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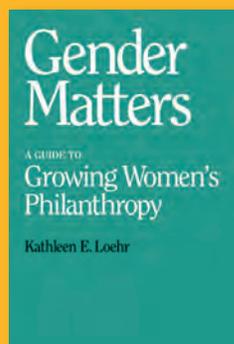
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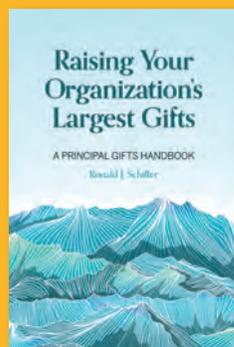
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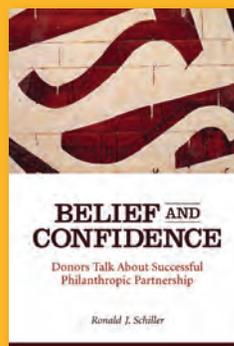
New research shows that women are the drivers of their families' philanthropic decisions. In this new book, the author focuses on the specific individual, team, and organizational adaptations necessary to increase philanthropic support from women. Loehr breaks through ingrained fundraising behaviors and blind spots that are preventing fundraising teams from reaching new levels of growth in women's philanthropy.

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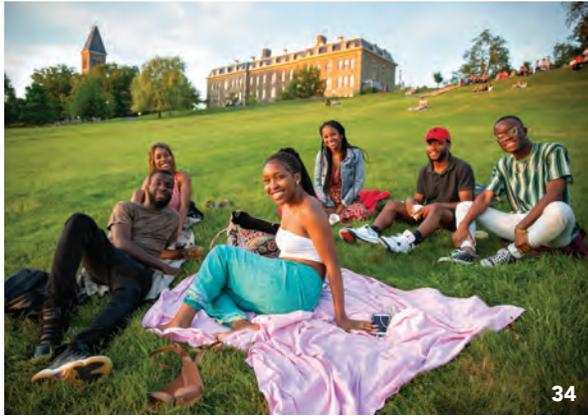
For most organizations, the giving decisions of a small number of philanthropic partners determine the organization's overall scale of accomplishment and extent of mission fulfillment. Accordingly, this book argues that while organizational leaders must of course fulfill varied responsibilities for engaging all donors, they should be particularly intentional about allocating time, energy, and other resources in a disciplined effort focused on that small group of potential philanthropic partners.



*Belief and Confidence* is written for philanthropically minded individuals and families, and for all nonprofit leaders who want to experience the joy and satisfaction of engaging with philanthropists. While informed by the author's own experience, this book's lessons come primarily from highly active board members and donors who share details of their most satisfying transformational and major gift experiences.

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## 46 Collectors' Items

In a storage facility located some fifty feet below the Arts Quad, Cornell's Rare and Manuscript Collections houses materials essential to scholarship, to the University, and to history itself. Part of Kroch Library, the climate-controlled vault boasts more than thirty miles of shelving containing 500,000 rare books and more than 80 million manuscripts, as well as another million photographs, prints, objects, and other media. CAM offers a photographic tour of some two dozen of those holdings—from a millennia-old cuneiform tablet to a signed first edition of *Tender is the Night* to a Florida voting machine from the 2000 Bush-versus-Gore presidential election that generated some of the race's infamous "hanging chads."

## 58 A Sea of Troubles

Marine ecologist Drew Harvell has devoted her career to studying the myriad threats to the ocean's fragile ecosystem, with the aim of finding ways to protect it. Her work on how plastic waste spreads disease in coral reefs garnered worldwide headlines last year, even getting a shout-out from the U.K.'s Prince Charles. Her new book, *Ocean Outbreak*, explores how climate change has fueled disease in creatures such as starfish, coral, and salmon. "This warming, coupled with a lot of other things that have been going on in the ocean, is giving the edge to the microbes, who can evolve and grow so much faster in warmer waters," Harvell says. "So we're tipping the balance—and man, are these microorganisms capable of taking advantage of it."

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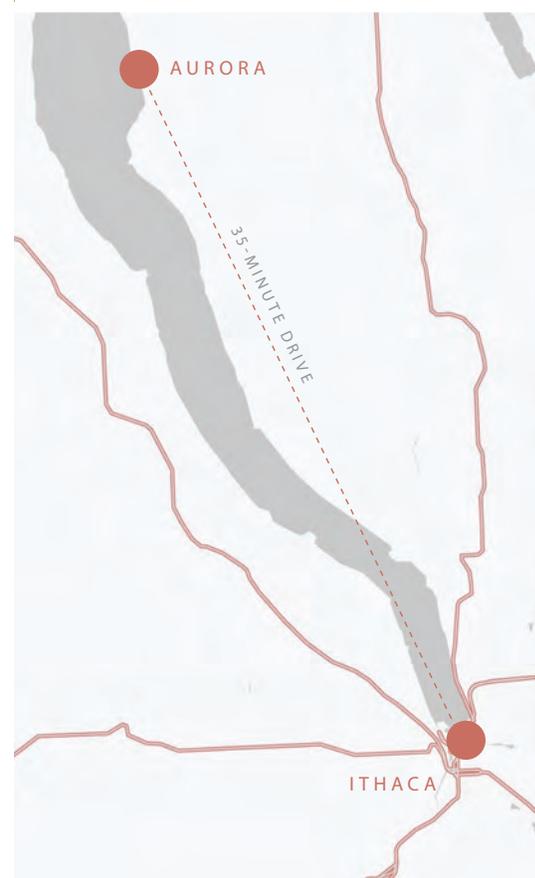
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Signed into law by Abraham Lincoln, the Morrill Act was a farsighted effort to expand educational opportunities across an ambitious and rapidly advancing society. Colleges at the time were mostly sectarian, catering to the sons of the privileged, and their curricula focused on the classics, with little emphasis on practical fields of study. But as America evolved from a predominantly rural, agrarian nation to one that was increasingly industrialized and urban, the need for a more educated population, able to meet the challenges of a changing world, became clear.

The Morrill Act was Congress’s answer to that need. It provided for “at least one college in each state where the leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific or classical studies, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts [engineering] . . . in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes.” Vitally, the stated goal was not simply to provide a technical education for America’s future workers, but to promote higher education, across all fields of study, in order to advance society at large. It was the beginning of the land-grant mission that has defined Cornell for 154 years: the combination of the theoretical with the practical, in pursuit of knowledge with a public purpose.

Since Cornell was chartered, “knowledge with a public purpose” has taken on many of the forms the Morrill Act’s architects planned, as well as many more they could never have dreamed. Our plant breeders have introduced more than 280 new fruit varieties, including sixty-six kinds of apples and more than thirty kinds of grapes. Today, nearly every Thanksgiving table in America is graced by turkeys improved by

poultry breeding research at Cornell, just as lunchroom tables across America are graced by the humbler, but no less beloved, innovation of Professor Robert Baker ’43: the chicken nugget. The next time you drink a glass of milk, remember Alice Catherine Evans 1909, whose work in bacteriology led to the widespread pasteurization of milk. If you are at this moment reading CAM while enjoying the benefits of air-conditioning, you can thank Willis Carrier 1901, who invented it. Gregory Pincus ’24 developed the oral contraceptive; Wilson Greatbatch ’50 designed the implantable pacemaker; Weill Cornell Medicine’s Dr. George Papanicolaou invented the Pap smear. And all over the world, people have been indebted to Harry Coover, PhD ’44, for his lasting contribution to both emergency medicine and emergency repairs: Super Glue.

The work of Cornellians has extended into nearly every area of human exploration and endeavor, from the very small to the impossibly vast: work with young children by Professor Urie Bronfenbrenner ’38 led to the Head Start program, while Professor Carl Sagan’s “Cosmos” became

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the most widely watched PBS series in the world. Cornellian creativity, whether in the form of the novels of Toni Morrison, MA ’55, the Pulitzer-honored music of Professor Steven Stucky, MFA ’73, DMA ’78, or the classic *The Elements of Style* (by Professor William Strunk Jr., PhD 1896, and his student E.B. White ’21), has stirred the souls of countless readers and listeners, of every age and background.

Perhaps the most visionary element of the Morrill Act was the decision to place no limits on what could be taught at a land-grant institution, or who could learn at one. As a result, generations of students and scholars at Cornell have been able to learn, teach, create, innovate, and share—for themselves, and for the needs of their own times—knowledge for a public purpose. ■

— Martha E. Pollack  
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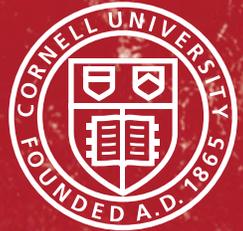
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# From the Hill



## Blue Skies for 151st Commencement

A century and a half after Cornell held its first commencement—conferring eight degrees in 1869—President Martha Pollack presided over a ceremony celebrating the accomplishments of some 5,500 graduates before an audience of 22,000. In her address in Schoellkopf Field (above), Pollack cited Ezra’s pledge to “found an institution where any person can find instruction in any study.” Said Pollack: “Even today, those words sound incredibly ambitious. But back then, they were downright revolutionary: the rallying cry of a university designed to change not just the lives of its students, but the future of our nation.”

The previous night, “Science Guy” Bill Nye ‘77 (middle right) gave the Convocation talk in Schoellkopf—recalling his own experiences as an undergrad (which included playing ultimate Frisbee and studying astronomy under Carl Sagan) and encouraging the graduates to make a difference. “When it comes to changing the world, don’t be scared. Don’t freak out,” said Nye, who’d made headlines the week before with an appearance on HBO’s “Last Week Tonight with John Oliver,” employing a blowtorch and some salty language to emphasize the dangers of climate change. “That fear can stop you cold, but don’t let it. As we say in the theater and on television, take that fear and turn it into excitement. You’re graduates of Cornell University, for crying out loud.”

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## CU to Cover Event Security Fees

At Cornell and other campuses around the country, the costs of covering security for student-sponsored events featuring potentially controversial speakers has become a contentious issue. Last spring—reversing an earlier decision to require student groups to cover those costs, which was met with outcry and suspended—the University announced that it will provide up to \$8,000 per event. “This will allow student groups to have large and small events to promote the free exchange of ideas,” says Ryan Lombardi, vice president for student and campus life, “which is a hallmark of our university.” At Cornell and elsewhere, the security issue has mainly involved conservative speakers—such as a November 2016 talk by former U.S. Senator Rick Santorum hosted by Cornell Republicans—whose appearances have been disrupted by hecklers or threats of protest.

## ‘Pei knew when a building needed to be exuberant and when it needed to whisper.’

— Architecture chair **Andrea Simitch '79** on I.M. Pei, designer of many prominent buildings including Cornell’s Johnson Museum, who passed away in May at age 102

## Cornell Tech Dean Named



The dean of Cornell’s Faculty of Computing and Information Science (CIS) will serve as the second-ever dean of Cornell Tech. Greg Morrisett (left), an expert in software security, was named to a five-year term starting August 1. “Greg is highly respected for his academic accomplishments, and has also built connections to industry and government leaders and fostered entrepreneurship at CIS,” says Provost Michael Kotlikoff, “critical attributes for the next leader of Cornell Tech.” Morrisett succeeds Dan Huttenlocher, the Tech campus’s founding dean. Until a permanent successor to Morrisett is hired, computer science professor Jon Kleinberg '93 will serve as interim CIS dean. “As New York City becomes an increasingly important technology hub, we want to help make sure it’s inclusive, is representative of a broad range of disciplines, and avoids some of the problems we’ve seen emerge as technology becomes more and more central to our lives,” Morrisett says. “We need to teach students to develop not just the new cutting-edge stuff, but to think in an ethically robust fashion—not just developing technology for technology’s sake, but doing it in a way that moves society forward.”

# R + D

After studying decades of data, earth and atmospheric sciences professor Toby Ault and colleagues predict that climate change-induced heat stress—rather than drought—will be the primary factor in reducing yields of U.S. crops, such as wheat, later this century.



In a discovery that could inform the fight against so-called “superbugs,” food science researchers have identified a gene in salmonella that confers resistance to colistin—a “last-resort” antibiotic that’s becoming less effective because some pathogens have evolved defenses to it.

Computer scientists have developed an alternative to the costly roof-mounted laser sensors that autonomous cars currently use to detect objects. Their method, which employs inexpensive cameras on either side of the windshield, can “see” objects with nearly the same accuracy at a fraction of the cost.



Using 12,000 photos of human embryos, researchers at the Medical College have trained an artificial intelligence algorithm to evaluate which are most likely to lead to successful pregnancies—offering a potential boon to assisted reproduction by guiding physicians as to which embryos to implant.



**FAMILY AFFAIR:** Alumni—and some potential future Cornellians—enjoyed the beauty of East Hill during Reunion 2019. For more on the weekend’s festivities, see photos starting on page 34.



**FUN IN THE SUN:** Slope Day 2019 featured music, food, and the release of Cornell Dairy's latest student-made flavor: Churriosity, cinnamon-sugar ice cream with a chocolate swirl.

## Heroic Effort



With just a week's advance notice, linguistics grad students Ryan Hearn (left) and Joseph Rhyne created an alien language for which recent movie?

- a) *Avengers: Endgame*
- b) *X-Men: Dark Phoenix*
- c) *Captain Marvel*
- d) *Godzilla: King of the Monsters*

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**'I don't think I can fully convey how meaningful it was for me as an immigrant and refugee.'**

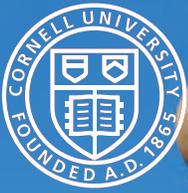
— American studies professor **Maria Cristina Garcia**, whose family emigrated from Cuba when she was a child, on her contributions to designing the new Statue of Liberty Museum

## Did You Know...



That a CU alum helped fight the Notre Dame fire? Attorney Frank Langrais, JD '17 (left), is a volunteer with a fire-and-rescue service outside Paris. During his Cornell days he volunteered with the Cayuga Heights Fire Department.

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CAU faculty guide **Eric Tagliacozzo**, Director of Cornell's Comparative Muslim Societies, specializes in Islam around the world and in the history of waterways and international commerce. Eric has written and edited numerous books about the cultural implications of trade between Asia, the Near-East, and Africa.



## Give My Regards to . . . These Cornellians in the news



**Wendy Raymond '82** (left), named president of Haverford College.

**Community Learning and Service Partnership**, which pairs student mentors with Cornell staffers who want to improve their skills in such areas as writing and math, winner of the twenty-fifth annual Perkins Prize for Interracial and Intercultural Peace and Harmony.

**Ahmed Ahmed '17** (right), a Rhodes Scholar and rising first-year med student who was born in a Kenyan refugee camp after his parents fled violence in their native Somalia, winner of a Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans, which provides \$90,000 for graduate study.



Government professor **Suzanne Mettler, PhD '94**, an expert in democratic institutions, winner of a Guggenheim fellowship.

Billionaire **Robert Smith '85** (below left), who made headlines in May when he pledged to cover all the student loan debt for the Class of 2019 at Morehouse College, an all-male, historically black school in Atlanta.



Novelist **Toni Morrison, MA '55**, winner of a gold medal from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the organization's highest honor for excellence in the arts.

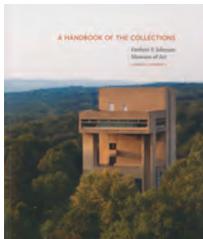


**DEDICATED DUO:** After identical twin physicians Brandi Jackson '10 (left) and Brittani Jackson '10 wrote to Ellen DeGeneres describing their devotion to treating underserved communities in Chicago, the TV host surprised them with an appearance on her daytime talk show—and a pair of checks for \$25,000. The sisters founded [medlikeme.com](http://medlikeme.com), a website that encourages people from underrepresented groups to pursue careers in healthcare.

### Website Chronicles Early Asian Alumni

A new website documents the achievements of the University's early alumni from Asia. The ongoing effort, which can be found at [cornellasianalumni.com](http://cornellasianalumni.com), includes a timeline, an alumni index, and brief profiles of notable Big Red graduates from Japan, China, India, the Philippines, and more.

### Johnson Museum Publishes Updated Guide to Its Collection



The Johnson Museum has released a new guide to its holdings, the third in its history. The 352-page softcover succeeds an edition released in 1998, the museum's twenty-fifth anniversary. The latest version showcases some 300 artworks—drawn from the museum's collection of nearly 40,000—including pieces by Rembrandt van Rijn, Pablo Picasso, Andy Warhol, and Georgia O'Keeffe. "Typically, most museum handbooks organize objects by culture," notes Ellen Avril, chief curator and curator of Asian art, who co-wrote the handbook's introductory essay. "Instead, by choosing to take a more or less chronological approach with our collection, we hope that readers will make some fascinating and unexpected discoveries about what artists globally were achieving at the same time." Priced at \$45, the book is available at the Johnson and online at [museum.cornell.edu](http://museum.cornell.edu).

**'The good that you will do will affect others in ways that are not abstract, but concrete; not theoretical, but exquisitely and profoundly human.'**

— **President Martha Pollack**, addressing the graduates at the Medical College's Commencement in Carnegie Hall in May

### Provost to Serve Second Term



Michael Kotlikoff (left) has been named to a second five-year term as University provost, effective July 2020. Previously dean of the Vet college, where he's a professor of molecular physiology, Kotlikoff served as interim president during the illness of then-President Elizabeth Garrett, who passed away in 2016. His key initiatives as provost have included expanding funding for recruitment of diverse faculty, spearheading a review of the social sciences at Cornell, and launching "Radical Collaboration Drives Discovery," which supports research in eight cross-disciplinary areas that bridge the Ithaca and New York City campuses.

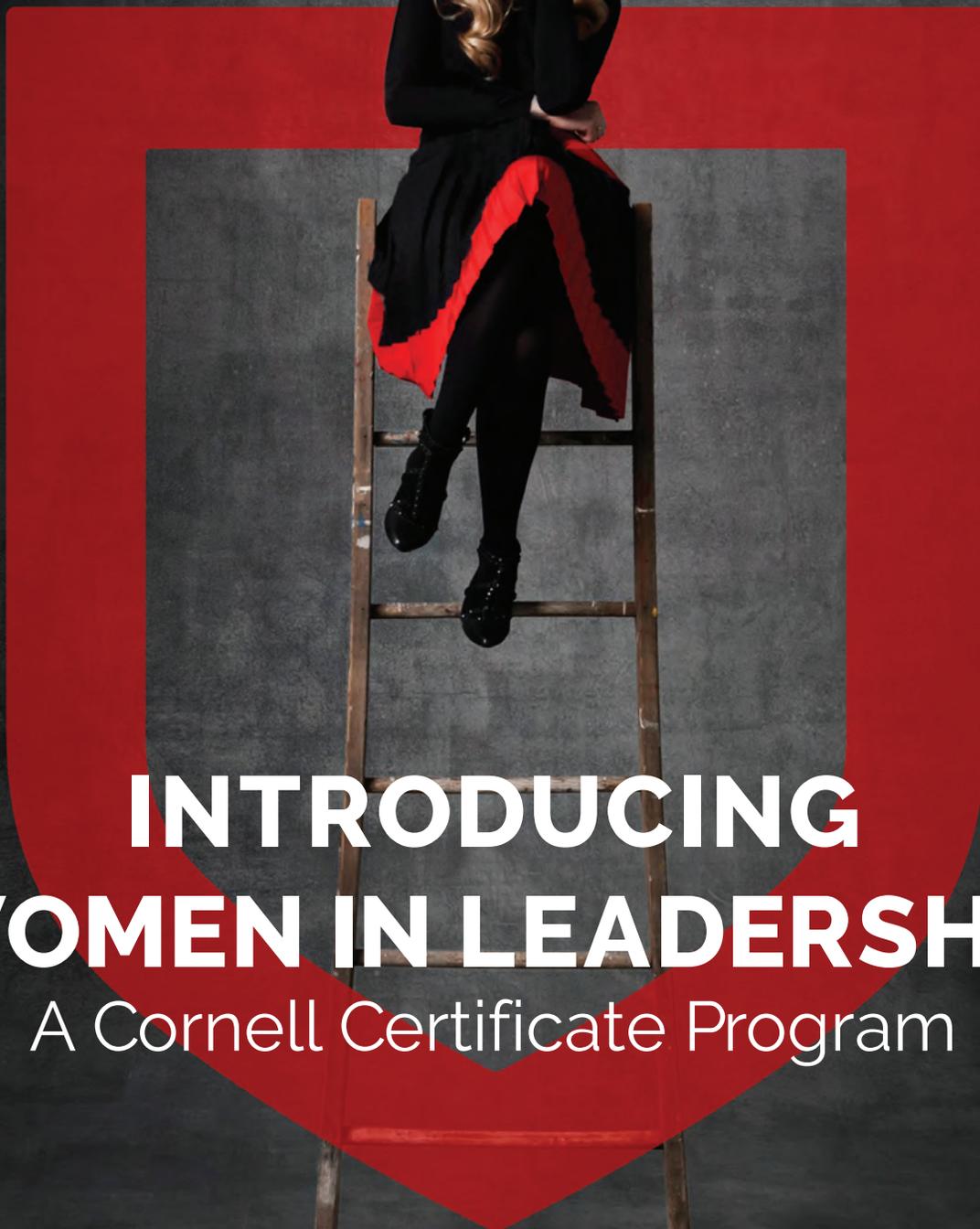
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A woman with long, wavy blonde hair is sitting on a wooden ladder. She is wearing a black long-sleeved top and a black skirt with a prominent red ruffled hem. She is looking upwards and to the right with a thoughtful expression, her hand resting on her chin. The ladder is positioned in front of a dark grey background. A large, semi-transparent red shield shape is overlaid on the image, framing the woman and the text below.

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## HUNGER PANGS

On the Hill and elsewhere, there's growing awareness that some college students can't afford to feed themselves

**F**or much of his Cornell career, information science major Samuel Williams '19 didn't get enough to eat. It wasn't because he habitually slept through breakfast or studied through dinner. Williams skipped meals because he had tuition bills—not to mention the cost of textbooks, rent, and other expenses—to pay first. "If you don't have money," he puts it simply, "you can't get as many meals as you need." >

ON THE SHELVES: A food pantry housed in Anabel Taylor Hall offers packaged goods, premade sandwiches, and more.



**FILLING FARE:** Student volunteers at Cornell's Bread N Butter food pantry lay out donations of prepared meals.

Unfortunately, experiences like Williams's aren't rare. Thousands of college students around the country identify as "food insecure," meaning that they don't have enough to eat on a daily basis. An April 2019 survey by Temple University asked students from more than 100 schools, including community colleges and four-year universities, if they'd experienced food insecurity within the previous month; 45 percent said yes. On the Hill, a 2017 student life survey posed a similar question—and a third of Cornell undergraduates admitted to skipping meals or not getting enough to eat because of financial constraints. It's an issue that has been making headlines nationwide: in April 2018, the *Washington Post* called student hunger "the hidden crisis on college campuses," while a *New York Times* headline this past May posed a poignant query: "Tuition or Dinner?"

Over the past few years, several initiatives have been launched at Cornell to combat student food insecurity. As Shakima Clency, an associate dean of students, noted in the *Cornell Chronicle* in January, it's a complex problem that can be intertwined with other challenges, such as housing or transportation constraints—and it can have a negative impact on student performance. "Food insecurity also can cause other issues," said Clency, director of first-generation and low-income student support, "such as sleeping in class, being unable to concentrate, or struggling to complete assignments."

One of the most high-profile efforts to address food insecurity on the Hill was conceived in 2015, when two undergrad

members of the Student Assembly proposed establishing a student-run grocery store on campus. "They became increasingly aware that some students at Cornell weren't eating three meals a day," says Anke Wessels, executive director of the Center for Transformative Action, a University-affiliated nonprofit that supported the project, "because they couldn't afford to." Located in Anabel Taylor Hall, the store—dubbed Anabel's Grocery—was aimed at giving students access to affordable and nutritious food without driving or taking the bus. It opened in fall 2017 and ran for three semesters, stocked with fresh produce, canned goods, and more. While it encountered some logistical and

**In a 2017 student life survey, a third of Cornell undergraduates admitted to skipping meals or not getting enough to eat because of financial constraints.**

financial hurdles that shuttered it for spring 2019, it will return this fall with a revamped format, including being open three days a week (instead of six) and keeping prices low by buying products like beans, grains, and spices in bulk.

Also in 2015, an undergrad created a now-thriving text message "group chat" to alert users to free food on campus—everything from hors d'oeuvres laid out for a corporate recruitment event to pizza left over from a department party to groceries being given away before students leave for break. Most people joined to cadge free snacks once in a while, but >



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some—like Williams, who routinely searched for evening events where he could score dinner—relied on the chat to keep from going hungry. This past academic year, it swelled in popularity, approaching 4,000 members. “It’s not going to address the large-scale food insecurity problem,” says Moriah Adeghe ’21, the chat’s current moderator, “but it at least tries to quell it to a certain degree.”

Among the roughly 2,000 Cornellians who joined the chat in 2018–19 was Gloria Coicou, a grad student studying for a dual master’s degree in health administration and public administration. Coicou had experienced food insecurity first-hand—including visiting a food pantry in downtown Ithaca—while studying full time and raising her son, now seven. As she puts it: “I’m one of those people who struggle with deciding, do I want to eat or put gas in my car?” Seeing that other students were in the same situation, Coicou was inspired to start an on-campus food pantry last fall—operating first out of her car and later in the space left vacant during Anabel’s hiatus. Called Bread N Butter, it gleans its inventory from food banks, grocery store surplus, donation bins on campus, and other sources—offering produce, dairy products, baked goods, premade sandwiches, and more. Each week, Coicou says, about 200 students attend and some 700 pounds of food is distributed. Starting this fall, in collaboration with the office of Student and Campus Life, the operation is planned to move into a more permanent space. “Originally, the idea was to cater to the needs of grad students like myself who are living off campus and have



**AN INCREASINGLY COMMON CHALLENGE:** Samuel Williams ’19 (above, outside a campus café) is among the many American college students who have struggled to afford nutritious meals. Top: Student food insecurity in the news.



**‘I’m one of those people who struggle with deciding, do I want to eat or put gas in my car?’ says food pantry founder and grad student Gloria Coicou.**

families,” Coicou notes. “But it turns out that 70 percent of the students [who come to the pantry] are undergrads.”

The effort to combat student food insecurity has also moved into the dining halls. Last spring, Cornell Dining partnered with Swipe Out Hunger, a national nonprofit that promotes the donation of “swipes” (prepaid access to all-you-can-eat facilities loaded onto ID cards) to needy students. Through a pilot program (which may be continued on a permanent basis starting this fall), Cornellians could donate “bonus” swipes—extra meals allotted each semester for use by guests—which administrators then transferred to the cards of eligible students. Says Wessels: “I think the University is really being proactive to address this problem so that no student goes hungry, which is amazing.”

Among the national coverage of student food insecurity was a December 2018 piece in the *New York Times* that profiled Williams, a native of Guyana who aspires to a career in web design. The story chronicled his ongoing financial struggles—noting that he held down a job cleaning campus labs despite a heavy course load, and generally subsisted on a diet of “pasta, canned beans, and chicken tenders.” After it was published, a Big Red alum was moved to cover the cost of a full meal plan for Williams’s final semester. “There was an outpouring of support; I got a lot of e-mails from people who had similar situations in college,” he recalls. “It kind of opened my eyes. It helped me be more open, because I realized that there are people around me who may be facing the same issues. It’s better to talk about it than to keep quiet.” ■

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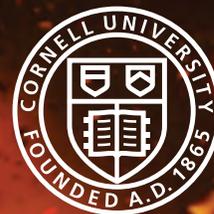


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# FACE TIME

Divya Gugnani '98 runs a cosmetics company for women on the go



#### MORE THAN SKIN DEEP:

Gugnani (far left) in her Wander office. Clockwise from above: the Lipsetter combination lipstick and liner; the On-the-Glow Blush and Illuminator (with a swatch of the latter seen at top right in the “Nude Glow” shade); and the Dualist Matte and Illuminating Concealer.

In 2010, Divya Gugnani '98 appeared in an American Express commercial—promoting a credit card for small businesses—that showed the busy young entrepreneur in a New York City taxi, on her way to a meeting for her food media start-up. In real life, though, Gugnani's commutes were much less glamorous. “I’d be putting on my concealer on the subway,” she recalls. “I’d look around the train, and there would be five other women putting on mascara. I realized that there was so much beauty happening beyond the bathroom, but there was no brand meeting the need for fewer, better products that you could use on the go.”

At a 2014 party, Gugnani—a serial entrepreneur who’d already started three businesses—shared that complaint with fellow guest Lindsay Ellingson, a former Victoria’s Secret model whose jetset life meant that she knew a thing or two about doing your face in an Uber. The two women met again for lunch and discussed their frustration with many-step beauty routines, both expressing a longing for effective, multi-tasking, portable products. After surveying 100 women about their beauty “pain points,” they felt confident that they weren’t alone in wanting to minimize their

time in front of the mirror—so they decided to found their own cosmetics and skincare company, Wander Beauty, to create the kinds of products they craved.

Gugnani has drawn on her entrepreneurial experience to handle the business aspects of the company, while Ellingson serves as creative director. Their products have won accolades from the industry, including coveted spots on *Allure*'s annual Best of Beauty list. Last year, the magazine named Wander's On-the-Glow Blush and Illuminator—a gleaming gold tube that offers a hydrating rouge at one end and a pearlescent highlighter at the other—as its favorite cream blush. The company's Unlashed Volume & Curl Mascara has been lauded by both *Allure* and *Harper's Bazaar*, which declared it a beauty “must-have” in 2017. For Gugnani, though, the most important reviews come from the real-life women who buy Wander products at the company's website and through major retailers. Sephora customers praise the convenience of the Lipsetter, which pairs a lipstick and matching liner in one dual-ended pen, one of Wander's most popular offerings among Nordstrom customers >

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**POP-UP SHOP** (left and above): Wander is showcasing its products in a temporary space on Lexington Avenue in Manhattan that's open through the end of July.

is another double-header, the Dualist Matte and Illuminating Concealer—a product that's close to Gugnani's heart. "When I cover my dark circles, I feel 25 percent better, because I look 25 percent better," she says. "When you take care of yourself, that radiates into your mood."

Gugnani's love of cosmetics dates back to her teen years, but she only came to the industry after careers in other fields. A policy analysis and management major in Human Ecology, she landed a job in investment banking at Goldman Sachs after graduation and later earned an MBA from Harvard. While working as a venture capitalist by day, she co-founded and later sold a successful business that sold auto parts directly to consumers. She also explored other interests, including studying at the French Culinary Institute in New York. In 2008, she took what she'd learned about both the business and food worlds and launched an online media company, Behind the Burner, which offered expert culinary advice for a young, hip audience. Two years later, she published a book entitled *Sexy Women Eat*, a guide to staying slim while savoring good food. "Divya was always incredibly creative, and she loved team projects," recalls Alan Mathios, former dean of Human Ecology and one of Gugnani's Cornell mentors. "She has a holistic approach to understanding what people need, and how businesses can meet those needs."

While Behind the Burner was profitable, Gugnani says, it didn't reach the scale she'd hoped, so she pivoted to the fashion industry. Her next venture—Send the Trend, a shopping service that offered customers a curated selection of accessories for \$30 per item—was acquired by QVC less than a year after its launch. Gugnani stayed with the company until 2014, around the time she gave birth to her second child. "I remember being in the delivery room and saying to my husband, 'Just one more,'" she says—not one more child, but one more company. She had felt "disconnected"

while working in the corporate world, she explains, and wanted to find a way to connect directly with customers and their needs. "When you're an entrepreneur, the biggest problem is the itch to start new things," she observes. "I had to go back to my roots and what excites me. I needed to create a business that was rooted in a community of real women."

According to a company rep, Wander Beauty saw an increase in net revenue of more than 300 percent between 2017 and 2018. It has some 185,000 Instagram followers; more than 60,000 people follow it on Facebook. Wander's products are available on Amazon, and the brand is currently hosting a pop-up shop on Lexington Avenue in Manhattan (it closes July 31). As Gugnani

**'When you're an entrepreneur, the biggest problem is the itch to start new things,' Gugnani says. 'I had to go back to my roots and what excites me.'**

notes, the company frequently turns to its customers for guidance, through online polls and focus groups that inform the development of new products. Take the recently released Nude Illusion Foundation: many competitors offer similar products in glass bottles, but Wander's fans wanted a portable, lightweight plastic tube. Wander's customers have also asked for—and gotten—recyclable packaging, as well as makeup that contains ingredients (like moisturizers and antioxidants) that are typically found in skincare products, so women can get optimal results from the limited time they have to devote to a beauty routine. "Our customer is living a life in motion, and she needs beauty in motion, too," Gugnani says. "Today's woman is more time-starved, busy, and active than ever before. Wander Beauty wants to make her life easier." ■

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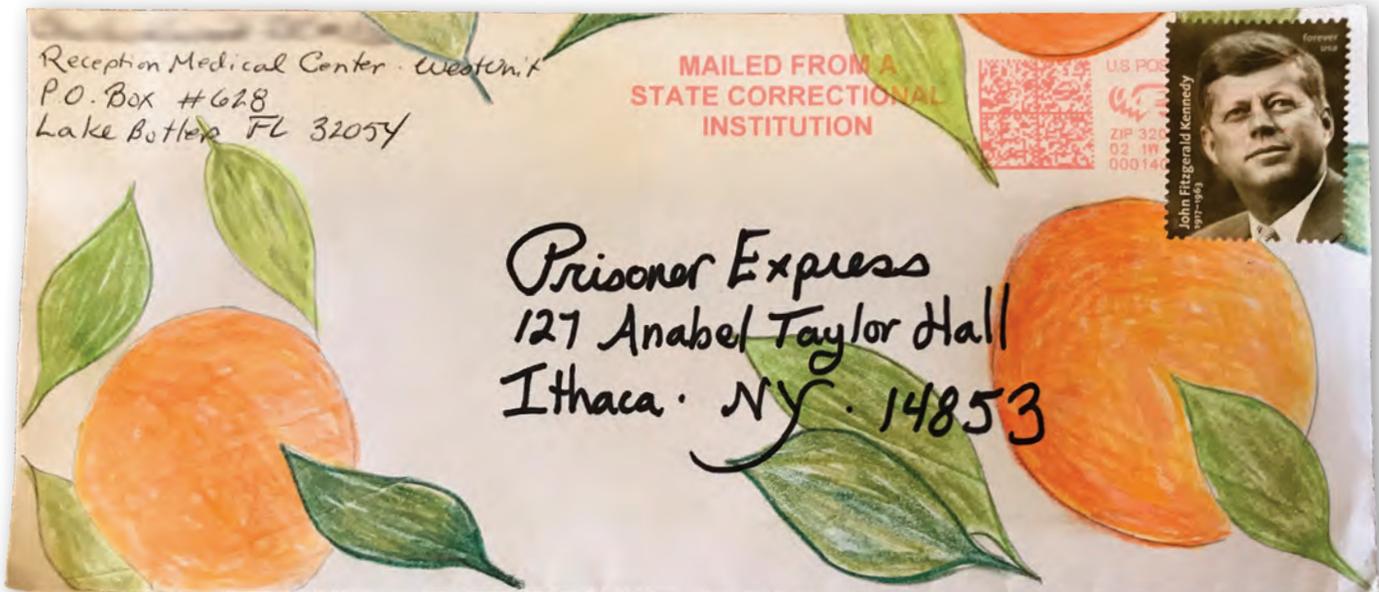
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Through a CU-based program, student volunteers enrich the lives of prison inmates nationwide



**FROM BEHIND BARS:** One of the many handwritten letters that Prisoner Express receives each week

At 5 p.m. on a Tuesday afternoon in April, about a dozen student volunteers filtered into Anabel Taylor Hall's Durland Alternatives Library, turning the usually quiet study space into a bustle of whispered activity. Cardboard boxes were retrieved from behind the circulation desk, each overflowing with envelopes of various sizes—some with a handwritten address, some typed, others decorated with colorful doodles. CALS business major Min Lee '19 headed to the back of the room, where a cart had been prepared with stacks of books ready to be wrapped, addressed, and mailed. She grabbed one pile and thumbed through it: there was a book on writing, another on the supernatural, a third on sculpture. On top was a letter from the books' intended recipient, the return address bearing a name and a number—his inmate ID.

The letter is one of hundreds that arrive at the library each week for Prisoner Express, a Cornell-based outreach program for inmates across the United States. The program—which has served more than 25,000 people since its inception and has some 4,000 current clients—relies on student volunteers and library employees to respond to the letters, prepare packages, and curate newsletters that are mailed to prisoners. "Prisoner Express is dedicated to rehabilitation through outlets of creativity and expression," explains Agnes Kwak '19, who was involved with the program her sophomore through senior years, "whether that be through writing, reading, or learning."

Kwak—a biology major in Human Ecology who volunteered with Prisoner Express through a service fraternity and

liked it so much that she got a job at the library—oversaw the journal-writing program, which encourages prisoners to reflect and think critically about their lives. The journals themselves, which inmates mail to Durland, take up shelf after shelf of cabinet space, some participants having submitted entries over the span of many years. In 2018–19, Kwak spearheaded a project to digitize the journals, in the hope that they'll someday be collected into a book; the Prisoner Express website currently features a small selection of journal entries from about a decade ago as well as art, essays, and poetry created by prisoners. "I wanted to find a way to reach a larger audience, to allow them to see what life

**'[The prisoners] really are inspiring in some sense,' says Agnes Kwak '19, 'and there's a lot that we can learn.'**

is like for these prisoners," Kwak says. "They really are inspiring in some sense, and there's a lot that we can learn."

Prisoner Express began in 2001, after Gary Fine, the library's program director, received a letter from a prisoner requesting books. Fine put together a small package, and the man wrote back thanking him not only for the reading material, but for taking the time to write a friendly note. Fine began sending books to more prisoners across the U.S.—and thinking of other ways he could enrich their lives. Often, he says, the inmates were in solitary confinement, with little opportunity to interact with others, improve their skills, or express themselves creatively. "Education >

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**CARE PACKAGES:** Student volunteers prepare books for shipment in Anabel Taylor Hall's Durland Alternatives Library last spring.

is shown to be one way to break the cycle of incarceration," Fine notes. "If prisoners get out feeling connected and grateful for their chance to grow, they're more likely going to behave." That motivated him to begin Prisoner Express's bi-annual newsletter, which publishes fiction, nonfiction, memoirs, and artwork received from prisoners over the previous few months. The success of the newsletter—which goes out to more than 2,000 inmates on the organization's mailing list nationwide—has led to multiple offshoot pamphlets, each created by students, on topics ranging from cooking to oceanography to how to get a book published. Prisoner Express also creates short story collections and poetry anthologies from prisoners' submissions, with copies mailed to each contributor.

Since its inception as a small one-man operation, Prisoner Express—a nonprofit that relies on donations of funds and books—has evolved to be one of Durland's biggest outreach efforts, both in terms of labor and space. A large corner of the library, sectioned off by a partition, serves as the program's mail-room. Boxes overflow with letters. Scattered around the shelves are artworks that prisoners have sent: papier-mâché fantasy characters, watercolor portraits, a sculpture of Touchdown the bear with the Cornell "C"; one painting, entitled *View*, consists of dark bars and shadows crisscrossing the canvas with one tiny, green rectangle of grass in the center. Many of the works have been featured in a showcase of prisoner art held annually at the Big Red Barn. Sometimes, the show has a theme; two years ago, for example, prisoners were asked to submit paintings made with coffee, a nod to the lack of art materials behind bars. Last year,

one student organized a project entitled *Moth and Light*, asking prisoners to submit drawings and editing the images together into a two-minute video that followed the fictional journey of an insect that keeps returning to a prison, even after it is set free.

Prisoner Express's most popular program remains the one that first inspired Fine—the book distribution service, which typically provides each recipient with three to five volumes at a time. Prisoners often write asking for particular titles, but since most

**'Education is shown to be one way to break the cycle of incarceration,' says founder Gary Fine.**

of the books—which are stored and organized in the Anabel Taylor basement—are garnered through donations or heavily discounted sales, staffers and volunteers generally can't honor specific requests, instead matching them as closely as possible. (While Prisoner Express requests a small donation from prisoners to go toward postage, the books themselves are provided for free.) Among the interactions that were most memorable for Breonna Freeman '19, an animal sciences major in CALS who oversaw the book program last year, was one from an inmate who was interested in Sudoku. After mailing him a few sheets of puzzles, she says, "I received a response saying, 'You made my year,' because no one else had taken the time to do that."

Prisoner Express attracts students from a wide variety of majors and backgrounds, some of whom enjoy the experience so much they stay involved throughout their Cornell careers. A common >

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motivation many cite is the opportunity to set aside their own concerns and help someone else. "You have to put all of your mind toward writing a letter, making a package—it's a very hands-on process," says Freeman, adding, "It's easy to get caught in the Cornell bubble. This program gives students an outside view of the world. They realize what a privilege it is to have access to the education and resources that we do." But participants acknowledge that it can be hard to reconcile the friendly correspondence with the crimes of which the inmates have been convicted. "It's still shocking," admits Kwak, recalling that in one of her first interactions through the program, "a prisoner admitted that he was in jail for first-degree murder—and along with that letter, he sent me a couple of friendship bracelets he had made."

Working with prisons can be logistically challenging, too. Regulations on what can be mailed vary state by state and facility by facility; a newsletter or package can be denied for any number of reasons, from prohibitions on potentially inflammatory subject matter to regulations designed to prevent the smuggling of contraband. (For example, some prisons have recently restricted the use of stamps, since drugs could be secreted beneath them.) Volunteers have come up with creative work-arounds: when an inmate in solitary confinement was prohibited from possessing hardback books because the covers could theoretically be used as weapons, a student simply cut the covers off. In another instance, a prison rejected a newsletter because it included a DIY chess board—readers could cut out the board and pieces—on the basis that sending toys and games was prohibited. Instead, volunteers sent the board in one packet and the pieces in another, and both were accepted.

Fine notes that while most of the prisoners who participate in the program remain fairly anonymous, with all communication conducted via mail, he did have the opportunity to meet one beneficiary. "Ten or fifteen years ago, a guy walked into the library and said, 'You Gary?' " he recalls. "He shook my hand and said, 'I just had to say thank you. You really helped me a lot.' And he turned and walked out. Didn't even say his name." ■

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**M**agician Steve Cohen '93 doesn't saw ladies in half like Penn and Teller. He doesn't catch bullets in his teeth like David Blaine, or make tigers disappear like Siegfried and Roy. Over the past two decades, Cohen has built a thriving career as a professional magician by creating a sophisticated act with Old World charm—astounding an upmarket clientele with sleight of hand, close-up illusions, and telepathic wizardry.

Take a routine performed at one of his Chamber Magic shows that CAM attended in April at the ritzy Lotte New York Palace hotel in Midtown Manhattan. It started with Cohen asking to borrow a wristwatch. An audience member named Kevin offered his, and Cohen noted that it displayed 7:38 p.m. He then told Kevin to think of a number. Without touching the watch—which Kevin held in a closed fist—Cohen gave a long stare and waggled his fingers with a showman's flair. "I'm attempting to move the watch back in time," he said, "the number of minutes that you're thinking of." After a moment, Cohen asked Kevin

to open his hand. The watch was indeed set to 6:26 p.m., a difference of seventy-two minutes—the very number Kevin had envisioned. The crowd burst into wild applause. "Incredible," marveled Kevin. "Just incredible."

Cohen has been amazing audiences at the Palace five times each weekend since March 2017; prior to that, he had a regular gig at the Waldorf Astoria for seventeen years, until it closed for renovations. He estimates that more than a half-million people have seen him perform over the years, including a who's who of one percenters—Martha Stewart, Warren Buffett, Michael Bloomberg, and the Queen of Morocco, to name just a few—earning him the moniker the "Millionaires' Magician." Tickets range from \$125 to \$250; according to *Forbes*, the shows have grossed upwards of \$20 million. Cohen is considered such a New York City institution that to honor his 5,000th performance in 2017, Mayor Bill de Blasio proclaimed it "Chamber Magic Day." And Cohen has done it all through word of mouth. As he notes: "I have a zero-dollar advertising budget." >

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**MAGIC TEAPOT:** In one of his signature tricks, Cohen pours any drink a viewer desires.

The secret to his success? High-class hocus-pocus, with *New York* magazine describing Chamber Magic as an “elite attraction” that’s “likely to leave you feeling that the black arts could be high art as well.” It’s an intimate show—only eighty seats—and the dress code calls for cocktail attire. (Cohen himself is elegantly clad in white tie and tails.) He fashioned the show after the magic acts that entertained in European salons during the 1800s, and its venues reflect that. At the Palace, Cohen holds court in a nineteenth-century drawing room that features marble columns, luxe paintings, and crystal chandeliers; his long-standing engagement at the Waldorf began in the Duke and Duchess of Windsor’s suite.

Of course, his wizardry is top-notch, too. At the April show that CAM attended, Cohen linked three wedding rings (on loan from spectators) by swirling them in an empty wine glass in full view of everyone, and persuaded a “ghost” to make individual playing cards levitate. In a mind-reading segment—where participants were selected by others in the audience to ensure there were no plants—he somehow guessed that one young man’s childhood nickname was “Cryin’ Brian,” that one woman had two tattoos (though none were visible), and that another woman had once hitchhiked through Germany. In one of his signature tricks—“Think a Drink,” which he didn’t perform that night—Cohen asks people to write down their favorite beverages and magically pours each request from a silver teapot. It can be anything, and many viewers have tried (and failed) to stump him, with requests ranging from margaritas to chocolate milk to Pepto-Bismol. Says Cohen: “It’s really thrilling to see people in the audience—even titans of industry or billionaires—suddenly forget all their pretenses and become children again.”

Raised in Chappaqua, New York, Cohen was introduced to

his now-wife of twenty-five years, Yumi Morishige, MA ’94, moved to Japan, where he worked as a translator and did magic on the side. A break came when David Udell ’82, then general manager of the Park Hyatt Tokyo, hired Cohen to amuse VIP guests like the Rolling Stones. A year later, he moved back to New York and got a job in marketing, but continued to moonlight. He launched a regular show at a friend’s apartment, eventually moving it to the National Arts Club and later to the

**‘For me, magic just stuck,’ Cohen says. ‘I never let go of it—much to the chagrin of my parents, who wanted a doctor or a lawyer in the family.’**

Waldorf. Then, in 2008, “CBS Sunday Morning” did a piece on Chamber Magic. “It was a watershed moment,” he says. “That eight-minute segment sold over \$1 million worth of tickets in less than a week.” It also led to appearances on CNN and “Late Night with David Letterman,” as well as coverage in publications like the *New York Times*. Since then, he has starred in a History Channel special, had a solo show at Carnegie Hall, and published books that include a semi-autobiographical graphic novel, *The Millionaires’ Magician*. (Pal David Copperfield wrote the foreword.)

Currently, Cohen is preparing for a twentieth anniversary show, to debut in March 2020. He’s aiming to add at least one major trick; since his audiences have high expectations, he admits, he feels a fair amount of pressure to impress. One recently adopted strategy to keep his energy up: running marathons. “The training has given me more endurance that has spilled over into my magic performances,” he says. “Now at the end of the night where I used to be exhausted, I’m ready to do another show.” ■

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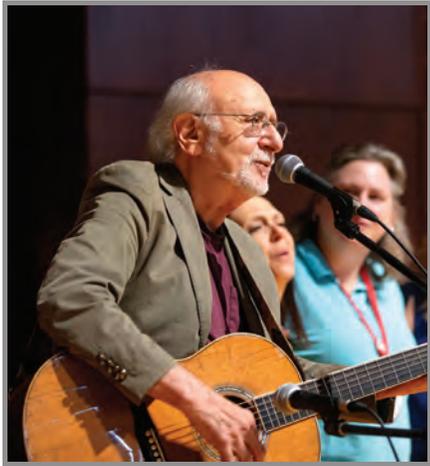
Cornellians celebrate Reunion 2019



This year's Reunion festivities brought a record-breaking 5,768 alumni, plus more than 2,200 family and friends, to the Hill for a weekend of reminiscing, touring campus, catching up with classmates, and much more. Several classes set attendance records, including '59 (which drew 151 members for their 60th) and '14 (which had 964 at its 5th). For the twentieth consecutive year, the University held a 75th Reunion and eight members of the Class of '44 attended. The Glee Club welcomed nearly 300 alumni for its first ever Reunion; the Johnson School drew a record 502; and the Law School saw more than a quarter of the Class of '59 come back for their 60th (not to mention a third of the Class of '69 for their 50th). Cornellians returned to the Hill from around the country—forty-seven states, plus Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C.—and the world, with thirty-three foreign countries represented. As announced at Cornelliana Night, the Reunion class campaigns raised more than \$149 million. To view some of the festivities that were live-streamed over the weekend, go to [live.alumni.cornell.edu](http://live.alumni.cornell.edu).



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 (clockwise from bottom left): Grads join in song on Cornelliana Night; Peter Yarrow '59 gives a concert in Call Auditorium; alumni stroll outside Balch Hall; Michelle Vaeth '98, who became the University's associate vice president for alumni affairs shortly after Reunion 2018, presides over her first Cornelliana Night; and Touchdown greets an admirer.

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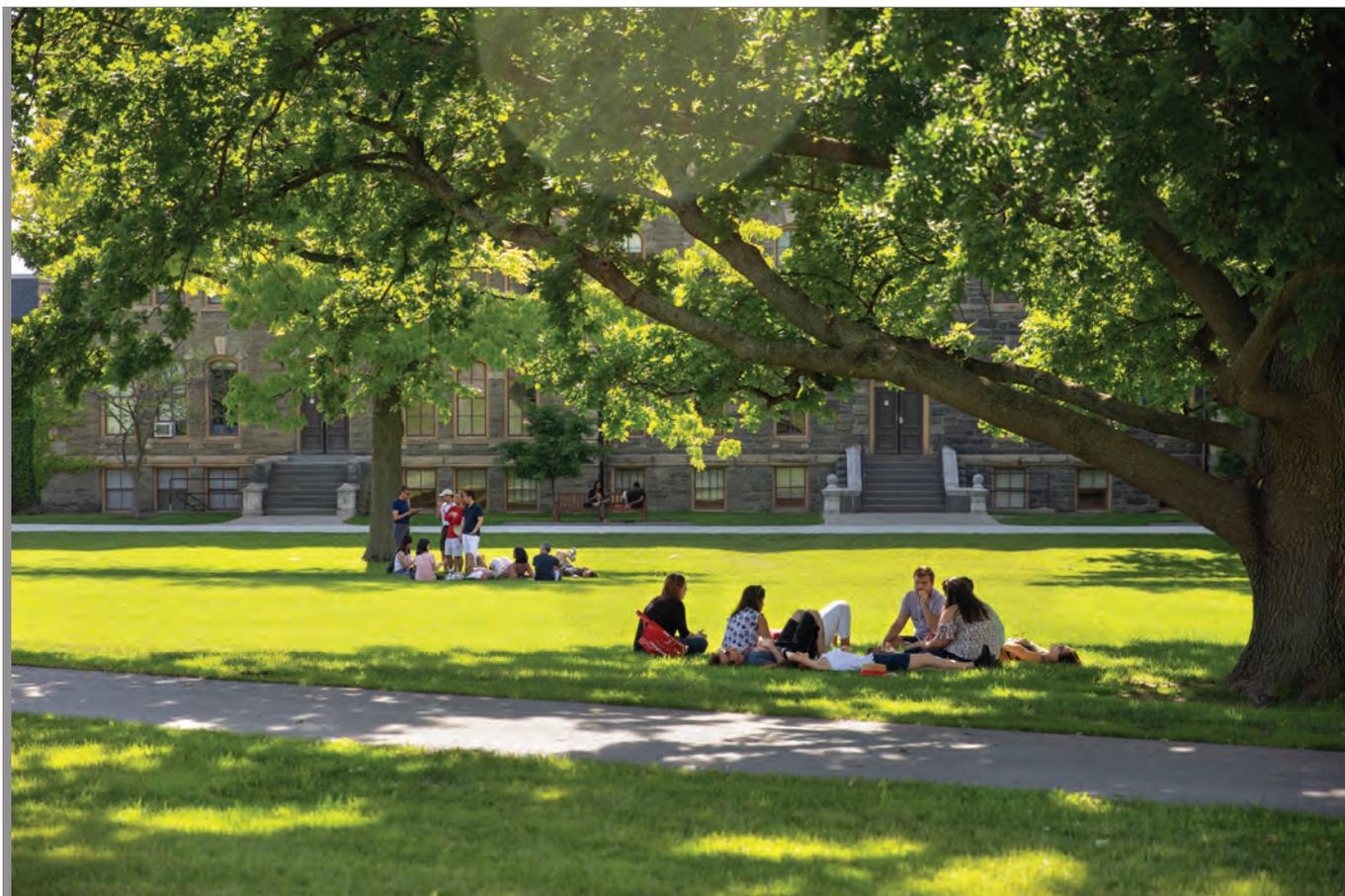
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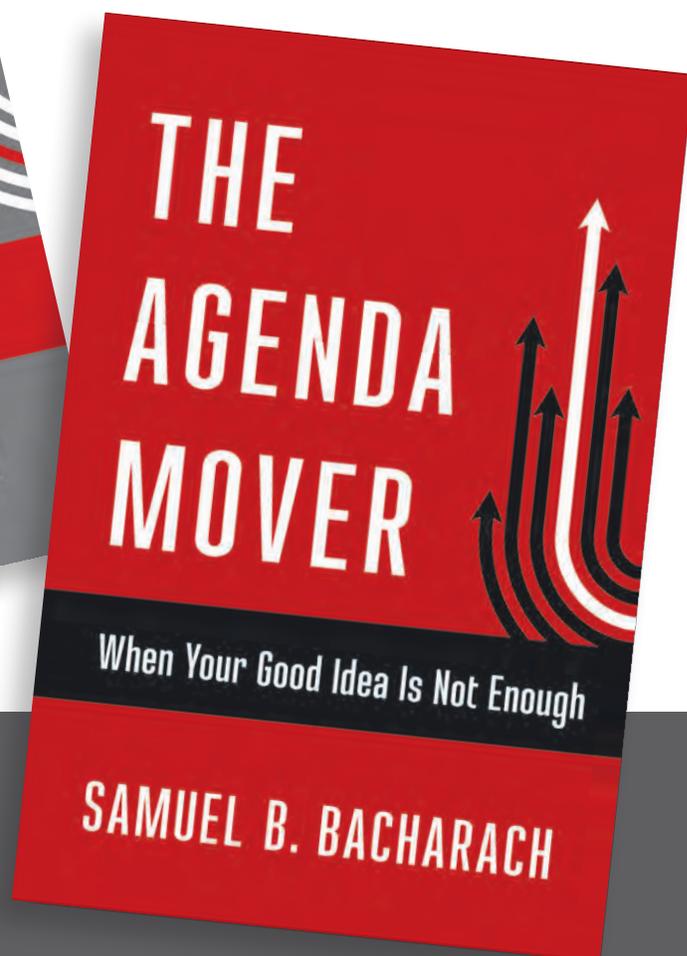
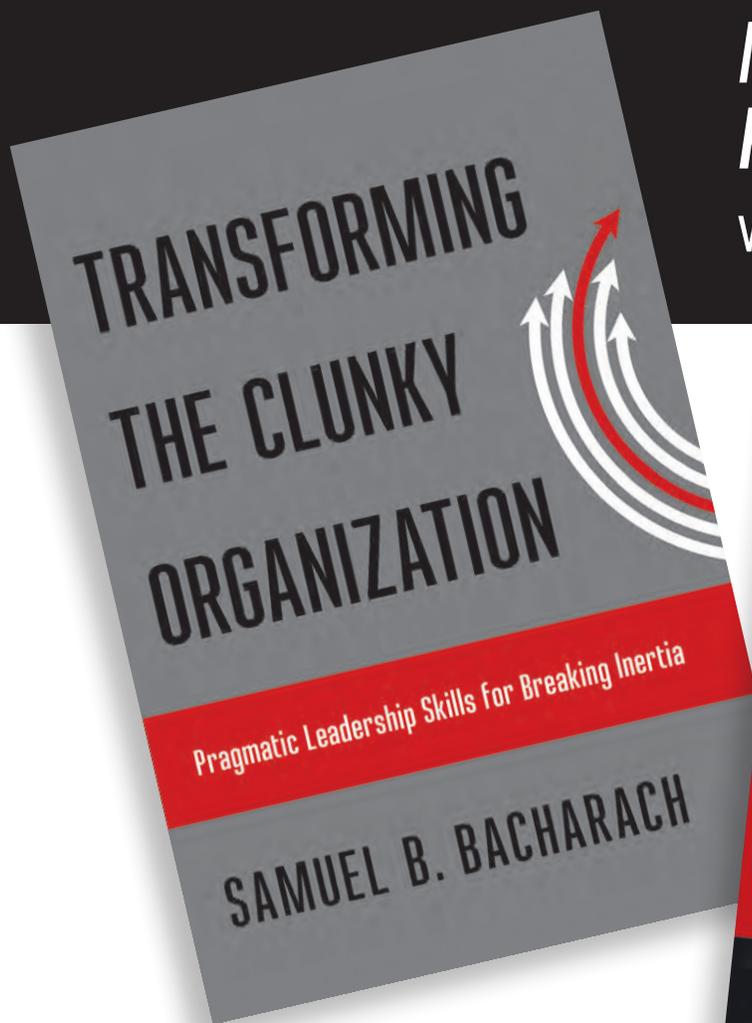




**SUNNY DAYS:** Alumni enjoy the fine weather on the Arts Quad (top). Bottom: Members of the Class of '79, back for their 40th Reunion, pose for a group shot.

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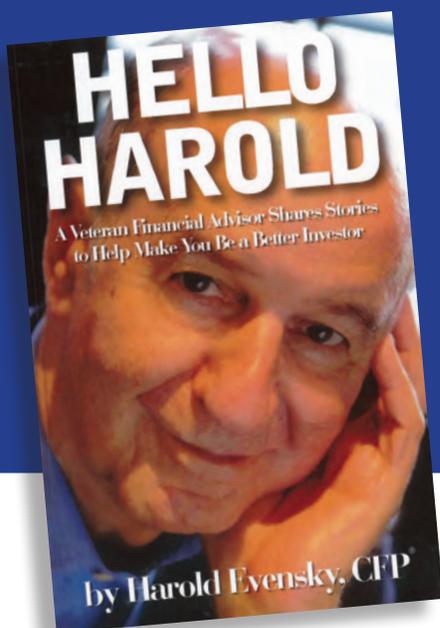


**GOOD TIMES**  
(clockwise from top): Alums lounge on the Slope; the tent parties draw a lively crowd; a young visitor braves a Hemlock Gorge traverse; and a Class of '52 grad celebrates in style.

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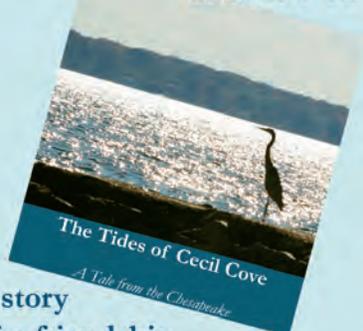
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# Big Red Highlights



**POLO** Cornell returned to the U.S. Polo Association National Intercollegiate Championships, where both the men's and women's teams lost in the semifinals. **Lorenzo Masias '20** and **Shariah Harris '20** (at far left in photo above) were each named to a national all-star team.

**GYMNASTICS** **Kaitlin Green '19** earned her third national title in April, winning the balance beam at the USA Gymnastics Collegiate Championships. She's the only multi-time national champion in program history after winning both the beam and uneven bars in 2017. As a team, the Big Red qualified for the USAG Collegiate Championships for the fourth consecutive season and finished third in the semifinals.

**MEN'S ROWING** The lightweight eight opened the season by beating Harvard and Penn to take the top spot in the Intercollegiate Rowing Association/USRowing collegiate coaches' poll. The Big Red followed with three straight regatta wins.



**EQUESTRIAN** The Big Red won both regional and Ivy championships in 2019. Cornell had five first-place finishers at the regional show: **Vaughan Shanley '19** in the open fences and open flat, **Emily Selland '19** in the intermediate fences, **Haley Harder '20** in the novice fences, and **Mackenzie Raucher '19** in the walk-trot-canter.

**WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD** **Briar Brumley '19** and **Gabrielle Orié '21** took first and second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase to help Cornell to third place at the ECAC Outdoor Championships. **Leone Farquharson '22** came away with a win in the triple jump while **Kellian Kelly '21** finished first in the 200 meters. The Big Red was also third at the Heptagonal Championships, with wins by Brumley in the steeplechase and **Beatrice Juskeviciute '22** in the heptathlon.

**MEN'S LACROSSE** **Ryan Bray '19**, **Brandon Salvatore '20**, and **Jeff Teat '20** earned first-team All-Ivy honors. Bray had 19 ground balls as a short-stick defensive midfielder; Salvatore was among the national leaders in caused turnovers; and Teat led the team with 70 points on 34 goals and 36 assists. The Big Red finished the season 10-5, but was denied an NCAA tournament bid after losing to Yale in the Ivy semifinals.

**BASEBALL** The program celebrated its 150th anniversary with a weekend celebration, including a ceremony and tailgate, during the last home series of the season. The current squad took two out of three games against Penn, both of them dramatic wins: one featured a walk-off triple from **Adam Saks '19** (left), the other a two-out walk-off homer from **Will Simoneit '19**.

## ALUMNI NEWS

**NCAA** Former Big Red gymnast **Morgan Chall '19** will serve as 2019-20 chair of the NCAA Division I National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), which represents athletes in the NCAA governance structure and legislative process. Chall is also a member of the NCAA Division I Board of Directors, the top governing body for Division I. She previously chaired the national SAAC's education team and has been a member of both the Cornell and Ivy League SAAC.

**MEN'S HOCKEY** **Mitch Vanderlaan '19** signed an amateur try-out contract with the Utica Comets, where he played in two games; **Matt Nuttle '19** inked a similar deal with the South Carolina Stingrays, where he collected a goal and an assist while appearing in five playoff and two regular season games. Also, a pair of former Big Red teammates distinguished themselves overseas. For the third time in six years with SC Bern, **Justin Krueger '10** helped his team to the championship of the top tier in Switzerland's hockey system. Meanwhile, **Brendon Nash '10** spent 2018-19 with Rytiri Kladno in the second division of Czech hockey. Nash had seven goals and 22 assists in 49 regular season games and helped the team advance through a qualification tournament to return to the top rung in the Czech system.

**SOCCER** **Bruce Arena '73**, former coach of the U.S. men's national team, has been named head coach and sporting manager for Major League Soccer's New England Revolution. He has won five MLS Cups as a coach (three with the Los Angeles Galaxy, two with D.C. United) and also guided UVA to five NCAA championships in six seasons.

**BASEBALL** Former Big Red player **Kyle Gallagher '18**, now an MBA student at Duke, was the Blue Devils' starting left fielder for most of the 2019 season. Gallagher played in 45 regular season games, hitting .238 with six homers (second-best on the team) and 22 RBIs.



**ROWING** The 1949 men's lightweight crew (above) held a 70th reunion on campus in April with all five surviving members—**Dana Brooks '49**, **MD '57**, **Dick Elmendorf '50**, **Robert Post '50**, **BME '51**, **Carl Ullrich '50**, and **Charles Warren '51**, **MBA '52**—attending. The squad won the program's first Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges title, beating favored Princeton, Harvard, and Penn to take home the Joseph Wright trophy.

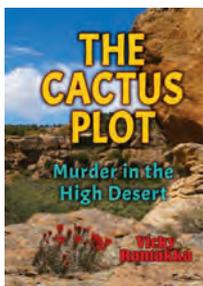
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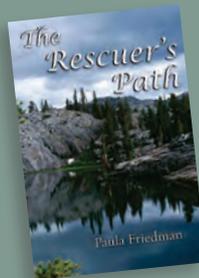
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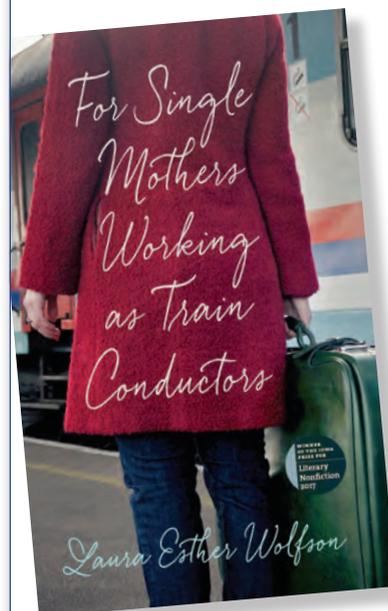
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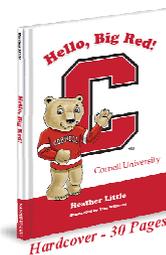
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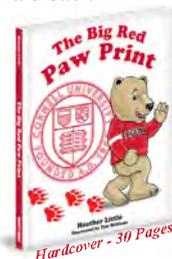


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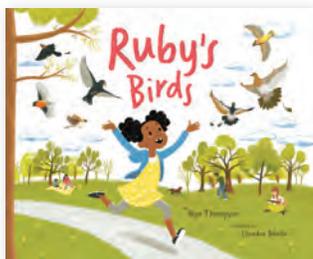


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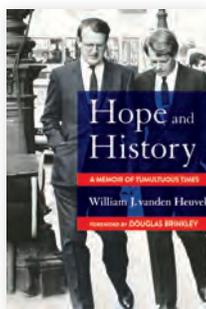


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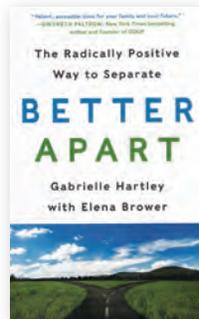


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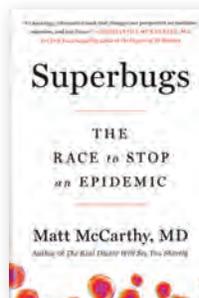


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**MATT MCCARTHY**

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## Honeyfish

**LAUREN ALLEYNE, MFA '05**

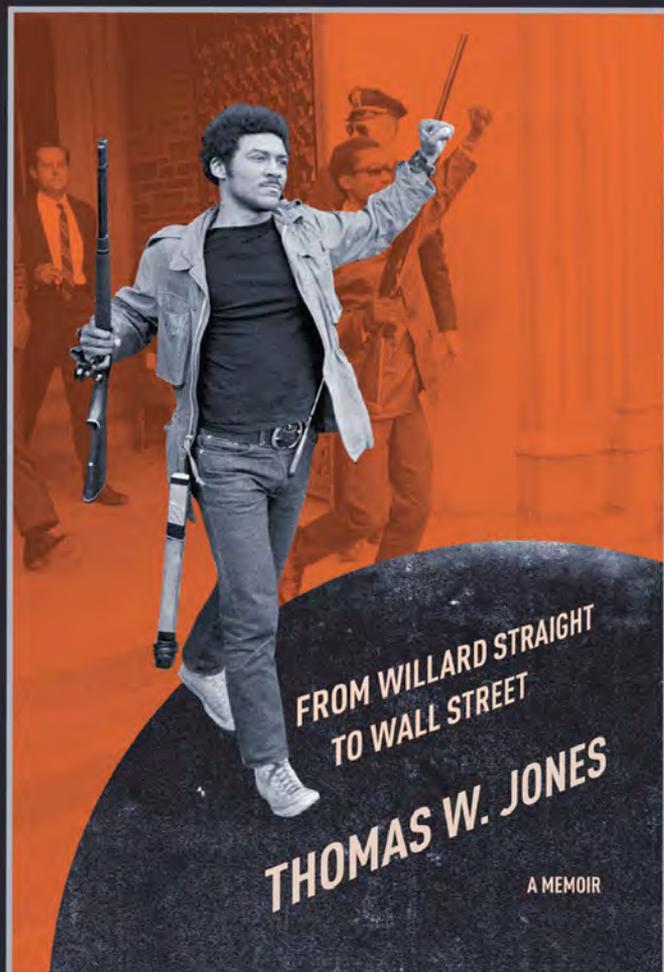
In her second poetry collection, Alleyne—who emigrated to the U.S. from Trinidad and Tobago and is now an English professor at James Madison University—contemplates such themes as belonging, joy, sorrow, loss, family, alienation, homecoming, and the African American experience. In “Play,” subtitled “An Elegy for Tamir Rice,” she laments the death of a twelve-year-old boy who was killed by a

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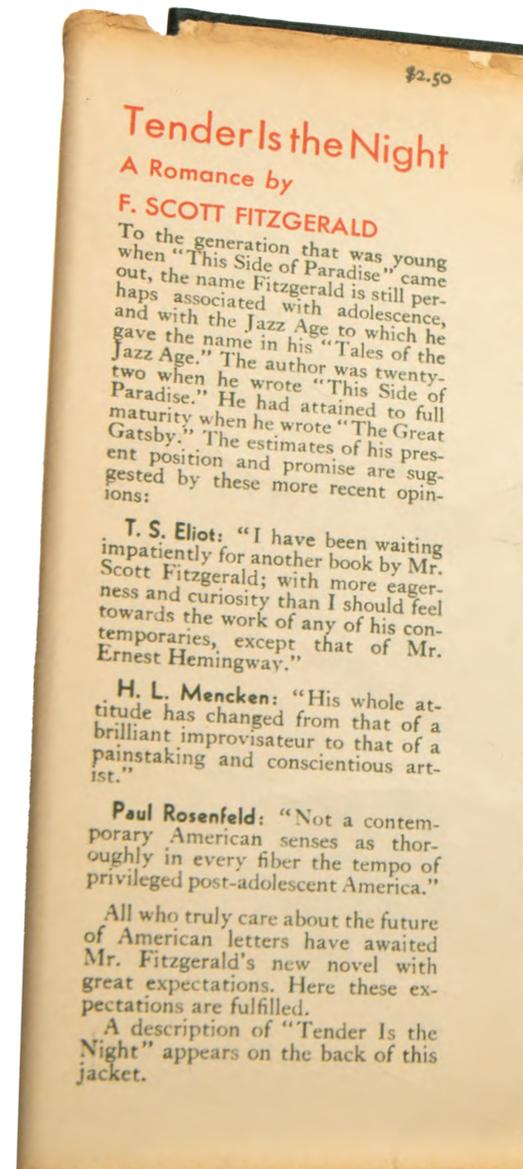
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From the Arts Quad, four skylights are the only hint of the wonders that lie underground. Some fifty feet down is a climate-controlled storage vault that's home to Cornell's Rare and Manuscript Collections. Part of Kroch Library, it contains items essential to scholarship (the world's second-largest collection on poet William Wordsworth); to the University (the charter that officially brought Cornell into existence in 1865); and to history itself (a copy of the Gettysburg Address in Lincoln's own hand). Completed in 1992, the facility comprises more than thirty miles of shelving containing 500,000 rare books and more than 80 million manuscripts, as well as another million photographs, objects, and more. Scholars come from around the world to conduct research—the vault is off limits to the public, with items delivered to a reading room—but no special credentials are required to access Kroch's treasures. While items that require special handling are viewed by appointment and advance notice is required for materials that must be

retrieved from a storage annex near Cornell Orchards, Kroch—unlike many of its peers worldwide—is open to all. “We don't want to be that ivory tower,” says University Archivist Evan Earle '02, MS '14. “You could be a high school kid researching your grandfather, a hobbyist with a casual interest, or a serious scholar writing the definitive piece on a particular subject. We're here for everybody.”

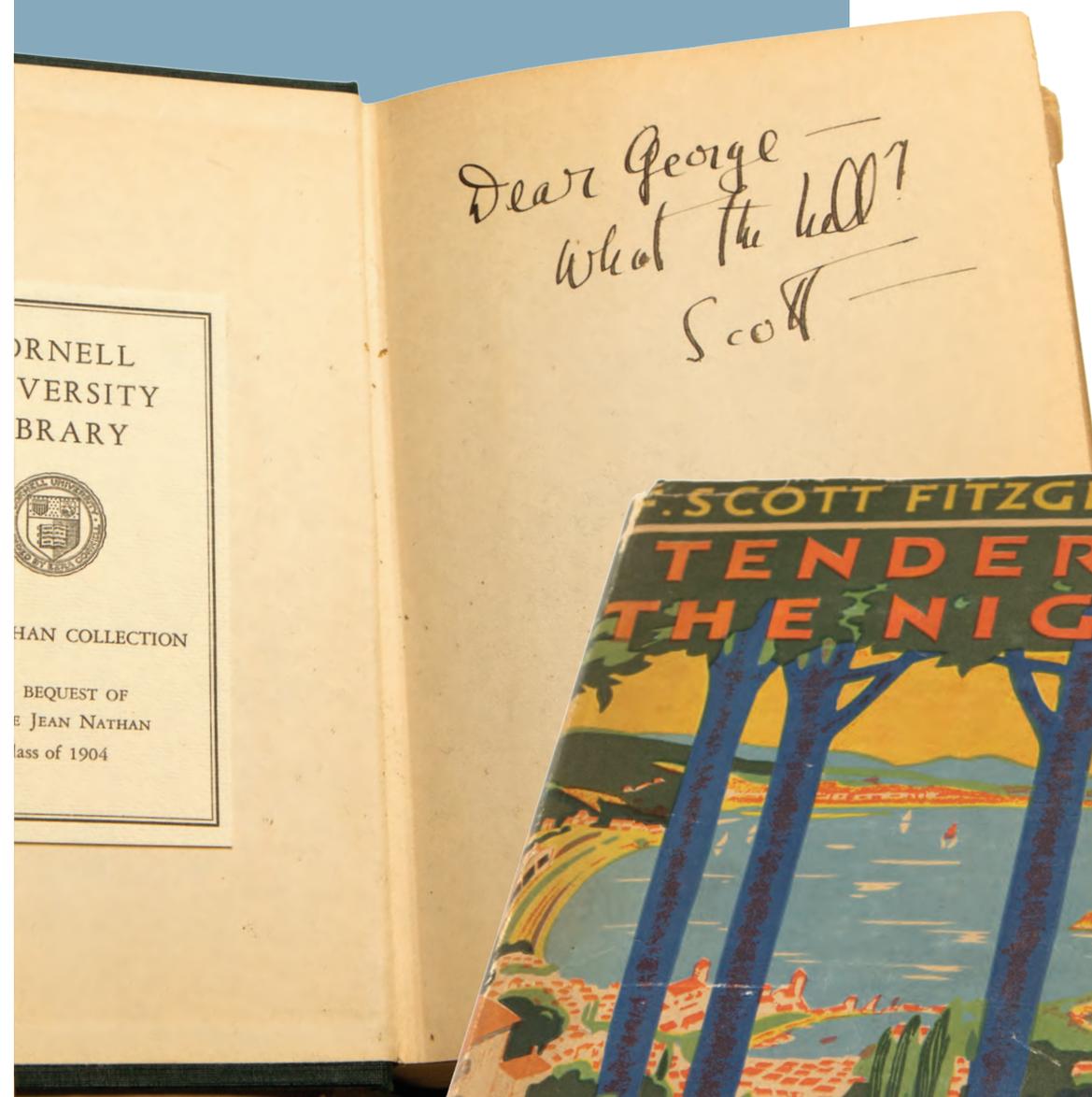
Rare and Manuscript Collections traces its ancestry to University co-founder A.D. White, a scholar and book collector who donated his trove of 30,000 volumes to Cornell in 1891. “He specifically collected in certain areas—such as the history of science, architecture, world religions, and literature—because he knew they would be of interest and important to historians,” says Katherine Reagan, assistant director for collections and curator of rare books and manuscripts. “A lot of those still form the nucleus of our rare book collections today.”

And like White—who gathered material on the Civil War as the conflict was raging—the library has always sought to remain current. For instance, it acquired

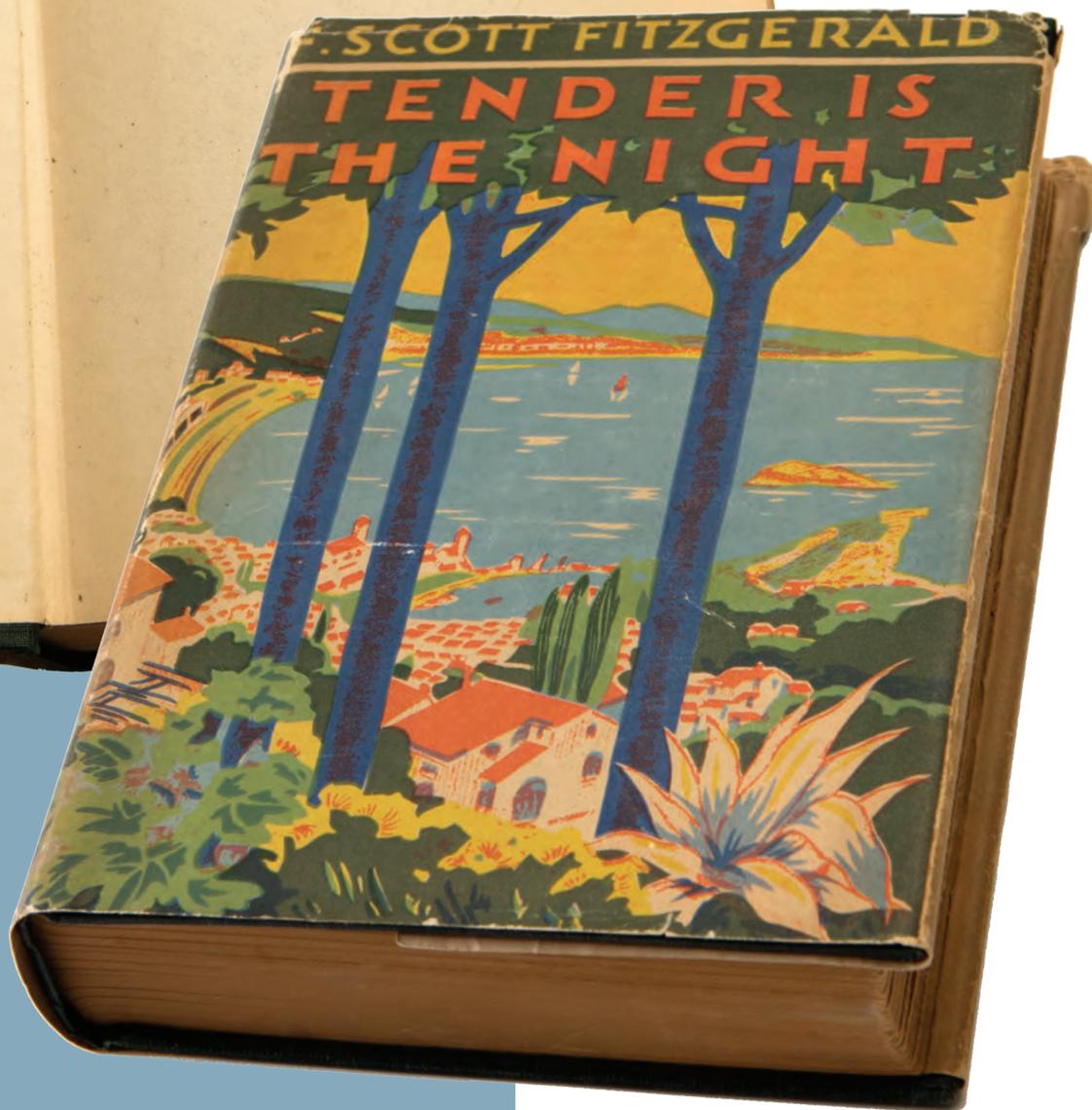


holdings on literary modernism in the Fifties; launched a pioneering Human Sexuality Collection in the Eighties; and a decade ago established an archive on hip hop music and culture. “Our approach to collecting has always been based on reinvention every generation or two, in terms of building into new areas,” Reagan says. “Not just being on a specific path, but looking around us at all times to see what opportunities we have to collect a diverse body of the human experience.”

The following pages offer a Kroch tasting menu—some two dozen items that represent a sampling of the library's diverse holdings. >



**TENDER IS THE NIGHT (1934):** This first edition is signed by F. Scott Fitzgerald to his friend George Jean Nathan 1904, a leading drama critic of his day—and the model for the acid-tongued Addison De Witt in the classic film *All About Eve*.



Do you have a scrapbook, diary, photo collection, or other memento of your time at Cornell? Such ephemera reflecting the Big Red experience may be of interest to the University Archives; potential donors can contact Evan Earle at [efe4@cornell.edu](mailto:efe4@cornell.edu).



**LOMBARD GRADUAL (CIRCA 1450):** A "gradual" is a large book, featuring lines of music and text, from which medieval choirs chanted prayers and portions of the mass. This one—whose binding is decorated with metal ornaments and spikes to help it withstand daily use—has religious images embellished in gold leaf on its vellum (animal skin) pages.





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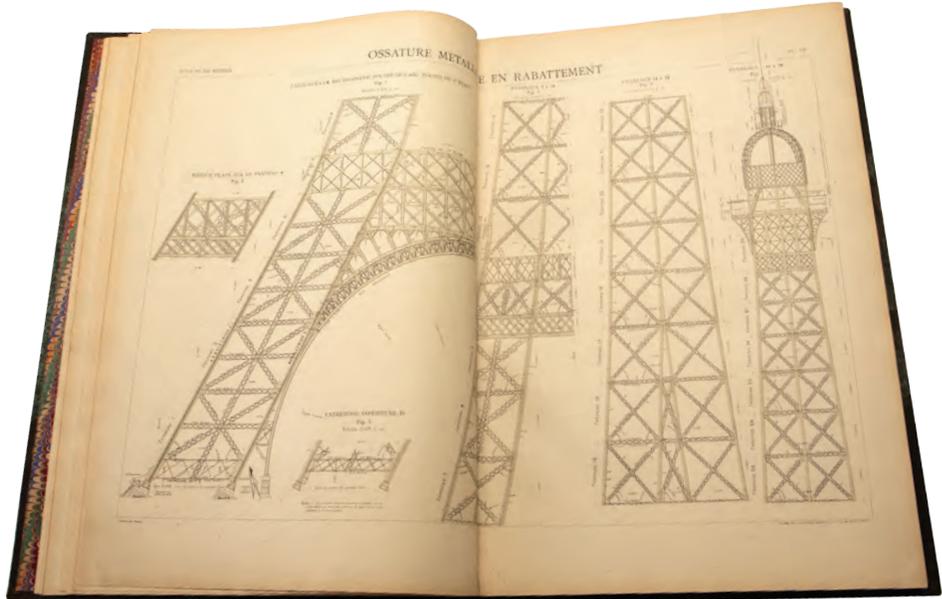
**EARLY TREATISE ON WITCHCRAFT (1489):** By legal scholar Ulrich Molitor, *De Lamiis et Pythonicis Mulieribus* (*On Witches and Female Soothsayers*) contains several images of so-called witches, including the first known woodcut illustration of witches in flight.

**VICTOR TALKING MACHINE (CIRCA 1903):** This early phonograph was made by the pioneering audio company that would later be acquired by RCA.



**WILLARD STRAIGHT STUMP FRAGMENT (CIRCA 1975):** The remains of a tree felled by Dutch elm disease, the Stump served as a campus soapbox during the tumultuous late Sixties and early Seventies. The library's small fragment bears faint traces of graffiti.

**EIFFEL TOWER SCHEMATICS (1889):** This oversized book, entitled *The 300-Meter-Tall Eiffel Tower at the Universal Exposition of 1889*, comprises detailed drawings of the Parisian landmark's structure and mechanical systems.





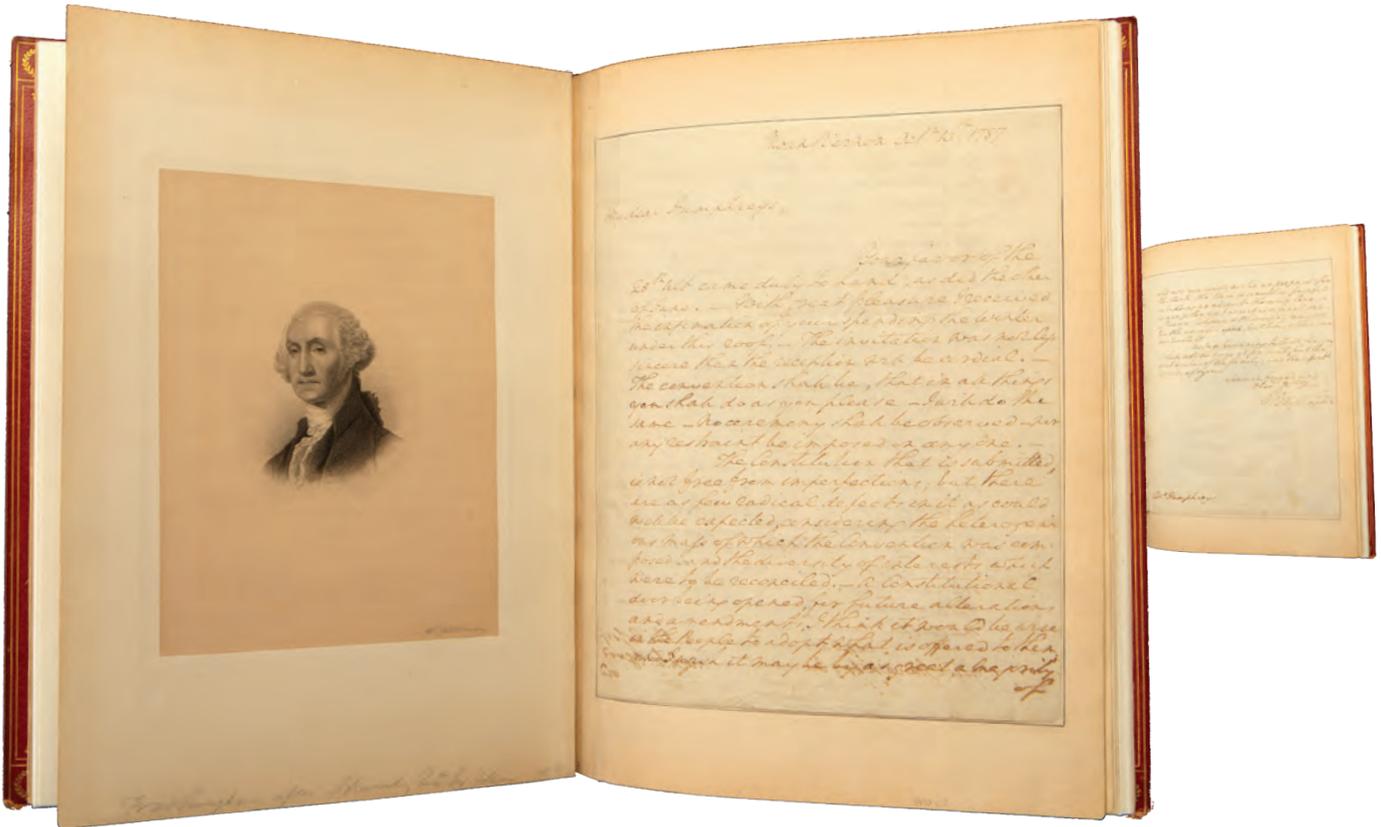
**CANDY CATALOG (1889):**

This colorful offering from the Klaus confectionery (founded in 1856, with offices in France and Switzerland) is part of the library's extensive collections on food, wine, cookery, and gastronomy.



**TYPEWRITER OF E.B. WHITE**

'21 (CIRCA 1942): The library's sizable White collection includes not only the author's trusty Underwood (and its original shipping crate) but his desk, manuscripts, correspondence, and more.



**LETTER FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON (1787):** In three pages written to David Humphreys—a Revolutionary War colonel and Washington's former aide-de-camp—the Founding Father shares his thoughts on the new nation's defining document. "The Constitution that is submitted is not free from imperfections," he writes, "but there are as few radical defects in it as could well be expected, considering the heterogeneous mass of which the Convention was composed—and the diversity of interests which were to be reconciled."



**GRAFFITI BLACK BOOK (CIRCA 1977-84):** The University's Hip Hop Collection—which is the largest of its kind in the world and includes photos, recordings, and the archives of pioneering artists—also contains numerous notebooks (such as this one belonging to Brooklyn's James Top) in which graffiti artists sketched and shared designs.

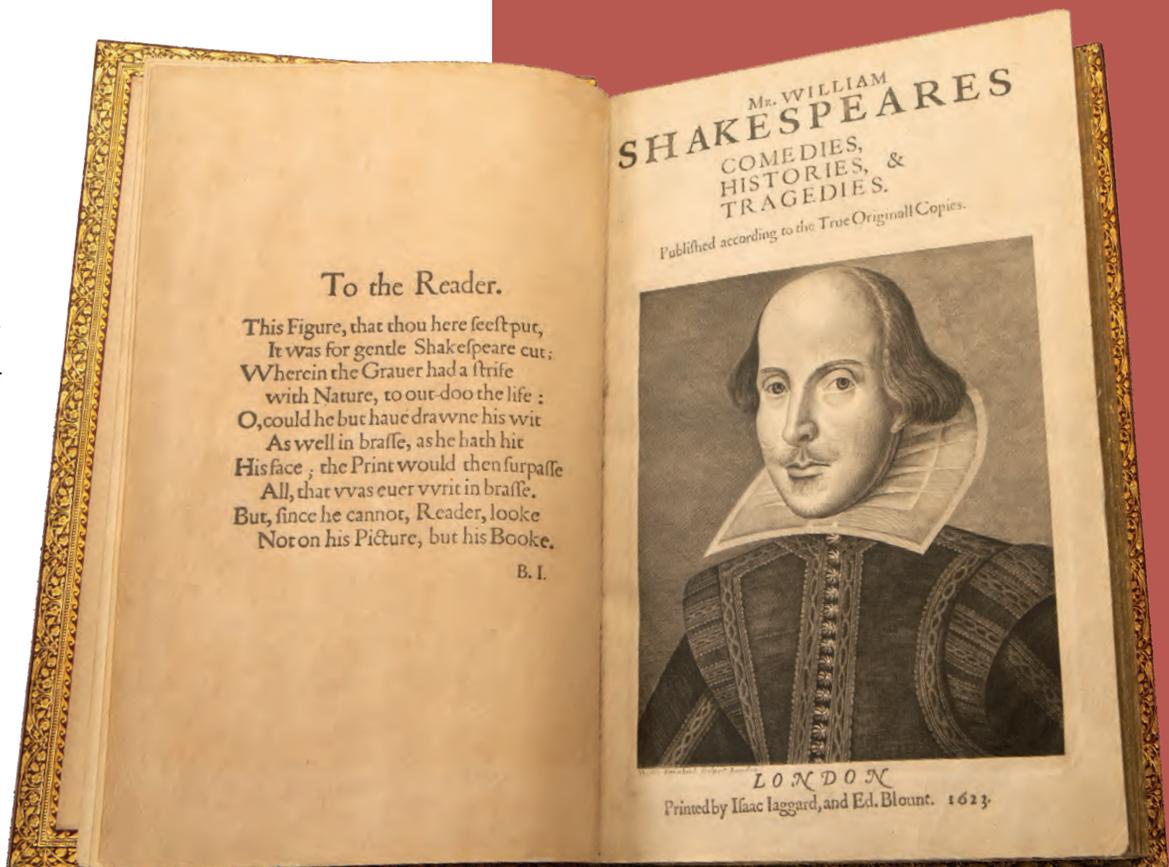


**FRENCH REVOLUTION FAN (CIRCA 1789):**

A propaganda item made during the Revolution to support the cause of constitutional monarchy, this wooden fan depicts Marie-Antoinette (at right) and her son (at left), with the Place de la Bastille (complete with guillotine) in the center; the opposite side includes images of Louis XVI and the Marquis de Lafayette.

**SHAKESPEARE FIRST FOLIO (1623):**

Of the roughly 750 copies believed to have been printed, fewer than a third are known to survive. The first collection of the Bard's plays in a single volume, the folio comprises thirty-six works, half of which—including *Macbeth*, *Julius Caesar*, and *The Tempest*—had never been published before.





**MAP OF ICELAND (1598):** Part of the library's Fiske Icelandic Collection, this decorative map was published by legendary Dutch cartographer Abraham Ortelius. It offers a detailed depiction of fjords, mountains, glaciers, and an erupting volcano, as well as an array of real and fantastical creatures.



**THIRTEENTH AMENDMENT (1865):** Cornell's manuscript is one of fourteen commemorative copies of the amendment—which formally abolished slavery in the U.S.—that were signed by President Lincoln and 150 of the Congressmen who voted for it.

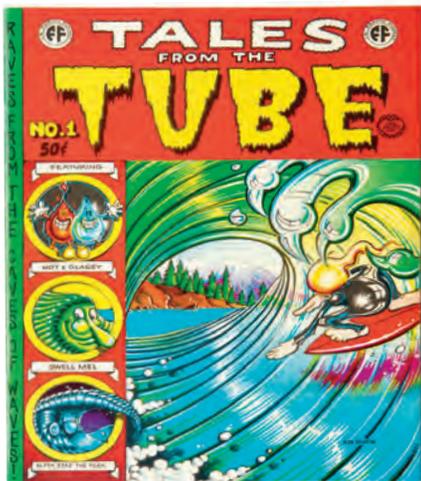
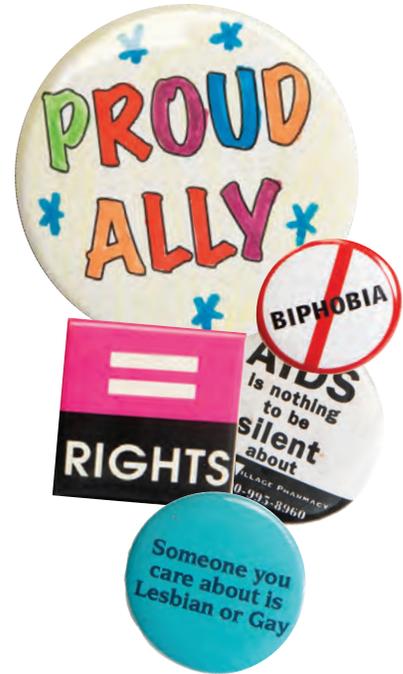


**MOZART & BEETHOVEN SKETCHES (UNDATED):** These brief musical sketches, handwritten by the composers, came to the library as part of a collection of autographs.



**CUBA BOTANICAL MANUSCRIPT (1826):** Entitled *Specimens of the Plants and Fruits of the Island of Cuba*, the three-volume work—comprising detailed descriptions and watercolor illustrations—was created by Anne Kingsbury Wollstonecraft, an aunt by marriage of *Frankenstein* author Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley.

**LGBT ACTIVISM BUTTONS (1980s):** The library's groundbreaking Human Sexuality Collection includes numerous pins advocating LGBT causes such as gay rights and HIV/AIDS awareness.



**COUNTERCULTURE COMIC BOOK (FEBRUARY 1972):** Originally produced for *Surfer* magazine, *Tales from the Tube*—about an “Aqua-noid” named Floyd searching for the next big wave—is part of the library's Underground Comix Collection, much of which was created in the San Francisco Bay Area in the Sixties and Seventies.



**ISAAC NEWTON'S PRINCIPIA (1687):** When astronomer Carl Sagan was selecting materials to include in the “Golden Record”—a missive from humanity to the cosmos carried by the *Voyager* probe—he chose these pages from Cornell's copy of Newton's seminal work (whose full Latin title translates as *Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy*) to represent all of Earth's books.



**'HANGING CHAD' VOTING MACHINE (CIRCA 2000):** Used in the contested 2000 presidential election, this machine from Palm Beach County, Florida, was among the problematic devices that used a logistically confusing ballot as well as a hole-punch system that resulted in numerous unclear votes.



**PALM LEAF MANUSCRIPT (CIRCA 1960):** Made of dried leaves connected with string, the text—written in the Northern Thai language—is one of forty such items in the library’s Southeast Asia Manuscript Collection.



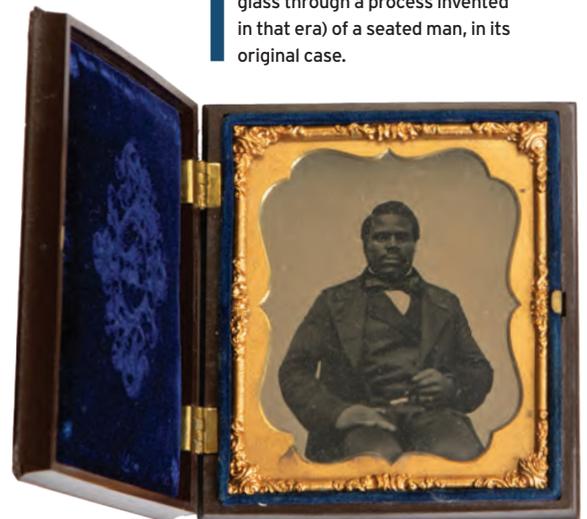
**A.D. WHITE'S CIVIL WAR SCRAPBOOKS (1861-65):** With Cornell in its planning stages during the war, the University's first president filled a series of scrapbooks—which he titled *Rebellion Miscellany*—with such items as newspaper clippings, patriotic advertisements, fabric samples, and Confederate currency, as a resource for future students and historians.



**CUNEIFORM TABLET (CIRCA 2000 BC):** The library holds more than 200 of the tablets, excavated near present-day Basra, Iraq. The oldest items in its collection, they bear one of the earliest forms of writing, which was invented in Sumeria about 3200 BC.

**EARLY AFRICAN AMERICAN PORTRAIT (LATE 1850s):**

The library has numerous portraits of African Americans from the mid-nineteenth century, including this ambrotype (a photo made on glass through a process invented in that era) of a seated man, in its original case.



# A SEA OF TROUBLES

**With climate change and pollution threatening to devastate the world's oceans, Professor Drew Harvell has devoted her career to protecting aquatic life**

**By Beth Saulnier**

**It was enough to distract her from the sharks.**

Marine ecologist Drew Harvell was a University of Washington doctoral student in zoology in 1982 when she went on a research trip off Panama's western coast with one of the world's foremost experts in the biology of coral reefs. Then twenty-six and a relatively inexperienced diver, Harvell was nervous about encountering aggressive bull sharks in the low-visibility waters. But when the group submerged, they were shocked to find that the normally colorful coral had turned ghostly white. Surfacing, Harvell and her fellow students asked their teacher what was going on. "He had no idea," recalls Harvell, now a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at Cornell, where she has been on the faculty since 1986. "He was one of the world's leading coral reef biologists, and he had never seen this before. That was a real wake-up call that new things could happen that we didn't understand."

The dive was Harvell's first encounter with what would come to be known as coral bleaching, a phenomenon that would harm reefs from Australia to the Florida Keys and make headlines worldwide. Bleaching occurs when

coral become stressed—due to such factors as temperature changes, pollution, and bacterial infection—and expel the symbiotic, algae-like organisms that nourish them and give them their bright hue. It's just one of the dangers that the world's oceans have faced over the past several decades—and in the years since Harvell first witnessed it, she has dedicated her career to studying the myriad threats to this fragile, complex ecosystem, with the ultimate aim of finding ways to protect marine biodiversity.

Harvell's lab at Cornell is devoted to studying the health and sustainability of coral reefs and seagrass beds, particularly how they're affected by outbreaks of infectious disease fueled by climate change. A leading figure in the worldwide movement to safeguard marine ecology, Harvell has led a World Bank-funded project to study the sustainability of coral reefs as an economic resource, co-authored a chapter of the U.S. government's 2014 report on climate change, and helped craft federal legislation (introduced in 2015, but not yet passed) that would provide emergency funding to study marine disease outbreaks. In February 2018, her work got a shout-out from none other than the U.K.'s Prince Charles, who noted the >

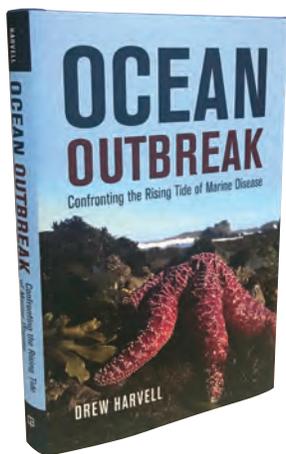
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**HIDDEN DEPTHS:** Harvell on a research dive off Indonesia



SEA CREATURES: Harvell teaching at Cornell's Shoals Marine Lab off the New Hampshire coast. Below left: Her new book.



findings of a recent paper of which Harvell was senior author. In an address in London's Fishmonger's Hall marking the International Year of the Reef, the prince decried such problems as bleaching, destructive fishing, and land-based pollution. "If that were not enough, ladies and gentlemen," he said, "we now understand that the scourge of plastic in the ocean is causing the rapid increase of lethal coral diseases."

That work, and more, is the subject of Harvell's most recent book, *Ocean Outbreak: Confronting the Rising Tide of Marine Disease*, published last spring by the University of California Press. In it, she describes how disease has struck four types of ocean life: abalone, coral, salmon, and starfish. As she explains it, human-driven factors like plastic pollution and rising water temperatures have enabled microbes—what she calls "these tiny monsters in the sea"—to proliferate, putting not only marine creatures but whole industries (such as fishing and tourism) and even human lives at risk. "The battle between hosts and pathogens is age-old—it's a normal process—but this warming, coupled with a lot of other things that have been going on in the ocean,

is giving the edge to the microbes, who can evolve and grow so much faster in warmer waters," Harvell says. "So we're tipping the balance—and man, are these microorganisms capable of taking advantage of it. Almost all the outbreaks we've studied are accelerated or fueled by warming."

Harvell is talking with CAM via videoconference from the western shore of Washington State's San Juan Island, where the view from her house stretches across the Haro Strait to Canada. Harvell spends part of each year on the island, located two hours north of Seattle; she's on the Hill for fall semester, and in the spring leads a program that takes Cornell undergrads to the Big Island of Hawaii and to San Juan Island's Friday Harbor Marine Laboratories for courses and field work in oceanography and the biology of marine invertebrates. Much of each summer is spent conducting research in the waters off North America's Pacific coast—the day before, she was out with a Smithsonian team using drones to map and assess the health of local seagrass beds, in decline since a marine heat wave spurred disease outbreaks several years ago—which she has been studying since her grad student days.

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## Species in Peril

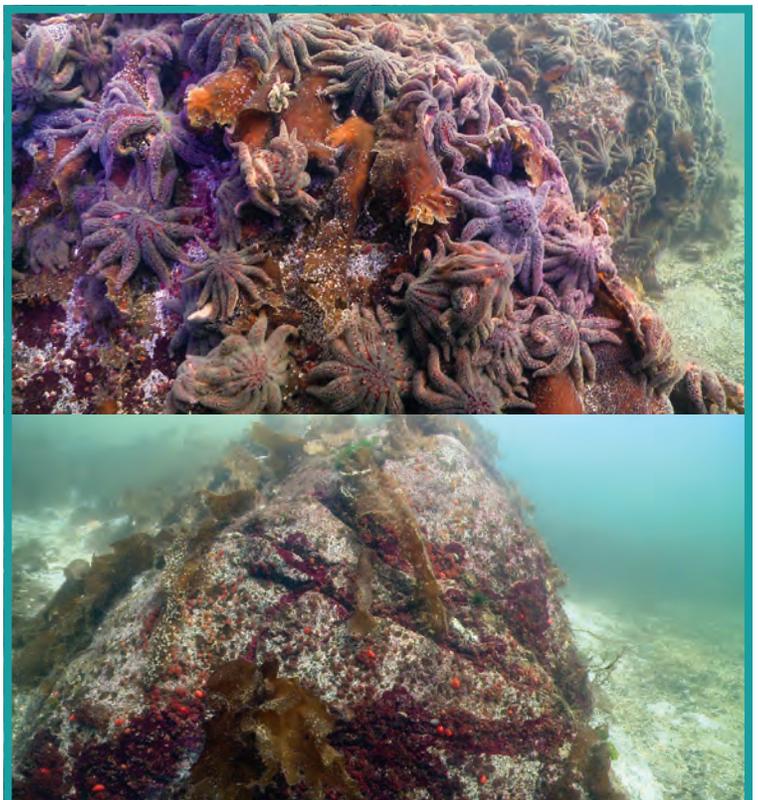
A devastating epidemic in Pacific waters kicks off *Ocean Outbreak*: a massive die-off of starfish that began in fall 2013 and resulted in heavy losses of at least twenty species. Affecting stars along their entire habitat range—as Harvell puts it, “from the Mexican border all the way up to the Aleutian Islands in Alaska,” as well as populations of captive stars in three major public aquariums—the outbreak became the single largest of its kind in history. (The losses so upset one class of sixth graders in Arkansas, they sent Harvell’s lab a \$400 check to help fund research.) As Harvell describes in the book—in a chapter that a *Forbes* review likened to a suspense thriller—she was attending a conference in California when a colleague called to report a gruesome scene on Seattle’s Alki Beach. Harvell and her husband (oceanographer Charles Greene, a professor of earth and atmospheric sciences at Cornell) quickly hopped on a plane and made their way to the site. “We saw four purple stars clustered together, half in the water, with twisted arms and small lesions; we would come to recognize these as tell-tale signs of the wasting disease,” Harvell writes. “As we walked along the water’s edge, we found more and more arms and parts of stars. I realized, with a sick feeling, that the beach was littered with them. Many were clearly dead, but occasionally, we would find one with moving tube feet, or a star in the process of having its arm tear away from the body and walk off on its own. It was so unreal and unnerving.”

As Harvell goes on to describe, lab experiments and field studies eventually identified a virus as the likely culprit—and established that the casualties were much heavier in warmer waters. While some starfish species have developed resistance and their numbers are beginning to rebound, one important kind—the sunflower star, which can grow to the size of a manhole cover and have up to two dozen arms—has all but vanished in the region. And because sunflower stars are major predators that keep prey like sea urchins under control, their absence has had significant consequences. “In California, where it’s warmer, there are no sunflower stars in many sites, and huge numbers of sea urchins have been mowing down the kelp beds, which are important habitats,” Harvell explains. “So it’s a system out of balance, driven by one of these tiny monsters—a microbe in the ocean.”

The results of the starfish study were published in *Science Advances* in January 2019—a year after another major paper by Harvell and colleagues, about the connection between plastic waste and marine disease, had similarly generated headlines. While environmentalists and laypeople alike were already concerned about plastic’s harm to marine animals—due, in part, to poignant images like a viral video of a sea turtle with a straw jammed in its nostril—the January 2018 paper, published in *Science*, demonstrated that it also damages oceans in more insidious ways. In that study of more than 124,000 corals in Southeast Asia—the work that Prince Charles cited—researchers detected disease in 89 percent of corals that came into contact with plastic waste, compared with just 4 percent of those that did not. “Potato chip bags, single-use plastic bags, plastic bottles—things that got wedged and crammed on the reef,” Harvell says, “they created little abrasions in the coral that allowed infections to get in. Or they were even conveying infections; a lot of this plastic was really dirty.”

As distressing as those findings were, Harvell says there’s some reason for optimism.▶

**‘We’re tipping the balance,’ Harvell says of the rise of marine diseases in an era of warming seas, ‘and man, are these microorganisms capable of taking advantage of it.’**



**VANISHING BREED:** Starfish (top) were photographed thriving on a rock off the coast of British Columbia in October 2013 and just three weeks later (bottom), the stars were gone, victims of a virulent disease outbreak.

**'The last international coral reef meeting I went to, there were people in tears,' Harvell says, 'and I was one of them.'**

While tackling the underlying causes of climate change is a herculean task, the harm caused by plastic can be mitigated through the straightforward means of proper waste management. (As she notes in the book, the researchers found more than fifty times as much plastic in the waters around Indonesia than around Australia, which has far superior waste disposal practices.) And just the fact that the paper got so much coverage—in news outlets from the *New York Times* to the BBC to NPR—was a positive sign. “We were pleased that ocean health was finally getting the attention it needed,” she writes. “While crafting ocean policy is not currently our job, doing the relatable, strong science that creates a foundation for policy change is, and we had hit a home run.”

### **Searching for Solutions**

Another potentially promising way to improve ocean health that Harvell espouses in the book: the protection and expansion of seagrass beds, which she and her col-

leagues have found serve as a natural filter that removes pathogens from the water. That work was inspired by a research trip to Indonesia during which Harvell and her teammates fell severely ill from dysentery and had to cut the visit short. They later returned, determined to learn what had made them sick, and found that the water they'd been diving in was contaminated with human sewage—but that levels of harmful bacteria (including those that cause diarrhea, meningitis, tetanus, and cholera) were dramatically reduced in seagrass meadows. Furthermore, corals located among seagrass were less likely to be diseased, establishing what Harvell calls a “critical link between human and coral health.” As she writes: “This gave us a positive and practical way forward. If we conserved and protected seagrass beds . . . we could slow deterioration of ocean health and possibly prevent some human disease, even in remote places like these sewage-polluted islands.”

*Ocean Outbreak* is Harvell's second book;



**MARINE DISEASE:** In another outbreak that Harvell studied, a type of coral called a sea fan was infected by the pathogenic fungus *Aspergillus sydowii* causing lesions that the fan's immune system then attacked with antifungal chemicals (seen in the dark purple rings).

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**ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE:** Plastic waste such as this single use bag stuck on a coral reef—can have dire effects on sea life.

her first, 2016's *A Sea of Glass*, explored her work as curator of the Cornell Collection of Blaschka Invertebrate Models—a menagerie of some 570 intricate, highly accurate sculptures of marine creatures. Crafted by a father-son team of Dresden glassmakers in the nineteenth century, they were purchased by the University as teaching tools at the behest of founding president Andrew Dickson White. The book—which *Smithsonian* called one of the year's top "art-meets-science" releases—details not only the collection and its history but Harvell's attempts to find living examples of the animals the sculptures depict, in an era when climate change and other factors have put habitats at risk.

That ongoing effort is also the subject of *Fragile Legacy*, a 2015 short film narrated by actor and activist Ted Danson and directed by David Brown '83, a longtime environmental videographer and Harvell collaborator. The thirty-minute movie, which Harvell and Brown ultimately hope to expand into a full-length film, includes footage of Harvell searching for real-life versions of Blaschka creatures—for example, looking for a common

octopus (*Octopus vulgaris*) in waters off Hawaii while chronicling the effort to restore the damaged Blaschka sculpture of the creature.

The film also details threats to ocean life, noting that the models—made before the Industrial Revolution ushered in the use of fossil fuels, leading to increased carbon dioxide levels and therefore higher water temperatures—offer a time capsule of life in a more pristine ecosystem. Among the film's most distressing images: footage of a beach strewn with plastic garbage, and haunting shots of Indonesian reefs destroyed by a devastating practice in which fishermen drop dynamite into the water to stun their prey. "The last international coral reef meeting I went to, there were people in tears, and I was one of them," Harvell says, reflecting on the overall state of reefs worldwide. "Talk about disheartening—to see these cathedrals of the ocean with the most beautiful, inspiring, exciting foundations of biodiversity being killed, largely by climate change. But we can't just sit around and be disheartened. We need to move forward—to do what we can to make things better." ■

# OUTGOING ALUMNI-ELECTED TRUSTEES

## Stephanie Keene Fox '89

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as a steward for the school I love.

Key initiatives from my time on the board:

- We united the Dyson, Hotel, and Johnson schools to create a powerhouse College of Business—flexible, collaborative, and cross-disciplinary.
- We opened Cornell Tech's campus in New York City, cementing our position as a global leader in technology and innovation. Simply put, Cornell Tech is a game changer for our university.
- Cornell has long desired to house all freshmen and sophomores on campus. Now we will do it—by adding nearly 2,000 beds on North Campus. Trustees have a central governance role that allows us to help ensure support and funding for facilities investments that improve the student experience.
- We are finalizing a strategic plan for Alumni Affairs. Why is this important? We are students for four years, but we are alumni for life. The plan will help us connect more fully with Cornell and with each other.

Perhaps the greatest challenge we now face as a university is the need to successfully navigate the changing landscape of higher education. Please help by advocating for Cornell and higher education in your daily life, and voting in every alumni trustee election. Our alumni are Cornell's superpower.



## Jonathan Poe '82

Aloha! Our University evolves prudently with more initiatives under way. Two recent examples:

- The Skorton Center for Health Initiatives opened its doors in 2017 to improve campus wellness. Collaborations with Cayuga Medical Center, Weill Cornell Medicine, and Residential Life and advances in telemedicine and data analytics have enhanced healthcare for students, staff, and faculty. We know Cornell can be stressful. Leveraging widespread expertise will create better health, safety, and outcomes.
- The North Campus Residential Expansion will add 2,000 more beds on North Campus, and upgrade other dormitories. When completed, all underclasspersons and transfers will have the option to reside on campus. They'll be deeply immersed in 24/7 on-campus experiences. As a complement, Cornell created a Yelp-like website for off-campus apartments ([listings.offcampusliving.cornell.edu](https://listings.offcampusliving.cornell.edu)). Cornellians need safe places to live, learn, play, dream, and siesta.

While alumni-elected trustees represent alumni perspectives to the board, holistic views are taken by all trustees, guided by such first principles as wellness, safety, inclusion, and sustainability. Thank you for my alumni-elected trustee term. Mahalo for your continued Cornell engagement. See you on the Hill.

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## COLLABORATORS LOOK AT LEGAL ISSUES THROUGH BIG DATA LENS

**Michael Heise**, left, is the William G. McRoberts Professor in the Empirical Study of Law at Cornell Law School; he co-edits the *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies (JELS)* and is a founding director of the Society for Empirical Legal Studies. **Marty Wells** is the Charles A. Alexander Professor of Statistical Sciences and holds appointments in the ILR School, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell Law School, and Weill Cornell Medicine. He also co-edits *JELS*, is the chair of the Department of Statistics and Data Science, and is a member of the provost's Data Science Task Force.

Together, they collaborate on empirical legal research, applying advanced data science and statistical analyses to look at legal issues that affect people's lives as well as examining the judiciary system and how it operates.

The full conversation is available at [news.cornell.edu/Heise-WellsQA](https://news.cornell.edu/Heise-WellsQA).

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**“DURING THE 1980s, CORNELL EMERGED AS THE LEADING EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUDIES LAW SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY; IT’S WHAT ATTRACTED ME HERE.”**

– Michael Heise

**How did your collaboration get started?**

**Marty Wells:** It essentially started with a cold call in the early '90s from [the late Cornell Law School professor] Ted Eisenberg. He was a pioneer in empirical legal studies, and back in the '80s he was trying to look at data from masses of cases and then make conclusions. And he just called me up one day and said, “I have a question: Can you help me?”

I was a statistician in the ILR School, and my research at that time had a theoretical focus. I thought, “This is great. I have a way of doing something that’s relevant to social sciences, and I’ll be able to reach out and talk to lawyers.” Ted was just wonderful, a collegial legal scholar.

We started going to weekly lunches and eventually worked on a wide range of projects for over 20 years. From that first call, we worked on the national Capital Jury Project, and that was an early connection with Cornell Law School and the death penalty. At the time, John Blume [now a professor and director of the Cornell Death Penalty Project] ran a death penalty resource center in South Carolina, and he had a lot of data to analyze.

**Michael Heise:** The larger collaboration predates me. In fact, when Ted and Marty began I was still finishing up law school and grad school. But Ted’s instincts were dead-on. It was illustrated by him reaching out to Marty, to formally engage legal questions and legal research and exploit data – what is now known as data science – and the required computational power was just beginning to ramp up. It wasn’t just that Ted and Marty began contributing to the literature – they actually helped redefine it and propel empirical legal studies. Ted was a generation ahead of his time.

**Wells:** This was at a time before the term “data science” even existed. Analyzing large-scale legal data was a novel idea, and Ted had a vision that this was where legal scholarship was headed: looking over lots of cases to get a view about what happens in the aggregate.

So we started working on South Carolina death penalty data, which was part of the Capital Jury Project. John Blume also got us involved in going to post-conviction reviews in South Carolina and analyzing countywide sentencing data.

Our first big paper that came out of that work was about juror instructions. We had data from the surveys, and we found that many jurors didn’t understand the instructions given by judges. And, furthermore, jurors who didn’t understand instructions were more likely to vote for death. We analyzed data relevant to South Carolina at the same time a case that hinged on understanding jury instructions was coming up before the U.S. Supreme Court. We wrote an article that was published in the Cornell Law Review, and was subsequently cited in the Supreme Court decision.

**Heise:** This was a key early move. Marty brought world-class statistical training and data analytics. But Ted and John Blume said: “We need to go to the county level.” Now, to a statistician, the county level as a unit of analysis doesn’t mean all that much. Legally, however, it has tremendous salience in terms of assessing how legal rules are being applied or misapplied, especially as it relates to judges, jurors, jury instructions, jury pools and prosecutors.

**What does this collaboration, and its future potential, look like today in an era of big data?**

**Heise:** Issues relating to artificial intelligence and algorithms are quickly emerging. For legal scholars, this is simply a new area, and we have begun, just in the last couple of years, to digest and think through some interesting and potentially critical legal changes that will be driven by truly massive data sets interacting with enormous computational power.

**Wells:** Legal scholars are now tapping into data sets that, previously, only social science researchers had used, such as data from the

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**The average number of cases the U.S. Supreme Court decided per year at its high point; that figure is now in the low 60s**



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– Marty Wells

Bureau of Justice Statistics and the National Center for State Courts, as well as massive epidemiological and health care data sets. Law schools are now hiring many J.D./Ph.D.s. They bring the social science tradition and the ability and the desire to look at large-scale data.

**Talk about the study you worked on that involved the Exxon Valdez case.**

**Heise:** That was a multi-decade project.

**Wells:** At the time [1989], it seemed that Exxon was lobbying to show that there was no rationality in how jurors assess punitive damages. And it turned out that just as the Exxon trials were starting, the National Center for State Courts released high-quality data on punitive damages. We looked at a simple logarithmic transformation of the dollars rather than the dollars themselves, found robust results, and began publishing a series of papers on aspects of the relationship between compensatory and punitive damages.

**Heise:** The papers relate to a series of court decisions that ultimately found their way to the U.S. Supreme Court. While this punitive damages debate was framed by tobacco litigation and some massive judgments like the Exxon Valdez case, we found that, contrary to conventional wisdom at the time, the amount of compensatory or actual damages awarded by juries strongly correlates with the amount of punitive damages, and that this relation has persisted over time.

Looking only at individual cases obscures this trend. But if you take a couple of steps back and analyze systematic data, a remarkably robust relation emerges.

**Wells:** And the results were robust across judges and juries. That was an early finding that attracted a lot of attention.

**Heise:** The civil justice system is not as unpredictable as some critics suggest. Some wanted states to ban punitive damages. They said jurors were picking numbers out of thin air, that it was a lottery with negative consequences for legal rules and institutions. The critique, however, is simply not supported by the data.

**Wells:** It was quite exciting. This was a problem – a legal problem, and it was fundamentally an empirical problem. And lawyers are very good at making arguments – but if you have some quality data you can actually win the argument.

**What is something you are currently working on?**

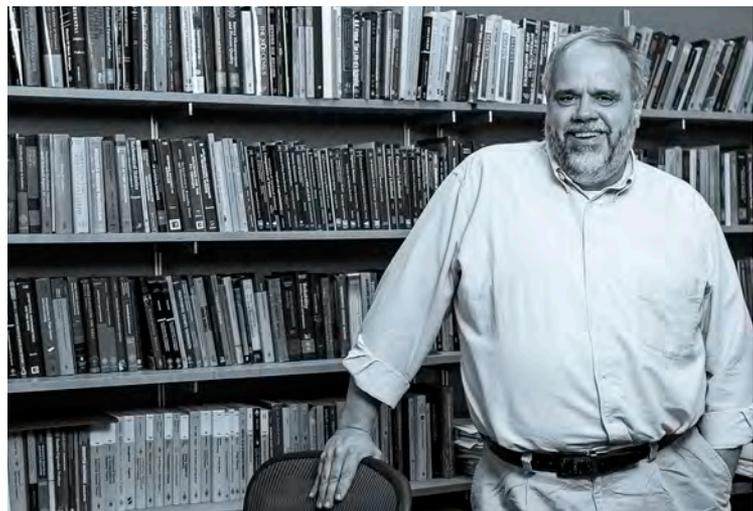
**Heise:** We're currently looking at how the number of cases on the U.S. Supreme Court docket has declined over the last couple

decades. At the high point, the Court was deciding approximately 200 cases a year; it's now in the low 60s. The question is, what's going on? What explains such a tremendous decline over time? We're just beginning our work ... testing some hypotheses as to what might account statistically for that. There's nothing obvious yet.

**Wells:** It is interesting that the number of certiorari petitions [requests for the Court to review a lower court's decision] has gone up exponentially while the number of cases the Court is taking on now, the number of decisions it decides, is at the level it was right before the Civil War. Our data analysis methodology is novel and is akin to methods used in epidemiology.

**What is Cornell Law School's legacy in the area of empirical research?**

**Wells:** Cornell Law School has an exceptional empirical legal studies tradition. Cornell's Journal of Empirical Legal Studies is the premier journal in the field.



Jesse Winter

**Heise:** During the 1980s, Cornell emerged as the leading empirical legal studies law school in the country; it's what attracted me here. The Law School remains one of the most robust, engaged, supportive institutions for empirical legal research – and that's the product of great deans, great colleagues and great students.

Now, in part because of what started here at Cornell, the entire law school world has shifted a bit. There is no longer any serious law school in the United States without Ph.D.s or J.D./Ph.D.s. on the faculty. Thus, the scholarly space that Cornell used to have for itself is increasingly shared space with other leading law schools.

But only Cornell Law School has Marty.

**Opposite page:** Michael Heise, the William G. McRoberts Professor in the Empirical Study of Law at Cornell Law School.

**Below:** Marty Wells, the Charles A. Alexander Professor of Statistical Sciences; he holds appointments in the ILR School and several other colleges at Cornell.

### New graduate bids aloha

Sofia Boucher '19 began her Cornell career in the College of Arts and Sciences, but transferred to the ILR School because it provided a balance between the practical and the theoretical, and a solid foundation in business, history and law. "I have always been passionate about social justice and the systemic study of inequality, something I didn't know could be encapsulated in a degree," she says.

Boucher has dual goals: to establish a solid career that will provide for her future family and to find an outlet for her passion for justice. The ILR degree offers her the right mix of both as she graduates.

The deciding factor in Boucher's choice to attend Cornell was the university's financial aid package. "Other schools offered me generous

scholarships and packages with a combination of merit- and need-based aid, but none even came close to what Cornell provided," Boucher says. "Cornell's need-blind admissions process for a full-ride package was what I needed to be able to feasibly attend university." Boucher is the recipient of the R. Worrell I and C. Wright Scholarship from the ILR School, as well as a federal Pell Grant, an NYS TAP grant and a Cornell grant.

Boucher looks back fondly on her participation in the Cornell Hawaii Club. She was born and raised in Hawaii, and, like many island children, began dancing hula at the age of five. "I was pleasantly surprised to find that Cornell has a Hawaii Club, whose members are either from the islands or have some familial connection there," she says. "Being able to dance hula even when snow covers the ground and temperatures are nowhere near 'Hawaiian' has been especially comforting during my time at Cornell."



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**Above:** Sofia Boucher '19, right, found an outlet for her passion for justice through the ILR School.

**Left:** Boucher dances hula.



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**"Being able to dance hula even when snow covers the ground and temperatures are nowhere near 'Hawaiian' has been especially comforting during my time at Cornell."**

– Sofia Boucher '19

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# CLASS NOTES

NEWS OF FELLOW CORNELLIANS

**45** “Looking forward to our 75th Reunion!” writes **George Karp**, BA '47. “I am a volunteer recruiter for Palm Beach Harvest, which collects food for the homeless and hungry. I'm still playing golf and bridge, too.” George still keeps in touch with **Barney Mayrhoon**, BS '47. **Ruth Boyd** Wilson, BS '44, is still living “down on the farm” and enjoying it all. She gets the most satisfaction these days from family get-togethers and playing bridge several times a week. “I loved every day at Cornell,” she writes.

**Dick Allen**, BME '47, who retired 35 years ago, is now attending many operas and classical music programs. He was first chairman of the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Port Authority. “I have nine grandchildren—all college graduates or attendees. I also have four great-grandkids. One of my daughters is dean of engineering at Cal State, Los Angeles.” He adds, “At 95, I am not very ambitious, but am in good health and still driving my Hyundai.” When **Frank Swingle**, BME '44, MS '49, wrote in the spring, he noted that he was about to get a reverse shoulder replacement in late March!

**Sally Reed** Reidinger spends her time keeping up with mail and an ever-growing family. She's been attending interesting lectures at Heron Point, where she lives in Chestertown, MD. When she wrote to us, she was on her way to attend “The Implications of Technology Use on Health.” Sally notes that her family brings her the most satisfaction in her life—“Grandchildren are SO interesting.” And when asked what her best day at Cornell was, she replied, “All days—except exam days.” Send your news to: ❖ **Class of 1945**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

**46** **Charlotte Fry** Poor is living in a comfortable senior residence in Peoria, IL. She has been there for about a year and is so pleased to have an apartment with a garden. She is hoping that her daughter will help her with it, although she lives in Tulsa, OK. She has had to cut back on most of her volunteering, bridge, and walking because of worsening problems with her eyes. This was very difficult to do. **Anita Hansen** Starrett, BS '45, moved from Maine to Little Rock, AR, five years ago also because her eyesight began to deteriorate. Although Anita graduated accelerated in the Class of '45, she still considers '46 to be her class. She is recovering from a hip replacement and working very hard to put the cane away. She has a positive attitude and enjoys every day, especially listening to her musician son's jazz trio. He is a percussionist and teaches at the U. of Arkansas.

I would love to hear from you . . . or I might call! ❖ **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, 1 Baldwin Ave., #501, San Mateo, CA 94401; tel., (650) 342-1196; e-mail, dmprey@aol.com.

We recently learned of the death of **Emmett** “Mac” **MacCorkle III '64**. Mac was the acknowledged King of West Coast Cornellians, a beloved power in the insurance industry, as well as a former president of the prestigious Bohemian Club. He and his lovely wife, **Carol (Britton) '64**, went out of their way to welcome Lois and me on

our arrival in California's Bay Area and insured that I would continue to volunteer for Cornell here. We offer our heartfelt condolences to Carol, who continues to serve Cornell as a trustee emeritus. There is a scholarship fund set up in their name at Cornell if anyone would like to make a donation: MacCorkle Family Scholarship (Fund #992612), at University Office of Development, Attn: Advancement Services, 130 E. Seneca St., Ste. 400, Ithaca, NY 14850.

**Leonard Ladin '55** celebrated a milestone birthday here at SRC, in our Pleasanton, CA, CCRC dining room. Most people require that milestones celebrate an anniversary with “0” or “5” for its last digit, but Leonard claims that any age over “80” qualifies. It was a gala event, beautifully decorated and highlighted by his balladeer son's original song dedicated to his dad. Leonard continues to serve as my valuable traveling companion in visiting and reporting on nearby Cornell events.

Remember, “Thrive for 75; make history on the Hill in 2021.” Stay tuned to this column for Reunion news. Exercise moderately and, above all, avoid falls. See you on the Hill in June of 2021. To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at the below e-address. Include your name, city, and state. ❖ **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir., #S-202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (925) 201-7575; e-mail, plevine93@gmail.com. Class website, [www.classof46.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.classof46.alumni.cornell.edu).

**47** Happy summer! Please take a moment to share an update with your class. What is your favorite way to enjoy the nice weather? Did you ever spend a summer on the Hill? Let us know. ❖ **Class of 1947**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

**48** I would like to begin this issue by sharing some information I acquired by asking the Cornell Office of Alumni Affairs about our class. They have a confirmed mailing list of about 400 members of the class, with the possibility of as many as 200 additional names about whom they have no information. Of these, dues-paying members constitute 80 to 100, almost all of whom also subscribe to the *Cornell Alumni News*. Over my two years of being your correspondent, I have reported on 47 classmates, so we have heard from about half of those who receive the magazine. It's disappointing that over 300 classmates have no ties to Cornell or the Class of 1948 via this media.

Moving to the present, this year's mailing has produced eight completed forms as of early May. Six are from female classmates and two are from males. Five of these female classmates married Cornell men; perhaps it's no surprise that ties to Cornell are stronger when both parties are alumni.

**Jacqueline Smith** Flournoy stays busy with a variety of activities, including working at a local thrift shop, reading in her spare time, and sailing on her 34-foot boat in the Connecticut summertime; she particularly enjoyed winning her division of the Wednesday Night Racing with an all-family crew! These and other family connections give her great satisfaction. She answers the form's question “What was your best day at Cornell?”

with this: “Getting on the honor roll.” **Sylvia Kilbourne Hosie**, MNS '49, a member of the Class of 1948 Council of Advisors, answers the question of her best day at Cornell: “Meeting my future husband, **Bill '49!**”

**Madeleine Miller** Bennett's answer is very enthusiastic: “Every day was my best day at Cornell.” Moving more to the present, she celebrates the birth of her great-grandson, Jason, born May 2018. She draws great satisfaction these days from “being a culture vulture” (if your correspondent reads her handwriting correctly). **Margaret Smith Brown** lost her husband, **Albert**, PhD '51, in 2016. She is still in the process of emptying her house of belongings accumulated over 37 years of marriage. Family includes three daughters living in the Midwest and one granddaughter who is employed at Cornell. The limitations of age bother her; she says she wishes she could travel more and go back East from Nebraska to see her family, or even have longer walks. Still, she is thankful that she can hear and read, particularly the Sunday *New York Times*, even in the Midwest. Stay tuned to the upcoming Sept/Oct column for more news from your classmates. In the meantime, send your news to: ❖ **Ray Tuttle**, 65 Oyster Reef Dr., Hilton Head Island, SC 29926; e-mail, RayTutt@aol.com.

**49** What's next for our class? Another Reunion coming up—in five years! And yes, it will be our 75th! Meanwhile, our classmates are all very busy, as usual. We are a very lively class!

**Susan Potter** Hall (Westfield, PA; snr8182verizon.net) tells us, “Using a walker makes everything take a long time. So glad I can use ‘time and motion study’ to get things done! Also, I make lots of lists for ordering what is needed, as I don't drive anymore. Expecting a third great-grandchild in July.” Remarking on what brings her the most satisfaction these days, Susan says, “Reading, hearing from friends and family, and doing the crossword puzzle and Sudoku.” **Max Kraus** (mhh10@cornell.edu), married to Lois, writes, “Living in the Eastview retirement community in Middlebury, VT. We left Philadelphia 15 years ago to move to Middlebury. Great life with Middlebury College nearby. Plenty of activities—indoor and out. Still biking and cross-country skiing.”

**Harold Maider** (Johnson City, NY; hgmaider@gmail.com) is married to Carolyn and is busy “maintaining my retirement funding. We have five children, all healthy and working. We are happy at the UMH independent living facility.” He added that “being with new friends at age 93” brings him the most satisfaction these days. Harold told us that his best day at Cornell was “the first day.”

**Marcella** “Marcie” **Shlansky** Livingston (Lido Beach, NY; livingmarcie@gmail.com), widow of the late Bob Livingston, says she is busy with “two Hebrew classes and a creative writing group, lots of reading, lots of puzzles, and knitting pussy hats for feminists and lap robes for wounded veterans.” She adds, “Only granddaughter, the oldest grandchild, got married in July, same month as my 90th birthday party. Youngest grandson (son of **Michael Livingston '77**) made Aliyah (settling in Israel).” Marcie says she wishes she could be “seeing another president on TV.” She says she gets the most satisfaction in “getting the Final Jeopardy! answer

when none of the contestants do. It doesn't happen that often, but it does happen."

**Antoinette** "Toni" **Hallinan Ottobre** of Toms River, NJ, widow of the late **James Ottobre**, writes, "I read books more than any other thing. Health is not what I'd like it to be, but perhaps not bad for our advanced age. I enjoy talking to friends and family by phone and visits." She adds, "I have been able to visit with **Ann Sequin Hill**, since she recently moved to Toms River." Writing in

better than 12. In April, I am going to London to meet my new great-granddaughter who is four weeks old. Her sister is 15 months. After, I am going to Estonia and Latvia for a few days. Hope to see you in June."

Our class mourns the passing of **Everett Sherwood**, who died November 17, 2018, and of class council member **Arlene Whitman Ross**. **Richard Keegan**, a lifetime member of the Cornell University Council and recipient of the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni

with an address change is **Camilla Hildreth** Cesarini (Sayville, NJ).

**Jules Janick** (West Lafayette, IN) writes that Shirley, his wife of 65 years, passed away after a long illness. Last year he married Patricia Ryan, an Australian history teacher. They traveled there in October 2018. "I'm still working at Purdue as distinguished professor of horticulture. My co-author, Arthur O. Tucker, and I published *Unraveling the Voynich Codex*, with Springer Nature in 2018. The Jules Janick Horticultural Garden at Purdue is to be dedicated in 2019. **Peter Janick '75**, my son, is a radiologist in a Lansing, MI, hospital. I am pleased to be alive and healthy!"

My effort to understand what was "unraveled" led to this. "The bizarre *Voynich Codex* has often been referred to as the most mysterious book in the world. Discovered in an Italian Catholic college in 1912 by a Polish book dealer, Wilfrid Voynich, it was eventually bequeathed to the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library of Yale U. It contains symbolic language that has defied translation by eminent cryptologists. The codex is encyclopedic in scope and contains sections known as herbal, pharmaceutical, balenological (nude nymphs bathing in pools), astrological, and cosmological, and a final section of text that may be prescriptions but could be poetry or incantations. Because the vellum has been carbon dated to the early 15th century and the manuscript was known to be in the collection of Emperor Rudolf II of the Holy Roman Empire sometime between 1607 and 1622, current dogma had assumed it a European manuscript of the 15th century. However, based on identification of New World plants, animals, and a mineral, as well as cities and volcanos of Central Mexico, the authors of this book reveal that the codex is clearly a document of colonial New Spain. Furthermore, the illustrator and author are identified as native to Mesoamerica based on a name and ligated initials in the first botanical illustration. This breakthrough in Voynich studies indicates that the failure to decipher the manuscript has been the result of a basic misinterpretation of its origin in time and place. Tentative assignment of the Voynichese symbols also provides a key to decipherment based on Mesoamerican languages. A document from this time, free from filter or censor from either Spanish or Inquisitorial authorities, has major importance in our understanding of life in 16th-century Mexico."

**Karl Van Valkenburgh** (West Granby, CT) lost his wife, Johanna, on her 92nd birthday, February 21, 2019. She was a 1951 graduate of DePauw U. **Thomas Orbison** (Hortonville, WI) checked in with no news. **David Werdegar**, MA '53 (Ross, CA) is "now an emeritus professor of medicine at UCSF School of Medicine, and a previous chair of a new department of family and community medicine. Wife Kathryn recently retired as a Justice of the California Supreme Court." Ann Gerling (Medford, OR) wrote in that her husband, **John Gerling**, died October 2, 2018. **Bill Kay** (Drexel Hill, PA), our recent class council president, wrote, "I am pleased to tell you of my 26 grandchildren and 11 greats. I look forward to our 70th Reunion in two years. I am still working at my great homes, which I really enjoy. I look forward to seeing all of our great classmates. I will miss **Bill Phillips**." Bill, who died on December 26, 2018, started his advertising career at the *Cornell Daily Sun* while we were there.

**Gordon '45** and **Shirley Long Woodward** (Sun City, AZ) parented two children, three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren (ages 1 to 18). Shirley writes that she's been "town historian for 35 years, county historian for seven years, and a professional geologist. I still keep

## 'For the first time since starting to wear glasses during our senior year, I received an unrestricted driver's license.'

STEPHAN TAUBER '52

March, Toni says, "I look forward to attending our 70th Reunion. Two Cornell daughters will be with me." When asked if there is anything else she wishes she could be doing, Toni exclaims, "Oh, so many things! More traveling, more vigorous activity, driving, etc." What brings her the most satisfaction these days? "My family!" What was her best day at Cornell? "Hard to say! Meeting my late husband, Jim, was certainly one. I'd also include the first day when I met my first roommate, Ann Sequin Hill, and very close friend **Roxy Rosse Williams**." **Jean Schultheis Brechter** of Shelter Island Heights, NY, writes, "I am so thrilled that my grandson **Stefan Brechter '22** is a freshman at Cornell!"

**Fanny Weiss** Markel (Buffalo, NY) writes, "I retired after 55 years in business. I founded and ran the Floristry until I reached my 90th birthday. The company did all floral needs and traveled to other cities and countries to do weddings and parties." She adds, "Wish I was back on the tennis court and the golf course." Bringing Fanny the most satisfaction these days is "seeing my children and grandchildren do well. My grandson **Evan Markel '07**, ME '08, is a graduate of Cornell." Her best day at Cornell, she says, was being accepted! **Helen Osborne Jenkins** (Copley, OH; hkojenkins@concordiaatsumner.com) is busy "participating in a book group, art group, Bible study, and dialogue and discussion panel—and gentle exercise." She adds, "At 91-1/2 I am more immobile, but am watching my families grow along with six great-grands." What brings her the most satisfaction these days? "That **Jerry '51** and I moved to a CCRC. I recommend it—I'm sure Kendal at Ithaca is a grand place, too." Her best day at Cornell? "Too many to count."

**Chuck Reynolds** (Vero Beach, FL; chreynolds@yahoo.com) writes, "As I write this in early March, I am pretty sure I will make my 92nd birthday at the end of the month. As I look around my world, there are not many friends and associates to invite to a birthday party, and most of those who are around are not able to go very far. I am fortunate to have a few who are older than I, one of whom has made plans with me to attend our 70th Reunion in June—**Tom Weissenborn**, MBA '50. We will be staying in the Statler. At our 65th Reunion, in the Statler lobby, there were a lot of attendees for the 65th, 70th, and 75th reunions. Tom W. and I estimated we would have 100 for our 65th. In fact, the Statler list showed 43. For the 70th—12. For the 75th—5. Those numbers really got my attention. Hopefully, we will do

Service Award, died February 14, 2019. He is survived by a son, **Stephen Keegan '81** of Lunenburg, MA, a daughter, Janet Bray of Murray, NE, and grandchildren William Keegan of New York City and Samuel Keegan of Boston, MA.

Please send in your news, classmates! We're interested in all your doings. Tell us your impressions of our 70th Reunion and all that you did while you were there, and read more about it in our upcoming Sept/Oct column!

❖ **Dorothy "Dee" Mulhoffer** Solow, 50 Grant St., Wellsboro, PA 16901; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

**50** From Sarasota, FL, **Sonia Pressman Fuentes** reports that she has been serving on a committee that's been planning to celebrate the centennial of women's suffrage, which is next year. "We plan to start such activities this fall and for them to continue for 17 months. The events will include marches and plays. Our schools will be involved too, so as to focus on women's history." Sonia adds, "I continue to give talks on my life and work. My last one was on March 1, 2019, where I kicked off the annual Women's Empowerment Summit at the U. of North Carolina, Pembroke for Women's History Month. My next talks are scheduled for June 20, 2019, at a conference of the Florida Alliance for Arts Education in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and to the National Council of Jewish Women in Sarasota on September 19, 2019." Thanks for writing, Sonia!

If you have submitted news recently (via e-mail or a Share Your News form) but haven't seen it in this column yet, please get in touch with our Class Notes Editor, **Alexandra Bond '12**, at abb83@cornell.edu. You can also call her at (607) 272-8530, ext. 1025. She would love to hear from you! If you haven't submitted your news recently, please take a moment out of your busy summer to let us know what's happening with you. What is your favorite way to enjoy the nice weather? Did you ever spend a summer on the Hill? Let us know. ❖ **Patricia Carry** Stewart, 2613 N. Ocean Blvd., Gulf Stream, FL 33483; tel., (561) 278-5387; e-mail, stewartpc@aol.com; **Paul Joslin**, 13731 Hickman Rd., #4207, Urbandale, IA 50323; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phjoslin@aol.com.

**51** **Margaret Clark** Hampson (now living in Kendal at Ithaca, NY) checked in by sending a news form with a change of address. She's one of two classmates I've heard from for the first time. Another

track of four classmates—the rest have died. At age 90 I enjoy watching old sitcoms on TV and family get-togethers. I'm now in a wheelchair, as I can't walk. I have post-polio syndrome and am going blind with macular degeneration." **William and Elaine Shannon Zimmer '52** (Schenectady, NY) "have two children, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. One of the great-grandchildren is now in high school. I turned 90 last July. Elaine became 90 in February. I am a social member at the local volunteer fire company after eight years as an active volunteer firefighter."

**Don Victorin** (Austin, TX) has been "married 64 years to Marjorie, my high school classmate. We have three married daughters, seven grandkids, and three great-grandchildren stretched from California and Pennsylvania to Minnesota, plus Dallas. We live in an independent retirement community in Dripping Springs, TX. Marge says she is happy not to have to cook and clean a house with old age. I have given up tennis, hunting, and fishing. I now lead an aerobics class here at Ledgestone. Recently I went on an Honor Flight to Washington, DC, where veterans from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam toured all the monuments, etc. I have a BChemE from Cornell and an MBA from Rutgers. I spent two years in the Korean War as a first lieutenant in ammo supply in Korea. I was awarded the Army Commendation Medal and spent 34 years working for Exxon in New Jersey, NYC, Houston, and Coral Gables, FL, with many trips overseas." Send your news to: ♦ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>

**52** I received an e-mail with a reflection on our years from **Stephan Tauber** (Lexington, MA): "Looking at the newest issue of the *Alumni News* drives home the passage of time and the passing of our predecessors. The Class of '52 is now on the second page of Class Notes. When we arrived on campus in 1948 there were, I believe, still one or two alumni from the very earliest graduating classes alive." More from Steph below.

Pamela Craig sent an e-mail on March 3 that brought news of her mother, **Jean Brown** Craig: "We said our final goodbyes to our mom yesterday. We had two beautiful services—one in the Quaker tradition at Foulkeways on Friday afternoon and then yesterday at St. Thomas White-marsh. You can read her obituary on Legacy.com—just type in 'Jean Craig.' One of the great things we found is that adorable cover girl photo from the *Cornell Huntsman* in 1951." Another e-mail came from **George Kennedy**, MBA '56 (Edina, MN): "**Gayle (Raymond)** was surrounded by friends and family at her 89th birthday party. She died in her sleep seven weeks later, on March 27. Signs of dementia became evident about three years ago. In October 2018, Gayle moved into a memory care facility (across the street from our condo). Her condition worsened and then accelerated the last two weeks of her life. **Clint '76**, Beau, and I will decide on a date (mid- or late May) and a location for a celebration of her exceptional life."

I also received many news forms from you all. There are deaths among them, but most of you sounded pretty good! **John Voigt**, MBA '57 (Palos Heights, IL; jackvoigt@att.net) writes, "After completing an Army tour, I returned to Cornell and earned an MBA in 1957—at the same time as my fifth undergrad Reunion. I worked for US Steel for 30 years, ending as director-accounting for one of the divisions. This was followed by a satisfying 20-plus years as a volunteer counselor for SCORE. Now Monica White and I are enjoying our retirement in a suburb south of Chicago, while my son **David '77** lives about 50 miles north. Each

year we have fun visits with my college roommate, **Ed Callahan**, and my fraternity pledge son, **Don Kennedy '55**. Monica and I have 12 grandchildren between us, and we look forward to attending graduations this spring in Illinois, Maryland, Virginia, and Ontario, Canada."

**Albert Fried**, MBA '53 (Bal Harbour, FL) is "taking life easy," and adds that he's been "getting older!" Other thoughts? "I got my Air Force Top Secret clearance even faster than Jared Kushner." When she wrote, **Marilyn Goldstein** Jeffs (Ann Arbor, MI; mgjeffs3@att.net) was recovering from a hospitalization for treatment of acute asthmatic bronchitis and was happy to be snuggling in her home with an outside temperature of just 19 and snow. She had been waiting for the arrival of spring and warm weather when she planned to enjoy the warm seasons. Other thoughts? "My family from New York, Connecticut, Maryland, and Uganda will be spending part of the summer here and that will be an exciting time."

Dean and **Lynn Heidelberger** MacEwen (Greenville, DE) were getting ready to move from New Castle to Stone-gates retirement community. **Michal Kadinsky-Cade** (Chicago, IL; mkc31@sbcglobal.net) wrote, "I am involved in the employment council at St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church. We help job-seekers to conduct their search and companies and other organizations to find competent candidates when they need to fill an opening. Attendance by people of any religious affiliation or without one are welcome." Michel has been employed by Allied Stores, Revlon Cosmetics, Corning Inc., and Beatrice Foods Inc. in various senior management positions. He also had a business with his wife, primarily in the publishing/editorial field before retiring. He plans to "continue seeking to be helpful to people in need." Other thoughts? "An important part of my activities has involved fellow students at Cornell and faculty advice. After Cornell, I attended graduate school at Harvard. Unfortunately, I was drafted by the US Army and did not complete my studies leading to an MA in Russian history and literature."

**Donald Smith** (Cape Coral, FL) writes, "Right now, I am 95 years old. A WWII vet running low on cash! I have a large family and more to go." Donald shares that he lost his wife of 68 years in 2015. News from **Phebe Vandervort Goldstein** (Bloomfield Hills, MI; phebeg@comcast.net): "We are still with it at our home in Detroit. **Sid**, MD '56 (sgoldst1@hfhs.org) continues to run the show. Concerts, art exhibits, lectures, and duplicate bridge keep us busy. Believe it or not, Sid no longer sees patients, but continues to publish and serve on drug safety committees. He takes painting lessons and drives me to doctor appointments. How many do you go to a month?!"

**Patricia Dexter** Clark (Concord, MA) is "managing to get around with a walker. My foot is in a brace, as I have no tendons around my right ankle. My nearby daughter, a Congregational minister in Danvers, MA, takes me out on errands on Mondays. My son lives nearby as well. He has three sons; the oldest, who is getting ready to apply to college, is a junior at Lawrence Academy in Groton. My Cornell daughter, **Deborah Clark** Davis '78, still teaches English in Unadilla, NY. The rest of the family is around here except for one of eight grands, who is a news/sports broadcaster in Albany. I'm unsure if I'll be able to make another Reunion." The two deaths reported in the pack of news were **Chris Bortugno**, who died in 2013, and Lt. Col. **William Ingersoll**, who died September 12, 2018.

Stephan Tauber had more to tell in his March e-mail: "On my list of 'You know you're getting old when . . . there is a new entry: ' . . . your new cardiologist is closer in age to your grandchildren than to your children.' For

the second time, my then-current cardiologist has aged out into retirement. On the other hand, a prediction made by the ophthalmologist after the cataract surgery to my second eye has come true: when renewing my driver's license recently I passed the eye test without eyeglasses. For the first time since starting to wear glasses during our senior year, I received an unrestricted driver's license." On January 28, Stephan participated in India: A Distant Haven During the Holocaust during observance of Int'l Holocaust Remembrance Day at the United Nations. "The meeting was broadcast worldwide and is archived at <http://webtv.un.org/watch/india-a-distant-haven-during-the-holocaust/5995582067001/>. My portion begins at about minute 46 of the 77-minute video."

I, **Joan Boffa** Gaul, was delighted to find in the stack of news forms one from **Ted**, MS '53, and **Trudy Krueger Winsberg**, in which their "other thoughts" read: "Many of those thoughts go back to the Clara Dickson dining/dish room and the 60 waitresses and 16 dishwashers we worked with (18 hours a week) freshman year in 1948." A vivid memory for me. More on that next time. ♦ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com. Class website, classof52.alumni.cornell.edu.

**53** It is inspiring to see how our Class of 1953 is still involved with their communities and showing a lot of heart. Of approximately 1,500 graduates, we still have more than 850 on our list. Let's try to keep it that way as long as we can. Please submit your memoirs for our '53 memoir e-book, which will be sent out in August. You can send your submissions—suggested two pages with photos; more is OK—directly to me at johnbrophy@aol.com.

**Leo Buxbaum** (leobuxbaum@aol.com), retired MD, is teaching one day a week at the Keck School of Medicine of USC in L.A. **Rose Carpenter** Gernon (jdgeron@aol.com) keeps herself busy with machine embroidery and bridge and as a gift shop volunteer. All five daughters are now retired. She enjoys living in the Panorama Retirement Community in Lacey, WA. **Vincent Giarrusso** (jmg978@me.com) received Cornell's Lou Conti Lifetime Achievement Award in October 2018. This is given to a person who has demonstrated commitment to the Big Red football program through support, leadership, and service over an extended period of time. Congrats and thanks, Vince.

**Ed Gibson** (edwincosgibson@gmail.com) has settled for his last stanza in the mountains of western North Carolina (near Asheville) after 43 years of living abroad (including 34 in Brussels and seven in Japan) with 15-year stints each as ad agency exec, corporate exec (Levi's), and entrepreneur in Brussels (an up-and-down experience). This peripatetic existence was interlaced with 17 years of marriage to **Marjory Whitehurst '54**, 13 years with a Japanese lass, and 26 happy years to date with an English rose, mezzo-soprano, and founder of the Brussels Light Opera Co. (in which he was lead tenor for 25 years). He is managing his disintegrating body reasonably well, is still singing, and plays tennis weekly. To all his Cornell classmates and friends, he sends "Greetings! And a wish of long life to you!"

**Bruce Johnson**, MBA '54 (bdjso@comcast.net) and wife Diane stopped in to visit **Bob Weber** (weber53@bellsouth.net) and wife Buffie and **Jack Otter** in Savannah and shared many laughs from the Deke House days (not fit to print). **Don Lathrop**, MD '57 (happyvaly@hotmail.com) writes: "I'm retired from my pediatric practice now, and fill my days with reading, golf, playing bridge, and my piano. Jackie and I have a blended family with

12 grown kids, 26 grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. So there's still lots of pediatric work to do with my own family." **Elaine Cohen Levitt** (riverpa@aol.com) is involved in the Franklin Inst., a science museum in Philadelphia, and a film festival. She loves to travel.

**Roslyn Miserentino Kerr** (rkerr@myfairpoint.net) actually enjoys the snow of Maine, and is special events coordinator for a Farmington park. **Bob Neff**, JD '56 (princetoneff@aol.com) is breaking in a new titanium hip and is in the process of introducing his second book, *After All*, which is now available in paper or Kindle versions from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and other bookstores. Or, if you order one from Bob he'll cover the postage. "It would be nice to have my oldest friends among the readers," he observes. **Herb Neuman** (herbneuman@aol.com) is still active in real estate with no retirement plans. Herb and wife Stephanie have established an endowed professorship for Hebrew and Jewish literature in the College of A&S. They are actively involved in Jewish studies, which are growing rapidly. For involvement, contact Herb.

**John Nixon** (nixn1@hotmail.com), **Al Packer** (packer1@windstream.net), and **Jack Brophy** participated in a 20-minute documentary called "Old Men Singing," which made the rounds of film festivals. It was about the Cornell Cayuga's Waiters of the Fifties, who sang for Reunions 15 years straight. It was directed by **Mickey Rapkin '00**, who wrote *Pitch Perfect*, which became a franchise of three blockbuster movies. The link to the documentary is: <https://vimeo.com/187474934>. **Barbara Querze** Weinreich, MEd '54 (rweinreich@cfl.rr.com) volunteers as a job coach for cognitively disabled young adults, serves on the board of the Jewish Federation for Greater Orlando, and administers two book groups.

In 1949, **John** (john.webster@wisc.edu) and **Nancy Egan Webster** entered Cornell. They married, lived in the four corners of the US, and settled in Madison, WI, where John is professor emeritus of biomedical engineering. **Ann Woolley** Banks (annstone1@comcast) writes, "I'm on a small cove on Ipswich Bay in Gloucester, MA. I've become more of a 'birder,' as I walk about in the early mornings watching birds in the water and bushes, and a 'farmer,' keeping busy tending a 500-sq.-ft. vegetable garden. In between, I'm trying to learn Brazilian Portuguese and knit a very special winter cap of the Andes, besides reading for a book group on world issues. I've been doing my exercises and skied a very little bit this winter. The two boys live in Gloucester, and the daughter is on the other end of the Mass Pike in New York State. The three grandkids live here, and the most fun is two great-grandsons living in the next town! We get together for dinner one night a week.

Thanks for letting us know what's going on in your lives! Send your news to our class e-mail: 53news.cornell@gmail.com. ❖ **Jack Brophy**, johnbrophy@aol.com; **Caroline Mulford** Owens, owensnews@comcast.net; **Dick Halberstadt**, trh47@cornell.edu; **Jack Allen**, jwallen@msu.edu.

**54** Our glorious 65th Reunion is now a memory. Planning a Reunion is a lot of work, so thanks go to **Dave**, PhD '60, and **Mary Gentry Call**, who have taken on that task for several Reunions. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

In anticipation of the event, I went through an old scrapbook and pulled out some house party photographs. **Rosemary Seelbinder** Jung and I spent some time identifying faces, looking at the details and reminiscing. She recalled getting a letter from the university with a list of clothes to bring as an entering freshman.

It recommended FIVE evening dresses! There were a lot of formal dances, but really!

**Chick Trayford**, MBA '60, was Reunion co-chair and has been our trusty Reunion registrar for years. Chick has retired to Delaware, where he lives on a farm and notes, "We have two border collies, three house cats, eight barn cats, over 40 free-range chickens, two horses, and three ponies, plus two horses that are boarders. Then we have the wildlife: three bald eagles, owls, various hawks, turkey buzzards, deer, wild turkeys, foxes, groundhogs, possums, squirrels, rabbits, chipmunks, egrets, ducks, geese, and birds galore. Never a dull moment." Wow! His own nature preserve.

Also serving as Reunion co-chair, and webmaster, **Jan Jakes Kunz**, lo these many years, has tried to bring us into the digital age. There is a trove of information on our class website. On your computer, tablet, or phone (assuming you have one) go to: [classof54.alumni.cornell.edu](http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu). Check it out! Class historian **Peg Bundy** Bramhall writes that life is leisurely, but she keeps busy enough. "I have lived on Chicago's North Shore since 1969. I retired this year after teaching preschool for 15 years. Before that, I worked for 20 years at Lake Forest College as director of stewardship. My son and daughter live nearby, as well as grandchildren who are 17 and 20, so that's a blessing. I keep busy with volunteer work at church, including playing with a handball group with whom I've had some wonderful trips to Europe."

**Bunny Rotter** Schmid writes from Mineola, NY, that she volunteers at the Nassau County Museum of Art and enjoys traveling—mostly three- and four-day driving trips but also a trip to Japan a year ago. At home, she catches up on reading and enjoys her 2-year-old twin granddaughters. **Dave** and **Nancy Fowle Morse '56** live in Urbana, IL. Dave remembers his best day at Cornell as when he was a medalist in the Cornell golf tournament in fall 1953.

**Sondra Dreier** Kozinn (Demarest, NJ) says she plays a little AT tennis and spends lots of time on the computer. Delving into Sherlock Holmes and knitting blankets take up what time is left after keeping up with 20 great-grandchildren. Busy days indeed! Past class president **Ken Hershey**, BCE '55 (Rochester, NY) keeps busy liquidating properties and holdings. For relaxation, he plays golf in the summer, plays paddle tennis in the winter, and rides his bike in between. Indoors it's bridge and euchre plus family visits, weddings, and keeping up a vacation home on Keuka Lake. He and Sue have eight grandkids and enjoy watching them develop their life business. Ken says his best day at Cornell was "the first day meeting classmates and graduation day in June '55."

I, **Louise Schaefer** Dailey, have enjoyed being interim correspondent, a job I had for ten years way back when. I have joined the ranks of widowhood as many of you have. It's a slog, but life is sweet here in Florida and I am blessed with six great kids and 19 grandchildren. Two sons have Cornell MBAs and one also got his master's and PhD at Cornell. No grads at Cornell yet, but we're not done!

Please keep your classmates up-to-date on your comings and goings. Send your news to the Cornell alumni office on the form supplied with your dues notice, or directly to me. Look for news from Reunion in the next column! ❖ **Louise Schaefer** Dailey, 497 Yacht Harbor Dr., Osprey, FL 34229; e-mail, [Lsdailey99@gmail.com](mailto:Lsdailey99@gmail.com).

**55** We welcome **Barbara Loreto** Peltz, who was class president for ten years, **Dave Schmidt**, and **Ron Ganeles**, newly appointed class treasurer, to

our class council. Thanks for your dedication to the class! **Bill Doerler** reported on a luncheon held in Boynton Beach, FL, on February 20. Also attending were Ron, **Ted Hymowitz**, and **Dan Isaacson '54**. Bill recalled, "Ted regaled us with stories of his around-the-world trips on behalf of the soybean industry, the US government, and the UN, and his search for primitive soybean plants in the wild. The samples he collected were then used to upgrade existing soybean varieties. During his trips to third world countries, he was shot at, he was jailed, and he sometimes found himself in the middle of revolutions." Bill has asked Ted if he could present a talk at our next Reunion. The next luncheon for the Cornell classes of '54, '55, and '56 was being planned for May.

And in Hollywood news: **Gerald Gordon** is directing and producing *Showdown at Twin Bluffs* starring Barbara Eden and Neile Adams McQueen. According to a Hollywood report, "Any film or theater piece produced by Gerald Gordon is bound to take you on a magical trip of ideas. He has quite a history of opening doors and sacrificing much of his time to make sure the world was aware of those who had God-given gifts to offer." **Carol Rittershausen** Byron enjoys sharing "good reads" with **Barb Ramsey** Adsit and **Ann Overbeck**. Ann's current read: *The Secret History of Vladimir Nabokov*. Ritt remembers a story told to her by **Pat Wells** Lunneborg. While attending a literary class with Nabokov, Pat called to tell him of an impossible length of pregnancy she discovered while reading *Lolita*. Prof. Nabokov told her she was correct and gave her an A for the class! **Robert Mules** writes that he still loves to bowl, "but can't get the other guys together." They do meet with Robert's sister and **Bill Hughes**, his "old roomie at the Dairy Barn," to play cards.

A sad note from **Veralee Hardenburg** McClain informed us that her husband, **Chuck**, MA '57, died last January. "We met in Sage Chapel Choir, where he played the organ and I was a junior in the choir." Sara **Orton**'s husband, **Eliot** "Cot," PhD '71, died in February after two years in hospice. His burial will be in Eliot's hometown of Sherrill, NY, in August. Our sympathies go out to all who are suffering losses (more and more, it seems), and good wishes to those doing well. **Herbert** and **Pat McCormick Hoehing** are enjoying lifelong learning classes and road trips offered by a local university. "All in all, we're happy to have a peaceful, reasonably quiet life in retirement, being independent and able to enjoy church, community, and social events." Asked about her best day at Cornell, Pat replies, "There were fun days, sad days, happy days, and stormy days. I guess they all added up to graduation day, definitely a best day." Like Pat, **Bob Leader** said graduation was his best day. He's working 20-30 hours a week, entertaining visitors and family, and "trying to figure out where the latest ache or pain originated or what it will cause in the future." He gets away for vacations and travel "as often as I can." **Donn Resnick** keeps busy writing blogs—his last one is titled "Kerfuffle." Bringing Donn the most satisfaction these days is "social interaction with longtime friends, including **Jerry Jarvis '54**."

Always good to hear from former roommate **Sue Spooner** Olsen. "Gardening and ferning are still a major joy for me, so it was a super highlight of the year to see the Philadelphia Flower Show last spring." After that, it was on to a Baltic Homelands cruise starting in Norway, continuing to Denmark, Germany, Poland, Estonia, Russia, Finland, and Stockholm, "a splendid capsule view of each country, educational as well as enticing." Sue and her family agree: "We would go again tomorrow!" **Rob Stotz** says he's moved to Ashby Ponds in Ashburn, VA. "Lots to do here: learned to play pickleball, joined the drama

club, and played in *HMS Pinafore*." Rob's still making stained and fused glass "for amusement." He continues to travel: next up, the Trans-Siberian Railway.

**Stan Stubbe** writes, "The years since graduation from the Ag school in 1955 have been an interesting ride. Following graduation, the obligatory six-month tour on active duty in a Nike missile battalion sparked my interest in things electrical, and set me on a course far from agriculture, which was to be—and continues to be—the basis of my professional career. Now, I have an active consulting business, Stubbe Consulting LLC, working with local governments." **Tara Prince** Goldman writes that she's recuperating from major heart surgery and wishes she could be vacationing someplace warm. Tara says there was no one best day: "All of them were great, especially looking back at them. Oh, to be young again!" I'm with you there, Tara. ❖ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancy.savagepetrie@yahoo.com. Class website, classof55.alumni.cornell.edu.

**56** Surprise mini-reunion: George and **Judy Cohen** Lowry were on the same cruise as **Jerry** and **Nonnie Tarr**. And planned mini-reunion: **Carole Rapp** Thompson, **Barbara Barron** Starr, and me, **Phyllis Bosworth**, for lunch at the Cornell Club with **Margot Lurie** Zimmerman to discuss an upcoming theater event in NYC.

**Bill Greenawalt**, a full-time lawyer specializing in commercial, family, and election law in White Plains, NY, attends a monthly Cornell-related luncheon at the Valhalla Station Restaurant. **Carole Rapp** Thompson attended her first President's Council of Cornell Women (PCCW) meeting in April on campus, and on the way she visited with some Rochester classmates. **Bob** and **Arlene Sacks Seidenberg '61** announced the birth of their newest grandchild, a baby boy, born to their son, Roy, and his wife, Sharon, in Boston.

Since her retirement from food and nutrition work, **Lenore Brotman** Greenstein (Naples, FL) has been very active as a Women's Cultural Alliance coordinator in Naples, on the Jewish Book Festival committee, and with the Democratic women's committee, among other organizations. She writes, "Last October, I went on an amazing culinary trip to Israel, which has world-class cuisine. It was my 18th trip there—and what a contrast to the food I experienced when going to Israel on a youth leadership mission upon graduating in 1956. I now have nine grandchildren and three great-grands, and will be going to Amsterdam in July with my oldest grandson." I heard from **Francesca Degogorza** Moravcsik, who lives in South Burlington, VT.

I'm sad to report the news of the passing of **Joe**, MBA '58, and **Sue DeRosay Henninger**'s son, Andy, after a series of strokes. Our thoughts and prayers are with both of you. **Dorothy Cohen Fitch** (Santa Fe, NM) wrote about her husband, **Dick**, who passed away in 2015. Dick was a geologist and started a mail order business of antique maps and prints, which he published for 30 years. One of Dick's hobbies was canoeing and he took four month-long solo trips in Canada starting at age 60. Dottie is trying to dispose of his many collections: katsinas, African carvings, masks, etc. Anyone still collecting? Keep your news coming. ❖ **Phyllis Bosworth**, Phylboz@aol.com.

**57** **Susan Roseno** Fahrenholtz teaches a physical science course at Fordham at Lincoln Center and volunteers in a program that places low-income high school students in summer science internships.

**Gerald** and **Carol Coyne** probably hold the class record for number of grandchildren—17! Gerald is still

going at it on the Avon, NY, farm that has been in the family for 96 years, breaking away in February and March for some fun in the sun in Florida. **Bob Cyprus** is also involved in farming, in Pleasant View, TN, trying to keep up with his horses. **JoAnne (Eastburn)** runs a nonprofit program for needy people in their region. In

recently relocated to New York from Paris. Upon receiving wishes for a safe trip, Al added: "The places I am heading for are not happy ones: I'll settle for surviving."

**Mick** and **Joan Bleckwell McHugh** had three grandchildren get married last year. They are the children of **Tom '82**, **MBA '84**, and **Stacy McHugh Logan '82**. Mick

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JACK BROPHY '53

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September 2018, they traveled to the big island of Hawaii and were hosted by classmate **Sally Hamilton** Rice, who showed them all the areas of local significance.

**James Naismith**, MS '59, of basketball family fame, is still involved in what he calls the "basketball corner" family heritage, helping to develop the personal outreach of the game nationally and internationally. **Judy Tischler** Rogers is active in many facets of life in the Pikes Peak, CO, area, serving as convener for the Colorado Springs chapter of the Order of St. Luke and a volunteer at a nursing home. She is also a member of the local Opera League, and stays physically active by playing pickle ball and the piano and taking time out several times a day for dog-walking.

**Robert** and **Marcia Wishengrad** Metzger, JD '60, are prime candidates for another class record—visiting over 50 countries and 40 states, including this year's tour of several northwestern states. Daughter **Jocelyn** is the governmental affairs director of the Bureau of Real Estate in Hilton Head, and she has a 12-year-old tennis whiz daughter. **Russ Wagner '56** sent along a most thoughtful memory of his wife, **Patricia Adams Wagner**, who had a wonderful career including a number of medical positions as well as working on a Navy project trying to find out why ships acquire rust. Both **Russ** and **Pat** worked in the dining room of a women's dorm during their Cornell years, and after they finished work on a cold night in 1953, **Russ** drove **Pat** to her nightly retreat at the Ag Library—the rest is history.

If you are traveling through Bath, NY, and notice the many lovely trees, it is because **Lee Cornaire** is the chair of the Village Shade Tree Committee. He prepped for this with many years of military service, retiring as a Bird Colonel from the Army's 98th Division. Our extremely talented artist, **Bill Schmidt** (pleinairbill@aol.com), had a number of paintings displayed at the Peninsula Gallery in Lewes, DE, in April. Send your news to: ❖ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

**58** **Al Podell** informs us of the following, in his words: "I just completed the manuscript for my newest book, *Muddling Through the Sexual Revolution: A First-Hand Account from the Fearful Fifties to the #MeToo Movement*. I have started working for two 20-somethings writing lyrics for—this will not surprise those of you who know me well—an X-rated musical version of *Alice in Wonderland*. I am a minor co-producer of the musical *Be More Chill*, which opened on Broadway in March. And in May, I head out alone to visit the final four of the 11 unrecognized countries in the world." And this will not surprise you; he says that he is very happy with his girlfriend of the last 20 months, a 5' 11" model who

retired from dental practice six years ago and **Joan** continued to work until 2017 as a social worker in a residential treatment center for boys ages 12-18 in Shawnee Mission, KS. **Sheila Siegel** Friedman states, "I'm not sure what keeps me busy—aside from what I could fill a whole book with. Hiking as a trail ambassador for Cleveland Metroparks is part of the story. Puerto Rico's troubles impact my son **Jonathan '84** in challenging ways. He is an atmospheric scientist."

**Larry Severino** wrote, "I went to CALC in Boston this winter and had the opportunity to meet **Barbara Avery**, MA '59, our new class secretary. I spent time with **Barbara** and her husband, **Courtney**. It was so nice to meet a new friend; too bad it took 60 years to meet such a special person." **Larry** later added, "I became a great-grandfather for the second time—a boy, **Luca**."

**Barry Bloom** has had an active business career in law and a partnership in a private equity firm launching an impact investment program to require and renovate properties in a sustainable green way, train and open employment to formerly incarcerated persons, and make grants to organizations like Cornell. After the deaths of his late wife, **Frances**, of 38 years and his daughter, he married **Susan Blond** of PR fame. They celebrated their tenth anniversary in April.

**Leo Stack** owned a real estate firm for 52 years and had been an investigator for the New York Dept. of Labor. He had to stop working due to spinal problems. About 70 years ago he created a saying that was chosen number one in the country for Salada Tea and he received an \$8,000 tea service and a 17-day trip to Scotland and England with flight back to the US on the *Concorde*! In July, **Leo** will be 89 years old. He is grateful to Cornell for accepting him as a farmer youth who spent four years in the Air Force and a full year located in Japan!

**Barbara Avery** has been attending classes at Ohio State through Program 60. (Ohio residents over 60 can audit any class with the instructor's permission; her most recent classes were: climate change, environmental issues in East Asia, and ecology.) She also volunteers at church, offering classes in wine tasting for fundraising events, works on local and national democratic campaigns, and teaches English as a second language. She does a lot of traveling and house and garden projects. She planted a vegetable garden for the first time in 2018 and this year is starting a backyard wildlife habitat with a goal to be certified by the National Wildlife Federation—a three-to-five-year project, starting with a pond and native plants behind the house.

**David Brown**, MBA '60's wife, **Nancy**, died last July after 13 years with Parkinson's disease. They were married 61 years, three while he was a student at Cornell in Civil

Engineering and in the MBA program. He has been retired for 23 years and has five children, 11 grands, and four great-grandkids! He still enjoys skiing and sailing. Sadly, **Robert Coryell** also passed away, in December 2018 in Cape Coral, FL. ❖ **Jan Arps Jarvie**, janjarvie@gmail.com; **Richard Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com.

**59** “Go Big Red!” takes on new meaning when one is in Lincoln, NE. There I was, getting a tour of the city and U. of Nebraska from Chris and **Paul Read**, MS '64, when I was thrilled to see big, bright banners for my alma mater. I wasn't quite laughed out of town by Cornhusker fans, perhaps because Paul supported my contention that Cornell is the original “Big Red.” Paul,

beginning as an assistant professor in 1971. He specialized in competency-based education and spent the greater part of his career developing training programs at the Center on Education and Training for Employment. In 2012, he was awarded the title of professor emeritus. This past April he was celebrated on campus with the College of Education and Human Ecology Meritorious Service Award for his dedicated service to the university.

After 30 years, **Andrew Jamison** has resigned from the board of the Bay Pointe Yacht & Racquet Club Condominium Assn. in North Fort Myers, FL. Last year he and his wife, Claire, had the “trip of our lifetime” to Israel. Steve and **Lissa Rogall** Weseley moved last year from Breckenridge to Silverthorne, CO—about ten miles closer

basis. Four children and eight grandchildren keep us busy at our homes and theirs.” Bart adds, “Artwork is my primary interest in recent years; I have three pieces in the annual Cultural Center of Ponte Vedra show, and had a major ten-piece entry in Artprize Grand Rapids last fall, which placed in the top 25. Bridge has become a passion, too; I play a sanctioned game to earn master points. It's a long way from the daily pick-up games in college.” He is also in the antique business, specializing in folk art, duck decoys, and early merchant tokens, and writing occasional articles for trade magazines, and somehow finds time to continue research and writing on the 19th-century industrialist Eber Brock Ward.

**Stephen Field** is still practicing law full time in Manhattan, where he has been head of his own firm for more than two decades, dealing with estate planning, business, corporate and tax law, and financing transactions. He also managed to publish a novel, *Worst Nightmare – The Al Andalus Operation* (Fortis, 2010), a thriller with an international setting, and says, “I hope to complete a sequel soon.” **Jim Hazlitt**, known for his generous donation of wine to our 55th Reunion, though now retired from his position as president of Sawmill Creek Vineyards, still maintains his strong interest in wine matters, averring that what brings him the most satisfaction these days is “drinking Jason's Sauvignon blanc and Syrah.” Jason is his grandson, now the owner of Hector Wine Co. and the seventh-generation family member to be involved in the business. Jim and his wife, Susan, have five children and 13 grandchildren, and he says the only thing he wishes he could be doing is “running faster.”

**Elizabeth Herring** Short reports from Porter Ranch, CA, “I am fortunate to be still working one day a week as a consulting dietitian. My husband, Gordon, and family are also fortunate to have been able to travel the world together. We love the Cornell-sponsored trips! Our children all live nearby, which is rare in California due to the high cost of housing.” She says that family, work, and gardening bring her the most satisfaction in her life these days. **Henry Bartlett** settled with his wife, Rachel, and family in Colorado Springs, CO, after more than two decades as an Army officer, during which he had assignments in Germany, Vietnam, and Iran, and spent many years in this country, particularly in the western states, working with Army National Guard Engineers. He then became a science teacher at the high school in the Air Force Academy and finds great satisfaction, he says, “helping young people interested in aviation careers achieve their goals.”

“My children gave me a wonderful 80th birthday present,” says **Marcia Dunning**, BS Nurs '77, “when they installed a bench with my name on it on top of Bald Top Mountain in Fairlee, VT.” At home in North Thetford, VT, Marcia is kept busy with “friends, garden, Osher classes, exercise groups, hiking, a library group, and travel.” **Mary Palombo** Mamary, who is the owner/designer at Creative Interiors in Binghamton, says, “I love still working in interior design at age 81.” Mary also enjoys time with her children and grandchildren, as well as her travels to destinations like Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Russia, Quebec, and various locations in this country.

**Cyrus Abbe** also memorialized his 80th in a special way, in recognition of the “rabbinic tradition that suggests God responds to blessings given on birthdays to others. So to celebrate my 80th I visited the Masbia food pantry and gave the 80-plus diners the specific blessing each requested, plus \$80,” making it a celebration “helpful to others and memorable for all concerned.” Cyrus, who has a law degree from Harvard, has worked

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professor of horticulture and viticulture, has been teaching at the U. of Nebraska for some 32 years. He's made 16 trips to Australia, and for the past eight years has taken a group of students to the “Land Down Under” during Christmas break. “It's a great opportunity for students to expand their knowledge about that country's agriculture, natural resources, and culture. I get just as excited about the trip now as I did the first time! I always learn new and exciting information, since there is so much to see.” Paul continues to teach full time. In addition to lab courses, he teaches the popular Vines, Wines, and You class, and conducts educational programs for grape growers and winery folks, including field days at his research vineyards and on commercial vineyards as well. Paul and Chris's daughter got married last year, and their son, Peter, graduated with honors from Drake, where he had an outstanding career on the football team.

**David Hurd**, US District Court Judge in Utica, estimates that over the past 28 years he has sworn in more than 8,000 new US citizens. It's his favorite thing to do as a judge, and he looks as forward to it today as he did when he began doing it back in 1991. “It's the only time everybody leaves the courtroom happy,” he says. David usually does about six naturalization ceremonies a year, and each one is packed with emotion. He notes that many of the new citizens who have passed through his courtroom went through a lot, including fighting famine and religious persecution, and dodging death at every turn. “All I had to do [to be an American citizen] was to be born.”

“Life is good,” says **Ann Marie Behling** of Fairview, NC. “I play tennis three to four times a week, play bridge every Tuesday, do a potluck and pinochle twice a month, and sing in the choir at the Basilica in Asheville. Ever since I retired 23 years ago, I have been tutoring ESL students. And I continue to enjoy music, theater, gardening, and traveling. My last two trips were to France and Indonesia. Great trips, but my favorite is still Kenya and Tanzania.” **Kim Mitchell** is back up in Southbury, CT, for the second half of the year, before returning to Port Charlotte, FL, after Christmas, for blue skies instead of winter blues.

Judith and **Bob Norton**, PhD '67, now live in Cumming, GA. Bob worked at the Ohio State U. College of Education

to Denver and some 1,200 feet lower in altitude. Their grandson Alex has been accepted to Cornell CALS in the Class of 2023. **Bill** and **Sue Mattison Fraser** of Greensboro, NC, continue to travel several times a year, and Bill continues his interest in bird photography, mostly in South America. Their grandson **Angus Fraser '20**, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, is a fourth-generation Cornelian. “Four kids, nine grandchildren—all good people and contributors to the world,” writes **Paul Rosenberg** of NYC. Paul continues as a professor in the Dept. of Endodontics at NYU College of Dentistry, where he started in 1963 as an instructor and ultimately served as chair (25 years) and associate dean.

“What was your best day at Cornell?” asks the recent form in our class dues mailing. Responses create a lovely trip down memory lane: “Receiving my uniform on the Cornell freshman basketball team” (Andrew Jamison); “graduation day” (**Peter Peugeot**); “meeting **Nancy Collins**, my future wife” (**John Sterling**); finding out that I passed Engineering Statistics” (**Wayne Scoville**); “when I made Dean's List” (Ann Marie Behling); “being sent to Mexico on an expedition by Charles G. Sibley” (**Craig Smith**); “the opening night of the Dramatic Club's production of *Papa is All* in 1957, in which I played Mama” (**Mary Ella Feinleib**); “breaking the mile run record at Schoellkopf Field” (**Charles Hill**); “so many—Cornell holds a special place in my heart” (Paul Rosenberg). ❖ **Jenny Tesar**, jetesar@sbcglobal.net.

**60** The latest mail brought a welcome package: news from many classmates, including some who hadn't been heard from in a while. **Bart Woloson**, writing from his winter home in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, says he is retired from a long career in real estate, having “worked in Chicago for 50-plus years and lived in Lake Forest, near **Gail Taylor** Hodges. Carol and I (58 years married) now summer at our lake home in Glenn, MI, and winter at Sawgrass, where the Players Championship was played in the spring and I have a regular golf game with several Cornell alumni, including my brother **Kent '59**, who winters in nearby Nocatee, FL. Carol and I share fine dining (her great cooking) and world travel on a regular

as a corporate and securities law specialist and a financial consultant. He and his wife, Judy, a pediatrician, live in Manhattan and have four children.

**Al Krech**, MA '63 (Columbia, SC) reports being grateful for "a happy marriage of 57 years, good health, a wonderful family, and an active schedule," in which he teaches dance along with wife Louise, bowls in a league, and maintains a large vegetable garden. Al only wishes he could attend more Reunions, but has traditionally rented the same beach house in June for decades. His best day at Cornell was "coxing the heavyweight crew shell that won the Easter Sprints at Lake Quinsigamond in 1960. My rear end made the front page of the *New York Times* sports section when I was thrown in the lake after winning." Keep the news coming! ❖ **Judy Bryant Wittenberg**, jw275@cornell.edu.

**61** Happily for this column, 13 classmates have responded to share their news—and such a lot of news! I am unable to include all I have received, but Doug will carry on in the Sept/Oct issue. Thanks for your responses.

**Stuart Eisenberg** (mlawoffice@aol.com) writes, "I still practice with daughter Carol on a full-time basis. Hobbies include tennis, reading, and grandchildren. Three of my children practice law; one is chief value officer for a large law firm. I have 12 grandchildren (one at Cornell) and have been married 57 years. I wish to be playing baseball, but aging has sent me to the tennis court. I enjoy being with family, especially Sunday brunch and being at the shore property in Longport, NJ. I remember concerts with Pete Seeger and freshman English with **Peter Yarrow '59**—entertaining."

**L. George Wilson** (george\_wilson@ncsu.edu) is a professor emeritus from the horticultural science department at North Carolina State U. He notes that he's been doing "international agricultural development and traveling in over 60 countries, especially Italy, where our daughter currently lives, and Honduras to work with Zamorano U." George is a specialist in postharvest physiology with USAID positions in Peru and Washington, DC, and with USDA/FAS in Bulgaria. Three children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren give him the most satisfaction in his life these days.

**Bruce Miller** (Alamo, CA; bamcom@aol.com) writes, "I retired on February 1, 2019 after 57 years in financial planning and investment management as senior partner in Stark-Miller Financial Benefits Group. My sixth grandchild was born to youngest daughter Tiffany in San Diego. Oldest grandson Devin is at U. of Nevada, Reno. I'm still racing in the Historic Auto Racing Series. I enjoyed a call from **Larry Carducci** at Christmastime. I take great pleasure in the letters from Cornell students who are recipients of the Bruce A. Miller Scholarship Fund."

**Pat McElroy** Carlson, PhD '74 (readmail@pmcarlson.net) says, "I'm still working on mysteries (recently the entire Maggie Ryan series was reissued—four of the eight are set at an Upstate New York campus). I'm still able to hike the Buffalo St. hill from downtown to campus, though not as fast as in my 20s. Husband **Marvin, PhD '61**, is not yet retired from the CUNY theatre department. Recently saw a good production of Dan Berrigan's *The Trial of the Catonsville Nine* in NYC; it brought back emotions of the Vietnam War struggles at Cornell."

**Therese "Tessa" Elzas Baker-Degler** (tessabakdeg@gmail.com) writes, "I retired from starting a new California State U. in San Marcos in 2002 to spend the next 12 years traveling with my dear husband, Carl, who died in 2014. I'm now active in Stanford activities. My two sons

run a biotech primary investment firm in NYC, Baker Brothers Investments. They and six grandchildren live in Manhattan and summer in the Hamptons. I spent a lot of time with them. I had surgery for a herniated disc, which affected my left leg—now using a cane." Tessa enjoys reading, movies, and friends, and she worries about our political situation. She recalls Thanksgiving vacation with **Lynn Rothenberg** Kay to NYC and Riskey corridor all going to see *West Side Story* in NYC.

**Lucinda "Cindy" Johnson** Pratt (cindy.pratt@muc.com) writes, "I'm involved in a number of volunteer activities including Lake Minnetonka Garden Club, flower arranging, and photography on a national level with Garden Club of America. Three sons and spouses and five grandchildren are all here in Minneapolis." Cindy is also sailing, and reports that she recently raced three times a week on Lake Minnetonka. "My husband died nine years ago and I am with a lifelong friend now." Cindy enjoys the activities of her grandchildren, friends of 50 years, and playing bridge with people all over the world. Being accepted at Cornell and freshman orientation were best days at Cornell. Best of all, granddaughter Susie Foster accepted early admission to Cornell in Civil Engineering.

**David Lipsky** (db14@cornell.edu) never really left Cornell. "In January 2019 I retired after spending 50 years on the Cornell faculty (I joined the faculty in 1969). For many years, I served as the Anne Evans Estabrook Professor of Dispute Resolution in the ILR school. From 1988-97 I served as dean of the school, and from 1996-2016 I served as the founding director of the Scheinman Inst. on Conflict Resolution." David has been married to Alexandra for 57 years. They were high school sweethearts in Bethlehem, PA. A librarian, she retired from the Cornell library system. "I continue to do research; recently I received a grant from the National Academy of Arbitrators to study dispute resolution practices in Fortune 1000 corporations. I also maintain a practice as an arbitrator. Most especially I enjoy spending time with my wife. The first person I met at Cornell was **Bob Zelnick**, who went on to receive a JD from the U. of Virginia and then turned to journalism, serving for many years as a TV correspondent of ABC news; he's now a professor of broadcast journalism at Boston U."

I heard from **Bill Onorato** (wtonorato@aol.com), who writes, "I have been named an Honorary Fellow of the Centre for Energy, Petroleum, and Mining Law and Policy (CEPMLP) of the U. of Dundee in Scotland. It's the premier such institute in Europe. I go there a few times a year to both lecture and to help supervise graduate students doing their LL.M.s and Ph.D.s." Bill sent a picture of himself in Dundee. "Also, this last October I completed a portion of the Camino de Santiago to the cathedral in Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain with some old hiking friends." Lastly, many of our classmates have sadly lost their spouses but are carrying on with family being most important in their lives. Keep sending your news to: ❖ **Susan Williams** Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com; and **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net.

**62** Grandchildren and traveling continue to bring joy to many classmates. **Betty Kreps** Zielinski and her granddaughter Cam so enjoyed a Viking River cruise to Provence and Lyon that they will do another one from Barcelona to Venice this summer. **Mary Falvey '63** has been spending three months each year in Paris for the past eight years, in one-month blocks of time to see friends, engage in some professional activities, and host grandchildren. Also, with a granddaughter at Cornell, **Warren '61** and **Beth Newell Spicka** enjoyed a good year

with family in Naples, FL, and Cape Cod. A highlight of their year was a sailing trip from Athens through the Greek islands.

**Joy Harwood** Rogers, BS Nurs '63, and Bob Parker loved sharing memories with her friends of 55 years at her nursing school reunion in New York City. Joy kissed the Blarney Stone while Bob sampled dark beer in Ireland, and they traveled at the end of the year to South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Mozambique, a fabulous trip that Joy called "like *National Geographic* and *The Lion King* all in real life." Travels took Jack and **Dee McCoy** Stovel on a barge trip through Burgundy and a week in Paris. They also visited Yosemite, Hilton Head, Ashland, Seattle, and Williamstown before returning home to Santa Clara, CA. Skiing is great for Rocky and **Larrie Dockerill** Rockwell in Jackson Hole, WY. Their Christmas card photo showed them dressed as penguins on the slopes.

**Dave** and **Carol Friedley** (dfriedley@bendbroadband.com) took their first family vacation as adults to New Orleans with their three grown "children" and highly recommend the National WWII Museum there. Dave has revived his interest in amateur radio and has contacted 40 countries and all the states but Delaware. "Love of commitment to theater and our country" keeps **Leonard Goodisman** (leonardgoodisman@gmail.com) busy. He and Nancy live in Bothell, WA. **Mike Mowry, MPS '03**, reports **Bruce Tanner's** death a year ago at the Veterans Memorial Home in Paramus, NJ, where he had lived since the 1990s.

**Alex Steinbergh** continues to work at RCG-LLC in Somerville, MA, in real estate, with involvement in environmental- and climate-related projects in solar, liquid natural gas, and carbon capture. His wife, Rebecca Bedell, had her latest book, *Moved to Tears*, published by Princeton University Press. Real estate development in downtown Chicago keeps **Buzz Ruttenberg** (buzz@belgraviagroup.com) busy. Buzz enjoys philanthropy and mentoring. He and Tina have five teenage grandchildren. **Gail Colin** Leibovich (gbcl70@gmail.com) writes, "Our sons and their families are thriving. We have five grandchildren, aged 21 to 14. Our older son, **Bradley '89**, is a urologist specializing in cancer surgery and chairman of urology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Our younger son, **Adam '92**, is a physicist and is currently associate dean of arts and sciences at the U. of Pittsburgh." Gail and **Sydney, PhD '65**, live in Ithaca, where she enjoys gardening, reading, bridge, crossword puzzles, and exercising.

**Eric Walther** (eric\_walther@yahoo.com) is managing consultant with Trinity Consultants in Sacramento, CA, researching the health risks of breathing urban vehicle exhaust. He mentors students' science fair projects in grades 7-12. Eric and Pam spend three to five months each summer traveling through Alaska and Canada in their motorhome. **Dale** and **Marion Krause Benedict '64** attended the National Garden Club convention in Ithaca last June. Dale sails regularly on Lake St. Clair in Michigan and is in his 55th year in the local ski patrol.

Cornellians are everywhere: In March, Janet and **Bill Coggshall** (bill@wilddancer.com) were in United Airlines' business class lounge waiting to board their flight to Paris ("the main reason for our trip was to attend the awarding of Chevalier to Janet's sister-in-law"), when **Neil**, MS '64, and **Ro Schilke** walked by. They were headed for New Zealand for touring and a cruise that ended up in Australia. The Coggshalls live in Menlo Park, CA, the Schilkes in Rochester, MI.

**Judy Shulman Weis** (jweis@newark.rutgers.edu) has retired from Rutgers, but is still very active professionally, doing a lot of writing, editing, and advisory committees.

"In February I was a co-organizer of a session at AAAS (American Assn. for the Advancement of Science) that brought together environmental scientists and textile/fiber scientists to discuss the problems of microfibers that come off clothing in washing machines and pollute every body of water on the planet. While environmental scientists can analyze the problems, we hope that materials scientists can re-engineer textiles so they won't shed as many fibers." **Pete '60** and Judy do a lot of traveling: "In 2018 we went to Sri Lanka, Borneo (ending the trip at the 5th International Marine Conservation Congress in Kuching), and Cuba on a snorkeling trip at the Gardens of the Queen coral reef about 50 miles south of Cuba—a remarkably healthy beautiful reef for the Caribbean, where so many of the reefs are severely degraded. In February, we did a road trip out West visiting granddaughter Emily at Colorado College, then going south to Taos, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque, NM, and then to Scottsdale to visit **Gerry '60**, DVM '62, and **Alice Schwartz Chabora Tobias '64**, PhD '67; we then went to L.A. to visit daughter Jennifer, son-in-law David, and granddaughter Jessie." Send news to: ♦ **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

**63** Marty and **Vivian Grilli De Santo** sent their annual Christmas letter full of what they had been doing in 2018. Besides the normal knee, cataract, and arthritis issues, they became great-grandparents for the first time. "Walker and Cayla Chitwood had a beautiful baby girl on September 9 before the family all evacuated from Wilmington, NC, due to Hurricane Florence. We went to stay with family in Pinehurst for 11 days, as the roads were flooded and Wilmington was an island. We went back to Pinehurst once again for Thanksgiving." Vivian chaired their local church food festival last spring. She still works for Welcome Service, plays lots of bridge, and walks every day at 5:30 a.m. She also volunteers at her church weekly and at the downtown performing arts center and belongs to several women's clubs and P.E.O.

**Whin**, ME '68, and Joan **Melville** still live in Pittsford, NY. Whin has been retired for two years. He and Joan took an AAA-sponsored trip to South Africa last November. Their son, **Jeffrey '09**, ME '10, married Siobhan Lavery in the Boston area in August 2017. **David Davis** sent an address change but still lives in Toledo, OH. **Marty Winkler** and his wife, Olivia, live in La Jolla, CA.

**Tom** and Caren **Newman** "took 14 family members to Israel to celebrate grand-twins' (Adam and Brooke) b'nai mitzvah in Jerusalem." Tom plays golf and is involved in AIPCA National Council and the College of Fine Arts board at the U. of Arizona. Tom admits he would like to travel more. He is thankful for his "relative good health compared to many friends. Being tapped for the Red Key Society was my best day at Cornell."

**Bill** and **Frankie Campbell Tutt** are always busy or traveling. Although Bill is retired, Frankie still operates a busy travel company; hence, they're the "Traveling Tutts," enjoying Israel and Jordan, Singapore, and a winter cruise through Malaysia, Borneo, Brunei, and the Philippines to Hong Kong. They also visited Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Mexico. There were several trips to manage Frankie's farms in Ohio and many trips to the Colorado mountains from their home in Colorado Springs. "Son **Ben**, **MMH '97**, manages the Condado Vanderbilt Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico, which we visit often. Ben has been active in helping the island recover from Hurricane Maria. Bill received the Red Cross Humanitarian of the Year Award in March for his work on the US Olympic

Committee, establishing the US Space Foundation, and his support for the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo. We are enjoying the Colorado mountains—hiking, fishing, skiing, and sunsets as well as watching our grandchildren grow and mature."

Anthony Loinaz, program registrar at Cornell's Adult University, sent information on classmates that participated in some of the 2018 programs. **Sandra Barkan** participated in an off-campus study program in June 2018 called Austria-Hungary: After the Habsburgs—Authoritarianism and Democracy. **Robert Jacobson**, DVM '65, took the course entitled 1968 in July. That's all the news for this month. I would love to hear from you. Please send news! ♦ **Nancy Biederlcke**, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com. Class website, <http://cornellclassof63.alumni.cornell.edu/>

**64** This month's column is my quinquennial frustration: it comes the month *after* our Reunion, but had to be submitted two months *before* that celebration, so news from Reunion must await the September issue (sigh!). Anyway, here's news for now.

**Judith Tower Hellriegel**, appearing here for the very first time, has moved from Atlanta, GA, to the suburb Alpharetta, from where she reports she's living the same lifestyle. "I volunteer, fundraising for the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra for about 30 years. My sons and their families are all around Atlanta. I travel, mainly France and Italy most recently." Judy and husband **John '61**, BS '63, have a small house in a medieval village in southern France near Nice, Haut-de-Cagnes. "Now we just need to stop moving!" **Jean-Noël Posner** has moved to a new flat in the same housing estate in Tanah Rata, a town in the province of Pahang in the Cameron Highlands District of Malaysia, where he's lived since 2011. Jean-Noël writes, "Due to osteoarthritis of the hip, my mobility and travels are limited, but I do visit family and friends annually for one month in Kunming (Yunnan Province), where I had lived and worked for 30-odd years." Jean-Noël, who has been retired since 1998, volunteers as a language instructor in English, French, and Mandarin Chinese.

**Jane Rothman Humphreys**, who lives in Manly, New South Wales, Australia, writes, "Husband Max retired from marketing consulting 16 years ago after contracting Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS). We are traveling to France and Sardinia in October and are getting a round-the-world ticket so we can drop in to friends and family in the States, including **Richard '63**, BCE '65, ME '66, and **Loretta DeMartini Brustman**. Jane adds that she gets the most satisfaction from "my family, grandkids, and advocacy work in the health system." **Gretchen Noelke**, MBA '65, who nearly 25 years ago retired from being a NYC-based stockbroker, writes that she runs her own 1,840-acre ranch in Menard/McCulloch counties near San Angelo, TX, raising goats and cattle. She's been managing the spread almost since she moved to Texas.

Class president **Bruce Wagner**, ME '66, sent this sad news: "**Emmett 'Mac' MacCorkle III**, husband of **Carol (Britton)**, passed away on March 2 in Santa Barbara, CA. He was struck by a vehicle while walking from his own car and died as a result of his injuries. Mac and Carol lived in Menlo Park until late spring 2018, when they moved to their home in Santa Barbara to retire. Mac was the founder of MacCorkle Insurance Service, which he established in the Bay Area in 1980 and from which he had retired. Mac, like Carol, served as a dedicated Cornell volunteer for years. He was a life member of the Cornell University Council, a member of the class council

for the Class of '64, and a director of the Cornell Alumni Assn. of Northern California. The MacCorkle family is a multi-generational Cornell family—Mac's father, **Emmett MacCorkle Jr. '29**, Carol's mother, **Barbara Heath Britton '37**, and Mac and Carol's son **Jeff '88** are all graduates. Carol is a trustee emerita, an emerita member of PCCW, a presidential councillor, and a member of our class council."

Patent attorney **Sonia Kosow** Guterman, MS '67, who still lives in Belmont, MA, keeps very active, although "at a slower pace." Sonia's specialty is chemical patents for companies and universities; her research was cited by the Nobel Prize committee for chemistry in 2018. She's otherwise very active in music and in several other ways. She's on the board of directors of Boston Artists Ensemble, a Boston-area chamber music group, and is also a dancer. "Ballet continues to be interesting to me, although I will never be very good, and I have more time for playing music and even a bit of composing." Sonia's passed down her musical acumen; she recently went to St. Louis to hear her daughter Beth play the solo viola part in Berlioz's *Harold in Italy* with the St. Louis Symphony. Sonia's also into bicycling. "My significant other and I do bicycle vacations and recently enjoyed the Dolomites in northern Italy."

That's it for now. Send your news to: ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net. Class website, [www.cornell1964.org](http://www.cornell1964.org). Class Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964>.

**65** Our 55th Reunion is coming up! One hundred people have already indicated they are planning to go and we want everybody back to campus, June 4-7, 2020, for a glorious time. More details about the program will be coming soon from our Reunion chair, **Myron Jacobson**. Please e-mail **Joan Hens** Johnson (joanipat@gmail.com) if your lottery ticket didn't win and you could use a helping hand to be there! Class council has appreciated the feedback from our 50th Reunion and will make sure we have good breakfast protein, we enjoy lunch at the Dairy Bar (which has great lunches as well as the yummy ice cream we remember), and we'll board a comfortable bus to tour around campus with a speaker who will highlight what's happening in the new buildings. Send in further suggestions by July 2019.

Thanks to **Judy Kellner** Rushmore for arranging another fun Class of '65 luncheon in Naples, FL. **Frank McCreary**, our class president, encourages each of us to consider organizing a gathering of classmates in your area prior to June 2020. Let Joan know if you'll step up to the plate to do this! Cornell will send out a regional list of classmates in your area and also do some further outreach. An easy guideline is to select a restaurant with a separate room for about 12-15 people and ask if each person (or couple) can order from the menu and receive a separate check. The restaurant Seasons 52 was happy to do that for our group in Naples.

**Richard Meltzer** (Little Silver, NJ; rmb11@cornell.edu) retired from the practice of internal medicine on New Year's Day, after 43 years. His activities include skiing, road biking, theater in New York City, and travel. Recent trips include Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Belize, and Guatemala. He has recently taken up drawing and acrylic painting. His wife, **Linda (Cohen) '64**, has been very active in her class, as vice president and chair of the 50th Reunion. They have two children, and three grandchildren aged 12-19.

**Bruce Bennett** (Oakland, CA; profbrucebennett@comcast.net) keeps busy cycling the hills of the East Bay, and re-bonding with his VeloRaptor club friends of many years. He tutors adults who are looking to finish their high school education with Next Stop Learning, an Oakland literacy program. He fondly remembers his achievements in English at Cornell, working hard to gain entrance to the English honors program and earning summa cum laude recognition.

**Martha Weiss Dobra**, MS '67 (Sugar Hill, GA; marthayoung@aol.com) retired and married David in 2008. They keep busy with family, church, and Camps Farthest Out. Last year they started a huge vegetable garden, and she knows just how to cultivate it as an Agriculture major! She loves "eating out of our garden, especially the 19-lb. watermelon. I never grew even a 2-lb. watermelon in New York!" **Henry Nave**, ME '67 (Peoria, AZ; hjnave@gmail.com) is writing a book entitled "Bidding, Building and Busting: A Construction Manager's Life." He moved to Arizona to enjoy a lower elevation than in Colorado, and it has done him good.

**Mike Burns** is busy with his grandchildren, travel, and fishing. His greatest satisfaction comes from helping others. **Jan DiMartino Foreman** (Greensboro, NC; jan4man1@gmail.com) is doing a lot of world travel, including a recent trip to the Galápagos Islands and a cross-Canada train trip. Jan is also busy in Greensboro with Bible study, student mentoring, book club activities, and yoga. She says her best day at Cornell was when she had her first date with her husband, the late **Bob Foreman**, to a football game in fall 1964.

**Chris Mabley** (Austin, TX; cmabley65@gmail.com) enjoys nine months in Austin and three months in New Hampshire with his spouse, **Jan (Langenmayr)**. His greatest enjoyments include their five grandchildren, aged 9-18, who live within ten minutes, volunteering at UT's Lifelong Learning Inst., and physical activity. **James Smith** (Glen Mills, PA; jimsmith866@comcast.net) retired from the Environmental Protection Agency in 2017. He enjoys sailing and swimming.

**Henra Solomon** Briskin (Pittsford, NY; henpen20@aol.com) is enjoying volunteering, choral singing, attending classes and lectures, travel, and visiting friends and family. Her daughter-in-law ran for a seat in Congress in Bloomington, IN. She has four grandchildren, aged 8-18. The oldest, Emma, plans to attend Dartmouth in the fall. **Alan Fridkin**, JD '70 (alangayl@comcast.net) happily reports: "At long last, my travel memoir is up on Amazon. A *Ligurian Odyssey* recounts 30-plus years of experiences in our second hometown of Alassio on the Italian Riviera." He still travels at least three months a year, mostly in Europe. "Summer is music and theater time in New England." He and Gayle have now been married for 50 years.

**Stephen Appell** (Brooklyn, NY; bigred1965@aol.com) kept up his enthusiasm for Big Red basketball in the 2018-19 season with two weekend trips to Ithaca and road visits to Newark, Princeton, and Philadelphia, resulting in the viewing of eight men's and four women's games. A highlight of the last trip in March was the annual season-end basketball reception at which the senior players were honored, and Steve got to give final congratulations to **Matt Morgan '19**, the leading scorer in Cornell basketball history (and second only to the great Bill Bradley, Princeton '65, in the Ivy League.) On one Ithaca trip, he also enjoyed with **Stephen Hand** an ECAC tournament victory for the women's hockey team. ❖ **Stephen Appell**, bigred1965@aol.com; **Joan Hens** Johnson, joanipat@gmail.com.

**66** Welcome to summer, as the days remain hot and sultry! News from the Bronx, from **Bill Caplan**: "After the publishing of *Buildings are for People* in 2016 and *Contrasts 21c: People & Places—Vietnam, Laos & Cambodia* in 2018, my next book is in the works, concerning the built environment's impact on climate change."

**Arnie Berger**, PhD '71, wrote, "I'm on the diversity committee for the School of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) at U. of Washington, Bothell, trying to recommend ways to increase the population of women and minorities in the STEM fields. Coincidentally, I read an article in the *Cornell Chronicle*

104 this year. **Debra Kirschner Wolf** wrote from West Palm Beach, FL: "Busy working at bridge, mahjong, and canasta. Spending year-round at day camp, Ibis Golf and Country Club." Her husband, **Marty '63**, DVM '66, is busy with photography, painting, and mosaics. They have six grandkids. They recently attended a TEP fraternity '66 dinner with **Ralph Janis**, **Dick Dropkin**, MD '70, **Norm Stern**, **Norm Meyer**, **Norm Stokes**, and **Marian Wise** (whose husband, **Douglas**, died in 2018) at the home of **Rick Bailyn '67**, MD '71.

**George Stark** wrote from Houston, TX, that he has sold and retired from his investment management busi-

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ROY TROXEL '66

describing how Cornell has reached a 50-percent-female population in the Engineering college. Consequently, I called Cornell and spoke with the admissions director for Engineering and the director of the Cornell Diversity Program. Cornell's commitment to achieving diversity in their Engineering college is really impressive, and I gave a full report to my committee at UWB." **Tom Klee**, JD '69, retired at the end of 2016 after over 45 years of practicing law. He moved to Florida permanently and is enjoying retirement in the "wonderful climate." He has attended an event of the local alumni chapter and plans to attend more.

**Ed Arbaugh** wrote that he's mainly boating in Michigan and golfing and boating in Florida. He's working with Michigan kids in obtaining funds for college. He's also working with the Florida Yacht Club on food bank drives and Habitat for Humanity projects. After a cruise in the Dalmatian Coast in 2017, he cruised the Antilles Islands in February 2019. He and his family celebrated his 75th birthday, when his youngest daughter announced her wedding plans as well—"More fun!" **Irene Green** Blumenkranz wrote that she has finally retired, and she loves it. In her retirement, she's teaching exercise for Parkinson's patients, which is really helpful for them and gratifying for her. She also wrote that she's enjoying being a grandmother and seeing her sons and their families. She loves watching her "kids" grow up. She adds, "Cornell-led trips are fantastic. This past year I went to Japan and Ireland with them."

I had a nice phone chat with **Charlie Rappaport**. He worked as an emergency room physician for 28 years, and is now living on a pond in the woods in Maine. I received a nice note from **Ralph Schwartz**, who lives in St. Paul, MN. He retired from teaching high school chemistry nine years ago. He then tutored many students but is now completely retired. He is an avid cross-country skier (trains year-round for this) and volunteers at some races, and in addition he has raced in Italy and Germany. His older son, his wife, and their two grandkids moved back to Minnesota recently, and his entire family goes on a ski trip every year.

**Ted Mandigo** lives in Elmhurst, IL, and is retiring, after 40 years of hospitality consulting in the Chicago area and 15 years of teaching at National Louis U., Kendall College. His hobby is home brewing—he brews 15 gallons at a time in his basement. He noted that he is going to visit his mother (Class of 1937), who is turning

ness, and is now devoting more time in the visual and performing arts in Houston. He is also on the board of trustees of the ADL Foundation in NYC. He is involved in "outdoor hunting and fishing, and hiking in the Rockies."

**Roy Troxel**, our class webmaster, wrote from Rancho de Taos, NM, that after he retired from the IT industry ten years ago, he and his wife moved to northern New Mexico, where he is actively involved in an astronomy club. He writes, "I spend a lot of time at night viewing the cosmos with my telescope. Some of my drawings have been published in various astronomy magazines."

**Cesar Carrero**, ME '67, wrote from San Juan, Puerto Rico, that he retired as a professional engineer (P.E.) several years ago, and now works as an administrator of industrial real estate. After Hurricane Maria, he helped locally. He will cruise this year to Spain, France, England, and the Netherlands, and later in the year to Cuba for the first time. **Susan Frame** is still active in her private practice in psychology/psychoanalysis and is teaching and supervising in China and NYC. She recently won Best Sculpture in the East Hampton Artists' Invitational. She's been traveling on a South Africa safari and to Thailand, China, and Dubai.

If you haven't yet sent your 2019 class dues—PLEASE DO. And share your news for this column so we all stay in touch. ❖ **Pete Salinger**, peteRsalinge95@gmail.com; **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, Deanne.Gitner@gmail.com.

**67** "Cannot pick a best day while there. Best day regarding Cornell was when I was accepted, because it led to a great education and incredible friends, who are still incredible," writes **Cindy Cohen** (Los Angeles, CA; cynthiacohen@saminicohen.com). "Still practicing law and trying cases. No plans to retire. After 48 years of practice, I hung out a shingle with some friends. Full name of my firm is Samini Cohen Spanis LLP. I'm the Cohen," she adds.

"I got married on June 20, 2018, for the first time," reports **Cliff Strahley** (Fair Oaks, CA; filcyelhearts@yahoo.com). "My wife, Wen Li, came from China about five years ago. She is joyful, warm-hearted, generous, and, of course, wonderful. I'm still working part time: I love doing psychotherapy," Cliff adds. As for what brings satisfaction: "Rotary, tennis, golf, skiing, following college wrestling, and friendships, but most of all, my marriage." Best day at Cornell: "As coxswain of the JV boat, one day

Cayuga Lake was glassy. Our boat was 'in the zone,' and we left the varsity boat 'in the dust.'"

"This summer we will take our son's family, including grandchildren age 8 and 10, with us on our fourth African wildlife tour," advises **Kristl Bogue** Hathaway, PhD '76 (Deale, MD; spinwave@verizon.net). "The first two were CAU tours to Malawi, Zambia, and Namibia, which gave us courage to go on our own to Kenya and Tanzania a few years ago, and now to Botswana. Highly recommended." **Adam Romeiser Jr.** (Lake Forest, IL; redskiball@aol.com) is "doing surgery one day a week in the inner city of Chicago at Lawndale. My younger daughter, Lillie, married last August, and we now have seven grandchildren." Most satisfaction: "I'm very busy every day and love to go to our home in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan."

**Ann Savishinsky** Epstein (Ann Arbor, MI; anns.epstein@att.net) writes: "Since retiring three years ago

**68 Ken Miller** (ken.m@pegasusontheweb.com) and Melinda, his wife of 13 years, spend about half the year at his home in Newport Beach, CA, and half the year at hers in San Antonio, TX. Ken devotes much of his time to inventing products for respiratory care. His newest product, called Proxima, is in the testing phase and would be one of over 30 patents Ken holds in this field. Ken and Melinda enjoy traveling, especially cruises like the transatlantic voyage they took in April. Ken is especially proud of his son, who is the president of his company, Pegasus Research, and his daughter, a Cornell alumna.

**Paul Rohan** (pr68@cornell.edu) lives in Weston, CT, and has recently retired from his career in public accounting. **George Koester III**, MBA '70 (GLKoester@aol.com) lives in Jupiter, FL, where he is busy as a mason, a Shriner, and a volunteer at Hope Center for Autism.

Conference (CALC) in Boston were **Bob Zippin**, our treasurer, **Bette Nelson** Zippin, webmaster, and our class president, **Nancy Nystrom** Frantz. A primary topic of discussion and planning concerned the likely decline in class membership following our well-attended 50th Reunion last June. Some of the suggested efforts to keep our alumni engaged in class and university events include making quarterly mailings more effective and scheduling more events such as wine and cheese get-togethers for classmates in their respective areas. E-mail lists would be provided to or by Bette to organizers for get-togethers at university sports events in an area. All volunteers and ideas would be appreciated. Thank you to our class officers for spending time and money to make our connection to Cornell and the Class of '68 a lifelong joyous experience. We enjoy hearing about your experiences, big and small. ❖ **Chuck Levitan**, CLevitan22@comcast.net.

## 'Last year Joyce Banch Flynn won two gold medals and placed fourth in the high jump.'

CHUCK LEVITAN '68

as senior curriculum developer in early childhood at the nonprofit High Scope Foundation, I have published three novels (*On the Shore*; *Tazia and Gemma*; and *A Brain, A Heart, The Nerve*). I live in Ann Arbor, where I enjoy daily play dates with two grandsons." **Sherry Carr**, MLR '70 (Laverock, PA; sherry.m.carr@gmail.com) gets the most satisfaction from international travel and reading. Her best day at Cornell: "Graduation day!" Sherry, one of several members of our class who escaped from the Res Club fire, has continued to work with the other survivors in pressing Cornell to create an enduring memorial to the nine residents who did not survive—the most casualties from one on-campus event in Cornell history.

In Ithaca for a few days courtesy of my wife, **Eileen Barkas Hoffman '69**, serving as neutral-in-residence at the ILR school, I enjoyed accompanying **Mel Richards** to the Savage Club's monthly meeting. Among those entertaining the members in attendance were two classmates: Mel, who sang Vaughan Williams's setting of R.L. Stevenson's "Songs of Travel," and **Adam Perl**, whose "If I Only Gave a Bribe" adaptation of E.Y. Harburg's beloved "If I Only Had a Brain" from *The Wizard of Oz* took piercing aim at the recent college admissions scandal (which has not included Cornell, so far as we know).

Other Savages present from our Cornell era included **Mike Newman '64**, ME '66, **Dick Erali '69**, **Dave Dobies '69**, the always on-key pianist **Bill Cowdery '71**, PhD '89, **John Costello '73**, **Jack Thompson '73**, ME '74, club president **John Roscoe '71**, and **Lou Walcer '74**. More Savage lore can be explored in my report about the Savage Club in London ("Savages Abroad," *Cornell Alumni News*, Vol. 82, No. 3, p. 31, October 1979), accompanied in the same number, at page 28, by the late **Allan Treman 1921**, JD 1924's "Savages at Home." Link to the issue: [https://ecommons.cornell.edu/bitstream/handle/1813/27955/082\\_03.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y](https://ecommons.cornell.edu/bitstream/handle/1813/27955/082_03.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y). ❖ **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

George gets great joy spending time with his grandson and some satisfaction playing golf. Hey, it's golf.

**Joyce Banch Flynn** may be too modest to have submitted the news of her extraordinary accomplishments, but we're happy to hear from her husband, Dan (danj.flynn@am.jll.com), who is rightfully proud to boast about her. Joyce and Dan live in Quogue, NY, on the East End of Long Island. Joyce is a retired school administrator; however, it's the new endeavor she began a little over two years ago that is quite remarkable. While Dan had been a track star and later a high school coach, six years ago he returned to competition in the champions division and Joyce returned as his number one fan sitting on the sidelines during practices and competitions. That is until one day she acquiesced to Dan's suggestion that she might relieve some of the boredom of watching him by trying to learn one event, and "the rest is history." Last year, in her first USA Masters Indoor National Championship, Joyce won two gold medals and placed fourth in the high jump. That wasn't good enough for our 72-year-old classmate, who this year won gold in the long jump (3.09 meters) and the triple jump (6.85 meters) and placed second in the 60-meter dash (11.92 secs) and the high jump (1.03 meters). Joyce continues to compete in national and international events achieving a fifth-place finish in the long jump held in Malaga, Spain, last September. Dan attributes her success to her ability to achieve an explosive start, and Joyce is training on her sprint to set new records. We're so very proud of our classmate, who you may know or have met as she has attended every Reunion since graduation. GO YOUNG RED! For more details about Joyce's accomplishments, use this link: <http://www.27east.com/news/article.cfm/Quogue/586176/Joyce-Flynn-Wins-Four-Medals>.

Congratulations to **Henry Siegel** for his appointment to the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) board in February. Henry has served our class as Reunion chair several times. Joining Henry for a class officers meeting at this year's mid-winter Cornell Alumni Leadership

**69** Lots of news this month—thanks to all who took the time to write in. **Susan Wohryzek** Mittler writes, "Currently I am a New York State Regent for the 6th Judicial District working as part of the State Education Dept. By virtue of my residence in Ithaca, this representation includes the State Colleges of Cornell. I am the retired president of the Ithaca Teachers Assn., a union of teachers affiliated with New York United Teachers. In addition to my service to NYS I work as a consultant for private sector arbitration." **Kenneth LaPensee** is director of health economics and outcomes research at Paratek Pharmaceuticals in King of Prussia, PA. He's writing a novel, taking viola lessons, and traveling the world, and he has a consulting business on the side. You're a busy guy, Ken. **Philip Callahan** is still working at JPL, heading for 50 years. He took a three-week trip in the spring to the Amazon, Galápagos, and Machu Picchu.

**Cathy Weisman** Topal is retired and still writing and presenting. Check out her new book, *Beautiful Stuff from Nature: More Learning with Found Materials*, a sequel to *Beautiful Stuff! Learning with Found Materials* (Davis Publications). "Being a grandma is the best!" Her oldest granddaughter is with Teach For America and teaches seventh-grade science. Youngest daughter, **Claire Topal '01**, graduated from the College of Arts & Sciences. **Bernice Chase Schorr**, MS '72, "had a very satisfying career as a registered dietitian" and now volunteers feeding homeless families and helping them get back on their feet. Her best day at Cornell was meeting her husband of 50 years, **Alan '66**, PhD '71. Congratulations! **Peter Kutner** officially retired as a professor of law at the U. of Oklahoma, but actually he continues to work nearly full time as an emeritus professor. **Malcolm Tom** resides in Honolulu, HI, and is the proud grandfather of Caya, Sofia, and Cole. **Edward Wilson** moved from Vicenza, Italy, to Troy, NY, to work at Watervliet Arsenal while contemplating retirement. He's updating his private pilot's license to get "back into the air." His peripatetic children provide plenty of places to visit.

**Ron Frers** retired a couple of years ago, but is still seeing clients in St. Pete and Tampa one day a week in each location. He incorporated craniosacral therapy into his clinical sports massage therapy practice some time ago and is now heading more in this direction. He works with individuals with PTSD, CTE, and autism—"I am a very fortunate man and very grateful for it." His "wonderful sons, with their fantastic ladies, and seven grandchildren are all well and happy in Charlotte, NC." **Les DeGross**, DVM '69, is still working part time at the vet practice in Perry, NY, and still raising sweet corn, pumpkins, squash, and other veggies for their roadside stand. He spends

winters in California and Florida having fun with family. We were sorry to hear that their youngest son was in a terrible accident in November, but he "is gaining daily thanks to prayers and excellent care."

**Ronald Schildge** serves as an elder at Johns Island Presbyterian Church in South Carolina and teaches adult Christian education. The church is celebrating its 300th anniversary this year. He and wife Lyn are expecting their 14th and 15th grandchildren this year! "I love my life, my wife, and my home!" In his spare time, Ronald plays tennis three times a week and rides his bike. **Bonnie Carroll** and husband Roy commute between Oak Ridge, TN, and Washington, DC. They've been doing a lot of international travel that includes skiing and scuba diving. Bonnie sold her company in 2018 after 30 years, but is still working with the company as the chief data officer. But, she adds, "I'm 'retired' because I have a job I can quit!" **Thomas Levanduski** and spouse Jim play duplicate bridge in Albany. They also enjoy exploring Europe on their many bike trips. He sends his best to fellow Watermarginals!

**John Melillo** has become quite the artist—"Oil is my passion." John went to Vietnam after graduation and now has a 100 percent service-connected disability. He says he "finally found peace/solace in my artwork. It saved me!" He has an Art Business Certification from Christie's. Check him out on Instagram at "ArtfeelingsJM." Those of you in the New York area can see John's works at the School of Visual Arts in NYC, New York Academy of Art, Sotheby's Art Program, Southampton Culture Center, and the Art League of Long Island. Please note that we have a very long lead time for this column, so your news may not appear for several issues after you've sent it in. Give it some time. Enjoy the rest of the summer. Keep your news coming to: ❖ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

**70** Our 50th Reunion is in less than a year! Once again, the dates are June 4-7, 2020. It's time to contact friends and classmates and start making plans to come to Ithaca next June. Our busy Reunion chairs, **Sally Anne Levine**, JD '73, and **Cathy Forster** Hogan, are anxious to hear from classmates who have ideas/suggestions for our big party weekend. Volunteers who want to help at, before, or after our 50th Reunion are very welcome to contact Cathy and Sally Anne; please use this special Reunion e-mail address: Cornell70Reunion50@gmail.com. Check out our '70 websites: class website, cornell70.org; Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Cornell70; and Twitter page, www.twitter.com/CornellClass70. If you have moved recently or have a new e-mail address, please update your contact information at [cornellconnect.cornell.edu](http://cornellconnect.cornell.edu) so you will receive future 50th Reunion and Class of '70 communications. I'm excited to see many of you at Cornell in about 11 months!

**William McCumiskey** (mccumjr@yahoo.com) and wife Maria live in Oyster Bay, NY. They also have a Golf Villa at PGA National Palm Beach Gardens, which they fill up using Airbnb when they are not there—which is most of the year, he is sorry to say. William is still teaching golf during the summers and is a substitute teacher in the winter. Their children bring them the most satisfaction in their lives. Their twins will be going to college next fall: Rosie will attend Clemson and Willie will go to SUNY Geneseo. William recalls that his best day at Cornell was when he walked Buster and two dates into Barton Hall for a basketball game. **Paul Fish** (davisocod@aol.com) is semi-retired and is working three days a week as a relief veterinarian. He plays lots of golf. He and wife Sheri live in Merrick, NY, and travel to exotic

places together. Recently they spent three weeks in China. Sheri and Paul have two wonderful grandchildren, Cece, 4, and Caleb, 1-1/2.

**John Komarisky** (john@mainandpinckney.com) remains active in his family-owned agriculture equipment business in Auburn, NY. He is general manager and his younger son is operations manager. John is also chairman of the Sennett Fire District, president of the Northeast Dealers Assn., and a member of the New York Agricultural Land Trust (NYALT). He and his wife enjoy traveling to visit families, going on cruises, and taking senior tours throughout the US. John's best day at Cornell was the day we graduated and he started working in the field of agriculture education and business. **Kurt Gerhardt Krammer** (Concord, MA; gerhardtkrammer@yahoo.com) works part time at an Alzheimer's clinic, which brings him great satisfaction. Gerhardt has been to Paris, Africa, and Asia. He says that his best day at Cornell was every day for four years!

In September 2018, **Don Deprez** (Paxton, MA; ddeprez@charter.net) retired after 37 years in solo private practice in ob/gyn in Worcester, MA. He graduated from Tufts Medical School in 1977, after which he completed his residency in Worcester in 1981. Don and wife Lynda celebrated their 50th anniversary last August. They have three children and six grandchildren and they enjoy European trips with the Cornell Alumni Assn. Don delights in his marriage and grandchildren while also enjoying photography, art, history, travel, and reading. Hearing Daniel Berrigan reading from his play, *The Trial of the Catonsville Nine*, made that day his best at Cornell. **Stanley Casper** (casper@CMSlaw.com) lives in Orinda, CA.

**Gregory** and **Amy Hill** (Chesterton, IN) announced the arrival of their first grandson, Henry, in August 2018. He joined big sister Brooklyn, who is now 4. Gregory is still working at the Burns Harbor Plant. He spent 17 years (1990-2006) running the ironmaking facility and he's now general manager overseeing the primary operations. The plant, which was built by Bethlehem Steel, will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Gregory is looking forward to retirement in the next year or two. He has lots of gardening to do in the spring and summer and enjoys setting up his Lionel trains in the winter. He is thankful that Cornell gave him an appreciation for the diversity on campus and the different cultures that exist. He also feels that it is good thing for us (and others) to remember that 1966-70 were interesting and somewhat difficult times! In hindsight, he says that his years at Cornell were an outstanding experience with exceptional learning and development.

**Ken Gilstein** (Bowie, MD; k.gilstein@gmail.com) is a semi-retired clinical neuropsychologist doing individual, couples, and family therapy, as well as psychological and neuropsychological testing. Ken has an expertise in mild traumatic brain injury and sports concussions. His organization is named Spectrum Behavioral Health. He has traveled to Italy, San Francisco, Chicago, and New Orleans, and his upcoming trips include London, Paris, Greece, and San Diego. In his "spare" time, he attends concerts and many professional and college sports events. He finds his work, his children's accomplishments, and his travels most satisfying. Ken looks forward to going to Cornell in January 2020 for the university's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the historic Cornell men's hockey team. His best day at Cornell was in our senior year, when he was assistant manager for the '69-70 men's hockey team. While Ken was attempting to take the sticks out of the bench, he fell on the ice and

received a standing ovation from over 4,000 fans! He suggests checking out page 68 of the book *Forever Faithful: Celebrating the Greatest Moments of Cornell Hockey* if you want more info. ❖ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

**71** Many of our classmates are spending their spare time keeping their minds stretched, bodies in motion, and spirits lifted! **Louise Wolfe** (ljwofe@verizon.net) wrote that she has been "studying Chinese while studying Chinese history at Harvard, lately Chinese art history. Would love to hear what Asian studies subjects interest other alums. I love learning completely new fields. Any nearby [presumably Boston] China scholars?" **Marianne Saphra** (msaphra@hotmail.com), who lives in Ithaca with her husband, **Stephen Clancy '74**, JD '78, PhD '88, has been busy with "travel, visiting friends and family [including two grandchildren], enjoying nature, volunteering, hiking, skiing, camping, and trying to keep the house from falling down around our ears." **Robert Crystal** (crys24634@gmail.com) is the president and CEO of the Rochester (NY) Interfaith Jail Ministry, a volunteer at Cephas of Western New York, and a bell ringer at Ascension Church in Rochester. He traveled to Cambridge, Oxfordshire, Kent, and Essex, UK, to ring bells as part of the 2018 celebration of the 100th anniversary of the World War I Armistice. Robert said that visiting prisoners brings him the most satisfaction in life these days.

**Nancy Seligman Goldmark** (nsg52@aol.com) and her husband, **Harry, MD '73**, have retired to Aiken, SC, where they "built a small horse farm. Loving having horses and donkeys right outside our windows!" They have a 4-year-old grandson and are enjoying living in the Southeast after so many years in the Northeast. **Joan Batson** McLeod, BS Nurs '71, lives with her husband, Cliphane, in Savannah, GA. Joan said that graduation was her best day at Cornell because "then I entered the Air Force to serve." She now has a home-based business that focuses on health education. She represents a CBD product line and derives great satisfaction from helping others with pain relief using CBD products. Joan says, "My 6-year-old twin granddaughters are my delight." **Linda Germaine**-Miller is one classmate who has not fled the Northeast. She and her husband are moving from the Boston area to Connecticut. Linda has promised to send us some news once they get settled.

**Scott Lawrence**, who lives in North Carolina, wrote a note that focused on our classmate **Craig Ewing**, MBA '72. "Craig remains the smoothest skier in our class. Just back from a week at Snowmass, CO, with superb conditions. He just makes me envious or maybe ashamed of my skiing ability, but we have a group that shares great discussions." My quick response to that is that at least Scott is still out there skiing. (Some of us hung our skis up years ago.) **Elisabeth Kaplan** Boas (ekb7@cornell.edu) and **Art Spitzer** (artspitzer@gmail.com) are among our most reliable and active correspondents. Elisabeth said that Art is "working harder than ever as legal director of ACLU D.C. and in his spare time walks our yellow cab, Taxi (I mean lab), every morning for a couple of miles." Elisabeth has continued her volunteer work with the Cornell's Adult University Advisory Board and other nonprofits. She was recognized as having attended the largest number of CAU classes.

**Herrick Lidstone** (hklidstone@gmail.com) reported that he is "working, managing a law firm, and trying to retire." He also recommended a book written by a Cornellian: "Cornellians of a certain age will really enjoy **Don Stanton '72's** *Looking Back at the Cold War*." He describes

it as “a great book to remember the ‘50s, ‘60s, and ‘70s.” Speaking of books, I received an e-mail from **Howard Rodman**, announcing that his long-anticipated novel, *The Great Eastern*, will be published by Melville House Books on June 4, 2019. This labor of love has been years in the making. The Amazon.com website describes it as a “sprawling adventure pitting two of literature’s most iconic anti-heroes against each other: Captain Nemo and Captain Ahab. Caught between them: real-life British engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel, builder of the century’s greatest ship, the *Great Eastern*.” This anticolonial adventure is set in New York, London, Paris, India, and the North Atlantic in the late 1800s. I have already pre-ordered my copy!

**Gayle Yeomans** has recovered from her 2018 knee surgery and is spending summer 2019 overseeing the construction of a small horse barn and pasture fencing in anticipation of moving her gelding, Sage, to her home base in the Catskill Mountains. Husband Dick Bowden has promised to take some riding lessons; if he does, he will receive a horse of his own as an early birthday present! At last we received some fresh news for this edition’s column. Please don’t slack off! Send news to: ❖ **Gayle Yeomans**, [gay2@cornell.edu](mailto:gay2@cornell.edu); or **Jim Roberts**, [jhr22@cornell.edu](mailto:jhr22@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**72** Recently, I was sitting at home one evening when my daughter, Kelly, called and said that I had to turn on the Hallmark Channel on TV. Now, I don’t usually watch the movies on the Hallmark Channel, but Kelly was insistent. So I told my voice-activated remote control to switch the channel. There was a movie playing called *Snowcoming*. One of the main characters was the longtime high school football coach, who was retiring. The actor playing the coach was none other than **Ed Marinaro**. It was great to see Ed in high-def. Another teammate on the 1968 freshman football team, **Chuck Parr** ([chuckparr@comcast.net](mailto:chuckparr@comcast.net)), writes that he and wife Donna escaped from Illinois to the good life of upstate South Carolina. Chuck keeps busy cycling with George Hincapie at the cliffs of Mountain Park. Chuck gets satisfaction in retirement by developing beautiful mountaintop landscapes. Chuck and I were in the same Russian language class, along with **Warren Drew** and **Bob Krause**. When asked to list her best day at Cornell, **Sue Rosenberg** Thau replied, “They were all amazing.” Sue ([suethau@aol.com](mailto:suethau@aol.com)) is still working, running her own nonprofit and advocacy/public policy company called Susan Thau Consulting Inc. She proudly boasts that she has two amazing grandchildren, Jack, 8, and Molly, 6. Sue says they are the best.

**Dianne Gwynne Berger** (Red Bank, NJ) writes to proclaim that she has a new baby granddaughter, Rosalin Jane, born to Dan Berger and Joyce Otto. Rosalin joins older brother Henry, 3. Dianne says that her best day at Cornell was walking around Beebe Lake, falling in love with **Bobby Berger ‘71**. Sadly, Bob passed away a few years ago. **Rick Krochalis** ([rickenkrochalis@comcast.net](mailto:rickenkrochalis@comcast.net)) and wife Libby live in beautiful Seattle. Without the constraints of full-time work, he enjoys what many other Cornellians like: travel, more golf, and family time. Rick also keeps busy with volunteer work and mentoring, as well as positions on the Seattle District Commission and doing special studies for the Urban Land Inst. Rick is planning a reunion in North Carolina with **Daniel Tandy** and **John Leon ‘71**. Rick and Libby enjoy spending time with grandson Leo. When he is not playing golf, Rick gets satisfaction from mentoring and auditing classes

at U. of Washington. Besides graduation, his best days at Cornell were playing golf for athletic class credit and singing at the Livery piano bar.

We received news from **Neil Cohen** ([nac22@cornell.edu](mailto:nac22@cornell.edu)), who keeps busy skiing more than 100 days each winter at Snowbird and Alta, UT. He also works part time for Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort as an archivist and holds positions with Salt Lake County as the chairman of the Salt Lake County Planning Commission and on the Mountainous Planning District Planning Commission. Neil regularly plays squash, tennis, and, of course, pickleball. What brings him the most satisfaction in his life are friends and family and being able to enjoy everything with Susie, his wife of 45 years. In pondering his best day at Cornell, Neil has to say that the four years there were quite historic and there were an exceptional number of spectacular, as well as challenging, days. During junior and senior years there were many enjoyable days at football and hockey games when he was the Cornell bear. This hockey season (2018-19) marks the 50th anniversary of the year Neil created the cowbell cheer at Lynah Rink. He looks back with supreme satisfaction and pride that the cheer lives on as a Cornell tradition. You can hear Neil play the original cheer at: <http://www.elynah.com/?cowbell>. Neil admits that one of his best days was when he played the cowbell for frenzied fans on March 21, 1970 at the Olympic Arena in Lake Placid when the Big Red defeated Clarkson and won the NCAA Championship and finished with the only undefeated hockey season in NCAA history. I was lucky enough to attend that game and witness hockey history. Neil still has the cowbell and the knife he struck it with. He plans to donate the items to the Cornell archives.

**Clifford Hendry** ([c.hendry@comcast.net](mailto:c.hendry@comcast.net)) writes from Pittsburgh that he gets great satisfaction from his nine beautiful grandchildren, ages 8-2, and from his two daughters and son. He does lots of volunteer work tutoring first graders to assist their reading skills. He is a member of the Rotary Club and has fun delivering flower arrangements for a friend’s flower business. Cliff appreciates his great family (all local) and the 47 years with his wife, Jeanie, who has done a spectacular job raising their successful children. His best day at Cornell was a November afternoon in 1971 at Franklin Field in Philadelphia. The Big Red football team was playing Penn with the Ivy League Championship on the line. The Cornell starting quarterback was injured early in the game and Cliff was sent into the game to run the offense. He quarterbacked the team to a convincing victory and a share of the Ivy League title. I remember being at that game and witnessing that memorable win, which was also Ed Marinaro’s final game at Cornell. The last two items (plus the national championship by our lacrosse team) highlight the fact that our four years at Cornell were a high-water mark of Cornell athletics. Send news to: ❖ **Alex Barna**, [ab478@cornell.edu](mailto:ab478@cornell.edu); and **Gary Rubin**, [GLR34@cornell.edu](mailto:GLR34@cornell.edu).

**73** I know it’s timely for me to think about the summer column when the thermometer hits 81 in Cincinnati in early April. Wow, another wild winter/spring weather ride! On to your news.

**Leah Bissonette**, MS ‘76 ([lbebissonette@cox.net](mailto:lbebissonette@cox.net)), who loves living at the beach in Encinitas, CA (yes, I am envious), keeps busy as co-founder of nonprofit Sunshine Soldiers, specializing in education regarding energy economics; in local politics as president of Encinitas Residents; and traveling, most recently to London, Paris, and Prague and last fall to Native American historical sites in the Southwest. **Ann Confino** ([ajconfino@gmail.com](mailto:ajconfino@gmail.com))

recently moved from Mamaroneck, NY, to Norwalk, CT, and writes that one son has married, had a baby, and moved to Rockville, MD, and the other son has published two books. **Steven Fruchtman** ([sfmfruchtman@gmail.com](mailto:sfmfruchtman@gmail.com)) is president and CEO of Onconova Therapeutics in Newtown, PA, with three children in college or grad school.

**Richard Holley** ([rholl98@gmail.com](mailto:rholl98@gmail.com)), now living in Selkirk, NY, has two grandchildren and is keeping busy with “unending” new house projects, travel, and church. His best day at Cornell was graduation day when the Ag school dean suggested he make a career in carpentry! **Susan McIntosh Lewis** ([smcintosh1973@gmail.com](mailto:smcintosh1973@gmail.com)) writes that she is enjoying retirement with time for her two grandchildren, ages 1 and 2, living nearby in California. Her days are full of Duolingo language studies and flute and piano—“in some ways not so different from Cornell.” She has just emerged from active treatment for breast cancer, benefiting from early detection and participation on a forum sharing the experience with other patients. In her note to me, Susan mentioned that we both use our Cornell graduation year in our e-mail addresses, and I note that George immediately below does so as well.

**George Mitchell II** ([dubec73@gmail.com](mailto:dubec73@gmail.com)) is semi-retired and still coaching track at his local high school in North Rose, NY. He enjoys his classic cars and seven grandchildren, four in New Jersey and three near Baltimore. He believes that still being able to contribute in different ways helps provide purpose in his life, which is so important as we age. **Robert Reh** ([robertreh23@aol.com](mailto:robertreh23@aol.com)) recently retired from the credit union industry and is now doing management and IT consulting when he can find an interesting assignment. He and wife Irene keep busy with many hobbies as well as travel to US historic sites from their home on Long Island. They are planning a visit to the Cornell campus and look forward to hearing the chimes and climbing the clock tower once again. (Wow, his knees are in much better shape than mine!) They also keep busy attending events in which their two grandchildren participate, such as their grandson’s school soccer team games and their granddaughter’s school musicals. Robert mentioned in his e-mail that he and his wife enjoy the several references to Cornell in the movie *Dirty Dancing* and the TV show “The Office.” He states, “There should be a list of when Cornell was somehow mentioned in movies and TV, if there isn’t already such a list.”

**Richard Taylor** ([rtayloryes@gmail.com](mailto:rtayloryes@gmail.com)) is an associate professor at Pennsylvania College of Technology, teaching HVAC design and service. He attended the reunion of 1967-74 Campus Crusade for Christ in May 2018, with 70 other Cornellians and spouses. His 44 years of marriage and contributing to his children’s and four grandchildren’s growth in knowledge, wisdom, and joy, plus seeing his church grow in maturity and numbers, brings him the most satisfaction in his life. His best day at Cornell: watching snowflake shadows under the lights on the gorge path and having school canceled due to snow in 1971.

**Paul Witt** still works full time at the family’s hotels in Gettysburg with a personal goal of “showing up at work just in time to go to lunch.” He and wife Dana recently moved to Gettysburg, and their first grandchild arrived in May. His best day at Cornell was “the two weeks on an all-expense paid wine tour of Italy” that he won! And travel is still what he wishes he could be doing.

Husband Gerry Greenberg and I, **Pam Meyers**, joyfully announce the birth of prospective third-generation Cornellian Max Emmet Greenberg in March, son of **David Greenberg ‘05** and wife Rachel Karmel, our second

grandchild. Now that Gerry truly has retired (signaled to me when 18 months after official retirement he gave up paying for monthly parking at his law firm garage), we travel often to North Jersey to visit these adorable grandchildren (and their parents, of course), as well as Europe while our knees still permit. We spent two weeks in Italy in January on a specialty guided art-intensive trip to Florence, where indeed there are absolutely NO crowds in chilly January, with time on our own in Naples and Rome. In May, we returned for a cruise in the Mediterranean from Barcelona to Rome.

Your news submissions are our column's

lifeline, and I sincerely thank all of you who send in their news and stay in touch. I find it fascinating to read how we are choosing to spend our time and resources as we commence settling into our retirement years. Send news to: ♦ **Pamela Meyers**, [psmeyers73@gmail.com](mailto:psmeyers73@gmail.com); ♦ **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, [phg3@cornell.edu](mailto:phg3@cornell.edu); or ♦ **David Ross**, [dave@daveross.com](mailto:dave@daveross.com). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**74 Stan Freerks** (Saint Louis, MO) wrote with good news that Cooper Wise, the quarterback of his high school, Kirkwood High School, has committed to Cornell and that Cooper "is a great kid and a great athlete." Stan retired at the end of 2017 after 43 years in insurance, and he is involved with the business college advisory council for the U. of Missouri, St. Louis and doing expert witness work in agents E&O cases. He and Terry are traveling around the country visiting national parks and baseball stadiums.

Retired clinical psychiatrist **Ron Pies** reported that he has written a novella, *The Shepherd of Lost Children*, which features Cornell in the plot line. Other publications Ron has reported in the past include a collection of essays, *Psychiatry on the Edge*, *The Director of Minor Tragedies*, *The Myeloma Year*, *The Late Life Bloom of Rose Rabinowitz*, and *You Must Know Everything: A Quixotic Compendium of Human Knowledge*.

From the Cornell alumni website we learn that congratulations are due to our classmate **Cynthia Cuffie**, who was recently elected a Cornell alumni trustee. Cynthia is "a first-generation college student who became an endocrinologist and pharmaceutical executive." Currently she is president and executive coach of Aspire Educational Assocs. Corp. In addition to her professional career and her wide-ranging community/public service, Cynthia has performed extensive volunteer alumni service roles at Cornell both for our class and university-wide. As a student, Cindy's favorite out-of-class experiences were enjoying a meal overlooking Beebe Lake, riding her bike on East Campus, physical education opportunities from swimming to figure skating, and playing the Hammond organ in Willard Straight Hall. (She learned later in life that inventor **Laurens Hammond**, Class of 1916, was a Cornellian!) She identifies Dr. Daniels, professor of Biochemistry, as having the greatest influence on her at Cornell and wrote, "Coming after the confidence-buster Organic Chemistry, Biochemistry seemed daunting. However, Dr. Daniels was an outstanding lecturer, and during her office hours she knew how to challenge me and to bring concepts to life without being intimidating or condescending.

The class with Dr. Daniels boosted my confidence and was instrumental in providing an academic turning point for me at Cornell. I went from surviving to thriving."

Lastly, if you rode Amtrak between 2008 and 2016, it was under the steady hand of classmate **Joseph Boardman**, of Rome, NY. Joe, who passed away in March, was the second-longest serving president and CEO of Amtrak. He grew up on a dairy farm in Oneida County and, after high school, volunteered for the Air Force, serving in Vietnam from 1968-69 before entering Cornell. He earned a BS in Ag Ec, and later a master's at Binghamton. Before Amtrak, Joe managed

the Rome and Utica transit authorities and was commissioner of public transportation in Broome County. He later served as commissioner of the New York State Dept. of Transportation, and then as administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration. During his time as Amtrak's CEO, he upgraded much of its rolling stock. In 2014, he was named "Railroader of the Year" by *Railway Age* magazine. Read all about our 45th Reunion in the Sept/Oct issue! Send news to: ♦ **Lucy Babcox** Morris, [lucmor1433@gmail.com](mailto:lucmor1433@gmail.com); ♦ **Jim Schoonmaker** [js378@cornell.edu](mailto:js378@cornell.edu).

**75** The tradition on the Hill continues with visits back to the alma mater as well as family members earning their degrees at Cornell. In June my son, Jack Keefe, completed his clinical psychology residency at Weill Cornell Medical Center in NYC, focusing on behavioral therapy in PTSD. Even more exciting, he was invited to remain at Weill Cornell to research and treat individuals with PTSD. So proud! ♦ **Alexandra Rose '19**, daughter of classmate **Donald Rose**, graduated from the College of Arts & Sciences this year. Donald ([vrose2000@aol.com](mailto:vrose2000@aol.com)) and wife Victoria reside in NYC. Congratulations also go out to **Frederick**, MBA '77, and **Jennifer Schroeder Johnson**, MBA '79, who are first-time grandparents, as their son **F. Spencer Johnson '10** and wife Sasha welcomed William Spencer in July 2018. Fred ([fj.consult@gmail.com](mailto:fj.consult@gmail.com)) lives in Westfield, NY, where life is good as he spends his days walking the vineyards and woods at Johnston Estate Winery.

**Louise Vacca** Dawe, our class president, is enjoying teaching her 6- and 7-year old grandsons how to skate and watching them play hockey in Cambridge, ON—after all, it's Canada, where kids play hockey inside and outside all day long. For the past three years, she has been a referee at the World Figure Championships in Vail, CO. A big "thank you" to Louise for leading our class in raising \$55,392 during Cornell's 2019 Giving Day, challenging us to include "75" in each of our contributions. A great showing, 1975!

Fellow DG sisters have been in the news this year. **Karen Leung** Moore was recognized as a top woman business owner in St. Louis. She is the owner of Metro Medical Equipment and Supply, a company that works with the US government providing medical supplies and equipment and assisting manufacturers around the country to gain access to government opportunities. **Randi Kanuk** Dauler ([RandiDauler@me.com](mailto:RandiDauler@me.com)) serves as the board chair for Neville Chemical Co., a privately owned 93-year-old hydrocarbon resin manufacturer.

She writes that board engagement is quite dynamic and intellectually stimulating as she and her colleagues work with management to "re-invent" the company. As trustee of a private foundation, Randi has found it personally rewarding to issue grants to Pittsburgh-based charitable organizations, and to track the impact of those transformational gifts. Congratulations to you both!

Classmates have also been active volunteers during the past several years. For five years, **Bill Hoffman** traveled to the Dominican Republic to assist with humanitarian efforts on the island. Retired from the public policy arena and living in Philadelphia, PA, Bill is also a frequent traveler to Cornell and Delta Upsilon fraternity events up and down the East Coast. Recognizing that helping her patients brings her great satisfaction, **Jeanne Allen** ([jeanne.allen@hhcinc.org](mailto:jeanne.allen@hhcinc.org)) completed her 20th annual medical brigade to Honduras to improve the health-care of hundreds of disadvantaged individuals. Residing in Easthampton, MA, Jeanne also started a residency program for new family nurse practitioners who want to offer primary care to the underserved. So it's no surprise to learn that Jeanne received a lifetime achievement award from the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers. When asked to recount her best days at Cornell, many memories came to Jeanne's mind including a trip to Watkins Glen during senior week, organizing a talent show at her co-op, and cooking a graduation dinner with her best friend for their families.

Also focused on healthcare is **Alexander Sapega** ([aspega@verizon.net](mailto:aspega@verizon.net)), who practices as an orthopedic surgeon, although he does suggest that he might slow down a bit in order to finish the restoration of his 1882 home that is on the National Historic Register. Both of his daughters are grown, married, and the best kids he could ask for. Fondly recalling an "A+" in the "Vertebrates" biological sciences course at Cornell, Alexander feels that he owes much to Dr. Heiser, Dr. Wimsatt, and many other professors for his professional foundation. Another classmate with a historical home is **Christine McGredy** Scott ([chris@sprucehollow.com](mailto:chris@sprucehollow.com)), who owns and operates a bed and breakfast (Staveleigh House) in Sheffield, MA, with her husband. "Life is good" in the beautiful Berkshires of Western Massachusetts! They frequently get together with their daughter, who is in nearby Williamstown, where she teaches sixth grade. Perhaps retirement from inn-keeping is in the not-so-distant future, at which time Christine hopes to travel to the western US and sail on a Rhine River tour in Europe—definitely a more relaxing lifestyle than the hospitality field.

And speaking of retirement, there have been no dull moments for **Jane Rabbino** Miller ([janemiller460@gmail.com](mailto:janemiller460@gmail.com)) since relocating to The Villages, a community of 120,000 happy retirees in central Florida. She invites other Cornellians in the area to be in touch to expand the circle of friends and activities. She and husband Carl have enjoyed more travel of late, and love spending time with their two grandchildren, a 5-year-old boy and 2-year-old girl.

Please take a few minutes to send us highlights of your life after Cornell, college friends you have seen, and memorable moments on campus, and we'll share the news in our upcoming columns. ♦ **Joan Pease**, [japease1032@aol.com](mailto:japease1032@aol.com); ♦ **Deb Gellman**, [dsgellman@hotmail.com](mailto:dsgellman@hotmail.com); ♦ **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, [boroffka@shu.edu](mailto:boroffka@shu.edu); ♦ **Mitch Frank**, [mjfgator@gmail.com](mailto:mjfgator@gmail.com).

**76** Thank you for sending your news via e-mail and snail mail! **Betsy Landsman** wrote in March that she had just returned from a two-week

guided tour with the Cornell Alumni Assn. to Israel and Jordan. It was the trip of a lifetime and she got to meet 29 other Cornell alumni/parents/spouses, including six people from Hong Kong, two of whom are Cornell trustees. "We sang the Alma Mater everywhere, including Tel Aviv," she writes.

**Paula Griffin Davis** has joined her husband, Keith, in retirement, and is enjoying painting landscapes and pet portraits! Her first Road Scholar trip is on the agenda this spring to tour national and state parks in southern Utah before coming back to bucolic Perrysburg, OH (a wonderful small city on the Maumee River), where she'll join other local artists in painting plein air this summer. Also retired (in 2010), **Philip Loud** writes that he volunteers with a local educational schoolship association, teaching kids to be stewards of the Great Lakes. Philip and wife Jennifer have traveled recently with a trip around the outer fringes of the Scottish Highlands last fall and an upcoming trip to the Puglia region of Italy ("the heel"). They are recent first-time grandparents and are fortunate that both their sons, 30 and 35, live nearby in Traverse City, so they can see them weekly. Much of Philip's free time is spent enjoying winter sports or boating during the summer.

**Alan Burrows** is finishing up his last year as president of his local Trent Unlimited chapter. He has also been co-chair of the Mid-Atlantic Front in the Classroom project for several years. There are programs in 90 schools in Maryland and D.C. Teaching kids to become stewards of the environment gives him satisfaction. His best days at Cornell have been at Reunion. Wife **Susan Fulton '75** was the Reunion chair for her class for the last Reunion. The newest "thing" that **Alice Mascette** has done was to take a CAU course with stepdaughter Maya Leyden last summer. They took a week of pottery at the Clay School of Ithaca while Alice's husband, James, biked the Finger Lakes with CAU. Alice wrote that she was "klutzy," but Maya was already an accomplished artist and they learned together. Now they enjoy going to a local community center open studio when Maya is home from William and Mary, where she studies physics and minors in art. Although Alice is retired, she enjoys volunteer teaching pre-clinical medical students at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. She is also an active singer with Choral Arts Society of Washington, which is led by Scott Tucker, formerly the Director of Choral Music at Cornell, so she sings alongside Cornellians of all ages.

**Don Fanelli** has recently hired a young dentist to help out with the patient load at the Family Dental Practice in Rutherford, NJ. In summer 2018, he visited Puglia, Italy, the homeland of his parents. His daughter, **Lauren '03**, and her husband and two girls (4 and 6 years old)

live in northern New Jersey, and Lauren is a professor at Rutgers. Son Don and his wife live in L.A. Don loves spending time with his family, especially with his granddaughters. Being retired allows for flexibility with time, and **Alice Mims Payne** spends her volunteering with several organizations: Dress for Success of South Central Pennsylvania; Hope Station, a local community improvement organization; and the Penn State Master Gardener Program, where she is a certified Master Gardener. She likes to travel, one to two trips per year,

especially on river and ocean cruises. Alice has three great-grands and a wonderful niece, who is precious but unfortunately lives seven hours away.

**Elen Feinberg** is actively working in her studio, painting. This work and being around friends gives her the most satisfaction in her life these days. **Peter Einset** is keeping busy studying languages (now it's Latin), staying healthy, working for the Geneva Historical Society, and doing odd jobs. He is planning to go to the spring theater program in April. He would like to travel to Norway and possibly work and live there. Still working, **Cameron Munter** is president of the EastWest Inst. in New York, engaging worldwide in conflict prevention. **Robert Gabel** is retired and is active in local, national, and international orchid organizations. He is currently the president of the National Capital Orchid Society. Also, he continues to do some consulting/contract work related to international wildlife trade.

I, **Lisa Diamant**, your class correspondent, and my husband, **Morris '74**, plan to go to his reunion in June along with friends **John Gmeiner '74** and his wife, Faye. I have retired from teaching and Morris is "semi-retired" from radiology practice from Brigham and Women's community radiology division. This has allowed us to travel more, including a cruise through Italy, France, and Spain in the summer and a two-week cruise through the Panama Canal in the spring. We also have become grandparents of a precious granddaughter, Layla. My mother, who is 96, loves playing with her great-granddaughter! ❖ **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, Krinsk54@gmail.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, patrelf1@gmail.com.

**77** A flurry of news arrived coinciding with the end of snow flurries and the start of spring. **John Longstreet II** of Camp Hill, PA, is president and CEO of the Pennsylvania Restaurant and Lodging Assn. He is enjoying rebuilding his second home on Cayuga Lake and would like to spend more time there and with son **John '07** and daughter **Liz '08**. Professionally, he most enjoys traveling around Pennsylvania spending time with leaders in the hospitality business. "It was all good at Cornell," he says, but he especially enjoyed working with friends on HEC (Hotel Ezra Cornell, for the uninitiated).

**David Siegel** is editing the TV series "Chicago Med" for NBC/Universal Studios and Wolf Films. **Katie Streiwieser** lives in Miller Place, NY, and is married to **Ted D'Ottavio**. She retired in 2013 after 30 years as the finance administrator of the Dept. of Medicine at the Stony Brook U. School of Medicine. She keeps busy with Toastmasters, the local historical society, art trips to New York City, travel, and grandchildren. Ted is partially retired from Brook-

haven National Laboratories, working four months on, and off two months to escape the Northeast winters for sunnier climes. They also travel in the summer and fall and have been married for 35 years. They have three adult daughters (no Cornellians) who all got married within 15 months of each other (sounds very busy). A granddaughter was born in June 2018 and another daughter is expecting a grandson. Congratulations! Katie reconnected recently with fellow 1977 roommates including **Louisa Miller**, **Roxann Buck**, and **Cheri**

**Morgan Murphy**. After years of exchanging Christmas cards, they finally got together and plan on making this an annual event.

**Randall Conratt** lives in Shawnee, KS. He is busy running Heart of America Locksmiths, a mobile lock service he started in 2014. It is an offshoot of the small locksmith service his father purchased in 1973. He recently purchased his father's home and is making it his. He very much enjoys running his own business and is inspired by EM Statler (who funded the Cornell School of Hotel Administration), who stated, "Life is service." Please keep all of your news and views coming in via the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. Or you can e-mail either of us directly: ❖ **Howie Eisen**, heisen@pennstatehealth.psu.edu; **Mary Flynn**, maryflynn1@me.com.

**78** Hello and happy summertime! Here's the latest news from our classmates. When not doing physics research with grad students, chatting with colleagues, or some classroom teaching, professor **Eric Cotts** enjoys walking his dog and hanging with his wife. His kids are dealing with all the pitfalls and joys of living on the West Coast, including plentiful, cool work and expensive housing. Responding to the question of what he would do with a day back in Ithaca, Eric replied: "Chill, baby, chill—and walk up Cascadilla Gorge."

**Ann Marie Warner Lill**, DVM '82, owns a thriving veterinary practice in Victor, NY. With five doctors and a staff of 20, Storybrook Veterinary Hospital has been caring for small and exotic animals since 1985. Ann Marie's two CU alum sons, **Jake '11** and **Luke '12**, are both engaged and planning weddings. Understandably, she says her best day at Cornell was when she learned of her acceptance to the Vet college. For **Pam Savage-Roglich**, the best days on the Hill came when she met her husband, **Marion Roglich, MLR '76**, and saw her two children graduate from their alma mater. Their daughter, Class of '18, is now working in Boston and is chairing the Reunion committee, while their son, Class of '15, works closer to home in Chicago. Recently retired, Pam is an active volunteer and looks forward to becoming even more involved with nonprofits as well as travel. For now, she is thrilled to be able to wake up "at will without the alarm sounding at 3:45 a.m. in order to head to work!"

**Ishtiaq Ahmad** reports, "I'm unwinding my business and preparing for a soft landing into retirement." His working life has been spent traveling the globe, away from his family. Soon to become an empty-nester as the last of his four daughters heads to Bryn Mawr in the fall, Ishtiaq plans to spend time helping his oldest daughter with the organization she founded, Teach for Bangladesh. Learn more at: [www.teachforbangladesh.org](http://www.teachforbangladesh.org). Another classmate joining the retirement ranks is **Cindy Gilchrist Moore**, who left the New York State Dept. of Labor after more than 35 years. She and her husband are looking forward to traveling and camping throughout the US.

We can add a few more grandparents to the class roster. **Steven Potter**, living in Moreland Hills, OH, welcomed his first grandchild, Maya Kate. Maya's father is also a Cornell alum, **Brandon Potter '09**. **Annie Knudsen Samuels** and husband **Dick, JD '80**, are the proud grandparents of Noah Eli, born in January. **Paul Metselaar** and his wife of 35 years, Lisa, were expecting their first grandchild at this writing. Mom Allie is a health coach and blogger at [healthyalibi.com](http://healthyalibi.com). Their other daughter, Lindsey, hosts a podcast about millennial dating in NYC called "We Met at Acme." Paul still runs Ovation Travel Group and Skylark, a digital luxury travel agency, but

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## 'It's never too late to be a rocker!'

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DAN ZACCARDO '81

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says family and philanthropy bring him the most satisfaction these days. He is on the board of the Children's Health Fund and Mt. Sinai Hospital.

"Just when I thought my trumpet-playing days were over, I was recruited to round out the horn section of Wired at Prohibition NYC in January!" writes **Cynthia Kubas**. Her boyfriend, Lew (the drummer), and his UPenn pals have been rocking since 1980, and still bring down the house with their covers of Steely Dan, the Stones, and Herbie Hancock. Follow her on Twitter (CynthiaFit) if you want to know about their next gig in the Big Apple! I, **Ilene Shub Lefland**, had a quick visit with **Diana Bletter** during my last trip to Israel in October. She lives in Shavei Zion, a verdant moshav, or farming cooperative, just a stone's throw from the Mediterranean. Diana is busy writing and hosting extended family and friends, and growing avocados. Serendipitously, a few months earlier, I ran into another Eddy St. housemate, **Joanne Wallenstein**, heading into Paul Simon's farewell concert at Corona Park, Queens. Joanne is still running the online community newspaper she founded, *Scarsdale 10583*. That's it for this issue. Please keep us all updated on all that's new with you. E-mail either of us at: ❖ **Ilene Shub Lefland**, ilene.lefland@gmail.com; **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyjfuller.com.

**79** The next issue will be filled with news from our 40th Reunion! A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone involved in the planning process for the past year (and longer)—the time and effort that goes into creating a memorable event for Reunion attendees is very substantial! Hats off to our Reunion chairs, **Steve Magacs** and **Karen Mineo**, and to all of our class officers of the past five years! And a big welcome to our newly installed class officers!

We heard from **Peter Coy**, who lives in Demarest, NJ. He is still writing for *Bloomberg Businessweek* magazine. As Peter aptly notes, "The news geyser never ceases." **Cindy Hahn** is in Spokane, WA, where she has been retired from her neurosurgery medical practice for nearly two years. Cindy gets a lot of satisfaction from riding her horse and has been participating in jumping and dressage events. She has also had some orthopedic mishaps, including rotator cuff surgery, knee scope, fractured hand surgery, and foot/ankle surgery. She, like many classmates, is working on checking off items on her bucket list. The item to be checked off next year: an equestrian safari in Africa. Have fun, Cindy!

**Marcie Gitlin** was awarded her MSW in 2007 and was licensed in NYS in 2008. She is also a certified dementia practitioner. After nearly ten years of nursing home social work, Marcie has a new job as director of the YM & YWHA of Washington Heights & Inwood. From her home base in NYC, Marcie has enjoyed extensive international travel over the past 40 years, and looks forward to many more adventures. She is also thankful for good health and time to enjoy friends and family. **Janet Goldin** Rubin and her husband, Alan, of Short Hills, NJ, welcomed their first grandchild, Benjamin Lee, in January. Janet has an active college consulting business, helping students with their college and graduate school applications, as well as helping students and adults with drafting their resumes as they seek employment. Janet and **Nancy Sverdluk** have signed up for week two (July 14-20) of Cornell's Adult University this summer and would love to catch up with other classmates on campus that week.

**Susan Zellner Dunietz** and her husband, **Irwin '78**, are living in Highland Park, NJ, with their adult daughter

who is disabled and needs full-time care. Susan writes, "The State of New Jersey, in its wisdom, thinks she will be employed—but she functions at a 3- to 4-year-old level, so that's not happening." When she has a moment, Susan enjoys craft projects. Their son, Jesse, earned a BS from MIT in 2011 and finished his PhD from Carnegie Mellon earlier this year. Jesse and his wife have relocated to Connecticut, where Jesse has a new job with an A.I. research company. Susan is delighted since the drive to Connecticut is much shorter than to Pittsburgh. **Rich Bobrow** and his wife, Holly, are living in Westport, CT, and are the owners of Sola Salon Studio franchises and RHB Development Corp. They have four children, three of whom are Cornellians: **Rebecca '15**, **Tucker '19**, and **Kelsey '19**.

**James Gould** has been living in North Miami, where he's been involved in real estate and investing. He writes that he's in the process of moving back to New York. Spending time with family and friends (and his grandchildren!) brings him the most satisfaction these days. He responded to our question "What was your best day at Cornell?" with the answer: "Fridays!" **Sue Pugliese** Beitel is still practicing medicine in Paradise Valley, AZ, though she is thoroughly enjoying being a grandmother. Baby Lorenzo was born Christmas morning, 2018, in Boston, MA.

I (**Cindy Ahlgren** Shea) have been living in East Hampton, NY, for nearly 35 years, and have been a real estate broker with Sotheby's Int'l Realty for almost two decades. Helping people buy, sell, and rent homes is a great fit for me—I wake up happy to go to work and I've succeeded in becoming a top Sotheby's producer (which adds to the fun!). The Hamptons are a destination for many Cornellians—I welcome a call from classmates who are in the area. I'm fortunate that my husband, Jay, and I get to see our two sons, Garrett and Trevor, frequently since they too enjoy the beach and all the beauty the South Fork of Long Island has to offer. Please continue to send us your news! Happy summer! ❖ **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@sothebyshomes.com; **Linda Moses**, lindakmoses@gmail.com; **Kathy Zappia** Gould, kathy.gould57@gmail.com.

**80** The year we attended our 5th Reunion, I spent a couple of hours hanging around with some folks from the Class of '65. Boy, were they old! They were attending their 20th, but they knew all the good music and, man, I digged the vibe, so I gave them a pass. I danced with a lady in her 40s at the tent parties. If I were in my 40s now, my knees wouldn't sound like a cement mixer when I dance. Life is cruel, and good. Our 40th Reunion is June 4-7, 2020. Eat a peach.

**Cathy Davis** Miles and her husband, David, are empty-nesters in Framingham, MA, but she is far from idle. She recently cofounded Framingham FORCE (Fostering Opioid Recovery and Compassion Education). She writes that "the group's mission is to be a force in the community to combat the opioid epidemic through compassion, education, and advocacy." **Steve Kohn** tells us that he has recovered from prostate cancer, and recommends that men get tested every year. He will not be retiring any time soon, as he is busy writing books and managing his clinical social work practice and consulting firm. He says that his best day at Cornell was when he received his diploma. He and his wife, Nancy, raised three children.

Did I mention that our 40th Reunion is June 4-7, 2020? We're still below the "sweet old geezer" threshold, but time's a-wasting! Any hipness we retain will be long gone well before our 50th, so gather ye' rosebuds, etc. **Robert Holzer** marked his 60th birthday by selling the family

business and retiring. He and his wife are enjoying their "very positive change," and he says that he spent the summer golfing and the winter skiing. Presumably, this marks the beginning of a pattern.

When he left Ithaca, **Christopher Ashley** brought one of Cayuga's legendary mahogany Chris Crafts with him and restored it at his home near Boston. Over the years he restored and built other boats as a hobby, and has now gone into the boat-building business—but not just any old boats. He founded King Hell Boats, and you need to drop everything you're doing and surf to kinghellboats.com. He says the "throwback boat design with an iconic v-twin engine melds timeless elements and evokes the era of elegance and luxury of the 1930s runabouts and commuters. Outsized fun and style in a manageable, affordable package."

*SystemVerilog for Verification: A Guide to Learning the Testbench Language Features* is the name of **Chris Spear**'s best-seller of several years standing. He says the success of his "nerdy tome" prompts many requests for selfies whenever he attends gatherings of engineers. (The note he sent us doesn't mention movie rights, but I think he's just being cagey during negotiations.) Chris is still bicycling and has had some good rides lately in Poland, the Czech Republic, Israel, and China, as well as the US. Incidentally, you can get his book in various formats from Amazon, although I note that there isn't a pop-up version. Deadhead **Larry Reichman**, JD '84's book about the fabled May 8, 1977 Grateful Dead concert in Barton Hall is still available at [www.GDBartonHall1977.com](http://www.GDBartonHall1977.com). It has many outstanding photographs. He plays jazz piano and drums and still manages to find time for lawyering at a firm in Portland, OR, where he works on food and public utility regulation. His best day at Cornell was—duh!—May 8, 1977.

**Albert Wu**, MD '84, tells us that he has started a periodical, "Journal of Patient Safety and Risk Management," published bimonthly by SAGE Journals. He is a professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. On Wednesdays he continues his practice as an internist. He and his wife, journalist Diana Sugg, are raising two boys, 11 and 13. **Phyllis Serignese Joyce**, MAT '82, and her husband, **William "Lanny" '81**, now have "the freedom to drink a good, slow cup of coffee." They're retired and living in Ithaca. Phyllis gardens, and together the Joyces bicycle, hike, and travel. They're practicing living in the moment. Their three daughters are grown, but they have a granddaughter, Emerson, who they cherish, and, one hopes, spoil. Phyllis spent time in Sperry Hall as a freshman, and later as an RA.

I may have mentioned this, but our 40th Reunion is June 4-7, 2020. There may be other things going on that year, but they're not important, not compared to this, anyway. You should have one of the grandkids buy you a calendar and then mark it. You can put a reminder on your iPhone, but don't use a permanent marker. Learned that one the hard way. ❖ **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu; and **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, LLB39@cornell.edu.

**81** Through my years in law and business, I've heard (and, admittedly, repeated) many platitudes about risk management, urgency, and putting out fires. Therefore, I was humbled to hear from **Nelson Mead** (meadacre@tcwncy.rr.com), who is a financial advisor at Ithaca-based Cornell Pochily Investment Advisors Inc., where he works as chief investment officer with **Ezra Cornell '70**. In addition to his client responsibilities, Nelson is deputy chief of his hometown fire department

in Freeville, NY! He also serves as treasurer of Chesterton House and chair of the Estate Planning Council of Tompkins County. He enjoys sailing, but wishes he could do more, since “the summers are too short in Ithaca!”

**Cindy High-Fischmann** (cindy@blackmajikarabians.com) and her husband, Rob, just moved to Lake Wylie, SC, where they enjoy being close to their son Brett in nearby Charlotte. They are working for a new business that does water, fire, and mold restoration, and they are loving it! Cindy is still riding and recently won national honors on her horse, GSF Ambience. After many years as a dairy farmer, **Joerg Meili** writes that he is slowing down since selling his milking herd last year. However, he intends to keep the farm and is seeking other ventures. He lives in Amenia, NY, and looks forward to spending more time with son Sam, 26, who works nearby, daughter Summer, 23, who travels for work on charter yachts, and daughter Sarah, 18, who attends Ithaca College. He can't pick a best day at Cornell: “In retrospect, the whole four years was a gift.”

**Dan Zaccardo** (zaccard@aol.com) writes from Livingston, NJ, that he is happily in his third year of retirement, doing volunteer work, and learning how to play the guitar. “It's never too late to be a rocker!” In February, he became a court-appointed special advocate for CASA for Children of Essex County. **Peter Rosenblum** (peter.rosenblum@harrisonmedical.org) lives in Kingston, WA, with his wife, two children, and their dogs, and is still working as a surgical physician assistant. He loves doing all things outdoors, especially downhill skiing. Best day at Cornell? “Graduation . . . LOL!”

**Alyssa Alia Malanga** (alyssafoodstylist@gmail.com) has just published her first solo cookbook, *If the Table Could Talk—A Taste of Celebrations*. Through her 30-year career she has practiced her “love and joy of cooking” as a food stylist for national and international food companies, magazines, and celebrity chefs. She also recently started to teach at Bed Bath & Beyond's new cooking school in East Hanover, NJ, and she would love to hear from fellow alumni who might be interested to plan a private event including a fun and informative cooking class. For a fascinating look at her who's-who client list and the many familiar products she has covered—ranging from Breyers ice cream to SlimFast bars—see her website, [www.alyssaalia.com](http://www.alyssaalia.com).

Best wishes for the summer! With my kids making their way through college and grad school, I (**Steve Barre**) have been mindful that 40 years ago, in the summer of '79, we were at the halfway point and about to immerse ourselves in our majors. The kids seem convinced things are harder now; what do you think? I mention this in the hope of inciting you to save the date for our 40th Reunion, June 10-13, 2021! Many thanks for your updates. Please keep sending us news. ❖ **Steven Barre**, sbarre@aol.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net; and **Tanis MacKay-Bell**, TanisMBell@gmail.com.

**82** I am so proud to announce to our class (if you have not already heard) that **Wendy Raymond** has been named the 16th president of Haverford College, as of July 1. Wendy has been vice president of academic affairs and dean of faculty at Davidson College for the past six years, and previously was full professor of biology at Williams College. She is also a recognized leader nationally on issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Emeritus president of Cornell Hunter Rawlings III, a '66 graduate of Haverford, was on the search committee that named Wendy to her position. Wendy's husband, Dave Backus, is also a Haverford alum. The Cornell community

reacted with enthusiasm to Wendy's appointment, and she was honored to receive messages from President Martha Pollack, Nobel laureate Roald Hoffmann, her former Chemistry professor, and many more. Congratulations, Wendy! You can read her announcement at: <https://www.haverford.edu/16th-president>.

Congratulations to **Cindy Schillinger** Rochford's daughter **Molly '19**, who graduated from the ILR school this past spring. She was a coxswain for the men's lightweight crew team, and the crew regattas gave Cindy plenty of opportunities to go back to campus and cheer on the Big Red. Cindy is “sure going to miss having her at Cornell!” **Martha Daniels's** son, **Carlos La Hoz '06**, continues to work and live in Boston. She keeps busy volunteering for her local Unitarian Universalist church, skiing, hiking, and visiting friends. **Ronnie Poulis** wrote from Mt. Vernon, NY, that she is busy with her full-time practice in Bronxville, where she specializes in treating young adults and adults focused on women's issues. Her son, Nick, is at Fordham Prep high school, and they may be in Greece and Italy as you read this column. **Sharon Sitrin-Moore** is a community representative in the New York State Senate office of Sen. Thomas F. O'Mara, 58th District in Elmira.

After more than 16 years as a part-time judge in the local criminal court, **Bruce Wagner** did not seek reelection to a fifth term as a Town Justice in Schodack, Rensselaer County, also in New York State. He writes that this allows him and wife Janet to travel to visit their children, both of whom live in NYC and work at the same hospital. He adds that his law partners are probably thinking he can do more now too. **Jonathan Welsh** said it has been a busy year. He and his partner, Ken West, had a wonderful time celebrating their eighth anniversary at the Statler, and “as the snow fell the memories flooded back to the years on the Hill.” They ordered Dragon Day T-Shirts and asked that we please support Dragon Day and architects by ordering them through the Cornell Store. At home, Jonathan and Ken's mid-century modern boutique, NoNu Vintage, celebrated its fifth anniversary. Architect **Alison Spear** and husband Alex Reese keep busy with architecture, design, Hudson River Valley charities, and enjoying their home in Charleston, SC. Alison has also created an organic farm community on their property in Wappingers Falls, NY. Their daughter graduated from BU and their son is working in hospitality in Toronto. She also mentioned Green Dragon Days as some of her best days at Cornell.

**Brian Gordon** assembled a team of engineers and lawyers to develop a neutral method of redistricting to prevent partisan gerrymandering. They shared their ideas with the Pennsylvania Supreme Court last year in two amicus briefs, and the court generated a new congressional map with rational, fair, and compact districts that resulted in a fair election for Congress in 2018. He added, “A state with 50-50 voting behavior elected nine republicans and nine democrats to the US Congress.” **Beth Tremer** Herrick, MD '86, is still working at her cancer genetics and radiation oncology practice. She is also an assistant professor at UMass, which allows for teaching of medical students and residents. She reports that her daughter is finishing medical school at Tufts and, happily, wants to stay in the area since Beth and Tim are on the Cape. Beth said it was great to reconnect with **Deb Gruenfeld '83**, **Jan Matthews** Bell, **Julie Vargo '82**, **Chris Metz**, **Terry Ries** Krieger, and **David Menapace '83**, and she added that she had many “best days” at Cornell. Her fondest memories include Phi Psi 500 silliness, hanging with fellow athletes, and summers in Ithaca.

We hope you enjoy yours! ❖ **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu; **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@npmlaw.com.

**83** Congratulations to **J. Ralph Russek Jr.** (russekjr@aol.com), who writes that he is soon to become a “Pop Pop”—daughter Erin and wife Katie are due in September! Ralph continues in civil engineering in his 32nd year with the Pidcock Co. in Allentown, PA, and looks forward to hearing from fellow Cornellians.

**William Kratch** (WHKiii1961@gmail.com) is retired and, with wife Anne Marie, settling into a new home in Shamong, NJ. Bill sends regards and would love to hear from friends from the Hill. **Marilee Temple** Harris, MAT '85 (pastor@dbcme.org) writes from Damariscotta, ME: “I'm working as a middle school teacher, pastor, and executive director of a nonprofit providing homes to those who can't afford it, while being a mom to two beautiful young women. My younger child is graduating from high school!” What gives her the most satisfaction these days is watching her daughters “go to college and discover their potential and their dreams, like I did at Cornell.” Marilee misses sledding on a food tray down the Slope to West Campus and looks forward to reconnecting with classmates.

**Steve Wilansky** (swilansky@stratlegal.com) is living in Chicago and is excited to join Attunely, a Seattle-based tech startup, as chief legal and compliance officer. “Attunely has developed a machine learning-powered software platform for the accounts receivable management industry. The company was spun out of Pioneer Square Labs, a Seattle startup studio and VC firm backed by Bezos Expeditions, Vulcan Capital, Maveron, and a host of other equally impressive VCs.” On the family front, Steve and wife Lori enjoyed a fabulous trip to London in February to see their daughter, Faith, perform the lead role as Isabella in *Measure for Measure* at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. An aspiring actor, Faith is a junior in the BFA acting major at Rutgers U.'s Mason Gross School of the Arts.

Cornell '83 couple **Pete Dalldorf** and **Christi Douglas** were excited to announce the engagement of their daughter Katie, who met future husband Andy Schuman at Vanderbilt U. Katie graduated from the Perelman School of Medicine at the U. of Pennsylvania and is starting pediatrics residency at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Dr. Pete continues with his orthopedic surgery practice in Greensboro, NC.

It was great to see fellow Class of 1983 ATO brothers at the annual ATO winter dinner held this year for the first time in Washington, DC, and hosted by **John McDonnell '85** and **Dave Moran '88** with Clyde's Restaurant Group and **Phil Borkowski '85** with Marriott. Among the more than 30 Cornellians there, Class of 1983 attendees included: **Pat Burke**, **Neil Donovan**, **Stewart Glickman**, **Bob Miller**, **Scott Miller**, **Iris Sunshine**, and **John Weir**, MBA '84. A super time was had by all! That same February weekend in the nation's capital, Pi Beta Phi sisters met for a brief and fun mini-reunion. Rounding out the get-together were Iris Sunshine, **Kristi Bleyer '82**, **Jill Flack '81**, **Sue Resetar** Susa, and **Sarah Murray** White '81.

Speaking of Iris Sunshine (isunshine@childrenslawcenter.org), we congratulate her for a truly special honor. After 30 years of serving as a tireless advocate for justice, especially for children, including ten years with the Children's Law Center (CLC) of Central North Carolina, Iris was sworn into the Bar of the US Supreme Court! In March, led by former CLC board member and

Wake Forest School of Law dean Suzanne Reynolds, an enthusiastic group of Iris's fellow law school alumni, work colleagues, and family traveled to Washington for a day they will never forget. Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54** stopped in after the morning swearing-in session to extend their warm congratulations. The dean let Justice Ginsburg know that Iris and husband John Weir were Cornell alumni who met during college (like how she met her husband, **Martin Ginsburg '53**).

On a personal note, my career change is official. After ten years of preparation—first pre-medical studies at Columbia's Post-Baccalaureate Program, then Rutgers New Jersey Medical School for both medical school and residency—I, Stewart Glickman, am officially a pediatrician. I practice at Millburn Pediatrics, very close to home in Short Hills, NJ, and I invariably get called upon from the stands at our son's hockey games to evaluate concussions and other injuries. Many thanks to the incredible colleagues, friends, and family, especially my wife, Sarah, for all of their support to make this exciting life change a reality. Please keep the news coming, and I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer. ♦ **Stewart Glickman**, [stewartglickman@gmail.com](mailto:stewartglickman@gmail.com); **Kim Todt**, [krt5@cornell.edu](mailto:krt5@cornell.edu); **Jon Felice**, [jbfelice@jbfelice.com](mailto:jbfelice@jbfelice.com); **Tom Helf**, [thelf@aol.com](mailto:thelf@aol.com).

**84** As I write this column in April, you're undoubtedly busy registering for our upcoming Reunion. I'm looking forward to seeing lots of folks there. Stay tuned to the upcoming Sept/Oct column for a full report. **Thomas Post**, CFP at Diversified Portfolios Inc. in Bloomfield, MI, is looking forward to yet another generation on campus: "I became a grandfather on August 28, 2018. My daughter, **Katie Post Wagner '09**, had a baby boy, Andrew William. If he matriculates to Cornell, he will join his mother, me, and his grandfather, **Bob Post '50**, as Big Red Boosters. Hopefully he'll be in the Class of 2040!"

Hotelite alert! **Keith Kefgen** is a partner and chairman at AETHOS Consulting Group in NYC doing executive recruitment for the hospitality industry. Keith remembers that the first person he met at Cornell was **Mike Cahill**, who is still a great friend. Besides work and family, Keith still likes to travel and play golf. Keith reports that he has "a little baby boy, Eli, who is 2 years old and applying to schools (can you believe it?)" If he had a day in Ithaca he would visit the Hotel school, the football office, and Collegetown Bagels."

**Gary Daniel** is living and working in Toronto. After many years at one law firm, he moved his practice to Deeth Williams Wall, a law firm specializing in Canadian intellectual property law, which is the area of law he practices. **Laurie Sheffield**, BFA '85, is in the middle of her last semester teaching English at Brookline High School near Boston. After that, she is retiring to begin new ventures—in June she will be focusing on art, life, and a side business to be determined. She says she will miss her teacher friends A LOT when September comes. Laurie's adult children are living in the Midwest, so she and her husband have lots of room in their city home. For the first time in 24 years, they have extra rooms! In her spare time, she enjoys printmaking, drawing, and other projects as time allows. Now she will have more time to spend on those pursuits. She has fond memories of sunny afternoons in May on Sibley Beach.

**Amy Allen** is chair of the Dept. of Management and Entrepreneurship at the Love School of Business at Elon U. in North Carolina. She lives in Memphis so it's a bit of a commute! When she is not commuting, she spends as

much time as possible gazing at the St. Lawrence River from the deck of her cottage on an island in the Thousand Islands, NY. Sounds idyllic! Amy is hoping to hear from her dear U-Hall 4 friend **Mark Bogomolny**.

**Kevin Chin** has twins who will be attending college in the fall. He gets a lot of satisfaction watching his children grow into adulthood. He would like to spend more time traveling, but enjoys working with customers and playing ping-pong with his co-workers. He has fond memories of his graduation day at Cornell. **Anita Riddle** retired from her 28-year career in engineering and procurement management with ExxonMobil in 2018. She and her husband

Greenblatt (who is the spouse of **Barry Greenblatt '85**). We talked as if it had not been over 30 years since the three of us were last together. Lori is a pediatrician in south Florida, caring for others' children and watching her three become adults. Lori's oldest, **Annie '17**, studied Economics on the Hill; Tess will soon be an NYU graduate; and her youngest, Becca, will start at the U. of Florida this August. Lori and I chatted about many classmates, including **Michael Berkwitz**, **Felicia Miller Morgan**, **Dan Devine**, **David O'Rourke**, and **Caroline Kaufman Magnus**. I hope to hear directly from them soon about how they're doing, and will share their news here as well.

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and two teenage daughters moved from Spring, TX, to a home in the Salt Lake Valley in Utah. They all enjoy hiking, skiing, and travel. Anita recently received certification to be a gymnastics instructor and is currently coaching children, leading a Girl Scout troop, and serving on the PTA. She is also a volunteer member of the board of trustees for the foundation of her graduate school, Lamar U., AND she serves on the advisory council for the Lamar College of Engineering in Beaumont, TX. She loves having time to volunteer and focus on her children and husband. She has fond memories of making the varsity volleyball team! Moose!

**Celeste "Celia" Shin** is semi-retired but still raising school-aged children in Santa Rosa, CA. She has been happily spending six months in France and six months in California and it's been great fun! **Bob '87** and **Lindsay Liotta Forness** are living the dream in Bermuda and are still seeing a steady stream of Cornellians, including yours truly. A sincere thanks to those who sent along news. ♦ **Janet Insardi**, [janetinsardi@gmail.com](mailto:janetinsardi@gmail.com); **Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell**, [catherinecantwell@gmail.com](mailto:catherinecantwell@gmail.com). Class website, <https://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1984>.

**85** Hello, 1985ers! We are one year away from our 35th Reunion! Plans are already in motion, so make sure to save the date: June 4-7, 2020.

I have only one spot of news for this month. **Brian Mangines** ([brian@mangineslaw.com](mailto:brian@mangineslaw.com)) lives in Boca Raton, FL, where he is practicing estate planning and probate law. He also just published a book entitled *Faith with Focus: How to Live Your Life with Passion and Rule It with Reason*. This is available on both Amazon and Kindle. Estate planning is essential. None of us really wants to think of our own mortality, but planning is so important.

I would appreciate your information and news for an upcoming column! ♦ **Joyce Zerkowitz Cornett**, [cornett0667@comcast.net](mailto:cornett0667@comcast.net).

**86** Greetings, Class of 1986. I start this column with a plea: Please send news to your class correspondents! There are so many of you from whom we have not heard.

I just returned from an amazing weekend with **Lori Goldwasser** Leiman and another old friend, Karen

In January, the Cornell Club of Atlanta hosted a luncheon at the College Football Hall of Fame. Our guest speakers included **Ed Marinaro '72**, **Kevin Boothe '05**, and **Bryan Walters '10**—three Cornell football players who played in the Super Bowl. The event was moderated by **Mark Newton '74**. More than 100 attendees, including classmates **Ilene Weisbard Berman**, **Steve Kirson**, and **David LaWare**, enjoyed the banter and stories from Schoellkopf, the NFL, and their current lives. About two weeks after the wonderful event, I shared a meal with Ed, **Robert Mandelbaum '81**, and **Sam Woodworth, MMH '16**. The highlight of dinner was not the food, but the kiss on the cheek that Ed gave me. I threatened to not ever wash my face again, but I quickly got over that.

**Steven Getman**, a regular contributor to this column, officially launched his campaign for Schuyler County Court Judge. He resides in Watkins Glen, NY, and serves as the county attorney. **Todd Baker** just hit 20 years with Bank of America Merrill Lynch and is still going strong and very much enjoying his work with tech, media, telecom, consumer, and industrial companies. He has been a leader for BAML's recruiting at Cornell for about 17 years, has had a hand in hiring around 500 students during that time, and enjoys spending time on campus speaking with students interested in Wall Street. His youngest, **Fred '19**, graduated from the Hotel school in May and has started at Empire Merchants (he's a wine guy and will cover New York's Upper West Side); his oldest, Foster (Colgate and the Pratt Inst.), works at Gensler, a design and architecture firm; and his daughter, Ellie (Dartmouth), is enjoying her work at McKinsey, where she has been doing a lot of work in Israel over the last six months. Todd's wife, Beth (St. Lawrence), spends most of her time caring for her aging father, so Todd spends a lot of time with them and their three dogs, Georgia, Stella, and Scout, on Cape Cod, in southwest Georgia, and on the west coast of Florida when he's not home in New Canaan, CT, or traveling to see clients.

Todd recently watched Cornell men's polo defeat Yale, thus qualifying for the nationals at UVA. **Lorenzo Masias '20** is captain of the team and son of classmate **Javier "Nacho" Masias**, a Sigma Chi alum; and Lorenzo's older brother, **Ignacio '17**, the former captain of the team, came all the way from Peru to be a second coach from

the sidelines. **Liza Masias '87**, Nacho's sister, flew in from Brussels to be there along with Lorenzo's cousin Paola and Lima-based grandparents Denise and Joe (an expert in environmental sustainability and one of the distinguished panelists at Cornell's Business Impact Forum that weekend). Todd and Nacho's three-generation family friendship could not have happened without Cornell, and resulted in numerous "private exchange programs" for their children, nieces, and nephews, a tradition that will hopefully continue for generations.

Washington, DC, is home to **Caren Yusem**. She is the founder of Olympic IP, and specializes in business and investment strategies for intellectual property-related assets and opportunities. Caren is the co-creator of "The New IP Business Models: Innovation or Commodization?"

**Alison Diamond** Levasseur sounds like she's keeping busy. She writes that she's the interiors and garden director at *Architectural Digest* (seems like a pretty awesome job). She and her husband have two daughters: a junior and a freshman, both at the Lycée Français de New York. Moving on to Upstate New York, **John Bayne** says that he's been working at Corning for 24 years. He writes, "Like for most others, I have long days and short years." (Yes, life is definitely flying by way too fast.) He has been enjoying spending some bonding time with his four boys on the soccer field, in the mountains, and in the woods. Apparently, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, because he has two engineering students at Cornell! He wishes he could be having a sub at JA's place, a beer at Dunbar's, and pizza at the Nines.

Cornell, she would walk all over campus to reminisce and see all the changes that have taken place in the past 30 years (has it really been that long?).

I'm beginning to see a theme here among all of the alums who have provided updates—a lot of nostalgia for Big Red! Please send us your news using the online form at: <https://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. We look forward to hearing from you! Your class correspondents: ❖ **Aliza Stein** Angelchik, [aangelchik@sonorousbrand.com](mailto:aangelchik@sonorousbrand.com); **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, [ALM46@cornell.edu](mailto:ALM46@cornell.edu); **Debbie Kaplan** Gershenson, [dkgershe@gmail.com](mailto:dkgershe@gmail.com).

**89** Hope you are enjoying your summer! As you're reading this, our 30th Reunion is behind us (though as I'm writing this it's still two months away). Thanks to our Reunion chairs, **Debbie Schaffel**, **Carol Borack** Copenhaver, and **Dave Scher**. And thanks to everyone who came to Ithaca for this celebratory weekend. The next column will feature our Reunion wrap-up.

We had a bunch of "Share Your News" forms that were completed and returned, plus some e-mails/online entries. Thank you to everyone who sent in news to make this column possible! **Nicole Tingus** Pappas writes that she is a full-time solutions architect with Ken Blanchard Companies, the top leadership development company in the world, founded by Cornell grad **Ken Blanchard '61**, PhD '67. Nicole has three children, Demetri, 14, Ella, 12, and Ava, 12, and adds: "I love my work with Ken and life with my children!" **David Rosenberg**, MD '93 (who is married to **Jessica Lattman '90**) writes that his daughter **Alexandra '21** is thriving at Cornell and just finished her sophomore year in CALS.

**Kevin Cook** says he is creating new pepper varieties as they recover from the destruction of Hurricane Irma at his research farm. His greenhouses and cropping acreage irrigation systems were destroyed. Kevin wrote that his summers in Maine (with his wife, **Lisa (Piccinino) '82**) bring him the most satisfaction in his life these days. **Jane Cantor** Tucker sends news that she is now an HR business partner at Compass Workforce Solutions LLC, a human resource consulting and outsourcing firm. Her older son, Ryan, graduated from the Newhouse School at Syracuse in May and is heading out to L.A. to start his career in film/TV. Her younger son, Jack, is a freshman at the U. of Michigan and is in the same fraternity as the sons of two of her sorority sisters, **Amy Susman** Stillman and **Felice Markowitz** Nierman '90.

More news came from **Peter Tober**, who is a trial judge in Somerset County, NJ. He has two wonderful children, John, 12, and Grace, 8. His answer to what was the best day at Cornell: "All four years!" **Sarath Ravipati** works for Chevron Corp. in their headquarters in San Ramon, CA, where he manages the downstream supply chain organization. He and wife **Carla (Johnson) '91** moved to the Bay Area after spending five years in Perth, Australia. **Donna Gitter** says, "I'm a professor of law at Baruch College, City University of New York. I enjoy working with students, who are often first generation and/or first in their family to attend college, and counseling entrepreneurs at our small business development center." Donna is starting to look at colleges for Gabriel, 15, and is bringing his brother, Eli, 12, along for the trips. In her spare time, she enjoys making recipes from her collection of international cookbooks.

**Jordan Yeager** wrote that he is running for judge in Bucks County, PA. The election was in May, so we hope he had a good outcome. One of the articles declaring his candidacy said that Jordan is "recognized as one of the Commonwealth's Super Lawyers." He also proudly

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webinar and conference series that addresses the new patent landscape worldwide. **Carlo Deluna** is a neurosurgeon in Wilkes Barre, PA. Carlo and his wife, Doreen Froh, are raising three teenage boys. Carlo is a big advocate of organ transplantation, being the recipient of a living donor kidney back in 2011. I am so glad to know that there are such generous people in the world. I have signed my organ donor card—how about you? Before you put down this issue of the CAM, please take a moment to e-mail one of us with your news. ❖ **Toby Goldsmith**, [toby.goldsmith@gmail.com](mailto:toby.goldsmith@gmail.com); **Lori Spydell** Wagner, [lori.wagner86@gmail.com](mailto:lori.wagner86@gmail.com); or **Nancy Keates**, [nancy.keates@wsj.com](mailto:nancy.keates@wsj.com). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**87** In March, **Leslie Kalick** Wolfe, **Sue Davis** Frontero, **Sharon Raider**, and **Monica Frindt** Cheskin got together in New Orleans for a sort of re-boot of their senior year spring break. Very fun! **Adrienne Koch**, a partner with Katsky Korins LLP, has been named a fellow of the New York Bar Foundation.

**Tom Riford** is a busy man. In early April, the secretary of the Maryland Dept. of Commerce named him as one of two new assistant secretaries. Tom is responsible for managing the Division of Tourism, Film, and the Arts and the Dept. of Marketing and Communications. He previously served as executive director of the Thomas Kennedy Center. He also does the radio news on WJEJ-AM in Hagerstown, MD. Tom served as master of ceremonies for Maryland Governor Larry Hogan's inauguration in January. In addition, he serves as president of the board of directors for two nonprofit organizations and sits on many nonprofit boards.

**Amit Batabyal** is busy with research and teaching. He also finished work on his 11th book about disease, human health, and regional growth and development in Asia. Send your news to: ❖ **Liz Brown**, [etb29@cornell.edu](mailto:etb29@cornell.edu); **Lisa Griffin**, [LAG77@cornell.edu](mailto:LAG77@cornell.edu); or **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, [wwg5@cornell.edu](mailto:wwg5@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**88** Greetings! Lots of exciting news to report from the Class of '88, including details on several next-gen Cornellians!

Speaking of food, **Pam Darer** Anderson has a part-time job managing a track club in Toronto, aside from managing her at-home chocolate business, and she's busy with her four daughters. Her oldest is working at a mobility clinic, her second oldest has a summer internship at Nike in Portland, OR, her third is starting at Connecticut College this fall, and her youngest is a volleyball player graduating from eighth grade. Another business owner ex-US is **Alysia Ann Lee '87**, BArch '88, who owns a water solutions company in Hong Kong. Prior to that, she worked for an architecture firm (making good use of her Cornell Architecture degree) and then her family business. She wishes she could spend more time traveling to India or Bhutan and meditating, and she gets a lot of joy from her daughters. She says her best day at Cornell was when her dad traveled from Hong Kong to see her graduate.

Writing from the Left Coast, **Don Arnold** reports he's been living in the world of high-tech. He's been consulting with various tech startup companies in the Bay Area with his new company, Veristad (congrats!), and volunteering in the Livermore community. Somehow, he's also been able to find time to help promote tech growth (with Tri Valley Ventures) in Livermore Valley. Sounds like Don has also been pretty occupied with family life as well, given that he has a daughter who's a sophomore at Boston College, a daughter who's going to Cornell in the Class of 2023, and a son in seventh grade. He says he keeps busy with his brood through traveling and is working on freeing up more time for scouting and baseball with his son. He's looking forward to visiting Ithaca with his daughter.

Relatedly, **Lisa Gross** Dayan e-mails from NYC that her son, David, will also be attending Cornell (CALS) in the fall and would love to get in touch with any classmates who have kids entering Cornell. **Deborah Simon** Cabrita has also e-mailed about the next stages of life for her and her family! She indicates that her husband, John, recently retired and that she's hoping to join him in about five years. Her son will graduate from the U. of Maryland in May with a degree in mechanical engineering. Deborah says she's really enjoying great satisfaction from her family as they all approach the next chapters in their lives. She also mentions that if she returned to

reported that Pennsylvania governor Tom Wolf nominated his wife, Kathy Boockvar (Penn '90) to serve as secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Their daughter, Colette, is a student at Tufts, Class of 2021. **Joe Tagliente** sent an e-mail with his news. "My wife, Romie, and I are very excited as we have wonderful things going on here in Boston: our daughter, **Kristina '17**, is launching a new venture with our son, Joey (not a Cornellian), called Row Republic. It is a luxury rowing studio. They will be opening the first Row Republic in Boston in the early spring. Please see this article from the *Improper Bostonian* (<https://www.improper.com/life-style/go-with-the-row/>)."

We hope you will share your news with us. It only takes a minute to return the news form you get in the mail, e-mail one of us, or visit [www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/) and our class Facebook page. Enjoy the rest of your summer! ♦ **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, [savidon1@hotmail.com](mailto:savidon1@hotmail.com); **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, [ac98@cornell.edu](mailto:ac98@cornell.edu); **Kris Borovicka** Gerig, [kgerig@columbus.rr.com](mailto:kgerig@columbus.rr.com); **Lauren Kidder** McGarry, [laurenkiddermcgarry@gmail.com](mailto:laurenkiddermcgarry@gmail.com).

**90** Greetings from the warm and dry Pacific Coast, where travel is on my mind. Despite our reputation for rain, Seattle-area summers are almost entirely sunny and calm. Picture postcard perfect. When it does rain here in the summer, it's typically gentle and light—but I must confess that I miss the occasional torrential thunderstorm that Ithaca summers would throw at us from time to time. With that in mind, I'm looking forward to an East Coast tour of college campuses with my kids toward the end of summer.

And what do you know, here in the old Class Notes mailbag I find news that is dear to my heart, as my own kids start to contemplate applying to colleges: **Elizabeth Wayner** Boham writes that her daughter, Ama, will be starting at Cornell in the PAM program this fall. More visits to Ithaca are in a certain family's future. Congratulations to the Bohams! Meanwhile, **John Wolff**, MA '91, MBA '99 ([jpw21@cornell.edu](mailto:jpw21@cornell.edu)) writes from New Jersey that after travels overseas, he's finding quite a bit of satisfaction in his career here at home. "After the amazing experience of living abroad in Rome, I left the Internet advertising world to be part of the Internet of Things' (IoT) next industrial revolution, so I reconnected with **Joah Sapphire '92** and joined Global Dynamic Group, our IoT consultancy practice. It's an entrepreneurial life with intense challenges and huge potential, and I'm loving every living second. We're changing the world in our own small way, living each day with true satisfaction, meaning, and a sense of accomplishment." John is looking forward to Reunion next year, where he hopes to reconnect with several folks from his track and field days as well as other friends from the Hill. He also left us with this call to action to those who knew him back in the day: "If you see this, drop what you're doing right now and reach out; I'd love to hear from you!"

Also looking forward to next year's Reunion, **Moody Kwok** writes that he's enjoying balancing work, family, and play in the Greater Philadelphia area. Moody is currently working as an orthopedist and hand surgeon, which he finds gratifying, and particularly enjoys teaching residents and fellows at the Rothman Inst. and Thomas Jefferson U. He and his wife, Julie, are also enjoying watching their three boys grow and mature. The boys play lacrosse in high school. Meanwhile, in the San Francisco Bay Area, **Marta Bechhoefer** is a pediatric bilingual speech language pathologist. "I work with children ages 3 to 11 to diagnose and remediate deficits in speech and language."

She is also spending more of her time taking care of her 80-year-old mom, who lives two states away. Outside of work and family, Marta enjoys unstructured quiet time and riding her X-bike. When asked about her best day at Cornell, she writes, "The day I met **Zulma Iguina '80**. Best. Teacher. Ever."

Speaking of best days at Cornell, **Andrew Ragen** writes about a very specific Saturday on the Hill, when he enjoyed a morning lecture from Prof. Walter LaFeber, followed by a run up the creek out to Game Farm Rd., through the Arboretum, and back through North Campus. Sounds like quite a memory. These days, Andrew is president and CEO of Rogers Machinery Co., where he works helping their customers with plant utility and process solutions and energy conservation. This past April, Andrew got "125 Highland Islanders" together in Tampa. Among those he worked to pull together were: **Duane Belongie**, **Dave Healy**, **Steve Pohlen**, MAT '91, **Russell Roman**, **Soumen Chowdhury**, **Juan De Los Rios**, **Brad Short '91**, MS '94, **Jon Spivey**, **Jason Tanner**, and **T.P. Enders**, ME '96. Sounds like an amazing mini-reunion!

Congratulations to **Lauren Berkow**, who writes to us from Florida, where the good doctor has been working at the U. of Florida College of Medicine since 2016. Lauren has been promoted to full professor of anesthesiology and recently assumed the role of president for the Society of Airway Management, an anesthesia subspecialty society. I'm sure we're all breathing easier now that you've moved into this new position. Speaking of presidents, **John Cayer** is now president of Mueller Sports Medicine, a "global leader in braces, supports, and tapes to help keep you active." He also recently completed an assignment as chairman of the board of the Special Olympics of Wisconsin. Well done, John!

How about yourself? How is work treating you? Your family? For which public office are you running? What are you looking forward to at next year's Reunion? Please feel free to drop either of us a line with your news for the class column. ♦ **Allan Roussele**, [agr2@cornell.edu](mailto:agr2@cornell.edu); **Rose Tanasugarn**, [nt28@cornell.edu](mailto:nt28@cornell.edu). Class Facebook page, <http://facebook.com/Cornell90/>.

**91** Greetings, Class of 1991! It's April here in Maine and any time those spring flowers want to bloom, I'll be ready! We have a mixture of news this time, both fun and professional. **Gabrielle King** Morse has been named the next CEO of the Center for Women & Enterprise (CWE), a Boston-headquartered nonprofit dedicated to helping women and veterans start and grow their businesses and achieve financial independence and business success. Prior to taking this role, Gabrielle led national teams for several social enterprises, including uAspire, Discovering Justice, CityYear, and Crossroads for Kids. She and her family live in Acton, MA.

**Cheryl Strauss Einhorn** has published a new book, *Investing in Financial Research: A Decision-Making System for Better Results*. Cheryl is a benefactor to Cornell, and she, along with husband **David** and the Einhorn Family Charitable Trust, helped to establish the Engaged Cornell initiative. We heard from **Matthew Sherman**, who is married to classmate **Kathleen Gapp**. They live in Melrose, MA, and were recently at Cornell to see some hockey games with their daughter, **Elizabeth '21**, and cousin **Peter Slaunwhite '74**. Matthew is a senior principal at Simpson Gumpertz & Heger in Boston, MA, working in construction and civil engineering. He recently had coffee with **Jeff Rathke**, his former roommate, in DC. Jeff has recently taken a new position at the American Inst. for Contemporary German Studies in DC.

**Matthew Hammond** reached out to let us know he is spending the 2018-19 academic year as a fellow at Harvard Law School researching competition policy issues. After his fellowship, he'll return to work as an attorney for the Antitrust Division of the US Department of Justice. He fondly remembers the Plantations (now the Botanic Gardens) and would love to see them again. **Lisa Epstein** Jay wrote that she recently connected with some great friends to celebrate their 50th birthdays and other memories in Florida: **Rachel Laiserin**, **Ashley Gravelle**, **Linda Keenan**, and **Tina Hohn** Schissel.

I, **Wendy Milks** Coburn, keep up with several classmates, and have enjoyed seeing everyone post milestone birthday pics and messages. Amazing to see so many friends' kids off to college. I recently had dinner with **Douglas Fudge**, MAT '92, in Portsmouth, NH, when he was home visiting family. He lives in L.A. with his wife, Esta Spalding, and daughter Gemma. Doug has recently become an associate professor at Chapman U., where he continues to be the leading expert in hagfish slime. It was great to catch up with him. I hope this finds you all well and please continue to send news of your accomplishments and adventures. ♦ **Wendy Milks** Coburn, [wmilkscoburn@me.com](mailto:wmilkscoburn@me.com); **Lori Woodring**, [lori.woodring@yahoo.com](mailto:lori.woodring@yahoo.com); **Joe Marraccino**, [Joe.Marraccino@wfafinet.com](mailto:Joe.Marraccino@wfafinet.com); **J. Tim Vanini**, [lavanooche@icloud.com](mailto:lavanooche@icloud.com).

**92** Hello, Class of '92ers! As we finally are able to enjoy some warm weather, sit back, relax, and enjoy the most recent news from our fellow classmates. **Jennifer Wechsler** Kaufman is proud to report that both children will be Cornellians next year! "Our daughter, **Emma '20**, will be a senior in the College of Engineering and our son, Max, will be a freshman in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences." **Dylan Willoughby**, MFA '95, tells us that the British Library has just acquired his last two poetry collections, *Les Festivals des Murmures* and *Dusk at St. Mark's*, published by Chester Creek Press and featuring lithographs by Anthony Mastromatteo. His work is also held at Oxford, Cambridge, Yale, Cornell, Princeton, and other libraries and private collections.

**Marcy Strauss** Axelrod recently celebrated having a book published in February 2019. Marcy writes, "Based on 20 years of research on achievement, and tested at some of the nation's leading high-tech companies, I explain why so many of us feel off our game and offer intuitive solutions to help us all achieve more." Here's how Marc Brackett, founding director of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence and professor at Yale explains it: "Finally, an explanation of why being On Our Game is so hard! And how to get back on it!" Dr. H. William Strauss, professor emeritus, Harvard Medical School, has this to say: "A very important book in our over-busy time." **Peter Christ** is happy to report that he recently sold his restaurant after 18 years of operation in order to move into full-time ministry as a Lutheran pastor. Peter and his wife are adjusting to their new career changes, as well as finding themselves empty-nesters as both children are off to college. While these are exciting changes, Peter wouldn't mind hitting a big lottery jackpot. (Me, too!)

**Kirsten Lindquist** Wallace tells us that her older son, Ian, has recently completed a year abroad with Rotary and is now a freshman in college. Her younger son, Luke, is exploring college options and is playing on a competitive soccer team. **James Kao** is enjoying traveling extensively in order to help establish his new photography business focused on adventure, travel, sports, and lifestyles. He also enjoys playing sports and volunteering, and reminisces that his very first day at Cornell was his favorite.

That's all the news for now, folks! Keep your updates coming! Looking forward to a great second half of 2019.

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**93** **Stephen Stern** is excited to announce the formation of a new law firm, Kagan Stern Marinello & Beard LLC. Kagan Stern represents businesses and individuals in a diverse mix of litigation, transaction, and advisory matters. Want to learn more? Go to: [www.kaganstern.com](http://www.kaganstern.com).

**Amy Liedtke** Loy continues to work as an educator and is currently at Reading Results, teaching reading to first- through third-graders. When not teaching, she enjoys time with her husband, Tim, and kids John and Anna. They enjoy hiking and all things outdoors! Recently she enjoyed a trip to St. George, UT, with **Suzanne Grosso** and **Vista Watford** Lyons, which completely makes sense because when asked her about best day at Cornell, she replied, "Meeting Suzanne and Buena Vista in Dickson Hall during our freshman year."

**Adam Endick** wants to keep in touch! You can reach him at [adamendick@gmail.com](mailto:adamendick@gmail.com). He currently lives in New Jersey with his wife, Samantha. **Michael Kim** shares the exciting news that he was recently invited to and attended an Economic and Social Council meeting at the United Nations headquarters organized by King Abdullah II of Jordan.

**Theresa Flores** celebrated her marriage to Michael Petersen in Las Vegas! Fellow Cornellians **Jacqui Francis**, **Mariela Smith**-McLallen, and **Jill Fields '88** were in attendance. Theresa and Michael spent their honeymoon in the Texas Hill Country with their dogs Laila, Buster, and Stella. See you at Homecoming! ❖ **Theresa Flores**, [taf6@cornell.edu](mailto:taf6@cornell.edu); **Melissa Hart** Moss, JD '97, [melimoss@yahoo.com](mailto:melimoss@yahoo.com); and **Mia Blackler**, [miablackler@yahoo.com](mailto:miablackler@yahoo.com).

**94** As I write this column in April, we're at the end of college admissions season, a perfect time to peruse Cornell's latest statistics: This year, the university accepted 10.6 percent of 49,118 applications. Congratulations to **Ethan** and **Arielle Hecht Schiffman** and their son, Lucas! A third-generation Cornellian, Lucas will be attending the College of Arts & Sciences as part of the Class of 2023. He'll also be the seventh Big Red family member.

Another lucky pair of alumni who will now have an excuse to visit Ithaca: **Joshua** and **Karen Ellis Varsano**, whose oldest daughter loved her Cornell Summer College course in conservation medicine and will be starting her freshman year this fall in CALS. As for the rest of the family, another daughter was headed for Cornell Summer College in June, and the third was "wrapping up seventh grade, prepping for her bat mitzvah in April, and doing amazing work with Habitat for Humanity." Career-wise, Josh is the chief human resources officer of a blockchain startup, while Karen is a realtor and interior designer at William Raveis Real Estate. In answer to the prompt "What was your best day at Cornell?" Josh wrote, "When Karen said, 'I'll keep you!' on the suspension bridge late one night in 1991! Our journey began!" The family continues the journey in their home base of Westport, CT.

Also in Connecticut is **Susan Laufer** Krauss. In addition to running a counseling business for children and families, she and her husband have "two active boys and travel all over for soccer and hockey." Not to be forgotten: two adorable beagles. Speaking of work and family, **Allison Fishman** Task wrote with an update: "I have four kids, ages 6, 6, and 4-1/2, and a 17-year-old stepdaughter!

We live in Montclair, NJ, where I have a life-coach practice. I published my third book, *Personal (R)evolution*, last year." In response to the prompt "What brings you the most satisfaction in your life these days?" she wrote, "Sleep—when I can get it!" Among her best memories at Cornell are summer days at the Plantations (now the Botanic Gardens) and rollerblading with pal **Lou Bergholz**.

In Cambridge, MA, Lando & Anastasi, an intellectual property law firm, is proud to announce that **Gregory Gerstenzang** has been elected as a partner. Closer to Cayuga's waters in Buffalo, NY, **Lisa Wiley** Moslow teaches creative writing at SUNY Erie Community College and had a poem accepted by the *Journal of the American Medical Assn.* It will be published in the July "Poetry and Medicine" column. Congrats, Lisa! Working our way west to the Great Lakes, I am happy to announce that my freshman-year buddy **Larisa Alonso** has joined me in Chicagoland! Relocating from Florida via New Jersey with her husband and child, she is "adjusting to the frigid and long winters" while doing video/phone nutritional consults and selling African herbal products. She has worked as the nutritionist at South Beach Clinic and at Canyon Ranch hotel and spa in Miami Beach.

And on the West Coast, **Edward Ray** is a reconstructive plastic surgeon at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. In his spare time, Edward makes iPhone apps and builds radio-controlled sailboats. His son, an eighth-grader at the Lycée Français, is a black belt in taekwondo and plays electric guitar in two bands. In answer to the prompt "What was your best day at Cornell?" Edward wrote, "Spending time with friends at the Chariot in C-town, enjoying a slice of Hawaiian pizza." Speaking of favorite eateries and watering holes, did you know that among the institutions that no longer exist are the Chariot, the Palms, Stella's, Dunbar's, the Nines, and the Chapter House? At least Collegetown Bagels is still alive.

To stay up to date with the latest, check out our Facebook group page (Cornell University Class of 1994), and if you ever have any news to share, feel free to send any of your correspondents an e-mail. Check out our Sept/Oct column for news from Reunion! ❖ **Dika Lam**, [dikaweb@yahoo.com](mailto:dikaweb@yahoo.com); **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, [jar1229@yahoo.com](mailto:jar1229@yahoo.com); **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, [dmp5@cornell.edu](mailto:dmp5@cornell.edu).

**95** Welcome to the latest installment of Class of '95 news—a.k.a., "Who Won Still Red Trivia and What They Are Up To."

If you haven't been to our Class of 1995 Facebook page lately, you'll want to head on over to <http://bit.ly/CU95FB> and check out our weekly Still Red Trivia contest. Each week leading up to Reunion, we are posting multiple choice Cornell trivia, for a total of 95 questions. Each week, one name will be randomly selected among the correct respondents—and three grand prize winners will be drawn from the 95 weekly winners to receive a FREE REGISTRATION FOR TWO for our 25th Reunion!

Among the latest (as of early April) winners are **Kerry Duffy**, who knew that there are 49 Cornell '95 alumni (for whom Alumni Affairs has location data) currently living in Asia, and **Veronica Brooks**-Sigler, a bookstore owner in Hartford, CT, who knew that "ten" was the all-time record for alumni attendance for a 75th Reunion, set by the Class of 1941. **Stuart Miniman** knew that "Dragon's Teeth" was NOT a Cornell campus café/snack bar. Stuart and wife **Heather (Caruthers) '96** live with their teenage daughter and son in Hopkinton, MA. Stuart is a technology analyst and host of the CUBE, an online video program where he has interviewed hundreds of tech executives and practitioners. He is easy to find on Twitter, @stu.

**Mary Travaglini** knew that 15 percent of the Class of 1995 alumni hold an MD degree. Mary works as a landscape architect for the Montgomery County, MD, Dept. of Environmental Protection just outside of Washington, DC, where she has managed maintenance programs from green stormwater infrastructure and is now educating residents on organic lawn care. Prior to that, she spent many years working for the Nature Conservancy, managing invasive plants in rare habitats in the D.C. area. Mary is also completing a certification to become a professional life coach and is looking forward to using those skills in the future. **Nancy Gedeon** knew that Alpha Phi Alpha—the first Black Greek-lettered fraternity in the US—was founded at Cornell in 1906. Nancy is a demographic analyst for Douglas County government in Denver, CO.

Our New York alums have had a strong showing so far in the Still Red Trivia contest. Among our NY-based winners is **Mary Wallace Hedman**, who is married to classmate **Eric** and works at the Cortlandt Animal Hospital and knew that the Cornell men's ice hockey record in the 1994-95 season was 11-15-4. **Kevin Martone**, from Delmar, NY, knew that **Adam Lippes** was our classmate fashion designer with the eponymous brand at Target. **Mara Cooper** Chan, a gift records assistant at St. Ann's Community in Rochester, knew that the first woman in the US to earn a PhD in philosophy was Cornell alumna **May Gorslin Preston** Slosson, in the year 1880. Mara is actually our first double winner, having also answered correctly that Ithaca has an average of 67 inches of snowfall per year (although, as our Still Red Trivia administrator **Stephen Friedfeld** astutely observed, it sometimes felt like double that amount!). And **Jonathan Stern** used his skills as a senior consulting actuary at Willis Towers Watson in Manhattan to correctly answer that the Cornell University 2018 endowment was \$7.2 billion.

Also hailing from New York, NY, is **Janet Goldberg** Horn, who knew that the most popular woman's name for the Class of 1995 was Jennifer (we have 62 Jennifers in our class!). Janet has a 13-year-old son and a 9-year-old daughter who "are a lot of fun and keep me very busy." And **Scott Horowitz** knew that Michael was the most popular men's name for our class, with 51 classmates bearing that name. Scott lives in Sterling, VA, with his wife, Valerie, and their three children, Natalie, 10, Lily, 9, and Ellis, 5. He works for Leidos as a project manager, overseeing the design and installation of electronic security systems for government customers and is currently working on a project at Yokota Air Base outside of Tokyo, Japan. Last summer, he was able to climb to the summit of Mt. Fuji. "It was a wonderful and rewarding experience," he writes. "It was exhausting, but is an experience I will never forget."

No one correctly answered our "stumper" question: A.D. White was a member of which university society? Think it was Quill & Dagger? So did most of our classmates. A.D. White—co-founder of Cornell in 1865—was actually a member of Skull & Bones at Yale U., where he graduated in 1853.

On a final note, here is some news that isn't from our Still Red Trivia contest. In February, **Tricia Loberg**-Taylor was promoted to executive VP and general manager of the Breakers in Palm Beach, FL. Tricia began her career at New York's Waldorf Astoria and joined the Breakers in 1996. Progressing through the rooms division, she was promoted to hotel manager in 2002, while earning her MBA with honors at Florida Atlantic U. She became general manager in 2010 and five years later was promoted to senior VP. An advocate of hospitality education, Tricia is a guest lecturer at FAU, U. of Central Florida (UCF),

and—of course—Cornell. She is also on the advisory board for UCF's Rosen College of Hospitality Management and serves as a coach for Cornell University's Leadership Development Program.

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**96 Matt Atlas** just began a new job as the managing director of Vannin Capital, a litigation finance company in New York. His wife, **Kerry (Klein)**, MPA '97, works in Newark at Audible as the VP of internal communications. She and Matt have three boys (twin 14-year-olds and an 8-year-old) and a dog named Beckham. They live in North Caldwell, NJ, and are not the only classmates in town—**John Rapkin** is there too!

**Emily Hart** Reith manages the Massachusetts office of a construction services firm. If you need any construction-related insights (especially in the New England area), she always loves working with Cornellians! Emily and her husband are enjoying nurturing their three non-driving-aged kids while relying on Uber for the shuttling around!

**Vincent Chao** is really into shopping centers! But he's not toting merchandise; as VP of finance for RPT Realty (a publically traded REIT that primarily owns open-air shopping centers nationwide), he is primarily responsible for investor relations, capital markets, and corporate finance. He also enjoys keeping busy with family time, as he has four kids between the ages of 2 and 10. There may be some barbequing and snowboarding in their future (though probably not simultaneously!). Send your news to: ❖ **Lee Hendelman**, LeeH1818@hotmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**97 Shana Rabinowitz** Russo has been promoted to partner at Reed Smith LLP in the firm's Princeton office. She is a member of the life sciences health industry group practicing in the areas of product liability and commercial litigation. Shana received her JD in 2000 from Seton Hall U. School of Law.

Please take a moment out of your busy summer to share an update with your class. Have you taken an interesting vacation recently? Where's your favorite place to kick back and enjoy the nice weather? Did you ever spend a summer on the Hill? Let us know! ❖ **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu.

**98** Greetings, Class of 1998! We love to hear from you—and so do **David** and **Alonna Travin** of Chappaqua, NY! David writes, "My children and I look forward to receiving each issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* so that we can quickly turn to the Class Notes. We particularly enjoy reading aloud the submissions from the classes of the 1940s and 1950s. Alex, 10, and Serena, 8, hope to one day submit their own class notes." Looking forward to it! **Rachel Schmidt** works as a program coordinator/marketing associate for English In Action, a nonprofit organization seeking to close the communication gap in Colorado. Rachel shares that she is "heading to Seattle in May to visit **Kristi Hulett** Farrell and **Carrie Pollak '99**." **Susan Weir** Tritto obtained her master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Carson-Newman U. in Tennessee. When she isn't teaching students with learning disabilities, Susan spends her time with her

husband, Ronn, and their two middle-school-aged children. Susan recalls graduation day as one of her best days at Cornell.

Congratulations to **Jonathan Lehrer**, the 2018 recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Jonathan is the department chairman of urban horticulture and design at Farmingdale State College on Long Island. Congratulations to **Martin Stallone** on becoming the president and CEO of Cayuga Medical Center in January 2019. Martin obtained his medical degree from the Perelman School of Medicine, U. of Pennsylvania, and completed his internship and residency at the Hospital

tools they need to become confident with their body and food choices. When she's not working in private practice or writing books, the mother of two (whose husband, **Peter '98**, is also a Cornellian) is busy coordinating three meals a day for Oakland A's players. **Keith Ellis**, a tenured professor in the Dept. of Medicinal Chemistry, School of Pharmacy at Virginia Commonwealth U., his wife, Kristine, and their daughter, Abigail, welcomed the birth of Katherine Crossman Ellis on October 11, 2018. Congratulations to the entire family!

Do you have a life update, class gossip, or recent classmate interactions you'd like to share? Please write

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## 'My children and I enjoy reading aloud the Class Notes submissions from the classes of the 1940s and 1950s.'

DAVID TRAVIN '98

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of U. of Pennsylvania. In 2009, he returned to the Ithaca area to practice internal medicine at Cayuga Medical Center as its hospitalist medical director. With clinical experience in geriatrics, Martin has had opportunities to broaden his understanding in hospital and healthcare system management. Martin, his wife **Ami (Walter)**, and their six sons live in Lansing.

As always, you can share your latest news at the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>, or you can e-mail me: ❖ **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu.

**99** I was lucky enough to be on campus in early May this year when the weather felt decidedly spring-like—sunny and 60 degrees. I couldn't help but laugh when a Cornell senior with whom I had breakfast said, "I feel like we haven't had a real spring since I was a freshman!" I'm sure you all remember springtime in Ithaca fondly from your time on the Hill—like the time it snowed during finals week (was it our freshman year?). Speaking of memories, while I was there, campus was gearing up for Reunion weekend, June 6-9—and yes, it may be hard to believe, but the Class of '99 celebrated its 20th Reunion! With Reunion headquarters in Donlon Hall and over 235 classmates (430-plus people including 120 kids!) registered to come back to campus at the time of this writing, I'm sure it was quite a weekend! Tune in to this column in Sept/Oct for a full report, and to learn more, visit <https://alumni.cornell.edu/come-back/reunion/classes-groups/class-of-1999/>. Now on to some class news.

Adolescent nutritionist and Oakland Athletics' team dietician **Wendy Meyer Sterling** was recently featured in the most recent issue of *Human Ecology* magazine discussing the release of her two new books aimed at helping teens overcome eating disorders, connect to their eating, and rehabilitate their bodies. The first, *How to Nourish Your Child Through an Eating Disorder*, offers an innovative guide for parents to manage food for a child struggling with an eating disorder. The second, *No Weigh! A Teen's Guide to Body Image, Food, and Emotional Wisdom*, is geared toward teaching teens about connected eating, body positivity, balanced exercise, and how to navigate puberty, emotions, and stress, giving teens the

to one of your correspondents at the e-mail addresses below. You can also connect through the Class of '99 Facebook page or submit your update online at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. ❖ **Heather Holidge** Madland, hmadland@gmail.com; and **Melanie West**, mga6@cornell.edu.

**00** Hello, classmates! Let's jump into this month's news. **Marie Robinson** Mensah reports from Oak Park, IL, that she runs her own procurement supply chain consulting practice focused on manufacturing corporations with up to \$10 billion in revenue. She says, "I am grateful to Cornell that I have a career that allows me to be the mom I want to be while enjoying a rich and fulfilling work life. I am still so grateful for the diversity of the student population and encouragement of curiosity of thought."

Currently based in Lynnfield, MA, **Julie Todisco** Mitchell wrote, "I work for Amazon as an engineering and innovation manager, designing next-generation robotic systems to enable business solutions in our fulfillment business unit. We innovate for our customers every day and have a blast doing it!" She said her job allows for some interesting and fun travel, and she recently visited customers in the UK, Japan, Luxembourg, and France. Julie and husband Paul have two future Cornellians, Sarah, 9, and William, 7. They are both hockey players and the family hopes to catch a Cornell hockey game soon! Asked what her best day was at Cornell, Julie shared, "It was my orientation day freshman year when I met my future roommates and lifelong girlfriends who are some of my favorite people to this day!"

**Chris Simoglou** is celebrating eight years in finance at PepsiCo headquarters in Purchase, NY. Fun fact—there's a sculpture garden on the grounds of PepsiCo that is open to the public. Chris and wife Claire welcomed their first child in October. Harrison James was born happy and healthy. Chris reports that playing with the baby and working on the family house is what brings him the most satisfaction these days. He writes, "I still enjoy running and hope to run another marathon soon."

**Katherine Steen Gillette-Cockerill** is a humane educator for the SPCA serving Erie County. "This work," she said, "is about teaching kids how to be kind to animals

and each other.” Katherine and spouse **Kary** have two growing girls. The family lives in western New York and Katherine reports, “We’re finally settled in Buffalo and bought our first house last year. Now if we could only finish paying the student loans before the kids start college!” The family enjoys the summer months and she says, “I can’t wait for summer to go camping and visit the new Dairy Bar.” Have a scoop for me, please!

After Cornell, **Javier Cedillo-Espin** obtained an MBA from Essec-Mannheim Business School and a diploma in Japanese language from Hokuriku U. He is currently

JD '04 (and her parents) for managing to combine her birthday with her 15th Cornell Law School reunion!

University of Wisconsin, Madison PhD candidate **Maureen Sullivan** Mauk is also contemplating a poetic return to Ithaca, which is also her birthplace, for her 4-0. Until then, as still-spry 39ers, we met up in Seattle at the 2019 Society of Cinema and Media Studies Conference, where she was presenting her paper “Marketing the tween girl coder: Coding initiatives, parenting, and preadolescent girls.” (Cue the Comm major flashbacks, minus the Mann Library meltdowns.) She also earned the society’s first

(www.botanicus.com.mx) and the 40-room Hotel Huayacan (www.hotelhuayacan.com)—while raising 8-year-old Max and 6-year-old Fatima in sunny Mexico. What else could she be doing? She’s thought about pursuing a master’s degree in marketing. Otherwise, she’d love to get back in touch with some Hotelie friends—are you out there, **Tarek Daouk**, **Javier Cedillo-Espin '00**, and **Liliana Vidal-Quadras '00**?

Just north of the border, **Lyle Young** is a spine surgeon in private practice and a partner in Sonoran Spine Center in Arizona. “Work is very busy but incredibly fulfilling,” he writes, in addition to “spending time with my wife and family and helping patients.” He would love to do more hiking in Arizona and sailing in the Bahamas. He fondly recalls his first day at Cornell and the excitement of exploring the campus and enjoying the beautiful scenery.

Turning 40 is no excuse to forget about old friends and good times! Want to keep making memories together? Just pay your class dues, send your news to me (Nicole MN6@gmail.com), visit our website (www.classof01.alumni.cornell.edu), like our Facebook page, and follow us on Twitter (@Cornell2001). Until we meet again. ❖ **Nicole Neroulias** Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com.

## ‘Fluent in English, French, Japanese, and Spanish, Javier Cedillo-Espin has lived around the world for 15 years.’

CHRISTINE JENSEN WELD '00

the CEO of Sweet Inn, a next-generation travel-tech startup. Javier shares, “Since graduation I became a seasoned travel, service, and hospitality expert with over two decades of building global brands. As CEO of Sweet Inn, I draw on a repertoire of experiences acquired in leadership roles in branding, distribution, and expansion in key global markets across North America, Asia Pacific, and Europe, with Starwood and AccorHotels. Prior to the appointment at Sweet Inn, I was CEO at onefinestay, AccorHotels’ luxury private rental brand.” Fluent in English, French, Japanese, and Spanish, Javier has lived around the world for 15 years, with time in Miami, New York, Tokyo, Singapore, and now Paris. He and spouse Adeline Vayson de Pradenne have three children.

The Morris family has many ties to Cornell and Ithaca, and **Kristin Morris** Reilly and her mother, Pamela Morris, are proud to share that they recently published a children’s book, *A Gift of Love*. Kristin’s parents lived in Ithaca from 1973-75 while her dad, **Gary Morris, MS'76**, studied at the College of Engineering. They returned many times from 1996 until Kristin graduated in 2000 to participate in Hotel school activities and to watch Kristin play Big Red softball under coach Dick Blood. Ithaca and Cornell played a large part in their lives and will always be fondly remembered. Thanks to everyone who took the time to reach out and share news. Remember, you can e-mail me, Facebook message me through our Class of 2000 group, or submit a class news form. I love hearing updates, big or small! ❖ **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**01** Most of us have been turning 40 this year. Forty! Put another way, we’ve now spent nearly half our lives as Cornell alumni. I don’t know about you, but I still feel like a recent grad—if not a clueless freshman—at heart. Fortunately, as human lifespans continue to extend, we’re not middle-aged just yet!

So, how are you celebrating? Over in Leesburg, VA, **Erica Chatfield** Roberts enjoyed a trivia night with friends. (As a “Jeopardy!” alum, I may try to replicate this party in Delhi, India, this December—stay tuned!) **Sarah Kayfetz** Outzen chimes in from the Bay Area: “My plan was to go to Bora Bora! Then we had our third baby in February, so there will be no fancy international vacations this year. Maybe for the big 5-0?” Timing is indeed everything. Let’s applaud New Yorker **Julie Boden** Adams,

place Student Writing Award for her archival research project, “Politics is Everybody’s Business: Resurrecting Faye Emerson, America’s Forgotten First Lady of Television,” which will be published in a forthcoming issue of the *Journal of Cinema and Media Studies*.

Who can even keep track of milestone birthdays with so much else going on lately? Check out retired JAM RA **Monica Maruseac**, welcoming her third child, celebrating her 15th wedding anniversary, and visiting Australia, France, the Netherlands, Las Vegas, and Florida in the past year. What else could she possibly wish to be doing? “I’d like to create a new meditation app for my business,” she writes. “I also wish I exercised more!” To be fair, a West Campus alum would have to be a real fitness freak to replicate the experience of climbing all those stairs and Libe Slope multiple times a day, right?

My own old stomping grounds (and upcoming host of our 20th Reunion) Donlon Hall may have had elevators and reasonably flat terrain, but it’s also managed to produce some super-active alums: **Hanna Shea** hit the Colorado slopes with **Angela Ronzio** Korch this winter, then caught up with **Liz Doerbecker** in New Jersey this spring. As I was filing this column, she was looking forward to celebrating her birthday during a conference in Cape Town, South Africa, then heading to Amsterdam to meet up with family, then navigating a rafting trip on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in Idaho. Check back for updates on how it all went!

Congrats are in order for New Yorkers **David '00** and **Jennifer Cole Feldstein** on the birth of Ethan Gabriel in January. Also in-state, working mom **Lauren Wallach** Hammer shared some exciting news about a different kind of baby: 11 Madison Ave., a property she manages, won this year’s Building Owners and Managers Assn. of Greater New York (BOMA) Pinnacle Award for Operating Building of the Year (over 1M square feet) and its Grand Pinnacle Award. As reported in *Real Estate Weekly*, “There are a lot of people to thank for this award,” Hammer told a record 900-strong crowd at the spirited celebration held at Pier Sixty at Chelsea Piers. “From the cleaning, engineering, and security staff, many of whom have been at the building for over 20 years, to the leadership team, we have all worked together to achieve a level of excellence deserving of this award.”

Fellow boss lady **Claudia Leon** is running two businesses—Botanicus Beauty & Personal Care Products

**02** “Life is busy with three little ones,” writes **Jonathan Hill**, ME '03 (hilljonathan@hotmail.com). “Gabrielle just turned 1 and loves playing with big brother Lucas, 3, and big sister Juliette, 6!” **Christen Aragoni** recently became the editor of *Liberal Education*, the flagship magazine of the Assn. of American Colleges & Universities. If she had a day in Ithaca, Christen writes, “I would sail on Cayuga, climb the bell tower, wander through Uris Library, visit Goldwin Smith Hall, eat at Moosewood, and visit the current staff of the *Cornell Daily Sun*, whose past editors are among the people who helped make me the writer and editor I am today.”

For the past five years, **Manny Alvarez** (email@mannyalvarez.me) has served as general counsel to Affirm Inc. in San Francisco. “I’ve ‘grown up’ with the company as we’ve gone from 30 to 500-plus employees—and I’ve almost mastered the art of espresso.” He wishes he had more time to reconnect with old friends, and says that his wife and two “wily” boys keep him young. Manny adds, “I had countless ‘best days’ at Cornell, but I’ll call my first day my best day, because it laid the foundation for all the rest.” Send your news to: ❖ **Carolyn Deckinger** Lang, cmd35@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**03** We learned that **Sandra Fluke** was awarded the **Helen Bull** Vandervort [1926] Alumni Achievement Award from the College of Human Ecology. The *Human Ecology* magazine noted that Sandra is “currently the California State & Western Region Director for a nonprofit policy advocacy organization focused on legislation preventing climate change, increasing economic opportunity, and strengthening democracy through campaign finance reform and voter protection.”

Social Venture Partners’ global philanthropic network welcomed SVP Int’l’s new CEO, **Sudha Nandagopal**. Sudha is a career progressive movement strategist, racial equity expert, and community builder working across government, politics, and philanthropy. She is the first woman of color to serve as SVPI’s CEO in the network’s 20-year history and will drive SVP’s expanding work in shifting systems of power, challenging the traditions of philanthropy, and elevating community-driven impact across its thousands-strong partnership.

Congratulations Sandra and Sudha for your achievements! We look forward to hearing about the great things our classmates are doing via news and notes submissions. Until then, all the best. ♦ **Jon Schoenberg**, jrs55@cornell.edu; **Candace Lee** Chow, cj24@cornell.edu.

**04** Greetings, classmates! We hope you are well and would love to hear your news. Send me a note at the e-mail address below.

**Esther Pullen** Kibbe (ejp9@cornell.edu) and her spouse, Theron, welcomed their first child, Hazel Claire, on January 22. Hazel was due March 16. Esther has tremendous respect for NICU nurses after spending six weeks with Hazel in the hospital, and they are very happy to have her home now! Last fall, Esther started a part-time Cooperative Extension assignment as the Western New York berry specialist. She works with berry growers throughout the western side of the state, helping them improve growing practices and figure out challenges with berry crops.

Read more about our 15th Reunion in our upcoming Sept/Oct column. We look forward to hearing more news from you! ♦ **Jessi Petrosino**, jessi.petrosino@ey.com.

**05** Believe it or not, our 15th Reunion will be here before we know it. To help us get into Reunion mode, our Class of 2005 Facebook page now includes "Classmate Corner," a monthly series where we highlight 15 of our classmates and their Cornell memories over the 15 months leading up to our 15th Reunion! Some classmates featured have included **Kevin Booth**, **Kelly Ruggles**, and **Katie Button**. Keep up with "Classmate Corner" at <https://www.facebook.com/Cornell2005/>.

Congrats to **Christopher Keenan**, who writes: "On February 3, 2019, my wife, Brittany, gave birth to our first daughter, Eleanora Rose." Help me also congratulate **Thomas Balcerski**, PhD '14, whose book *Bosom Friends: The Intimate World of James Buchanan and William Rufus King* will be published by Oxford U. Press in August 2019. He still teaches at Eastern Connecticut State U. in Willimantic, CT. Thomas writes: "Shout-out to fellow Class of 2005 history PhDs **Danielle Terrazas Williams** and **Jaffa Panken**—are there any others whom I missed?"

Know of any classmates we could feature in "Classmate Corner" or in future Class Notes? Let us know! As always, we would love to hear about your life updates. Stay connected with our class through social media: Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/Cornell2005/>; Instagram, <https://www.instagram.com/cornellclassof2005/>; LinkedIn, <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12200422/>; and Twitter, [https://twitter.com/cornell\\_2005](https://twitter.com/cornell_2005). Send your news to your class correspondents: ♦ **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu; **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu; **Hilary Johnson-King**, haj4@cornell.edu.

**06** What are you up to this summer? Whether you're going on an interesting vacation or enjoying the warm weather at home, we want to hear about it. Send your news to: ♦ **Tory Lauterbach**, VML8@cornell.edu.

**07** Please take a moment out of your busy summer to share an update with your class. Have you taken an interesting vacation recently? Where's your favorite place to kick back and enjoy the nice weather? Did you ever spend a summer on the Hill? Let us know! ♦ **Samantha Feibush** Wolf, srf29@cornell.edu. Online news form, <https://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**08** It's hard to believe that we're already in the thick of summer 2019 and inching ever closer to 2020! We have some exciting news about one of our classmates, **Bill Kidd**, who has been named one of CFE Media's Engineering Leaders Under 40. He has received this honor in his role as a mechanical team leader at RedViking Engineering, where he works with a team of seven to design custom dynamometers for helicopter OEMs and MRO facilities around the world. Bill currently lives in the Detroit metro area and told us that he was very excited for the road trip out to Chicago for the awards ceremony. Congrats, Bill, and hope you enjoyed the ceremony in April!

As always, please continue to send your news to Elana or me! Please do keep the updates of both major life change and those of the arcane day-to-day life variety coming! We'd love to hear from you and give you your 15 minutes of Cornell fame. And, of course, do stay tuned for news of great upcoming class events via Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/CornellClass2008>), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/bigred2008>), and Instagram (<https://instagram.com/bigred2008/>). ♦ **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu; **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu.

**09** Thank you to all those who attended Reunion! It was a 10-year-to remember! It was exciting to see so many familiar faces and hear all that you have been up to. Read more about it in our upcoming Sept/Oct column. As always, please send me your personal and professional updates! ♦ **Rebecca Robbins**, Robbins.Reb@gmail.com.

**10** Classmates continue to achieve success in their pursuit of higher education and career advancement. **Joshua Novy '09**, BS '10, completed his MD at U. of Miami. Josh will be doing his residency in Suffolk County, NY. If you've been watching "Ellen," you may have seen our resident twin doctors, **Brandi Jackson** and **Brittani Jackson** James, inspiring and motivating the next generation of medical professionals. **Johnson Kang** is now head of demand generation and marketing operations at Qualtrics.

After completing a tour of service in the US Air Force, **Mike Morton** will be working for United Airlines. **Katrina Stroncek** Weck is senior manager, data science partner-distribution at Marriott Int'l. **Rachel Krasnow**, a die-hard Boston sports enthusiast, has returned to Boston, after spending some time in Los Angeles working for the L.A. Kings, to work for the Boston Red Sox. **Caitlin Rivera** Console has started an event planning company, the Joy Standard, in Philadelphia. **Heather Reed**, PhD '14, is now working as a data scientist for ASAPP in NYC. With many classmates tying the knot and expecting this year, keep an eye on this column for more joyous announcements. ♦ **Jeff Katz**, jeff.allan.katz@gmail.com; **Amar Kelkar**, amarhkelkar@gmail.com; **Michelle Sun**, michellejsun@gmail.com.

**11** Happy summer! Please take a moment to share an update with your class. Whether you're going on an interesting vacation or enjoying the warm weather at home, we want to hear about it. ♦ **Siva Iyer**, si74@cornell.edu; **Dara Perl**, dmp229@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**12** **Olivia Moore Nicoletti** moved to Chicago, IL, a few years ago after her husband, **Adam**, was accepted to business school at Northwestern. They

fell in love with the city and purchased a condo downtown this past July. They have loved living so close to the action. In early 2018, Olivia launched her own wedding and event planning company, Olive Fine Weddings & Events, and took it full time this past January. It's been a whirlwind, and she is grateful to base her business in Chicago but still have the opportunity to work a few weddings in Ithaca every year.

**Clara Lee** received her master's at Harvard Graduate School of Education and was off to San Francisco to work in education technology—until an epiphanous moment when she decided to pursue her primary passion: Korean cooking. She initially started Queens, an online delivery platform, which popped up at various restaurants and bars around the city, quickly garnering a dedicated following. After just one year, she is opening a brick-and-mortar Korean superette in San Francisco to bring great Korean food to the city and create a space for conversations around Korean culture and traditions. Her ventures have been covered on Eater San Francisco ([sf.eater.com](http://sf.eater.com)).

**David DyTang** has officially lived in San Francisco for over three years, which means he has lost all tolerance for East Coast weather. After spending about three years working on Uber's risk team and building up its fraud-fighting capabilities, David recently took on a new role as a strategy manager in Uber's product organization. He has now shifted his focus to a broader organizational view of metrics, goals, and organizing teams and priorities around impact. Last fall, he also started part-time MBA classes at Berkeley's Haas School of Business and will be in school during evenings and weekends for the next couple of years. He is still trying to get in part of the full MBA experience with a week-long "study abroad" class in London in June. Outside of work and school, he has been making sure to spend plenty of time skiing in Lake Tahoe. Send your news to: ♦ **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**13** I hope you have all been enjoying the change of the seasons into spring and summer. This time of year was always very special for me when we were students at Cornell. It was a time when everyone tossed away their layers and coats at the first sign of temperatures above 45 and rushed to grab an outdoor table at CTB, which almost always made for great memories. Even if those spring weeks were marked by studying for finals, they were welcomed.

There is not much to update the class on this month, but we do have some exciting news straight from the Hill itself. **Branden Van Loon** was named head polo coach for Cornell earlier this year. Branden was the captain of the team when he was a student. Prior to getting the gig, he worked as head coach and manager of the Yale polo team. His first season as head coach (only partial) for Cornell ended strong—with a 17-4 record, which is the most since the 2003-04 season. We look forward to a full season with Coach Van Loon next year! ♦ **Rachael Schuman**, RASchuman@gmail.com.

**14** Hello, fellow members of the Class of 2014! I cannot believe that our 5th Reunion is already over. I guess that means we are officially adults? Not sure yet. Sam and I have had a great time this summer enjoying the (sometimes too hot) weather and meeting up with fellow Cornellians around the world. Read more about our Reunion in the Sept/Oct issue. In the meantime, we are excited to share some news with you from our class.



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**Madeline Rochford** is working in Framingham, MA, for TGX and looking forward to connecting with other alumni. If you happen to be in the Framingham area, be sure to give Madeline a shout! **Lars Demander** is enjoying life as a business owner. He co-owns the Clover Nook Farm in Bethany, CT, and is the eighth generation of his family to do so. His farm raises a wide variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, beef, pork, and lamb, and all of the produce is sold directly to the public. In 2018, Lars was named Connecticut's Outstanding Young Farmer of the

him. **Krysta Brown** also misses the Cornell students and professors, as well as Ithaca itself. She is currently living in Los Angeles, where she works as a marketing associate at Solstice Studios. Krysta also graduated from Carnegie Mellon with a master's in entertainment industry management in 2017.

Also rising up the corporate ladder is **Keri Forness**, who recently received a promotion. Keri now does business development analysis for a small defense contracting firm. Her time is split between sales meetings,

## 'Lars Demander was named Connecticut's Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year.'

TEJAL THAKKAR '14

Year in recognition of his efforts to grow the farm business, implement conservation practices, and improve community engagement. Lars has been busy over the last year rebuilding his farm, which was devastated by a tornado, but he is staying positive as no people or livestock were hurt! He loves farming and enjoys the unique challenges and problem-solving skills that go along with it. He is happy to be able to continue the family farm and help to improve it, and he's thankful for his time at Cornell, where he found that every day was incredibly valuable.

**Joe Prendergast** is working for a cannabis technology company called StrainRx, where he works to keep up with the changing regulations around cannabis while working with customers and dispensary partners. He is living in Huntington Beach, CA, with his girlfriend, Michelle, and their 9-month-old American Eskimo puppy named Ma'am. Recently, he has been getting back into playing recreational hockey and learning to skimboard. Joe is also looking forward to traveling more in the future—he remembers traveling to India while at Cornell and would love to go back at some point! For now, he enjoys the simple pleasures in life, like having a drink at Dory's Deli and watching the waves and going on long walks with Michelle and Ma'am. Joe remembers his favorite day at Cornell: when he cleaned up the Plantations with the Cornell Tradition Fellows!

Class of 2014, thank you for reading our column and staying up to date with our classmates! We love to keep in touch with you all, and are so happy to hear about the different things everyone is taking part in. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or **Sam Lapehn** if you have anything you want to add to the column or if you just want to catch up—we love hearing from you! ❖ **Tejal Thakkar**, [tjt42@cornell.edu](mailto:tjt42@cornell.edu); **Samantha Lapehn**, [SRL76@cornell.edu](mailto:SRL76@cornell.edu).

**15** Happy summer, everyone! We hope you are all enjoying the warm weather and counting down the days until our very first Reunion, which is now less than a year away! Here's what our classmates have been up to lately.

**Adam Kirsch** is now a senior M&A consultant at West Monroe Partners, a boutique consultancy firm. After a whirlwind 35-plus-deal year, he was voted the top analyst by his team. Outside of work, Adam volunteers with Cornell and a couple of New York-area nonprofits. As for his time at Cornell, Adam said he misses having so many smart people interested in diverse things all around

market research, strategic planning, and proposal writing. **Matt Leach** is working in equity derivatives sales and trading at HSBC in New York City; he enjoys being outdoors and spending time with family and friends after hours.

On the academic track, **Nicola Katzman** is working on her PhD at U. at Buffalo in social-personality psychology. She misses the unique, thought-provoking classes that Cornell has to offer. **Devon Bryant** and **Rachel Baldwin** are both finishing degrees this year—at Duke U. and Drexel U., respectively. Devon earns her JD in May, while Rachel will receive her physician assistant degree in December.

Have some news to share? Please send us your updates and we will include them in an upcoming column! ❖ **Ariel Cooper**, [ALC258@cornell.edu](mailto:ALC258@cornell.edu); and **Haley Velasco**, [hav9@cornell.edu](mailto:hav9@cornell.edu).

**16** Hello, classmates! As we are a shocking three years after graduation, I continue to hear about the amazing things our classmates are doing in the private and public sectors, both in the US and abroad. In this round of news, we heard from Thailand and London!

**Alexandra Holmes** writes from the beaches of Koh Chang, Thailand, where she is currently completing a TEFL certification. She will be teaching fifth grade English in a town outside of Bangkok starting in May, and hopes to help students improve their language skills while seeing the world. Previously, Alexandra was working as a recruiter at Wayfair in Boston with many fellow Cornell alumni. However, a desire to try her hand at teaching and experience other cultures led her on this faraway journey. In addition to her recent career transition, Alexandra writes, "While I'm far away from my home, which I consider to be in both Rochester and Ithaca, NY, right now I'd love to meet some fellow Cornellians as I live and travel in Asia. In the next couple of years, I'd like to be back in the Northeast, where I hope to reconnect with fellow alums and of course attend the quickly approaching 5th Reunion for the Class of 2016!"

Back in March, classmates **Kathleen McCormick**, **Samuel Baxter**, and **Zack Israel** met up in London for a reunion and mini-trip. All three enjoyed getting away and reminiscing about good times on the Hill. Thank you to Alexandra, Kathleen, Sam, and Zack for sending in news! We look forward to hearing more from our other classmates in the next weeks and months. ❖ **Meghan McCormick**, [mcm324@cornell.edu](mailto:mcm324@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

# ALUMNI DEATHS

## 1930s

'39 BA, JD '41—Louis A. Levene,  
Boynton Beach, FL, November 22, 2018  
'39, BA '41—Gerald G. Row,  
Wolfboro, NH, January 20, 2019

## 1940s

'40 BA, B Chem E '41—Robert A. Gumbinner,  
Springfield, VA, October 21, 2018  
'40 BA, PhD '52—John D. Shaul,  
Utica, NY, January 22, 2019  
'40 BA—Marjorie Baker Tummons,  
Pearl River, NY, January 2, 2019  
'41 BA—Lawrence Kalik,  
New York City, August 28, 2018  
'42 PhD—M. Parker Givens,  
Lexington, KY, January 11, 2013  
'43—William F. Bohannon,  
Columbus, OH, January 19, 2019  
'43 BME—Christian Fenger,  
Old Lyme, CT, October 20, 2018  
'43 BS HE—Janet Pond Goodman,  
South Dartmouth, MA, December 5, 2017  
'43 BS Ag—William F. Kelly Jr.,  
Dansville, NY, November 6, 2018  
'43 BA—Shirley D. Sobell,  
Albany, NY, August 18, 2018  
'44—Jean Shaver Hansen,  
Westfield, MA, October 29, 2018  
'44, BArch '47—Robert J. Kinner,  
Ithaca, NY, February 4, 2019  
'44, BS Ag '45—Doris Lehmann Rothermich,  
Ithaca, NY, February 21, 2019  
'44 DVM—Carlisle W. Van Deussen,  
North Bangor, NY, December 18, 2018  
'45 BCE—Roland P. Allen,  
Williamsburg, VA, October 24, 2018  
'45—Norman B. Andrews,  
Slingerlands, NY, December 12, 2018  
'45, BA '44, MD '47—Robert H. Frankenfeld,  
Long Beach, CA, December 18, 2018  
'45 BA—Doris Klein Lelchook,  
Arlington, VA, December 5, 2018  
'45, BEE '49—Mortimer Levy,  
Rochester, NY, November 5, 2017  
'45, BA '48—George W. Nichols,  
Cape Elizabeth, ME, October 30, 2018  
'45—William T. Reber,  
North Canton, OH, December 9, 2018  
'45, BS ORIE '48—David E. Rothschild,  
Millburn, NJ, March 1, 2019  
'45—Emily Stevenson,  
Chestertown, MD, December 4, 2018  
'45 BA—Marjorie Ratliff White,  
Dover, NH, November 27, 2018  
'45 BS Ag—James C. Williams,  
Sunderland, MA, February 27, 2019  
'46 MA—Edith E. Cutting,  
Johnson City, NY, November 28, 2018  
'46, BA '45—Arthur R. Lyding,  
Princeton, NJ, November 23, 2018  
'46, BA '45—Iris Smith Morris,  
Denver, CO, November 10, 2018  
'47—Arthur B. Bleecher,  
Denver, CO, October 30, 2018  
'47 MD—Thomas W. Caldrony,  
Newport News, VA, January 30, 2017  
'47 MA—Phillida Whitby Charly,  
Madison, WI, February 20, 2019  
'47, BS HE '46—Barbara Toan Denk,  
Durango, CO, January 22, 2018

'47—Keith M. Rosser Jr.,  
Centennial, CO, November 28, 2018  
'47 BA—Marjorie Manders Smith,  
White Plains, NY, February 10, 2019  
'48 BCE—Arthur Behrer,  
Trent Woods, NC, January 10, 2019  
'48 PhD—Gerald F. Combs,  
New Oxford, PA, November 7, 2018  
'48 BME—Robert F. Fritch,  
Vail, CO, December 26, 2018  
'48 BA—Harold L. Kaplan,  
Boynton Beach, FL, December 8, 2018  
'48 BA—Esta Wilcox Keim,  
Bowie, MD, December 28, 2018  
'48, BFA '50—James H. LeBar,  
Spokane, WA, December 23, 2018  
'48 BS HE—Vivian Hoffman Miller,  
Haverford, PA, November 19, 2018  
'48 BA, PhD '51—Richard A. Ryan,  
Dundee, NY, November 15, 2018  
'48 BS ORIE—John R. Shafer,  
Napa, CA, March 2, 2019  
'49 BA—Harvey R. Granite,  
Warsaw, NY, January 23, 2019  
'49 LLB—Joan Martin Hewitt,  
Fort Lauderdale, FL, February 22, 2019  
'49 BA—Roger Howley,  
Ithaca, NY, December 12, 2018  
'49 BArch, MArch '50—Gordon E. Johnson,  
Stamford, CT, December 8, 2018  
'49 BA—Richard J. Keegan,  
Westford, MA, February 14, 2019  
'49 MFS—Harrison B. Kinney,  
Lexington, VA, February 9, 2019  
'49 MS—Anita Morris Lear,  
San Carlos, CA, September 1, 2014  
'49 BS Ag—Lloyd C. McMurdy,  
Jordanville, NY, November 27, 2018  
'49 BME—Erik Simons,  
Ithaca, NY, July 12, 2018  
'49 BS ORIE—Charles E. Swanson,  
Camillus, NY, January 22, 2019

## 1950s

'50 BS Ag, PhD '65—George H. Bayer,  
Ithaca, NY, January 5, 2018  
'50 BS Ag—Walter G. Bruska,  
South Burlington, VT, November 28, 2018  
'50 BA—Sally Sturges Farrell,  
Antrim, NH, November 19, 2018  
'50 Med—Irvin E. Henry,  
Syracuse, NY, February 4, 2019  
'50, BME '51, MME '56—Jeremy E. Johnson,  
Brunswick, ME, November 2, 2018  
'50 BArch—Daniel S. Kilby,  
Wichita, KS, November 15, 2018  
'50, BME '51—James T. Loughhead,  
Media, PA, December 6, 2018  
'50 BA—C. J. Luther,  
Bryn Mawr, PA, January 26, 2019  
'50 BS HE—Helen Cudworth Metzinger,  
Louisville, KY, January 13, 2019  
'50 BA—Jacob Nachmias,  
Haverford, PA, March 2, 2019  
'50 BA, PhD '60—Joan Snyder,  
Chevy Chase, MD, October 30, 2018  
'51 BA—Sonia Mogensen Adsit,  
Bogart, GA, November 9, 2018  
'51 BA—Arthur Brandt,  
New York City, January 4, 2019  
'51 BS Ag—Stuart Campbell,  
Pinehurst, NC, December 28, 2018  
'51 BS Ag—Charles J. Decker,  
Afton, NY, November 10, 2018  
'51, BCE '52—Edward L. Flom,  
Tampa, FL, November 9, 2018  
'51 BA—Paul H. Frick Jr.,  
Lancaster, OH, December 3, 2018  
'51, BA '52—James H. Gallwey,  
North Wales, PA, March 26, 2018  
'51 BS Ag—Neal M. Galusha,  
Horseheads, NY, October 22, 2018  
'51 BEE—John E. Gerling,  
Medford, OR, October 2, 2018  
'51, BEP '52—Robert A. Goundry,  
Rindge, NH, November 3, 2018  
'51 BS Ag—William Greveling,  
Paw Paw, MI, December 5, 2018  
'51 BS Ag, DVM '57—Eugene T. Kemp,  
Owego, NY, January 4, 2019  
'51, B Chem E '52—Robert T. Nelson,  
Kennett Square, PA, January 24, 2019  
'51 BS Ag—William R. O'Hara,  
Webster, NY, December 28, 2018  
'51 BS ILR—William E. Phillips,  
Old Saybrook, CT, December 26, 2018  
'51 BS Ag, PhD '56—Robert Rabson,  
Madison, WI, March 1, 2019  
'51 BS HE—Phyllis Meyer Simons,  
Ithaca, NY, November 6, 2018  
'51-52 SP Ag—Herbert A. Sliter,  
Diamond Point, NY, November 21, 2018  
'51 BS HE—Marian Roberts Woodhead,  
Lake Jackson, TX, December 18, 2018  
'52 BCE—Jan R. Beaujon,  
Monroe, OH, July 5, 2018  
'52 MBA—Pierre Bellier,  
Versailles, France, 2015  
'52 BS HE—Eleanor A. Carey,  
Ithaca, NY, December 26, 2018  
'52 BS HE—Jean Brown Craig,  
Gwynedd, PA, February 20, 2019  
'52 BA—George W. Crampton,  
Searsmont, ME, October 24, 2018  
'52 PhD—George T. Fittzelle,  
Kingston, RI, March 4, 2019  
'52 BA—Grace Kaplan Galton,  
Stamford, CT, December 26, 2018  
'52 BS Ag, MS Ag '54—Robert B. Grossman,  
Lincoln, NE, September 23, 2018  
'52, BS Ag '53—Theodore W. Hanna,  
Rochester, NY, August 11, 2018  
'52 JD—Alexander Holtzman,  
New York City, March 25, 2018  
'52 BS Ag, Med '62, EdD '67—Stephen Jamba,  
Rocky River, OH, March 1, 2017  
'52 BA—Earl D. Lillydahl Jr.,  
Milwaukee, WI, January 2, 2019  
'52 GR—Jerrold Meinwald,  
Ithaca, NY, April 23, 2018  
'52 BS Ag, MS Ag '57—Richard J. Otten,  
Raleigh, NC, January 24, 2019  
'52 BA—Alfred H. Pagano,  
Newark, DE, December 27, 2018  
'52 BS Ag—Richard J. Rowe,  
Orono, ME, November 17, 2018  
'52 BA—Janet Rudolph Towart,  
Sugar Land, TX, February 17, 2019  
'52—Martin R. Van Tassel,  
Queensbury, NY, February 8, 2019

**'52 BS Hotel—Thomas E. Whelan**, Hilton Head Island, SC, March 26, 2018  
**'52 BS Ag—Hubert C. Wightman**, Almond, NY, December 4, 2018  
**'52 MNS—Charles N. Wilkins Jr.**, Fremont, CA, January 13, 2018  
**'53 BS HE—Ann Marquardt Boehm**, Williamsburg, VA, January 10, 2019  
**'53 MA—Elizabeth Foulds Noel**, Bloomfield, CT, January 23, 2019  
**'53 BA—Dorothy A. Palmer**, Newington, CT, November 19, 2018  
**'53 BS Ag—Clifford J. Wengert**, Lititz, PA, February 8, 2019  
**'53, BME '54—Henry H. Wood Jr.**, Shrewsbury, MA, January 17, 2019  
**'54 BS Hotel—Richard W. Davenport**, Brewster, MA, February 1, 2019  
**'54 BME, MBA '58, PhD '66—William C. Dixon III**, Rochester, NY, April 9, 2018  
**'54 BS Ag—Norman H. Dobert**, Queensbury, NY, November 28, 2018  
**'54, BME '55—Edwin C. Faber Jr.**, Rhinebeck, NY, September 6, 2018  
**'54 BS Ag—Harold Fisch**, Milford, OH, November 19, 2018  
**'54 BA, LLB '59—Samuel Frankenheim**, Newton, MA, November 11, 2017  
**'54 BS Ag—George H. Gibson**, Ogden, UT, February 9, 2019  
**'54 MNS—Evemarie C. Gilfillan**, Basking Ridge, NJ, October 17, 2018  
**'54 BS Ag—Nancy E. Hofmann**, Ashford, CT, November 4, 2018  
**'54, BCE '55, MBA '56—William S. LaLonde III**, Montclair, NJ, December 1, 2017  
**'54—Emily Keeler Ludwig**, Binghamton, NY, December 14, 2018  
**'54 BS HE—Donna K. Noyes**, Bend, OR, November 24, 2018  
**'54 BS HE—Leslie Papenfus Reed**, Santa Rosa, CA, December 31, 2018  
**'54 BS Ag—Robert J. Rodler**, Middle Island, NY, October 16, 2018  
**'54 BA—Bill Steele**, Ithaca, NY, December 17, 2018  
**'54 MS—Thomas J. Woods**, South Glastonbury, CT, February 24, 2019  
**'55 BA—Beatrice Weicker Baldauf**, San Francisco, CA, August 9, 2018  
**'55 BS Ag—Donald D. Demske**, Silver Spring, MD, December 17, 2018  
**'55 JD—John A. Dietz**, Honeoye Falls, NY, October 21, 2018  
**'55 BA—Brian Dillon**, Lenox, MA, December 17, 2018  
**'55, B Chem E '56—Jay R. Harris**, New York City, July 7, 2018  
**'55 BS Ag—Ben F. Hawkins**, Peabody, MA, October 28, 2018  
**'55 BS Ag, MS Ag '56—Paul H. Hoepner**, Blacksburg, VA, December 2, 2018  
**'55 MS—William J. Hooker**, Mooresville, NC, January 18, 2019  
**'55 BA, PhD '71—Eliot S. Orton**, Las Cruces, NM, February 13, 2019  
**'55 BA—Richard B. Pell**, Sarasota, FL, October 15, 2018  
**'55 BS Ag—Marcus B. Rogers**, Granville, NY, January 7, 2019  
**'55, BA '56—Martha Bliss Safford**, Rockport, MA, January 31, 2019

**'55—Thomas J. Stafford**, Evanston, IL, October 13, 2018  
**'55 BS Ag—Peter B. Taylor**, Olympia, WA, December 10, 2018  
**'55 BA—Bernard S. Yudowitz**, Weston, MA, December 11, 2018  
**'56 BS Hotel—Al R. D'Agostino**, Arlington, TX, November 24, 2018  
**'56 BS Ag, MBA '57—Alan C. Embree**, Sandy Hook, CT, October 31, 2018  
**'56 BS HE—Carol Bewley McIntosh**, Lockport, NY, December 7, 2018  
**'56 BA—Alexander F. Ruggie**, Venice, FL, January 22, 2019  
**'56 MEd—Harold Thomas Jr.**, Hingham, MA, December 22, 2018  
**'56, BME '57—Jack K. Warren**, Marine on St. Croix, MN, November 16, 2018  
**'56 BS Hotel—Raymond D. Watts**, Houston, TX, August 23, 2018  
**'56 BA—Wayne D. Wisbaum**, Amherst, NY, December 30, 2018  
**'57 DVM—Richard J. Abbott**, Moultonborough, NH, February 18, 2019  
**'57 BA, MBA '59—Bertram R. Alkon**, Brookline, MA, February 26, 2018  
**'57 BA—David A. T. Biddle**, Seneca, SC, January 12, 2019  
**'57 MS Ag—William R. B. Carter**, Reading, UK, September 2, 2018  
**'57 MBA—Robert E. Coleberd Jr.**, Granada Hills, CA, December 5, 2018  
**'57, BEE '58—Donald S. Grimm**, Minneapolis, MN, July 4, 2018  
**'57 BA, LLB '59—Sheldon W. Halpern**, Albany, NY, February 26, 2016  
**'57 MBA, PhD '65—James H. Lare**, Coronado, CA, December 1, 2018  
**'57 BA—Anne Hutchinson Lee**, Towson, MD, November 5, 2018  
**'57 MA—Charles S. McClain**, Macungie, PA, January 28, 2019  
**'57—Carol Friedman Reich**, Miami, FL, February 5, 2019  
**'57 BA—Rae Nelson Selig**, Pelham, MA, November 29, 2018  
**'57 JD—Kurt Weissheimer Jr.**, Minden, NV, February 15, 2016  
**'58 BS Ag—Merville J. Button**, Perry, NY, January 13, 2019  
**'58 BA—Robert L. Clark**, Johnson City, TN, December 26, 2018  
**'58, BA '59—Robert F. Coryell**, Cape Coral, FL, December 20, 2018  
**'58 BS Ag—Judd L. Crocker**, Le Roy, NY, January 25, 2019  
**'58, BA '61—Carl S. Davis**, Sarasota, FL, May 16, 2016  
**'58, BA '62—Mary Ellen Thompson Gleason**, Ithaca, NY, October 7, 2018  
**'58-59 SP Ag—John J. Mullen**, Naperville, IL, November 30, 2018  
**'58 BS Ag—Clarence E. Parker**, Odessa, NY, November 3, 2018  
**'58 BA, MPA '62—Robert H. Speck Jr.**, Philadelphia, PA, January 27, 2019  
**'58 BA—Linda Wellman Stansfield**, Denville, NJ, November 5, 2018  
**'58 BA—Wilbur C. Sutherland**, Sewickley, PA, February 5, 2019  
**'58 MEd, PhD '64—John K. Walthew**, Haverford, PA, December 5, 2018

**'59 BS Ag—William E. Dugan III**, Camillus, NY, January 23, 2019  
**'59 MBA—Carl E. Hathaway**, Norwalk, CT, July 15, 2018  
**'59 BA—Yuri Jayne Malin**, Darby, MT, February 1, 2019  
**'59 MA—Nancy West Mann**, Ridge, MD, November 20, 2018  
**'59 LLB—Joel S. Sankel**, New York City, February 5, 2013  
**'59 BA—Elizabeth Iliff Wilson**, Beaufort, NC, October 19, 2018

## 1960s

**'60 BS Nurs—Linda Brackett**, Fairfax, VA, October 25, 2018  
**'60 BS Hotel—Bonnie L. Coble**, Bothell, WA, December 25, 2018  
**'60 MS HE—Rita A. Connelly**, Austin, TX, February 3, 2019  
**'60 MD—Joseph C. Dougherty**, Harlingen, TX, January 1, 2017  
**'60 BA—Richard S. Ewing**, Washington, DC, December 5, 2018  
**'60, BEP '61—Bryan F. Gore**, Richland, WA, December 7, 2018  
**'60 MD—Neil C. Klein**, Stamford, CT, February 13, 2019  
**'60 PhD—Heinz F. Koch**, Ithaca, NY, September 7, 2018  
**'60 MILR—Jefferson W. Manser**, Canandaigua, NY, December 18, 2018  
**'60 BS Hotel—Thomas V. Pedulla**, Framingham, MA, January 14, 2019  
**'60 BS ILR, LLB '64—Lloyd A. Portnow**, Clemson, SC, January 21, 2019  
**'61 BA—John F. Fleischauer**, Centerville, OH, January 13, 2019  
**'61 BA—Anne Deforest Gjurasic**, Bellevue, WA, March 12, 2017  
**'61 MD—Michael M. Heeg**, Sea Island, GA, December 2, 2018  
**'61, BEE '62—Hugh S. Martin**, Newton, MA, February 18, 2017  
**'61 BA—William J. Moorhouse**, Brandon, FL, December 8, 2018  
**'61 MBA—Daniel R. Murray**, Marstons Mills, MA, December 29, 2018  
**'61 BS Hotel—John C. Petry**, Rocky River, OH, November 30, 2018  
**'61 BA—Jon A. Rantzman**, Walnut Creek, CA, November 17, 2018  
**'61—Diane Thomas Staab**, Old Greenwich, CT, December 15, 2018  
**'62 JD—Richard S. Bruchal**, Shelton, CT, January 23, 2019  
**'62 BA—Frank Deane**, Adams, MA, January 23, 2019  
**'62 BS Nurs—Judith Engeldrum Eggers**, Statham, GA, March 4, 2019  
**'62 MA, PhD '64—Charles J. Fuqua**, Williamstown, MA, January 19, 2019  
**'62 PhD—Garold F. Gregory**, Oklahoma City, OK, October 27, 2018  
**'62 MD—Edward C. Lauber Jr.**, Barboursville, KY, December 3, 2016  
**'62 BS Hotel—Patricia Loux Pinkney**, Rosemont, MD, February 16, 2019  
**'62—David Y. Redford**, Denver, CO, December 17, 2018  
**'62—Dean G. Utter**, Cherry Valley, NY, November 15, 2018  
**'63 BS Nurs, MS Nurs '66—Marian Willard Blackwell**, Greenville, SC, November 27, 2018  
**'63 MBA—Antonio Clement**, Montreal, QC, June 26, 2016

'63 BA—Vicki Levins Gabriner, Brookline, MA, November 22, 2018  
 '63 BS Hotel—Robert M. Keating, Bedford, NH, January 1, 2019  
 '63 DVM—Daniel H. Neilsen, New Berlin, NY, November 6, 2018  
 '64 BS HE—Susan M. Daly, North York, ON, December 15, 2018  
 '64, BA '65—Judith A. Larson, Tulsa, OK, February 6, 2016  
 '64 BA—Emmett W. MacCorkle III, Montecito, CA, March 2, 2019  
 '64 MS, PhD '65—Kenneth J. Reed, Gerrards Cross, UK, February 1, 2019  
 '65 MS Ag, PhD '66—Edward J. Armbrust, Seymour, IL, January 15, 2019  
 '65 PhD—Emile Karafiol, Chicago, IL, January 16, 2019  
 '65, BS Ag '66—Robert J. Kessler, Chambersburg, PA, December 5, 2018  
 '65 MA, PhD '67—William T. Kirchgasser, Colton, NY, January 14, 2019  
 '65, BCE '68—Steven W. Klein, Plainsboro, NJ, January 6, 2019  
 '65 BA—David L. Mellon, Laguna Niguel, CA, December 29, 2018  
 '65 PhD—Donald H. Puttlitz, Great Neck, NY, March 30, 2017  
 '65 MS—Sheldon F. Rashba, San Luis Obispo, CA, November 15, 2018  
 '65 BS Ag—Paul E. Seidel, Rochester, NY, October 15, 2018  
 '65 BA—Thomas H. Watkins, Blacksburg, VA, November 15, 2018  
 '65 BS Ag—Annette Shutts Wells, Charleston, SC, January 9, 2019  
 '65—Gary M. Widzer, Cleveland, OH, January 10, 2019  
 '66 BS Ag—David E. Cochran, Essex Junction, VT, November 7, 2018  
 '66—Clyde J. Harris III, Hilton Head Island, SC, December 24, 2018  
 '66 BA—John M. J. Pustai, Hackettstown, NJ, September 1, 2018  
 '67 BA—Blanche A. Borzell, Watkins Glen, NY, February 9, 2019  
 '67 MFA—Judith Klein Burns, Ithaca, NY, December 27, 2018  
 '67 MS Ag—Patrick A. Gleeson, Fermoy, Ireland, May 23, 2018  
 '67-68 GR—John W. Hilgers, Houghton, MI, February 5, 2019  
 '67-68 GR—Gary J. Lidiak, Houston, TX, November 4, 2018  
 '67 BA—Candida Raven Clarke Lidman, Tumwater, WA, November 12, 2018  
 '67 MD—Delbert G. Ririe, Provo, UT, December 29, 2018  
 '67 BS HE—Elizabeth Greenslade Vanderploeg, Monroe, IA, February 24, 2019  
 '68 BS Ag—Gerald S. Budgar, Northampton, MA, January 20, 2019  
 '68—Kelby W. Kuney, Sebastian, FL, November 5, 2018  
 '68 BA—Allan F. Rothenberg, Carouge, Switzerland, December 29, 2018  
 '68 BA—Daniel M. Walker, West Haven, CT, November 23, 2018  
 '68—Virginia Hughes Wilson, Oneonta, NY, January 6, 2019  
 '69 JD—Robert S. Anderson, Chappaqua, NY, April 14, 2018  
 '69—Harlan S. Atwood, Middletown, CT, February 5, 2014  
 '69 BEE—William J. Hitchcock, Paradise Valley, AZ, June 21, 2014

'69, BArch '70—Spencer Leineweber, Manoa, HI, June 20, 2015  
 '69 MST—Leo D. Salvucci, Winchester, MA, January 27, 2019  
 '69 BA—Fredric J. Spar, Princeton, NJ, December 22, 2018  
 '69 MS Ag—Louis J. Zivic, Westerville, OH, November 12, 2018

## 1970s

'70, BS Nurs '71—Lesley Schneider Allen, Rochester, NY, September 27, 2018  
 '70 PhD—Frederick T. Bail, Waimanalo, HI, January 17, 2019  
 '70 BS Hotel—Scott W. Brush, Palmetto Bay, FL, November 9, 2018  
 '70 BS Nurs—Jane Engle, Mitchellville, MD, December 7, 2017  
 '70—Robert V. Hoppel, Lowville, NY, November 27, 2018  
 '70 BA—Gary M. Kaye, Oxford, CT, December 2, 2018  
 '70 BS Ag—William Sarbello, Albany, NY, December 31, 2018  
 '70 BS Hotel—John M. Shawkey, Naples, FL, November 7, 2018  
 '70—Judith Cottrell Stafford, Peru, NY, March 31, 2016  
 '71, BS '73—Lester L. "Peter" Brink, Westport, CT, February 28, 2019  
 '71 MD—Kent R. Gamette, Provo, UT, December 8, 2018  
 '71—Ricky Jay, Los Angeles, CA, November 25, 2018  
 '71 PhD—Carlos D. Stern, Arlington, VA, January 21, 2019  
 '72—Alan W. Babcock, Burlington Flats, NY, January 24, 2019  
 '72—Richard S. Brenton, Pikes Creek, PA, November 28, 2018  
 '73 BA—Robert J. McFann Jr., Fort Lauderdale, FL, December 14, 2018  
 '73 PhD—Philip J. Schwarz, Richmond, VA, December 15, 2018  
 '73 MAT—Anne M. Severyn, St. Paul, MN, March 14, 2018  
 '73 BCE—William H. Songer, Liverpool, NY, December 28, 2018  
 '74 BS Ag—Robert J. Corey, Punta Gorda, FL, October 29, 2018  
 '74 BS Ag, MILR '95—Robert J. Markes Jr., Candor, NY, February 20, 2019  
 '74 BS Hotel—Gregory J. Ryan, Indaiatuba, Brazil, August 21, 2017  
 '74 PhD—Richard S. Soper Jr., Verona Island, ME, December 27, 2018  
 '74 BS Hotel—Joseph J. West, Everglades City, FL, January 10, 2019  
 '75 BS Ag—Randolph F. Brown III, New Canaan, CT, November 1, 2018  
 '75 BS HE—Robbie Walker Chatman, Norristown, PA, May 15, 2018  
 '75 BS Hotel—Richard A. Hayes, Haverhill, PA, January 12, 2019  
 '75 BS Ag—Robert M. Reed, Haines City, FL, December 11, 2018  
 '76, BS Ag '77—Leo M. Pola, Keuka Park, NY, December 28, 2018  
 '76 MAT—Christine L. Vaughters, Edmonds, WA, January 18, 2019  
 '77 BS Ag—Allen S. Bitter, Skaneateles, NY, January 29, 2019  
 '77 BA—Robert J. Kipnees, Roseland, NJ, December 2, 2018  
 '78 BA—Alan J. Berman, South Salem, NY, October 18, 2018

'78 BS ILR—Janet Berney Hunt, Charlotte, NC, November 10, 2018  
 '78, BA '79—Steve M. Kendall, Petaluma, CA, November 4, 2018  
 '79 PhD—Stephen D. McRae, Durham, NH, November 24, 2018

## 1980s

'80 MPS—Robert R. Julian, Ithaca, NY, January 18, 2019  
 '80 BA, MBA '89—Scott W. Roland, Maryland, NY, November 1, 2018  
 '81 BS Ag—Robert C. Berkley, West Tisbury, MA, December 17, 2018  
 '81 BS HE—Deborah Pickhardt, Elma, NY, November 16, 2018  
 '82 BS Ag—Bryan D. Doyle, North Rose, NY, November 22, 2017  
 '82—David L. Hermany, Central Valley, PA, January 17, 2019  
 '82 MEE—Ngabuen J. Nshom, Lowell, MA, January 13, 2019  
 '82 BA—Robert D. Rakov, College Station, TX, January 17, 2019  
 '82 MPS—Vern M. Williams, Branford, CT, December 29, 2018  
 '84 PhD—Sarah Graetz Gagnon, West Danby, NY, January 1, 2019  
 '84 BS Ag—Jennifer K. Huntington, Cooperstown, NY, December 30, 2018  
 '85 PhD—Thomas E. Barnard, Pittston, PA, January 27, 2019  
 '85 BME—Josephine E. Rewald, Birmingham, MI, September 12, 2016  
 '85 JD—Andrew M. Short, New York City, February 19, 2019  
 '86 PhD—Randy A. Hautea, Jubileeville, Philippines, July 19, 2018  
 '87 BS Ag—Timothy G. Mulligan, Princeton Junction, NJ, February 24, 2019  
 '89 BA—John R. Chaya, East Brunswick, NJ, October 9, 2018

## 1990s

'90—Christopher D. Smithers, Mill Neck, NY, January 5, 2019  
 '90 MS HE, PhD '94—Robert M. Stinson, Albany, OR, December 13, 2018  
 '91, BS ORIE '92—Robert A. Schroeder, Lititz, PA, November 14, 2018  
 '92, BArch '93—Timothy R. Cronin, Rockland, MA, December 22, 2018  
 '92 BA—Alexander C. Varga, Virginia Beach, VA, December 17, 2018  
 '94 MBA—Jean M. Saintraint, Brabant, Belgium, February 28, 2017  
 '96 BS Ag, DVM '00—Christine M. Welker, Tyrone, GA, March 2, 2019  
 '97 BA—Mark T. Klempner, Greenfield, MA, March 1, 2019

## 2000s

'01 MA, PhD '08—Mary C. Miles, State College, PA, January 6, 2019  
 '01 MBA—Phillip A. Tomlinson, Cincinnati, OH, October 30, 2018  
 '08—William L. Goldenberg, West Windsor, NJ, January 7, 2019

## 2010s

'11 DVM—John G. Cummings, Grand Rapids, MI, November 30, 2018  
 '13 MBA—Kristin L. Sapieha, Calgary, AB, February 6, 2019  
 '14 BS HE—Jamie F. Cantor, Jericho, NY, January 27, 2019

# Stepping It Up

'Stewards' help make Ithaca's gorges safer for all



**NATURE WALK:**  
Gorge steward  
Corey Ng '17  
chats with  
visitors in 2017.

In good weather (and even bad), Cornellians and locals alike flock to Fall Creek and Cascadilla gorges to admire the waterfalls and hike the trails. But as beautiful as they are, these natural areas can be hazardous. So in summer, when the gorges are busiest, a half-dozen seasonal workers—known as “gorge stewards”—patrol the trails, educating the public about potential dangers. Overseen by Cornell Outdoor Education since the program’s founding in 2012, the stewards don’t scold or ticket rule-breakers; rather, they act as friendly ambassadors. “People follow the rules more where they know there’s someone walking around and checking in,” says Cecilia Martindale ’20, who served as a steward last summer. “We aren’t out here to fine anyone. We just want people to be safe.”

Clad in green shirts, the stewards—some of whom are Cornell students and others local residents, including teachers on summer break—loop through the two gorges and around Beebe Lake, for a total of as much as ten miles per shift. Martindale notes that she learned the hard way to plan her route so that her trip through Cascadilla was uphill. “You do *not* want to go down that gorge multiple times a day, because it’s too hard on your knees,” she says with a laugh. “I made that mistake once.” The stewards answer questions, hand out brochures, and—when necessary—warn swimmers and off-trail hikers that they’re putting themselves at risk. “Many of them don’t know it’s illegal,” says Sylvan Whitmore ’15, a steward for three summers. “They just think it looks like a nice place to swim. They don’t read the signs, and they head in there innocently.”

While gorge swimming was long viewed as a Cornelian rite of passage, it has been prohibited for decades; the water may

appear calm, but conditions can be dangerous and even deadly. In addition to slippery surfaces, falling rocks, and an absence of lifeguards, the gorges have hidden pools that can be up to fifty feet deep with strong undercurrents. Following several drownings in 2011, the University established a Gorge Safety Committee that has spearheaded such initiatives as the steward program, the installation of improved fencing and signage, and the creation of a safety video that’s required viewing for all new students. “We want people to come out and use these areas,” stresses Todd Bittner, director of natural areas at Cornell Botanic Gardens and the committee’s chair. “We’re trying to find that sweet spot, where we facilitate access but also make it as safe as possible.”

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The stewards’ duties include counting pedestrian traffic—Whitmore says that on the busiest days, he’d tally more than 300 people—and noting activity. According to Bittner, that data shows that the safety initiatives have succeeded: in the steward program’s first year, 8 percent of visitors engaged in potentially risky behavior, but by 2018 that number had dropped below 1 percent. Whitmore, now an environmental educator in Washington State, also sees the stewards as a boon for local tourism. “There were a lot of people visiting from out of town, and a lot of times I got, ‘Where’s the Commons?’ or ‘Where’s Collegetown?’, which is to be expected,” he recalls. “But it’s cool that the way you can get from one to the other is through the gorge.” ■

—Alexandra Bond ’12





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