill through the spring semester, and possibly beyond. "I am thrilled to be taking on the position of editor and publisher at such a significant moment in Cornell's history," Barnett says. "I look forward to building on CAM's success, engaging alumni, and celebrating this remarkable university and community." Barnett lives in Ithaca with her husband, a teacher at Cayuga Heights Elementary School, and their three children.

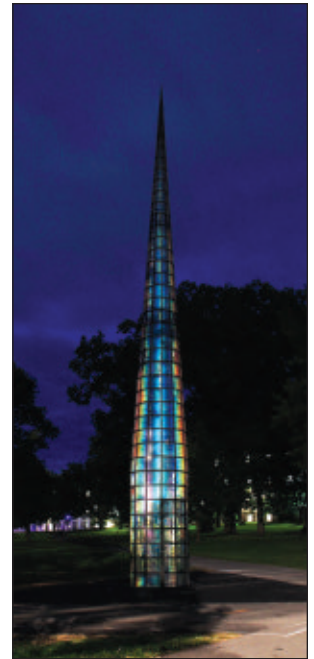
Senior Murdered in Ithaca

Cornellians are mourning the death of a twenty-three-year-old senior who was killed over Thanksgiving break in an alleged domestic violence incident in Ithaca. Shannon Jones, an engineering major from Potomac, Maryland, was found strangled in an apartment near campus. Her thirty-two-year-old boyfriend—who has allegedly confessed to the crime—has been charged with second-degree murder in her death and is being held in jail. In a message of condolence to the University community, President David Skorton cited engineering professor Mason Peck's praise of Jones, with whom he worked on a student satellite project team known as Violet. "Shannon had an infectious enthusiasm for exploring space and building our future in it," Peck said. "She helped figure out how to make Violet's star tracker work, and when Violet launches next year and takes its first images of the stars, we'll have Shannon to thank for it."



Shannon Jones '15

Looking sharp: A forty-six-foot-tall sculpture by the Korean artist Kimsooja towered above the Arts Quad this fall as part of "Intimate Cosmologies," the Cornell Council for the Arts' 2014 Biennial, which ran through late December. Entitled *A Needle Woman: Galaxy was a Memory, Earth is a Souvenir*, the work was coated in an iridescent polymer film developed at Cornell.



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Flower Power

In November, the campus once again went wild for "Wee Stinky." Cornell's beloved corpse flower drew crowds to a CALS greenhouse for a viewing of its massive blossom (and a sniff of its sepulchral scent)—though, sadly, it wilted within a day. The *titan arum*, which boasts its own blog, was a hit when it first bloomed in March 2012.

Urban Outfitter

An outpost of the Cornell Store has opened at the Medical college in New York. In addition to the main store on central campus, the new venue joins branches in the Statler Hotel, Sage Hall, and the Shops at Ithaca Mall.

Dean Laurie Glimcher



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'I literally found eight friends without walking eight feet.'

— Helen Giles '13, on the Cornellian crowd in Madison Square Garden for the "Frozen Apple" game against Penn State (the Big Red won 3-1)



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Sanford Weill '55

LINDSAY FRANCE / UP

Weill Steps Down as Med School Chair

Sanford Weill '55, the benefactor and namesake of Weill Cornell Medical College, has retired as chair of the college's Board of Overseers after twenty years of service. He is succeeded by his daughter, Jessica Weill Bibliowicz '81, a senior advisor at the private equity firm Bridge Growth Partners. A University trustee, Bibliowicz has been a Medical College overseer since 2004.

ILR student **Rachel Harmon '14**, winner of a Rhodes Scholarship.

Alan Nawoj '01, who earned a place in the *Guinness Book of World Records* for the fastest time in running seven marathons, each on a different continent.

Ithaca Mayor **Svante Myrick '09**, recipient of a John F. Kennedy New Frontier Award from the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation and the Institute of Politics.

Mickey Schwerner '61, one of the three civil rights workers murdered in Mississippi in 1964, posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Also honored were Schwerner's colleagues James Chaney and Andrew Goodman, son of Carolyn Drucker Goodman '36 and Robert Goodman '35, BS '39.

Patrick Stevens, curator of the Fiske Icelandic Collection, awarded the Order of the Falcon by the president of Iceland.



U FLORIDA

Fuchs Leads U Florida

Provost Kent Fuchs left Cornell in mid-November to become president of the University of Florida, and ILR Dean Harry Katz has been appointed to succeed him on an interim basis. Provosts are often tapped to lead other institutions; Cornell's own president-elect, Elizabeth Garrett, is currently provost of USC.

Ooh-La-La

Collegetown's late-night dining options expanded with the opening of a food truck specializing in a French classic. Dubbed Collegetown Crêpes, the truck is open until 2 a.m. four nights a week, offering a changing menu with both sweet and savory options. Look for it at the corner of Eddy and Dryden.

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The University's plaster casts of classical statuary (seen here in their original home in McGraw Hall) gave early students a hands-on look at works located in faraway museums. But they later fell out of favor on the grounds that they were pale copies of the originals, and some were discarded or destroyed. About twenty of Cornell's 500 remaining casts—now treasured once again—were on display in "Firing the Canon," an exhibit on campus last fall.





ROBERT BARBER / IUP

We love a parade: The biennial Seymour "Sy" Katz '31 parade brought the Marching Band, the Big Red Bear (seen here with New York's Finest), and other distinguished Cornellians to midtown Manhattan in November for a festive trek lasting three-tenths of a mile. The event, nicknamed the "shortest parade with the longest history," included a concert in front of the Cornell Club on East 44th Street.

DID YOU KNOW...

Which entry from food science students won the competition for the official Sesquicentennial ice cream?

- A) Champagne
- B) Apple-maple
- C) Sweet corn-caramel
- D) Peppermint



(ANSWER: C)

Etched in Stone

A timeline of key events in Cornell history engraved into a walkway is the centerpiece of the Sesquicentennial Grove, dedicated last fall. Located atop Libe Slope at the western edge of the Arts Quad, the 1,700-square-foot grove also includes trees and other plantings, plus benches bearing memorable quotes from Cornellians.

House of Worship

A Christian ministry affiliated with Cornell United Religious Work has purchased the former home of Delta Phi Epsilon sorority and reopened it as Chesterton House, a men's student residence and study center. Located at 115 The Knoll, the Tudor mansion can house up to eighteen men; a women's house is planned.

R + D

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Some plants are evolving tolerance to being eaten by deer, natural resources grad student Laura Martin, MS '10, reports in the *Journal of Ecology*.

A study by gerontologist Karl Pillemer and Medical college professor Mark Lachs finds that resident-on-resident abuse is common in nursing homes across New York State—occurring in a fifth of the facilities surveyed.

A team including the Vet college's Elizabeth Bunting is working to restore a giant freshwater salamander to New York State. The amphibian, known as the eastern hellbender, has been dying out due to a fungal disease.

Under a \$3 million grant from the NSF, researchers at Cornell, USC, and UMass aim to create an electronic "eye in the sky" that can manage Internet traffic and prevent data-slowng jams.



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Community Chests

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Networked: Professor Deborah Estrin (right) with postdoc Emmanuel Dumont

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We begin the New Year here at Cornell Tech after a very exciting 2014. Over the course of the past year, we have grown into an active campus with new students, faculty, staff, and members of the tech community engaged in research, classes, conversations, and projects.

After starting with just seven students in the initial computer science master of engineering class, Cornell Tech now has more than 100 in its masters and PhD programs. In addition to a new group of computer science MEng students, we welcomed the inaugural class to the Johnson Cornell Tech MBA program. The Jacobs Technion-Cornell Institute at Cornell Tech also welcomed its first class of students pursuing the new two-year MS in information systems with a concentration in connective media, which awards a dual degree from both institutions.

Our new MS in information systems with a concentration in healthier life, led by professor Deborah Estrin, will start in fall 2015. The program is designed to promote synergy between healthcare professionals and technologists. Students will learn to design new technologies tailored for the context of healthcare, to help reinvent the way we manage health and promote wellness. Focus areas will include mobile and wearable devices, privacy and security, user interaction and social media, machine learning, and advanced analytics. Applications opened in November.

We were proud to announce our first-ever collaboration with AOL to form the Connected Experiences (ConnX) Laboratory. A multi-year, multi-million-dollar partnership, ConnX will be a global lab hosted by the Jacobs Institute in New York and the Technion in Israel. The AOL gift will support graduate students, PhDs, postdocs, full-time engineers and designers, faculty, and researchers as they develop technologies that transform the way we interact with our family members and in our communities. Professor Deborah Estrin and associate professor Mor Naaman co-founded the lab;

fellow faculty Shiri Azenkot and Serge Belongie will join them, along with four colleagues at the Technion. Both AOL and Cornell Tech are committed to maintaining gender diversity at ConnX, and we have pledged to ensure that faculty at the lab remains 50 percent female.

Investor and entrepreneur David Tisch '94, BA '93, has joined us as the head of Startup Studio, working closely with our chief entrepreneurial officer, Greg Pass '97. Startup Studio is the capstone of the experiential learning curriculum at Cornell Tech, where students complement their classroom work with deep, hands-on engagements with entrepreneurs, companies, nonprofits, early stage investors, and ultimately their own startup projects. Tisch is co-founder and chairman of Spring, a mobile marketplace application where customers can shop directly from a curated community of brands. He is also managing partner of BoxGroup, a seed-stage angel capital firm that has invested in more than 150 tech companies including Vine, GroupMe, Warby Parker, Harry's DataMinr, SmartThings, and Behance. David is a cornerstone of the NYC tech community and we are thrilled to have him on board to provide our students with an unvarnished view of success and failure in early stage tech companies.

While we had a very active 2014, the next twelve months will see even more progress, especially with our physical campus on Roosevelt Island. We have already begun demolition of the old structures on the site, and in 2015 we will begin construction on the first academic buildings as part of Phase One, which will also include a corporate co-location center and a residence hall scheduled to open in fall 2017.

We have accomplished so much over the past few years at Cornell Tech, and we are excited as we look to the future.

— Dan Huttenlocher, Dean

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Gliding High

Doug Derraugh '91 is the winningest coach in the history of Big Red women's hockey

Lynah Rink was packed for the 2013 championship game between the Cornell women's hockey team and archrival Harvard. With under two minutes left, the Big Red got the go-ahead goal when forward Jessica Campbell '14 banged a rebound past the Crimson goalie.

After the victory was secured, the team poured into the locker room. The players then turned to look as Coach Doug Derraugh '91—who had just won the conference tournament for the third time in four years—followed them inside. His face was expressionless. “He comes in there like nothing happened,” says Alyssa Gagliardi '14, a former Big Red forward now playing professionally, “and then out of nowhere he lets out a huge scream and a fist bump.”

That moment, Gagliardi says, encapsulates Derraugh's coaching style—and why he has proven so successful at turning around a Cornell women's hockey team that was floundering when he arrived. “He's not a huge ‘rah, rah’ guy; he puts the game in perspective,” says Gagliardi, also a member of Team USA. “He doesn't get too high or too low—you're not going to get screamed at when you get to the bench—so the moments where he shows a bit of fire are more special and meaningful.”

Derraugh began coaching the Big Red women's team in 2005, after a career of his own that included four years playing as a forward for Cornell and thirteen years in various European professional hockey leagues. His initial appointment to his alma mater was supposed to last a year. But nearly a decade later, Derraugh has become the face of the program he transformed. The team is winning more—both in tournaments and in the regular season—and that's leading to more ticket sales, better attendance, and a whole new energy. “It has grown each and every year,” Derraugh says. “Fans are starting to recognize the skill level we have at Cornell.”

Derraugh is now the winningest coach in the history of Big Red women's hockey, and his team has captured the ECAC title in four of the last five years. In July, he was named head coach of the Canadian national squad—possibly the most coveted women's hockey coaching job in the world, says star Cornell forward Brianne Jenner '15. “He's always out there late with the girls; sometimes you'll come into the rink early in the morning, and he's out there at 7 a.m.,” says Jenner, who also plays under Derraugh for Team Canada. “You can learn a ton from him; he's a right-handed forward like myself, so outside the general coaching there



JIM ROSEVOLD

For love of the game: Doug Derraugh '91 with his team

are lots of little tips he would use as a great goal scorer.”

Derraugh's personal ease on the ice quickly becomes clear during a practice in late November. Dressed in a black windbreaker emblazoned with the Cornell insignia, the forty-six-year-old keeps up with his players as they skate concentric laps across the Lynah Rink blue lines. “Pick up the pace!” he calls out. “Pick up the pace!”

Originally from southern Ontario, Derraugh has been on the ice much of his life. In his town of about 7,000 people, he says, “There were probably four or five outdoor rinks. I could usually walk to one if I wanted to.” Derraugh got involved in various leagues and drew the attention of several NCAA programs. His parents, both school teachers, steered him toward Cornell, where he majored in biology. He completed all the pre-med requirements—but hockey was always his passion. He started for the Big Red as a freshman, broke the goal scoring record for seniors, and played on teams that advanced in both the ECAC and NCAA tournaments. “[Lynah Rink] was just mayhem—and a great place to play hockey,” he says. “It's quite an atmosphere to play in front of, and it's really hard to find that anywhere else.”

Though now behind the bench, Derraugh still gets the occasional chance to be part of the action. The coach, for instance, wears shin pads every practice in case the team needs someone to jump on the forecheck, in which forwards try to steal the puck from the defenders. “You can tell he so loves the game,” Jenner says. “He's still got that player inside of him.”

— Jeff Stein '13

SHARP STICKS Led by first-team All-Ivy pick **Marisa Siergiej '16**, the field hockey team matched a school record with 11 wins in 2014. The Big Red finished 11-5, its best season since posting the same mark in 2010, including a 3-2 win over then 20th ranked University of Maine, Cornell's first win over a ranked opponent since 2007. Siergiej led the team in scoring with 13 goals, just one shy of the school record of 14 shared by three players. She was also the cornerstone of a defense that allowed eight shots on goal per game and was the first Cornellian since **Molly Kauffman '97** to be named Ivy Player of the Week multiple times in the same season.

PATRICK SHANAHAN



STROKE OF LUCK **Kate Roach '15** was named the Collegiate Athlete of the Year by U.S. Rowing after earning the most votes in its annual Fans Choice Award. A two-time All-American, Roach earned 40 percent of the online votes after rowing in the women's eight boat that finished first at the under-23 world championships in Varese, Italy. She also set new school ergometer records in the 2K and 5K.

TOUGH MUDDER A strong finish at the Heptagonal Championships vaulted the men's cross country team into the national rankings for the first time in more than a decade. Cornell placed 37th in the November 4 rankings after taking second place at the Heps, its best showing since 2007.

Dominic DeLuca '18 was fourth overall, covering Princeton's muddy eight-kilometer course in 24:29.3 to become the first freshman to earn All-Ivy honors since 2008.

MILLER'S TALE Buoyed by the return of **Shonn Miller '15** and backed by a strong defense, the men's basketball team opened the 2014-15 season with a 68-60 win at George Mason. After missing 2013-14 with an injury, Miller had 21 points and 13 rebounds in his return, along with a pair of blocked shots. **Robert Hatter '17** also had 21 points while **Devin Cherry '15** finished with nine points, 10 rebounds, and seven assists. Cornell out-rebounded the Patriots 46 to 38 and held them to 31 percent shooting from the floor.



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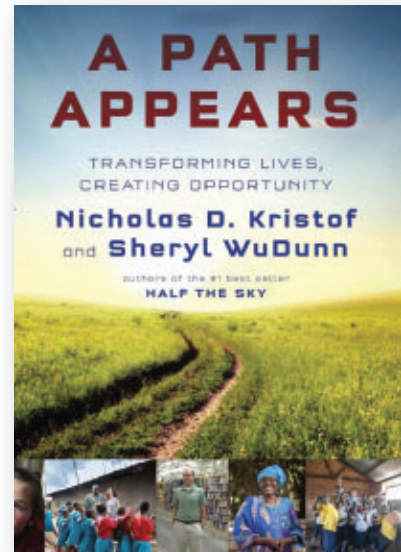


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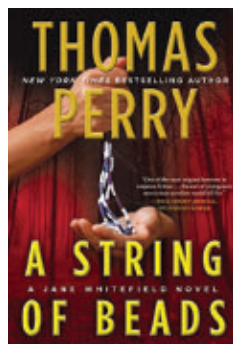
A Path Appears

by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn '81 (Knopf)

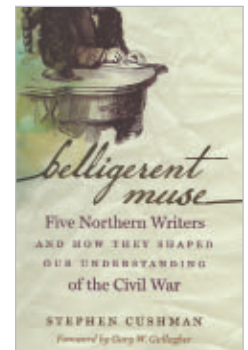
The husband and wife team of Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists broadens the scope of their previous book, *Half the Sky*, which described the repression of women and girls in much of the world, to examine other obstacles to opportunity and how they might be overcome. “We spend trillions of dollars treating the symptoms of poverty,” they write. “But the more important challenge is to address underlying causes. Those of us who have won the lottery of birth have some responsibility to use our good fortune to help address these fundamental inequities.”



A String of Beads by Thomas Perry '69 (Mysterious). For almost twenty years, Seneca guide Jane Whitefield has helped victims of violence change their identities and escape their persecutors, but after being shot the last time she helped someone disappear, Jane tries to lead an ordinary life in the suburbs. When eight clan mothers show up at Jane's house asking her to help find Jimmy, a childhood friend wrongly accused of murder, she feels duty-bound to honor the request. Not only must she help Jimmy avoid the police, she soon finds that a group of criminals are trying to kill him.



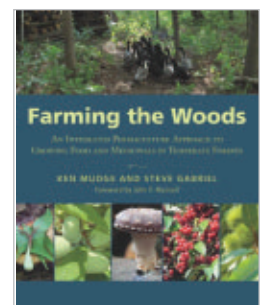
Belligerent Muse by Stephen Cushman '78 (North Carolina). “War destroys, but it also inspires, stimulates, and creates,” argues a professor of English at the University of Virginia in his analysis of memoirs, speeches, poetry, and stories by five of the best-known writers about the Civil War: Abraham Lincoln, Walt Whitman, William Tecumseh Sherman, Ambrose Bierce, and Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain. “Although writings provide keys to a historical understanding of the American Civil War, that understanding should not treat those writings simply as transparent windows opening onto the past. Those windows on the past will always be stained glass, sometimes only faintly tinted, sometimes richly colored.”



American Power after the Financial Crisis by Jonathan Kirshner (Cornell). The global financial crisis of 2007-08 was the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. Kirshner, a professor of international political economy in Cornell's Department of Government, argues that the crisis weakened American political power around the globe while increasing the influence of other nations, especially China. “One challenge to U.S. power,” he writes, “concerns the long-run trajectory of the dollar as an international currency. Its global reach will almost certainly be encroached on. The new international macro-economic constraints facing the U.S. will encourage it to be more cautious on the world stage.”



Farming the Woods by Ken Mudge and Steve Gabriel (Chelsea Green). Mudge, an associate professor of horticulture at Cornell, and Gabriel, an ecologist, demonstrate how forest farms can be productive in terrain where the plow cannot reach. North America's cool, temperate forests contain ginseng, edible mushrooms, ramps, maple, birch, and walnut syrups, berries, hazelnuts, paw-paws, and other fruits, as well as medicinal plants. The authors explain forest ecology and provide comprehensive information on designing a forest farm, creating a nursery, cultivating food crops, harvesting wood products, and integrating sustainable practices.



Fiction

In the Company of Sherlock Holmes edited by Laurie R. King and Leslie S. Klinger (Pegasus). An anthology of stories inspired by the Holmes canon, including works by, among others, Sara Paretsky, Michael Connelly, Harlan Ellison, and Michael Dirda, PhD '77, book critic for the *Washington Post*.

Don't Judge Me by Sylvie Fox (Jessica Gadsden, JD '96) (Penner). Daisy Fletcher, webmaster for an adult site, has lost faith in the opposite sex, until she meets comedian Raphael Augustine, who up until that moment has had a history of one-night gigs and one-night stands.

Non-Fiction

The Happy Sleeper by Heather Turgeon '98 and Julie Wright (Tarcher). A writer for the National Sleep Foundation shows parents how to help babies and young children fall asleep independently, sleep through the night, take healthy naps, and develop natural sleep patterns.

Exploring Southern Appalachian Forests by Stephanie B. Jeffries and Thomas R. Wentworth, PhD '76 (North Carolina). A professor of biology at North Carolina State University and his colleague provide a hiking guide to the mountains of southern Appalachia, from short walks along the Blue Ridge Parkway to longer trips in the backcountry.

My Father's House by Thomas Dumm, PhD '85 (Duke). A professor of political ethics at Amherst College explores a group of haunting paintings of family, mortality, and the uncanny by the American artist Will Barnet.

Rise To the Top by Stacey Hawley '96 (Career). An expert in executive compensation and talent management advises women on knowing their personality types, understanding how companies perceive them, navigating the corporate world, and using that knowledge to earn more money.

Poetry

The Red List by Stephen Cushman '78 (Louisiana State). In this book-length poem, a professor of English at the University of Virginia meditates on the census of endangered species—the red list of the title—and about the overlapping layers of endangerment, whether environmental, social, or personal.

Children's

Inside the Bee's Hive by Karen Ang '00 (Bearport). Young readers learn what bees look like, how they make their homes, and how they live.

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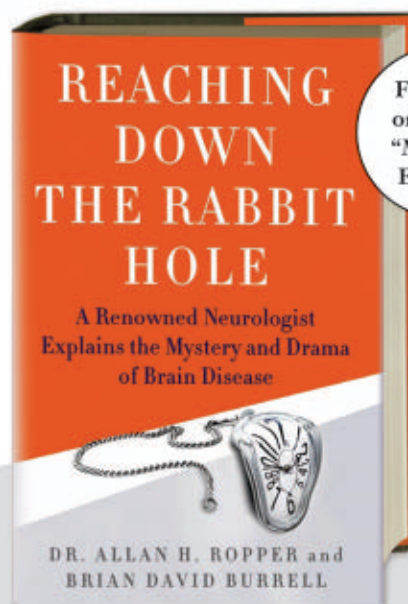
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John Marcham '50, 1927–2014

In Memoriam

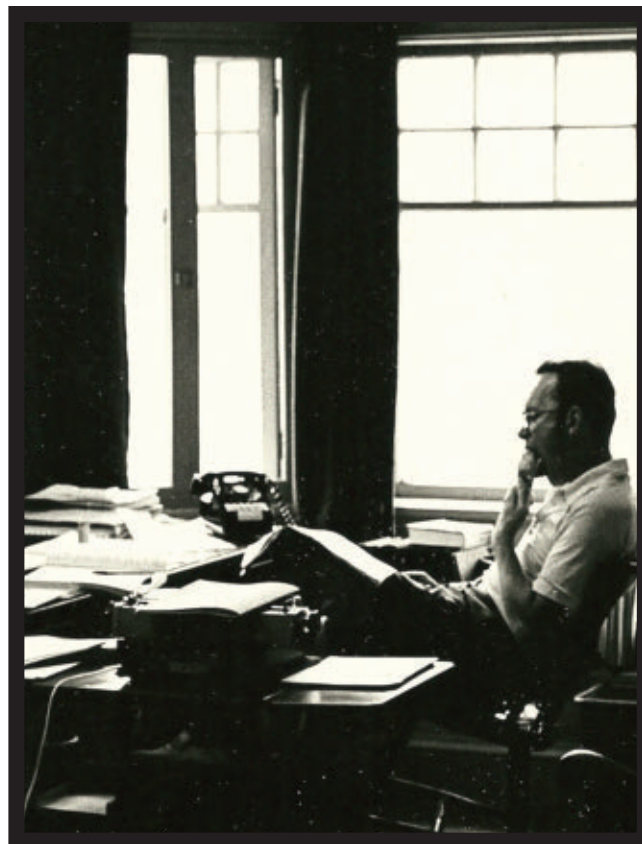
Cornell has lost an extraordinary alumnus—a man whose devotion to the University was exceeded only by his devotion to the truth in reporting about it. John Marcham '50 served as editor of the *Cornell Alumni News* from 1961 to 1991, with a brief detour in the mid-Sixties, when he worked in university relations during the Centennial celebration. After a few years in Day Hall, he returned to the magazine—gladly, he once told me. Journalism, he knew, was his calling.

John grew up in Ithaca, where his father, Frederick Marcham, PhD '26, was a legendary professor of history and the boxing coach. (Fred Marcham was also the mayor of Cayuga Heights for thirty-two years; the village hall is named in his honor.) John was immersed in the life of Cornell from an early age, roaming the campus and exploring its many resources, educational and geographical. He grew up surrounded by students and faculty, and by the time he was an undergraduate John probably knew more about the University's history than just about anyone, with the possible exception of Morris Bishop '14, PhD '26 (who literally wrote the book on the subject).

After graduating, John went to New York City to work as a reporter for *Life* magazine. He married Jane Haskins Marcham '51 the June after she graduated, and she followed him to the city, taking a job at *Women's Wear Daily*. But the pull of Ithaca was strong, and after a decade away, they came back home. He served as city editor of the *Ithaca Journal*—where Jane would also work as a longtime reporter and editor—before taking over the *Alumni News*. They bought their house on East Buffalo Street in 1966 and raised three children there: David, Bruce, and Sarah, the mother of their two grandchildren. As David recalled shortly after his father's passing, one of John's favorite campus habits was taking a break from work at the magazine—back when it was located in Alumni House—for a good game of pinball in the Noyes Lodge snack bar.

As the editor of this magazine, John insisted on unbiased, accurate reporting on Cornell, free from public relations puffery—an editorial position he called “sympathetic objectivity.” He wrote that “we try to understand and explain a grand and occasionally puzzling institution, a mix of mighty scholarship, idealism, and youthful tomfoolery.” He was not afraid of controversy and sometimes incurred the ire of administrators and alumni alike, most notably in his comprehensive and unflinching coverage of the Straight Takeover in 1969. He set a high standard for those of us who followed him.

After his retirement, John remained active in the community and in alumni affairs, and edited many books on local history and other topics. He regularly attended concerts, sporting events, and Reunion. He was a fixture at the CACO Midwinter Meeting and its successor, the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference. He was also a regular visitor to the CAM offices, sometimes on class business or to do research in the back-issue archive, sometimes just to talk. I had the good fortune to converse with John



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on many occasions, and he shared a wealth of information, insights, and opinions. He was quick to praise good work, but unafraid to be critical or to ask penetrating questions—a journalist to the end.

Although John's health was not good for the past few years, especially after he took a fall in his yard, he was always available to answer a question, or to fill in the backstory for an article that had been written years ago. He never bothered with e-mail, so you had to call him—which was good, because it often spurred a conversation. He remained a faithful reader of CAM and had many good suggestions for articles and improvements.

Last summer, I was touched that John made a point of coming to my retirement party, and his kind remarks about my tenure as the editor and publisher were a high point of the evening for me. When colleagues and friends congratulated me on my fourteen years at CAM, I just pointed at John and said, “Well, I lasted about half as long as he did.” And I can only hope that I did my job half as well.

— Jim Roberts '71

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Small World

A New Jersey museum showcases the scale models of famed architect Richard Meier '56, BArch '57

Imagine a world where all the buildings are designed by one person, none is more than fifty years old, and many are gleaming white—where every structure has clean lines, meticulous detailing, and light-filled interiors. Improbable in real life, perhaps; but such a place exists in miniature. Welcome to the Richard Meier Model Museum, a mini-metropolis consisting of scale models of buildings designed by architect Richard Meier '56, BArch '57, and his firm. Best known for high-profile projects such as the Getty Center in Los Angeles, the Manhattan-based Meier has won just about every prize in his field including the Pritzker, architecture's highest honor.

While many architects eventually discard the scale models they create—if they still build them at all—Meier has saved practically all of his. Last year he brought some 300 of them to his home state of New Jersey and put them on display in a 15,000-square-foot exhibit space, part of the sprawling Mana Contemporary cultural center that's helping to rejuvenate Jersey City.

The museum, which is open by appointment, is something of a first; no other American architect has a permanent exhibit space such as this. Meier, who maintains a studio there, comes about once a week to work and meet with visitors, who range from students to prospective clients to general architecture buffs. On display is a universe of Meier's making—from houses to high rises, churches to museums, all reflecting the architect's distinctive style. Part workshop, part design studio, and fifty years in the making, this is Modernism in miniature; it's a three-dimensional essay on design by one of America's foremost architects. For Meier, who turned eighty in October, it's both a homecoming of sorts and a



Model home: Located in Jersey City, the Richard Meier Model Museum offers a rare look into the creative process of an architectural superstar.

walk down Memory Lane. “We were storing all these models and I thought they should be put on display,” he says. “It makes me very happy to go there and see the models together.”


With the advent of computer-aided design, model making has become something of a lost art, as architects increasingly employ sophisticated graphics including “flyover” videos that can show a proposed building from all directions. Meier, by contrast, still believes in scale models; he notes that many of the young architects he hires are required to spend time making models before they can design a building. “Model making is an important part of the design process,” he says. “It’s not static. It’s ever changing. You can see buildings in relation to one another, see the play of light on a building.” On paper or a computer screen, he says, “you can’t show it in the same way.”

The museum’s models depict structures—built and unbuilt—that Richard Meier & Partners designed from the mid-Sixties to the present. Most of his best-known works are included. The Getty is represented by several models, the largest of which is as big as a living room and had to be lifted in through a window. There’s the High Museum of Art in Atlanta; Jubilee Church in Rome; the Athenium in New Harmony, Indiana; the Arp Museum in Germany; the Perry Street condominiums in Manhattan; an entry for the World Trade Center design competition. About a third of the pieces are study models, used by Meier and others to explore spatial relationships and other factors. The rest are presentation models, built to show to clients, enter a competition, secure funds, or market a project.

In addition to Weill Hall, the Cornell life sciences building that opened in 2008, Meier designed two projects for the Ithaca campus that were never realized: an alumni and admission center overlooking Fall Creek and a serpentine student housing complex for North Campus. Of those, a model of the housing project is on display, hanging on a wall off the central gallery. The museum’s oldest model is of the Smith House in Darien, Connecticut; one of Meier’s early white buildings, it garnered critical acclaim that led to much of his subsequent residential work. Considered one of the collection’s gems, it’s the only model on view that Meier made with his own hands.

For Meier, who is still busy with commissions, these are souvenirs of a long and productive career. As he notes in a film about the museum: a scale model is one element of a project that the architect gets to keep. “Once the building is completed, the client has the building,” he says. “We have the model as a remembrance.”

— Ed Guntz '77

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Widow's Walk

Elaine Ware Mansfield '67
channeled her grief into
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Elaine Ware Mansfield '67 met the love of her life nearly a half-century ago in a motorcycle shop on Ithaca's West End. There was a lot to like about Vic Mansfield: handsome and athletic, he was a doctoral student in astrophysics who worked at Cornell's Arecibo Observatory. "I knew right then that he was the one," she recalls. "I was so sure of it that I didn't worry about chasing him. I just made it obvious." They were married in 1968.

Three days after their fortieth anniversary, Elaine Mansfield bid farewell to her husband and best friend. After a two-year battle, Vic Mansfield, PhD '72, succumbed to a rare form of lymphoma. He was sixty-seven, a professor of astronomy and physics at Colgate, and a practitioner and teacher of Tibetan Buddhism; his book on Buddhism and physics featured a foreword by the Dalai Lama himself.

Mansfield was at her husband's side from diagnosis to treatment to death. Throughout that painful process, she filled dozens of notebooks with clinical and personal observations. She fashioned these and other writings into the memoir *Leaning Into Love: A Spiritual Journey Through Grief*, published this fall by Larson, a small press in Upstate New York. "For two years I've tried to save him," she writes in the first chapter, which describes her husband's passing. "We've both tried, but there are no more escape routes. After years of struggle, his gentle passage opens my heart and stills my mind. This quiet death is his last gift to me, even as I weep and whisper my goodbyes. Just after midnight, he exhales. I wait for an inhalation that does not come."

Mansfield's account can be brutal in its honesty. She's candid about moments of exasperation and resentment that overwhelmed her as primary caretaker, and the stress of being left behind to tend a house on seventy-plus acres "when I didn't even know how to use the tractor." There are warm moments, too, including a tender scene of marital intimacy. Throughout, Mansfield's memoir serves as a primer on the transformative power of grief. "This honest, heartfelt first book is the story of how Mansfield lived, survived, and triumphed with her pain, told in an authentic voice by a woman who values human connection, spirituality, and the earth," Joan Jacobs Brumberg, professor emerita of human development and gender studies, wrote in a review. "Her profound love for her husband is at the center of the book, but she never romanticizes the ways in which life-threatening illness produces anxiety and irritability, transforming both the minutiae of everyday life and the larger relationship of patient and caregiver. Mansfield acknowledges the gritty everyday tensions they both felt, as well as the profundity of caring for the deteriorating body of someone you love."

When the couple met, Vic was twenty-five, three years into his doctoral program; his future wife was a senior majoring in



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Healing process: Elaine Ware Mansfield '67 at a reading of her memoir, *Leaning Into Love*

government. They marched in anti-war demonstrations on campus and off. The Mansfields meditated together, studied philosophy and psychology together; they raised two sons and preserved the woodlands and meadows on their property, located half an hour outside Ithaca.

Mansfield—who is certified as a personal trainer and holds a degree in nutrition from Empire State College—now works as a volunteer with Hospicare and Palliative Care Services, leading support groups for the bereaved. She has held on to her sense of humor: in November, she gave a TEDx talk entitled "Good Grief! What I Learned from Loss." She says her mix of gravitas and lightheartedness—and the upbeat presence of her chocolate Lab, Willow—serve her well. A lifelong student of Jungian psychology, she employs poetry and mythology in her bereavement work, encouraging the use of simple rituals and practical readings. She believes there are stages of grief similar to those outlined by Elizabeth Kübler Ross—denial, bargaining, acceptance, etc.—but says it's a personal process that follows no particular course. "I tell people to come as they are," she says. "Crying is okay here." Mansfield encourages survivors to focus on themselves, and notes that many struggle with guilt for not having gotten over their loss and moved on. "In this culture we're supposed to pull ourselves up by our bootstraps," she says. "Grief is not on anybody's clock. I still miss Vic. He's part of me."

Most of Mansfield's workshop participants are female—in part because that's how the meetings began, but also because of demographics, with women tending to outlive their male partners. But more men are joining, she says, and circumstances vary widely among the bereaved. Some lose spouses to long-term illness, others are facing sudden loss and trying to raise children on limited resources. To help them cope, Mansfield stresses self-care for body, mind, and spirit. She maintains a blog that covers simple ways to get through the dark hours: making pots of soup, going for walks and light workouts, and avoiding isolation. "I know I am a lucky person," she says. "Watching Vic die made me want to help others. Death became my teacher, and my friend."

— Franklin Crawford



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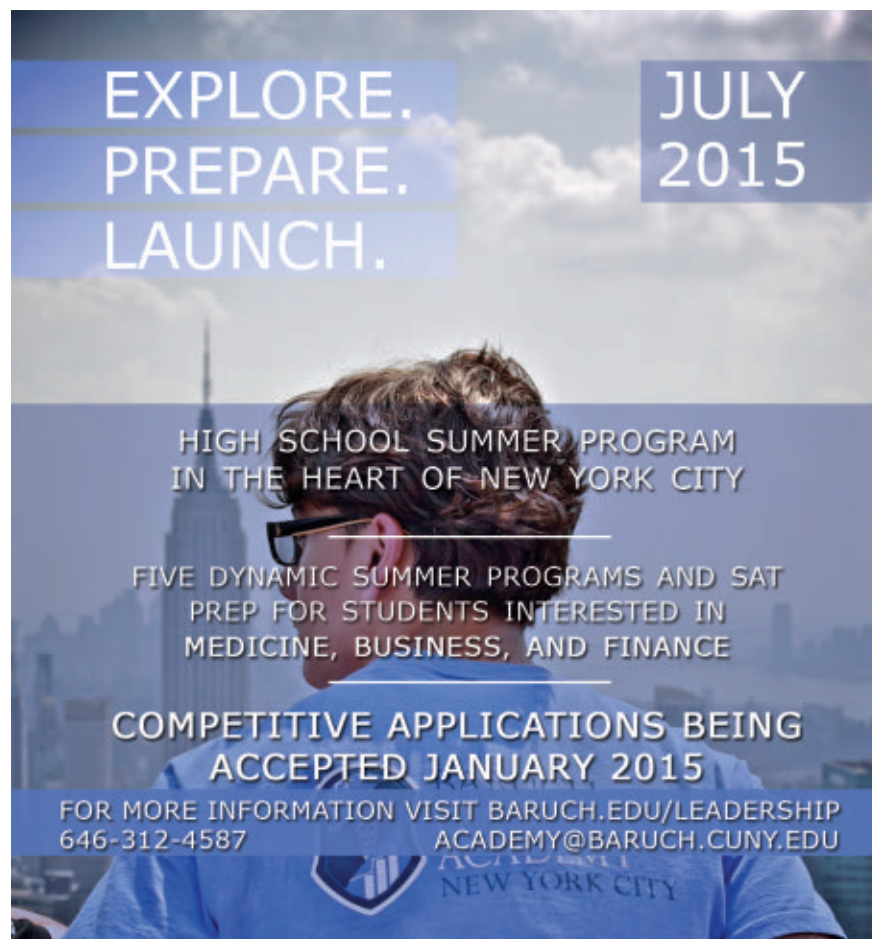
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Everything and the Kitchen Sink

On their multimillion-dollar home goods site, wayfair.com, two alums sell cookware and coat racks, bedding and BBQ grills

It's not easy to find Niraj Shah '95 and Steve Conine '95 among the rows of desks at the Boston headquarters of Wayfair, the massive online retailer of furniture, housewares, and home décor. At lunchtime, most of the identical chairs—an ergonomic model by Herman Miller that is one of 2,542 office chairs for sale at wayfair.com—are occupied by young people wearing earbuds as they tap at their keyboards in between bites of take-out sandwiches. Shah might be the co-founder and CEO, but he, too, is eating at his desk, a few spots over from a wall of windows in the vast open office.

"Meatball sub," he says.

"Gross!" teases Conine, the company's other co-founder and its chief technology officer, whose own desk sits across from Shah's. It's an unpretentious arrangement, more appropriate to a scrappy start-up, that belies Wayfair's October debut on the New York Stock Exchange

with an initial public offering that raised \$319 million. But Shah and Conine, who met as high school seniors at Cornell Summer College, tend to downplay that achievement. "We went public on a Thursday, and Friday was a hangover from that, but by the next week everyone was back to work," says Shah. "We caution people; it's such an external, visible marker of success, it's easy to take your eyes off the ball."

That ball is a company with more than 2,000 employees that sells some 7 million products, using a novel set of algorithms to manage 7,000 suppliers that peddle everything from chandeliers—an Art Deco chrome-and-crystal one goes for \$473—to tea kettles (the site's most popular whistling model is priced around \$27). "Home is a very big market, and we think we can be a very big player," Shah

says. "We want to be *the* company for home goods."

Shah, every inch the tech CEO in his slim-fitting blazer and dark denim, and Conine, an affable geek who bears a passing resemblance to a young Bill Gates, have been friends for nearly a quarter-century. They've come a long way from the days when it was easy to take risks because, as Shah puts it, "all you needed was a roof over your head." Both are now married with school-age children, and Conine is a competitive mountain biker who travels frequently for international races. But while the IPO has made them both multimillionaires, they don't plan to cash out any time soon. "There are probably a lot of entrepreneurs who see an IPO as an exit," Conine says. "We definitely both have a very long view. I love what I'm doing."

Home base: Wayfair founders (from left) Niraj Shah '95 and Steve Conine '95

Shah and Conine have been business partners since senior year on the Hill, when the two engineers took an entrepreneurship course together and teamed up on the final project. The result was an IT firm called Spinners, which pitched Web-development services to Ithaca's small businesses. ("Most of them were like, 'What's the Internet?'" says Conine, noting that it was, after all, 1995.)

The pair already had post-grad plans, but after they signed up several customers, including a local music store and an Ithaca vineyard, they began to take their class project more seriously. "When Niraj deferred his admission to law school, it was like, 'Oh, we're really doing this,'" Conine says. The summer after graduation, they landed the National Business Aviation Association and Time Warner as clients, and started to make real money. In 1998, Conine and Shah sold Spinners to iXL, an international consulting firm, for \$10 million. The deal included jobs for both of them, but they soon tired of corporate life and teamed up again in 2001 to start a software company called Simplify Mobile. It was less successful. "We banged away at it for about a year," Conine says. "We came out of the first business thinking we had knocked it out of the park; we'll go do it again. The second business was humbling."

They didn't give up. After selling Simplify's software, Conine and Shah were unemployed and hunting for another project when they discovered a quiet corner of the Web that had survived the circa-2001 dot-com bubble. Niche websites selling things like bird houses (Wayfair offers an Audubon-approved cedar bluebird model for \$26.90) and grandfather clocks (a six-foot solid hardwood version goes for \$249; order now and get free delivery) were doing a steady business in wares that were too esoteric for brick-and-mortar stores to carry a wide selection. "But nationally," says Conine, "there was a very high demand for this stuff."

Conine and Shah started buying up descriptive domain names, beginning with "racksandstands.com" and moving onto "allmetalbarstools.com" and some 200 others, basing their new ventures on popular online search terms. (Says Shah: "Some were really narrow—too narrow, like 'allroosterdecor.com.'") These Web storefronts were combined under the umbrella of CSN Stores, which by 2011 was making \$500 million in annual sales. That year, after securing venture capital funding, the company rebranded itself as Wayfair. In 2013 sales approached \$1 billion, and Wayfair now offers real competition to a certain e-commerce behemoth.

Jokes Shah: "Who's Amazon?"

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Macro managers: Margie McKee Blanchard '62, MA '65 (left), and Ken Blanchard '61, PhD '67



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Decades after his best-selling *One Minute Manager*, Ken Blanchard '61, PhD '67, and family still spread the gospel that workers are a company's 'secret sauce'

Growing up, Scott Blanchard '88 didn't see his youthful misdeeds punished like those of the kids down the street—with an early curfew, extra chores, or a swat on the backside. “When I got in trouble, we would sit down as a family and have a conversation about my behavior, and my parents would inquire why it was incongruent with our values,” he recalls with a wry laugh, admitting he would've much preferred a spanking. “What was going on in your head and your heart when you did that? What was the impact you thought it would have on other people?” I was a red-blooded American boy, and not particularly introspective, and it was torture. But it was also useful, because I learned to reflect on my behavior—and I definitely learned how to articulate a position. To stand up from the table, I had to be persuasive that I'd gotten the message.”

His folks aren't just any set of enlightened parents. They're pioneers in the field of management theory—and both at home and at work, he says, they've long practiced what they preach. His father, Ken Blanchard '61, PhD '67, is the best-selling co-author of *The One Minute Manager* and more than three dozen other business guides; his mother, Margie McKee Blanchard '62, MA '65, is the co-founder and former president of the family firm, a California-based consulting company whose clients include Shell Oil, Kawasaki, Barilla, Merck, WD-40, and many others. “You're not really attracted to our company unless you have a people-centered point of view,” observes Margie. “But if

you don't think your people are important, you're not going to last very long anyway. When your people come down the elevator and leave, your company just left; they're the secret sauce. It's not the equipment; it's the energy, creativity, and passion of your people that make it work. That's what we teach, and that's what our books are all about.”

It all started with *The One Minute Manager*, the slim volume that launched the “business parable” industry when it came out in 1982—and spent a solid year on the *New York Times* best seller list. The Blanchards had founded their firm a few years earlier, but the book brought their work to national attention. In it, Ken and his co-author—Spencer Johnson, who'd go on to pen another management classic, *Who Moved My Cheese?*—spin the tale of a young man who seeks advice from a successful manager, and comes away with simple but life-changing lessons in how to set goals, offer praise, and issue reprimands. “It wasn't that it takes a minute to manage,” explains Ken, a Cornell trustee emeritus who majored in government on the Hill, “but that it only takes a minute to make sure somebody is clear on a goal, to tell them how much you appreciate how they did, or to redirect their energy if they're off base.”

Constantly emphasizing the importance of human capital, the book offers such principles as, “People who feel good about themselves produce good results” and—in one of its best-known aphorisms—a good manager should reinforce workers' success by “catching them doing something right.” *The One Minute Manager* remains in print more than three decades after it was

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At their 320-person firm—the Ken Blanchard Companies, which runs a speakers bureau and produces training materials in addition to consulting with corporate clients—Margie currently leads a think tank dubbed the Office of the Future. Ken, whose PhD is in educational administration, holds the title of Chief Spiritual Officer. "My dad is the real deal," says Scott, a Hotelier. "He's not a businessman; fundamentally, he's a philosopher. He doesn't manage anybody. It's my mom and my uncle [CEO Tom McKee] who've built our company." In 1991, Ken and Margie were named Cornell's Entrepreneurs of the Year—a laurel they particularly savored, given that their family's association with the University stretches back to shortly after its founding, when one of Margie's forebears attended. (She notes with a laugh that when her mother, Natalie Perry McKee '38, matriculated during the Great Depression, her freshman tuition was paid in the form of a load of coal.) The couple, who now have five grandchildren and a goldendoodle named Joy, met in Ithaca shortly after Ken graduated. Says Margie: "We dated that summer, got pinned in the fall, and got married that June."

These days, the family firm includes a second generation, with Scott and his sister, Debbie, each holding the title of executive vice president. (Scott, who worked in the hotel business after graduation, focuses on marketing and product development.) Whether it will pass to a third generation remains to be seen, Scott says, as most of its members are still in their teens. "One of the rules in our company is that we don't hire family members until someone else has offered them a job and they've held it for a while," he says. "If you hire a kid right out of college with no experience, it can be bad for them, because they haven't really had a chance to succeed yet."

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Once a fat kid, always a fat kid,” says Steve Madden '86. “There’s no getting that monkey off your back.” In his new book, *Embrace the Suck: What I Learned at the Box about Hard Work, (Very) Sore Muscles, and Burpees Before Sunrise*, the former CAM editor recounts his immersion in CrossFit, a hard-core fitness regimen that has swept the country in recent years.

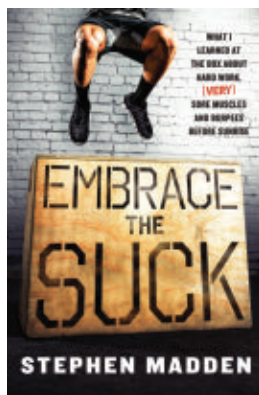
Known for its strict diet recommendations and grueling workouts—including the aforementioned “burpees,” in which you stand up straight, drop so your chest hits the ground while your legs extend behind you, quickly stand up again, then jump in the air and clap your hands over your head—CrossFit isn’t for the faint of heart. But, he notes, it works. “If you’re diligent about it, you get pretty dramatic results,” says Madden, the former editor of *Bicycling* magazine who’s now a freelance writer and CrossFit coach, “and you get them very quickly.”

At first, Madden planned to write a memoir about following the CrossFit program to the letter for a calendar year—but as he got into the project, he realized something deeper was at work. “Why am I doing this to myself?” he recalls wondering, realizing that his immersion in CrossFit mirrored earlier forays into swimming, hockey, and other sports. “Why have I always done it to myself? And why is it more important to me than some intellectual, financial, or family success?” Throughout the book, he repeatedly refers to insecurities that date back to his childhood in the Boston area, and ties them to his present-day desire to be a role model for his family. “I wanted to set a positive example for my kids, and let them know that they’re capable of so much more than they might think they are, or people might tell them they are,” he says. “And I needed to learn that lesson myself.”

A CrossFit facility (or “box”) near his New Jersey home became his proving ground, where he bonded with a variety of other hard-chargers looking to push themselves to the limit. “At most CrossFit gyms, people are ferociously competitive, but they’re also very supportive,” he says. “Part of the etiquette is that you never leave a workout until everyone is done. That means that the stud who finishes first stays and roots on the guy who finishes last, which is very cool.”

Madden says the book’s title has become a mantra for his life. He no longer overreacts to difficulties or shies away from challenges; rather, he attacks them with gusto. “If you’re going to do something and it’s really hard and it hurts—in a nutshell, it sucks—how can you make the best of it?” he says. “Sometimes it’s crazy how painful it is, but you realize that there’s nothing that you can’t get through, that you can’t endure, if you are smart about it and stick with it. It sounds trite to say that a Cornell alum needed an exercise program to reinforce that—but it’s really true.”

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Sticking Points

Collage artist James Zver, MFA '69, shows in museums, galleries—and Hollywood blockbusters

Taken from the French word for “glue,” collage is an artistic medium in which disparate elements are brought together to create a more meaningful whole. The concept underscores the work that James Zver, MFA '69, has been doing for decades. The Los Angeles-based Zver, who describes himself as an abstract collage artist, works in both paper and in wood. Regardless of materials, he says, his creative method remains constant. “Even my sculptures are really collage,” Zver says. “They’re not carved or molded; they’re pieces of wood that I assemble. And the thought process is exactly how I do my collages, where I prepare different shapes and then begin finding relationships.”

A former New Yorker—he had a loft in Soho back when the neighborhood was an edgy artists’ enclave—Zver has participated in dozens of group and solo shows over the years; his work is in the permanent collections of Yale, Brown, and the New York Public Library, among other institutions. Last summer, seventy-nine of his pieces were on view at Cal State Polytechnic University in Pomona for a twenty-year retrospective of his work. While Zver has a few private students—he has been teaching printmaking off and on since his graduate assistantship on the Hill, where he worked out of a studio in the basement of Franklin Hall—he has been supporting himself primarily through his art for years. “When I’m really working well, and the form is really coming together, that’s the best part,” says Zver, an undergrad alumnus of the Art Institute of Chicago and an Army veteran who did a two-year tour in Germany. “I’m really singing in the studio.”

Odds are you’ve seen Zver’s work—even if you didn’t realize it. His pieces are popular with Hollywood set decorators,



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who’ve used them to adorn fictional homes and offices. (Two sculptures from his *Nova Via* series are appearing in the current season of the ABC melodrama “Revenge,” set among the super-rich Hamptons denizens.) Not a particular fan of mainstream movies and TV, Zver confesses that he’s never actually seen his

work on screen. He did try to get a glimpse of his bas relief *Closer and Closer Apart #14* when it graced the cliffside mansion of billionaire superhero Tony Stark in *Iron Man 3*, to no avail. “Rather early in the film,” he says, “they blew up the house.”

— Kitty Kemp



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Mixed media: (Clockwise from top left) *Near Sunset #4*; a collage from the *After Madrid* series; *From Another Place #10*; the artist at work; and wood reliefs from the *Semi-Detached* series.

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Boyette is no stranger to the Finger Lakes winery scene. His previous stints have included Rasta Ranch, Poplar Ridge, Red Newt Cellars, and two years at Atwater Vineyards just prior to starting Hector Wine Company. Hazlitt's grandfather, Jim Hazlitt '60, and father Eric own and operate the highly regarded Sawmill Creek Vineyards. Located just down the road, Sawmill Creek is the source for most of the grapes used for Hector's wines.

Current production at Hector stands at around 4,500 cases. While the roster includes the usual white suspects, reds are given nearly equal emphasis. Of particular interest is the wine made from Syrah, a



grape not normally associated with the cool climate of the Finger Lakes. Boyette has, in fact, made Syrah not only for his current operation, but also for Red Newt and Atwater, in each case using fruit from Sawmill Creek.

The Hector Wine Company 2013 Seneca Lake Syrah is a notably successful rendition. Full of Syrah's characteristic dark, blackberry fruit, it also exhibits the smoky and peppery notes associated with wines produced in Syrah's home turf, France's northern Rhône Valley. Its bed of fine tannins coupled with fresh acidity and fine overall balance suggest that it may continue to evolve for several years.

Fermented with indigenous yeast, the Syrah was aged in neutral French and Hungarian oak before bottling in September 2014. Only 120 cases of this Seneca Lake rarity were produced, so prospective buyers should move quickly. To find out more, go to www.hectorwinecompany.com.

— Dave Pobl

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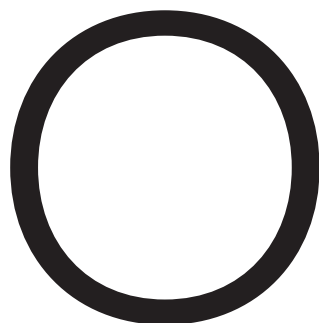
EXTRA CURRICULAR

Behold the
crazy quilt of
1,000-plus
campus clubs



By Katie O'Brien '16

Burning bright: Urban Blaze, one of Cornell's many student performing groups, dances to the pulsing beat of hip-hop



n a chilly Saturday afternoon on the Arts Quad, students astride broomsticks traverse a makeshift field, calling out to each other and throwing different-sized balls every which way. What appears as a chaotic mix of dodgeball, basketball, and tag is actually an organized effort: each position corresponds to ones outlined in the Harry Potter universe. “Beaters” try to break the opposing players’ concentration by pelting them with balls; “chasers” aim to get a volleyball through standing hoops; “seekers” try to catch the player wearing yellow, who carries the game-ending Golden Snitch. Welcome to practice for Cornell Quidditch, an official student organization that brings J.K. Rowling’s invented sport to life.



LINDSAY FRANCE / UP

The Quidditch team is hardly the most offbeat student group on the Hill. Cornell boasts clubs devoted to appreciating squirrels, jousting in homemade suits of armor, belly dancing, and venerating the TV show “Doctor Who.” There are groups for devotees of Indian dance, Korean drumming, and Brazilian martial arts—not to mention beekeeping, dragon boating, juggling, Pokémon, herpetology, and Mafia (the parlor game, not the crime syndicate). The University’s 1,000-plus-item catalogue of registered organizations reflects the dizzying breadth and depth of student interests, with groups related to performance, activism, cultural heritage, service, professional development, and more. “I’m someone who likes to try everything, so when I was a freshman, I went to twenty-two different club meetings before settling on a few,” says Kristi Krulcik ’16, a communication major and the current program director of CornellRadio.com. “It made me

realize the advantage of going to a school this size, where there’s something for anything you’re interested in.”

Quidditch co-captain Keri Forness ’15, who joined the squad after she and a friend happened by a practice, says her activities offer an escape from the reading- and writing-intensive coursework of her government and history double major, while still conferring valuable life skills. “Student activities are great, because they teach you teamwork, leadership, and confidence,” she says. “And it can’t hurt to meet more people.” Some students, on the other hand, opt for organizations that supplement their studies. Susan Jiang ’16 says her work as business manager of the *Cornell Business Review*, a student magazine, has offered networking opportunities as well as practical experience—“everything from organizing a budget to promoting a finished product”—that builds on the principles she learns in the Dyson



Muggles welcome:
The Quidditch team
brings together athletes
and Harry Potter fans.



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Furry friends: When the weather's too cold to
be outdoors, the Squirrel Club settles for
baking critter-shaped sugar cookies

'Student activities are great, because they teach you teamwork, leadership, and confidence.'



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School of Applied Economics and Management.

While Cornell's undergraduate enrollment has increased by less than 1,000 since 1998, the number of registered student groups has nearly doubled. Vice President of Student and Academic Services Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94, says that while students have always been active, the nature of their involvement has evolved. When she was an undergrad, extracurricular options were more limited, mainly consisting of Greek life, athletics, religious groups, and political activities. She theorizes that the huge increase in registered groups is due in part to differences in how today's kids are raised. "Our generation had fewer organized activities growing up; you sort of just went to the playground with your friends and figured it out," she says. "Now, it's much more typical that kids have soccer at four o'clock and piano at five. It's a change in society we end up reflecting." Another reason for increased extracurricular involvement, says Assistant Dean



Extracurricular extravaganza: (Clockwise from above) Training future service animals at the Cornell chapter of Guiding Eyes for the Blind; the catch of the day at the Fishing Club; and a soigné photo shoot for *The Thread*, a student-run fashion magazine



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'The other day, I was in Willard Straight and there were clubs with free cookies, free massages, and puppies, all in the same room.'

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Move over, Ice Capades: The synchronized skating club practices at Lynah Rink.

of Students Joe Scaffido, is that getting hired in a competitive job market requires more than a high GPA. “Through leadership experience, the ability to coordinate events, and working with a real budget, they can separate themselves from the other thousands of students graduating from Ivy League schools,” Scaffido says. “That’s something to talk about in a job interview.”

And if the list of 1,000 groups doesn’t cover your particular area of interest, it’s easy to start a new club. The process to register an organization is fairly simple by design—something that Murphy says fits with Cornell’s general philosophy. “We’ve always allowed electives in our education,” says Murphy. “You can petition for anything, and there’s a real entrepreneur-



They've got rhythm: Rehearsal for Shimtah, Cornell's traditional Korean percussion group; *shim* means "heart" and *tah* means "to beat."

ial spirit." To become a recognized organization, a group of at least four students must find a faculty advisor, develop bylaws, complete a few forms, and agree to the University's policies regarding nondiscrimination and other requirements. Organizations must renew their registration every academic year to ensure all groups are active. "Since coming to Cornell, I've taken piano lessons and fencing lessons, been in a flash mob, learned how to make French and Indian cuisine, danced Zumba, and run a half-marathon," says Krulcik. "The other day, I was in Willard Straight and there were clubs with free cookies, free massages, and puppies, all in the same room."

The downside to such a large and vibrant registry of organizations? Many students find that it's impossible to do everything they're interested in. "My one regret," says Forness, "is not trying more clubs, just to see what they're like." 🍷

Former Sixties radicals return to campus

Life During Wartime



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M By Jeff Stein '13

ore than four decades ago, Susan Reverby '67 was in Willard Straight Hall for a group burning of Vietnam draft cards when she was approached by one of her professors. “He stopped me and said that I was ruining ‘his’ university,” Reverby recalled recently. “And I said, ‘Excuse me, professor—whose university do you think this is?’ ”

That exchange has stuck with Reverby for years, in part because she herself joined the academy as a professor in gender studies at Wellesley College. Its central argument—whether radical activists should be considered part of the University community—was taken up again during a two-day reunion organized by government professor Isaac Kramnick and held on campus in November. Among the events Kramnick staged for “Vietnam: The War at Cornell” were panel discussions attended by hundreds of current students, a “teach-in” involving both sides of the antiwar debate, and presentations from the former activists during meetings of more than a dozen academic courses. Despite its name, the reunion didn’t just address anti-war activities on campus: participants also recalled conflicts over gender inequality, as well as the racial unrest that culminated in the Straight Takeover.

One of Kramnick’s main motivators in planning the gathering was showing students the trajectories of people like Frank Dawson '72, who was involved in the Straight Takeover and now teaches at Santa Monica College, and Joe Kelly '68, who

Peace march: Cornell students at an anti-war protest in December 1967. Bruce Dancis '69, who'd been arrested the previous year for burning his draft card in front of Olin Hall, is at the center of the group, wearing a megaphone.



was arrested several times for protesting but went on to work for the federal government in wildlife protection. The message? “It is possible to defy your government, go to prison, survive that, and have a healthy and happy life,” said Bruce Dancis ’69, who was on campus from 1965 to 1967 and was arrested after becoming the first student in the country to destroy his draft card (events he describes in his memoir, *Resister*, published in 2014 by Cornell University Press).

Many of the activists hadn’t set foot on the Hill since they were expelled—or banned from Tompkins County by a judge’s order. But Kramnick, who didn’t arrive on campus until after the height of the frenzy over the Vietnam War, said he wanted current students to come face to face with the Sixties radicals who braved expulsion and arrest for a cause. “It’s not my place to stand at the bully pulpit and say: ‘See these activists? You guys are not activists enough,’” Kramnick said, noting that the protesters’ stories “validate the idea that you could be a critic of the system and still not ruin your life.”

He first conceived the event about a year ago, when he and American studies professor Glenn Altschuler, PhD ’76, were polishing their book on the history of Cornell since 1940. Kramnick realized that there were dozens of members of the antiwar group Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) who had never been back to campus; meanwhile, he said, students today are “by and large politically apathetic” and disconnected from Cornell’s past. “Every speech you hear is about the future and the next new horizon for the University,” he said. “I wanted them to be introduced to a part of the University’s history that they knew nothing about.” Kramnick began by writing to about ten former activists scattered around the country, inviting them back to campus. The response was overwhelmingly positive. “Each of them had other names and suggestions,” Kramnick said. “It ballooned.”

For Kelly and others, the events—held, symbolically, around Veteran’s Day—represented a partial reconciliation after years of distance from the University. “It’s a little ironic to be invited back to speak when my last memory before leaving was standing in front of a Tompkins County judge who accepted a plea for scaling a fence—third-degree trespassing—in Barton Hall and hanging some flags over the ROTC cannon,” Kelly said. “The judge said, ‘I’m going to accept your plea, but don’t ever come back to Ithaca.’” Likewise, Ileana Durand ’72, BA ’74, was one of sev-

eral who noted it was the first time they’d returned to campus since graduation. Durand, a Puerto Rican involved in protests calling for the University to do more to include minorities on campus, said she felt marginalized at Cornell and spoke of her anger at believing she had nothing to hold on to. “I never really had any support here; it was lonely,” she said. “The experience of being here was very difficult.” Being invited and coming back in November was a revelation, Durand said. A retired school teacher, she is now working to build a nonprofit focused on sustainability in Puerto Rico—a project she hopes will garner support from fellow alumni. “I thought there was nothing here for me,” she said, “but now I feel like I can use Cornell in a way I never have before.”

Kramnick noted that for years after the agitation of the late Sixties—and especially the Straight Takeover of 1969—“everybody’s feelings were raw for so long.” The divisions on campus, returning activists said, were often stark. Since then, some have been welcomed back into the fold—most notably Tom Jones ’69, MRP ’72, an architect of the takeover who later joined the Board of Trustees (he’s now a trustee emeritus). Dancis said that the November gathering was another indication that the University is accepting the dissenting voices as a key part of its history. “I do appreciate that Cornell is recognizing that we are part of its past, for better and for worse,” said Dancis. “They’re not sweeping it under the rug or avoiding it, and I think that’s a good thing.”

The distance may have narrowed, but it hasn’t closed entirely. Between events, a handful of the former protesters walked to the Sesquicentennial Commemorative Grove recently installed atop Libe Slope to celebrate the University’s 150th birthday. There, they found that the Straight Takeover is remembered for leading to the resignation of President James Perkins. “But we didn’t view it that way,” said Susan Rutberg ’70, who was a member of SDS as an undergrad. She and other former protesters, she added, would like the Grove’s wording changed to note that the takeover had been intended to make Cornell commit to more racially inclusive education, and that it led to the establishment of the Africana Studies Center.

Throughout the events, the activists’ stories often echoed each other; many revolved around campus landmarks (Barton Hall, Colletgetown, the Straight) and rites of passage (orientation, Commencement) common to the undergraduate experience. At

the same time, however, their memories of Cornell were inflected by an era that felt worlds away from that of the current students in the audience. They described a campus where some professors openly looked down on black culture and some white students felt that African Americans should express gratitude for simply being allowed to enroll. As Ed Whitfield ’70 recalled in a documentary about the Straight Takeover shown during the teach-in, one University department chair “said black folk had never made significant contributions to the history of the sciences or anything else . . . He looked up from his desk and



Never forget: Former English professor James Matlack speaks at the November reunion on campus.

For and against: The Society to Oppose Protestors (STOP) blocks vehicles carrying demonstrators bound for the Spring Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam, held in New York City in April 1967.

said, ‘Can you read? Can you write? Have you ever written anything longer than a letter?’” In the same documentary, Irene Smalls ’71 remembered how a group of black female students were reported to the police for smoking marijuana—because of the odor of the chemicals they were using to straighten their hair. An economics professor, she added, once claimed that “black women are known for their promiscuity, and black women are known to have sex at an early age. And we were like: ‘Wait a minute.’”

It was that kind of environment, the former activists stressed, that pushed them to take drastic action against the University, culminating in the Straight Takeover that was publicized in nearly every major American newspaper. But though racial frustrations helped define the campus climate of the late Sixties, the divide over the Vietnam War was equally fraught, if not more so. James Matlack, an assistant professor of English during those days, talked about a promising young student from Texas, David Mossner ’68, who lived in Telluride House and took his course on Henry David Thoreau. “It was very clear that he was very much against the war,” Matlack said, “and wanted to live a life based on conviction, on principle, and on consistency.”

Almost a year later, Matlack learned that Mossner had stepped on a landmine while fighting in Vietnam and been killed instantly. It turned out that Mossner, fearing that he’d lose credibility if he dodged the draft, had joined the Army after graduation and quickly moved up the officer ranks. The professor went back to a book he had lent the young student; inside, he found Mossner’s draft card, only half burned. “And I could do nothing but grab it and weep, as I still do,” Matlack told a roomful of students in Uris Hall. “Not understanding, but realizing this is a young man that’s wrestling with the deepest aspects of this struggle, of this war, of what is right, of what he is called to do.” Two decades would pass before Matlack visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. “I ran my fingers over his name,” Matlack said, “to make real the young lives we had lost.”

Matlack also recalled the dramatic tale of Jesuit priest Daniel Berrigan, a former assistant director of Cornell University Religious Work who went underground after being sought by federal agents for destroying draft cards in Maryland. Soon thereafter Matlack helped organize a festival to celebrate Berrigan’s poetry, with 10,000 people packed into Barton Hall. The event was held near Easter and Passover, and a left-leaning rabbi visiting Cornell organized a “freedom Seder” as part of it. “And all of a sudden I see this figure of a motorcycle and helmet coming in . . . and it’s Dan,” Matlack said. “He’s in. And we know the feds are all over the place.” Berrigan—who was eventually arrested for that act of protest and many others, including symbolically “beating swords into plowshares” by hammering the nose of a nuclear missile at a General Electric plant—would continue to work for social justice and antiwar causes for decades to come.



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Throughout the two days of events, many speakers warned against overly romanticizing the Sixties, which for many was a truly perilous time. Terry Cullen, MBA ’66, longtime coach of the Big Red sprint football team, served as a Marine leader on sweep operations in Vietnam. He was wounded and spent more than a year in a Navy hospital. At the teach-in, he described one mission in which he left with sixty-eight men and returned with four; the war, he said, was “God awful.” His best friend at Cornell vehemently disagreed with his decision to support military action in Vietnam, Cullen recalled, and the two argued about it constantly. At one point, they parted ways—Cullen to enlist, his friend to escape to Canada to avoid the draft. “All we talked about in the Sixties was Vietnam,” Cullen said. “That was the subject of every night, every class, everything that went on here.”

In large part, the war also defined Mary Jo Ghory’s years at Cornell. Not a well-known radical like Dancis or Jones, the 1969 alumna became increasingly involved in the movement while on campus. She worked with SDS, participated in antiwar protests, and appeared on the front page of the *Daily Sun* for trying to throw paint at Marine recruiters in Barton Hall. (Ghory slipped, and the paint missed its mark—but she was still arrested and sentenced as a youthful offender.) Yet Ghory also spent enough time at the books to earn admission to medical school after graduation—the path her father had urged her to take—eventually becoming a pediatric surgeon. “Sooner or later I came to the realization that I would live to be thirty,” she said, “and that maybe my father was right.”

For Daniel Marshall ’15, a history major who helped Kramnick organize the event, the decision of those like Ghory to pursue fruitful careers should not be taken to mean that their radical ideas were misplaced. Now at work on an honors thesis about Cornell in 1969, he has spent months poring over archives, transcripts, and speeches from the era. Marshall said that although Sixties radicals are sometimes maligned for trading their activism for successful careers, such criticism is fundamentally unfair. “You certainly did change society, but the fact that you didn’t do so once and for all doesn’t mean you failed,” Marshall said at the teach-in in Uris Hall. “It just means we’re still fighting.” ■



Heart to Heart

Gerontologist
Karl Pillemer
gleans relationship
advice from
veterans of long
marriages

By Heather Salerno

Jennifer Thomas Birckmayer, MA '56, was married to her husband for forty-seven years before he passed away in 2003. Theirs was a partnership built on deep love and commitment—the kind of relationship that many would envy. Even though it has been more than a decade since he died, Birckmayer still calls her husband—Harold Birckmayer '52, MBA '56, who always went by Peter—her best friend.

Yet Birckmayer, now eighty-two, doesn't look back on her marriage through rose-colored glasses. Along with the joy, she remembers the rough patches, as she and Peter struggled with many of the troubles that long-term couples face. During their years together, they coped with the deaths of her sister and their parents. They confronted financial woes when Peter once lost his job and, as she describes it, they were “dirt poor” with four young children to support. There was plenty of stress as they juggled family and work, particularly since Birckmayer—an early childhood educator who worked as a senior extension associate for Cornell's Department of Human Development—often had to attend meetings in Ithaca, more than three hours away from their home in Kinderhook, New York. They had serious health issues, too: Peter suffered from asthma, while Birckmayer twice battled breast cancer.

And, of course, there was the day-to-day strain of simply living together, dealing with each other's quirks and quibbling over household chores. She admits that there





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Marriage minded: Pillemer interviewed couples who had been wed as long as seventy-six years.

were times when they could have given up on their marriage—and she’s extremely glad they didn’t. “After the initial ‘Isn’t it wonderful to be together,’ it settles down to being a lot of hard work,” she says. “I don’t think either of us had any idea of how hard it was going to be, and how many down spots there would be in it.” But, Birckmayer adds, “those occasional moments of deep connection and extraordinary intimacy are just so stunning that I can’t imagine having them with anybody other than my husband. They make all of it worthwhile.”

That kind of sage observation can only come from someone with a stockpile of life experience—and it’s why human development professor Karl Pillemer turned to older Americans for relationship advice. Birckmayer is one of more than 700 people over sixty-five whom Pillemer and his research team interviewed for his latest book, *30 Lessons for Loving: Advice from the Wisest Americans on Love, Relationships, and Marriage*, which comes out in January from Hudson Street Press.

Pillemer believes that these elders, with more than a half-century of romantic hits and misses behind them, can teach the young a lot about navigating love’s unpredictable waters. The result is a guidebook filled with no-nonsense suggestions for those who want to

get married—and stay that way. The perspective of older folks is invaluable, he explains, because their viewpoint is from the end of life. “They’re looking back from the finish line; it’s no longer a mystery how things are going to turn out,” says Pillemer, who also holds an appointment in gerontology at the Medical College. “These are people who’ve been through just about everything that keeps young people awake at night, and they’re still doing okay. They’re living examples that a lot of what we worry about is actually resolvable—that with resilience, drive, and flexibility, you can still be happy, even though bad things sometimes happen to you.”

Pillemer used social science research methods to conduct the largest in-depth study ever done on long-term couples, representing a diversity of race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation. The average length of marriages was forty-three years, with the longest being a hundred-year-old woman married to her ninety-eight-year-old husband for seventy-six years. But Pillemer—who himself has been married for nearly four decades—didn’t just include examples of marital success. He also interviewed people who were in unhappy marriages, or who were single after several divorces. “I know personally that I learn as much from my mistakes and failures as things I’ve done well,” he says. “So I wanted to make sure this was not biased in favor of couples who made it to sixty years and enjoyed the whole ride.”

From this collection of stories—which required poring over hundreds of interviews and thousands of pages of transcripts—Pillemer was able to pick out a set of common teachings for dealing with married life, such as how to communicate with your partner, how to manage stressful situations, and how to keep the spark alive over the years. He also found that these older experts were able to address a vital question that many singletons have: how do I know if I’m marrying the right person?

The elders in the book acknowledge that choosing a proper mate is ultimately a guessing game. However, they offer concrete strategies on how to make that guess more educated—and some of their recommendations amazed Pillemer. “There’s this strong feeling in this country that opposites attract, and that you can’t be too similar to somebody else or it’ll get boring,” he says. “But if you ask the oldest Americans which is true—‘birds of a feather’ or ‘opposites attract’—they’re totally with birds of a feather.”

Indeed, Pillemer’s subjects are united on this point; they say that you have a better shot at a good marriage if both partners share core values. The elders noted that different interests can sometimes jazz up a relationship, but couples need to be on the same page when it comes to major issues like money, parenthood, career, and religion.

That’s part of what has kept Bob and Edith Levine of Teaneck, New Jersey, together for sixty-four years. Now eighty-nine and eighty-six, respectively—and the proud parents and grandparents of Cornellians—they

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hen I was a child, exchanging Valentines was a big deal. We would march down to the 5 & 10 store and purchase a package of

the little messages, addressing them to each member of the class. Often we accompanied our card with a few of those nearly inedible heart-shaped candies, imprinted with "Be Mine" and "Secret Admirer." From kindergarten on, we understood that the heart was the seat of love. No one quite knows the origins of this symbolism, but we still discuss love as a "matter of the heart," talk about broken hearts, and describe someone as a "heartthrob."

In choosing a mate, the experts use precisely this kind of language. When asked the question: "How do you know that a person is the right one for you?" I heard again and again ideas and expressions reflecting this answer:

Follow your heart.

The experts believe in love. Although one might think that some of the oldest respondents married because of family pressure, religious obligation, or social expectations, there were no differences among the age groups in the endorsement of love as the *sine qua non* of marriage. When I sorted through responses to the question, "What advice would you give to a younger person about choosing a mate?" a top answer was: "Be in love." Whether you are looking back over thirty years or seventy, the experts view profound love as the secret to choosing a mate.

But is this really a useful insight? How does that observation help someone trying to sort out complicated feelings for another person? I have to admit that recommending love as a basis for marriage in our culture is analogous to making a strong argument that the sky is blue. I needed more from the elders if they were going to help me answer the question posed to me by young working women, fraternity brothers, and singles of all ages: How do I know that this person is right for me?

I'm glad to report that with the help of the experts, I learned the secret to "following your heart." And it's not just an amorphous idea of being in love. Instead, when you are making the decision whether or not to go forward in a serious way, the experts told me there's one specific thing to look for: the in-love feeling. Its presence or absence is the diagnostic tool you need to decide "should I stay or should I go?"

In the search for a partner, nearly all of the experts described a powerful "sense of rightness," an intuitive and almost indescribable conviction that you have made the right choice. Call it what you will—a spark, an intuition, a gut feeling—but they agree that you shouldn't commit to a relationship

Those Three Little Words

In an excerpt from his book, Pillemer confirms what the poets say: it all comes down to love

without it. That's what following your heart means.

I admit that this profound sense that the person is right for you sounds intangible and even a bit mystical. And the elders often struggled to put this all-important criterion for choosing a mate into words. But for the experts, this particular ineffable feeling is highly predictive of a successful marriage. And in even stronger terms that warn you about the flip-side of the in-love feeling: Never get married without it.

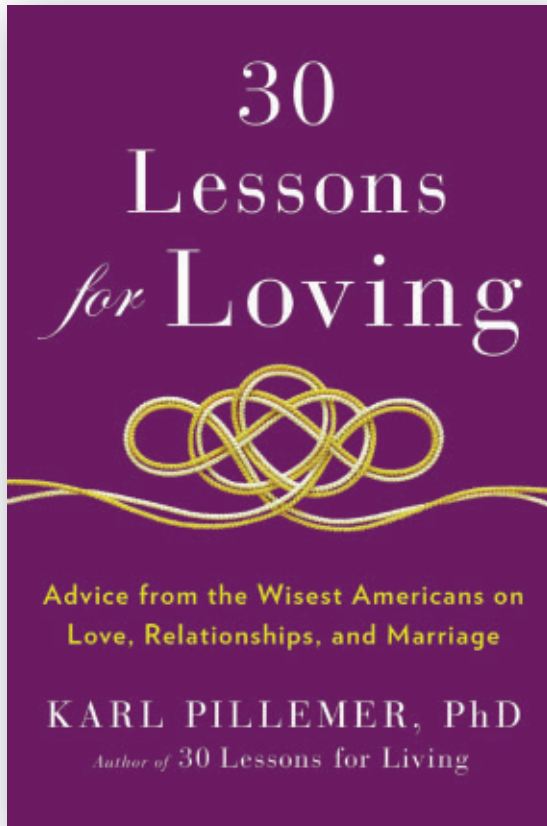
Over and over, the experts described this same "in-love feeling." Most remarkable was the nearly identical wording they employed; it varied little from person to person. When asked how they knew their partner was "the one," they would often hunt for words, and then wind up referring to this special feeling. This sensation involves a conviction of overwhelming rightness that builds on, but ultimately defies, a solely rational explanation.

Perhaps even more important than the in-love feeling is the opposite; let's call it the "this is wrong" feeling. Many experts also described this feeling in remarkably similar terms: as a visceral, intuitive, nagging sense that the relationship is just not right. It may be so faint that you have to search your feelings carefully for it. But the experts tell you from their own—sometimes tragic—experience that you ignore the warning of that feeling at your great peril.

In the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical *South Pacific*, we are offered this advice about love: "Who can explain it, who can tell you why? Fools give you reasons, wise men don't even try." The experts do a remarkable job of telling you how to look for love concretely, while admitting they can't really explain it. In their long experience, being "in love" will be a different experience for each individual, and one—despite thousands of years of poetic attempts—that ultimately defies description.

— Karl Pillemer

Another tip that Pillemer didn't expect from the elders he interviewed: go to therapy if you need it.



grew up in the same Bronx neighborhood and both are from close-knit, supportive Jewish families. The pair has the same taste in music, movies, and theatre—they're Broadway aficionados—and neither is particularly materialistic. “We enjoy the basics in life,” says Bob. “We didn't live above our means, and I think that comes out of having a similar background.” The Levines agreed, too, on how to raise their two daughters, especially when it came to the importance of higher education. Their younger daughter, Jane Powers, PhD '85, is a project leader in Cornell's Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research, and three of their grandchildren attended, or currently attend, the University.

The couple also illustrates another lesson that Pillemer gleaned from his research: relationships are a team effort. Bob says his approach to marriage was greatly influenced by his military service during World War II; he lost a leg at Normandy and spent time in a German prisoner of war camp. That harrowing experience showed him that working together can literally mean the difference between life and death, and once he and Edith tied the knot, they resolved to overcome any

obstacle as a couple. For instance, in the Seventies, Bob, who ran several Arby's franchises, was forced to shutter his restaurants when the fast-food chain declared bankruptcy. So for a time, Edith supported the family on her salary as a schoolteacher. They managed to squeak by, though they came close to losing their house. “It was important to sit down and work out what we were going to do together,” says Bob. “It was hard, but we got through it. That's the secret: marriage is basically a partnership.”

Another tip that Pillemer didn't expect from the elders he interviewed: go to therapy if you need it. “They talk a lot about the importance of communication, which was really surprising from this group, who weren't raised in our psychologized society,” he says.

For Joan Jacobs Brumberg and her husband of forty-two years, David Brumberg, counseling was key in getting them through hard times. “It wasn't over things that involved loyalty,” explains Joan, an emerita professor of history, human development, and gender studies at Cornell. “There was no adultery or dishonesty. It was just stressful situations.” Adds David, a former history bibliographer at Olin Library: “I grew up in a situation where people did not talk a lot about emotional things, so it's a little more difficult for me than it is for Joan. Sometimes it takes time—and help—to figure out how you want to communicate.”

And while the elders in Pillemer's book urge couples to treat marriage as a lifetime commitment—they swear by the adage “try, try again” before splitting up—they understand that some relationships need to end. Both Brumbergs were divorced when they met, with Joan's first marriage lasting only four years. She wed straight out of college, when she was just twenty-one. Joan says she was shocked by how little she knew about her ex-husband, in spite of having dated him since she was fifteen. “The problems were everything from money to social behavior to drug use,” she says. “He got and lost a lot of professional jobs. I was the steady one.” When Joan finally decided to leave, it was 1970—and she was the only divorced person she knew at the time. Looking back, she says she probably wouldn't have gotten married if she'd lived with her husband first, something that was taboo at the time. “My take on cohabiting is that it's a good thing,” she says. “I think there would have been a lot fewer divorces if more people had done that.”



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Long and winding road: Joan Jacobs Brumberg and her husband, David, say that traveling together (such as this recent trip to the Grand Canyon) is one of the pleasures of an enduring partnership.


The Brumbergs embody another piece of advice from the book as well; they value friendship as much as love. The two agree that there needs to be more than physical attraction to sustain a long-term marriage. For Joan and David, that means knowing how to have fun together, whether it's discussing politics, sharing a good meal, or playing with their grandchildren. "There's a time when the initial erotic stuff passes; somebody gets sick or you just plain age," says Joan. "So it's nice to share your house and your bed with someone whom you basically like."

Gathering advice from older people has been something of a lifelong activity for Pillemer. His grandmother, Katherine, was an early source of inspiration; she moved in with Pillemer's family when he was three, after his father passed away and his mother was left to raise four boys alone. "She was an admirable person who had a huge influence on my life," he says. "She was one of those elders who was healthy until about a month before she died at ninety-three. My brothers and I all really remember these pearls of wisdom from her."

In 2004, long after establishing himself as a gerontologist, Pillemer was asked to conduct a survey of Cornell's Class of 1964 for its 40th Reunion. He posed this question: "What are the most important lessons you have learned since graduating?" The responses sent in were so detailed and thoughtful, Pillemer knew

he had to delve further. So he launched the Legacy Project, and over the next five years, he and his researchers assembled information from about 1,200 older people from all over the country. Those tips turned into the book *30 Lessons for Living: Tried and True Advice from the Wisest Americans*, which *Library Journal* named one of the best self-help books of 2011.

That volume motivated Pillemer to write his new book, after many readers told him that the passages about love and relationships really struck a chord. He received e-mails from couples who displayed the book at their wedding receptions; some parents handed *30 Lessons for Living* to an adult child whom they thought was making a disastrous decision to walk down the aisle—with the book open to the chapter on marriage.

Pillemer thinks that these books resonate because the younger generation is anxious about aging—and also because few young people have older role models these days. "That's why we have movies with Morgan Freeman and Dumbledore and Yoda," he says. "The idea of wise elders really appeals to young people, but they feel it's missing in their lives. And the overall viewpoint of the people I interviewed was surprisingly positive about aging. This data makes you feel better about growing old." 

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Seven Honored with 2014 Frank H.T. Rhodes Awards

In October, alumni, staff, and guests attended a dinner at the Statler recognizing seven distinguished alumni—the recipients of the 2014 Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Awards. Named in honor of Cornell's ninth president, the award recognizes a lifetime of volunteer service to the University. This year's event was particularly special, as it was the twentieth anniversary of the awards, and more than thirty past recipients of the prize were in attendance. "Each of them has found a way to serve his or her alma mater in a particularly meaningful way and to have an enormous impact on this university," vice president for student and academic services Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94, told the audience, which included President Emeritus Rhodes, his wife, Rosa, and incoming president Elizabeth Garrett. "I'm struck by the breadth and depth of their experiences and how they've given back." In short, Murphy said, "the spirit of volunteer service is alive and well at Cornell."

Indeed, this year's recipients reflect the broad range of opportunities available to alumni volunteers. But each of their acceptance speeches had something in common: they all thanked Cornell for what the University has given them.

Elaine Mead Alexander '77 and John Alexander '74, MBA '76

"One of the best aspects about our volunteer work," John Alexander said, "is that Elaine and I were able to work together as a team." He and his wife have served as national co-chairs of



Vital volunteers: Rosa and Frank Rhodes (center front) with this year's award winners, (from left) John Alexander '74, MBA '76, Elaine Mead Alexander '77, Juliette Feeney Timsit '84 (accepting on behalf of her father, Charles Feeney '56), John Dyson '65, Kent Sheng '78, BA '82, Jim Hanchett '53, and Ginger So '79.

Cornell's Tower Club and the President's Circle committees. They are supporters of the Johnson Museum and helped revitalize the Cornell Club of Ithaca several years ago.

John is a Presidential Councilor and an emeritus member of the Board of Trustees. He has been an active member of the Class of 1974, serving as its treasurer and webmaster, and as a member of its 40th Reunion campaign. He has served on the administrative board of the University Council and is an emeritus member of the Johnson School advisory council and Major Gifts Committee. Elaine is a multi-term member of the University Council and has been active with her class, serving as its vice president and treasurer. She has served as chair of the Ithaca Area Regional

Campaign Committee, as a member of the Cornell Plantations Twenty-First Century Development Committee, and as president of the Cornell Women's Club of Ithaca. "We never expected to receive an award for doing something so natural to us," she said.

John Dyson '65

Like many of the recipients, John Dyson lauded Cornell's ninth president. "No award that Cornell could give me would mean more than one that has the name of Frank Rhodes," he said.

A longtime champion of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Dyson is a Presidential Councilor, a trustee emeritus, and a current member of the Fraternity and Sorority Advisory Council

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The winners: More than thirty past Rhodes Award honorees were on hand for the twentieth anniversary celebration.

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and the CALS Advisory Council. As a trustee, he has served on numerous committees: Buildings and Properties, Academic Affairs and Campus Life, Alumni Affairs and Development, Finance, and the Executive Committee. He has been Land Grant and Statutory College Affairs Committee chair and vice chair, and has worked as a liaison between the Board of Trustees and New York State.

Charles Feeney '56

While he is being recognized for his volunteer efforts—which include being an advisor to several Cornell presidents, a Presidential Councilor, a life member of the University Council, and an emeritus member of the School of Hotel Administration Dean's Advisory Board—it is for his philanthropy that Charles Feeney is most noted. Through his Atlantic Philanthropies, he has transformed student life and supported groundbreaking research.

Although he was unable to attend the ceremony, his daughter Juliette Feeney Timsit '84 accepted the award on his behalf and relayed a message from him: "Cornell has a place in my



Welcome back: Rhodes greets past award recipient Carol Bagdasarian Aslanian '63.

heart—and I believe, just like Frank Rhodes, that universities create the future. Cornell certainly changed my life and I was never the same after that, bringing me opportunities I never imagined for a small-town kid from Elizabeth, New Jersey."

Jim Hanchett '53

If you've been to a Big Red football game or to a Cornell reunion, you know Jim Hanchett. He has attended hundreds of gridiron matches over the years, and is known as the historian of Cornell Athletics. Jim is also the longtime chair of the Continuous Reunion Club—or, as he said in his acceptance speech, the "Chronic Reunion Club."

In accepting his award, Hanchett recalled that Cornell has been a part of him since his youth, when he spent summers at a family friend's farm in Ithaca during the Thirties. "Now, in retirement," he said, "Cornell has helped me find ways to ward off idleness."

Kent Sheng '78, BA '82

"I set off for Ithaca both hopeful and fearful," Kent Sheng recalled. While academics were strenuous, he discovered himself outside the classroom. Starting out running the projector at events for the Cornell Chinese Students Association, he eventually became president his senior year. He polished his skills as a writer for the *Daily Sun*. And as a fraternity brother at Sigma Pi, "I learned to show up, ease up, and speak up. Years later, I've to come realize that these non-classroom activities improved my personal confidence."

His dedication to student life has guided his role as an alumni volunteer. He was a leader with the Student and Academic Advisory Council Interest Group, and as chair of the SAS Major Gifts Committee has been instrumental

in promoting the West Campus housing system to alumni. In 1990, Sheng was one of the co-founders of the Cornell Asian Alumni Association (CAAA) and was co-chair of its first formal reunion in 2010. He also played a major role in the establishment of Cornell's Asian & Asian American Center (A3C). "You don't have to be an alumni volunteer for very long to know that Cornell is blessed with talented, energetic, and dedicated volunteers," Sheng said.



Big Red beginning: John Alexander with the host of next year's awards, president-elect Elizabeth Garrett

Ginger So '79

Ginger So came to Cornell sort of knowing the words to the Alma Mater, which closely resembles her sixth-grade anthem at P.S. 192 in Harlem. "Except," she says, "our first line went 'High above the Hudson's waters.'"

At Cornell, she was a member of the Committee on Special Educational Projects (COSEP), a program established in 1964 to increase enrollment of African American students and offer support services to foster their success. Like fellow award recipient Kent Sheng,

she was involved in the Cornell Chinese Students Association. "I learned from my parents the importance of community and being connected," she said. "My parents devoted their limited resources to making sure their children were educated."

Like many alumni volunteers, So started out by working with the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network. "I became more involved because someone asked me," she recalled. "Friendships and opportunities for networking grew." So has held many leadership positions: the first minority chair of the University Council; vice president of the Cornell Mosaic Executive Committee; and chair of the CAAAN Advisory Committee. She is a longtime leader of the Cornell Asian Alumni Association and has many roles with the Cornell Alumni Association, including director and vice president. "My experience at Cornell has been to grow and build community, so six degrees of separation becomes a separation of one," she said. "Through building community we make dreams come true, and I am humbled by this honor."


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39 Our thanks to Margaret L. Irish, an alumna of SUNY Potsdam, for sharing news of two members of the class. First, she sends the sad news that her mother, **Mary Strong Irish**, passed away on March 24, 2013, at the age of 94. “She remained active in her church, the garden club, and community affairs until the end of her life,” writes Margaret. “She also enjoyed reading and travel, maintained faithful correspondence with family and friends, and was an ardent nature lover.

“She was most proud of her service during WWII as a communications officer in the US Navy WAVES, and equally proud of her time at and association with Cornell, returning to several reunions over the years—notably both her 65th and 70th—with daughters Margaret and **Molly Irish Wielgosz ’77**. She would be very pleased that her fourth-generation grandson **Zachary Wielgosz ’17** is carrying on the family tradition.”

Margaret also sent the news that our classmate—and her uncle—**G. Whitney Irish** turned 99 last September. “He is enjoying his retirement years, and sang in the local barbershop organization, the Canton Goldenaires Chorus, until recently. He does not travel anymore, but would love to hear from fellow schoolmates or TEKE members at his residence in Canton, NY. Betty, his wife of 36 years, passed away in May.” Anyone wishing to contact Whitney can write to the magazine, and the letter will be forwarded.

Share your news in the Class Notes! Write to us at: Class of 1939, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

44 **Jack Gilbert ’49**, president of the Class of 1949, sent news of a happy coincidence. “I was in the Buffalo area recently for the wedding of one of my grandchildren. I picked up a copy of the *Buffalo News* and brought it home. Included in the paper was an article about **Henry Baxter**. The name rang a bell. I knew that guy—but from where? Finally the answer emerged: Dorm 12 of the Navy V-12 Unit at Cornell. And the proof showed up in the 1944 *Cornellian*.” The article Jack mentions, “Canal buff spurs state to identify site’s ruins” (Aug. 3, 2014), described Henry’s efforts to get the state to unearth the ruins of a 19th-century Commercial Slip and then share the story of the site with the public. The article calls the historic Slip “Buffalo’s main page in America’s story,” and adds, “The Erie Canal’s western terminus is where DeWitt Clinton in 1825 launched the waterway that transformed America.”

Elizabeth “Betty” Scheidelman Droz sent a letter to the *Alumni Magazine* that included these memories from her days at Cornell. “At Risley Hall, I initially had a single room. Across the hall was **Barbara Flagg Atlee**. She was a most fastidious person. Her roommate, **Georgette Backer** McKilips, was the extreme opposite—the most casual. Barbara asked me and Georgette if we would trade, so I became Barb’s roommate, and Georgette had the single. I think all three of us profited by this move . . .

“My Kappa Alpha Theta sorority sisters said, ‘Get involved in activities,’ and I took this to heart. One of my first activities was selling subscriptions to the *Cornell Daily Sun*. The prize was a position on the *Sun’s* board, and I went for it. I placed myself by the men’s dorms and won the contest hands down.” Betty was also involved with the Newman Club, the Drama Club, the prom committee, Raven & Serpent, Motor Board, and the Cosmopolitan Club, and was elected VP of Risley Hall and the first woman senior class president. She says she is grateful to Cornell for the development of her leadership abilities.

“One of the outstanding things about Cornell at that time,” she continues, “was that there were seven times as many men as women. Consequently, I was dated-up six weeks ahead. I kept a book and found that I dated 98 men in my freshman year—some more than once. All the while, I was in love with my boyfriend, John, from home, who was at Marietta College. I would compare each date with John, but they all fell short. He did not want me to change, so I neither smoked nor drank during my four years. I did not know anyone else who had these standards. In fact, after I graduated, I learned that there was a scholarship offered to anyone who did not smoke or drink during the four years, but I was not aware of it. My father thought I should get a rebate.”

After graduating with a BS in Nutrition, Betty worked for her family’s business for a year while John was in the service during WWII. “Then we were married, raised nine children, and started the largest real estate business in Central New York, Coldwell Banker Faith Properties. We also created the Good News Foundation, a multi-million dollar establishment on 63 acres whose purpose was to evangelize Roman Catholics. In addition, my husband and I visited over 70 countries—staying a full month in most cases—with the purpose of seeing how religion played out in each country. John was ordained a deacon in our church.”

“At age 91,” she closes, “I am still swimming regularly and am more active than most people 20 years younger. I believe that studying dietetics enabled me and my family to live a healthful life.” Send news to: Class of 1944, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; Dorothy Kay Kesten, 1 Crestwood Rd., Westport, CT 06880; e-mail, dotkes10@optonline.net. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

45 Happy New Year to all our readers, and thanks to our classmates who have written in recently. **Walter MacFarland III**, BCE ’48 (Media, PA; retlaw1923@verizon.net) says he spends his time “paying bills” but that he would rather be golfing in Florida. He wishes he had spent more time playing football at Cornell.

Thelma Emile Hunter (St. Paul, MN) tells us she’s practicing the piano, attending board meetings and concerts, traveling, and attending family gatherings. She has three sons living in the Twin Cities, plus one in Chicago and one in Colorado. Most recently, she says she took the trip of

a lifetime to Ireland with her five sons and their wives. She said, “We traveled in a beautiful coach seating 12, with a splendid driver whom one of the couples knew. We had FUN.” When asked what she’d rather be doing, she replied, “I’m doing whatever I want to do! There’s no rather.” Her next trip is to Aspen for the music festival, hiking, visiting local friends, and just breathing what she describes as “beautiful light air.” She hears from her two remaining roommates quite regularly and says she will be happy to renew friendships with whoever can get to our 70th.

Walter Keenan, ME ’49 (Seattle, WA) was the first one to sign up for our 70th Reunion, June 4-7, 2015. He is arranging transportation from Seattle to New York City, and then on to Ithaca on the Cornell Campus-to-Campus bus. He has offered some suggestions for class activities. Thank you, Walt. The rest of you, please follow his lead. The registration materials will be forthcoming in early spring 2015, but it isn’t too early to put the dates on your calendar now and to start planning.

The reunion will be an occasion for us to get together, reminisce, and celebrate our class, Cornell’s 150th anniversary, and the selection of our 13th—and first woman—president, Elizabeth Garrett. A block of rooms has been set aside for us at the Statler, and transportation will be provided for all events taking place away from the hotel. Several Cornell faculty members will speak, and there will be the usual all-alumni events. If you have ideas/suggestions or questions, please phone **Maxine Katz** Morse at (603) 436-7578 or e-mail her at maxine.morse@comcast.net. Your input is important, she says, and it is what will make reunion a valuable and enjoyable one for all.

Cornell’s reunion website (<http://alumni.cornell.edu/reunion/>) became available last June. For more information for the Class of ’45, go to that website and click on “Classes, Schools & Groups” (next to the picture of the clocktower), then on “Class of 1945.” As always, we are fortunate to have support from Cornell Alumni Affairs and Development in Erin Kennedy, Lauren Coffey, and Lauren Ryder. We echo Maxine’s advice to stay healthy and plan to rejoice with us in Ithaca, June 4-7. Julie Kamerer Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., Apt. 111, Silver Spring, MD 20904; e-mail, julie.snell@verizon.net; Bob Frankenfeld, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, betbobf@aol.com.

46 I greet you now as your new class correspondent with deep humility. **Elinor Baier** Kennedy carried on for 58 years. This must be a record set by few other class correspondents. She was a remarkable, dedicated woman. Now, I am anxiously waiting for your news. No matter how trivial, share those precious moments.

In 2005 I moved from Pittsburgh, PA, to the Peninsula Regent, a California retirement residence. My family all live west of the Rockies. I have been busy with committees, aqua-cising, being a tourist, and directing our in-house Glee Club (fun!). **Paul Levine**, BS ORIE ’49, has kept me informed re: all Northern California Cornell Club activities. We had

a great time at our 65th Reunion singing a special verse that he added to “Song of the Classes” at Saturday’s Cornelliana Night.

Jan Bassette Summerville keeps busy playing bridge and water exercising. She has promised to feed me information from those Eastern alums, as has **Joan Waite** Martens in New York City. Our class “news box” at the *Alumni Magazine* office was empty for this deadline. Please send me your e-mails (no stamps). Slow mail is great, too!

Just a weather note from sunny (dry) California as I am composing this column for my October 15 deadline. The sun is shining on a 71-degree day in San Mateo. I invite you to come for a visit. On the other hand . . . perhaps we should save our “strength” for the 70th Reunion, coming really soon in June 2016. **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, 1 Baldwin Ave. #501, San Mateo, CA 94401; e-mail, dmprey@aol.com; tel., (650) 342-1196.

Welcome to **Dottie Prey, ’46’s** new women’s class correspondent. I’ve read her first column and think you’re going to like her work. Following **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, who wrote the column for 58 years, is daunting. It won’t be the same and it shouldn’t be. Two great ladies; each in her own way.

The number of our class—“46”—comes up everywhere in my life, except in news submissions from classmates. Here, at Stoneridge Creek CCRC in Pleasanton, CA, it is Thursday, October 23 (half of 46). I’ll be headed shortly for my nine-hole, par-30 golf course, where I hope to shoot 46 or less. 46 fellow Stoneridge residents and new friends attended my 90th birthday tribute/roast last Thursday evening. Lois and I took the show 46 miles down the road to China Village, our favorite Belmont, CA, restaurant, for 23 (half of 46 again) family and friends in that area. My computer brings me many more than 46 e-mails every day, but unfortunately only rarely are they news items from classmates. You may not think your news is earth-shaking, but classmates are happy to hear that you are still here and still functioning. Therefore, when in doubt, send it to me at the address below: e-mail, snail mail, or telephone. I’ll be pleased to hear from you.

Charles deProsse, MD ’50 (deprosse83@gmail.com) remains very active. He attends the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, which will be in New Orleans next, travels some with wife Carol, and hits the gym three times a week. Charles writes, “I retired in 1996 from the U. of Iowa College of Medicine. In the intervening years, I have enjoyed taking classes in adult education at the four local collegiate institutions. Of special pleasure has been a class on literature ranging from Homer to Willa Cather, led by a retired English professor.” He adds, “I continue to enjoy watching and sharing the activities of children and stepchildren and their bewildering offspring. I appreciate the sunrise each day, the evening sunset, and the life in between. Life is good. It would be better if the aging changes of 88 years had not occurred, but, as the saying goes, it beats the alternative.”

Our annual reminder: If you have scrapbooks, diaries, letters, photographs, or mementos from the 1940s at Cornell, send them to Elaine Engst, Director and University Archivist, Carl A. Kroch Library, Ithaca, NY 14853-5302; tel., (607) 255-3530; fax, (607)-255-9524; e-mail, EE11@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 Cornell now. Elaine advises that 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 below e-address. Include your name, city, and state. Send news to: **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir., #202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com; tel., (925) 201-7575. Class website, <http://classof46.alumni.cornell.edu>.

47 Renée Gaines Wallace (Houston, TX; rwallace355@yahoo.com) serves on the Vita-Living Board and the Vita-Living Foundation Board. She started the Vita-Living nonprofit in 1982 with six clients who had intellectual disabilities. The organization has grown and now serves 500 clients. Besides the business, Renée visits galleries and museums and collects art. **William Pendarvis** (Clackamas, OR) continues to be busy with his vineyard, winery, and wine bars. He hosted an annual music festival on his farm for the eighth year last summer. See www.pickathon.com for more information.

Joseph Leeds and his best friend (a small poodle and Maltese mix from an animal shelter) live in an assisted living home in River Vale, NJ, just ten minutes from his sons. He does a bit of gardening, he says, “much to the chagrin of the ‘home’ CEOs. I can still bend at 92.” He is resident council president for the second time. Besides the gardening, he has shaken up the place by starting library reading groups, a weekly short story reading group, a music program, and a monthly lunch outing group. **Carolyn Shaver** Eisenmenger (ceisenmenger@comcast.net) has moved to a retirement home in Wayland, MA. “It’s nice not to have to cook dinner, but I miss our home of 25 years, a 1905 brick house on four acres with birds and wildlife.” She spends a good deal of time reading.

Malcom Steinberg, BCE ’46 (San Antonio, TX) published the global edition of *Geomembranes and the Control of Expansive Soils* with a co-author who earned his PhD at Cornell. Neither this nor his earlier *Admiral Boorda’s Navy* has made the *New York Times* Best Seller List (yet). **B. Jane Ruggels** Pinel (Hillsborough, NH; jpinel@hotmail.com) calls her hometown “a beautiful, quaint, historic village.” She owns and operates the Gallery at Well Sweep in Hillsborough. She also has been recently published with *Dolly: Her Story*, a book about her mother. **Sy Yenoff** Kingsly (Short Hills, NJ; syandy@aol.com) missed attending Cornell’s Adult University (CAU) last summer because of knee surgery, but is looking forward to getting back to tennis, morning walks, and CAU next summer.

I have some news about the undergraduates who earned our newest Class of 1947 Cornell Tradition fellowships. It is wonderful to hear about these students and how our financial support helps them. **Bennett Kapili ’16** is a junior in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Based on two inspiring courses taught by **Steven Squyres ’78**, PhD ’81, he is thinking of pursuing a career in astronomy. Bennett wrote, “I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to pursue my aspirations. Without Cornell’s and your financial assistance, I would not be able to study at Cornell. Later in life I plan on giving back to Cornell to help future Cornellians afford their education.” **Kelsey Neckers ’16** is a junior in Animal Science whose goal is to be a vet in the dairy industry. She wrote, “I would like to thank you because it is an honor to see that you care enough for my education and my fellow classmates that you

would donate your hard-earned money to help students like me achieve their goals.”

Mikale Thomas ’17 is a sophomore in Arts and Sciences who plans to major in Chemistry and minor in English. She says, “While the subjects seem incredibly different, I find that both are challenges to look closely at the world around us, just in different ways.” She enjoys playing the viola in the orchestra and chamber groups, creative writing, and science. **Yuri Villatoro ’17**, a senior in ILR and the first in her family to attend college, wrote, “It is important for you to know how much your scholarship has helped me and how not only I, but my entire family is thankful. I won’t let you down. I hope to one day be exactly like you and give someone an opportunity to study while not worrying about the financial aspect of university.” If you’d like to contribute to the class scholarship fund to help more students, please send your checks to Cornell University, P.O. Box 25842, Lehigh Valley, PA 18003-9692. You can include the Fund #665619 (in the memo of the check or in the “note” field at the online giving site) to ensure the gift is processed to our fund.

Postscript: Right before this column was finalized in October, your correspondent **Arlie Williamson** Anderson died of complications of ALS. My brother and I frequently helped our mother with the column, so we wanted to add a note to say goodbye on her behalf. Mom loved Cornell—not only what the university represents and the education she received, but most importantly the friends she made there, from 1944 to 2014. She loved going to the ’47 reunions, to other events on campus, and to alumni events in Rochester. She enjoyed organizing the reunions and being the class correspondent because those activities kept her in touch with her classmates. Thank you for being a friend, a classmate, and a vital part of our mother’s life. **Beth Anderson ’80** and **Roger Anderson ’78**.

Best wishes for an easy winter! The next columns will come from the capable hands and word processor of **Sylvia Kianoff** Spain. Please send your news to her at: irashain1@verizon.net or 653 Primrose Lane, River Vale, NJ 07675-6511.

48 Talia Lewis ’18 (TJL79@cornell.edu) sent to our class a very nice note, thanking all of us and the Class of ’48 Scholarship Fund for the financial aid we have bestowed upon her. She’s from Owego and will study Astronomy with a second major in Education. Her mother works in the IT department at Cornell as an applications programmer. Talia has worked with her mother over the past few years, inspiring her to become part of the Cornell community. She’s living in Balch Hall.

First news ever!—from **Charles “Chuck” von Wrangell** (Moorestown, NJ): “After receiving my Cornell BME, I earned an MSE from Princeton in 1953. The greatest pleasure I enjoyed in my engineering career was the solving of problems and being a team leader. I have visited almost every state—missed Alaska with the Wrangell Mountains and the small fishing village of Wrangell, named after a Russian admiral relative. I have been to Western Europe, Great Britain, Israel, Egypt, some of China, Japan, Thailand, Brazil, Yugoslavia, and the Dominican Republic. My wife, Mercedes Carmen Herrera, is from the Dominican Republic.

“I was lucky as a child, spending 1932 in Germany when my mother studied singing to try to become an opera star. Two more summers in Europe

saw Germany mobilizing for war in summer 1939. I took the train from Cologne to Brussels to visit relatives right before England declared war. I saw German post-war cleanup in 1949. I met Hermann Goering in an open touring car with staff officers and generals. I was on his running board, three feet from Hermann, with my mother's Leica camera, wanting a photo. Focusing nervously, I missed the shot. Everybody including Hermann laughed.

"My most treasured life experience was meeting and making good friends with George Balanchine, the famous choreographer, in 1949. He was a genius. He was fascinated with engineers and scientists, starting with math and putting a man on the moon. I was his link with technology and science, and I was fascinated with how he concocted dancers' movements, their beautiful coordination with music. I was really privileged to be his friend. Many Monday morning coffee breaks I was commanded to describe in detail the 'week-end with George'.

"I met Pir Sayed Ahmad Gailani in Peshawar in September 1983, a moderate one of the seven leaders of the Afghans when the Soviets invaded in December 1979. I had arrived solo with as many antibiotics as I could afford to give to the patriotic Afghans defending their country against the genocidal Red Army. He ordered two armed Afghans to guide me 25 miles into Afghanistan to Khost, a city the Soviets had fortified. I watched Afghan men of all ages with antique British Lee-Enfields, AK-47s, Molotov cocktails, and knives battle Soviet tanks. Gailani appreciated the medicine and asked me to meet him after I returned to Afghanistan. We discussed many points. It was clear to me we should have put our trust in non-political Gailani and young gifted military leader Ahmen Shah Massoud, who were close friends. I met Gailani again in Washington. He came to meet members of Congress. The Soviets withdrew from Afghanistan. They could not afford losing so many gun-ship helicopters to Afghan-fired American-donated rockets. Then came 9/11 and the Taliban opposition. So much could have been avoided.

"I have been trained by a Chinese doctor in traditional oriental healthcare. First used 5,000 years ago, it is still being used in China to cure cancer and other diseases. Since about eight years ago, I have coached six people with various forms of cancer. Each was under the care of his or her American-trained doctors, but were rapidly getting weaker and had reached terminal stages. After meeting each one (by chance) and he or she decided to accept my offer of help, each of them was quickly cleared and completely cured. One doctor said to his patient (with multiple myeloma), 'Tell the man who told you what to do that you were saved entirely by him; nothing I did was effective in any way at all.' Two American-trained doctors of another patient (my first, also with multiple myeloma) gave her similar advice. Her improvements were so rapid, strong, and free of pain that they canceled everything (chemo, radiation, and bone marrow transplant). This happened eight years ago. Two years ago, the AMA stated in the Mayo Clinic monthly health letter, 'Multiple myeloma is incurable.' In less than one month of only my coaching she was completely cured. I merely 'coach' the patient. I am not the curer. He or she tells the body what to do and the body does the curing. I admit that six is a minuscule number, but my Cornell Engineering education made a key aspect of the therapy clear to me: even my Chinese teacher was not taught in oriental medical

school in China, and it makes complete sense. If you have any form of cancer or have multiple sclerosis and need help, contact me. No fee, just travel expense if any. It's the patient's decision. God bless all '48ers. Cheers."

Past president **Bob McKinless**, Alexandria, VA, writes: "As a cycling enthusiast for 35 years, I've participated in many charity rides for a variety of worthy causes, paying the required entry fees myself." (Ed. note: Biker Bob has pedaled in all 50 states.) "This summer 2014, my son Rich and his son Chris are cycling from Astoria, OR, to the East Coast for biking-for-books.org, a charity that puts books in the hands of children who might never have one of their own. Rich and his wife, Kathy, retired KPMG auditor partners, have served as volunteer leaders and/or board members for the Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, the Kidney Foundation, the Corcoran Museum, and the Archdiocese of Washington. They started July 4, 2014, and I planned to join them for a small portion of the trip after they crossed the Rockies. I wish I were 15 years younger and could do more of the trip. I hope you will check Rich's website (biking-for-books.org)."

Gifford Doxsee wrote early last year, and we hope he's now feeling better after a March 2014 fall in his home in Athens, OH. He let us know that he had to move to assisted living at the Lindley Inn in the The Plains, OH. **Louis Fisher**, MBA '50, Berkeley, CA, writes: "I am now a proud great-grandfather. That is no record—must be tons of them. But my great-granddaughter has crossed the Pacific three times—Australia to California, California to Australia, and Australia to Chicago—in only 30 days. That must be a record!" Send news to: **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone/fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobpersons48@gmail.com.

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Our classmates may retire, but they never retire from their favorite lively activities!

Ted Levine, MA '50 (Rye, NY; ted.levine@dc-intl.com), chairman of Development Counselors Int'l, tells us that he spends his time: as advisor to DCI, the firm he started (20%); teaching seniors, mainly popular culture courses such as film, mystery stories, and current theatre (20%); reading and watching television (20%); with family (20%); and, he says, "loafing and enjoying myself" (20%). Ted, married to Patricia, has been teaching for the past 14 years at Iona College and Palm Beach State College. When asked what he'd rather be doing now, he replied, "No kidding, I like things just the way they are. My future goals: 1) keep teaching seniors until I'm 90 at least; and 2) keep living until 96 (at least)." Ted has been in touch with **Gerhard Loewenberg**, PhD '55, after reading his book, *Moved By Politics*, as well as **Louise Spitzer Albert** and **Jay Orson '48**. When Ted came up to Cornell for the first time he brought, he says, "a small valise of personal stuff and a big ink-dripping mimeograph machine inherited from my public-minded sister, **Tess '46**, as used by student activist groups of the 1940s."

A. Arthur Lowenthal, BA '48 (Saratoga Springs, NY; terrylowenthal@verizon.net), married to Therese, says that although he is a "slow reader," he has recently read, from cover-to-cover, the following: *Harvard Medical Letter*, *Prevention*, *Consumer Reports On Health*, *Mayo Clinic Health and Special Reports*, *Scientific American*, and *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. "I spend my hours assisting my

wife of 55 years with house and cooking chores (I do the dishes). I'm correcting spelling errors in the *New York Times* and telling them about it! For health reasons, I use YMCA gym facilities and walk the treadmill one to two miles a day, four or five days a week. I attend excellent performances covering a variety of interests at Skidmore College and enjoy local museums and art shows. Budget allowing, additional travel with my wife. I hear from **Gerry Chanin '48**, **Dick Turteltaub '48**, and **Dot Dashevsky Fast**." Art says he brought naiveté, enthusiasm to learn, and a desire to participate as he did in high school when he first came up to the Hill.

Bill Feinberg (Ocean, NJ; joanfeinberg@verizon.net), married to Joan, is a counselor-at-law with Feinberg Dee & Feinberg in Bayonne, NJ. He's been working, fishing with Joan and their yellow Lab, Joe, and writing. He tells us, "I am a trustee with three nonprofits—hopefully to make the world a little better," and adds, "I'm working full-time for the Yankee dollar." Bill notes that he'd rather be going back to Tahiti. He'd enjoy hearing from Prof. **Howard Evans '44**, PhD '50, of the Vet college, but says that most of his old Cornell friends have passed away. A trunk of clothing is all he brought up to Cornell when he first came. **Wes Dempsey** (Chico, CA; wdempsey@csuchico.edu), married to Phyllis, wrote that he has been taking field trips for CSU, Chico and the California Native Plant Society, as well as gardening and teaching "Trees of Chico" for Osher Lifelong Learning Inst. He is a volunteer for the City of Chico, removing invasive plants such as Spanish broom, arundo, tamarisk, and so forth from greenways. "They're non-native fire hazards!" Asked what he'd rather be doing, Wes says, "I'm doing it all!" He'd like to hear from old Cornell friends: "Anyone still alive!" Coming to Cornell for the first time, Wes brought one small suitcase of clothing and his US Army uniform (82nd Airborne Division).

Our class president, **Jack Gilbert**, BCE '49 (Ithaca, NY; ingerjack@msn.com), visits his wife, **Inger (Molmen)**, each day at Oak Hill Manor Nursing Home on South Hill in Ithaca. "About an eight-minute car ride." Last year he wrote, "I am a pack rat. When we moved in August 2011, I got rid of a lot, but I still have a lot. At age 88, I find it difficult to attack that which is left. Let the kids sort it out!" Jack says he would rather be traveling with his wife. "In our traveling years we had many wonderful trips. I miss planning the trips and then carrying out the plan." Jack brought one medium trunk sent via Railway Express and a suitcase on his first trip to the Hill. **Virginia Miller Hoadley** (Lakeland, FL; hoadleyvjb@aol.com), married to John, writes, "I am busy, keeping up with everything." She has moved to a retirement home and is occupied with meetings, Bingo, movies, bowling, and holding herself and her husband together. Virginia would enjoy hearing from **Vera Horning Weber**.

Louise Newberg Sugarman (Chevy Chase, MD) writes, "I am living in an adult community with wonderful lectures and movies, a library, and lots of bridge. Living adjacent to Washington, DC, gives me the advantage of listening to many economists, politicians, etc. Also, I live near the Kennedy Center, the Smithsonian Institution, and other museums and art galleries of interest. It's a wonderful location for the senior years. Happy where I am and with what I am doing." **Dionisios Theokas**, PhD '53 (geodan@verizon.net) writes that he and his wife, Georgia, are living in Vineland, NJ, where he is working on 12 acres of woods.

Bernard Stanton (Ithaca, NY; bfs2@cornell.edu) tells us that he and wife Lara are residents of Kendal at Ithaca, and were residents in December of the year it opened. "We are pleased to be founder residents and enjoy the resident community. My activity at Kendal is care and maintenance of the rose beds in the central courtyard of the main building, where the perennial beds are protected from wildlife and the flowers are tended by residents. As a former faculty member located in Warren Hall, I have office space in the basement of the renovated Warren Hall with other retired faculty. We retirees make coffee for ourselves and visit most class days at 10:30 a.m. Visitors are welcome on the fourth floor faculty lounge (Room 436)."

It's great hearing from you all. Unfortunately, I could not make Reunion, as we were moving from New Mexico at that time. But, happily, we are now much closer to Ithaca! Please keep in touch. ☐ **Dorothy "Dee" Mulhoffer Solow**, 50 Grant St., Wellsboro, PA 16901; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 The book that our Class of 1950 has commissioned about the history of the class is due to be finished and distributed by the time of our 65th (!!!) Reunion, June 4-7. We were the first normal class to enter Cornell after WWII, you'll recall, and our freshman year was the year the veterans came flooding back. Our writer, **Brad Edmondson '81**, is organizing the book as an oral history, with long quotations from our classmates. Brad turns out to be a genius at interviewing people. As a teaser, here are two excerpts from the book:

Walt Bruska played football on the team that won the Ivy League championship our junior and senior years. But I never knew Walt was also a WWII veteran: "I was 21 years old and married when I arrived at Cornell," Walt says, "and married students had to arrange for their own housing. So I bought a house trailer and an old Cord automobile—a big Mafia car, it would have carried 12 people—and we towed the trailer from our home in Mohawk, NY, to a trailer park that had just opened in Varna.

"I had enlisted in the Army Air Corps in the spring of 1943. I wanted to be a navigator because I had seen the movie *Winged Victory*, where the navigator was the key man on the plane. He sent directions to the pilot so the plane could hit its target, and he knew when the plane had to turn around so it wouldn't run out of fuel. I didn't know it would take them almost two years to train me.

"I finally arrived in Guam as a member of the 315th Bomb Wing at the end of June 1945. I flew on a couple of bombing missions before the war ended [in August], and I was sent up to Tinian Island as one of the back-up crew for the atomic bomb runs to Japan, although I didn't go. I continued doing supply and delivery missions until I was discharged as a first lieutenant in May 1946.

"With a baby on the way, we got a place in Vetsburg, a little neighborhood of maybe 100 families out east of campus on Mitchell Street, near the High Voltage Lab. The university built triplexes of one- or two-bedroom units, and married students lived out there with their kids. You found your way to campus somehow. Nobody had much money in Vetsburg, so we traded babysitting and odd jobs. We had our parties once a month, when the veterans' payments arrived. My neighbor and I would each buy a pint of whiskey,

and we'd go over to someone's house and have dinner and whoop it up."

Walt (Shelburne, VT; wbruska@myFairpoint.net) became director of development at Cornell and then VP for administration at Kent State and Alaska Pacific U. The baby grew up to be **Charlotte Bruska Gardner**, co-president of the Class of 1969.

Ann Ellis Reynolds, MEd '53, is the lovely lady who became president of the old Women's Self-Government Association, which ruled women's lives when we were students. We had a nightly curfew, a dress code, and limitations on where we could go and what we could do, and WSGA meted out punishments to those who disobeyed. But I never realized Ann was also a rebel: "The social rules at Cornell were mainstream for the US," Ann explains, "but I grew up in New York City and my parents gave me a lot of freedom. So when I was faced with the curfew and other rules, I just broke them, knowingly. Many of the returning veterans lived off-campus, so if I was visiting them, I might spend the night rather than risk being late for the curfew.

"My attitudes came from my background. My father was a liberal Republican from Vermont. He was a lawyer who handled some high-profile divorces. He saw how women were not treated equally, how they were totally dependent on their husbands because they had no way to make a living themselves. He told me that he wanted to make sure I had enough money so I would never be forced to stay with a man I didn't love.

"I was rebelling against everything, and so I ran for president of WSGA. I was going to reform all these rules. I was spouting the whole feminist liturgy. I'm proud now that I was ahead of my time, but I also remember praying that I would not be elected. And when I was elected in the spring of 1949, I was shocked to realize that not everyone agreed with me. A lot of women actually supported the rules. My proposals went over like a lead balloon. And I also had to stick to the curfew, of course, because suddenly I was the Queen of the Curfew. All these great guys, and suddenly I had to cut my visits short."

Ann (RayAnn802@gmail.com) earned a doctorate in psychology in 1982 and taught on the Harvard faculty at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. She currently practices psychology in Quechee, VT.

For more interviews with classmates, you'll have to read the book. Hope to see you at Reunion in June! ☐ **Marion Steinmann**, 237 W. Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel., (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com; **Paul H. Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phjoslin4@aol.com.

51 How many of you saw the cover story in the July 2014 *National Geographic* about the current status of the Drake Equation that Frank told us about at our 50th Reunion? "**Frank Drake** is still looking for extraterrestrial signals—a discovery that would trump everything else." There's a photo of Frank on page 45 of that issue, too.

Charles Moore writes, "I'm now ensconced at home in the Endless Mountains of Laporte, PA! All nine children and 14 grandchildren are doing fine; visited them all over Christmas and Thanksgiving 2013. Am also chairing the Inst. for Sustainable Value Creation, hosted by the Conference Board, and was awarded the 2013 Lifetime Achievement in Philanthropy by *CR Magazine*." **Albert Glassenberg** (New London, CT) is relaxing, doing very little

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after having his left knee replaced in October 2012. He reports that son Charles lives in Wellesley, MA, with three daughters, and daughter Jacqueline lives in Forest Hills, NY, with twin daughters. Albert recalls his fondest memory of Cornell: "Graduating."

Phyllis Fein Bobrow (Oviedo, FL) says, "I'm reading, watching Metropolitan Opera on the big screen when the series begins each year, and trying to keep up with family and friends. Almost four years ago, **Henry, JD '52**, and I became great-grandparents to Cody, son of granddaughter Melissa. Granddaughter **Becca '15** is fourth-generation at Cornell: my father, myself and sister **Lucy Fein Saunders '54**, daughter **Joanne Bobrow**

for an MS promotion last fall. I spent two weeks in Ireland in 2013 and just returned from the Carmel, CA, sea breezes. I'm recovering from a bone spur operation."

Frances Goldberg Myers (Asheville, NC): "Time is spent reading, talking on the phone, e-mailing, socializing, thinking about exercising and settling for Tai Chi, and volunteering at the Asheville Art Museum (daughter Pamela is director). Since driving is not my favorite thing, I have become more active in my condo community—I write for the monthly newsletter, plan program activities and weekly supper menus, and serve on committees. All of this means meetings galore! I also attend classes at OLLI Learning Center at UNCA—sessions

half-mile-long gravel road. Then I joined son Andrew and daughter-in-law Lisa for tours of O'ahu (Polynesian Culture Center, USS Arizona Memorial) and Hawai'i (Kilauea, Pu'uuhoua o Hōnau National Park, Mauna Kea)." Steve concluded: "In October I will again travel to Texas, for the wedding of my granddaughter Amanda." Fact checking, I reached him in Texas.

I solicited news from **Jan Hofman** McCulloch (Ashford, CT; janhmcculloch@gmail.com), who wrote that as Ed's illness progresses, she is behind in everything. "I'm still in a couple of garden clubs and master gardening. I now have assignments like treasurer and historian. They don't take as much time. So Ed is my focus now. I only go to events that are near home, so not much news. Missed seeing you all at the class meeting." Well, we missed her, too. Earlier Jan had answered "What did you learn at Cornell?," with, "Besides my studies—which I enjoyed very much—I learned to work with all kinds of people with different interests."

Now to older news from the 2013-14 mailbag. **Judy Calhoun** Schurman (schurma1@optonline.net) sold her house in New Canaan, CT, and bought a condo, also in New Canaan, with a deck and a Japanese garden. It needed lots of work, and her granddaughter **Megan Womer '06**, who is an interior designer, was there to help. Judy stays busy with choir and Staying Put in New Canaan, a nonprofit for seniors. She organized a family reunion on the Cape, and said, "We put the fun in dysfunctional." She was "grandma" at two weddings of Cornellians. She also travels. She did a second African safari and was planning to go to Morocco last April. Reflecting on Cornell then and now, Judy wrote, "Today's Cornell is just as vibrant as ever and just as lovely! The students seem to be friendly and focused and they still enjoy their beer." In 2013, **Edward Madison** (Boulder, CO) wrote, "I'm spending a lot of time at Boulder Community Hospital, coping with surgeries, both mine and my wife's." Edward also would have liked to have been able to travel. Commenting on campus culture, he wrote, "It is different. Change is inevitable."

Richard '51 and **Nancy Harrington Booth** (Brooklyn, CT; rabnhb@charter.net) wrote, "We've been upgrading our 1750 house with a new furnace and carpentry repairs. Why? Our new home insurance policy." Nancy would like to visit her daughter in Scotland as well as granddaughter Elizabeth and her younger daughter in Maine, but, she said, "All feres are up, my mobility is down, and I have too much to do here!" Instead, Nancy was cleaning, taking care of her 20 household cats, keeping up with doctor and dental appointments and the news, and watching TV. Considering campus culture: "It seems to have degenerated seriously since we were there. I would not want to live in a dorm today." What she learned at Cornell? "I learned many things about life and how to live effectively, as well as all of my academic knowledge—especially in ecology and conservation. A totally amazing experience."

Donald Henn was still in Huntington, NY. **Marion Lotz** Rutan (Newark Valley, NY; wmrutan@stny.rr.com) would also like to be traveling. She did vacation in Vermont with her son. She plans events for her church's Adult Faith Formation, and in summer her hobby is making all sorts of jams and jelly. At Cornell, she said, "I learned how to find out what I need to know." **Konrad '55** and **Liddell Tauscher Bald** (Lake Barrington, IL; dellrad@comcast.net) wrote, "Left our house behind and

'We put the fun in dysfunctional.'

Judy Calhoun Schurman '52

Schoelkopf '76 and son **Richard '79**, and now Becca." Phyllis would rather be walking around campus. She adds, "I have had MS since 1965 and have survived most of my original neurologists." She brought four suitcases and her typewriter when she first came to Cornell.

Joan Falconer (Iowa City, IA) writes, "I'm gardening, reading, looking after cats, and traveling. In summer 2012 I took a ten-day paddlecraft trip on the Kongakut River in ANWR, AK. I love white-water trips in wild places. Planning my fourth (!) river trip through the Grand Canyon by small boat (dories) as a vacation from garden and cats. I am still in touch with my best friend and former roommate." Joan recalls bringing all skirts and no pants to Cornell. "Sainted memory: singing in Sage Chapel choir under Donald J. Groust." **Marion Roberts** Woodhead (Lake Jackson, TX): "I've lived in Central and South America and visited Europe and Africa, but at 85 I finally saw the Grand Canyon. Awesome."

Larry Smith (Northport, NY) writes, "I'm still planning trips abroad—Japan, India, China, Italy, Spain, and France in the past 15 years. I spent 11 delightful days just outside the medieval walled city of Dubrovnik, Croatia, last September." Recently, he's been doing photography, tennis, and golf ("to the extent that my torn rotator cuff permits"). He says he is also enjoying spending time with son **Mark '87**, chief of plastic surgery at Mt. Sinai, daughter **Tami '89**, senior VP at Shire Pharmaceutical, and four grandchildren. "I always enjoy returning to our beautiful campus. Sadly, each time, there seem to be fewer familiar faces."

William Greveling (Paw Paw, MI) works around the house and volunteers with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, United Christian Services, and the Knights of Columbus at the local community pantry. He updated computer records for United Christian Services to record assistance to needy families by all agencies. "Four years ago I assisted in combining four church pantries into a community pantry run by volunteers—one of the most successful in our area. My recovery from heart failure and open-heart surgery has taken a long time, but I am doing quite well. Jeanne and I celebrated 62 years together on July 12. It has been a very good relationship throughout our many health issues and our joys. Every morning I wake up and thank God for another day with my bride." **John Roberts**, BCE '52 (Sedona, AZ) says, "Son-in-law Rick climbed halfway up Mt. Everest

on Romantic music and Mesoamerica were the latest. I'm pretty happy living my life, enjoying people, and participating in committee life. I read lots of travel articles, but find traveling increasingly unpleasant, so I'm happy to be in the beautiful mountains with friends of all ages. Whatever happened to **Joan Ornstein** Bonheim? I am delighted to have old friends like **Marge Tucker** Sablow, **Sheela Mittelman** Percelay, Phyllis Fein Bobrow, **Shelley Epstein** Akabas, **Jackie Berkman** Kemp '52, and **Nina Ash** Gross '50 all in touch by phone and e-mail. We are living long and well."

Our apologies to **Susan Pardee** Baker, who wrote: "You referred to my daughter by the wrong name in a recent column. She is **Susan Lowell Baker '78**, BA '79, and uses her maiden name, although firmly married to Paul Wicker. They live in Spain, where they teach Kung Fu and have restored an ancient stone house. She is a clinical psychologist and an avid gardener." **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 Let's start with new news. I received an e-mail from **Stephen Tauber** (Lexington, MA; ejt-sjt@rcn.com). He has covered a good part of the world in the last year and seen lots of relatives. Several of the places Stephen stayed were way up there in altitude and involved climbing. In July 2013 he spent two weeks on Ile du Levant in the French Mediterranean, a very steep place with no motor vehicles, no bank, and very few Americans. "A very leisurely, casual place," says he. "On the beach, nudity is obligatory, by municipal ordinance."

By October 2013, Stephen was in Killeen, TX, to meet his first great-grandchild while her father was between deployments to Afghanistan. In December, he attended a family wedding in a vineyard in Casablanca, Chile. After that, Stephen spent several days with a 96-year-old relative in Santiago. He toured Cuzco and Machu Picchu, Peru, and then went on to Cartagena and Bogotá, Colombia. He continues, "In Bogotá I stayed with a 92-year-old cousin of my mother. My Spanish is essentially nil, but in Santiago and Bogotá I often conversed with locals in German. During August 2014 I toured Washington and British Columbia for several days by car (lovely scenery) and visited daughter Sharon and son-in-law Alex on Lopez Island. They live at the dead end of a

moved into a 'senior lifestyle community' here in Barrington. Trying to get used to life without a car—no fun." Dell finally has time to listen to her books-on-tape for the visually impaired, and, she said, "I'm learning to live by someone else's schedule." She would also like to be relaxing on a cruise. About today's campus culture, she wrote, "They don't have as much 'fun-free' time. At Cornell I learned how to run a house and home and be involved in the community and work at the same time."

Robert Bitz (Baldwinsville, NY; rwbitz@mac.com) wrote, "I am doing exactly what I would like to do! Enjoying life, writing local and agricultural history, keeping active, and learning. I moved from the family farm of 178 years to a retirement community and I am enjoying it. Life is constantly changing and we must change with it." He added, "I was researching history and then writing about it. I published eight books." On campus culture, he said, "We had many opportunities when we were in college, but the number of opportunities available now has expanded dramatically." At Cornell, he wrote, "I learned the diversity of background, interests, and experiences of students who came from all over the world. It opened my eyes to a global world other than mine, which was from a small rural community."

That, my friends, is it. An empty mail bag and no new news forms for several months, although you should have received an e-mail pitch for news from the university. Please respond. What have you been doing? What do you want people to know? What makes you sad or happy? Write to me. [✉ Joan Boffa](mailto:Joan.Boffa@mac.com) Gaul, joanguaul@mac.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

53 Far above the heart of Manhattan, the very tip-top of the Empire State Building glowed carnelian and white for the start of Mater's Sesquicentennial year after David Skorton, NBC's **Kate Snow '91**, and the bear pulled the switch last September 12.

The next day, many hundreds of sesqui-celebrants turned up at Jazz at Lincoln Center for receptions to celebrate Mater's first 150 years with instruction in just about any study of CU then, now, and in the future, plus wine and song. Emcees actor **Jimmy Smits, MFA '82**, **Ed Marinaro '72**, **Kate Snow**, and actress **Adepero Oduye '99** ran the show with amazing grace. They led audience practice in the One-Five-Oh chant. The senior alum present, **Lucy Howard Jarvis '38**, '97, recalled the inspiration of drama professor Alexander Drummond. Newest fledged present was **Lizzie Klein '18**, a fifth-generation Cornellian, who had checked in just three weeks previously. Our own **Bill Gratz** explained on tape how Ezra Cornell and Andrew Dickson White could leave tracks on the Arts Quad at midnight. The Alma Mater was sung by many from just about everywhere, from an Ag school barn, where Holsteins munched hay, to Qatar to outer space, to name a few with bit parts. Flautist Skorton stood in with Wynton Marsalis and his jazz people.

The skies were gray, but Big Red football loyalists had cause to be blue. The Yale Bulldogs couldn't be curbed, so Old Eli reigned on a not-too-clement October Saturday. The largest bunch of (unofficial) Ivy champion Redmen of 1948-52 ever to answer the annual fall call of **Walt Bruska '50**, **Rip Haley '51**, and **Dick Loynd '50** returned

to the scene of those magnificent autumn afternoons. The **Vince Giarrussos**, **Todd Kolbs**, **Gene Renzis**, MD '57, and Jean, wife of the late **Bill Whelan**, represented '53 to re-rejoice in our VERY good old days on the Hill.

Cornell met its second-oldest football foe, Lehigh, for the Homecoming, Trustee/Council Weekend, etc., game. The autumn leaves were in blazing red and glorious golden mid-season form. Again, there was Ithaca weather for the occasion. And the Mountain Hawks (formerly Engineers) of Pennsylvania got this one. But, taking the long view, our guys have prevailed comfortably more often than those other people in the ancient (1887), if intermittent, series. We won't be dropping football right away, not hardly, the president replied to an alum questioner in a Q&A session that followed his State of the University address Saturday morning. He noted that the Ivy League and Big Ten are deep into research on damaging injuries and that all the data are not in. As to his and wife Robin Davisson's future life at the Smithsonian, he said, "We will never leave Cornell and Cornell will never leave us." Profs **Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76**, and Isaac Kramnick, authors of *Cornell: A History, 1940 to 2015*, reflected on one success and one failure apiece of presidents Deane Malott and Hunter Rawlings. A sample: the terms apartment parties, petting, riot, and in loco parentis were heard.

Of the many, many active, generous alums in whom Cornell takes justifiable pride, methought (while dining at the right hand of President Emeritus Frank H. T. Rhodes during the dinner at which the Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Awards were presented Saturday night), here am I. Oh my. We also met Elizabeth Garrett, announced earlier that week as the next Cornell president. At the end of the evening, awards recipients stood on a Statler Ballroom dais to join those present in singing the Far Above. Close enough for eye-to-eye contact, we could see she had the words through the second verse down perfectly. You couldn't say that of all today's students.

There was a Ferris wheel in the parking lot by Schoellkopf Crescent, fireworks, a movable feast in the new Bill & Melinda Gates Hall (for computer whiz students along the right field foul line of Hoy Field), and multi camaraderie, to scratch the surface. Fifty-three was represented by **Bob Abrams**, **Bob** and **Helen Harrison Appel '55**, **Nan** and **Bill Bellamy**, MBA '58, JD '59, **Jim** and **Sandy Blackwood**, **Bob '52**, **Med '55**, and **Judy Resnik Chabon**, **Laura Fratt '81** (Poe's daughter), **Bill Gratz**, **Jay Bruno**, **Naomee** and **Dave Guest**, BA '57, **Dick Halberstadt**, **Jane Little Hardy**, **Mort** and **Eleanor Lowenthal**, **Bob**, BArch '57, and **Ann Louise Mann**, **Jim '51** and **Pat Gunderson Stocker**, and **Susie '90**, Hat, and moi, **J. Hanchett**. It was a superb Homecoming, thanks to **Jim Mazza '88**, **Margaret Gallo '81**, **Loreal Maguire**, **Trudy Curtis**, and many, many, many others. Let's do it again next September 18-20.

Jane Hardy has whipped up a skillfully wrought scrapbook of our 60th Reunion. It now resides in the Library Archives, where visitors can view it.

Snowbirds, says Wikipedia, are Yankees who migrate south in the winter to dodge the drifts and black ice and the expense of staying warm. You might think the term sounds more like those who seek out perfect powder for, let's say, schussing down the slopes. Whatever. **Dave Rossin** (Sarasota, FL) notes that he can be reached at AD.Rossin@msn.com for lists of luncheon dates and presenters of "a great program" for the coming

months at the Cornell Alumni Club of Sarasota-Manatee. He gives the programs five stars. [✉ Jim Hanchett](mailto:Jim.Hanchett@cornell.edu), 300 First Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 Does Cornell award PhDs in the field of Miscellanea? I ask the question as the class has provided enough research for one. I start each column with the intent of writing continually until I have filled my allotted space, but, alas, your notes are so varied in subject matter—i.e., travels, hobbies, bucket list items, changes of location, or physical additions, subtractions, and adjustments, each begging to be researched via Google, the National Geo Atlas, the Cornell Ornithology site, etc.—that hours pass, the brain overflows with gained knowledge, and deadlines are missed.

As an example, **Delvin Fanning**, MS '59, professor emeritus in soil science at the U. of Maryland, has as his bucket list item: to make the world aware of and to understand acid sulfate soils. The subject asked for a bit of research and now it is your turn. Delvin's quest is what makes this column a delight to write. You may want to do your own research on the topic as it might be in the next article you read on drilling practices. We have many research people in the class and they tend to introduce a far-flung variety of topics. **Michael Stone**, MD '58, for one, does research on particularly gruesome crimes in his investigation of the criminal mind. But more on that later.

Your correspondent's mind turned upside down when it reported that **Bill Potter** had moved from Florida to Alaska—actually, it was the reverse. Bill moved from the far North, across the country, to the far South. In November, **Clancy Fauntleroy** was inducted into the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame for his exemplary accomplishments in football and lacrosse. Clancy was a two-time All-America selection in lacrosse. The class has been the winner for having Clancy as a team member in many positions of leadership. Thanks, Clance, you are indeed a champion in our eyes.

Classmates have asked in the past if it's possible to get a list of '54ers both living and deceased. Although we're not permitted to share whole lists, most classmates can be located via CornellConnect. Just go to CornellConnect (<https://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/CEL/>), enter your NetID, and have a great time locating old friends. I know I have mentioned this before, but it bears repeating.

Although **David Morse** has retired from practice with the Carle Clinic in Urbana, IL, he can now be found at Francis Nelson Health Center as a volunteer physician adviser with Urbana's Public Health Dept. With 13 grands scattered about, travel is on his retirement agenda. **John Winship** writes that after living for 50-plus years in Simsbury, CT, they have moved to Seabury, a retirement community in nearby Bloomfield, which they have found to be an ideal setup. I regret that **Walt Lewis**, MD '60, was not at Reunion, as we all would have benefited from his joie de vivre. Walt lives in sunny but dry Santa Barbara, CA, practices medicine part-time, sails, and enjoys his daughter, now pre-med in college. Many of us remember our 40th Reunion when she was just a tiny tyke. No need for a bucket list, Walt says his life is just fine as it is.

David Bernanke has just retired as hospital case management coordinator, a position that served as a transition from 48 years of practice to

fully retired. After downsizing from their home of 48 years to an apartment, and recovering from the effort, David and Judith hope to travel as much as possible. **Stephen** and **Carol Krauss** moved back to Knoxville, TN, from their 80-acre farm a few years ago and shifted gears. Instead of medicine and horses, Steve has taken up painting oil portraits full-time. As well-traveled as they are, they have a new travel plan. They hope to cruise via Gulet along the lower coast of Turkey, that treasure trove of ancient history and magnificent ruins.

Robert Morrison's family might have contributed to his decision to move to Florida, but his interest in fly-fishing and wildlife education has not abated—the species has simply changed color and size. Bob teaches fly-fishing and fly-tying to civilians and wounded veterans. Valuable experiences learned at Cornell were biological science in the classroom, plus an active social and fraternity life on campus that were very useful, he says, in his business and personal life. You were missed at Reunion, Bob. Weather was the incentive for **Paul Nemiroff** to move from NYC to Scottsdale, AZ, years ago, but his interests traveled well and unabated. The arts continue as a major part of his life. Paul has his paintings in galleries and volunteers in theatres, at the Scottsdale Art Festival, and with the Culinary Festival. As for his bucket list wish: an African safari. Having been several times, my opinion is: go and go now. Do not wait.

Bruce Hartwigen, BArch '54, and wife Jan divide their time between Candler, NC, and Winter Park, FL, with their travel, golf, and bridge hobbies accompanying them. Africa is on their wish list, along with a glider flight. One of the questions on one of the news forms concerns winter weather and basically the avoidance thereof. I will have to gather data on southward bound traffic in the fall. **Harry Kirsch**, MBA '56, is another one who avoids shoveling by heading off to Coral Gables, FL, leaving Massachusetts to the skiers. Traveling, family, and reading have replaced his job, but the daily routine is missed. He continues to play tennis, occasionally competing in the over-80 category. **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesliejreed@me.com. Class website, classof54.alumni.cornell.edu.

55 Irene Adler Hirsch (Netanya, Israel) reports that she's still doing a lot of community service: helping raise funds for children from dysfunctional families living in residential homes; organizing programs for the Israel Cornell Club; and setting up musical evenings to raise funds for the local hospital. **Barbara O'Connor** Kenny is not playing golf as much as she'd like, and especially misses playing with Walt, who died in 2013. The family (15 grandchildren) is doing fine, however, and most of them went to the Jersey Shore for a little vacation last summer.

Peter Romeo, BArch '56, is sprucing up their house in Rochester, NY, with hopes of selling and downsizing and moving to the Williamsburg-Yorktown, VA, vicinity. Peter's enjoying contact with his grammar school and high school classmates and fellow retirees. "I was a much more weather-tolerant young man 55-plus years ago," Pete remembers, "often doing my skiing practice from Libe Slope to University Ave., and braving a blizzard or two on my walk from College Ave. to White Hall."

Andy Dadagian is the oldest active surgeon at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, MA. He says the most valuable things he learned at Cornell were: 1) how to write and give a speech,

and 2) the value of establishing lifelong friendships through athletics. For **Gordon White**, the most valuable lesson was newspapering on the *Sun*. By the way, Gordon and Mary Anne were married last August—"In the same little seaside chapel where I was baptized on July 29, 1934!" **Sandra Chachkes Temkin** wrote that she and her husband, **Bob '51**, MBA '53, were planning to celebrate Bob's 85th birthday and their 60th anniversary with their children and grandchildren.

Our thanks to class co-presidents **Barbara Loreto Peltz** and **Fred Antil**, who, along with **Mike Avery** and **Nils Nordberg**, met in Ithaca for a Reunion Kick-off meeting in September. Two other planners who've been hard at work on our 60th Reunion (June 4-7, 2015) are **Bill Doerler** and **Carol Rittershausen** Byron, our affinity chairs. Bill has up-to-date contact information for classmates, so just e-mail him (PSDWKD@aol.com) and he'll get back to you—then you can get in touch with old friends and make your plans to meet next June in Ithaca. **Norm Nedde** wrote, "I've never missed a reunion yet, and I can't wait until June 2015!"

Ann O'Neil Potter has been living in The Villages, FL. "There is so much going on; it's a fun place to live—and heaven for golfers (although I don't play golf)." Ann adds, "I wish I could locate Cornellians here so we could have a Cornell Club. I would even help set it up!" **Dick**, DVM '57, and **Barbara Allen Grabow '56** are finding wonderful people, services, and facilities in their adult community in Durham, NC, about three miles from Duke. "But we miss living near Cornell and the beauty of the Finger Lakes." **Liz Rothermel** Hopwood says, "80 seems old, doesn't it? But it's all in the mind, or so they say." After residing in Arlington for 43 years in a house she designed and built, Liz now lives in Fort Lauderdale and has a condo in McLean, VA. She's first VP in charge of ways and means with the Opera Society of the Florida Grand Opera. "Anyone out there with fundraising ideas?"

Doris Wunsch Neilson's favorite thing to do is travel: "I've visited 150 countries—just in the last year, North Korea, Sudan, Congo, and Nigeria." Doris especially loved living in Balch senior year with **Cherie Woodcock** Mitchell and **Leona Childs**. **Owen Perry** confesses that he's "failed retirement" and has taken a part-time job driving Cadillac sedans and SUVs in Milwaukee. Owen's been married for 55 years to, he says, "the best wife, mother, grandmother, and friend a man could have!" He's still working, is in the best of health, and plays golf with a 7.2 handicap. Also pleased with life is **Donald Demske**, who divides the year between Florida and Maryland, and enjoys "fooling around with the same child bride." His only aggravation: "Too many old geezers driving when I'm on the road!"

Bill Lockwood recalled his time on the Cornell ski team. "It gave me a love of winter and skiing that I have passed on to my family." He counts himself very lucky. After his wife passed away, Bills says, "another good woman came into my life. That's what makes life interesting: you never know!" We also send condolences to **Donald Huene**, whose wife, **Annette (Spittal) '56**, has died. Don is still working as an orthopedic surgeon and is also raising racehorses. **Art Burns** is volunteering in the recovery room at Western Medical Center and attending classes at the senior center and concerts of the Los Angeles Philharmonic at Disney Hall. Art's memories of Cornell include Milton Konvitz's course in American Ideals and sharing an apartment on Wyckoff near the TEP house.

Barbara Stewman Kline also mentioned Prof. Konvitz's class, and another of her favorites was Prof. C. Singleton's course in tailoring in the Home Ec school. As Barb explains, the opportunity to reach across a wide diversity of courses, as well as a strong focus on one major, are reasons she would recommend a Cornell education to a young person today. Do other classmates wish they could do it all over, and better, like I do? **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

56 Roberta Karple Silman continues to write wonderful reviews on the blog "The Arts Fuse" (<http://artsfuse.org>), and she reports that **Dick Schechner** is pursuing his brand of theatre here in NYC. Roberta also reports that our Cornell friend and former faculty member Phil Lewis, now at the Mellon Foundation, was awarded a huge grant to set up the Center for Ballet and the Arts in Manhattan. Speaking of Dick Schechner, **Arlene Shatsky** Chase (aschase@aol.com) sends this: "On a whim, I spent 'An Evening with Richard Schechner' at Montclair State U. on October 1. One of my memories of Cornell is being in Prof. Lange's class with Dick, a fellow admirer, who has become a most fascinating and successful director (Performance Group), editor (*The Drama Review*), and professor at NYU's Tisch School. Thank goodness Dick has grown professionally but has not 'grown up.' He is still a free spirit, defying and debunking what it means to be 80. Bravo!"

A report from **Jon Lindseth** regarding his loving wife, the multi-tasking **Virginia (MacDonald)**: "Ginny is at the U. of Cincinnati as one of the nine members of the Ohio Board of Regents assigned to provide oversight for the publicly funded colleges and universities in the state. She is also on the board of the Cleveland Clinic's Hillcrest Hospital and is on the executive committee of the Cleveland Orchestra. In conclusion, I have proposed her for sainthood for putting up with me for nearly 60 years." A short note from **Steve Katz**: "I recently published a book of memoirs, *The Compleat Memoirrhoids*, from Starcherone Press out of Buffalo. It is my 14th book of fiction, poetry, and memoir."

News from our esteemed class president, **Ernie Stern**: Seen at the Metropolitan Opera this October were Ernie, **Peter Hearn** and wife Gail, **Steve Kittenplan** and wife Gail, **Dan Silverberg** and wife Linda, and **Keith Johnson** for the presentation of *Lady Macbeth* starring the wonderful soprano Anna Netrebko. Dinner was at the beautiful and elegant restaurant in the Met with desserts served during intermission. They gratefully thank Peter, who organized the event. And on the subject of opera, specifically *The Death of Klinghoffer* by John Adams, I recommend an interesting and helpful op/ed piece by our classmate **Floyd Abrams** in the *Wall Street Journal*, available at: <http://online.wsj.com/articles/floyd-abrams-klingshoffer-and-the-two-sides-of-terrorism-1413414330>.

I am sad to report the passing of our classmate **James Biben**, JD '58 (Rochester, NY). As reported in his obituary in the *New York Times*, "He was a lawyer's lawyer, a dedicated husband and father, and a man of unwavering integrity and generosity who will be missed." Donations in his memory may be made to: <http://www.giving.cornell.edu>. Please send me your news for this column and any ideas for our upcoming reunion in 2016! **Phyllis Bosworth**, phylboz@aol.com.

57 **Jim Broadhead** reports that he and **Paul Tregurtha** hosted a Chi Psi reunion last summer in New Hampshire. Nine of 11 classmates attended: **Tom Criswell, Walt Gundel, Guy Henry, Chuck Slater, Steve Smethurst, Clint Walker, and Brad Wright** (in addition to the hosts). Being musically challenged, they sang the Alma Mater twice (both verses?) instead of trying to remember the Chi Psi songs.

Meanwhile in Michigan, your humble correspondent and wife Harriett gathered a hard core group of DUs, namely **Tom Keating, Rod Beckwith, Pete Blauvelt, BA '59, and John Strozier '56, BEP '58.** Assorted spouses and SOs were happily included. Needless to say, we made up for the Chi Psi choral problems, aided by ingesting a few adult beverages. I'm told that, at both gatherings, some of the stories had a dash of truth scattered about.

Dick Oswald forwarded the sad news of the death of his freshman roommate and ChemE classmate **Rick Knittel, B Chem E '59, on August 29, 2014.** After a career in the field of plastic film extrusion, Rick retired with his wife, Pat, to S. Portland, ME, where he remained active as a consultant. Dick adds this story: "A lifelong jazz trombonist with a great sense of humor, Rick played in the Cornell Ivy Five as well as the Marching Band and Concert Band. If any of you out there who lived in or near Baker Tower as freshmen remember being awakened much too early one morning by a trombone, that was Rick. We argued over some question of fact the previous day, and he said, 'Oz, if I'm wrong about this I'll blow reveille out the bathroom window at 5 a.m.' He lost the bet."

Tony Cashen, MBA '58, passed along the news that he ran into **Steve Miles, Betty Starr King, and Joe '56, MBA '58, and Sue DeRosay Henninger** at Homecoming—an enjoyable time, except for the football game. I have exchanged e-mails with **Milt Kogan, BS Ag '07—doctor, actor, bon vivant, and owner of the velvet hook shot.** He is well and sends his regards to all.

The class officers will be attending the annual Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston the weekend of January 16. Class members will get together for dinner on Friday, January 16, so if you're in the area and wish to attend, contact **Phil McIndoo** at usafplm@verizon.net. **John Seiler, suitcase2@aol.com; Judy Reusswig, JCreuss@aol.com.**

58 In the last column, Richard wrote a little about **Al Podell's** 15th and last trip to Africa and his upcoming book, *Around the World in 50 Years*, which should be out by March 2015. A high point in his last visit was communicating with the mountain gorillas in the Congo, one of only three locations where they can be found. Al states, "Travel through Africa has become far more difficult than it was when I last visited four years ago. There is terrorist activity and political instability in about 20 of its 55 countries, making land travel quite risky. The situation in the air has also deteriorated because most of Africa's local airlines and regional carriers went out of business during the recent recession."

Jerry Mandell, MD '62, is now professor of medicine emeritus at the U. of Virginia and is enjoying retirement. He has lived in Charlottesville for 45 years and notes it's a little warmer than

Ithaca in the winter! All three of his kids are Cornellians. Son **Jim Mandell '84, MD '92,** married **Elizabeth (Berger), MD '88,** and their son **Zachary '18** is now a Cornell freshman.

A short note came from **Warren Widmann** with no news of himself, but a notification of the death of classmate **Ancil Payne Jr., PhD '68.** Ancil went on to receive a Harvard Law degree and a master's in taxation at NYU. He was a member of the Cornell Band and had a longtime interest in church music. He passed away in August and is survived by his wife and three sons.

Just a little news of my own: **Carol Ostergren** Orts chaired my high school's (Manhasset, NY) 60th Reunion, and out of that class of about 125,

relating to the interpersonal problems among tenants, possibly because people no longer live in such close quarters. Prejudice and its continuing existence, despite the decline of residential 'ghettos,' also was discussed. As for the book as literature, the expressed feeling was negative."

Coinciding with the Sesquicentennial weekend was a two-day gathering of the President's Council of Cornell Women, which I had the pleasure of attending as a guest of Ellie Applewhaite, a longtime PCCW member. The meeting, held at Weill Cornell Medical College, featured a variety of speakers from the Medical College and Cornell NYC Tech. Equally impressive were the five female students from the two schools, who spoke about their

‘I was a much more weather-tolerant young man 55-plus years ago.’

Peter Romeo '55

six of us went to Cornell. Other than yours truly and Carol: **George Parker, Beverly Feuss Heineyman, Jack Whiteside, and Debbie Fanto** Czegledy, BFA '58. Debbie was a Fine Arts major in the School of Architecture. She spent her junior year studying in Switzerland and extended her senior year at Cornell and graduated in August '58. She is still a magnificent artist! That's all the news I have for now. **Jan Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com; **Richard Haggard, richardhaggard11@gmail.com.** Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

59 Cornell's Sesquicentennial began by painting the Big Apple red! The festivities on September 12-13 included the Empire State Building illuminated in Big Red colors, Cornellians at the Friday afternoon closing of the New York Stock Exchange and featured on NBC's "Today" show, and two high-energy multimedia shows at Jazz at Lincoln Center. **Carole Kenyon** was present at the mid-day show; '59ers at the evening show included **Al Rosenthal, Ellie Applewhaite, Len Rubin,** and me, your class correspondent. "The matinee performance was over the top on all counts," says Carole. "I particularly enjoyed the high-energy Cornell Bhanga dance troupe and President Skorton's sitting in on flute with Wynton Marsalis's combo." "The program was entertaining, with lots of opportunities to reminisce," comments Alan. "The Glee Club was superb," says Len. "I was able to talk with their manager after the show, and learned about their truly impressive tour plans for the coming months."

Carole Kenyon is to be congratulated for being named the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAN) Volunteer of the Year. Her recent university-related activities included leading two discussions for the Cornell Club of Northern New Jersey about this year's New Student Reading Project selection, *Clash of Civilizations Over an Elevator in Piazza Vittorio* by Amara Lakshous. The project is now in its 14th year and has become a rite of passage for Cornell students. "I found I needed to read the book twice to answer some of my questions and to clarify some confusion," writes Carole. "People in both groups had to reread as well. Some people had a difficult time

already considerable achievements and about where they saw themselves ten years from now.

After 12 years in a downsized house in Sarasota, FL, Cecile and **Stu Alexander** have recently relocated. "We realized we had to buck the trend and get a larger house, so we returned to three bedrooms, three baths, an office, and, typical of Florida, a large dining-living-TV great room, plus an eat-in kitchen. We have kept all our old friends, made new ones, and are considerably closer to our main activities. We continue to docent at Selby Botanical Garden, usher at the Sarasota Opera and the Asolo Theatre, and stay active in our temple. We recently spent three weeks in Ireland, where we received an education on the troubled history of this exciting country."

Classmates at a well-attended memorial service for **Paul McCarthy, MBA '65,** in Chapel Hill, NC, last August included **Jack, PhD '68, and Pat Johnson Evans, Bill and Susan Mattison Fraser, Bob Kelley, Carl Hedden, Vic Samuelson, Dave Dunlop,** and Paul's twin brother, **Phil, JD '65.** The following month, some of the same classmates attended the annual reunion of Chi Psi Cornellians, wives, and friends in Southport, ME. Classmates attending included **Art Wise, Bruce Pfann, MBA '65, Carl Hedden, Dave Dunlop, David Warner, John Murphy, LLB '62, Lee Honda, Phil McCarthy, Phil Winters,** and Victor Samuelson. The three-day gathering included a combination of outdoor activities, a presentation by Art on the Affordable Care Act, and a discussion on the recent decision by the Cornell administration to suspend Chi Psi.

Five years ago, Katharina and **Brooks Helmick** discovered the joys of rowing (sculling) on the Charles River. "Since rowing is a full-body workout, known to have been dubbed the 'best workout known to man,' we dropped most other sports activity and have gone pedal down, hitting the water from April through November, and then on to the dreaded erg machines during the winter," writes Brooks. "Since we got into this, we have rowed in all four corners of the US, plus on the lagoon in Rio, where the 2016 Olympics will be held. Rowing is a small, tightly connected community, where the camaraderie among rowers is something special indeed. No matter what shape you think you are in, we encourage you to check it out! And if you're living in or visiting the Boston area and

would like to get introduced to the sport, contact us. Also, here is the link to our boathouse: www.communityrowing.org."

James Lindy, BArch '61, has retired from his architecture practice. He and his wife spend half the year in Memphis, TN, with their grandchildren, and the remainder of the time in Park City, UT, where they enjoy golfing and skiing. **Jim**

Hats off to **Richard "Nick" Nicoletti**, LLB '63, who completed his transition from lawyering to psychoanalytic practice after 12 years of analytical training and receiving a diploma in analytic psychology from the C.G. Jung Inst. of Boston in September. Gathered to celebrate the occasion were many members of Nick's immediate family, including his wife, Angela, sons Russell, **Rick '85**,

and are determined to make it successful. You can check out our class website, <http://classof60.alumni.cornell.edu>. And, please, please, send your news for the class column directly to me, or check out the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu.

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Richard Thackaberry '63, DVM '65

Wray of Afton, VA, continues to be busy building two businesses: Shamanism with his wife (www.Shamans-Dream.com) and his piano performances (www.JimWrayJazz.com)—as well as trying to add another 20 yards to his golf drive. The new movie adaptation of **Thomas Pynchon's** *Inherent Vice* is said to feature a cameo from Pynchon himself. It's been decades since a photo of him has appeared for publication, so the question is, can any of his classmates recognize him? **Jenny Tesar**, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 **Bill Flanagan** reports that he is still working full-time as chief of staff to the Majority Leader of Virginia's House of Delegates, a job that elicited a front-page article in a Richmond publication that described Bill as a "valued partner," who "works nearly nonstop managing the office" for the party leader almost 12 hours a day. Happily for the Class of '60, Bill is also putting his energy and his master's degree background in food distribution into planning meals and, of course, beverages for our 55th Reunion in early June. He notes that he is partnering in this effort with **Jack Keefe** and **Jan Van Heiningen**, and gratefully receiving input from **Bill Fisher**, MBA '65, PhD '68, who oversaw the meal planning process for previous reunions. Bill and his wife, Diane, did get some family time, he says. They spent two weeks in Germany in late spring, with a week at Patch Barracks, Stuttgart, for their grandson's high school graduation. In August, they visited Bill's 98-year-old mother in Saratoga, NY, where a large group of Flanagans gathered in the winner's circle at the historic racetrack to honor the family matriarch.

Bill Tetlow, PhD '73, is now happily ensconced in the retirement home that he and Amber, who celebrated their 50th anniversary in June, built in Winter Park, CO. The house, at 9,000 feet, reportedly has excellent views and ready access to skiing, golf, and boating. Best of all, says Bill, it is within easy driving distance of the Tetlows' three children and their families, which include six grandchildren ranging in age from 6 months to 20 years old, two of whom are now college students. Family members often visit the hill-top house, and the entire group gathers there for holidays like Thanksgiving. Among his many volunteer activities, Bill currently serves as president of the Winter Park Highlands Association, a homeowners group that dedicates many of its efforts to fire mitigation and dealing with the impact of the bark beetle epidemic that killed 90 percent of the region's lodgepole pines.

and **Mark '87**, and several of his eight grandchildren, along with classmate **Al Kaneb** and his wife, Diane, and your correspondent. Nick will be hanging up his newly acquired shingle in Keene, NH, not far from the Nicoletti home on Granite Lake, and will have an association with Monadnock Family Services, the agency where most of his clinical training occurred.

Congratulations are also in order for **Alan Siegel**, who was honored by the Girl Scouts of America at a gala in April in NYC as one of the leaders who strengthens the city, embodies innovation, and is a strong, positive role model for the organization's members. Word has it, too, that Alan's recent book, *Simple: Conquering the Crisis of Complexity*, made it to the top of at least one Wall Street leader's list of favorite books. **Leigh Buchanan** Bienen, a professor of law at Northwestern U., also recently published a book, *Florence Kelley and the Children: Factory Inspector in 1890s Chicago*. Her book is a study of the 19th-century legal and social activist noted for her advocacy of children and women and her efforts to improve working conditions and eradicate child labor. The latest book by **Deborah Heller**, a retired professor of humanities at York U. in Toronto, is *The Goose Girl, the Rabbi, and the New York Teachers: A Family Memoir*. The title refers to a rebellious ancestor who earned her passage to America by driving geese to market and another who was the scholarly chief rabbi of Vienna and Prague, both of whose lives have echoes in those of her parents, who were schoolteachers in New York City.

Peter Rodgers, BEE '62, wrote from Chester Springs, PA: "I am essentially retired. I gave most of the ownership of my last commercial general construction company to my son and a friend, so I continually 'dabble.'" Peter and Barb have been spending about half the year in South Carolina—in a Cliffs Valley community just north of Greenville in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains—golfing, cycling, and doing some hiking, and are now planning to sell their Pennsylvania home and move south full-time. Two of their grandchildren are now students at Clemson and Auburn, and a third will be headed off to college come fall. **Roena** "Bunny" **Lindquist** Haynie (Kansas City, MO) sent an update on her activities, saying, "I am still involved with peace work—with the AFSC, the service arm of the Quakers—and with the Kansas City Food Circle, which supports local organic farmers." She adds, "Since retirement, we travel more, mostly to Europe. My husband is great at pre-planning."

Don't forget to put June 4-7, 2015 on your calendars for our 55th Reunion in Ithaca. Your class officers are hard at work on the planning

61 My Sept/Oct issue of CAM had barely arrived when I received the following note from **Ed Furtick** (edfurtick@gmail.com), our freshman class president: "The Campus Confrontation 1958 article in the Sept/Oct issue of CAM brought back memories of being in a meeting with **Pete Kellogg '59**, president-elect of the Student Council, as we attempted to find what we could do to keep things from getting out of hand as the protests moved forward. I'm not sure we had much success, as I remember being at President Malott's house when eggs were thrown. Those were exciting and serious times for the campus world of 1958—of course tame considering the things that happened on many a college campus later on."

Ed continues, "Receiving an invitation to participate in the 50th anniversary of COSEP during Homecoming 2014 reminded me of the face of the Cornell campus 1957-61 and what a significant effect the Cornell experience has had on my life. I had some downers, but overall a great time. The May/June issue of CAM helped me to remember our classmate **Mickey Schwerner** even more intensely than usual. Mickey and I were friends and coworkers. We waited tables together at Leonardo's and enjoyed listening to and discussing music with each other. Mickey was a big Ray Charles fan, and I've fashioned one of my many music playlists in Mickey's honor. I named that playlist 'Schwerner.' It features lots of Ray Charles songs ('What'd I Say') and Nina Simone's 'Mississippi Goddam.'

"I'm living in Durham, NC, with one of my two sons. My other son also lives in Durham, as do four of my five grands, so I'm around lots of family and listening to lots of music, particularly jazz. Durham (and the Triangle region of North Carolina in general) has become a great place to hear live music and has a great streaming jazz radio station, WNCU (90.7 FM). I am making an effort at a blog (jazzbyed.blogspot.com) and attempting to lend a hand in the herbal tea business my sons operate (www.lavahill.com). I am in touch regularly with fraternity brothers and roommates **Dave Klein**, **Jon Greenleaf**, and **Pete Sofman**. I also touch base with **Dale Adams** and **Dave Kessler** from time to time. I am hanging in pretty well and feeling mightily blessed to have seen three-quarters of a century."

Bill Gratz '53 sent the following e-mail: "I wanted to report to you about a member of the Class of '61, **Stephen Frauenthal**. He is retiring from teaching, and the Westchester County Board of Legislators passed a resolution declaring Sept. 27, 2014 Stephen C. Frauenthal Day in Westchester in honor of his record of teaching, leadership in conservation causes, and much more."

Responding to the request for Class Notes information, **Frank Yanowitz** (fyellow@mac.com) sent the following: "I am now working part-time in cardiology for Intermountain Healthcare and the U. of Utah School of Medicine. My son, Peter, is in the Broadway production of *Hedwig and the Angry Inch* playing drums and singing with the cast. Reflecting on 50-plus years after Cornell, I finished medical school and my residency at the

U. of Chicago followed by two years in the US Air Force at their School of Aerospace Medicine. Forty-one years ago we located in Salt Lake City, UT, and have been attracted by the proximity to our magnificent mountains and the opportunity to work at Utah's med school."

Facebook is proving to be a valuable alternative to hard copy input for our column. Recent postings included **Larry Wheeler** and wife Margaret with a photo from their recent trip to Big Bend National Park, dated October 8. **Jay Treadwell** also had several postings, including his anniversary celebration of 48 years married to Peggy as well as his 76th birthday. **Bobbie Horowitz** and **Bill Onorato** provide frequent comments on their activities. Bobbie is still active in the theatre/cabaret arena, while Bill recently returned from a trek in Sicily.

On a personal note, Sue and I have had a busy year. Following a winter visit to Paris, we left for a month-long trip to China and Mongolia. After our return, we also celebrated my 75th (now ready for the next 75) and our 50th wedding anniversary. We hosted a family reunion at a sailing resort in Key Largo, FL, and gathered our two daughters, our sons-in-law, and our three grandchildren, all toddlers. Each family had their own cottage about 100 feet from the water and the boats. If you look, you will find photos on Facebook also.

Again, in closing, keep the column alive with your input. Facebook seems to work fairly well, despite having only 29 members in the group, so we encourage you to sign up at Cornell Class of 1961 (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell61/>). We also accept hard copy news, e-mails, and even telephone calls. Let us hear from you.

☐ **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net; **Susan Williams Stevens**, sastevens61@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

62 It's never too soon to think about our next class reunion! Ours will be June 8-11, 2017, and some of your classmates are already beginning to make plans for another wonderful weekend together. If you've attended reunions in the past, you know that one of the traditions of the Class of 1962 has been a class symposium. We've had terrific speakers and topics in the past—both faculty member presentations (think Walter LaFeber and Fred Kahn) and several provocative sessions with panels of classmates. Do you have ideas for our next symposium? If you do, please send them to evelynskin@mac.com. We want to hear from you!

With very great sadness, **Steve Stein '61** (sjstein2@gmail.com) reports the death of his wife, **Susan (Volpert)**, on July 28, 2014. "We met in January 1959 and were inseparable for the next 55 years. Our children Matt, **Danny '92**, and **Victoria '99** and their children (nine thus far) survive her. Susan went on from Cornell to earn a PhD at CUNY and was a professor of statistics at Baruch College for 25 years."

John E. Miller (jmille37@rochester.rr.com) and his brother **David Miller '65** assumed the family business, J. E. Miller Nurseries, after graduating from Cornell. "The nursery was founded in 1936 as a catalog company first, specializing in grape roots, after an ancestry involved in the wine producing business. Our catalog then branched out into selling many other fruit-producing plants—continuing with grapes and apples and dwarf fruit specialties—located in Canandaigua. Our catalog mailings were extensive, with over 2,500,000 in

the last years of our business—basically serving the Northeastern states." John retired in October 2013, when Miller Nurseries was sold to Stark Brothers Nursery in Louisiana, MO, "another highly respected catalog company in business for almost 200 years. Our farmland was recently purchased by Wegmans Supermarkets, where I am presently working as a consultant. Our farm location is in close proximity to the Wegmans Organic Farm on Canandaigua Lake."

"I am working very minimally as a counselor on Medicare," writes **Anne Kaczmarczyk** Evans, BS Nurs '62 (evans25@ptd.net). Anne lives in Ashland, PA, where the biggest local draw is the Pioneer Tunnel underground tour of an anthracite mine. Her first job after Cornell was with the Brooklyn Visiting Nurse Association, which no longer exists, and she says her most valuable lesson was to listen to the patient. "Do not presume anything or one will miss important information." "Friends made at Cornell are friends forever," declared **Loretta Krieger** Yellen. She has been managing investments, traveling, and collecting and trading antiques during retirement in Williamsville, NY. They visited granddaughter **Samantha '15** while she was studying in Seville last spring. "We managed to squeeze in Madrid and Lisbon as well." **Anna Fang** Wu (afangwu@gmail.com) is enjoying her two grandchildren, ages 5 and 3, after retiring in 2009 from her medical practice. She lives in Wilmette, IL, where, she notes, the biggest draw is the "cosmopolitan and clean city, and beautiful Lake Michigan." Her most valuable lesson learned at Cornell was to be open-minded.

Michael Miller (mandl1@ptd.net) is working 10 percent of the time at Concannon Miller CPAs. ("My partners tell me it has been that way for the last 45 years," he says.) The other 90 percent is mostly nonprofit boards including the Lehigh Valley Jewish Federation Endowment Board and Investment Committee and the Allentown Commercial and Economic Development Authority. His daughter, **Laurie Miller** Brotman '86, holds the Bezos Chair for Early Childhood Development at the NYU Medical Center. The most valuable Cornell lesson for Michael was how to make a Bo Burger at O'Brien's Diner, and the biggest draw for his area are the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs (baseball) and Lehigh Valley Phantoms (hockey). ☐ **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 Happy New Year to all! **Rich** and **Judie Baker Byndas** (Waterloo, NY) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June. At the same time they welcomed their first grandchild, Owen Robert, whose parents are son Daniel and his wife, Rachel, of Fairport, NY. Judie is beginning her third term as president of the NYS Retired Teachers Association and is active with the Alpha Xi Delta sorority chapter at Cornell. Rich is also a retired educator and board member and volunteers at their local Beverly Animal Shelter. The Byndases have season tickets for football at Cornell with **Anne Church** and enjoy having reunions with the Cornell Sprint team and sorority sisters.

In the latest *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, I noticed that **Jules** and **Lynn Korda Kroll '65** are winners of Cornell Hillel's annual Tanner Prize, which recognizes contributions to the Jewish people and to the university. Congratulations! In the latest issue of the *Harvard Business School* magazine, I read that **Mary Falvey** has been elected to serve a three-year term on the alumni board

of the Harvard Business School. Congratulations to Mary as well!

Art Resnikoff sent the following: "Sid and Alice Frank, myself, and my wife traveled together in September to Iceland and Ireland, wanting to do the 'I' countries. Though the trip has ended, we are still laughing. One incident that still has us giggling was the day we drove down a road in Iceland on which there was a beautiful set of buildings. We drove right up to the front door of one and talked to a rather formally dressed woman of whom I asked, 'What are these beautiful buildings?' She told me they were the *bessatadir*. Sure. I told her I didn't speak Icelandic and didn't know what that meant. She said, 'It is the president's house, but he isn't in.' I didn't feel bad, since I didn't have an appointment. Can you imagine driving up to the White House steps?"

Richard Thackaberry, DVM '65, sent news from Stratford, CT. He has been retired since 2007 from his veterinary practice in Greenwich, CT. He writes, "I consider myself the bionic man of my rowing and sailing clubs," since he has had two knee replacements and a recent ankle replacement. He hopes to be back in action next year. He and his wife traveled to the Greek Isles last year and Scotland this year and hope to sail the Baltics in 2015. The Thackaberrys live on the Housatonic River with direct access to Long Island Sound for sailing and fishing. Richard says the most valuable things he learned at Cornell were time management and veterinary medicine.

Philip, PhD '65, and **Aija Purgailis Thacher** have retired to Albuquerque, NM. "Not having to fight the New York snow is great—a plus for living in New Mexico." Philip has Parkinson's disease, so Aija is caring for him. She is getting more involved in starting a new support/information group for Parkinson's disease in New Mexico. Aija enjoys quilting for recreation and is involved with the nutrition/alternative health field from which she has retired professionally. **Doris Grayson** Kitson still plays a lot of tennis—she squeezes it in on her lunch hour near her office. She lives in New York City and is thinking of retiring in January. "The winter took its toll."

Fredericka Heinze lives in Thornhurst, PA. She is very busy with the local fire company, two churches (Thornhurst and Drexel Hill), the local library, the North Pocono Dry Goods Pantry, and the North Pocono Cultural Society. She says what she likes best about her life right now is fresh air, sunshine, her seven cats, music, and quiet. What she likes least is eye trouble and poor balance. Fredericka is planning a trip to Canada. This past winter reminded her of her time at Cornell with the piles of snow. **Alan Chimaoff**, BArch '64, and his wife, Joan Girgus, live in Princeton, NJ. He is transitioning from part-time architecture to full-time photography. What he likes most about his life is the serious artistic pursuits in photography with some success—both challenging and rewarding. What he likes least is the pain in his neck. Alan and Joan have an 18-month-old grandson to keep them entertained. Alan doesn't remember trudging through snow at Cornell and writes, "Others shoveled it?"

Carol Mills Lucas lives in Potomac, MD. She retired in 2006 and moved to her new home in Bethesda last July. She is active in Congressional Country Club women's golfing and bowling and does quite a bit of work for local charities. She lives close to her three children in the D.C. area and has two grandchildren. Carol writes, "Had to miss reunion last summer due to surgery and recovery, but I'm better now and look forward to

enjoying the new home and travel." **Don** (gotmilk10@aol.com) and Marianne **Bennink** live in Bell, FL. Don is managing partner of North Florida Holsteins. That's all for now. Keep the news coming. **Nancy Bierds** Icke, icke63@gmail.com.

64 As you read this, winter is upon us; as I write this in late October, an abnormally warm autumn day awaits outside. So here's news to help sweep away winter chills.

Bill Jolly, who lives in Chesterfield, MA, with wife **Carol (Blau) '65**, is very involved in his community. He was recently elected the town moderator and also is (or has been) conservation commissioner, superintendent of cemeteries, elections officer, and chair of the zoning board of appeals, among other activities. Bill otherwise enjoys relaxing with Carol, reading, spending time with their three granddaughters (they took the oldest to Israel last winter), and seeing to house and property projects. **Stephen Lewenberg** recently made an in-town move in Chilmark, MA, but says he and wife Liz escaped last year's "awful Northeast weather" by spending February in Del Mar, CA, where they never had to turn on the heat or A/C all month. The Lewenbergs drove cross-country for their escape, recreating a similar trip Stephen took 45 years ago.

Ruth "Sherry" Northrup Tyler keeps busy participating in singing groups, doing volunteer refugee work, gardening, reading, doing yoga, swimming, and with arts and study groups. Sherry and husband **David '62**, MS '64, who live in Fayetteville, NY, also travel a lot. She says of all her activities: "Life is short." **Don Whitehead** (Key West, FL) also travels a lot, often with all 14 of his family members on vacations and to jazz festivals. Don also enjoys dancing and, he says, "a lot of tennis." **Donna Gellis Grushka**, MS '68, writes that husband **Eli, PhD '68**, received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Israel Society for Analytical Chemistry last January. Donna and Eli live in Raziell, Israel. Last year, they went to Barcelona to celebrate Donna's 70th birthday.

Barbara Stiefler Schlein and husband Jeffrey recently became residents of Scottsdale and now divide their time between Arizona and their home in Purchase, NY. Barbara enjoys exercise, bridge, and travel—especially, it seems, exotic travel. "Our latest trip last summer was the best. We spent two weeks in Myanmar and found it even more exciting than Papua, New Guinea." **Phil Green** and wife Nahdene made an in-town move last summer to a new condo in Punta Gorda, FL. Phil enjoys fishing, friends, and travel, including last fall's riverboat trip through Europe. **Edward Goodman**, MD '68, is still working full-time at what he terms a "low-stress job" (hospital epidemiology), and is on the internal medicine faculty at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. Ed otherwise enjoys a lot of golf and travel with wife Rona, soon to France. The Goodmans, who still live in Dallas, welcomed grandchild number seven last summer.

Jeffrey Bernbach recently took temporary charge of the NYS Industrial Board of Appeals as executive director and administrative law judge, all at the personal request of Gov. Andrew Cuomo. He otherwise remains active in his eponymous law firm with son **Jason '91**, JD '94. Jeffrey and wife Karen divide their time between Scarsdale and a second home in the Hamptons. **James Cohen** (Minneapolis, MN) is another still-active lawyer. He writes, "I'm creating a paradigm shift

in the legal system by providing quality and affordable legal assistance to low- and moderate-income working-class people." Jim founded Access Justice after losing to Al Franken in his bid to become the Democratic nominee for the US Senate from Minnesota. He's also writing a book of funny idioms for children 2 to 12 years old, completing a mystery novel, playing tennis, and riding his bicycle in preparation for an 1,800-mile cross-country "Biking for Justice" event planned for the next two years. All in all, he says he wants to remain healthy and active.

Psychiatrist **Leslie Seiden** is also still working, in her words, "helping people." Leslie and husband Hal Rosenblum live in NYC. Another physician classmate, internist **Lois Copeland**, MD '68, is still practicing. Lois, who lives in Upper Saddle River, NJ, enjoys photography, gardening, reading, and spending time with her four children and five grandchildren. **Jason Gettinger**, who still lives in NYC, is retired, but keeps very active musically, taking cello lessons and studying music theory and history, because, he writes, "I want to be an amateur musician to understand better the music I know." Jason's dedication is paying off; he's playing well enough to have joined a chamber music group. He otherwise enjoys reading, the gym, racquet sports, University Club of New York activities (he was elected to its governing council), attending performing arts events, managing his investments, taking long walks through the park and past the various architectural and human sights, and keeping in touch with others. He adds, "I'm grateful that I can remain in NYC and do the things I like."

That's it for now. More to come in March. Please keep the news coming, either via e-mail, regular mail, or our class website (www.cornell1964.org). Plus, you can visit and post at our class Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964>. We hope to see you at our 55th Reunion! **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net.

65 The days draw near to our 50th Reunion—and how wonderful that we are the featured Class of 1965 during this Sesquicentennial year of Cornell! Class president **George Arangio**, MD '69, and reunion chair **Myron Jacobson** and the entire class leadership council are working hard to make this reunion the very best. Many exciting events are scheduled, and there is still time for YOU to forward your suggestions. Please make sure you have saved the dates (June 4-7) for a terrific time on the Hill with old friends. It's also a joy to meet classmates that you didn't know during our years at Cornell.

Barry Cutler (Bethesda, MD; bjc37@Cornell.edu) writes, "Grandparenthood is the only job in the world that is not overated! There are now five grandchildren in three and a half years." He dislikes feeling like 45 but not being able to do what he did at 45. Barry still practices law in D.C. with Baker Hostetler LLP, but at a more relaxed pace than in previous years. "I have built my professional legacy. Now I want to do things my grandkids can remember about Boomba." The most valuable thing **Judy Alpern** Intraub (Killington, VT; Judy11744@aol.com) learned at Cornell was how to analyze and evaluate data. Judy comments, "This is helpful reading news articles lately." She shares the sad news that her husband, Saul, passed away in May 2014. **Janet White** Gibbens also lost

her husband and has been supportive to Judy. Judy looks forward to her son's wedding and also the birth of her first grandchild. She splits her time between Palm Beach, FL, and Killington, and enjoys kayaking, playing tennis, and volunteer work.

Susan Blair Jenny (susanandhermann@gmail.com) and husband **Hermann '66** live in Drome, France, near the city of Montélimar, about three hours by TGV (high-speed train) from Paris. They used to run a B&B in their big farmhouse, but now are retired and free to welcome family and friends any time of the year! What a great invitation, Susan! She comments, "We seem to accumulate guests from May to August, the warmest months of the year and the busiest for tourism since the lavender is blooming from mid-June to early August." Look for the publication of *Torah, Ice Hockey and Astrophysics*, a book of memoirs by **Ira Kalet** (ijkalet@gmail.com). Ira and wife Terry reside in Kirkland, WA, and spend time with their two grandchildren who live next door with their dad, Alan, who is finishing a PhD in biomedical informatics at U. of Washington. His brother Brian just published the first issue of a new print magazine, *Popular Noise*. Ira is battling kidney cancer, but says, "It doesn't stop me from doing fun stuff." He remembers the fun of learning to play ice hockey in the intramural program at Lynah Rink. Happily he is still playing, and, shortly after turning 70, his team won the division championship for winter 2014!

New York, NY, is where you'll find **Carl Weisbrod** (carl@weisbrodny.com) and spouse Jody Adams. Carl is the chairman and commissioner of the City of New York Planning Commission. **Nicole Librandi**, MA '72 (ntl3@cornell.edu) writes that she and husband Bill Brown spend time "exploring the national parks, virtually and in reality, with grandchildren." They are happy to be living in Bristol, VT. Nicole's interests include travel, photography, volunteering, and teaching Italian.

Martha Weiss Dobra, MS '67 (MarthaYoung@aol.com) and her husband live in Sugar Hill, GA. Besides travel, making quilts and crocheting, gardening, and participating at Silver Sneakers at the gym, Martha writes, "I washed and ironed all the doll clothes that go with my four childhood dolls and boxed them up for a giant sale." Portland, ME, and Amelia Island, FL, are home to **Susan Brown Dana** (sdana@maine.rr.com) and husband **Howard, MPA/LLB '66**. They are active travelers and enjoy golf, bridge, and painting, along with spending time with their three sons and families with six grandchildren. Susan writes, "I like everything about my life right now. It is very full and fun!"

Quad to Quad is the name of a mobile app edtech company that **Susan Lehrer** Jones established for college visits. Susan (sljones301@aol.com) and husband David live in Chevy Chase, MD, and spend time visiting their two sons and grandchildren in San Francisco. **Judith Russell** Davidson (Orleans, MA; judithdavidson@comcast.net) and husband Arthur have musical and sports interests. "I am currently on the boards of three nonprofit organizations, managing a small chamber music series at Sant Bani School in Sanborn-ton, NH, and representing a Spanish pianist and an American violinist." Judith plays tennis and duplicate bridge, practices the cello, and enjoys time with her musician friends.

Proud parents are **Mike '64** and **Bonnie Tavlin Kay** (Radnor, PA; bonnie.kay44@gmail.com), who write that daughter **Lisa Kay** Solomon '93 has published a best seller, *Moments of Impact: Designing Strategic Conversations that Accelerate Change*. Bonnie has retired from a long career consulting with

public and private organizations in leadership development and organizational growth. The Kays play competitive golf and bridge. **Howard Zucker-**man (Pikesville, MD; hfzucker@earthlink.net) spends time volunteering with nonprofit organizations and has served as CFO of the Patterson Park Public Charter School in Baltimore. He took his three sons and their families (six grandchildren) to Puerto Rico to celebrate his 70th birthday. Golf and travel rate high on his list!

Working full-time and also skiing, biking, golfing, and enjoying theatre fill the days and nights of **Richard Meltzer** (RBM11@cornell.edu). Richard and wife **Linda (Cohen)** '64 live in Little Silver, NJ. Travel is a passion, and recent trips included France and Southeast Asia. Richard would like to be retired and would like to learn to play an instrument and to paint. He wishes he had taken more liberal arts courses and fewer pre-med courses and done more partying and less studying! Ron and I welcome your news as we count down to June 4-7 2015! ☒ **Joan Hens** Johnson, joanhj@comcast.net; **Ron Harris**, rsh@cornell.edu.

66 William Kilberg, senior partner in the Labor and Employment Law Practice Group at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, was honored in Sept. 2014 by the American Friends of Hebrew U. (AFHU) with their Torch of Learning Award. William has served in leadership positions at the firm and has argued significant cases before eight US Courts of Appeals and has successfully argued two cases before the US Supreme Court. Among his many positions in government, he was appointed in 1973 as the Solicitor for the US Dept. of Labor by President Nixon, and in 1982, President Reagan appointed him to the Commission on White House Fellowships. He was recently elected to the Employment Law Hall of Fame by Lawdragon. William is a charter fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers (currently serving as president) and a charter fellow of the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel. He also serves on the Mid-Atlantic Region Board of AFHU, the Board of the Potomac School, the Virginia Israel Advisory Board, and the US Holocaust Memorial Museum Lawyers Committee.

Robert "Pete" Fairchild (petefairch@aol.com) is serving his second term on the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations, Virginia Dept. of Veterans Services (www.dvs.virginia.gov). The group works with the State Legislature and governor on behalf of veterans living in Virginia. Included among his recent travels are Jacksonville, FL, and Baltimore, MD, for the weddings of nieces and nephews. His recollection of Ithaca winters is that he often could not ride his bike from his Dryden Rd. rooming house to campus but had to walk through the snow. He fondly remembers his years at Cornell and two years as a busboy at Kappa Delta sorority.

Stuart Peterfreund (Cambridge, MA; s.peterfreund@neu.edu) continues to work as a professor of English and graduate director. The biggest draw to living there is "Hahvahd" (Harvard to those unfamiliar with the area). His wife, Chris, has been busy campaigning her 4-year-old gelding, Lincoln, in dressage competitions. Stuart recalls his first job after Cornell: cleaning stoves in the university's married student housing. He states that the most valuable lesson learned at Cornell was that he could be respected as a thinker.

It's never too early to learn about Cornell. **Marian Wood** Meyer and her husband took their

two oldest grandsons (the oldest is 7) to Homecoming in October. She also has two other grandsons. Marian reports that she loves living in Brooklyn with its special qualities. After graduating Cornell, she went to Columbia for a master's in social work. This led to a field placement at a New York mental hospital, where she met her husband, a personnel officer at the facility. They have been married almost 40 years. She says that the most valuable lesson learned at Cornell was not being afraid to speak up.

‘Grandparenthood is the only job in the world that is not overrated.’

Barry Cutler '65

'66er **Les McCarthy** (les@macdulac.com) has written to share info about our late classmate **Lowell Smith**, his battle with ALS, and his determination to raise funds for ALS and other organizations helping people worldwide. Many Cornellians who knew him have raised funds in his honor to help organizations such as LEAD NY and Heifer Int'l, and to aid ALS research. This started in 2005, when Lowell was a member of the first class of LEAD NY and a recipient of the first LEAD NY Outstanding Alumni Award. Over \$500,000 was raised then and a trust was set up to help the organization. From the first ALS Walk in 2005 with one team, more than 100 teams were involved in 2014. If you would like more information, go to www.alswalk.org.

A note from class president **Alice Katz** Berglas: 50th REUNION DATES: JUNE 9-12, 2016! (Don't rely on your head; mark that down now!) October found two different '66 class committees starting the plotting and planning and the thoughts of what it meant—and still means—to us to have shared our "uniquely 1962-66" years on the Hill. Most committee members never knew one another on campus—many are new to one another even this year. If you would like to participate (tiny jobs or bigger), let me know by e-mail (alice.berglas@gmail.com) or by cell, (917) 968-8280. It would be terrific.

IMPORTANT: If you haven't yet returned the "White Card" that came with the November "'66/FootPrints" newsletter, please do so TODAY. Your input will give us the best way of knowing how to reach you during the run-up to our reunion year. Our goal? To have our own **Class of 1966** list be accurate! Much class news to come during this upcoming year!

JUNE 9-12, 2016 (Did you write that down yet?). My thanks to all, and my best for a wonderful 2015!—Alice. Send news to: ☒ **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Pete Salinger**, pete.sal@verizon.net; **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, dgg26@cornell.edu.

67 Bill Grohmann (Amherst, MA; billgroh@yahoo.com) reports, "I'm happily working on the rhythm and pacing of aging. I'm still working locally part-time in my psychotherapy practice, adjusting to medical stuff, and enjoying life in Amherst. My wife, Kay Johnson, is a China scholar still teaching." Bill's older daughter, a schoolteacher, moved

back to the area and enables him to have grandparenting time weekly. His son has taught English in a Chinese university for several years, and his younger daughter is a PhD student at Yale. "Last year I took all three adult children to the Palau Islands in the Western Pacific, where I'd been as a Peace Corps volunteer 42 years earlier. Fabulous place; great time. Probably qualifies as 'the coolest thing I ever did.' Looking forward to the 50th."

We heard from **Sally Leibowitz** Kitch (Tempe, AZ, and Santa Fe, NM; skitch@asu.edu), who

wrote, "I'm mostly working, but was on sabbatical last year. I also have five grandchildren in California and Maine. I finished a book about Afghan women, am writing other academic critiques and papers, and am leading a Mellon Foundation grant." Sally is director of the Inst. for Humanities Research and sports the titles of Regents' Professor (women and gender studies) and Distinguished Humanities Professor (women's studies) at Arizona State U. From **Frank Sprtel** (Whitefish Bay, WI; fjsprt@hotmaill.com): "Just had my hip replaced. Hopefully my golf score will improve next year." For **James Cooper** (Boston, MA; jcooper@jcooperlaw.com), it's still "working, working, working," but he enjoyed seeing **Dick Lockwood** '66, MNS '68, **John Galinato** '66, ME '68, and classmate **Bob Alter** at the Cornell-Harvard hockey game. What would he rather be doing now? "Retiring!" Jim adds: "Got e-mails from 150s QB **Rick Fricke**, JD '70, and 150s Center **Chris Day**."

"I am partially retired," writes **Barbara Boochever** Lindh (Juneau, AK; Barbara@alaska.net), "and have two part-time seasonal jobs. I coordinate adult ski programs at our ski area in the winter and work as an interpreter at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center in the summer. Let me know if you're passing through Juneau." **Sally Nellis** Kuehl (Rochester, NY; bksk74@frontiernet.net) writes, "I made my third trip to El Sauce, Nicaragua, to work with local masons and a family to replace their home of crumbling adobe, black plastic, and sticks with brick walls in two weeks' time with the nonprofit 4Wallsproject.org, one of the projects under JOS (JourneysofSolutions.org) that help individual volunteers start projects in developing countries." Her husband, Bob, is president of JOS. Sally adds: "I would love to go back to Mongolia, where we went on our Trans-Siberian rail trip from St. Petersburg to Beijing."

Retired Ohio Northern U. faculty member **Roger Goldberg** was honored by the Dicke College of Business Administration with its inaugural Pinacle Award for his generosity and service to the college. Roger was professor of economics there from 1987 until he retired in 2010, having also served as associate VP of academic affairs, and is now emeritus in both positions. **Harvey Bernstein** (Sarasota, FL; chrisb@chrisbernstein.com) reports: "We are moving from ReMax Alliance to Bernstein Brokers, selling residential real estate, and teaming with my niece Emily Bernstein, a noted Atlanta broker, who will now have an office in Atlanta and in Sarasota." E-mail me with your

news sooner rather than later. The new system has greatly decreased our ancient news 'n' dues forms, so you now have to take the initiative! ■ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St., NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

in Pasadena and writes essays for museum exhibitions, including the Getty and Denver Art Museum. Her most recent book, *Mexico and American Modernism* (Yale U. Press), was published in 2013.

Dale Chodosh Strok has her own technical editing business in Long Beach, CA, and takes classes at UCLA and the Melton School of Adult Jewish

I hope you will check out these three important Class of '70 links: class website, cornell70.org; Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Cornell70; and Twitter page, www.twitter.com/CornellClass70. And be sure to keep working on your plans to attend our 45th Reunion, June 4-7, 2015. Now is a great time to be contacting your Class of '70 friends so that you see each other back in Ithaca. With our fantastic reunion chairs **Bill**, ME '71, and **Gail Post Wallis** at the helm, our 45th Reunion committee continues to plan an interesting weekend loaded with Class of '70 fun and many Cornell Sesquicentennial activities. Friday lunch will be held next to the Johnson Museum with a special tour to see the works of art the Class of '70 has purchased for the museum. Saturday's dinner will be at Lynah Rink with some very special attendees! See you on the Hill in just five-plus months! If you have any suggestions or questions, you can contact me and I will forward them on to Bill and Gail. And check out our excellent website (see link above) by webmaster **Jeff Haber**, ME '71, for current and up-to-date info about reunion.

Mary DiLibero (Foster, RI; mdilibero29@gmail.com) spends her time working, being with her family (husband Peter DiSpigno, 19-year-old daughter, two dogs, and a cat), gardening, and traveling, especially to visit her son in Los Angeles, CA. Mary recently began working as a clinical instructor in psychology at the U. of Rhode Island. She says she wishes she could be visiting her brother, **Bill**, in South Padre Island, TX. **Kenneth Gilstein** (k.gilstein@gmail.com) and wife Paula live in Kalaheo, HI. He continues to work for the Dept. of Education in Kauai as a clinical psychologist and also has a small part-time private practice in clinical and neuropsychology. He says he would like to be retired and resting comfortably. Kenneth has three sons, **Bryan**, 32, **Matthew**, 28 (who was married in Maryland last July), and **Dylan**, 23. After mentioning **Paul Fish** in an earlier class column update, Kenneth heard from him last spring. Paul was an old friend from freshman year, and they had not been in touch since graduation in 1970. Kenneth adds that he wishes he had done more studying and less partying while at Cornell.

Ed Zuckerman writes, "After a six-month exploratory trip to Los Angeles that lasted 23 years, I have returned to New York City. The occasion is that my wife and I have become empty-nesters. Our younger daughter, Margot, left home to start college at Northwestern (I know, bizarre choice), and we decided to get out of California before the big earthquake hit. Also, New York is a heck of a lot more interesting. Fortunately, I was able to get a consulting producer gig on 'Law & Order: SVU,' so I will not be spending all my days on a bench in Bryant Park." To learn more about Ed's career in TV, I suggest you Google him! **Jerry Roller**, BArch '71, is enjoying his granddaughter, who was born in March 2014. Midway through 2014, **Steve Arbogast** (svarbogast@outlook.com) relocated to Chapel Hill, NC, with his wife, Deborah. He is a professor of finance at the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the U. of North Carolina. Steve is now heading their new energy program. He would very much like to hear from friends **Mike Neuwirth** and **Ken Lee '69**.

Charlie, JD '73 (charles.m.adelman@gmail.com) and **Debbi Gerard Adelman '71**, MS '74, continue to live in NYC after their retirements. In August 2013, Charlie retired as a partner from Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, after 40 years with the law firm. After 25 years with Citigroup, Debbi retired last July. They are excited about

‘I like the idea of working because I want to and not because I have to.’

John Berkoben '69

68 We're temporarily low on news, but our annual News and Dues mailing will go out this spring, and the class looks forward to hearing from you. Send in the hard copy news form in the envelope provided or e-mail your correspondent at the address below. Can't wait till spring? Check out the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. And remember, it's not just the major life events that are interesting, but the fabric of daily life as well. Tell us how you spend your weekends. ■ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

69 A welcome message from our new class co-presidents, **Alan Cody** and **Charlotte Bruska Gardner**:

"Dear classmates: We are honored to have the chance to serve as your class co-presidents over the next five years. Our 45th Reunion was a great success and a superb team effort. The best part of Reunion was seeing so many new and longtime friends and hearing about what you have been doing. We hope to see all of you at our next reunion. Our Class Reunion Campaign also raised \$7.5 million for Cornell, and we thank the nearly 600 of you who volunteered and contributed. We look forward to working with our class officers, the class council, and you to make our 50th Reunion truly spectacular! Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to help lead our class and who have already offered great ideas for our next reunion. Please save the date for our 50th: June 6-9, 2019. We want to see you there! You will be hearing from us regularly on our class website (www.cornell69.org) about class activities and plans. Share your news with all of us in our class column by sending updates about yourself and other classmates to our class correspondent, **Tina Economaki Riedl** (triedl048@gmail.com). We also hope you will let us know what we can be doing to help make our class activities and reunion plans even better—the best ideas come from you! Go Big Red!"

Richard Hagelberg (Gary, IN) is in his 32nd year as CEO of Kidstuff Playsystems, an IPEMA-certified playground equipment manufacturer, and is in no hurry to retire. He continues to enjoy singing in the local symphony chorus and playing the French horn in a community band. **John Berkoben** still works as a cardiologist/internist in the Boston area, and writes, "I like the idea of working because I want to and not because I have to." **Ellen Gross Landau**, BArch '69, retired in June 2013 as the Andrew W. Mellon Professor of the Humanities at Case Western Reserve U. in Cleveland, OH. She now enjoys the California sunshine

Learning—"No homework and no tests!" **Anne Simon** Moffat is in Chicago, currently working for the Joffrey Ballet after retiring from 30 years as a science journalist. That's a 180, Anne. She and husband Keith found a permanent home for their 40-year collection of antique wine glasses at the Chicago Inst. of Art. **Jerry Diener** practices oncology as a locum tenens (you can all look that up as I had to) in Bethlehem, NH. In his spare time, he writes, "I dig in the dirt with my tractor and ski at Bretton Woods." **Benita Fair** Langsdorf has been busy traveling the world from hometown Philly. In the last year she's been to Istanbul, Barcelona, Paris, Vienna, Budapest, and Tblisi, Georgia, racking up those frequent-flyer miles. She serves on the board of HIAS, the oldest Jewish immigration agency in the country, which helps settle persecuted and displaced persons from Africa.

Donald Tofias, BArch '70 (Newport, RI) is following his passion: yachts. He is founder and president of W-Class Yacht Co. and develops yachts from 22 to 140 feet long. He recently sailed 1,500 miles in 22 days—from West Palm Beach to Newport—where he spotted all manner of avian wildlife. **Philip Reilly** is venture partner in Third Rock Ventures, Boston, starting companies to treat rare genetic diseases. Much success to you, Phil. **Rick Spiewak**, ME '70, moved to Annapolis, MD, in 2013, after 44 years in Framingham, MA. "It's a great town and is closer to the children." He is still working full-time for the MITRE Corp. **George Bubrick** still dabbles in healthcare startups after selling his consulting firm in 2000. He and his wife split their time between Ft. Lauderdale and New Hampshire, where they rented a beach cottage to enjoy his son's athletic endeavors at Phillips Exeter Prep.

Husband **Jeff Riedl '70** and I were happy parents of the groom in September, when son Christopher married Jen Ucen at a lovely venue overlooking beautiful Penobscot Bay in Maine. **Barbara Schultz Spencer** and husband **Bob '68**, MBA '70, joined us from Chicago for the three-day celebration that included an afternoon sail out of Camden Harbor and a lobster bake rehearsal dinner for 110 guests! All best wishes for a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2015. ■ **Tina Economaki Riedl**, triedl048@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

70 To my friends and classmates from the Legendary Class of 1970: welcome to the beginning of 2015! My wish and hope for all of you is a happy and healthy year that is filled with joy and adventure.

traveling as well as pursuing their passion for ballet. Charlie joined the boards of trustees of the Miami City Ballet and New York's Joyce Theater in April. Debbi plans to become involved in arts education. In June, their son, **Mark '06**, became chief resident for in-patient services at NYU Hospital. Mark's wife, **Amy (Green) '06**, continues her veterinary practice in Brooklyn. Charlie and Debbi's daughter, Karen (Harvard '07), is pursuing her art practice in Los Angeles. During summer 2014, Debbi and Charlie attended the wedding of Rebecca Van Buren Baer (Ithaca College '72), the widow of our classmate **Jeff Baer**, to Steven Blatt in Denver. Class of '70 classmates **Steve Steinberg** and **Art Litowitz** also attended. Charlie says that plans for a big Pi Lambda Phi Class of '70 reunion are in the works for Reunion 2015 in Ithaca! ☐ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

71 **Ronnie Levine** (RLIH@aol.com) writes to us from New York, where she's been working as a clinical psychologist for almost 40 years. She has a private practice and is invited to teach around the country in the area of group psychotherapy. Ronnie has given workshops in Europe and the US. For the past seven years, she has been conducting a three-weekend-a-year group in Austin, TX, and in 2011, she received an award from a local group therapy society for outstanding contributions to the field. Ronnie reports that she feels very privileged to have found the right career and loves her work. She is in touch with **Carol Siegel** Mamber, **Judy Ferber** Lubrano, **Judy Richland**, **Erica Kirsners Silk**, **Rivi Zweig**, **Lorraine Schaffer**, and **Laurie Berke-Weiss**. She would be happy to reconnect with other friends and classmates from Cornell.

Laurie Berke-Weiss (laurie71@bwp-law.com) continues to practice employment law at Berke-Weiss and Pechman LLP in Manhattan. She and husband Brian Berke recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Laurie is learning to play tennis and has started gardening, with a bumper crop of cherry tomatoes. She has been named again to the Top 100 New York Super Lawyers list and to the Top 50 Women New York Super Lawyers. Her daughter, **Alex Berke '06**, graduated cum laude from Fordham Law School last May and was awarded an Equal Justice Works Fellowship. Laurie would enjoy hearing from classmates.

George W. Norton (gnorton@VT.edu) is a professor of agricultural and applied economics at Virginia Tech. He recently published a new book entitled *Hunger and Hope: Escaping Poverty and Achieving Food Security in Developing Countries*. Another Cornellian who recently published is **Russell H. Kent**. In his book, *The Judges Testify of Christ and Give Us Hope*, Russell explores ways that God helps people deal with life's challenges. **Dot Preisner** Valachovic (Schenectady, NY; dpv6@cornell.edu) works as a community volunteer. Dot recently retired from a 20-year career as an adult educator.

Joan Batson McLeod (Richmond Hill, GA; ltc mcleod@aol.com) retired this year and is now running a home-based business marketing essential services and wellness products. She is the proud grandmother of 2-year-old twin girls. Also joining the grandma ranks this past summer was **Beth Shapiro** Stroul (bethstroul@gmail.com). Corinne Adele Stroul was born in Denver in August. Beth continues her work in children's mental health in D.C. with the addition of some

international consulting, most recently with the Belgian government. This spring, she is headed to Morocco for some well-deserved R&R. Beth's dear friend **Diane Brenner** (Dbrenner50@aol.com) is Nana to twins Maddie and Tyler, 9, as well as Drew, 2, and his new baby brother, Austin. She writes to us from Florida, where she moved 14 years ago. She is selling and investing in real estate in Palm Beach County. Though she really misses her Cornell friends and family up north, she loves the beautiful weather and relaxed lifestyle in Florida.

Marc Cohen (mcohen@kayescholar.com) lives in Los Angeles, where he is a partner at Kaye Scholer. Last year he was awarded California Lawyer of the Year for representation of the California State Controller's Office. He joined the California State Military Reserve as major, judge advocate general. One of the things he enjoys about L.A. is that it is easy to make an impact and to interface with city and council leadership. He chairs a foundation for the LAFD and deals regularly with the City Council and the mayor's office. Another attorney in our class is **Rick Leland**, who writes that he is still practicing at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver and Jacobson LLP in NYC. Rick counsels real estate developers and institutions such as universities, hospitals, and libraries on environmental compliance and environmental review matters. Rick's wife, Jane, is a fourth-year in the School of General Studies, Columbia U.'s degree program for non-traditional students. She is majoring in architectural history and was selected for induction into the school's Honor Society. Rick keeps in touch with **Andrew Tisch**, **Steve Gorfine**, **Marty Marmor**, **Michael Kubin**, **Ted Grossman**, **JD '74**, **Larry Miller '72**, **John '72** and **Ellen Rosenstock Morehouse '72**, **Leslie Jennis Obus**, and **Carol Fein** Ross '72. He recently saw some of these pals at the Regency Hotel when professors **Glenn Altschuler**, **PhD '76**, and **Isaac Krannick** presented their new book, *Cornell: A History, 1940-2015*.

We were happy to hear from **Joanne Trifilo Stark** (Joanne@starkimmigrationlaw.com), who practices immigration law in Phoenix, AZ, and **Lois Gradin Kemp** (lakemp@gmail.com) in Barrington, RI. We would love to share your news with our classmates, so send us a quick e-mail and we will write about you. ☐ **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu; **Gayle Yeomans**, gay2@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

72 **Louise I. Shelley**, our former class president and student member of the Cornell Board of Trustees in 1971-72, has written a new book, *Dirty Entanglements: Corruption, Crime and Terrorism* (Cambridge U. Press 2014), concerning the transformation of crime and terrorism and the business logic of terrorism. Louise concludes that corruption, crime, and terrorism will remain important security challenges in the 21st century as a result of economic and demographic inequalities in the world, the rise of ethnic and sectarian violence, climate change, the growth of technology, and the failure of 19th- and 20th-century institutions to respond to these challenges when they emerged.

General David Petraeus described Louise's book as follows: "A thoughtful, comprehensive, and powerful account of the pernicious effects of state corruption and how it contributes to crime and terrorism—which, in turn, impose huge costs on legitimate economies, as well as on security, development, and quality of life for many citizens

around the globe. Louise Shelley draws on a lifetime of study of 'dirty entanglements' and extensive research in the regions most afflicted by corruption, crime, and terrorism. And her conclusions persuasively argue that corruption, crime, and terrorism are not the problems of just fragile states and the less-developed world, but problems that ultimately affect all parts of our globalized world." Louise lives in Washington, DC, and is a professor at George Mason U. in Virginia.

Richard Johnston, a partner at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr in Boston, made national news in September when a North Carolina judge exonerated Rich's clients, Henry McCollum and Leon Brown, based on DNA evidence after a 20-year pro bono court battle by Rich and his firm. The two mentally disabled half-brothers had been charged with raping and murdering an 11-year-old girl, after furnishing alleged confessions that they quickly repudiated and said were coerced. The breakthrough in the case came during the summer, when DNA evidence found on a cigarette butt linked someone else to the murder and showed that Rich's clients were innocent. In addition to its application of DNA technology not previously available, the McCollum/Brown case has been cited by death penalty opponents who point to earlier efforts to execute McCollum. "I don't think any of us had any idea that the case would end up quite this way or become the magnetic issue that it has become," Rich said. Kudos to **Jerry Goldman** for advising us of Rich's success.

Stephanie Harris Morgan (Millburn, NJ; steffmorgan@comcast.net) retired from corporate real estate as of December 31, 2013, and is now working in the New Jersey brokerage office of Ripco Real Estate. She enjoys having a less pressured life. Husband Joel was one of the first board-certified neuropsychologists to be boarded in pediatric neuropsychology. **Rob Blye** and wife Carol visited **John Barclay** this year in Port Angeles, WA. All birders and retired, they visited the Hoh Rainforest, Hurricane Ridge in the Olympic National Forest, and several wildlife refuges. In August, Rob and Carol celebrated the first birthday of their ninth grandchild. **Gerald Batt** is still practicing ophthalmology in Flemington, NJ, and is a clinical instructor of ophthalmology at UMDNJ medical school in Newark, NJ. The most valuable lesson Gerald learned at Cornell: "Knowledge is power." ☐ **Gary L. Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu; **Alex Barna**, alexbarna@comcast.net.

73 Check out the latest class letter (<http://www.cornell73.com/class-letter/september-2014/>) for news of our Sesquicentennial plans, a tribute to classmate **Susan Murphy**, PhD '94, on her retirement from Cornell, and more. Also, keep up with photos, the latest news from classmates, and how your officers are working for you. "Like" Cornell Class of 1973 on Facebook (www.facebook.com).

Jerry Deutsch (jdeutsch@nutritionalresearch.org) writes from Hawaii that lava is flowing only a couple of miles away! He serves as executive director of the Nutritional Research Foundation and also develops property on the big island of Hawaii. His daughter news: Hallie, 11, attends Malamalama Waldorf School; Lea married in 2013; and Carrie is a speech pathologist in NYC. **Kenny Gallt** (Chicagofds@aol.com), a landscape architect and contractor in Lombard, IL, writes that while attending our 40th Reunion, he stopped to see if Prof. Marvin Adelman was still around. He taught

for 40 years, coming to Cornell in 1972. After some research, Kenny found that Prof. Adelman, now suffering from Parkinson's, was living in a retirement village not far from Kenny, but far from his longtime associates and friends. Kenny visited, introducing Marvin to colleagues in the area, then checked an item off his "bucket list" when landscape architect and classmate **Michael Van Valkenburgh** was able to join them for an afternoon lunch and some good memories. Part of the original '73 class of six, Kenny says that Michael is now the most famous landscape architect in the US. He did his graduate work at the U. of Illinois, then taught at Harvard, and now lives and works in NYC. Prof. Adelman would love for you to contact him and visit; just write Kenny for details.

Maxine Howard (mdh38@cornell.edu) reports that she and spouse **Steve Jacobs** recently celebrated the third anniversary of their escape from the snow of the Northeast to Santa Cruz, CA. Steve continues his work with tech startups while Maxine has started on a new career in real estate sales, which is keeping her very busy when added to her mediation practice. She would love to connect with any classmates in the San Francisco Bay Area. **Christine Hradesky** (CHradesky@gmail.com) writes from Pasadena, CA, that she is busy with teaching, academic pursuits, and clinical practice in psychiatry and psychoanalysis and is enjoying family and friends. **Mona Deutsch** Miller (monadmil@aol.com) is still practicing law and working as a mediator in Los Angeles. She had a blast making a movie in 48 hours. She produced and wrote a seven-minute film as part of the 48 Hour Film Project—the first movie she has made since doing one at Cornell under Bob Nelson, who was teaching during the summer of 1971. She used Fauré piano pieces she performed in both movies! Now she needs to figure out what to do with the new film.

Former class president **Marty Slye** Sherman, MPS '75 (mjsherman73@gmail.com) split her time last summer between her home on a mountaintop in New Hampshire and her home in Massachusetts. Her husband is pushing to move to the mountain full-time, but that cannot happen for another two years because Marty recently assumed the presidency of the local food pantry in Massachusetts. Last July, **Ron** and **Lorraine Palmatier Skalko** and **Rick**, MBA '74, and **Lynne Rosenbluth Saltz '75** joined the Shermans for a relaxing weekend that included a dinner cruise on Lake Sunapee. Lorraine kept them entertained with her tales of the flying public (she has been a flight attendant since graduation, now working for Delta). In early September, **Jules '72**, MBA '74, and **Karen Broten Sieburgh** visited for a day filled with reminiscing. Karen and Jules have sold their house in Bethesda and are housesitting while waiting for their new place in Ithaca to be vacated.

After years of volunteering for various Cornell alumni activities, Marty is now serving as the secretary of the Sloan Alumni Association (the graduate program in Health Administration). That has crazily led to her becoming a lecturer in the Sloan Program, teaching the Capstone Course to second-year grad students. She was on campus four times last fall, and for a yet to be determined number of times during the spring semester. Marty is impressed with how bright the students are, and how demanding the course work is.

As I write on this sunny fall day, I look forward to seeing many of you when our entire family attends the Cornell hockey game on Thanksgiving weekend in NYC. Both children, including Cornellian son **David Greenberg '05**, and their spouses

purchased homes and moved to northern New Jersey last spring—David in Verona and Allison in South Orange—only 13 minutes from each other after ten years apart. For the first time in 40 years, someone else is responsible for the Thanksgiving turkey! Gerry and I continue to travel, visiting Istanbul last May before a cruise through the Mediterranean to Barcelona, enjoying the ruins at Ephesus and Akrotiri particularly. In the fall I traveled with the Cincinnati Art Museum's Friends of European Art to Paris for a week of art immersion, visiting great private collections, wonderful art museums, Chantilly, and Versailles. Being an art docent remains my favorite activity to keep my brain cells functioning. **Pamela S. Meyers**, psmeyers@fuse.net; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu; **David Ross**, dave@daveross.com.

74 The enthusiasm for our reunion year not only was manifested by the exceptional attendance in June, but has poured over to responses to requests for news from our classmates. I am unable to report on everything here, but all the responses will certainly be highlighted in future columns. While I will be leaving my role as one of our class correspondents, I continue to encourage our classmates to keep us all updated on important events in your lives—or simply with thoughts, memories, and greetings to other classmates.

Among those responding, a continuing theme is retirement or making plans for it. **Kay Walker** James retired last year after a career in public service, capping it with five years as city manager of Canandaigua, NY. **Ed Evans**, MBA '75, reports that he is on his third attempt at retiring, moving to Martha's Vineyard in February. **Stephen Hatch** also retired in the last year and loves the time he now has to add to his car collections and travel with his wife, Bessie. **Leslee Carver** has retired and is planning on doing more traveling while continuing to volunteer in a local food pantry. **Cecelia "Ceci" Hermann** LeBeau retired after 23 years teaching piano. She is enjoying spending time with her three children, Laura and Dave in Boston and Christopher in NYC.

Debbie Lyon Fister excitedly describes her start at raising alpacas after a short-term mission trip to Honduras. She raises them for their fleece, which has won awards. Twenty percent of the sales of the goods made from the fleece are used to support a daycare center in Siguatepeque, Honduras. **Marsha Feinman** Byrnes, along with her husband, Jonathan, are working on a startup called Profit Isle.

Beverly Evans recently presented at the British Library's Conference on "The Music of War: 1914-1918," about French WWI music. She serves as executive director of Pi Delta Phi, the National French Honor Society. **Linda Mariani** is an officer and secretary of the Connecticut Family Law Section of the Connecticut Bar Association, while also serving as president of Renaissance City Development Association Inc. of New London, CT. She is a member of the Economic Development Commission, among other boards on which she serves.

Roslyn "Roz" Horn Schaffer is the director of HR at the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia, PA, and is an adjunct professor of human resources at Philadelphia U. She recently traveled to Italy on a foodie adventure. **Mitchell Rubin** has joined Emblem Health in NYC as a medical director. **Beth Balog** Berger recently received the Orange County

School Counselor Association Postsecondary Counselor of the Year Award for 2013-14. **William Zarowitz** was recently named a top doctor by *Westchester Magazine* and has been honored in the Castle Connelly Guide to the Best Doctors in the Metro New York area. He and his wife recently checked off a bucket list item by traveling to the Galápagos Islands.

Ann Trueblood Raper has been busy with children and grandchildren, but had time to publish a book, *A Quaker Courtship*. **Cathy Glick** continues to work as a practicing cardiologist, but found time to travel to such places as the Mediterranean on a cruise, Israel, and Eastern Europe. **Moir Hearne** Hints is busy as a member of the board for the new Adam J. Lewis Preschool in Bridgeport, CT, working on her gardening obsession for dahlias, and spending time on the advisory council for the Johnson Museum.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our classmates for the chance to be your correspondent for the last five years, and to get to know, even if only through notes and messages, many more classmates than I ever knew in our years on the Hill. I welcome our new correspondents, **Lucy Babcox** Morris and **Jim Schoonmaker**, who will join **Helen Bendix** as class correspondents. **Jack Wind**, jjw@mwhlawfirm.com; **Lucy Babcox** Morris, lucmor@aol.com; **Jim Schoonmaker**, js378@cornell.edu; **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net.

75 Our 40th Reunion is within sight. Last year we sent a reunion survey and concerns were expressed. I would like to address some of them to try to encourage more of you to attend a wonderful long weekend in Ithaca on June 4-7, 2015.

Housing: If air conditioning is a must, there are hotels available. However, it is grand to stay in the dorms, in the middle of all the activities for the weekend, especially if you coordinate room assignments with close classmates. In addition, Keeton House, where we are assigned, has "Temperature Control" (operable windows and ceiling fans in the student rooms and their associated suite spaces). The dining rooms, floor lounges, and corridors all have air conditioning. The set temperatures are usually kept between 68 and 72 degrees, comfortable for most weather conditions. Other classmates had issues with the particular weekend picked. Unfortunately, reunion is arranged by the university, not individual classes, and the only way to house most of the returnees (over 6,500 people attended in 2014) is to provide dorm rooms. Reunion is sandwiched between graduation and summer school and camps. The last concern I would like to address is food. Several classmates observe special diets. You will notice that on your registration forms there is a specific question about diet; we can accommodate most dietary concerns. Hopefully, this will encourage a number of you sitting on the fence to take the plunge and join the rest of the "Sure, I'll be there" folks!

On to some news. **David Wright** (Branchville, NJ; dwright50@embarqmail.com) welcomed a new grandson, Callum David, on August 12, 2014. **Norman Cohen** (cohennh@gmail.com) just left Suffern, NY. He and his wife, Dianne, and daughter Aviva have moved to Jerusalem, Israel, to join son David, daughter **Ilana '05**, and their families (including four grandchildren), who already live there. **George Hagedorn**, BA '74, is in Virginia, where he retired from Virginia Tech in August 2014 but continues to work full-time on

mathematical research. George says that his classroom preparation at Cornell was wonderful, and it really helped him in graduate school at Princeton and a two-year post-doc at Rockefeller U. in New York City.

Another classmate in academia is **Julie Levinson** (levinson@babson.edu), professor of film at Babson College in Massachusetts. She has been a film curator for several arts organizations and film festivals, is the author of *The American Success Myth on Film*, and recently edited a new book, *Alexander Payne: Interviews*. **Andrew Rotter** (arotter@colgate.edu) is the Charles A. Dana Professor of History at Colgate U. and the director of the Peace & Conflict Studies Program. He recently shared his recollections of his former Cornell History professor, Walter LaFeber. LaFeber and other history professors at Cornell inspired him to teach history, but he originally thought about teaching at the high school level. When he told his professor his thoughts, LaFeber smiled and said, "A good thing to do, but not you. Get a PhD in history, and teach at a university." Andrew now teaches courses in US foreign relations at Colgate, in Hamilton, NY.

Ralph Buglass (rbuglass@verizon.net) is retired in Potomac, MD. However, his wife, **Karen (Zelkind) '77**, shared a press release about Ralph's recent activity: turning his passion for history into volunteering as a schoolmaster at Kingsley School, a one-room schoolhouse in Little Bennett Regional Park in Clarksburg. He was awarded the Agency Volunteer Award at the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association conference and was one of three people nationwide to receive the 2014 Country Schools Association of America Service Award.

Ezra Singer (singer@lb.com) is SVP-human resources for L Brands in Columbus, OH. He and his wife, Mary Ann ("Skipper"), are looking forward to hiking in Patagonia this winter and attending reunion in June.

Tom Pedersen (pedersenta@cdmsmith.com) just celebrated 35 years with CDM Smith, a global environmental and infrastructure consulting firm headquartered in Cambridge, MA. As SVP and director of sustainability, his recent focus has been on the application of the Inst. for Sustainable Infrastructure's (ISI) Envision™ rating system to projects. He is an Envision Sustainability Professional (ENV SP) and ISI-qualified trainer. He is also an American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists (AAEES) Board Certified Environmental Scientist (BCES) by eminence in sustainability science.

Ann Kavicky Franzen (southportmarketing@gmail.com) lives in Fairfield, CT, where she is creative director of Southport Marketing Group. She remembers her first job after Cornell as the graphics manager at a small printing company. She recently joined the alumni board of Cornell's College of Human Ecology. She adds that her son, **Willy '06**, married **Amy Gordon '08** in Chicago. **F. X. Flinn** (fxflinn@gmail.com) lives in Quechee, VT, one of the only master-planned communities in the state, which has two great golf courses. The last weekend in September they hosted an invitational event for 15 college teams including Cornell. He had a blast sharing his greens book and local knowledge with the team during their practice rounds on Friday. Please continue to send news, and please plan to join us for reunion! ☑ **Deb Gellman**, dsgeleman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, karen.boroff@shu.edu; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@gmail.com; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com.

76 News for this column is light as we haven't received our latest supply of news forms (look for the News and Dues mailings this spring), so thanks to those who responded to the e-mail request.

Since 2012, **Lisa Wax** Breit has been working as a curriculum and technology integrator at a large Jewish day school, catching the school up to the 21st century fast! Her sons Raphe, 26, and Eli, 23, are finally off the payroll entirely, having toughed out the recession until their desired jobs became available. In April they celebrated her mom's 90th birthday. What Lisa likes most about her life now is finally to have achieved work/family/life/community balance. Every day she appreciates the blessings of friends, meaningful work, family, and freedom from want. Last winter definitely reminded Lisa of her time at Cornell—due to the mountains of snow in Boston. She remembers hiking up Buffalo St. all the way to Martha Van Rensselaer for an 8 a.m. final in waist-deep drifts! Lisa and husband Stephen went on a "bucket list" trip to Peru in August. Also, she spent two

My husband, **Morris Diamant '74**, and I went on a cruise to Alaska this past summer, our fourth time to this destination. We were joined by friends Faye and **John Gmeiner '74**. It was a fabulous trip and we had a great time. Both of us are looking forward to our next cruise in the winter. Please send your news via e-mail or hard copy news form. We enjoy reading your updates and appreciate your help with the column! ☑ **Lisa Diamant**, ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, Krinsk54@gmail.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, Relf@tds.net.

77 News for this issue is somewhat limited, but what we lack in quantity we more than make up for in quality.

Trish Fisher Vasseur (Bristol, RI; trish.keller.williams@gmail.com) has retired from the practice of law and now works as a realtor with Keller Williams Realty. She has been working to revitalize the inactive Cornell Club of Rhode Island and,

‘Peter Argentine was one of four people appointed to the Citizen’s Stamp Advisory Committee.’

Howie Eisen '77

weeks at a quilting retreat (her nirvana) near Syracuse in the summer and has intensified her work on art quilts and fabric dying. When she retires in a few years, she expects to focus on this.

Sylvanus Ashamole writes, "I retired from my full-time position at Princeton U. in 2010. I now work part-time and can attend more of my children's sports games and other activities. I also have the opportunity to socialize more with friends and family. Several of my children graduated from college and have gone to their next endeavors, whether it is graduate school or entering the workforce." Sylvanus says he enjoys the extra time he now has to travel with family and read current information on agricultural trends. "I am anticipating the 2015 graduation of my last child from St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen, NJ. He was highly interested in Cornell after we visited the campus this summer. I am also anticipating the 2015 graduation of my second daughter from Syracuse U. She wants to pursue her medical degree at Cornell. I have three sons who are pursuing their undergraduate and graduate studies this fall. I hope to travel more and also become a father-in-law and grandfather soon." Sylvanus adds, "I always reminisce with my children about the winters I experienced when I was at Cornell. The winters here do not compare."

A news release from the Farrell Fritz law firm announced that **Ilene Sherwyn** Cooper has been selected by her peers for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America 2015. Later in the year, she was appointed to the New York Bar Foundation's Planned Giving Task Force and also appointed co-chair of the Fellows of the New York Bar Foundation for the 10th Judicial District. The New York Bar Foundation is a charitable and philanthropic entity of the NYS Bar Association. Ilene concentrates her practice in estate litigation.

as part of this effort, has started a club Facebook page. I checked the page out and it is impressive. Trish is looking for input and support from fellow Rhode Island alumni. She really enjoys living in Bristol, which is a beautiful seaside historic town and the home of the oldest Fourth of July parade in America. Thank you for your efforts in re-establishing the Cornell Club of Rhode Island.

Eileen Harsch Campbell has been selling real estate in the northern suburbs of Chicago for over 20 years and has also been able to indulge her two big passions: dog rescue and outdoor education. Eileen is a hospice foster for several rescue groups, taking in older, sick dogs from shelters who would otherwise be euthanized, and instead gives them a happy life for the time they have left. She teaches outdoor education for the Open Lands nature group and takes school children to forest preserves and beaches to help them enjoy and learn from nature. In doing this, she is putting her Cornell Geology degree to good use. Eileen's first job after graduating from Cornell was working at the Uni Deli in Collegetown during a gap year. She then went to the U. of Michigan for graduate school, after which she worked for an oil company in Denver until the oil industry took a downturn. She now lives in Libertyville, IL, a few blocks from the Des Plaines River Trail, where she can bicycle and cross-country ski up to Wisconsin. She is also close to the Lake Michigan beaches and can enjoy recreation year-round. Eileen says that the most valuable things she learned at Cornell were how to observe, that it was okay to be silent, and that there is a lot of wisdom in silence.

Peter Argentine was one of four people appointed by Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe to the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee. The committee evaluates 40,000 proposals annually before submitting 25-30 stamp recommendations for new

stamps to the Postmaster General for his review and approval. Peter is founder of Argentine Productions Inc., a company specializing in media design and production for museums, national parks, and visitor centers. He has gone to distant corners of the world for his television work and has developed productions for WGBH Boston, WQED Pittsburgh, the Discovery Channel, and “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood.” He has collaborated with the White House Historical Association, the National Academy of Sciences, the World Wildlife Fund, and the National Park Service. After receiving his degree in Anthropology from Cornell, Peter earned a master’s degree in international relations as a Benton Fellow in Broadcast Journalism from the U. of Chicago. He then worked in the education department of the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History and received many awards for his work, including a Special Jury Award for Best Exhibit Program from CINE. Nice work, Peter.

Leslie Herzog will retire from Unilever, the maker of many famous and well-known food brands, after more than 36 years as a food scientist and manager. He started with Unilever right after college and it has been his only employer. He is particularly proud of the brands he has worked on over the past 36 years when he walks down the aisle in the supermarket. Leslie has also been on the advisory council for the Inst. of Food Science at Cornell on which he has served for 25 years—he is currently chair-elect. In retirement, he will be editing books, writing magazine articles, and

enjoying life. He looks forward to not getting up at 3:30 a.m. to be in the office by 5:00 a.m. Leslie and his wife plan to travel to Italy and Africa in 2015. He plans not to be bored—and it is hard to imagine that he will be.

Finally, the following members of our class attended Cornell’s Adult University: **Maggie Freese** Atkins participated in French Cooking with husband Neil; **Donna Darragh** Copley participated in Beginning Photography; and **Madeleine Blanchet Hemmings** participated in the Wines Course with husband **Richard ‘67**. Please keep all of your news and views coming in via the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm> or send an e-mail to either of your correspondents: [✉ Howie Eisen](mailto:howard.eisen@drexelmed.edu), howard.eisen@drexelmed.edu; **Annette Mulee**, annette@mulee.com.

78 Happy 2015, ‘78ers! First, a big thanks to the classmates who responded to my request for news in the class LinkedIn group. Between them and my dormant skills in take-home exam word-stretching, we have a column.

In academia, **Ted Feitshans** has been promoted to Extension professor in agricultural and resource economics at North Carolina State U. **Jane Tanner** writes, “I have been a professor of mathematics at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse for 32 years. I currently teach all my

classes online, which allows me the flexibility to serve in different volunteer positions. Currently, I am the president-elect of the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC). Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) also keeps me busy, as I am a member of its Int’l Foundation Board and treasurer of the NYS Foundation Board. Lastly, I am serving on Alpha Phi’s program committee of its Foundation.” **Rachel Sternberg**, MA ‘81 (Shaker Heights, OH) has been teaching at Case Western Reserve U. for nine years. Her three children are out of the nest and finding their own paths.

Lots of classmates sent news of family events. **Stephen Kesselman**, JD ‘81, celebrated the b’nai mitzvah of daughter Rose and son Samuel in April 2014 in Boston at the New England Aquarium. In attendance were his ZBT fraternity brothers **Bill Sternberg** and wife **Ellen (Haas)**, **Brian Ochs** and wife Joan, and **Ron Frier** and wife Sherry. **Bruce Clements** (Saratoga Springs, NY) reports: “My big Cornell news is that my father, **Tom ‘49**, reaches 90 this December. My daughter, **Katie ‘12**, works in quality control for drug-maker Regeneron in Rensselaer, NY, and son **Tim ‘15** is a senior in the Engineering college studying Math Geoscience. Their ILR parents never took a science course at Cornell, so perhaps the science genes were waiting to blossom.”

Dina Kruzansky Markind (Danbury, CT) has developed a program called Vital Signs of Well Being. She writes, “It takes the initials of medical vital signs, T, P, R, B/P (Temperature, Pulse, Respiratory rate, and Blood Pressure), and redefines them to be Take In, Put Forth, Relationship, and Being Present.” Her oldest son graduated from Cornell this May with a double major in Chemistry and Economics. He was featured on the Cornell website as an exceptional senior. Also in health and well-being is **April Fischer** Kates (Rockville, MD), who is a food labeling policy supervisor at the Food and Drug Administration. This position, according to April, “is a total hoot!” She took her children on a trip to Italy over the summer to celebrate one’s high school graduation and another’s successful first year of college. “Now on to figuring out the empty nest thing.”

Roger Davis is working for Transformation Technology Centers Int’l after departing the Ikologiks Center for Global Studies. He left the US in 2013, toured India, Malaysia, and Thailand, and is now residing in South Korea. When asked what the most valuable thing that he learned at Cornell was, Roger wrote, “Learning is more an experience than a discipline, and true knowledge comes not from books, but from human interactions.” **Joyce Chiu** (Upton, MA) answered the same question this way: “How to continue a lifelong habit of learning and enjoying new things—skiing, scuba diving, sailing, photography, oil painting, tailoring, interior decorating, travel, and having fun.” Joyce works for Honeywell in Smithfield, RI. Her son is a freshman at UMass, Amherst. **Janet Strong** Astore (jastore@nationallife.com) lives

Paper Trail

Ronni Linowitz Jolles ‘78

For Ronni Jolles, the first step in making art is gathering paper from all over the world—Nepal, Thailand, Italy, the Philippines, Mexico, and more. The Virginia-based artist then manipulates the paper to create what she describes as a new art form.

The former psychology major calls it “painting with paper”—crumpling, ripping, and cutting the sheets to create works that are almost three-dimensional. Her studio is filled with hundreds of types of paper in a rainbow of colors and textures. “It looks like an Impressionist painting,” she says, “but when you get closer, you realize it’s made of paper, not paint.”

Much of Jolles’s art depicts nature, but she also creates works showing quaint village scenes and has done numerous pieces with Judaic themes, such as worshippers in a temple, the lighting of Shabbat candles, and Jerusalem’s Western Wall. “I usually work on about ten pieces at a time,” she says, “so I’m always starting one and finishing another.” Her pieces have been shown in galleries and group shows throughout the country including in New York, Tennessee, Washington, and Virginia.

Jolles stresses that much of her material is reclaimed waste paper or sheets made from renewable plants and fibers. She therefore calls her medium a “green” art form—and a fun one, too. “It’s really tactile,” says Jolles, a longtime art educator. “I like to use my hands, and that’s what you do with this. It’s playful.” But she admits that some galleries have been slow to accept her work, being skeptical of the medium—not quite painting, not quite collage. “Whenever you create something new, it’s really hard to get people to look at it,” she says. “But once they see the work, they really love it and respond to it.”

— Elani Cohen ‘17



in Vermont after spending 16 years in New York City. She's still in touch with Int'l Living Center friends and is happy to help other ILC alums find each other.

Kristin Holcomb runs a business in New York that specializes in benefits and events for not-for-profits. She organized an event for the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem called Conversations with NDS: The Power of Ideas. This year's theme—"Is Justice Still a Thing"—features a conversation with Bill Keller, former *New York Times* executive editor, and Wynton Marsalis, artistic director of Jazz at Lincoln Center. **Randall Nixon** and a partner are installing the largest private solar project in Maryland. His son, **Blair '11**, BS Hotel '12, is working with the installer in addition to his position as CFO with Journian, an insurance and investment firm. His daughter, **Spencer '15**, is enjoying her senior year in Sigma Delta Tau sorority while writing for the *Odyssey*, the campus online newspaper. Randall attended Homecoming as a member of the University Council and signed off with a great quote that will serve as my signoff for this column: "There is nothing better than immersing oneself for an entire weekend in all things Cornell!" **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyjfuller.com; **Ilene Shub Lefland**, ilefland@snet.net.

79 Another year is upon us as you read this column, and time certainly flies by as we are engaged in careers or retirement, children or grandchildren, and so many other things. The Class of 1979 is an interesting bunch. This is no more evident than on the Distinguished Classmates of 1979 Web page at: <http://79classmates.net/>. Starting in 2004 with our 25th Reunion, this honor was awarded to 25 classmates. This practice continued for our 30th Reunion in 2009, when 30 classmates were honored, and again in 2014, when 35 classmates were selected.

At our recent reunion, several academic professionals were honored as distinguished classmates. These included **Franco DeMayo**, who is the Dan L. Duncan Professor at the Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center and the Gordon Cain Professor of Molecular and Cellular Biology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX. He is also director of the Genetically Engineered Mouse Core and associate director of the Center for Reproductive Medicine. During his research career, Franco has developed genetically engineered mouse models to investigate the progression of lung cancer and also to investigate the molecular mechanism regulating embryo implantation and pregnancy. Franco lives with his wife, Janet, and, when he is not at college, son Franco III, 22, in Houston.

Another distinguished classmate honored in 2014 is **Lenore Grenoble**, the Carl Darling Buck Professor of Linguistics and Slavic Linguistics at the U. of Chicago. She specializes in language contact and endangerment, language loss, and revitalization. Lenore is currently working for the Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada on a project sponsored by the Arctic Council to assess and promote the vitality of Arctic indigenous languages. Lenore has several Cornellians in her family: her husband, **Jay Lawrence**; her parents, **Maurice** and **Margaret Armstrong Grenoble**, both Class of '53; and her daughter, **Sarah Kopper '10**. You can read more about these and other distinguished classmates on the Web (<http://79classmates.net/>) and in future columns, where we will feature them.

Terry Mady-Grove lives on Long Island and did not attend Reunion because she recently started a new career. After practicing law for over 25 years, she earned a master's from Columbia Teachers College and started a college consulting business. She has had great fun helping high school students through the college application process by opening their eyes to a variety of colleges and (hopefully) reducing their (and their parents') stress level. She says it has been incredibly rewarding. Check out her new business at: www.uscollegeconsulting.com.

Lou Zambello (Cumberland, ME) is consulting part-time, mostly with smaller (\$25-100 million) family or privately held firms that need to undergo some sort of transition (see his LinkedIn profile). He sits on a number of boards (both profit and nonprofit) and advises a startup, AgSquared, a farm-management software company. In the summer, he is a fly-fishing guide. He recently published a how-to book, *Flyfishing Northern New England's Seasons*, available at Amazon and other retailers. It has received good reviews, so his publisher asked him to write several more fly-fishing books—he will be busy writing for a while. He also writes for other outdoor magazines, including a monthly column on adventure bicycling. To keep up with that part of his life you can reference his website: www.mainelyflyfishing.com. Lou lives in Maine with his wife, Lindsey, and has three children, **Erika '12**, **Mary '14**, and Gwynn, 18 years old. Lindsey travels the world as a global climate change scientist; you can Google her to see what she's up to. Erika is getting her master's in environmental management at Duke, Mary graduated from Cornell in Internal Architecture and Design, and Gwynn headed off to UC Berkeley last fall. Lou is busy doing the things he loves, but wishes he had more time to reconnect with classmates. Since he lives in Maine, he says the temperatures and weather are even worse than at Cornell.

Susan Cohen Levy (Chicago, IL) attended Harvard Law School, then immediately joined Jenner & Block LLC and spent her entire legal career there. She became the managing partner in July 2008 and also served on the firm's policy committee and chaired the firm's management committee. Susan has achieved numerous civic and professional recognitions throughout her career, and serves on several charitable and philanthropic boards. In April 2014, she was appointed executive VP and general counsel of the Northern Trust Corp. The press release announcing the new position said that while Susan was at Jenner & Block, she helped build a world-class organization known for its trial, litigation, and transactional capabilities. Her law firm was sad to see her leave, but they are proud of what she has accomplished.

Another longtime Chicagoan, **Natalie Cornell**, writes that in November 2013 she started a new job as a senior consultant with LTK Engineering Services in Ambler, PA, near Philadelphia. She left Chicago, where she had lived for almost 30 years, but loves her new job and being back on the East Coast, where she is closer to family. She is busy with lacrosse season in the spring and has been refereeing high school games for about seven years. Natalie enjoys getting out and running around, but says she keeps getting older and the kids keep getting faster. Natalie does not mind the winter—even in Chicago, where last winter was particularly brutal. Fortunately, the sun shines and the snow squeaks under your boots and she is often reminded of upstate New York.

Eve Charasz writes of the passing of her kind and gentle brother, **Aubrey Charasz**, in March 2013 after bravely battling glioblastoma. After Cornell, he received his MD at Downstate Medical College. Aubrey became an anesthesiologist, specializing in cardiac and pain. He became director of pain management at Maimonides in Brooklyn, and subsequently became chief of anesthesia at St. Joseph's in Yonkers for 13 years. He leaves three sons.

Please continue to keep in touch with us so that we can inform classmates about your news. You can also keep up with class events by joining CornellConnect (<http://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/CEL/homepage.cgi>), our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Cornell1979/>), and the Cornell Class of '79 LinkedIn group. As always, you can submit news to us throughout the year at classof79@cornell.edu, or directly to your class correspondents at: **Kathy Zappia** Gould, kathy.gould57@gmail.com; **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com; and **Linda Moses**, mosesgurevitch@aol.com.

80 Reliving the past can be good or bad. Acid flashbacks usually belong to "bad," but Cornell reunion always belongs to "good." If "reliving the past" doesn't appeal to you, reunions can also be about the present, and the future—there are many new programs to learn about and many new buildings to tour. Cornell is a work in progress, and—cue the drum roll and the dancing bears—our 35th Reunion coincides with Cornell's Sesquicentennial celebration! Around the same time, Cornell will be welcoming a new president and saying goodbye to President Skorton. If you haven't made plans to attend our class's reunion, what are you waiting for? It will be boffo, and possibly the most fun you can have while conscious.

During Cornell's 125th anniversary celebrations, nearly a quarter-century ago, I attended the Cornell-Stanford football game in California. Stanford was celebrating its 100th anniversary, and there is a tight historical connection between our universities. The stadium held about 85,000, and the crowd, if that's the word I want, was dwarfed by empty seats. Apparently gassing up the Winnebago and driving to the other coast for a tailgate party wasn't in the cards for the Schoelkopf faithful, and Cardinals fans couldn't be bothered, because, as *Sports Illustrated* columnist Richard Hoffer stated, Cornell "was not playing out of its league, it was playing out of its species." Hoffer pointed out that the Stanford offensive line was the biggest in the world, which includes the NFL. Perhaps by now you are thinking about how maybe a Cornell-Stanford football game wouldn't produce the type of nail-biting tension that the true aficionado looks for in her sporting contests, and you would be right. The first encounter between the squads, namely the coin toss, drew an audible gasp, and the rest of the game followed suit.

In real class news, **Paul Ney** was one of three new members elected to the Tennessee Bar Foundation board of trustees. **Rita Teutonico**, who has relocated to Miami from Utah, recently joined Florida International U. as assistant VP for research initiatives. She writes, "I am looking forward to rowing in Florida now that I live near water again!" She says she is glad to be on the coast after a stint in Utah, which, while beautiful, doesn't have many beaches. She fondly remembers walking up Libe Slope to serve breakfast at the Straight. "I

especially liked making the first footprints in the snow on those early mornings!”

Craig Pearl writes, “I’m proud that my son, **Jared ’17**, decided to follow in my footsteps and is going to Cornell.” The young man has already made the Dean’s List. Craig adds, “Jared’s presence in Ithaca is a special opportunity to reminisce whenever we go there, and a meaningful legacy to be part of.” Craig recently met former roommates **Ralph Luongo** and **Chris Evans ’81**. He has been in touch with **Ron Levinson** as well as **Susan Meadows**, who he says has retired from her career in the Attorney General’s Office. He also met **Aida Samarzija** in New Jersey. He’s upset that Ruloff’s closed, but made one last trip there last spring to experience it with his family. (I had a glass of beer tossed in my face in Ruloff’s once, prompted by my response to a woman who told me, “We had a battle of wits—I lost.” My response: “Don’t feel bad, you were unarmed.”)

Harriet Krems White writes, “I’m happy to announce that our daughter, **Lauren ’09**, married **Brian Steiner ’09** on September 27, 2014, at Sage Chapel. It was a beautiful fall day in Ithaca for this very Cornell wedding!” Both bride and groom are physicians. **Dawn Fotopulos** is the author of a new book, *Accounting for the Numberphobic: A Survival Guide for Small Business Owners*, published by AMACOM. Dawn stresses the importance of understanding your business’s finances, even if you have accountants, because the numbers provide tools for the future, as well as records of the past. Dawn teaches, and states that her goal is to engage students in discussion on things relevant to their future.

Victoria Conn Halliday, BFA ’80, runs a landscape architecture and planning business, VAH Assocs. LLC, and lives on a horse farm in Bucks County, PA, with her husband, David, and her 11-year-old twins, Annie and Owen. She writes that she is reminded of her time at Cornell when she and her family ski, sled, and sit by the fire. She was a Fine Arts major in college and has started painting again. She also writes children’s books for fun. From Curaçao in the Dutch Caribbean, **Simon Wolfson** writes that he is a commercial property manager. **Eva Sage-Gavin** is vice chairman of Skills for America’s Future of the Aspen Inst., having recently left Gap Inc. She’s also on the board of directors of Sapient. She and husband Dennis are empty-nesters, having sent their daughter off to college, and travel extensively. She is enjoying being involved in her community, but she says, “I miss commuting to San Francisco every day!”

Remember to mark your calendar for reunion, June 4-7, 2015. Keep up with your classmates and class activities on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Cornell1980/>. If you wish to make an in-kind donation of goods that can be used as give-away items at our reunion, please contact either **Jodi Diehl** Nestle ([wanda4fun @ Yahoo](mailto:wanda4fun@yahoo.com)) or **Nancy MacIntyre** Hollinshead ([nmh37 @ cornell.edu](mailto:nmh37@cornell.edu)). Contact them with souvenir ideas, too. Please continue to send us your news and attend Cornell events as our class prepares for our 35th Reunion. **Dik Saalfeld**, [rfs25 @ cornell.edu](mailto:rfs25@cornell.edu); **Dana Jerrard**, [dej24 @ cornell.edu](mailto:dej24@cornell.edu); **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, [caa28 @ cornell.edu](mailto:caa28@cornell.edu); **Leona Barsky**, [leonabarsky @ aol.com](mailto:leonabarsky@aol.com).

81 I celebrated my “speed limit” birthday in September with, as usual, my forever-bestie **Karen Prescott** Dalby. This is the 37th year we have been able to get

together for cocktails and cake! **Karen Levine** Whitman and her family visited us in August. Our time was cut short as they arrived the day after we dropped off number two son Charlie (Providence College ’18), and left, as we were on our way back from dropping off number one son Chris (Columbia U. ’16).

Though we never knew each other at Cornell, **Susan Spinola Sabins ’83** and I had several friends in common during the years we overlapped: fellow Class of ’81 track team runners and fraternity guys. Some of her best memories are of the Phi Psi 500, and she says hello to **Ken “KJ” Johnson** and **Ken “Fudge” Sargent**. (More cowbell!) Susan’s daughter Cassidy and my daughter, Calli, are both high school freshmen and on the Manasquan High School varsity tennis team. Congratulations to **Dolores Gebhardt**, president of the White Plains Bar Association. She is a partner at McCarthy Fingar LLP, White Plains, where she practices in the areas of matrimonial law and civil appeals. Dolores’s older daughter, Nora, graduated from NYU and will pursue a graduate degree in pediatric occupational therapy. Her younger daughter, Jennifer, is a freshman at Molloy College’s BFA in Theater Arts in conjunction with Collaborative Arts Project 21 (CAP 21) in Manhattan.

Vicki Bunis Rosenthal has one daughter living and working in NYC, and another who is a senior at Penn State. Vicki is still in touch with **Betsy Cahn Niggli**, who has two boys (one in college, the other in high school) and recently moved to Seattle. She also talks to **Nancy Haas**, who has been living in Baltimore for many years. Nancy also has two children, a girl in college and a boy in high school. Vicki says she and her husband didn’t get to experience the joy of sending one of their kids to Cornell, but pal **Nan Molofsky’s** son is there. Nan has been in NYC for many years. **David Barringer** (david@nakedwinery.com) is running a winery and teaching skiing in Oregon! His town, Hood River, is the windsurfing capital of the US. David said that the most valuable thing he learned at Cornell has proven to be that difficult problems can be solved when you are open to new ideas. **John Walsh**, you guys should get together! Portland isn’t far away. John, wife Shelley Cartier, and son Jack sold their house and moved to a nearby condo.

Last July, **Steven Schwartz** was appointed as chair of the board of trustees of George Eastman House in Rochester, NY. A member of the board since 2005, Steven said, “Trustees all share a passion for the art and technology of photography and moving images, and their preservation for future generations.” Though headquartered in Rochester, he adds, “our influence and expertise are felt around the world.” Steven also is president and CEO of Tennis Corp. of America (TCA), based in Chicago, IL (TCA operates 30 health and racquet clubs, corporate fitness centers, and hospital wellness centers in North America), and is the managing partner of Columbia Equities LP, a real estate investment company. Steven also serves on the boards of Vi (upscale senior living), the Foundation for Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, and Chicago Run, an organization providing running programs to 17,000 elementary school students. Steven and his wife, **Claudia (Perry)**, **MPS ’85**, reside in Glencoe, IL, with their three children.

Abraham Gutman, CEO of AG Mednet, is preventing clinical trial inefficiencies with the industry’s first automated quality control platform that detects errors in clinical trial data submissions at the source, before they leave the investigator site

and cause delays. What used to be done manually is now checked automatically with AG Mednet’s software, cutting avoidable query delays by 75 percent for pharmaceutical sponsors. The software is now in use by 25,000 customers in 70-plus countries and by the world’s top 20 pharma, biotech, and device companies. Abraham founded AG Mednet in 2005. Prior to that, he founded and served as president and CEO of Emperative Inc., a telecommunications software startup. He sold Emperative to AT&T.

Richard Gibney was honored last August as a True Professional of Arboriculture by the Int’l Society of Arboriculture (ISA), Champaign, IL. Richard received his BS in Landscape Architecture and is a Certified Arborist, registered landscape architect, and owner and president of Gibney Design Landscape Architecture PC (Wading River, NY). The True Professional recognition program honors arborists and tree care professionals for their positive impact on the industry in and around their communities. Richard has consulted with the Port Authorities of New York and New Jersey to preserve trees as part of a beautification effort on the Van Wyck Expressway through the boroughs of NYC. His firm also saved historic trees at the New York Jets Training Facility in Florham Park, NJ. Richard’s recommendations and project contracts have led to millions of dollars in jobs for professional arborists over the past 20 years. Richard writes, “The single most important contribution I have made to arboriculture is sharing my knowledge about trees with other professionals and the public. I am proud of my accomplishments and appreciate the recognition.” We love hearing from you! Please continue to send us news. **Barb Amoscatto** Sabaitis, beachba@hotmail.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net; **JoAnn Minsker** Adams, joann@budadams.net.

82 My old U-Hall 5 hall-mate **Michael Rettig** reports that he is now a hand surgeon at NYU Medical Center in New York City. His wife, Sylvia Kodsi, is a pediatric ophthalmologist, and his older daughter, Stephanie, is a senior at Johns Hopkins U. Mike writes, “I am excited to be returning to Ithaca; my daughter **Samantha ’18** is in CALS.” Also checking in was **Daniel Schilling**, who recently retired from the US Postal Service and now spends his time renovating his house in Moscow, PA, and traveling.

We also heard from another doctor, but he is more likely to be working on paws or hooves than hands. From Escondido, CA, **F. Alexei Sherer** writes that he has been a veterinarian for his whole working career. He lives in the “great” weather of the San Diego area (“What’s a rain date?” he asks, to drive the point home). Alexei reports: “My son, Nicholas, is in his third year of his PhD in physics at the U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. My daughter, Jennifer, is in her last quarter at UCLA, with a major in neuroscience and minors in film and theatre. Then she wants to be an actress. Introductions to entertainment industry connections in L.A. are welcome!”

Our reunion chairs, **Terry Kilmer** Oosterom and **Teri Williams** Harvey, added to their legend with another outstanding tailgate party before the Homecoming football game. In addition to myself, other classmate sightings at the lavish spread included **Greg Busby**, **Jon Poe**, **Nathan Rudgers**, **Bob Ramin**, MBA ’85, **Tom Parsons**, **Juliet Kolm** Gibbs, BA ’80, **Nancy Boyle**, and various spouses, children, and friends. **Carol Huntress** Gilmour posted

a picture on our class Facebook page of herself wearing our class vintage football shirt as she strolled through the gardens at the historic Edvardian Winterbourne House and Garden in Edgbaston, Birmingham, England. Likewise, **Chiao Chang** checked in from a trip to San Marino sporting his jersey in the company of **King Huang '85**, **MBA '87**, **John Ng**, ME '83, and **John Huang**, PhD '87.

My Lambda Chi Alpha brother **Paul Komor** is at the U. of Colorado, Boulder, where he is energy education director at the Renewable and Sustainable Energy Inst. and a lecturer in the environmental studies program. He does research in renewable electricity policy and teaches courses in energy technology and policy. Paul tells me that he, along with many others, was awarded a share of the Nobel Peace Prize that was awarded to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and Al Gore in 2007. He has a 7-year-old son. Fellow Lambda Chi **Mark Morrow** lives in the Seattle area and teaches high school science in Bellevue. He has a 20-year-old daughter. He is currently taking two years off from the classroom to be the teachers' union representative for 28 buildings and over 1,300 union members. He is looking forward to the change and the challenge.

All for now. Please e-mail Doug or me with any recent news items about which you would like to tell your classmates! [Mark Fernau](mailto:Mark.Fernau@mef29@cornell.edu), mef29@cornell.edu; [Doug Skalka](mailto:Doug.Skalka@dskalka@npmlaw.com), dskalka@npmlaw.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

83 Greetings, Class of '83! We're very light on news this month, so please drop us an e-mail whenever you can so we can share more of our class news in an upcoming column. You can simply e-mail my co-correspondent, **Jon Felice** (jbfelice@jbfelice.com), or me (barbdeane@barbdeane.com), or use the online News Form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>). You can access a digital version of the *Alumni Magazine* at: <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>. We would love to hear from you!

Dan Slaughter (San Francisco, CA; dkslaughter@gmail.com) writes, "After 25 years as a commercial litigator, I decided this summer to embark on a new career in real estate, representing buyers, sellers, and investors in the complex San Francisco residential market. It's already been a challenging and fun adventure!" For an even more exciting adventure, Dan got married to his partner, Stephan Blachowski, during the brief window in 2008 when same-sex marriages were first legal in California. "Happy to have that right return for all Californians last year and working with Lambda Legal to bring marriage and complete LGBT equality to the rest of the country soon!" **Adam Sappern** (asappern@hotmail.com) is winding down in Hong Kong after a two-year stint. He writes, "I've been watching the protest movement here from up close. I don't know how it will end, but it feels like the potential for real history. I will be back in Connecticut by the time this is published."

Robert Stelletello (bobstell283@gmail.com) recently opened an office for a company called Right At Home and provides non-medical in-home care for seniors and disabled adults. Bob and his wife, **Kate Daly**, are empty-nesters now that their youngest, Michael, 17, started Marquette, where he joined his sister, Ali, 21, a senior there this year. Their oldest, Casey, 23, graduated from Marquette

in 2012 (Bob says, "No, there is no third child discount") and now lives and works in Chicago. Bob says, "Both Kate and I are working hard at things we love to do and it's very fulfilling. It is also wonderful to see the kids growing up and doing so well."

I couldn't agree with Bob more about that. My husband, **Chris Deane**, and I are enjoying the empty nest travel we are able to do in Asia and Australia while we are living here in Shanghai. On the other hand, we're very proud of our daughters and thrilled that they are doing so well in their own right. Who could ask for more? As I write this column, it's the night before the Int'l Spirit of Zink's Night. Although I don't have plans to attend an event here in Shanghai, I've been humming "Give My Regards to Davy" all week. However you celebrate, think of your Cornell days and have a good time. [Barb Warner Deane](mailto:Barb.WarnerDeane@barbdeane.com), barbdeane@barbdeane.com; **Jon B. Felice**, jbfelice@jbfelice.com.

84 The leaves are quickly changing color as I sit to write this column. By the time you read it, we will be in the throes of winter and the Cornell Sesquicentennial celebrations will continue throughout the US and international venues. I hope everyone in the class gets the chance to join in the celebration. Look for regional events in your part of the country/world.

Milagros "Millie" Valentin is working at Fort Jackson in South Carolina as a psychiatrist treating post-combat soldiers and veterans. In addition to this important work, she is busy with her 16-year-old daughter. She recently traveled with her to London and says, "I enjoyed the arts and exploring options as I move on to the next stage of my life as a 50-something." Due to moving around for work and training, she has lost contact with her Cornell friends and would love to hear from them . . . You know who you are! **Jose Montes**, based in San Juan, PR, has been traveling for work and pleasure. He travels nationwide as a spokesperson for Allergan Medical Facial Aesthetics and

as an instructor for facial rejuvenation. He has also vacationed to Tanzania and Kenya. Jose has been an artistic coordinator for opera productions in Puerto Rico, and adds that he would like to expand his practice as an oculoplastic surgeon.

Ken Yanagisawa is an ENT in New Haven, CT. He writes, "I remain president of the Connecticut Ear, Nose & Throat Society, immediate past president of the New England Otolaryngological Society, and now vice chair of the Socioeconomic and Grassroots Committee of the Board of Governors, American Academy of Otolaryngology." He and wife **Julie Shi '83** have five children. "We cherish our children's activities and accomplishments." Their oldest daughter, Katie, is in her second year of medical training, Michael just graduated from Brown, and Mark graduated from Trinity College. They still have two sons in high school keeping them busy. **Rachel Bennett** would like to be doing more traveling. But when asked what she wishes she had done more of while at Cornell, she replied, "No regrets!" Rachel works as a physician helping infertile couples conceive. She also enjoys tennis, hiking, and spending time with her husband, Alan Jacobs, and his four sons, Sam, Michael, Alex, and Josh. The old Cornell friend she'd most like to hear from is **Darryl Vaughns '82**.

We keep hearing from classmates who have become Cornell parents. **Pamela Borthwick Bass** has a son, **Angus Bass '17**, in the College of Arts and Sciences. He and some friends have joined Sigma Chi. **Lisa Sotto's** daughter **Rebecca Saber '18** became a freshman at Cornell last fall. Lisa is a privacy and cybersecurity lawyer based in New York City. "It couldn't be a hotter area at this moment," she said. Lisa was named one of the 100 most influential lawyers by the *National Law Journal*! **Nelly Silagy Benedek** (NYC) still loves running the education department at the Jewish Museum and teaching in the museum's exhibitions. Her son attended the Cornell pre-college program this summer. Maybe another Cornellian in the making!

Tom Hall (Cambridge, MA) was recently named executive director of the Hult Int'l Business School. His daughter **Chloe '12** recently received

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Thanks for staying in touch!

her master's in nutrition from NYU. Daughter Nicole got married in December 2013. **Suzanne Sauer** Heigh is in Virginia and works for the Dept. of Defense. Though she spends a lot of time working, her precious free time is spent cycling, running, swimming, and gardening. As her youngest son heads to college at Norwich U., she has less children's activities and more time for her very active leisure activities! She would love to hear from Cornell friends **Karen Arnett '82**, BA '84, **Brian Kowalski '83**, and **Steve Siegel**. Suzanne wishes she had done Outward Bound when at Cornell.

‘Recently I replaced an actor’s voice on “Game of Thrones.”’

Richard Ortega '85

Another Virginia-based classmate, **Julie Helitzer Shubin**, continues to work at George Mason U. as an adjunct faculty member, and she is a hearing officer for the Fairfax County Civil Service Commission. She is also involved in cat rescues with her daughter and husband. Julie enjoys hearing her tuba-playing son at band concerts and spending time at their Cape May, NJ, beach house with husband Harry. She was reminded of Ithaca and her years at Cornell last winter when the snow came down in Fairfax. “Except in Fairfax everything shuts down for two inches of snow!”

Matthew Siegal sent us some news fresh after Reunion. He writes, “Great time, great new friends, and great memories.” He spent time with **Chuck Oppenheim**, **Lee Bender**, **Phil George**, and **Larry Lazar** along with Phi Sig Ep and Theta Chi alums. He wonders, “Why couldn’t the weather have been like that when we were at Cornell?” He hopes to hear from **Jerry Nelson**. When he arrived at Cornell as a freshman, Matthew says he brought a true backpack that he never used and his stereo. Remember those alarm clocks, stereos, records, and tapes? Ah, technology!

Thanks for all the news—and please keep it coming. We are interested in your work, family, and leisure activities. Having just completed a marathon, I am interested in how many classmates are training for races: 5K, 10K, half- and full marathons, and triathlons. Whatever the race, let us know how it went and if you saw any other Cornellians there! ✉ **Catherine “Kitty” Cantwell**, catherinejcantwell@gmail.com; **Janet Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com. Like us on Facebook (Cornell Class of 1984).

85 Once again, we are a little short on news here, so this column will have to be short and sweet. Or short and not-sweet, as is the case with *The Complete Diabetes Organizer* by our own **Leslie Greenberg** Josel. Leslie’s book was recently awarded a gold medal in the Health and Wellness category of the 2014 Living Now Book Awards, honoring the year’s “best books for better living.” Mazel tov! She is now at work on her second book, “What’s the Deal with Teens and Time Management?” and asks that ‘85ers who are parents of time-savvy teens please have their punctual progeny pass along their best tips at info@orderoochaos.com. (Just think what being published

will do for their chances at admission to the alma mater!)

One classmate who has managed to slow time to a halt is **Mitch Rosich**, MEE '86, who sent this tantalizing report of Midlife Pivoting and Hitting the Open Road: “With my second and youngest son headed to college in August and my girlfriend’s only son headed off that same month, we decided to embark on a travel adventure. We both grew tired of the long, cold New England winters and the high cost of living in ‘Tax-a-chusetts.’ We sold everything and bought an RV (motorhome),

in which we will be traveling for the next 12-18 months. Such an adventure has been a dream of mine since I was a teenager. Part of our trip was planned around getting our freshmen off to college at the U. of Utah and Clemson. However, our main goals are to visit friends and family, visit national parks, tag states we have never been to, attend concerts, festivals, and events (SXSW, Mardi Gras, etc.), and figure out where we want to live next. We have an itinerary planned for the first 12 months that will take us through most of the country and British Columbia. If we are still enjoying life on the road at that point, we have plans for further destinations in the US and eastern Canada. You can follow our adventures at www.rvluckyorwhat.com.”

How to follow that act? Well, perhaps with this update from actor **Richard Ortega**, known professionally as Richard Ortega Miro: “I have worked in Hollywood as a voiceover actor on over 1,500 television shows and films. Recently I replaced an actor’s voice on ‘Game of Thrones.’” Congratulations, Richard. It is SO much better to be a voice actor on a show in which being a “live actor” is practically an oxymoron, yes? **Brian Mangines** is the head of a Boca Raton, FL, law firm (www.mangineslaw.com) specializing in estate planning, probate, and probate litigation. He is currently pursuing an LLM in estate planning at the U. of Miami School of Law, although he allows that he’d rather be golfing more, fishing more, and traveling.

Steve Garrison, Brian’s fellow Floridian, can probably help make that wish come true. Steve is a senior sales executive for the Marriott Vacation Club in Orlando. What he most likes about his life is not so much having Mickey Mouse and Harry Potter for neighbors, but, he says, “watching my daughters grow into two beautiful women!” Other dads who likewise wrote with pride about their offspring are **Scott Wilson** and **David Mandel**. Scott, president of Wilson Farm Inc., in Lexington, MA, noted that his daughter Lauren is at Northeastern Law School, daughter **Khrystyne '12** graduated from Cornell and is now working in Boston, and son Andrew is a freshman at the U. of Vermont.

David reported that he returned with his family to the US from Nigeria, where he was division head at an American Int’l School, and is now executive director at Montessori Day School of Brooklyn. “My wife, Kathie, and daughters Julia, Eve, and Chloe are all happy and well. I’m happy about my work and very happy about my family.

What I’m not so happy about is riding the Metro-North Railroad.” Well, David, you could always move back to beautiful Ithaca, where there is nary a train or subway in sight. That’s what **Brian Bauer** did. After a 30-year career as an energy industry executive, he recently retired and, like Odysseus before him, returned to his rightful place in Ithaca. Brian is now serving as entrepreneur-in-residence with the Southern Tier Innovation Hot Spot, and as a member of the board of directors of the Paleontological Research Inst.

If you aren’t quite ready to pull up stakes and either drive an RV around the country or move back to Ithaca, then please do the next best thing: send your news updates, and I’ll bring a bit of Ithaca to you. ✉ **Risa Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu; **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi, rfarhiesq@aol.com; **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net.

86 In reading through the news sent in by ‘86ers, a few themes emerged: 1) we are getting older (50!), 2) our children are in college, 3) we are engaged in interesting activities, careers, and travels, and 4) we make time to stay connected to our Cornell friends!

Laura Nieboer Hine writes that she and husband **Clarkson '85** recently took a celebratory birthday trip with **Steve '84** and **Susan Seligsohn Howell** and **Sydney Solomon** Neuhaus and her husband, Harry. “We started in Marrakech for three days of shopping and dining, a fabulous hamam visit, and some touristy stuff. We then spent a night glamping in the Agafay Desert, where we rode camels. We ended with a trek into the High Atlas Mountains and stayed at the Kasbah du Toubkal for two days of hiking.” **Gail Schlusser Allen**, whose daughter **Sophie '16** is in ILR, writes, “I recently met **Andrea Kessler Weiss '87**, **Meredith Berg** Goldstein, and **Ilene Weisbard** Berman in Chicago to celebrate our 50th, and last May we celebrated 50 in NOLA at Jazzfest with husband **Keith’s** frat brothers **Randy Wolpert** and **Jay Goldstein**.”

Another half-century celebration that reached my inbox was from **Mary Otis** Stoof, who reports she and fellow DGs all met in Jackson Hole, WY, at the end of summer to celebrate their 50ths. **Scott Frentrop** writes from Los Angeles: “I celebrated my 50th back in January with **Jim Weitzman** and a few close friends and family including fellow Hotelier **Karl Pettijohn '85**. It’s scary how fast time is flying by.” Jim, a native Angelino, recently moved back to California from the East, where he has lived since college. Scott adds, “Interestingly, with my move west back in ‘89, I’ve actually lived in Los Angeles longer than Jim, who was born and grew up here.” We could fill this month’s class notes exclusively with Scott’s news. He is the epitome of a man who stays connected and engaged with his classmates. He also spent time with **Mike Malaga** and his wife, Jasmine, at their home in San Francisco.

Jeremy Korman is also living in L.A. and took time to write from India. “Just this evening I completed a 2,000 km motorcycle ride through the Himalayas near the border of Tibet and China. I rode over two passes, Kunzum and Rothang. Kunzum is 15,000 feet in elevation. Incredible experience.” He also notes that he will be in Ithaca for Homecoming so his daughter can see the campus. **Marjorie Strom** writes from Israel, “I have now begun a new position as manager of the

Southern Arava Agricultural Research and Development Station (<http://www.aravard.org.il/>), where we concentrate on the special needs of desert agriculture: efficient irrigation, environmentally friendly pest control, adapting native species, post-harvest treatment of dates and pomegranates, and more. My three children are growing up. My oldest completed her mandatory service and is now deciding what she wants to do with her life; my middle son is a junior at the Israel Arts and Sciences Academy in Jerusalem; and my 'baby' has started seventh grade."

Kate Howard-Johnson Jones (Marblehead, MA) writes, "Happily married for 23 years and running my own business (Provisor Marketing LLC) with another Cornell alum, **Julie Doig McPeck '83**. My oldest has flown the coop to U. of Wisconsin (Class of 2018)—not Cornell, but at least the color is right! My next guy is a senior at Marblehead High School, and my youngest just entered his freshman year there." **Jan Bernstein** Chargin writes, "I still work as the director of public information at Gavilan College. We are implementing changes through the new California Student Success Initiative. My family continues to grow and thrive. All three kids are now in middle school. I continue to be active in the community as chair of the Gilroy Homeless Outreach Task Force, board chair for the Gilroy Compassion Center, and board member at Destination:Home. I am committed to finding practical solutions to homelessness and affordable housing."

Sabine Campbell Hyland will be traveling to a remote village in the Andes to do research sponsored by National Geographic's Global Exploration Fund. The project is called "Hidden Texts of the Andes: Documenting the Patrimonial Khipus of San Juan de Collata." Sabine writes, "I have a research leave from my faculty position at St. Andrews U. so that I can carry out the research." **Marty** and **Peg Hall Rauch** have spent a lot of time these past four years in Ithaca (escaping the Miami heat and sunshine) with their son **Marty III '14** (graduated this past May) and their son Christian, who attends Ithaca College (Class of '16). They dropped their third son off at Colorado State U. in August, where he will be under the tutelage of **Dave "Piggy" VanMetre**, DVM '89. Over the summer they hooked up with **Beth Lucey**, MBA '96, in Miami. In September, they headed back to Cornell for a birthday party of fellow Cornellian **Buck Briggs '76**, "Voice of the Big Red." On the way there they traveled through Cincinnati with a stop at Jeff Ruby's Steakhouse, a Cornellian-owned restaurant. Finally, at a recent party for the Governor-elect of Florida, they ran into **Pauline Joerger '95**. Seems like with every good Hotelie, food is the focus!

Finally, I end the column with invitations from two classmates to visit. **Adriene Dawkins** Graham celebrated her fifth wedding anniversary and is loving raising a family outside New Orleans, LA. She was wondering if classmates would be interested in a mini offsite reunion for Jazz Fest or Mardi Gras. In addition to Adriene's invitation, **Ellen Nordberg** writes from Colorado, "I am doing a lot of writing and performing funny pieces here in Boulder/Denver. Had fun visits this summer with **Leesa Storfer** and **Scott Sidman**, BS Hotel '02, and then **Steve Wemple**, ME '87, and his family. They were each on vacation out this way. Would love to see any classmates who come out here to ski!"

As an aside, anyone who makes it to Cleveland is welcome to stop by Shaker Heights. However, I may be at Jazz Fest in New Orleans or

skiing in Colorado, so call first. **Michael Wagner**, michaelwagner@wowway.com. **Nancy Keates**, nancy.keates@wsj.com; **Holly Isdale**, Isdale@mac.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

87 We hope you are in a nice, cozy spot while reading this column. Here is what some of our classmates have been up to recently.

Eleven former residents of U-Hall 2 traveled from various points in the US and Canada to get together over an October weekend and reminisce about their days on the Hill and at their Eddy St. and College Ave. apartments. **Astra Groskaufmanis**, **Anne Blum Hach**, **Laurel Sgan-Kibel**, **Roberta Tulman Samuels**, JD '90, **Anne Drotning Alexander**, **Josephine Connolly-Schoonen**, **Amanda Dookram Slade**, **Pam Mandell Freedman**, **Christine Donohue Hofstedt**, and **Karen Lee Nichols** spent an October weekend at **Lisa Sauer**, MBA '88's Kiawah Island, SC, home. According to Pam, "The years just fell away. We all felt 18 again. And we vowed to make getting together a regular thing—we're not going to let another three decades fly by!"

At a conference in Kashiwa, Japan, **Amit Batabyal** presented two papers on his most recent research on regional economic growth and development. **Dan Oliverio** spoke at the 2014 National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance Conference in Washington, DC, about obesity, sexuality, and people's relationships to their bodies. In October, he spoke at an event at the U. of Southern California called Models of Pride that was aimed at LGBTQ youth and their allies aged 15-24.

Lisa Gangarosa is a full-time clinician educator at the U. of North Carolina School of Medicine. Over the summer she saw **Jackie Baron Hasson**, whose oldest daughter was touring colleges. During a visit to Washington, DC, in September, she got together with **Karen Davis-Hecker** and **Teresa Pasiak McLeod**, who has a title in business and does property management in the greater D.C. area. If you are looking for **David Levy**, you'll have to go to London. After living in New Hampshire for more than a decade, he and his family packed up and moved across the pond so his wife, **Caroline (Friedman)**, could attend a postgraduate education program at the London School of Economics. His daughters, age 12 and 16, are enrolled in British schools. **Nancy Cohen Shatz** reports that her son, **Andrew '18**, is a freshman in the Hotel school. She writes, "So fun to be back on campus again."

Edinburgh, Scotland, resident **Caroline Hahn** reports that, to everyone's astonishment, she got married—"to a fabulous conductor, Richard Neville-Towle." **Amy Ohlberg** is a financial advisor in Fort Meyers, FL. When she isn't working, she is traveling, skiing, swimming, biking, hiking, rollerblading, and dancing. She says she would have liked to worry less about money while she was at Cornell. **Eileen Moorman** says that she became a Christian about three years ago. In the fall she attended a ten-day camp meeting in Georgia. "The spirit of God was there and it was truly amazing to experience." In the fall **Claudia Regen-Johnston** was promoted to VP, associate general counsel at Global Tel*Link. She was on campus in November for a career conversation with students in Arts and Sciences. **Rana Glasgal**, ME '92, who is in the last year of her term as alumni-elected trustee, says she has been enjoying her time on Cornell's

Board of Trustees. During the summer she played host to visitor **Vicki Davis** Spencer and her husband, and paid a visit to **Alex Coin Florence** and her husband, **Scott '88**, in Bettendorf, IA.

Kurt Nielsen, a lieutenant colonel in the Pennsylvania National Guard, recently took command of the 103rd Engineer Battalion in Philadelphia. In his previous assignment as the division engineer for the 28th Infantry Division, Kurt spent six weeks during the summer in France and Lithuania as part of two different NATO exercises. **Frederick Barber** and ten friends climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in August. He wore his Class of '87 20th Reunion baseball cap on summit day. Prior to the trip, he visited Canadian friends who run a school in rural Rwanda, and had a sobering tour of the Genocide Memorial in Kigali, where over 295,000 bodies are buried.

Please be sure to send us your news via the Cornell University Class of '87 Facebook page, a Class of 1987 news form, or by e-mailing us at the following: **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu; **Heidi Heasley Ford**, hhf6@cornell.edu; **Whitney Weinstein Goodman**, wwg5@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

88 Did you see the Empire State Building lit up in red and white on September 12, 2014? Thousands of Cornellians and friends gathered in New York City to celebrate the university's Sesquicentennial and to ring in the next 150 years. The weekend's signature event included two performances of the "The Big Idea! Cornell Celebrates 150" at Jazz at Lincoln Center. Many classmates were in attendance for the gala event, including Class of '88 co-president **Howard Greenstein**, **Caryn Abner Zweig**, and **Marcy Epstein**. Appearances included actor **Jimmy Smits**, MFA '82, actress **Adepero Oduye '99**, and actor and former NFL star **Ed Marinaro '72**.

The official Sesquicentennial website has been launched. Visit <http://150.cornell.edu/> to view photos and stories from past events and to see the dates and times of other regional events, including San Francisco on March 6, Los Angeles on March 8, and London on May 14. From April 24-27, 2015 the Cornell campus will host a celebration to commemorate the 150th anniversary of establishing Cornell's charter. A wide array of lectures, receptions, and other activities are planned for Charter Day weekend, and many regional clubs will host simultaneous gatherings so that Cornellians can join together in their hometowns to celebrate. Bring your families and friends and come join the party!

Classmates on the move: **Brad and Anjelica Watson Botkin** recently moved to San Antonio, TX, from Northern Virginia, where Brad continues to work at Booz Allen Hamilton. Brad reports, "We are looking forward to discovering a 'whole other country,' as the slogan goes!" Upon graduating from Cornell, **Stephen Sheffield**, BFA '89, was a self-employed artist and part-time teacher of photography. Now, Stephen writes, "I recently finished two major art commissions: one for the main lobby of Spaulding Rehabilitation Center in Boston, and one for the lobby of the Capital One headquarters in Boston. Before that, my wife, Alison, and I co-designed a popular cocktail lounge called the Hawthorne Bar inside the Hotel Commonwealth in Boston. My boys Finn, 6, and Milo, 9, attend Kingsley Montessori School, and Alison has a growing list of new clients as a residential

interior designer." A native of Boston, Stephen says he finds the city "beautiful and easy to live in," where his boys can bicycle to school in the Back Bay and he can bicycle to his studio on the waterfront. Visit Stephen's website at: <http://stephensheffield.com>.

Amy Doig Cullen lives in Burnt Hills, NY, and works as a community service coordinator for Shenendehowa Central School District. She describes Burnt Hills as "a small town and a great place to raise a family." Amy's older son is pursuing a doctorate in physical therapy from Upstate Medical U. in Syracuse, NY, where he is "loving the course work and the big time athletics." Her daughter is a junior in high school and would love to play softball in college. She is looking at Cornell, as her cousin plays volleyball for the Big Red. Amy's younger son is in sixth grade and plays hockey and lacrosse. Amy reflects that the most valuable lesson she learned at Cornell was how to work hard for something she wants. **Jayne Gilbert** Peister's daughter, Emma, is currently on a gap year in Israel after graduating from New Rochelle (NY) High School. Upon her return, she will head upstate to attend the SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) program at Syracuse U. Jayne tells us, "SUNY ESF's new

president came over this year from Cornell's excellent environmental science program, which he headed! Go Big Red!"

Class correspondent **Brad Mehl**, my partner in writing this column, has some news of his own. Brad's company, Boundless Markets, which helps B2B companies leverage data to accelerate their marketing and sales, launched a suite of new services and landed two new clients, whose financial backers include Google, the *New York Times*, and other investors. Brad's firm also relaunched its website and started an e-mail newsletter on data-driven marketing, sales, and innovation that already has over 1,000 subscribers. Classmates and friends are welcome to sign up for the complimentary newsletter at: <http://boundlessmarkets.com/>.

Please send us your news from your local Sesquicentennial events and other Cornell events, including Homecoming, Charter Day Weekend, and Big Red Hockey at Madison Square Garden last Thanksgiving weekend. We will publish your news in an upcoming edition of the Class Notes. Our class Facebook page is another good way to connect: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/8476144284/>. **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, alm46@cornell.edu; **Brad Mehl**, bradmehl@gmail.com.

89 Happy New Year! The last year or so (yes, I've got a little bit of a news backlog here—apologies for the lateness on some of this) has been interesting, exciting, and rewarding for many members of our class.

Tamra Diamond was thrilled to report that her daughter, Jenna Korotkin, participated in a Cornell Summer College class last summer, fueling her desire to pursue a medical career. Jenna is currently a high school senior, and the Diamond-Korotkin family lives in Fairport, NY, with Tamra working as principal law clerk at the Monroe County Court in Rochester. Another classmate who's been in the legal field is **Jane Cantor** Tucker, who wrote from Great Neck, NY: "I'm happy to report that I pivoted from practicing labor and employment law to take on the role of senior director of human resources and staff development for an amazing nonprofit human services agency, Family & Children's Association (www.familyandchildrens.org), in Mineola, NY. I'm adjusting to working full-time for the first time in 17 years, and I am grateful to be part of an organization that serves children, families, and seniors in need on Long Island. Outside of work, I'm busy attending my 14-year-old son Jack's hockey and lacrosse games and starting the college search process with my 17-year-old son, Ryan. He wants a warm locale, so I think Cornell is off the list!"

Karen Jo Dahlby Tallentire wrote that she spends her time homeschooling three small boys and recently wrote a book for teenagers about an Iwo Jima veteran she knows. "I chose the subject because I find there is a great ignorance of WWII history and a lack of understanding about the soldiers' experience." Karen Jo wishes she had learned more about Cornell's historic contribution to wartime aviation when she was on campus. The old Cornell friend she would most like to hear from is **Thomson McCormick '91**. **Eleanora Mastroianni** Ferante completed her Master of Theology degree in May 2013. She's busy with her two high-school-age children and volunteers as legislative chair for their school district's PTA and as chair of the Arthritis Foundation Walk. Karen Jo and Eleanora responded to the news form's question of what they'd rather be doing now with, "Nothing!" and "I love what I'm doing now!" respectively.

Lisa Spellman Porter got a stint on the West Coast with a six-month sabbatical at UC San Diego, and her two kids, ages 13 and 11, really enjoyed life in Southern California. Back home in Pittsburgh, PA, Lisa is a professor in the Dept. of Materials Science and Engineering at Carnegie Mellon. **Jeff Spector** sent in his news form from Bethesda, MD, where he enjoys playing softball in his free time (he's the team captain) and is actively involved with his synagogue. He'd most like to get back in touch with **Eric Rauch**. By this time, **Lisa Paton** Kessler's daughter should be back

Man of the Cloth

Gart Davis '88, BA '89

Medieval stained glass. Purple owls with big yellow eyes. A watercolor map of the world. A collage of *Wonder Woman* comics. Those are just a few of the thousands of designs for sale on the Spoonflower website. The online venture, co-founded by entrepreneur Gart Davis, lets customers create their own fabrics, giftwrap, and wallpaper.

At Spoonflower, customers can upload images that are then turned into patterns and printed on the textile of their choice—cotton, sateen, faux suede, and more. Some people hand-draw their own designs; some use tools such as Photoshop; and others use photographs or other sources. Designers, who range from amateur crafters to professionals, can also sell their Spoonflower creations on the site. Many create products using the fabric that they then sell via other websites like Etsy. "It's massively rewarding, because I'm enabling people to express themselves creatively," says Davis, a former psychology major. "One of the things we're really proud of is that Spoonflower empowers people to start their own businesses."

Davis describes Spoonflower's printing process as modern and eco-friendly, using water-based inks and untreated fabrics. "Typically, textiles are very ecologically challenging," he says. "Most printing processes use 200 liters of water for every square meter of fabric. Spoonflower is different because we use a dry process, more like what happens in an inkjet printer." He and a partner founded Spoonflower in 2008; the firm now has 100 employees and receives between 500 and 1,000 orders daily. Spoonflower manufactures its products at its headquarters in Durham, North Carolina, in the heart of the U.S. textile industry. "The Carolinas and Georgia were at one point the epicenter of textile production for the whole planet," Davis observes. "In some ways, we think of this as the 2.0 version of that."



— Katie O'Brien '16

home after her first semester of college. Lisa works as director of global HR at Pearson Education and lives in Mahwah, NJ.

Back in June, **Michele Dowling Johnson** had just returned from a trip to Ecuador. She recently started at New York & Co. as senior VP of marketing, and enjoys spending time with family—Christopher, 12, Nicole, 14, and husband David—and coaching Nicole in field hockey and track. **Laura Knapp**, MMH '97, traveled to Cuba and France this past year, and writes that what she'd rather be doing is writing a novel in an apartment that overlooks an old city street in Avignon, France. She's actually been working at the JBG Companies in Washington, DC, on debt financing for real estate development projects. She recently sat with a table full of Cornellians at **David and Sarah Knapp Abramowitz's** son Scott's bar mitzvah in Brooklyn Heights. The old Cornell friend she'd most like to hear from is **Christine Szych**.

As we reminisce about Cornell and old friends, we sadly learn from time to time that our classmates have passed away. **Michele Kim Sundin** died on May 16, 2014, and was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. After graduating from Cornell, Michele was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the US Army and rose to become Lieutenant Colonel in the Warrior Transition Command. She was dedicated to helping wounded soldiers, veterans, and their families. Michele is survived by Brian, her husband of 20 years, and stepson Nicholas, as well as her parents, sister, and brothers. Our condolences to Michele's large, extended family.

A proud father, **A. David Rossin '53**, e-mailed to let us know that his daughter **Laura Rossin Van Zandt** received one of the two Boston College Carroll School of Management Distinguished Achievement Awards in May 2014. Laura is executive director of REACH, a nonprofit organization that aids victims of domestic violence. She made this change from her prior mutual fund business career nine years ago. **Christine Marsick**, BA '88, who went on after Cornell to earn her JD and MD from the U. of Illinois, was recently hired by the Visiting Nurse Association of Ohio as hospice medical director.

Julie Bestry wrote from Chattanooga, TN: "The big news, professionally, is that in addition to hitting 13 years in my professional organizing consultancy, I published my book, *57 Secrets for Organizing Your Small Business* this year (available at Amazon, B&N, iBooks, and all those bookish places)." Julie loves Chattanooga's Riverfront, a thriving downtown waterfront area of shops, restaurants, and attractions, and shares that the most valuable thing she learned at Cornell has proved to be the skills and confidence to speak to large audiences, thanks mainly to **Brian Earle '67**, MPS '71's Communication 301, Business and Professional Speaking. **Jeff Oris** updated us that he recently started a new position as economic development director for the City of Miami Beach, FL. Another classmate with career news is **Clivety Martinez**, who's been hired as VP of corporate global compliance and chief privacy officer at Perigo Co. PLC, a leading pharmaceutical supplier in Allegan, MI.

Congratulations to **Kim Hoare**, who, with the overturning of DOMA, finally married her partner, Sharon, with whom she has had both a civil union and a domestic partnership for the last 10 years. Kim is currently the executive director of the Carpenter's Boat Shop, a small nonprofit in Maine. The Boat Shop is an intentional community that

welcomes ten apprentices for a nine-month program each year to learn the art of wooden boat-building. The Boat Shop provides a safe harbor for the apprentices as they navigate the transitional seas of life.

Please let us know what *you* are up to! Simply send back one of those news forms you'll get in the mail this spring, e-mail one of the correspondents listed below, or submit your news online at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. And, check out our class website (<http://classof89.alumni.cornell.edu>) and our class Facebook page, "Cornell University Class of 1989."

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90 I'm writing this column in Denver, from the 17th annual conference of the Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association (by the time you read this, I'll be marking my 16th "cancerversary" of my papillary thyroid cancer diagnosis). Why do I mention this in *Cornell Alumni Magazine*? Because I just attended a session by Dr. R. Michael Tuttle, listed in the conference program as "Professor of Medicine at the Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell University." I'm proud to report that Dr. Tuttle is a "rock star" in the world of thyroid cancer and that he drew a standing-room-only audience that loved his straightforward way of speaking, his clear compassion for patients, and his self-deprecating humor. Dr. Tuttle also practices as an endocrinologist at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

On to your news. **Elisa Barfus Bremner** (Armonk, NY) is doing nutrition education and outreach for a small community hospital in northern Westchester County, working with public schools and community groups. "I have sidelines in both writing and photography," she added. "My two sons are now teenagers, and great ones at that!" In response to the question "What has proved to be the most valuable thing you learned at Cornell?" Elisa wrote, "To listen to people and be open to other perspectives." **Linda Lee Yau** (Potomac, MD) writes: "I am in my 15th year as an internist at Foxhall Internists, a private practice in Washington, DC, enjoying patient care." Linda and her husband, **Tom '89**, recently took their three children and Tom's parents on the trip of a lifetime to Hong Kong, Beijing, and Shanghai. Linda offered this great Big Red anecdote: "The three children wore Cornell shirts to the Great Wall of China, so we met a fellow classmate, **Kevin Keane**, who is a director of a lab for Novo Nordisk in Beijing. It was great to see someone from the same class at Cornell all the way on the other side of the world!"

Wendy Ware recently made news at Ernst & Young LLP by getting a promotion to executive director from senior manager. According to a media release, she is a member of Ernst & Young's Advisory Financial Services Office in San Francisco, where she is the leader for the office's Alliance and Strategic Vendor program. She joined the office in 2011. She has an MBA from the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley. Congratulations, Wendy! **Allison Duncan**, a PhD candidate at Portland State U. who is studying shared space and bicycling, was interviewed by the BBC about her field research

in England. If you're not familiar with the concept of shared space, its supporters argue for creating public spaces, including urban streets, where motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists interact without segregated lanes.

Also getting some media notice lately was **Jane Kim** Hyun, whose book *Breaking the Bamboo Ceiling: Career Strategies for Asians* got a mention in a *Time* magazine piece in October titled "The Real Problem When It Comes to Diversity and Asian Americans." Finally, congratulations to **Brian Reid**, who welcomed his first child, a son, in October 2014. Brian lives in Chile, where he is a resident investigator at the Centro de Investigacion en Ecosistemas de la Patagonia, or the Ecosystems Research Center in Patagonia.

Are you one of the more than 350 classmates who answered the recent pre-reunion survey and said, "YES! I am coming" to our 25th Reunion on June 4-7, 2015? We can't wait to see you on the Hill as we celebrate the quarter-century mark! Another 230-plus of you answered that you would like to come to reunion but are not quite sure yet. You can help to make the 25th Reunion into the weekend YOU want it to be by contacting classmates and encouraging them to attend reunion. Your e-mail or phone call will make the difference in an old friend coming back to campus. Interested in helping plan reunion or calling classmates? Contact reunion co-chairs **Carolyn De Wilde** Casswell, **Jeff Goldstein**, **Alysia Sinrod Reid**, **Elinor Langfelder** Schwind, and **Caroline Misciagna** Sussman by writing to cornellclassof1990@gmail.com.

If you're on Facebook, please find and "like" the "Cornell Class of 1990" page and check out our Class of 1990 website to keep up with reunion plans. Here's a sneak peek: class headquarters in a new, air-cooled dorm on West Campus, (The) Chowder playing on our own version of Slope Day, and Saturday night dinner, where it all began for us, in Barton Hall. Our class is going green, so please keep an eye on your e-mail for reunion registration material in March. You will receive a mailed postcard and follow-up e-mails with links to online registration.

If you just can't wait for that party to get started, Cornell's Sesquicentennial celebration is continuing over the next few months, with regional parties scheduled for January 17 in Boston, February 14 in Florida, March 4 in San Francisco, March 6 in Los Angeles, and May 14 in London. The main Sesquicentennial celebration is in Ithaca, of course, from April 24-27, which the university has designated as Charter Day Weekend. Keep sending us your clippings and other news!

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91 I hope you are having a wonderful New Year and that the holidays treated you well. In the past few months the Class of '91 has been active with Cornell. In October, classmates **David** and **Cheryl Strauss Einhorn** made a hugely generous gift of \$50 million from the Einhorn Family Charitable Trust for the project dubbed Engaged Cornell. This is an initiative that aims to involve all undergrads in community outreach projects. In David's words, it will "institutionalize public service as a cornerstone of every Cornellian's educational experience."

Also in October, classmates **Paul Hayre**, **Bob Baca**, **Jeff Weintraub**, MD '95, **Nicole Bisagni** DelToro, **Cathy Merrill** Williams, and **Karen Paul**

Zimmer, MD '98, returned to Ithaca for Homecoming and the Trustee Council Annual Meeting. This was a special event, as it was the kickoff of Cornell's Sesquicentennial celebration. Homecoming has been an exciting occasion in Ithaca with many new events and a laser show that wowed the Class of '91 and others.

Debbie Squires—Lee writes that she was appointed by the justices of the Supreme Judicial Court in Massachusetts to a five-year term on the Board of Bar Examiners. The board is the entity that develops the Bar exam and determines the character and fitness of candidates for membership to the Commonwealth's Bar. In addition, she keeps busy as a trial lawyer at Sherin and Lodgen and enjoying her three children and her husband, **Jeff Lee '89**, ME '90, who went to his 25th Reunion last June.

Heading westward, **Mark and Angela Shope Stiefbold** write from Ohio with some family news. This spring Angela received her master's in history from U. of Cincinnati. She is continuing as a PhD student. Then in July, Mark, a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves, graduated from the US Army War College with a master's in strategic studies. His paper "Water Scarcity as a Domestic Stability Issue" was awarded the Lieutenant General Thomas J. Plewes Reserve Components National Security Strategy Writing Award. "We also had the opportunity to be in Ithaca in early July with our daughters. It was great to watch the chimesmaster during a chimes concert, hike to Taughannock Falls, play Frisbee indoors in the field house (is that allowed?), and enjoy ice cream in the Dairy Barn."

Continuing westward to Mountain View, CA, **Greg '93** and **Maia Albano Coladonato '92** hosted their annual Hot Truck Party that gathered some of our classmates, including your correspondent **Charles Wu**, **Rob Yu**, ME '94, **Scott Benson**, **Jason Feinsmith**, and **Joe Megibow**. This annual tradition brings together regional alumni to recreate the West Campus favorite. About 45 alums and family members attended the packed event. Not so far away, **Sarah Abbe** Taylor now resides in the beautiful town of Mill Valley, near Mt. Tamalpais, north of San Francisco. Sarah shares that she is now working at the San Francisco Foundation in their program-related investments program. She has two daughters who are 7 and 9, and their family is expanding with the adoption of their first dog from a shelter.

Our last California update comes from **Dawn Harrison** Harris, who writes from Nevada City that she has been working as an emergency room physician at the Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital located in Grass Valley for the past ten years. She is also the medical director at the Butte County Jail. She and her husband, Mark, also celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary after meeting on a semester-away back in fall 1989. Please send in your news and don't forget to visit our class website at <http://classof91.alumni.cornell.edu>. **Charles Wu**, ccwu@mac.com; **Wendy Milks** Coburn, wmlkscoburn@me.com; **Tom Greenberg**, twg22@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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Like many classmates, I presume, I follow several of the Cornell Facebook pages. My list includes Cornell University, Cornell Alumni Association, Cornell Class of 1992, *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, Johnson Graduate School of Management, Cornell

Entrepreneur Network, Cornell Entomology Department, Cornell's Adult University, and Cornell Polo. That's a list emblematic of the "any person, any study" Cornell experience, as well as the way in which we can leverage the university well after we graduate. (While I was on the Hill, I didn't think I'd be an entrepreneur, and I would never have guessed the role that entomology plays in my life today!) Now my Facebook feed brings me lovely photos, news, events, and frequent reminders that Ithaca is the best place in the world to live, learn, raise a family, start a business, or eat from a truck. All these are things you know already. So here's some new news for you.

David Contiguglia is a partner in Contiguglia Law Offices LLP with his father, Louis. The two lawyers are the second and third generation of Contiguglias in legal practice in Cayuga County, following a tradition started back in 1924 when David's grandfather Anthony began practicing as the first Italian-American lawyer in the county. They're celebrating 90 years in practice this year—now that's a tradition! David serves on a number of boards and Bar Association committees. In 2013, the Cayuga County Chamber of Commerce honored the firm with the Small Business of the Year award. **Tyrone Yang** lives in Somerville, MA, and is running his own architectural design practice in the Boston area and working at the MIT Media Lab. What's cool about Boston (aside from the MIT Media Lab)? According to Tyrone, it's "sailing on the Charles River!"

J. R. and **Jessica Torrance Kavanagh** are still in Pittsburgh, PA. Jessica's costuming business is getting busier and busier—and the costumes keep getting more and more amazing—and J. R. is working for SAP. Their three teenagers (!) Eric, Jocelyn, and Bethany are taking the local stage by storm. **Dylan Willoughby**, MFA '95, has new music on iTunes at <https://itunes.us/a8i02> (Lost in Stars, "Flown"). The song had its radio debut on KCRW in Los Angeles. More information about the song is available on Lost in Stars' bandcamp page: <http://lostinstars.bandcamp.com>. Dylan's recording studio and a write-up about his involvement in synthpop music is featured on Electronic Amusements at <http://www.electronicamusements.net/lostinstars>.

The cool thing about Cornell alumni is that we are pretty much everywhere. I was at a conference in Washington, DC, in May and bumped into **Cammy Morrison** Bean '90, one of the big thinkers in the e-learning world. Turns out we have a lot in common! And just the other day I was wearing a Cornell shirt and met a fellow classmate, Mark, who happened to be at the same coffee shop. Sorry, Mark, that I didn't get your last name for the column, but it was great to meet you and your kids!

And then there's the online and e-mail news engine that supplies us hungry correspondents with juicy tidbits. Thank you for answering the call! This time around, the online request asked a thought-provoking question: "What was your first job after Cornell?" **Carter Wilson** left Cornell and headed to Holiday Inns Worldwide as a management trainee. Now he's an author and a consultant living in Erie, CO. His second book, *The Boy in the Woods*, is available now. Book number three, *The Comfort of Black*, will hit the shelves August 2015.

Bill Forbes's first job after Cornell was teaching English in China. "Later I was the peace and justice program manager for World Vision Cambodia for eight years. We really miss life in Phnom

Penh! The only town to beat out Ithaca." Bill now lives with his family in Washington State, between Seattle and Tacoma. He's the director of Child Protection for World Vision Int'l, a Christian humanitarian organization working to improve the well-being of the world's most vulnerable children in over 90 countries. The father of three, Bill's oldest daughter, Dylan, is a senior in high school and, according to Bill, "unfortunately, Cornell is not on her top list of colleges . . . Should not have moved to the West Coast, I guess!"

The online news engine also asks, "What has proved to be the most valuable thing you learned at Cornell—inside or outside a classroom?" That gets one to thinking. Bill Forbes replied, "I learned an expansive worldview, a concern for people all over the world, and a rich understanding of the complex factors affecting people's well-being . . . and, of course, I learned how to have a good time!" What's news with you? Send us an update and we'll include it in an upcoming column. Feel free to e-mail any of us or use the online form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. **Megan Fee** Torrance, mtorrance@torrancelearning.com; **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu; **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu.

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Sesquicentennial fever is going strong! There's plenty of time to join in the fun. Your correspondent, **Theresa Flores**, attended "The Big Idea!" kick-off in New York City, where the city wished us a big Happy 150th by turning the Empire State Building red and white. I also made my way to Ithaca for the combined Sesquicentennial Homecoming and Trustee/Council weekend. Go to 150.cornell.edu for the most up-to-date calendar. Contact me at taf6@cornell.edu if you are interested in attending this year's combined CBAA/CLAA reunion in June.

Rachel Sterner Mozdy, MBA '11, is so proud of her younger daughter, Erin, who graduated from high school last June and is now a freshman at UC Davis, where she is studying physics. **Greg Coladonato** ran for the California State Assembly last summer and lost, but is giving it another try. He is running for the Mountain View-Whisman School District Governing Board. Way to go, Greg! He also wanted to share that his annual Hot Truck Party was a success; dozens attended, including **Matthew English** and **Scott Card**. Greg and wife **Maia (Albano) '92** took a 17-day trip across the US via Cessna with their three children, ages 10, 7, and 5.

When **Evan Kloch** is not busy running corporate finance at Western Digital, he spends his time golfing, running, traveling, wine tasting, and scuba diving. His advice to freshmen trying to decide what to pack for Cornell: the bare essentials. **Rebecca Dorris** Steiger, respected veteran in the interior design world, was named president of the Int'l Interior Design Association's New York Chapter. A New York native and senior interior designer and associate at Gensler, a global design, architecture, and consulting firm, Rebecca has over 20 years of experience in the interior design industry. Her appointment comes at an exciting time for the IIDA NY Chapter and the entire organization. Both are celebrating 20 years of facilitating networking, education, and innovation among talented professionals.

After 14 years in the classroom, **Jennifer Evans** Allard is now the high school mathematics specialist for Fairfax County Public Schools in

Northern Virginia. Her job is a combination of curriculum writing, administration, and delivering professional development for teachers. She looks forward to the new challenge, but will miss her students. And by the way, she says that the 2014 winter brought way more snow in Virginia than she ever saw at Cornell. Eleven snow days!

After graduation, **Amy Rosenberg** Elkins moved to Los Angeles and worked as a television producer for six years before heading back East to Philadelphia with her husband and family. She is the creator of Mama Mac, a media outlet for children's music and books, and has launched a YouTube video of her first sing-along children's book, "Mama Mac Presents: The Adventures of Sammy the Snail." Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M8eI0mdSQ4E> to view the video. In 2013, her second CD, "Shine Shine Shine," was named CD of the Year by *Creative Child Magazine* and received a Parents' Choice Award, as well as being named one of Dr. Toy's Best 100 Picks of 2013. The title track was a finalist in the 2013 John Lennon Songwriting Contest and another song on the album, "Loose Tooth," was a finalist in the prestigious 2013 Independent Songwriting Competition. Check out Amy's website at www.MamaMac.net.

Michael Tino is entering his eighth year as the minister of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Northern Westchester. It's been a busy couple of years for Michael and his husband, Eric. Together for 15 years, they were able to legally wed in December 2012, and in 2013 their family expanded by one with the addition of their daughter, Nora Lucia. Congrats! **Whit Watson** celebrated his four-year anniversary with the Golf Channel. He spends 20-22 weeks a year on the road as a golf play-by-play announcer. If the PGA Tour, PGA Tour, or Web.Com Tour plays in your town, keep an eye out for Whit! He and his wife, Tracey, celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary and stay busy keeping up with son Zach, a high school freshman and JV golfer, and daughter Ellie, a sixth grader and a goalie on her travel soccer team.

Haven't made your summer plans yet? Consider enrolling in Cornell's Adult University or enjoying one of the Off-Campus Study Tours or Programs. For more information, see the CAU website: www.cau.cornell.edu. All the best in 2015! **Theresa Flores**, taf6@cornell.edu; **Melissa Hart Moss**, melimoss@yahoo.com; **Mia Blackler**, miablackler@yahoo.com.

94 Right before the deadline for this column, I put out a call on Class of '94's Facebook page (if you haven't joined yet, please do!) that read, "I think we often make the mistake of deeming only major life events (such as wedding, births, and promotions) as worthy of inclusion, when in fact, the fabric of daily life is just as interesting. Tell me where you hang your hat. Tell me how you spend your weekends."

In response to that plea, **Jeremy Rosenberger** wrote, "How I spent last weekend was the same as how I spend nearly every weekend! A year and a half ago, my wife, Camilla, and I purchased a house just south of Salt Lake City, UT, which we then proceeded to start tearing apart for a complete top-to-bottom renovation. I've been doing most of the work myself, which accounts for the 18-month-and-counting timeline, but which also has offered a pretty incredible learning experience. I've been documenting the

progress in photos at: <http://ubergeek.smugmug.com/Architecture/Remodeling>." **Allison Hamilton-Rohe** checked in from the Netherlands, where she has been living for two years with her husband and two children. When she's not hanging her hat in either the Netherlands or NYC, she is helping others figure out which hat to wear, via her style-consulting business, dailyoutfit.com.

After moving to New York four years ago, **Keith Sobel** and his wife finally made it back to Ithaca. Here's his description of the perfect trip: "We spent the day taking the kids hiking and walking around the Commons and had dinner at the Nines. Tomorrow, campus and shopping for Cornell clothes!" **Sandy Lean Patterson** wrote, "My husband, **Don**, ME '95, has been doing some improv comedy to raise money for trips our church takes to Haiti. I actually got to go on the trip once, too. We distributed food, built school benches, and visited children. Don and I also just hosted a murder mystery party for our 14-year-old son. And we just celebrated 18 years of marriage!"

Last October, if you had been watching the hit TV show "Modern Family," you might have spotted **Jarrid Whitney**, who had a cameo. He wrote, "It wasn't a hard role, as I was playing myself, Caltech's director of admissions, as 'Alex.' I was in the background of a couple of scenes; 43 seconds of air time!" From NYC, **Seth Stuhl** reported that he and longtime partner Ricky Coombs got married after 12-plus years together. "Given we have been together so long, saying we have settled nicely into married life sounds silly, but it is really quite wonderful being married to each other after all this time! Second, a few days before the wedding, I got promoted to VP, business affairs at Disney Theatrical (where we proudly just opened *Aladdin* on Broadway!). It was a big week, and both events made me feel like adulthood is official (which, of course, it was many eons ago!)." In the fall, the couple celebrated their marriage at Robert restaurant at the Museum of Arts and Design.

Lastly, I am sad to report that our classmate **Tamar Davir** passed away August 5. **Ken Iscol '60** wrote that she was "smart, gifted, and beautiful, and full of light, laughter, and compassion." Tamar was an interdenominational minister and alternative healer/therapist. She leaves two children, Mia, 10, and Harrison, 8. Ken provided two links to articles in *Elle Magazine* that illustrate the impact of her work: <http://www.elle.com/beauty/health-fitness/personal-essay-on-hiring-an-intuition-healer>, and <http://www.elle.com/beauty/health-fitness/anger-management-techniques-2>. Send news to: **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Dineen Pashoukos Wasylik**, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com.

95 *It's about that time / To bring forth the rhythm and the rhyme.*

Ah, Marky Mark and his Funky Bunch. How I loved to blare that song over and over, much to the chagrin of my Cornell neighbors who were probably trying to watch the Bills play. Is the Funky Bunch still tagging along with Mark these days? Anyway, it's about that time for reunion—our 20th. We hope you are making your plans and checking 'em twice.

Nathan Merrill (njmerrill@comcast.net) is still living in Stratham, NH, and partnering with his family on their dairy farm. "We milk 240 cows." However, in 2012, the family added a second farm, Nathan notes, "to expand our land and facilities base." Nathan has worked as a CAAAN

interviewer for a number of years, but now this: "Our oldest is currently applying to Cornell CALS early decision. Hard to believe! Over the past few months we've visited a dozen universities all over the country, and Cornell is by far her first choice, which is very exciting for us!" **David Anderson** writes, "I celebrated seven years as co-owner of Imprint Revolution, a rapidly growing company that prints custom T-shirts and promotional items. We're parents—again! We celebrated the birth of our second child this year, a son." David says he is in the process of pursuing Level II certification as a professional ski instructor.

In London to work, **Sanjoy Biswas** caught up with **Lukas Neckermann '96**. "We reminisced over some great Indian food on our days in Cornell

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Concert Commission. Also, I had a chance to see **Jim Whitaker** in Manhattan with our families. Taking the kids to F.A.O. Schwarz was insane, and it wasn't even the holidays yet!" **Jack Hayes** and Amy Fannagan married at the end of August. Quite a few Cornellians were in attendance: **Patrick and Angela Ruggieri Omilian '97**, **Ryan Murphy '97**, **James Farry '98**, and **Jayme '03** and **Amy Hayes Schnedeker '04**. We could have had Homecoming there!

As we move closer to reunion, it would be great to have even more information from our fellow classmates to fuel the Big Red enthusiasm! Please consider sharing your news. **Veronica Brooks-Sigler**, vkbrooksigler@gmail.com; **Abra Benson Perrie**, amb8@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

96 We trust everyone had a great holiday season with family and friends, and perhaps spent some time on the slopes, spoiled yourself at a resort, or froze/drank yourself silly at a football or hockey game.

You can forget about attempting to stick to lousy and lofty personal resolutions or setting concrete career goals for 2015, when all you need to focus on is that looming Big Red date 18 months away: our 20th Reunion in June 2016. It is hard to fathom that we are approaching this noble time of wise nostalgia in our lives. For those of you who have missed any of the previous three gatherings in 2001, 2006, or 2011, you can really aim to even the score by turning out for the big milestone soiree on the Hill. As we crash through the 40 barrier and start charting our course for a midlife crisis, our news collection has slowed significantly for recent issues. We received updates from a few classmates to keep this column from

succumbing to flatline status, and we are grateful for their punctual submissions.

Isabel Rivera Marcheselli (Westfield, MA) is teaching piano and publishing poetry and enjoys the local apple orchards and music scene. She is excited to report that her first chapbook of poems, *Heart's Eye*, which includes poems from her days at Cornell, was recently published and is available on Amazon. **Veronica Vazquez** (Meriden,

98 Like a possible scene from the TV show "Sex and the City," I found myself running down a NYC street toward the Hudson River in a floral dress and heels, clutching my pearls, and tightly holding my clutch purse as if it were a baton. I cleared dog-walkers and teenagers by the park, navigated the cracks in the pavement, and darted between bicyclists whizzing by on the MS Bike

headed back to our alma mater this past August for the 40th anniversary of Cornell Ultimate Frisbee.

What have you been up to lately? Share with us! You can access the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Or please e-mail either of your class correspondents: **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu; **Toni Stabile** Weiss, tls9@cornell.edu.

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Veronica Vazquez '96

NH) is now chair of the mathematics department at Kimball Union Academy. She writes, "My daughter turned 3 in May, so obviously I've seen *Frozen* about 10,000 times." She takes pride in the multitude of local food vendors peddling eggs, maple syrup, you-pick berries, and milk throughout her community.

Checking in from Memphis, TN, **Nadeem Shafi** made a transition back to his hometown last year. He is a member of the Pediatric Critical Care faculty at the U. of Tennessee Health Science Center and says he would love to hear from his old science classroom buddies from Cornell. **Phil Peters** married Jennifer Miller at Forsgate Country Club in Monroe, NJ, in October, joining his two children with her two children for a happy blended family of six. They reside in East Brunswick, NJ, and Phil is looking forward to seeing everyone at reunion in 2016.

Your diligent correspondent has settled into Western New York after returning to my hometown in 2012 after seven years in Seattle and seven years in Phoenix. You could say I scratched a third seven-year itch, and it's been great to be back in Buffalo working at Rich Products Corp., savoring the refreshing and harsh reality of four distinct seasons and being closer to family. Have a great 2015, and start preparing your liver and dreaming of those fountains of youth cascading through the gorges for our 20th Reunion. Until then, don't forget to check in with us from the great beyond and drop a few lines of prose or life blotter news on us at the following link: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. **Liam O'Mahony**, liamom@yahoo.com; **Carin Lustig-Silverman**, CDL2@cornell.edu; **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

97 We're temporarily low on news, but our annual News and Dues mailing will go out this spring and we look forward to hearing from you. Send in the hard copy news form in the envelope provided or e-mail either of your correspondents at the addresses below. Can't wait till spring? Check out the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. And remember, it's not just the major life events that are interesting, but the fabric of daily life as well. Tell us how you spend your weekends. **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu; **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu.

Tour, but I arrived on time at La Marina for my friend's wedding. On October 5, **Cristian Solorza** exchanged vows with Orlando Rodriguez in front of family and friends who traveled near and far to celebrate the nuptials. Guests enjoyed the water views, the libations, the dancing, and reminiscing about the old days on the Hill. Cornellians included: **Tracy Breslin**, **Luis** and **Darcy Jones Ormaechea '99**, **Mariana Fernandez** Roscigno '99, **Cristina Martinez** and fiancé Edson Bian, and me, **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, and my husband, Al. Tracy completed her MBA at Harvard U. and is currently an education consultant. Luis and Darcy reside in Rochester, NY, where Luis is an associate at the law firm of Harter Secrest & Emery LLP.

Congratulations to **Matthew Nieman** on his promotion to litigation manager at the Washington, DC, Region office of Jackson Lewis PC, where he represents employers in a broad spectrum of labor and employment law matters. Per the firm's press release, Matthew "was selected for inclusion in *Virginia Super Lawyers* magazine as a 'Rising Star' each year since 2010 and recognized in the *Washington Post Magazine* as a Washington, DC, Metro Area's Outstanding Young Lawyer in 2013." Prior to private practice, he served as an active-duty US Army judge advocate general ("JAG") at Fort Benning, GA, and at Camp Liberty, Baghdad, Iraq. He received his JD from William & Mary School of Law in 2001.

Michael Raffaele (mraffaele@mac.com) writes, "I recently joined the firm of Frankel & Kershenbaum LLC, which is located in Bryn Mawr, PA. I am opening the firm's practice in the representation of children and young adults with special needs who find themselves accused of violating the criminal law (whether as juveniles or adults) and school discipline codes." He adds, "Our older daughter, Maeve, 5, recently started attending kindergarten. Our younger daughter, Finley, 3, recently started demanding to attend kindergarten." **Seth Kromholz**, ME '00, and fiancée Gilat Ben-Dor (Brandeis U. '97) currently reside in Scottsdale, AZ.

David Haro, his wife, Patty, and their two boys joined **Steven** and **Tammy Baker Gutierrez** and their daughter for some quality family time in Ithaca. In addition to enjoying the campus and Collegetown, they also kayaked on Cayuga Lake, explored the gorges, and reminisced about years gone by. When he wrote, David had been training for the 2014 NYC Marathon and raising funds for the American Cancer Society. **Rachel Schmidt** also

99 Here's where we are in life: moves, babies, and new jobs. First, two notices on future Class of 2036 graduates.

After spending 14 years in Washington, DC, **Liese Meier** and **J.T. Haran** moved back to Upstate New York to live in Corning. J.T. joined the law department at Corning Inc. as an intellectual property counsel. "We settled into our new home just in time for the birth of our twins, Thomas and Eileen, on April 15. Liese is taking a break from her nursing career for the time being to be at home with the twins and to prepare them to be members of the Class of 2036," writes J.T. **Dave Dalpe** (Jersey City, NJ) is still working at MSCJ, an investment decision support tools company, in downtown Manhattan. In early August, Dave and Jodi welcomed their second child, daughter Laney Elizabeth. "We and big brother Jordan couldn't be happier—and will be even happier when Laney starts sleeping at night! Get ready future Cornell Class of '33 and '36!"

Dennis Chow, ME '00 (Bellevue, WA) is still working as a portfolio manager. His second daughter, Rachel Mingrei Chow, was born August 11, 2014. Older daughter Abigail is enjoying preschool, he says. **Leon Miller-Out** is celebrating his company's ninth year. He is the president and chief technology officer at Singlebrook Technology, based in Ithaca, NY. The company builds websites and apps for colleges and universities, businesses, and nonprofits. Leon writes that his oldest is, unbelievably, hitting the middle-school years. He adds, "Living in Ithaca is beautiful and very worldly for such a small city."

Andrew C. Bell left Downey Brand LLP to join Marten Law PLLC as a partner in the firm's San Francisco office. His focus is on energy, environmental, and natural resource law, and he has experience in federal lands and endangered species cases. Andrew earned a JD from the UCLA School of Law in 2004. **David Choi** was promoted to VP in the San Francisco office of Thornton Tomasetti, an engineering design, investigation, and analysis firm.

As always, I welcome tips and updates sent via e-mail and snail mail. Please send your news to either of your correspondents at the addresses below, or check out the online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>) and hit the SEND key. Happy New Year! **Melanie Grayce** West, mga6@cornell.edu; **Heather Hollidge** Madland, hmadland@gmail.com.

00 As you may already know, Cornell is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, and the Sesquicentennial events are under way! One was a spectacular, jam-packed week of celebrations during the joint Homecoming and Trustee Council Annual Meeting weekend and was filled with friends, fun, and fireworks!

While there, I was able to catch up with fellow Council member **Andrea Wasserman**, who had some very exciting and recent news to share. Since 2008, Andrea had been pursuing retail career

opportunities in Seattle and Los Angeles, gaining great experience that allowed for lots of travel to Asia and Hawaii. Now, however, she is happy to report that she and her husband, **Ezra Marbach '97**, have relocated back home to New York City. They are currently living in the Financial District, and Andrea is loving her new position as SVP eCommerce for Lord & Taylor and Hudson's Bay. According to Andrea, there are many Cornellians at the company, and she hopes to see even more as she gets involved in all the Cornell events in Manhattan again. Luckily, before leaving L.A., Andrea and **Melissa Bersofsky** Rodgers (our former reunion co-chairs) were able to squeeze in one last dinner together. She even got a quick visit with Melissa's adorable son, Eli, who was born last April. Congrats on your new position, Andrea, and welcome back to New York!

Over in the legal world, **Joshua Kamen** runs his own law firm, the Law Offices of Joshua A. Kamen PC, a music management company. Joshua also runs Still Legal Entertainment Inc. and an independent label, Imprint One80. Two of the producers he manages—Frequency and Aalias—produced and co-wrote the Billboard Hot 100 number one hit, "The Monster," by Eminem and Rihanna. Joshua splits his time between Atlanta and NYC, but tells us that his heart will always be in New York. Also great news, Joshua is excited to share that his son, Xavier, started pre-K this year!

Making headlines, **Susan Brown**, general counsel to Minuteman Health, was just named to *Boston Business Journal's* prestigious "40 under 40" list for 2014. The list honors 40 men and women under the age of 40 who have made an impact on Boston's business, civic, and political communities. Before joining Minuteman, Susan worked as associate counsel at Tufts Medical Center and served as an assistant attorney general in the Health Care Division under Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley. During her tenure at the Attorney General's Office, Susan was a primary investigator and author of Coakley's groundbreaking examination of healthcare cost drivers that has brought unprecedented transparency to the healthcare system.

Toni Santiago Hollifield just celebrated her seventh anniversary as a senior attorney for the NYS Division of Human Rights, and she and her husband, Nathan, welcomed their son, Harrison Gabriel Santiago Hollifield, on December 16, 2013. **Meredith Haff** Breiland and her husband, Erik, also welcomed a new baby to the world, Elsa, on May 3, 2014. Both rowers, Meredith and Erik are busy reconstructing a house on their dream property along the Lamoille River outside Burlington, VT, and are hoping Elsa can row for Cornell one day!

Last but not least, **Morgan Hartman** is now managing partner at Black Queen Angus Farm LLC. BQAF is a holistically managed, 100 percent grass-fed beef and breeding stock farm that raises not only Aberdeen Angus cattle, but sheep and goats as well. Additionally, the company conducts research, education, and outreach in collaboration with Cornell Cooperative Extension, Cornell, Albany U., Williams College, and Pine Cobble School. In July 2014, Morgan was named Innovative Producer of the Year at the Annual Grass-fed Exchange Conference in Columbia, MO. There were 400 attendees from 40 states and three provinces of Canada. He is currently living in Williamstown, MA, raising his three children, Gable, 12, Graziella, 8, and George, 5. According to Morgan, Williamstown is a fantastic place, and reports that, aside from Ithaca, it's the best place to live, work, and raise his children.

Fantastic news all around! Keep the good news coming! We love hearing from you and we love writing for you. ■ **Andrea M. Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu; **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu.

01 Wishing the Class of 2001 a Happy New Year! We hope this finds you well and that 2015 will be a year of health and happiness! And if you live in any region that has cold and gray winters, you can't help but think of Ithaca and smile.

Richard Weir IV checks in from New York City to tell us that he's the founding partner of a recently formed digital marketing firm called Phoekus. This was in addition to planning his wedding to Margaret McPherson in November 2013 at the Duke U. Chapel in Durham, NC. It was quite the Cornell celebration, with many of Richard's Sigma Chi brothers attending. In other love news, after seven years of a bi-coastal, cross-state, and cross-bay relationship, **Lenny Lesser** married Mary Henderson on September 20, 2014 near Grass Valley, CA. The happy couple lives in Oakland, CA, where Lenny is spending most of his time in nutrition research, but continues to see patients about once a week. The couple notes that nutrition majors can make great friends, but also great spouses. Lenny and Mary grew up on opposite coasts (New York and California), but both majored in nutrition at their state's land grant school.

From a classmate who's been married for ten years, **Margaret Imboden Salisbury**, MS '05, checks in to reminisce about her wedding to husband **Joe '99**, MBA '05, at Sage Chapel. They welcomed baby number five this past March, future Class of 2036! Baby Marianne joins Ruth, Katherine, Stephen, and Anthony. Margaret is back to playing tuba with the Connecticut Pops community band. Joe is working in finance for a chemical company in Southbury, CT.

Another future Cornellian was born on August 9, when Sam and **Jennifer Rich** Garrett welcomed their first child, son Beau Alexander. Mom Jennifer says that he is super cute and a pure joy. They are thrilled, along with their families, including new grandma **Nancy Weiss** Rich '69 and uncle **Jonathan Rich '05**. **Arnold Mok** checks in from NYC: "I've gone from thinking of a business concept to a year of pacing around, literally around New York City. The concept of business dropped, yet I was able to conceptualize how NYC has changed. I guess, for someone to have been away for so long, it doesn't matter where you are, which city or town, there's bound to be changes. For the good or bad, I don't know."

Justin McCarthy writes from Tiburon, CA, in the San Francisco Bay Area, where he welcomed his third child, Claire, this past June. He recently left consulting to spend time with his kids, and is currently managing a camping gear store. He writes occasionally, and you can find some of his writings on Twitter @BetterToAsk. He tells us that the most valuable thing he learned at Cornell inside the classroom was that if his parents invested the approximately \$128,000 they spent on his Cornell education and received a modest 8 percent return annually, it would have yielded \$22,212,712.08 by his 85th birthday, which, Justin jokes, is probably better than he'll do.

The class officers hope that everyone can participate and contribute to class dues. Please encourage your friends to be a part of it too. Donate

online at: <https://www.giving.cornell.edu/dues>. Exciting news continues in our lives, so send us your updates at classof2001@cornell.edu, or write to your class correspondents. In between columns, stay connected via our Twitter feed (@Cornell2001) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Cornell2001). Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2015! ■ **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, LEW15@cornell.edu; **Nicole Neroulis** Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

02 I received only a few pieces of news this cycle. The first was from **Michael Wacht**, BArch '03, who has been living in Los Angeles for the last five years. Congratulations on opening your own architecture firm in L.A.! IntuArch, according to its website, prides itself on offering its clients Efficacy in Architecture, a concept achieved through partnership with the client and sharing applicable data, logic, and diagrams to facilitate the design process. Michael writes, "L.A. is the creative capital of the US! Oh, and the weather is pretty good too."

Congratulations also to **Michele Glass** and **Adam Raiken**, who welcomed a little boy, Ethan Nathaniel, into their family on February 22, 2014. And lastly, **Julie Katz** Karp (juliekarp@hotmail.com) writes, "I'm still working as a pathologist at Thomas Jefferson U. Hospital in Philadelphia. I specialize in blood bank/transfusion medicine." Julie adds, "2014 has been a big year for our family. In June, we moved (a whole two miles!) to our home in Wynnewood, PA. Then, on October 30, we welcomed our new daughter, Natalie Shira. Big sister Rachel Evelyn, 2-1/2, is getting used to her new role! We look forward to bringing the girls up to Ithaca for our next reunion."

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03 **Jamie Wasserstrom Novikoff** and husband **Josh** welcomed baby boy Liam Carter on May 5. "Liam has already been indoctrinated into Cornell, coming to our D.C. alumni softball and football games starting when he was just ten days old. We are excited to bring him to campus! I also started a new job in September as the director of labor and associate relations for Interstate Hotels and Resorts, leaving law firm life behind for good." Congratulations to Jamie and Josh!

Howard Heching, MD '07, writes, "I am completing my fellowship in pediatric cardiology at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York, and will be starting to work as an attending pediatric cardiologist at Cohen Children's Medical Center in New Hyde Park, NY." Howard adds this great news: "**Rachel (Malamud) '08** and I are thrilled to announce the birth of our first child, daughter Eliana Bayla, on May 20, 2014." **Benjamin**

Mathew, ME '04, writes, "My wife, **Idolina Delgado**, joined me on the East Coast after we were married, and she is now working for McNeil Consumer Healthcare in Lancaster, PA." Ben continues to work at his first job out of school, with TransCore LP in Harrisburg, PA. He adds, "Idolina and I were married three years ago, and we have recently welcomed our first child into the world, Benjamin Thomas Jr."

In the mini-feature of **Elizabeth Gallerani** in the last issue, we inadvertently forgot to include that Liz had a second baby girl on Halloween 2013! She also shared the thing she likes most about her life right now: "Loving our two daughters!" Thanks again, Liz, for the updates. Enjoy the time with your family.

Welcome to all the new additions to the ever-growing Cornell family. If you or somebody you know would make a good mini-feature, please let me know! I look forward to hearing about all the things our classmates are doing via news and notes submissions. Until then, all the best. ☑ **Jon Schoenberg**, jrs55@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

04 After an event-filled Cornell reunion-year season, our class news is a little light. The new Class Counsel is ramping up for a new five-year cycle and strategizing for the next phase in our lives. If you have ideas for the Class Counsel or you would like to get involved, please reach out.

A couple of short notes from classmates **Lauryn Slotnick Weisberg** and **Alita Howard**. Lauryn married Ben Weisberg on May 31, 2014 and lives in Douglaston, NY, where she is an attorney for SSA Office of Disability Adjudication and Review. Alita is living in Ithaca, NY. She recently joined the Family Reading Partnership, an Ithaca-based literacy nonprofit, as the finance and operations manager.

Have you moved recently? Update your address with Cornell so that we can stay in touch with you: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/services/update-info.cfm>. Follow our class on Facebook and Twitter (@Cornell2004) and join the conversation in our LinkedIn group (Cornell Class of 2004). If you would like to share your news (or news of your friends!) with the class, send me a quick e-mail or complete the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. We look forward to hearing from you. Thanks! ☑ **Jessi Petrosino** MacMeekin, jessi.petrosino@gmail.com.

05 Happy winter, classmates! I hope many of you plan to attend our 10th Reunion this June. If you would like to get involved with planning, contact our class reunion chairs, **Sarah Perkins Latimer** (sbp29@cornell.edu) and **Jason Hnatko** (jph27@cornell.edu).

Sarah was married last year to **David Latimer '02**. At around the same time, they moved to San Diego, CA, where Sarah took a fundraising job at a private high school and David started with a small law firm. They replaced their winter coats with swimsuits, as weekends are now full of dog beaches and hiking. After nine years of environmental consulting, Jason Hnatko left the field to pursue a PhD in environmental engineering at Tufts U. He is working closely with his co-advisor, **Natalie Capiro '00**, to research enhanced

bioremediation technologies. Looking forward to catching up more at reunion!

I attended a mini-reunion this past fall when I went to the wedding of **Bless Punzalan** and **Stefan Kazacos**. Also there celebrating the happy occasion were **Mario Salazar '04**, **Kelvin Gorospe '03**, **Christina Hilo '07**, **Katrina Bernardo**, **Jonathan Kron**, **Annie Yao '03**, and **Jazmine Venturanza '04**, who was a member of the wedding party. This was the first time many of us had seen each other since Cornell, and we partied like it was 2005 (or at least tried our best).

Our classmates are embarking on some exciting times in their professional and personal lives. This past year, **Jaymie Brill** joined the financial services sales solutions team at LinkedIn. **Kate Ofikuru** writes, "I've been teaching at Riverton Street Charter School for the past two years, and this fall I moved upstairs from kindergarten to second grade. It has been a great fit for me, and, though crazy busy at times, I am still enthused about this school year. Now in my sixth year of teaching, I have also taken on teacher mentoring. It's been a while since I have gotten to enjoy life without papers to write, and I am still basking in the sun of my second master's, a Master of Divinity degree, earned from Alliance Theological Seminary this past May. It's been a great year!"

Ashley Berke, director of communications for the U. of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, was selected as the inaugural recipient of the Association of American Veterinary Medical College's Communications Excellence Award. The award recognizes the important role of communications in advancing academic veterinary medicine and the profession. Nominations were judged by a committee of communications professionals representing organizations of the Federation of Associations of Schools of the Health Professions in Washington, DC. Congrats, Ashley!

Inspired by the generosity of peers as we lead up to reunion, class co-president **Julia Levy** has launched a blog, *Why We Give*, sharing the stories of ordinary philanthropists who give fewer (yet still significant) dollars and time. Know of an inspiring person making a difference in the world professionally or personally? Let Julia know (levy.julia@gmail.com), or check out www.whyywegive.com. **Fitz** and **Nicole Browne Collings** are in the midst of baby boot camp! Nicole writes, "Fitz and I welcomed Lila Adeline into the world on May 30, 2014, in Washington, DC. Fitz does patent litigation for the law firm Sidley Austin. I practice securities law at the Securities and Exchange Commission." I cannot wait to meet Lila! Please continue to send updates to your class correspondents. We love hearing from everyone! ☑ **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu; **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu; and **Hilary Johnson-King**, haj4@cornell.edu.

06 **Dan Zarrow** has come a long way since his time at Cornell, where he acquired radio and business experience at WVBR, owned and operated by the Cornell Media Guild. This gave him the experience and connections he needed to earn his first job as a weekend meteorologist at KSWO-TV in Lawton, OK, and his new job this year as chief meteorologist for Townsquare Media New Jersey, which includes ten radio stations throughout the state. Congratulations, Dan!

Nova McCune Cadamatre is currently a winemaker for Robert Mondavi Winery. She was just

named to the second annual "40 under 40" Tastemakers list from *Wine Enthusiast Magazine* (<http://www.winemag.com/October-2014/40-Under-40-Americas-Tastemakers-2014/index.php/slide/Novo-Cadamatre--31/cparticle/28>), with multiple other Cornellians on the list. Congrats to all! **Courtney Potts** says that she is still working at the *Observer-Dispatch* in Utica, NY, currently as digital editor and interim local news editor. Courtney also sends the great news that she married John O'Connor (U. of Scranton '07) on August 30 in Great Bend, PA. She would like to give a shout-out to two of her bridesmaids, **Clare Boronow** and **Jennifer Fabbrini**.

Krishna Das (kkd3@cornell.edu) is in his last year of residency in radiology at Upstate U. Hospital in Syracuse, NY. He is enjoying the area, especially the SU sports and lack of traffic. It must be a big change from the traffic in Brooklyn, where he attended SUNY Downstate after Cornell. Krishna writes, "I had a great time with **Matt Kandarpallil**, ME '07, and other close Cornell friends and classmates at **Ram Narayanan's** wedding at the Buffalo Country Club. My younger sister also got married this past April." Reflecting on his time at Cornell, Krishna adds, "It's not necessarily what you learned in class, it's more about grit and determination developed at Cornell. If you can handle the brutal winter treks to class, the library, and prelims, you have what it takes to handle a lot of what life throws at you post-graduation."

After Cornell, **Alicia Billington** went on to become the first student ever to earn a dual MD/PhD degree in engineering from the U. of South Florida. She says of her unique field, "I think that a lot of the processes that we do in medicine can be optimized through engineering." Alicia has dedicated her work to the treatment and prevention of pressure sores, commonly known as bedsores, which affect millions of people each year. She gathers data from a sensor that maps the pressure areas and movement of seated patients, then analyzes that data to track the patterns, to predict where sores may form. Using this new method, patients will simply be able to adjust how they sit to avoid these painful sores and the surgery that is often needed to treat them. Great work, Alicia!

Teresa Chen is working as a statistical programming analyst in Philadelphia. She is really drawn to the restaurants, theaters, and museums in her area. **Benjamin Adler's** first job out of Cornell was as a hedge fund analyst. Now he has started his own accounting firm, providing both individuals and businesses with services ranging from book-keeping up to CFO-level management, as well as tax planning and preparation. He says he is drawn back to L.A. to be nearer to family. Let us know what you are up to! ☑ **Nicole DeGrace**, ngd4@cornell.edu; **Tory Lauterbach**, VML8@cornell.edu; **Kate DiCicco**, kad46@cornell.edu.

07 Congratulations are in order for classmate **Diana Taft**, who has just received a PhD in epidemiology from U. of Cincinnati. She is now working as a post-doctoral fellow at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Medical Center. **Jorge Lee** is also celebrating a career milestone: with **Dan Hershberg '06**, he founded Rivalry Wear, an athletic apparel company dedicated to celebrating athletic rivalries. Check out www.RivalryWear.com!

David Marshak recently traveled to New Zealand with his wife, **Michelle Pascucci '09**, to celebrate her graduation from Boston U. School of Law. He's putting his Cornell education to work

at Foundation Medicine, a cancer genetic testing company in Cambridge, MA, and is also attending business school part-time at Boston U.

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08 Happy New Year! This fall, Cornell kicked off its One-Five-Oh Sesquicentennial year-long celebration (150.cornell.edu) with a fabulous Saturday night event at Jazz at Lincoln Center on September 13, where I got the chance to catch up (and pose for pictures with busts of Ezra Cornell and Andrew Dickson White) with classmates **Drew Coyne**, **Lauren Lampton**, **Stephanie Posen**, **Maribel Bronen**, **Julie Katz**, and **Josh Perlman**. We celebrated the "Big Idea!" of Cornell and donned our finest red while enjoying a show that highlighted the best of Cornell's past and present. The Sesquicentennial festivities continued on October 18 back on the Hill with Homecoming 2014. Providing snacks and games to classmates who managed to brave the rain, the Class of 2008 tent hosted **Jason Beekman**, JD '11, **Stephanie Posen**, **Dmitry Dvoskin**, **Jane Forman**, and **Marla Diakow**. As always, be sure to check out our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CornellClass2008>), Twitter account (@bigred2008), and Instagram account (@bigred2008) for the (08)est class news.

Members of the gr(08) Class of 2008 kicked off many celebrations of their own this fall, including weddings, new jobs, and graduate school. **Jenna Bromberg** writes from Dallas, TX, where she leads digital engagement for Pizza Hut, overseeing all social media strategy and digital video content for the world's largest pizza brand. (A natural fit for a Hotelier with whom I have shared a fair number of Collegetown Pizza slices and who helped pilot Cornell's student blogging project in her days on the Hill!) Jenna moved to Dallas from Kansas City, MO, a few weeks after our 5th Reunion in summer 2013, but returned to Kansas City this past October to celebrate both the Royals making it to the World Series, and her wedding to m(08) Aaron Thacker. Jenna and Aaron tied the knot at Studio Dan Meiners/Pennway Place on October 24, 2014, and members of the bridal party included classmates **Brett Rubin**, **Danielle Squadrito**, and **Ian Banger**. Their wedding looks like it was full of delicious cake—including a "groom's cake" homage to their cat, Eva—champagne, World Series cheering, and Big Red love. Mazel tov, Jenna and Aaron!

Sarah Olesiuk also sends in news of finding her m(08), Jacob Parker, and of their wonderful summer wedding on August 2, 2014 in Asheville, NC. Sarah has been an assistant public defender at the Knox County Public Defender's Community Law Office in Knoxville, TN, since her graduation from Boston College Law School in 2011, and is one of the professionally happiest lawyers I know. Jacob is a project professional at AMEC Engineering. Jason Beekman and I road-tripped to Sarah and Jacob's nuptials in the Blue Ridge Mountains and got the opportunity to catch up not only with each

other, but also with bridesmaids **Nikki Gusz** and **Alexandra Buerkle** and classmate **Elias Saba**. The '08ers in attendance are flung to three of America's corners. Sarah is in Tennessee, Jason is a litigation associate at WilmerHale in Washington, DC, Nikki is the strategic initiatives director at Arizona State U.'s Teachers College, Alexandra works in philanthropy in NYC, and Elias is completing his PhD in Near Eastern languages and civilizations at UPenn in Philadelphia. We had a fabulous weekend that began with listening to bluegrass on Friday night, continued with a touching ceremony at the Basilica of Saint Lawrence and a raucous dance floor at the Broadway Arts Building on Saturday, and wrapped up with biscuits on Sunday morning. Congratulations, Sarah and Jacob!

August 2014 was a busy season on the Cornell wedding circuit, and it included the gorgeous three-day affair of **Sameer Mittal '07** and **Garima Malhotra's** nuptials. Beginning with a sangeet and mehndi on August 15, 2014, and continuing with a wedding and reception on August 16, 2014 at the Bolingbrook Golf Club in Bolingbrook, IL, it was a truly Big Red affair, as Garima and Sameer met at a party at Cornell on October 28, 2006. Members of the bridal party included classmates **Shoshana Aleinikoff**, **Devon Dickerson**, **Lauren Lampton**, **Rebecca Liu**, and **Ashley Mazzamaro**, with many other Cornellians in attendance including classmates **Rohan Thakkar**, **Nicole Mangiere**, **Michael Chua**, **Jen Seley**, **Natasha Major**, **Matt Zimmerman**, **Liana Kraushaar**, and me. Laughing and dancing with so many fantastic Cornellians was a particularly apt way to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Class of 2008's moving into North Campus on August 20, 2004: a reminder of the ties that bind us and that the people we met from 2004-08 will continue to be among the most important forces for good in our lives for decades to come.

Allison Wing has moved from Boston to NYC and writes: "I graduated from MIT in June 2014 with my PhD in atmospheric science. As of October 1, I will be working at Columbia U.'s Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory as a National Science Foundation Atmosphere and Geospace Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellow." Congratulations, Allison, and welcome to New York! Please send us updates of both the major life change and arcane day-to-day life variety (running three miles a day? a marathon?)! We'd love to hear from you and give you your 15 minutes of Cornell fame! ✉ **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu; **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

09 Hello, friends and classmates, and Happy New Year! This year marks the 150th anniversary of the charter that established Cornell University in 1865. Sesquicentennial celebrations kicked off in the fall during Homecoming weekend and continue on campus and in cities across the globe this year. Now more than ever, we honor our heritage and commemorate the institution that has given us each so much and in many ways shaped who we are as alumni, as a class, and as a Cornell community. Here's to you, our fair Cornell!

The snow is falling here in Ithaca, and with a new year brings new beginnings. **Kirsten Barr** married **Chase Knight** in Red Hook, Brooklyn, NY, in December 2013 in a gorgeous winter wedding. Kirsten recently joined Kate Spade & Co. as the HR manager for the entire East Coast, and Chase

is a district manager for Abbott Nutrition. The couple lives happily in Brooklyn. Screenwriter **Michal Zebede's** film *The Humbling* made its world premier at the Venice Film Festival earlier this year. The film, based on the Philip Roth novel, was directed by Barry Levinson, who is known for such blockbuster hits as *Rain Man* and *Good Morning Vietnam*.

Milagros Barsallo is making strides in the movement for educational equity. She taught third and fourth grade bilingual literacy in Denver for students transitioning from Spanish to English, while also earning her Initial Teaching License in elementary education and subsequently her master's in urban pedagogy and curriculum and instruction from the U. of Colorado, Denver. In

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2013, Milagros and fellow Teach For America alumni co-founded RISE Colorado, a nonprofit organization empowering low-income families and families of color to end educational inequity in Colorado public schools. RISE closes the gap in access to information and education for Spanish-speaking immigrants, but also for Nepali, Somali, and Burmese refugee communities. This inspiring initiative recently won the Teach For America Social Innovation Award, an annual competition that brings budding entrepreneurs together to compete for \$1,000,000 in seed funding. Not without bias, we could not have imagined a more worthy recipient. Congratulations, Milagros!

As a native New Yorker, **Joel Dankwa** has been tolerating Boston sports fans since moving to Beantown to complete a dual master's degree in medical science and public health at Boston U. "I currently work as a healthcare analyst and mediator at the Massachusetts Attorney General's office." Joel adds, "I love living with my current roommates (including **Matthew Robbins '08**, ME '09), and I've enjoyed the work I do to improve our healthcare system. I've also enjoyed visiting Cornell friends that live all around the country and catching up with my buddies from the Hangovers from time to time. They're a good bunch!" Joel will be starting at U. of Pennsylvania Law School in the fall.

Like Joel, four years of college was not enough for our classmate **Matthew Cortese**, who is currently attending a prestigious MD/MPH program at Upstate Medical U. Matthew has his sights on becoming a physician. He writes, "My brother is working in Alaska with the USGS and my sister is now living in Portland, OR. My family is now officially bi-coastal!" The Syracuse winters remind him of his days at Cornell and how he somehow felt as if he was always walking uphill—a memory we likely all share! Have news? Did you move recently to a new city or change jobs, or just want to see your name in print? I would love to hear from you! ✉ **Rebecca Robbins**, rsr38@cornell.edu.

10 One of the simple joys in life, in my opinion, is opening up the mailbox at the end of the day to get the mail. Usually my mail consists of bills, magazines, or promotions addressed to “current resident,” but a few weeks ago, your class correspondent opened up his mailbox to find something he did not expect. He received not one, but two handwritten letters. The only problem: they were addressed to a previous tenant.

Now, it’s true, I had just moved into my new apartment and had been receiving mail intended for my address’s previous tenants for weeks. It was usually solicitations for businesses or credit cards—nothing worth remembering, and certainly

the performing arts in Harlem. My students and my art are my life. When I’m not in front of the classroom, I develop works of theatre as a company member with the Improbable Stage Theatre Co. in NYC, where I currently reside.” **Esther Wong** reports that she is an urban planner in Singapore. She writes, “I went trekking twice earlier this year—Nepal and Malaysia (Kota Kinabalu)—and finally learned that I am very susceptible to altitude sickness!”

Again, take me up on my offer about writing and we’ll include your news in this column. E-mail your class correspondents: [Michael Beyman, mjb262@cornell.edu](mailto:Michael.Beyman@mjb262@cornell.edu); [Rammy Salem, rms84@cornell.edu](mailto:Rammy.Salem@rms84@cornell.edu).

celebrate with her, including **Ileana Betancourt, Isa Betancourt, Hayden Stebbins, and Alex Bond**. About her current hometown, she says, “Providence is not overwhelming like a big city, but is urban enough that there are lots of things to do and a variety of great restaurants. It’s also centrally located, so it’s easy to go on weekend trips to the beaches, farms, or bigger cities nearby.”

Jess Cisco has been busy after graduating Cornell. Besides serving as the house director of Delta Gamma with his wife, he formed a leadership development firm called ActiveLeading.com LLC and serves as an organizational development consultant at Cornell. Jess still lives in Ithaca and calls the city “a vibrant community full of wonderful Cornellians, restaurants, and opportunities for learning and growth.” **Laura Anderson Hackett** had many Cornellians present with her on her recent wedding day! She writes: “On August 30, I married Joe Hackett in our hometown of Live Oak, CA. **Kristin Court** and **Hannah Beall** were two of my bridesmaids. **Kelsey Albright, Heather Harris, Christina Zick, and Daniel Aguel ‘11** all made the long journey to the West Coast to be in attendance. It was a roaring party, just like we envisioned! Joe and I are living in Fresno, CA. I will graduate this spring with my master’s in college counseling from Fresno State, and Joe is working as an agricultural appraiser. I miss Cornell, especially the seasons, and cannot wait to make it back for a visit.”

Danny Sullivan has moved to Paris to work at an open-source machine learning library, meaning, he says, “software that tries to find the stuff you like.” (Thanks for the explanation, Danny!) He writes, “I’ve just started to get used to all wait-staff hating my guts. I quickly found out that sheepish American charm can only go so far. I have a feeling that they’ll come around eventually, though.” **Hallie Mitnick** is in her third year of law school at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York City and is on track to graduate in May 2015. Her sister, **Meredith Mitnick ‘14**, graduated in May, and Hallie writes that she loved coming back to Ithaca for commencement. Make sure to keep your classmates up-to-date on your life after Cornell by sending any information you would like to share to your class correspondents: [Emily Cusick, egc43@cornell.edu](mailto:Emily.Cusick@egc43@cornell.edu); [Peggy Ramin, ram335@cornell.edu](mailto:Peggy.Ramin@335@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

13 A happy and healthy New Year to all of our classmates! We hope you all rang in the New Year in style. We would like to start off this column by wishing hearty congratulations to **Kyle and Olivia Lee Yost** on their wedding back in the summer of 2014. Their wedding party was filled with Cornellians, including Olivia’s sisters **Marissa Lee ‘15** and **Samantha Lee ‘17**, as well as classmates **Audrey Katz, Geoffrey Tam, Michael Sugihara, William Poon, and Benjamin Yu**. J.W. Betts, Cornell’s Campus Crusader (Cru for short), officiated the wedding. It was held in Olivia’s hometown of Rochester, NY, and was filled with friends and family from far and near. The two currently live in Syracuse, where Olivia attends SUNY Upstate Medical U. in pursuit of her MD and Kyle works as a business analyst for JPMorgan Chase.

Sandra Hwang has taken the city of Baltimore, MD, and the public health community by storm ever since she started her Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH) at Johns Hopkins U. in fall

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nothing worthy of anything more than the recycling bin. But here were two letters that had been painstakingly and lovingly hand-addressed to the previous tenant. I hadn’t seen handwritten letters since I was at summer camp years earlier. Back then, a letter was the highlight of my day, and a message, no matter how short, or no matter who from, would perk up my spirits and make the homesickness fade away.

I was touched by the gesture and did what was right—sent the letters back, unopened, to the return address, hoping that the handwritten message inside would one day find its way to the intended recipient. Letter-writing is a lost art; and I thought that my effort, however small, might keep it going among these three pen pals for just a bit longer.

I, **Mike Beyman**, begin with this story because it relates to this column. If you, fellow classmate, have been reading this column recently, you may have noticed the lack of news that your correspondents have been able to report. We are not surprised; our class is of a generation where news is shared frequently and rapidly. Sites such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter are part of our everyday lives and contain everything from news of our biggest life developments to photos of our weekend brunch. What is the incentive to share any of your old news for this column?

I think I may have the answer: the same feeling that you get when you receive a handwritten letter is the feeling that you get when you see your news printed in this column. There is an unmistakable charm of writing in to your alumni magazine and sharing the news that you cannot get anywhere else. So I encourage you to remember that warm feeling that you may have experienced with a childhood pen pal or during your summers away at camp: write a letter to me about your life, and Rammy or I will be sure to include it in an upcoming column. If you provide a return address, I’ll write you back.

In the meantime, I do have some news to share. **Marc Andrew Hem Lee** writes, “Having graduated from drama school in London, I’m making appearances at Shakespeare’s Globe, London’s West End, and in Moscow. And in keeping with the tradition of my undergraduate college, I currently teach both art and science at a high school for

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12 Fall is finally upon us! Though we may be missing the beautiful Ithaca foliage, many of the Class of 2012 made it up to Cornell for Homecoming 2014 and the start of Cornell’s Sesquicentennial celebrations.

Kara Pellowe-Wagstaff sends this fall-themed Ithaca story: A PhD student at Brown U. studying marine conservation science, Kara loved living in Ithaca and tries to come back a couple of times a year. Her last visit coincided with the 2014 Apple Harvest Festival—and a new event: the first annual Ithaca Apple Pie Bake-off. Kara and her husband, **Sam Wagstaff ‘11, BS ‘13**, have been baking pies together since they started dating at Cornell, so she knew she had to enter. “Our signature apple pie is 100 percent vegan and has a cinnamon shortbread-like crust, which is caramelized from pouring a sweet buttery sauce over the top just before baking. Sam and I tried a new top crust design for the contest, with delicate leaves that resembled an autumn leaf pile. But when we poured our sauce over the top and baked it, the leaves were completely obscured and the pie looked like someone had sat on it! I was sure we wouldn’t win.” On the day of the bake-off, Kara says she nearly turned away in disappointment as the third- and second-place pies were called, sure that their unassuming pie would not be the winner. “But when the winning pie was announced, I heard my name loud and clear over the speaker. I was so shocked and surprised I almost knocked everyone over getting to the pie table! I couldn’t contain my excitement.” Kara was happy to have several friends from the Class of 2012 there to

2013. Her first year involved a heavy course load across disciplines, including health economics, health policy, biostatistics, epidemiology, and health law. Sandra says she was well prepared for the interdisciplinary approach of her degree because of her undergraduate studies as a Biology and Society major at Cornell. She served as a member of the Student Assembly and hosted social and cultural events for students on the Hill. Most notably, she was recently named a fellow with Health For America. She will hold the position until July and is focusing on heart failure. Her papers on reproductive healthcare, cancer, obesity, and other topics have also been published in journals. She spends much of her time traversing the country to attend various conferences and seminars with the other fellows in her program, and is thankful every minute for the opportunities Cornell provided her.

Heather Larkin, who knew she was interested in international health and infectious disease since starting at Cornell, is also pursuing exciting opportunities in public health. She spent time in Tanzania after her sophomore year, through the Fulbright Hays Group Projects Abroad Program, and then went back after graduating. The second time, she went to conduct mixed methods research in agroecology and infant and young child feeding practices for professors in the Division of Nutritional Sciences and Dept. of Sociology at Cornell. Since returning to the US, she has continued her research in Ithaca, which currently entails data entry and manuscript writing on women's empowerment and social determinants of infant feeding practices in Singida, Tanzania. On top of this, she also works as a gymnastics instructor for elementary school girls in Ithaca, giving her a much-needed break from the life of an academician.

Julio Cabral recently started working for Stone Lion Capital Partners LP in Manhattan as an associate. He is managing their Puerto Rican and Latin American investments by analyzing the capital structure and developing recommendations. When he's not at the office, he runs through Central Park, watches "Shark Tank," and hangs out in the Meatpacking District. A self-proclaimed adrenaline junky, Julio just went skydiving and tries to escape to Miami for a weekend when work permits.

Down in Washington, DC, **Jen Ditzell** is the chorus manager and assistant to the artistic director for the Choral Arts Society of Washington, a 180-member symphonic choir that performs regularly at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. She reports to Scott Tucker, whom she sang under when he was the director of the Glee Club and Chorus at Cornell. The choir is regularly featured in the televised D.C. Independence Day celebration, "A Capitol Fourth," and she will be traveling to China with the choir this spring. When she isn't managing that choir, she sings with the Capital Hearings, a 14-member a cappella group that sings a mix of classical, jazz, and pop pieces. She also plays volleyball in a local league! ✉ **Dan Kuhr**, dk453@cornell.edu; **Rachael Schuman**, raschuman@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

14 Hello, Class of 2014—and welcome to our first class column in *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Over the next few years, we (**Samantha Lapehn** and **Tejal Thakkar**) will be writing this column to keep you updated on the happenings and big news of the Class of 2014. We can't do it alone, though! We will be relying on you to relay news to us regarding you or

your classmates, whether you just got a new job, moved to a new city, got married, went on a cool trip, or just want to say hi. Let us know! For our first column, we will be introducing our Alumni Class Council, which will serve our class until our 5th Reunion in 2019.

Our class is led by co-presidents **Ihsan Kabir** and **Wei Yang**. Ihsan was a Physics and Economics major and is currently living in NYC working for SeedInvest. Wei is also living in NYC. She was a History and Government major and now works for Goldman Sachs. Class finances will be handled by our treasurer, **Gregory Braciak**. Greg studied Operations Research and now lives in NYC, where he works for Morgan Stanley. **Jeffrey Reinders** is the class secretary. He majored in Chemical Engineering and lives in Arlington, VA, where he works for Dominican Engineering Inc.

Although we just graduated, our team of reunion chairs is getting all set to plan for our 5th Reunion in June 2019. **Julia Buffinton** majored in Linguistics and is working as a research assistant in the Dept. of Linguistics at U. of Maryland. **Julie Ewing** is currently studying for a master's degree in clinical psychology while working for the NYC Dept. of Education. **Kristen Ewing**, who studied Psych during her time at Cornell, lives in NYC, where she works for Cornell's Alumni Affairs and Development. **Aylin Gucalp** majored in AEM and also lives in NYC, working for Cushman and Wakefield.

If you're looking to become involved in regional 2014 activities, look no further than our 2014 regional reps. **Peter Galbo** will be overseeing all 2014 regional events. Peter majored in AEM and now lives in NYC, where he works for Bank of America Merrill Lynch doing equity research. **Josh Grider** will be heading 2014 regional events in the Atlanta area. Josh was a Communication major and works for Waffle House Corporate as a property manager. **Allison Hellman** will be organizing events for the 2014 NYC residents. Allison majored in Communication and works for United Entertainment Group.

The 2014 website will be managed by **Aliana Heffernan**. Aliana was a Communication and Theatre major and currently works as a paralegal in NYC. **Michael Collaguazo** will act as class historian. Michael majored in Biology and Society and lives in Brooklyn, NY, where he is a member of Americorps for City Year. Our membership chair is **Justin Shamoun**. Justin majored in Nutritional Sciences and now works for News America Marketing in NYC doing marketing and sales.

Do you have questions about how to give to Cornell? If so, talk to one of our three Cornell Annual Fund representatives. **Jennifer Lee** was a Hotelier at Cornell, and now lives in Washington, DC, where she is an analyst at Pebblebrook Hotel Trust. **Dana Lerner** majored in Theatre Arts and is now a development and social media associate at VH Theatrical Development Foundation in NYC. **Kelly Parness** majored in Human Biology Health and Society. She now lives in Highland Mills, NY, and is attending medical school.

It was lots of fun seeing so many classmates return for Homecoming last October! Remember, if you or any other classmates are up to something interesting and you'd like to see your news published in the class column, e-mail either of us at the addresses below, or check out the Online News Form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. ✉ **Tejal Thakkar** (tdt42@cornell.edu), **Samantha Lapehn** (samanthalapehn@gmail.com). CAM Digital Edition, <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

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1930s

'34 BEE—John B. Stewart Jr., Delray Beach, FL, April 9, 2008

'37 BS Ag—Winifred Drake Sayer, Amherst, MA, July 20, 2014

'38, BArch '39—Olof H. Dahlstrand, Monterey, CA, July 17, 2014

'38-40 SP Ag—Ralph G. Poelma, Albion, NY, July 7, 2014

'38—Evelyn Thomas Wood, Roanoke, VA, July 18, 2014

'39 BA—Thomas H. Welch, New York City, August 1, 2014

1940s

'40 BS HE—Esther Clough Bradley, King Ferry, NY, July 6, 2014

'40, BS Ag '41—Mary Durfey Hewitt, Hanover, NH, July 10, 2014

'40 BA—Robert W. Storandt, Ithaca, NY, April 27, 2013

'41 BS Ag—Werner R. Schroeder, Lake Alfred, FL, August 16, 2014

'42 BME—Martin N. Ornitz, Palm Beach Gardens, FL, July 10, 2014

'42, BME '43—Lloyd W. Peelle, Penn Yan, NY, July 31, 2014

'42 BCE—Luis F. Rodriguez-Gelpi, San Juan, PR, January 1, 2009

'43 BA—Mary Stahler Cook, Fayetteville, NY, August 6, 2014

'43 BS Ag—Leland O. Getman, Hannibal, NY, August 21, 2014

'44 B Chem E—A. Landon Baker Jr., Hilton Head Island, SC, July 27, 2014

'44 BS HE—Jeanette Froeber Heiss, Lancaster, NY, July 17, 2014

'45-46 LAW—Garland L. Carnes, Dallas, TX, August 6, 2014

'45—J. Richard Hunter, Tafton, PA, May 13, 2014

'45 BS HE—June Maughan Maclure, Mount Pleasant, SC, July 26, 2014

'45, BCE '48—Kenneth G. Woodward, Pittsford, NY, July 6, 2014

'46 BS Hotel—Jane Ingram Fye, Colorado Springs, CO, July 25, 2014

'46 BA—Stuart C. Hackett, Glen Ellyn, IL, October 17, 2012

'46, BA '45—Florence Bronsky Hochron, Coral Springs, FL, July 14, 2014

'46 GR—Margaret Tellor Mills, Cold Spring, NY, August 16, 2014

'46—Kenneth G. Trainor, West Leyden, NY, July 7, 2014

'46 BEE, MEE '47—George R. Utting, Melbourne, FL, August 4, 2014

'46 BS HE—Doris Ticknor Van Vleet, Richmond, IN, August 5, 2014

'47 BS Ag—Dorothy E. Benson, North Tonawanda, NY, August 11, 2014

'47 BA—William J. Gerardi, Severna Park, MD, July 14, 2014

'47 BME—Robert C. Reese, McKinney, TX, July 16, 2014

'48 BA, MD '52—John U. Lanman, Munster, IN, August 4, 2014

'48, BS HE '55—Nancy Patterson Ruckes, Eugene, OR, April 26, 2014

'48 MS, PhD '52—Sung-Yuen Wong, Canoga Park, CA, May 4, 2013

'48 MD—Joseph A. Worrall Jr., Lakewood, WA, July 13, 2014

'49 BA—Laura Eastman Carpentier, Lake Forest, IL, July 30, 2014

'49-51 Ag—Edward F. DePiazzy, Wake Forest, NC, July 9, 2014

'49 DVM—Bruce R. Dickinson, Little Elm, TX, August 6, 2014

'49 MBA—Sheldon H. Ehrenpreis, Scranton, PA, July 13, 2014

'49 MS—David R. Kent Jr., Fort Worth, TX, July 30, 2014

'49 BS ORIE—Charles Logdon, Herbertsville, NJ, November 7, 2012

'49 MS AEP—George F. Pieper Jr., Atlantic Beach, FL, Nov. 12, 2011

'49 BEE—Don D. Ward, Leesburg, FL, July 31, 2014

1950s

'50 BS Ag—Harlo P. Beals Jr., Cooperstown, NY, July 28, 2014

'50 BA—Jean Pirnie Clements, Saratoga Springs, NY, November 21, 2011

'50 BS Nurs—Faith G. Emerson, Shelburne, VT, July 10, 2014

'50 BA—Jean Thomas Herrington, Morongo Valley, CA, August 15, 2014

'50—Shirley Williams Hill, Elbridge, NY, August 19, 2014

'50 BS Ag, MNS '51—Frederick W. Lengemann, Rome, PA, Oct. 2, 2013

'50 BS ILR—Frederick M. MacGregor Jr., Sarasota, FL, August 19, 2014

'50 BA—David L. Mayer, Skillman, NJ, January 20, 2013

'50, BCE '52—Peter T. Taussig, Canandaigua, NY, July 23, 2014

'50 BME—Charles P. Yohn, Pittsboro, NC, August 8, 2014

'51 BS Ag—Wendell E. Chamberlain, Belfast, NY, July 31, 2014

'51 JD—James M. Coleman Jr., Valley Stream, NY, April 12, 2014

'51, BS Ag '52—Eric B. Outwater, Quakertown, PA, August 4, 2014

'51 BS Ag—Robert W. Parsons, Rogers City, MI, June 7, 2014

'51—Roy W. Roberts Jr., Cupertino, CA, September 8, 2013

'51 BS HE—Myra Weber Wolcott, Sandy Spring, MD, November 18, 2013

'51 BA—E-An Zen, Reston, VA, March 29, 2014

'52, BEE '53—J. Kraig Brigden Jr., Torrance, CA, June 27, 2014

'52 BS Ag—Richard C. Call, Batavia, NY, August 2, 2014

'52 BA—Virginia Brokaw Gerhardtstein, Mansfield, OH, July 14, 2014

'52 B Chem E—Irwin Margiloff, Duarte, CA, July 25, 2014

'52 BS Ag—Raymond C. Nichols, Alexandria, VA, June 19, 2014

'52 BS Ag, MS Ag '56—Kirkwood E. Personius, Rochester, NY,

July 11, 2014

'52 BS Nurs—Claire Greisen Rivers, Montpelier, VT, December 2, 2013

'52 BA, LLB '55—Loren J. Rivers, Montpelier, VT, July 26, 2014

'52 BS HE—Elaine Rose Ruderman, San Diego, CA, July 20, 2014

'52 BA, MD '56—John E. Sinning Jr., Davenport, IA, August 22, 2014

'53 BS Ag, MS Ag '58—David P. Dirksen, Monroe, OH, August 1, 2014

'53, BME '54—Paul J. Downey, San Rafael, CA, June 4, 2014

'53 BS HE—Jean Jensen Remington, Henrico, VA, July 25, 2014

'53 BS Nurs—Mary Bernet Roller, San Pedro, CA, August 24, 2012

'54 PhD—William S. Anderson Jr., Williamstown, MA, July 16, 2014

'54 BA, MBA '55—Charles H. Bibbins, Maplewood, NJ, August 20, 2014

'54 MEd—Lyyli Cox Brown, Sharon, MA, August 7, 2014

'54 MA—Langdon Elsbree, Claremont, CA, June 21, 2014

'54—Ellen McCully Fitzsimmons, West Richland, WA, June 27, 2014

'54—Norman E. Green, Binghamton, NY, July 6, 2014

'54 PhD—Ruth Ingalls Morrison, Lakeland, FL, July 18, 2014

'55—Henry A. Becker, Shaker Heights, OH, April 15, 2013

'55—John Y. Doty, Seneca, SC, May 31, 2013

'55 BS Hotel—Robert J. Gurnick, Dayton, OH, August 11, 2014

'55 MD—William D. Horrigan, Isle La Motte, VT, July 23, 2014

'55-57 SP Ag—Robert O. Perry, Owego, NY, August 1, 2014

'55 PhD—Richard J. Quinton, Forest, VA, June 22, 2014

'55 BS Hotel—Leo Spier, Berkeley, CA, November 11, 2013

'55 MS Ag, PhD '59—Robert D. Stevens, North Andover, MA,
July 10, 2014

'55, BS Ag '56—Carl H. Young Jr., Coral Gables, FL, July 9, 2014

'56 PhD—Robinson S. Abbott, Morris, MN, July 5, 2014

'56 BA—Jean Harris Offenberger, La Habra Heights, CA, April 2, 2013

'56 BS Ag—James W. O'Neil, Rotterdam Junction, NY, August 15, 2014
'56 BEE—John R. Peaslee, Washington, DC, August 5, 2014

'57 BA, MD '61—Sergio E. Betancourt, Newton, MA, July 31, 2014
'57 MD—John W. Casper, Idaho Falls, ID, July 18, 2014
'57, BS ILR '61—Henry M. Doebler, Easton, MD, August 5, 2014
'57 MS, PhD '59—Sydney T. Fisher, Ewing, NJ, July 14, 2014
'57 BS Ag—Richard E. Keene, Gilbertsville, NY, July 25, 2014
'57—Carol Kalb Korn, Bloomingdale, NJ, March 29, 2014
'57 BS Nurs—Barbara Calnero Waters, Utica, NY, July 12, 2014

'58 BS Ag—William N. Bement, Lansing, NY, August 15, 2014
'58 PhD—Bertram G. Dick Jr., Salt Lake City, UT, July 18, 2014
'58 BS ILR—Maurice J. Duggan, Bridgeton, NC, August 9, 2014
'58 MS Ag—Walter S. Murawski, Lebanon, NJ, August 10, 2014
'58 BS Ag—Robert E. Purcell, Crystal River, FL, July 21, 2014
'58 PhD—William F. Railing, Waynesboro, PA, August 14, 2014

'59, BME '60, MBA '65—Paul J. McCarthy, Pittsboro, NC, August 13, 2014

1960s

'60, BArch '61—Robert A. Boehlecke Jr., Ithaca, NY, Dec. 31, 2012
'60, BS ILR '62—Kenneth D. Hagood, Long Island City, NY,
May 11, 2014
'60 BS Ag—John D. Kinyon Sr., Holly Springs, NC, July 13, 2014
'60 MEd—Paul E. Owen, Horseheads, NY, July 17, 2014
'60, BS Ag '64—H. Robert Page, Troy, VA, July 8, 2014
'60 MILR—Carl G. Tiedemann, Hilton Head, SC, July 29, 2014

'61 PhD—Benjamin A. Foote, Kent, OH, July 6, 2014
'61 MS—John H. Holland, Hertford, NC, August 1, 2014
'61 MD—Robert F. Lindberg, Ketchum, ID, April 30, 2013
'61 MEd—Elizabeth Flowers Ritter, Clarksville, TN, July 28, 2014
'61—Fred R. Whaley Jr., Stockton Springs, ME, August 17, 2014

'62 MD—A. Mason Ahearn, Georgetown, SC, July 25, 2014
'62 BA—Maureen McGuire Myers, Lexington, MA, July 12, 2014
'62 BS HE—Susan Volpert Stein, Greenwich, CT, July 29, 2014
'62 BS Nurs—Carol A. Toth, Meriden, CT, July 23, 2014

'63 BA—Kathleen Mahaney Dodge, Palmetto, FL, July 3, 2014
'63 EdD—Clifford R. Josephson, Ormond Beach, FL, July 14, 2014
'63 BS HE—Nancy Warde Kuphal, Edina, MN, April 30, 2014
'63—Jerome C. Lawrence, East New Market, MD, July 8, 2014

'64 BS Ag—Dale H. DeBrine, Seven Lakes, NC, July 6, 2014
'64 BS HE—Barbara Bresnick Khurana, Olena, CA, August 7, 2014
'64 BS ILR, MBA '66—Lincoln V. Lewis, Charlottesville, VA, July 26, 2014
'64 BA—Carey M. Rosenthal, Newtown Square, PA, July 30, 2014

'65 MST, PhD '75—H. David Chamberlain, Weslaco, TX, July 9, 2014
'65—Peter D. Van Wieren, Alpharetta, GA, August 2, 2014

'66—Helen Perry Egger, Towson, MD, July 30, 2014

'67 BA—William J. Bruckel, Severna Park, MD, July 17, 2014

'68 BS Nurs—Karen Edgar Beauchamp, Virginia Beach, VA, August 6, 2014
'68 BS Hotel, MBA '70—William D. Cromwell, East Aurora, NY,
July 17, 2014
'68, BEE '69—Martin D. Fox, Storrs Mansfield, CT, July 13, 2014

'69 BA—Eugene C. Batchelar III, Wheaton, IL, August 20, 2014
'69 BA—Morris H. Goodman, Detroit, MI, August 1, 2014
'69 EdD—Isaiah Reid, Columbia, SC, August 17, 2014

1970s

'70 MBA—Robert G. Blood, Minneapolis, MN, July 17, 2014

'70 BS HE—Susy Erickson, Oak View, CA, June 15, 2013
'70 BS Ag, MAT '73—Linda A. Jackson, Mason, MI, July 29, 2014
'70 MBA—Bryan J. Lanahan, Big Flats, NY, July 30, 2014
'70 BA—Howard N. Robkoff, Naperville, IL, October 12, 2013

'72 MS HE—Marjorie L. Hill, Haddonfield, NJ, August 5, 2014
'72 MBA—James R. Jacks, Studio City, CA, January 20, 2014

'74 M Chem E—Hai H. Nguyen, Cedar Park, TX, April 8, 2014

'75 BS Ag—Ronald E. Aldrich, Summerville, SC, July 19, 2014
'75 JD—Richard C. Stewart II, Liberty, OH, July 12, 2014
'75 MS ILR, PhD '81—Richard M. Weiss, Wilmington, DE, July 16, 2014

'76 BS Ag—Stephen W. Lally, Binghamton, NY, August 3, 2014
'76 MS HE—Valorie Rogers Sharpe, Bluffton, SC, July 15, 2014

'78 BA—Anne B. Adams, Ithaca, NY, August 16, 2014
'78 BA—Bella Siau Parker, South Stoke, UK, February 26, 2014

'79 BA—Aubrey Charasz, Yonkers, NY, March 21, 2013
'79 MPA—Jose N. Endriga, Quezon City, Philippines, January 22, 2011
'79 BCE, MCE '80—Henry C. Hines, Bethel, CT, August 23, 2014
'79 PhD—David W. Woodard, Ithaca, NY, November 9, 2012

1980s

'80 MBA—M. Craig Kelley, Stamford, CT, July 18, 2014
'80 BA—Helen P. Papastrat, Vestal, NY, July 15, 2014

'81 BS Ag—Patrick F. Brown, Champaign, IL, July 10, 2014

'83 BA—Karl E. Westhauser, Montgomery, AL, August 15, 2014

'84 BS Hotel—Daniel R. Hayli, Casablanca, Morocco, July 7, 2013

'85 BS ORIE—Terrence A. Austin, San Mateo, CA, July 30, 2014
'85 BA—Maryclare Wergin Flannery, Cohasset, MA, July 18, 2014

'86—Richard G. Bosman, Trumansburg, NY, July 26, 2014
'86 JD—Eli W. Gould, San Francisco, CA, August 2, 2014
'86 BA—Joseph S. Wickham, Simi Valley, CA, August 16, 2014

'87 MS HE, PhD '90—Kay Buttleman Forest, Sycamore, IL,
August 19, 2014

'88 BA—David G. Foley, Pacific Grove, CA, December 8, 2013
'88 BA—Sreedhar Gaddipati, New York City, August 7, 2013

'89 BS Ag—Jeanne Ann Carlson, Lovettsville, VA, July 9, 2014

1990s

'90 BS Ag, MAT '93—Kathy Druckman Berggren, Ithaca, NY,
July 24, 2014
'90 BS Hotel, MS Hotel '93—JoAnn Carmin, Cambridge, MA,
July 15, 2014

'95 BS Hotel—Monet Caputy Armenia, South Orange, NJ, July 19, 2014

'98 PhD—James L. Goodson Jr., Bloomington, IN, August 14, 2014

2000s

'00 BS Hotel—Eric "Jamie" Schou, Truckee, CA, July 12, 2014

'05 BS Hotel—Matthew S. Bendik, Los Angeles, CA, July 10, 2014

'08 MPS—Derrick Jordan, Bronx, NY, July 22, 2014

2010s

'11 BS, ME '12—Stuart T. Davis, Berkeley, CA, May 22, 2014

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Full Circle

Forty-five years later,
a class ring comes home

Jeffrey Falkin '65 was merging onto a highway outside Washington, D.C., in rush-hour traffic when he was rear-ended. He wasn't hurt, but his car was totaled—and his Cornell class ring, which had been a bit loose to begin with, flew off his finger. Later he went back to look for it, to no avail. "I couldn't find it, and gave up," he says. "I figured it was lost forever."

Flash forward forty-five years. The ring, lost in 1969, is back on Falkin's finger, having taken a circuitous route through the South. Where it was all these years is a bit of a mystery.

Falkin owes the reunion to one Virginia Babb, a ninety-year-old resident of Bradenton, Florida. The ring, Babb explains, was found among the possessions of her late ex-son-in-law, an avid collector. A while back she decided it would be nice to return it to its owner, and last June she enlisted her grandson, a student at Wheaton College, to help her contact the University. ("I'm not too technology-savvy," Babb admits.) He sent an e-mail with photos, and Alumni Affairs was quickly able to match the inscription to a member of the Class of '65: Falkin, a retired attorney and ILR alum. Staffer Lauren Morgenstern left phone messages, did some Google sleuthing, and months later got a reply. It turned out that Falkin—who splits his time between downtown Philadelphia and Delray Beach, Florida—hadn't checked his voicemail at the southern residence. "When he called back it was so exciting—he was so amazed and happy," Morgenstern recalls. "I told him, 'You've got to come to your 50th Reunion now. It's a sign.'"



Babb cleaned the ring and mailed it to Falkin in Philly; he sent a small honorarium by way of thanks. "It still fits," he says. "Actually, it fits better." One curious fact: it shows considerably more wear than when Falkin lost it, so someone (not, Babb says, her relative) must've worn it regularly. "You wonder where it was and what happened to it during the last forty-five years," Falkin muses. Says Morgenstern: "If the ring could talk, that would be a good story."



DEREK BABB

Band on the run: More than four decades after Jeffrey Falkin '65 (seen at left in the 1965 *Cornellian*) lost his class ring, a ninety-year-old Floridian returned it to him.

Such happy ending tales are one reason why Judy Shekell, Cornell's longtime sales rep with the class ring company Balfour, recommends that buyers have their full names engraved inside—or, at the very least, their initials. Rings remain popular with Big Red grads, she says, and Balfour (the University's official supplier) continues to do a brisk business through the Cornell Store and at Reunion. Styles range from a simple signet to a vintage model known as the A.D. White—featuring a flat, square stone embossed with a "C"—to the familiar class ring with a faceted stone, dubbed the Legend. "It shows your alliance with your school," Shekell says. "You want to show the world that you're part of the Cornell community and you're proud of it. You can't wear your diploma—so why not a beautiful ring?"

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