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### 40 A New Era for Collegetown

As a spate of construction projects transforms Cornell's student enclave and brings more high-rise apartment buildings to its skyline, some are wondering whether its essential character is being lost. For better or worse—and many would argue that an improvement in the housing stock is long overdue—Collegetown is changing fast. A look at the forces transforming the neighborhood, from a waning bar scene to a rising University presence.

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Hundreds of Atlantic puffins nest at Maine's Eastern Egg Rock each season—and in large part, they have Steve Kress, PhD '75, to thank for it. Four decades ago, Kress spearheaded an effort to restore the birds to the tiny island, where they'd long bred before being hunted into oblivion for their meat, eggs, and feathers. "When I started this, I thought it would probably be a few years," Kress says of Project Puffin, the subject of his new memoir. "Now, the irony is I don't see an end to it."

### 52 Tour de Force

They're a familiar sight on East Hill: the University's friendly, helpful, backward-walking tour guides. For the eighty or so undergrads who serve as guides each year, showing visitors around campus is a passion and a calling. It's a competitive gig, with only 10 percent of applicants selected. And it can be a high-pressure job—because, as the guides well know, a campus tour can make or break a prospective student's impression of their school.

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# In Praise of Faculty

Faculty are the defining element of greatness in a university. They are the repository for and communicators of our enduring values, the engines of discovery, and educators committed to the next generation. Interactions with faculty are also what many alumni remember most fondly about their time at Cornell.

Alumni have told me time and again about beloved faculty members who made a difference in their lives. And because a Cornell experience inculcates a love of learning that is lifelong, many alumni continue to learn from the faculty in Cornell's Adult University programs, through eCornell and MOOCs, at regional alumni events, and from on-campus lectures and symposia that alumni are welcome to attend.

In this and future *Cornell Alumni Magazine* columns, I will introduce you to some of our scholars, teachers, and mentors who are world-renowned experts and rising stars across the disciplines and colleges. It will be an eclectic mix of individuals whose research and creative work will give you a sense of what is possible because of outstanding faculty, within disciplines and across disciplines, at a place as intellectually rigorous and inventive as Cornell.

Take, for example, Avery August, PhD '94, professor and chair of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology in the College of Veterinary Medicine, whose award-winning research aims to find new strategies to prevent allergies and asthma. With a doctorate from the Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences—which honored him with its Distinguished Alumnus Award in May—Avery has intellectual ties to both our Ithaca and New York City campuses. In his current position, he uses animal models to understand how key cells in the immune system are activated to spark an allergic response, with the goal of spurring the development of new drugs for asthma and allergy sufferers.

I have also been intrigued by the work of Kim Haines-Eitzen, professor of Near Eastern studies and an expert on ancient monastic texts. I met her first through her book, *The Gendered Palimpsest*, which explores the role of women in producing and disseminating books during the early Christian era. (I have included it on my current “recommended” list for the Cornell Store.) Kim's latest project, building on a knowledge of bioacoustics she gained at the Lab of Ornithology, involves recording natural sounds in Israel's Sin Wilderness Valley and monasteries of the Judean Desert as a way of understanding auditory imagery—from the wind as God's voice to demons who roar or crash like thunder—in the ancient texts.

With a background that includes economics, geography, sociology, and anthropology, Wendy Wolford, Polson Professor of Development Sociology and faculty director of economic development programs in the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future, is contributing to our knowledge of land reform and



ownership issues in Latin America, especially Brazil; such important change is a crucial element in reducing inequality in this region. Her work reveals why land reform remains the subject of intense conflict in Latin America, and she provides a nuanced understanding of the many groups involved in the debate, from local grassroots organizations to the political and economic elite, from unions to the Catholic Church.

Faculty members like Avery, Kim, and Wendy contribute to Cornell's global stature and demonstrate why renewing the faculty is a priority for the University. We need to hire assistant professors in areas of emphasis and excellence and to support and build our scholarly and creative faculty at the mid-stage of their careers. They are our institutional leaders, often at the most productive stage of their research and teaching, and the engines for Cornell's ascent in excellence and recognition. Although our special collegial culture is a powerful incentive for recruiting and retain-

ing faculty, we must compete aggressively against other major universities for top talent by also providing endowed chairs, funds for research and collaboration, fellowships for graduate students and postdoctoral associates, and other support. And, as always, our senior faculty help us build our academic ranks, continue to contribute to our community, and, even in retirement, often stay connected to the campus and our student body.

We aspire to nothing less than to make Cornell a global center for the very best researchers, scholars, and creative minds so that generations of students will continue to have the life-changing experiences that have long shaped the bond between alumni and the alma mater and have defined Cornell's place in the world. I look forward to our partnership toward that goal.

— President Elizabeth Garrett  
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## More Cornellians in Film



In "You Oughta Be in Pictures" in the July/August issue, we showcased a roster of Cornellians who've been portrayed in TV and film over the years and asked if there were any performances we'd missed.

The best was William Holden as spy Eric Erickson '21 in *The Counterfeit Traitor*.

Richard Girards  
'65, BS Ag '66,  
MBA '70  
Mattituck, NY



*Editor's note: In World War II Eric Erickson infiltrated the Nazi regime while secretly passing information to American intelligence. The movie The Counterfeit Traitor was based on the book of the same name by Alexander Klein.*



It was my understanding that the role played by Jodie Foster (above) in Carl Sagan's *Contact* was based on our own pioneer in space exploration (and my fabulous high school classmate) Jill Cornell Tarter '65, BEP '66 (above right).

Bob Everett '65  
Scarsdale, NY

*Editor's note: The character Ellie Arroway in Contact was inspired by Tarter, an astronomer and chair of the SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) Institute, who advised Foster during the making of the movie.*

## Page Turner

Regarding the New Student Reading Project and reading by the "broader community," as an alum I have participated several times and am signed up this year. It's fun, interesting, and a great outreach to those of us from long ago and far away.

Patricia Kendall Shotwell '49  
Weston, MA

*Editor's note: You can find out more about this year's book, Slaughterhouse-Five by Kurt Vonnegut '44, at reading.cornell.edu.*

## The Influence of Wines

I met my husband because of that class (but not in the way you think)! He'd signed up to take it second semester of his senior year and had been assigned a seat in the middle of a row in the 100-plus-year-old, then-unrenovated Statler Auditorium. Allen [Wright] '87, BS Ag '89, is 6'7", and after the second 2.5-hour class, he approached the professor. "Sir, I'm really enjoying your class, but I'm very uncomfortable. Would it be possible for me to change seats?"

The answer was "no," so he dropped the two-credit course, then realized, just after add/drop ended, that he'd be one credit shy for graduation. He was allowed to walk with his class, but had to take summer session . . . and then discovered that one's final semester at Cornell must consist of a full load, which in summer is six credits.

We met in the second class he had to take to complete his degree.

Stacy Strassberg Wright '90  
Kansas City, MO

## Major Leaguers

This debate ("Double Play" by Brad Herzog) was not only enlightening, but was also extremely interesting and fun to read. Having known both Marlin McPhail '82 and Brad Herzog '90 as undergraduates, they were both Major League in their respective endeavors. It's great to see both doing well a "few" years after graduation.

Dave Wohlhueter  
Ithaca, NY

(Cornell Sports Information Director,  
July 1977-July 1998)

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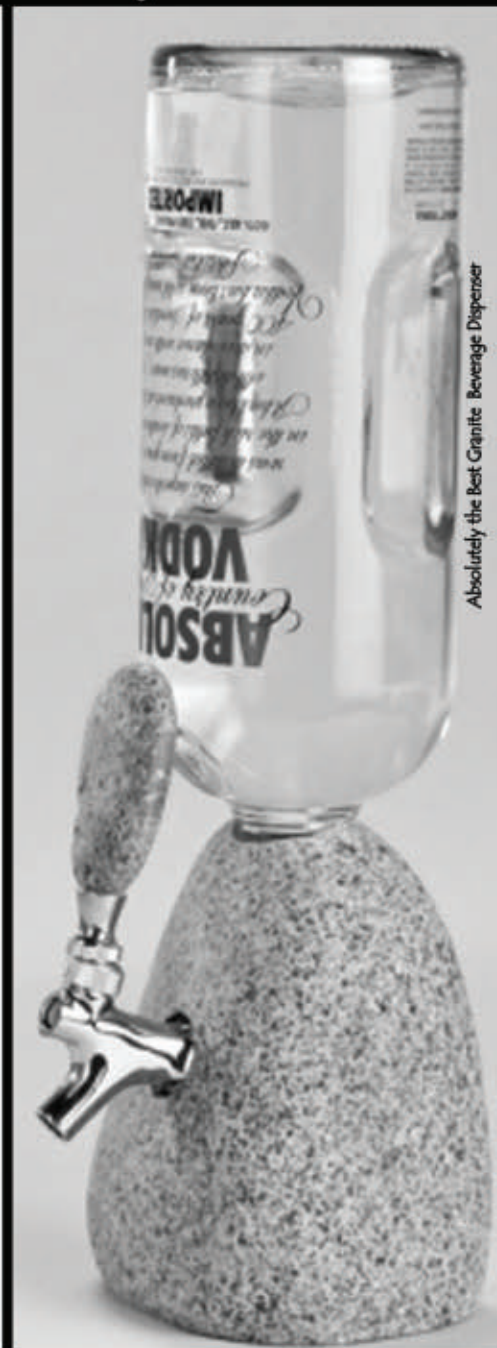
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## VET DEAN IS NEW PROVOST

Michael Kotlikoff, formerly dean of the Vet college, became Cornell's new provost on August 1. He succeeds Kent Fuchs, now president of the University of Florida. President Elizabeth Garrett lauded Kotlikoff as an "exceptional educator," noting that "the breadth of his insight and vision, paired with skilled leadership, have been essential to the Veterinary college's growth, record of innovation and collaboration, and academic and clinical prominence during his eight years as dean." Among his first projects is leading a strategic planning process that begins this semester and runs through December 2016. While a search is conducted for Kotlikoff's successor as dean, longtime Vet professor Lorin Warnick, PhD '94, will serve on an interim basis.



## \$50 Million Gift for Biomed Engineering

A \$50 million gift from the Meinig family has endowed a school of biomedical engineering in their name. The gift, which Engineering dean Lance Collins calls "a game changer, in terms of both its size and the effect it will have," coincides with the creation of a new major in the discipline, which the college launched this semester.



## Come on Home

Campus is gearing up for the inauguration of President Elizabeth Garrett and other Homecoming Weekend festivities, set for September 18 and 19. Events include

the inauguration ceremony (10 a.m. Friday on the Arts Quad) as well as a community picnic, fireworks and laser light show, 5K run, and the Big Red football game against Bucknell. For more information and a detailed schedule, go to [homecoming.cornell.edu](http://homecoming.cornell.edu).

## VOICE OF EXPERIENCE

**Radio journalist Jessica Ettinger '87, BS '97, the "Today Show" anchor for Sirius XM, has another claim to fame. Is she . . .**



- a) The voice of Apple's Siri virtual assistant?
- b) The announcer for New York City's 4-5-6 subway train?
- c) The narrator of the Hayden Planetarium's popular star show?
- d) The reader of the *Hunger Games* audiobooks?

ANSWER: B

## Speaking Volumes

The College of Architecture, Art and Planning has released renderings of its Ho Fine Arts Library, planned to open for fall semester 2017. A start date has not been set for construction on the facility, designed by Wolfgang Tschapeller, MArch '87, and supported by a \$6 million gift from Mui Ho '62, BArch '66. "By investing in books—not instead of digital resources but in addition to—Cornell is staking out increasingly rare territory in defense of the physical artifact as a durable and irreplaceable academic and creative resource in the visual arts," the college said in an announcement.

**Palace of the page: The Ho Fine Arts Library will transform part of Rand Hall, occupying space on the building's top two floors.**



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## Bear Facts

On Saturday of Homecoming, a bronze statue of Touchdown, Cornell's erstwhile live bear mascot, will be dedicated in front of Teagle Hall.

- Four cubs served as Touchdown off and on from 1915 to 1939—and all of them were female.
- Including its pedestal, the new Touchdown sculpture will be almost six feet tall.
- Its Brooklyn-based sculptor used images of wild black bears and consulted with wildlife experts.
- In 2008, John Foote '74 published a brief history entitled *Touchdown: The Story of the Cornell Bear*.
- The current (costumed, human) incarnation of Touchdown once had his photo taken with Stephen Colbert.
- The two stone bear sculptures outside Willard Straight Hall are named "The Athlete" and "The Scholar."
- Since 2012, there has been a café and bar in the Ivy Room called the Bear's Den.



Ursine trio: (Clockwise from top right) The human mascot; live cub Touchdown III on the field in 1919; and the new statue, ready for installation on campus



## Novel Perspective

More than thirty felt-tip-pen drawings by *Slaughterhouse-Five* author Kurt Vonnegut '44, including this untitled work, are currently on display at the Johnson Museum. The show, entitled *So It Goes*, runs through December 20.

PHOTOS: VONNEGUT, JOHNSON MUSEUM; BEAR SCULPTURE, JOSEPH THANNHAUSER; BEAR MASCOT, UP; LIVE BEAR, UPENN

## 'Having river views in New York is a luxury. Having two river views? No one has two river views.'

— Andrew Winters, Cornell Tech's senior director of capital projects and planning, on the campus's Roosevelt Island location (in *Wired*)

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### THESE CORNELLIANS IN THE NEWS

The recipients of the 2015 Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award: **Deborah Gerard Adelman '71, MS '74**; **Shelley Epstein Akabas '51**; **Mary Falvey '63**; **William Gratz '53**; **Nancy Schlegel Meinig '62** and **Peter Meinig '61**; and **Elizabeth Moore '75**.

ILR major **Brian Meersma '18**, a disability advocate honored at the White House in July as a "Champion of Change."

**Cornell University**, rated tenth in the world according to an annual tally announced in July by the Center for World University Rankings.

**"Traminette,"** a mid-season white-wine grape that the Geneva Agricultural Experiment Station released in 1996, named this year's Outstanding Fruit Cultivar by the American Society for Horticultural Science.



## Show Me the Money

Fans of pioneering geneticist Barbara McClintock '23, PhD '27, are promoting the late Nobel laureate as the new face of the \$10 bill, currently being redesigned by the Treasury Department. Information and links to a petition are at [barbaraonthebill.com](http://barbaraonthebill.com).

## Hot Merchandise . . . in Latin?

The University Library has returned a rare science book—one of about sixty surviving copies of *Oculus hoc est: Fundamentum opticum*, a 1619 text on optics and physiology that led to the development of corrective lenses—that was stolen from the National Library of Sweden in the Nineties. Acquired by Cornell in 2001, it proved to be one of dozens of books stolen by a Swedish librarian who committed suicide after confessing his crimes. The dealer who sold *Oculus* has given the University a replacement copy.

## R + D

More information on campus research is available at [www.news.cornell.edu](http://www.news.cornell.edu)

**Analyzing fifty years of stories** in the *New York Times* and seventeen in the *London Times*, Cornell's Food and Brand Lab found that news coverage predicts future obesity. When vegetables are frequently mentioned in stories, obesity rates decline three years later—but when sweet snacks are covered, they go up.

**The "sin tax" on soda** in Berkeley, California, has fizzled, reports economist John Cawley, whose study found that it did not cause significant enough price increases to make residents buy fewer sugary drinks.

**Investigating "palliative chemotherapy,"** researchers at the Medical college have found that administering chemo in a patient's final months often does more harm than good, improving neither quality of life nor survival time.

**Former MBA students at Cornell Tech** aim to market the first "happiness tracker" for canines. DogStar, a start-up that's developing a device to assess contentment via tail motion, is launching an Indiegogo fundraising campaign this fall.



## Commons Sense

The long-awaited renovation of the Ithaca Commons has finally wound down. In the works since April 2013, the \$15 million project turned the city's social and commercial center into a construction zone, with many Ithacans—residents, students, and merchants alike—growing increasingly irked by its fencing, noise, and general disruption. But the project's completion has drawn crowds back to the Commons in droves to enjoy the late-summer weather. As Jeff Stein '13 wrote in an editorial in the *Ithaca Voice*: "The new Ithaca Commons is awesome—verdant and vibrant, clean and casual, peaceful yet bustling."

## The University has declared the Class of '19 the most diverse in its history:

Total students: **3,219** Students of color: **1,488 (46.2%)**

Self-identified as underrepresented minorities: **756 (23.5%)**

First in their families to attend college: **427**

States represented: **48**, plus the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands

Countries represented: **44** Applications received: **41,900**

Offers made: **6,315**

Overall admit rate: **15.1%**

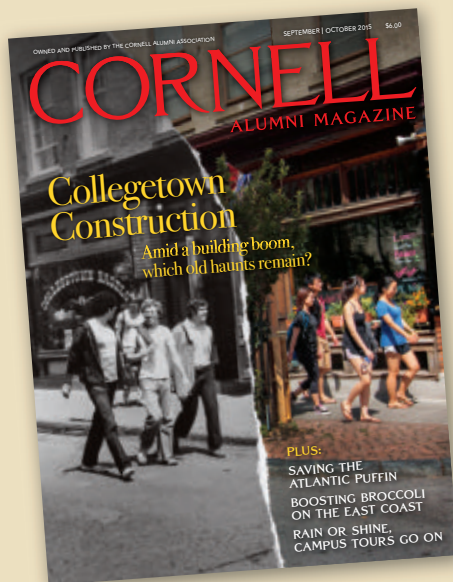


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## Building a Better Broccoli

Researchers aim to launch an East Coast industry, from seed to supermarket

A couple of years ago, the *New York Times* conducted a tongue-in-cheek thought experiment aimed at getting more Americans to eat their greens. It recruited a prominent ad agency to give broccoli an “extreme makeover,” applying to that cruciferous vegetable the same marketing acumen it offers major food brands like Coca-Cola. The resulting pseudo-campaign declared broccoli “the alpha vegetable,” dubbed it “43 percent less pretentious than kale,” and suggested that macho men could give bunches of it to each other in the form of a “broquet.”

Thomas Björkman got a huge kick out of the piece—no surprise, since he was spending his days trying to revolutionize the American broccoli industry. An associate professor of horticulture at Cornell’s Geneva Agricultural Experiment Station, Björkman is principal investigator of a project that seeks to turn East Coast broccoli into a \$100 million enterprise. The effort launched in 2010 with a five-year, \$3.2 million grant from the USDA; the researchers recently applied for an extension, requesting an additional \$5.2 million in support. Björkman and his colleagues aim to see 25,000 acres of broccoli planted by 2020—enough to supply between a quarter and a third of what’s consumed in the region—compared with about 8,000 acres in 2007. “It’s a high-value crop,” says Björkman, noting that broccoli can garner \$10,000 an acre, some fifteen times the revenue of field corn. “There’s the chance to make a lot of money if you have the right market.”

But there’s a problem: broccoli doesn’t like it here. That is to say, East Coast growing conditions aren’t optimal for the crop, which requires nighttime temperatures to drop to the low sixties. Much of America’s broccoli comes from the California coast—particularly the Salinas Valley, known as the nation’s salad bowl—which is blessed with prime soil and a cooling fog. In the East, too-warm evenings impede development of broccoli’s florets; the resulting plants can be yellowish and scraggly, making them unpalatable to >

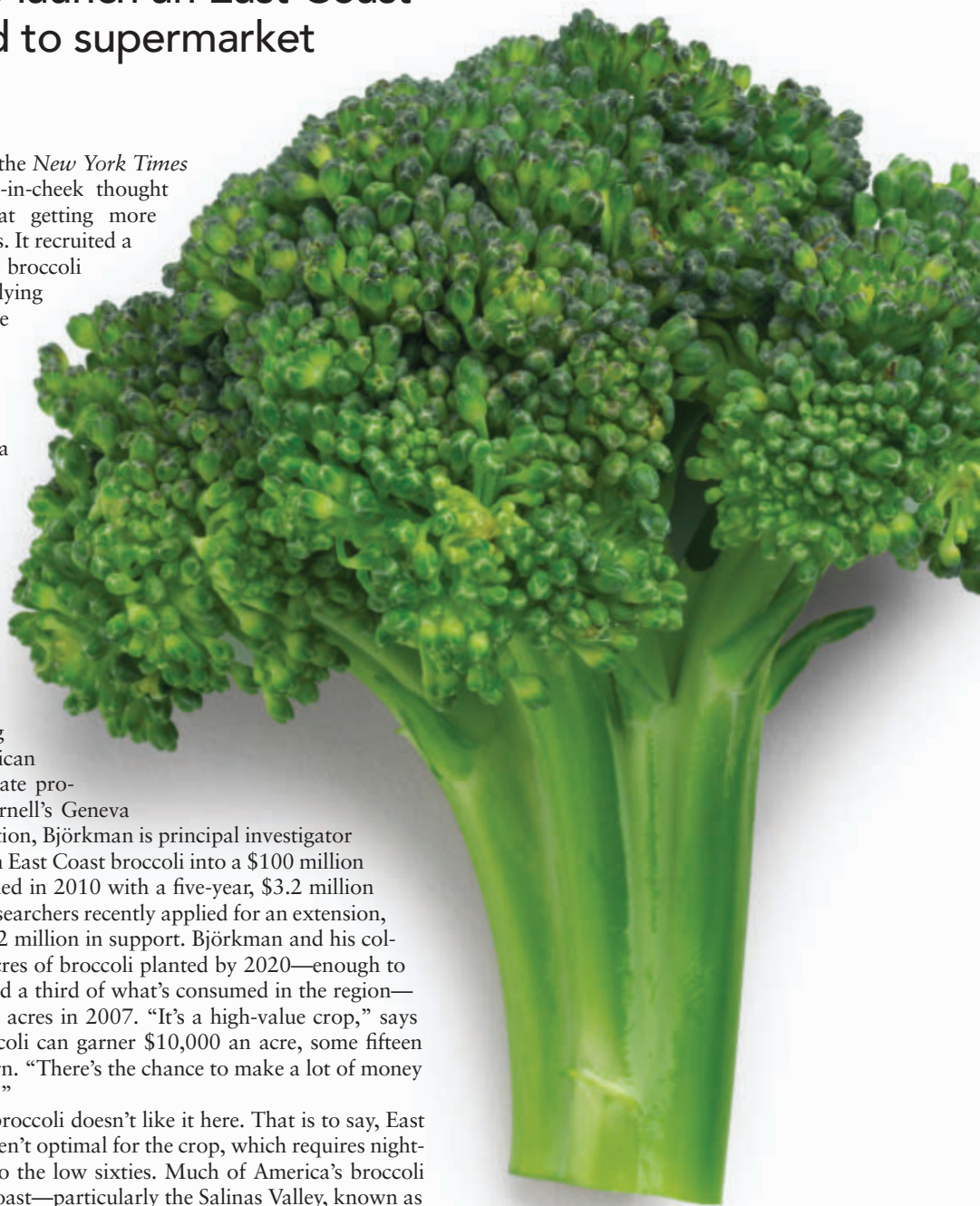
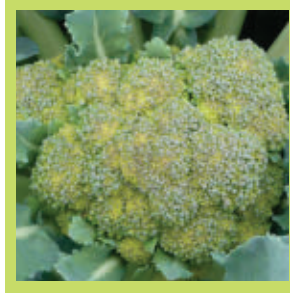


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**Floret power: >>>>>>>>**

A new hybrid broccoli bred in Geneva (far right) makes for an ideal specimen, compared with other varieties whose buds barely develop (center) or grow unevenly (left) in Eastern climates.



Field work: Thomas Björkman

consumers. “They taste fine,” Björkman says. “There’s a silly aspect to it, I’ll admit. These are first-world problems: they’re not quite pretty enough. But if you can’t sell them, it’s a serious issue.”

At the Geneva campus, he and his colleagues are testing new varieties of broccoli—both those developed by commercial seed companies and plants cross-bred at Cornell—to find ones that can thrive in the East. Among their aims is establishing an optimal width between rows: too wide and the heads grow too big, too narrow and the plants fail to flower. “We want to know what kind of yield you can get if you really push these guys,” Björkman says, standing in a field on a sunny Thursday before the Fourth of July long weekend. Early summer brought heavy rains to Upstate New York, and the 30-by-250-foot plot that’s now filled with rows of five-inch plants got so waterlogged, the seedlings only went into the ground the previous week. “They don’t like wet feet at all,” he notes. “They suffocate. They need oxygen because they’re growing so fast, but if there’s standing water they don’t get it.” Other field trials have been conducted in Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, and Maine; the ultimate goal is to grow broccoli year-round, the crop moving up and down the coast with the seasons.

The USDA-funded project, part of the government’s Specialty Crops Research Initiative, is a comprehensive effort that goes far beyond the horticultural angle. Researchers at Cornell and seven other universities are studying shipping methods, cost structures, supply chains, procurement practices, retailer interest, consumer enthusiasm, and other aspects of the industry. “We have learned a lot,” says collaborator Miguel Gómez, an associate professor in CALS’s Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management. “We now know that on production costs, we are competitive relative to California. Our costs on a per-box or per-pound basis are a little bit higher, but if you take transportation into account, we are competitive. That was very big news.” The team has even recruited chefs to create novel ways to present broccoli on the plate, in such forms as tempura and coleslaw.

And there’s a viable market for East Coast broccoli: Björkman says the investigators have found strong interest among growers, retailers, and consumers. But they also discovered some challenges to establishing a viable system. For instance, some supermarkets want to receive broccoli packed in ice for optimum freshness; others don’t, because it creates a slipping hazard on the warehouse floor. “There are a lot of large-ish buyers who’d love to buy local broccoli but can’t find anyone who sells it in the way they know how to deal with it,” he says. “And at the other end you have farmers who say, ‘I could grow more of this, but I can’t find anybody to buy it.’ We’re hearing both of these complaints, and it seems like somewhere we can find a middle ground where they can meet up and work together.”

Gómez notes that the study’s findings aren’t limited to broccoli and could be applied to expanding other crops, such as green beans. Additional benefits of stepping up East Coast production range from conserving natural resources to diversifying growing regions in an era of climate change. And then, says Björkman, there’s the freshness factor. “Broccoli that’s only a day old can be super fantastic,” he says. “We bring it in from our experiments to

give away, and it’s common for somebody to say, ‘Wow, I’ve never had broccoli that good. That was just amazing.’ And ‘amazing’ is not usually a word that people apply to broccoli.” ■

— Beth Saulnier

## GOING GREEN

According to Thomas Björkman and Miguel Gómez, growing more broccoli on the East Coast would save natural resources and have other benefits:

**Fuel** Shipping broccoli across the country from California (and other growing regions like Mexico) requires tens of thousands of gallons of diesel fuel.

**Water** Because it must be kept between 32 and 33 degrees Fahrenheit, every twenty pounds of broccoli is boxed with as much as fifteen pounds of ice when it’s shipped long distances.

**Trees** Because of the ice, broccoli must be shipped in waxed boxes that can’t be recycled; if it’s grown close to where it’s sold, it can be packed in recyclable cardboard.

**Soil** Broccoli can be used in rotation with other crops like potatoes—and because only the tops of the plants are harvested, much of the organic matter returns to the ground.

**Labor** Farmers can plant broccoli to be harvested before and after other crops, like corn, offering longer-term employment for migrant workers.

**Sustainability** Given climate change and the water crisis out West, increasing East Coast production will help diversify the food supply.



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## Need a Lyft?

**John Zimmer '06** heads the ride-hailing service that, along with Uber, is disrupting the taxi industry

**I**t's not often that a college course changes your life. But that's exactly what happened to Hotelie John Zimmer '06 when he took a "green" city planning class as an elective in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning his senior year. Zimmer recalls a spirited lecture on the evolution of U.S. transportation, which explained how the country transitioned from canals to railroads to highways. "I started thinking, OK, if those are the first three slides in the presentation, what would be the fourth slide ten years from now?" he says.

Fast forward nearly a decade, and Zimmer has tried to answer that question with Lyft, the app-driven ride-hailing service he co-founded in 2012. Now in

sixty-five U.S. cities, the San Francisco-based company facilitates more than 2 million rides every month. Lyft operates much like its well-known competitor Uber, with passengers requesting a ride with a simple tap on a smartphone, and in major cities like New York the two companies charge roughly the same rates. But while other ride-booking firms offer an experience akin to a traditional taxi or chauffeur service, Lyft aims for a warmer, fuzzier vibe. In fact, when the service first began, drivers strapped giant, furry pink mustaches to their car hoods to make themselves stand out. "It was all about having fun with it and getting people to smile," Zimmer explains. (Earlier this

year, the company swapped that look for a smaller, fluorescent "glowstache" that attaches to the dashboard.)

In keeping with that friendlier attitude, passengers are also encouraged to greet drivers with a fist-bump and sit in the front seat. An optional feature lets people include personal information in their user profiles, including hometowns and favorite music. All this is aimed at sparking conversations and connection. "Lyft is more like your friend with a car," Zimmer says, "versus everyone's private driver." He points out that Lyft also has a different mission from its rivals: to reduce the nation's dependence on personal car ownership, which in turn will lessen traffic

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congestion and air pollution. “We’re not trying to just get you a ride on the week-ends, or when you want to be able to have a drink,” he says. “We want you to use it for your everyday commute.”

The overall approach seems to be good for business: Lyft reported five-fold growth in ridership and revenue for 2014. The company is currently valued at about \$2.5 billion, a figure enhanced by several fundraising rounds this year, including a reported \$100 million from billionaire Carl Icahn. Yet Lyft has hit a few bumps along the road. It has battled regulators in some key markets, including New York

**‘Lyft is more like your friend with a car,’ Zimmer says, ‘versus everyone’s private driver.’**

City. Lyft still trails its main adversary in name recognition—chart-topping rapper Wiz Khalifa titled one of his recent songs “Uber Driver”—and size. Uber, which is worth about \$40 billion, serves 300 cities across six continents.

Like Uber, Lyft has endured occasional claims of driver misconduct, ranging from harassment to assault (though sites that track such things, like the taxi-industry-sponsored [whosdrivingyou.org](http://whosdrivingyou.org), have tallied many more incidents involving Uber than Lyft). To improve safety, Lyft created a screening process that includes criminal background checks, vehicle inspections,

and a “zero-tolerance” drug and alcohol policy, which Zimmer points out is stricter than some cities’ taxi requirements. “There are many cases where a taxi driver can have a DUI on their record and drive,” he says. “We made sure that wasn’t allowed on our platform.”

At times, the turf war between the two rivals has gotten nasty. In 2013, Zimmer and Uber CEO Travis Kalanick exchanged a flurry of testy tweets that ended with Kalanick hash-tagging Lyft as “#clone.” Uber has run aggressive “Shave the Stache” ad campaigns in an attempt to recruit Lyft’s drivers—and according to news reports, some Uber drivers allegedly tried to sabotage Lyft last year by ordering and canceling rides. Zimmer gently sidestepped the issue in a May interview with CAM, a phone conversation during which he never once mentioned Uber by name. Asked to describe the rivalry, he says, “The best thing for us as a company is to focus on our vision, our values, and our mission.”

To that end, Lyft recently introduced Lyft Line, a ride-sharing network that lets users save as much as 60 percent on fares by traveling with other passengers. It has become so popular in San Francisco that half of all Lyft rides in the city are through the network. The feature goes back to the company’s roots: after meeting through a mutual friend on Facebook, Zimmer and his co-founder (a former public transit system director with a business degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara) launched an online carpooling service called Zimride in 2007. Zimride was active mostly on college campus-

es, including at Cornell, where Zimmer would sometimes promote it wearing a frog suit. Back then, the Greenwich, Connecticut, native was also working as an analyst at Lehman Brothers, but he quit to pursue Zimride full-time—just three months before the financial services firm went bankrupt.

The partners eventually sold Zimride to car rental giant Enterprise, opting to focus exclusively on Lyft, which they had created as a spinoff company offering rides without the carpooling angle. And while the startup has caught on quickly, plenty of challenges remain. In June, Lyft agreed to pay New York State \$300,000 to settle a lawsuit over claims that it had violated insurance and licensing regulations when it launched in Buffalo and Rochester without obtaining the necessary approvals. The company had previously worked out an agreement to offer service in New York City as long as drivers were licensed by the Taxi and Limousine Commission, but it’s still fighting to resume operations elsewhere in the state. If approval eventually goes through, Zimmer—whose mother and sister live in Ithaca—says he can count on at least one loyal employee. As he notes with a laugh: “My mom really wants to be a Lyft driver one day.” ■

— Heather Salerno



Ticket to ride: The Lyft app. Below left: co-founder John Zimmer '06, who touts the company as a way of reducing the nation's dependence on car ownership



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# In Living Color

Artist Peter Gerakaris '03 takes a 'post-pop' look at the natural world

This summer, New Yorkers could visit a tropical paradise by taking the tram to Roosevelt Island. In a gallery on Main Street, artist Peter Gerakaris '03 exhibited *Tropicália*, a work commissioned to celebrate the groundbreaking for the Cornell Tech campus.

The piece—1,000 square feet of images wrapping around the gallery's walls and stretching onto the floor—channels themes that Gerakaris often explores. The natural world is represented, with such elements as feathers, mountains, and bees. *Tropicália* celebrates indigenous cultures, from the Mayan pyramid at Tikal to birdlike carvings from a Pacific Northwest totem pole. There are nods to formal art, including works by Matisse, Bernini's sculpture of St. Theresa, and Japanese *ukiyo-e* prints. It's all depicted in vivid tones and accompanied by a soundtrack heavy on birdsong and drums; visitors could even don 3-D glasses to make certain elements leap off the wall. "One writer called it 'post-pop botanical,' and I thought that was fairly apt," Gerakaris says. "I like to describe it as if you've taken elements from nature and filtered them through a pop media kaleidoscope."

A fine arts major on the Hill, Gerakaris had his first solo show in 2007, an installation at Wave Hill (an arts center in the Bronx) that integrated a mural, window gels, and live plants. The State Department purchased a series of his round paintings for its embassy in Gabon. For Fashion Week 2014, he designed a window at Bergdorf Goodman featuring origami-like folded paintings.

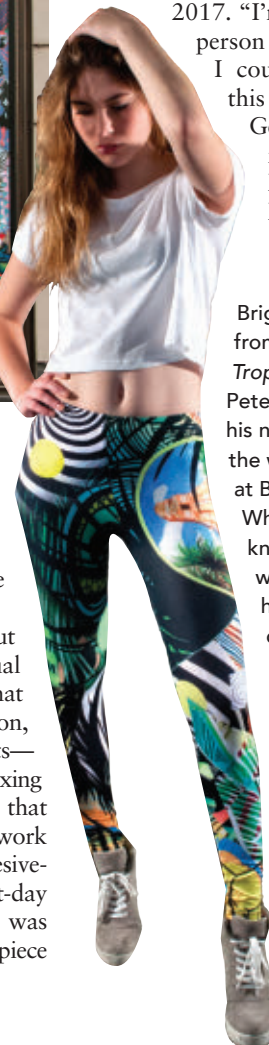
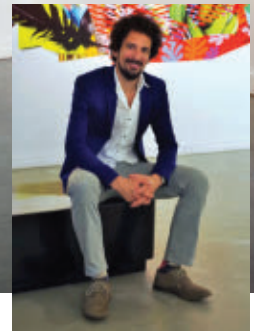


He has since been tapped for more fashion work, with two projects that echo the themes in *Tropicália*: a one-piece sold by Australian-based Postcard Swimwear and a line of "art leggings" available from the website Print All Over Me.

*Tropicália* closed in late July, but the installation lives on in the virtual world. The piece began as paintings that Gerakaris scanned at high resolution, interweaving and repeating elements—he describes the process as remixing "like a visual D.J."—to form murals that precisely fit the gallery space. The work was then printed onto sheets of adhesive-backed vinyl and mounted in an eight-day marathon. Although that material was inevitably damaged in its removal, the piece

can be endlessly reworked and reprinted to suit other spaces thanks to its digital provenance—hence the connection to Cornell Tech, which will move to the island from its temporary home in Chelsea in 2017. "I'm primarily an analog person in a digital world, but I could never have made this without technology," Gerakaris says. "I swear if Michelangelo had had this in his day, he'd be all over it." ■

Bright ideas: (Clockwise from top left) The *Tropicália* exhibit; artist Peter Gerakaris '03; one of his new "art leggings"; and the window he designed at Bergdorf Goodman. While Gerakaris didn't know what garment the window would contain, he calls the store's choice, a Pucci dress, "uncanny—it looked like it had been made for the installation, or I had made the work for the dress."





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# In Memory of Elizabeth

Her daughter's death from a preventable disability spurs **Lisa Avazian Saunders '82** into action



Labor of love: (From left) Lisa Saunders and her late daughter Elizabeth; Elizabeth aged five; and Lisa holding Elizabeth's photo at the signing ceremony for a CMV screening bill in Connecticut

Each time Lisa Avazian Saunders '82 visited her severely disabled teenage daughter in the group home where the girl was being treated for life-threatening seizures, she knew it might be the last. She vividly recalls the winter morning in 2006 that proved to be their final goodbye: how she held Elizabeth's face in her hands, exhorted her to "Be a good girl today," strapped her fifty-pound body into the wheelchair, and kissed her. Elizabeth passed away that night.

Lisa and her husband, Jim Saunders '81, had experienced a parallel loss sixteen years earlier, when they realized that their child would never lead a normal life. When Elizabeth was born in December 1989, her parents immediately knew that something was wrong: her head was distinctly undersized, so small that they feared she didn't have a brain. She was taken away for testing, and doctors confirmed that Lisa had contracted cytomegalovirus (CMV) while pregnant, and had passed it on to her daughter.

CMV can often cause hearing loss, lack of coordination, and learning disabilities, but Elizabeth's case was especially severe. The doctors said she'd stay at the mental and developmental level of a three-month-old her entire life; she'd never be able to walk, talk, or feed herself. "They kept pouring it on," Jim recalls. "It was too much." And then came the news that disturbed Lisa most of all: this nightmare likely could have been prevented.

Lisa learned that most people contract CMV at some point during their lifetime but display no symptoms; up to 80 percent of Americans carry

the virus by age forty. However, when expectant mothers contract it and pass it to their fetus, it often results in permanent disabilities—as is the case for some 5,000 babies born in the U.S. each year. Young children are the most common vectors for CMV, which is transferred through body fluids. Pregnant women can significantly reduce their chances of contracting it by following

**'Why wasn't I given this information before it was too late for me to do anything about it?'**

simple hygiene practices including avoiding kissing toddlers on the mouth and washing hands often, especially after changing diapers or touching toys.

While Lisa was pregnant, she'd been running an in-home daycare center, interacting not only with her own three-year-old daughter, Jackie, but many other toddlers as well. "Why wasn't I given this information before it was too late for me to do anything about it?" Lisa wondered. "Why didn't my ob/gyn warn me?"

Over the next decade, Lisa stayed home with Elizabeth while Jim, a former nutritional sciences major, went to work as a scientist for pharmaceutical giant Pfizer. They suffered alongside Elizabeth as she endured chronic pneumonia, high fevers, intensive surgeries, and sleepless nights with >

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painful muscle cramps due to cerebral palsy. "But when she was feeling good she was happy," Jim says. "She could have the worst night and then in the morning she'd be all cheerful and smiling again." When Elizabeth would hold her head up, even if it was just for a few seconds, they were euphoric. "Despite everything, she was a truly happy individual," Lisa recalls, "and her joy was infectious."

After Elizabeth's death, Lisa and Jim realized that over the years that they'd been caring for her, awareness of CMV—and, more importantly, how to avoid catching it—had made little progress. Women were still giving birth to children disabled by this common virus—and they, too, were wondering why they hadn't been warned.

That's when Lisa, a former business management and marketing major, decided to take action. In 2009, she published a book entitled *Anything But a Dog! The Perfect Pet for a Girl with Congenital CMV*, in which she educates the public about the virus through a comical tale about the family's efforts to find an animal that Elizabeth could tolerate. (They wound up with a Lab mix.) Lisa wrote stories in local papers, gave talks to groups like the Connecticut Nursing Association, and appeared on television, but she still worried she wasn't getting the message out. "Pockets of people would learn about it, but there was no long-term effect," she recalls. "It didn't change anything." Then in 2013, she learned of a bill passed in Utah that mandated CMV prevention education and required babies who failed hearing screenings be tested for the virus.

Determined to have a similar bill passed in Connecticut, Lisa gave herself a crash course in the legislative process, starting off at the only government office she was familiar with—the clerk where she'd licensed the family dog. She ultimately went to work lobbying her representatives about the importance of CMV testing and prevention. Last May, thanks in no small part to her efforts, the governor signed a bill requiring newborns who fail a hearing test to be screened for CMV so treatment can be administered sooner in the hope of ameliorating disabilities. Lisa notes that since the law was passed, state-wide interest in CMV has skyrocketed—and she remains hopeful that the attention will lead to legislation mandating prevention education. "Elizabeth will never have descendants," Lisa writes in her book, "but perhaps through her story, future children will be born healthy because their mothers learned about how to avoid CMV." ■

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# How Does Your Garden Grow?

For **Pat Sande Brodowski '76**, the answer involves eighteenth-century Virginia (and a certain Founding Father)



Green acres: At Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, the historic kitchen garden (center) seems to dwarf the main house (upper left).

**T**he 440,000 or so annual visitors to Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's stately home on a Virginia mountaintop, get a glimpse into the Founding Father in all his complexity and contradiction. They're escorted through the house he designed, complete with ingenious touches like a wine dumbwaiter hidden in the dining room fireplace. They can go on a tour about the lives of Jefferson's slaves and—as have so many Americans—grapple to comprehend how the author of the Declaration of Independence could own other human beings.

And they can walk in his vegetable garden. The 1,000-foot-long, two-acre plot was one of Jefferson's abiding passions—a focus not only of his gastronomic delights but of his scientific acumen. “No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth,” he

wrote in an 1811 letter to portraitist Charles Willson Peale, “& no culture comparable to that of the garden.”

Two centuries later, maintaining Jefferson's beloved patch is the job of Pat Sande Brodowski '76. The CALS alum runs the kitchen garden at Monticello, where she and her staff grow some 250 kinds of plants—herbs, vegetables, and fruits. The proceeds are consumed in the visitor center café, used to educate field-tripping schoolchildren, sampled in twice-weekly tasting tours, and sold as seed online and in the gift shop. “Jefferson tried to grow everything he could find, and that really appeals to me, because I like

to grow everything in the vegetable world,” says Brodowski, who came to the post six years ago from a farm museum in Maryland. “He was so flexible in his mind—not saying no to ▶

**As Jefferson once wrote, 'No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth.'**



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Cultivating history: Pat Brodowski '76 at work. Below right: Markers denote when Jefferson mentioned a plant in his records.

anything and just seeing what grows. People in Virginia in his day were used to Northern European plants that like lots of rain and cool summers, but we're on the same latitude as northern Italy, so the summers are hot and dry. He was smart enough to get seeds that the slaves were growing—okra, eggplant, sesame, all kinds of melons, pumpkin, castor bean, peppers. He was really smart about growing things from a hot climate that many other people weren't interested in."

Located just steps from the main house, the garden is laid out more or less according to Jefferson's design, in two dozen neat beds containing rotating crops of asparagus, artichokes, lettuce, squash, corn, and much more. Lidded pots conceal sea kale, which becomes sweet and tender when grown in the dark; Jefferson liked it so much, Brodowski notes, he cultivated 500 plants one year and 600 the next. Jefferson saw the garden as pleasurable as well as practical: one arbor is laden with Caracalla bean, an ornamental variety with richly scented purple-and-white flowers he called "the most beautiful bean in the world." Each plot bears a wooden stake detailing the plant's common and Latin names. If Jefferson mentioned that variety in his writings, the marker includes his initials and the year he referred to it. (For instance, one cluster of green stalks sprouting out of the red Virginia clay are labeled "TJ / 1809 / Tree Onion / *Allium cepa* var. *proliferum*.")" "I love researching the literature to figure out what the old-fashioned plants were and how they've evolved into what we call them today," Brodowski says. "For example, Jefferson grew 'white beets,' so we'd automatically reach for the white beetroot—but what he really meant was Swiss chard."

Brodowski's source materials include period cookbooks and Jefferson's correspondence, which offers such gems as negotiations with seed merchants and instructions to his daughter Martha, who became mistress of Monticello following her mother's death. But most precious are the garden records Jefferson kept from 1769 to 1824. "He told his overseer to plant a thimbleful of lettuce every Monday from February to September," notes Brodowski, who earned a master's degree from McDaniel College a few years ago with a thesis on Jefferson's cultivation of salad greens and herbs. "I talk about this all the time, because we know today that lettuce is not going to germinate at over 85 degrees. But Jefferson was trying to ascertain the planting calendar. He'd plant things continually and ask, 'When does it stop growing? When is it terrible?' He'd write 'failure' consistently

**Jefferson, Brodowski says, 'was so flexible in his mind—not saying no to anything and just seeing what grows.'**

through his notes. And you'd look at that and say, 'Hmm, he was such a failure.' But no—it was not about failure at all. The plant was just not working in that time frame."

While the Monticello garden isn't tended with period equipment—on one blazingly sunny Monday in July, the hills were alive with the sound of the weed whacker—it is organic, using pest-control methods like predatory wasps rather than chemicals. Its crops are heirloom varieties that Jefferson planted (or, if he didn't specifically mention them, was likely to have grown). But the garden—being, after all, a living thing—isn't frozen in time. Like the former president himself, its minders have some latitude to experiment. Contemplating the garden's appeal to visitors, Brodowski notes that it offers a tangible, even sensory link to the Founding Father. "You can go down there and smell the leaves," she says. "We let people taste things like strawberries and herbs, peppers, celery. Everybody can relate to food. Even if they've only grown a tomato—well, we have nine kinds of tomatoes."

But did Jefferson actually get his hands dirty? It's a question that many visitors ask. Brodowski cites a quotation from one of Jefferson's former slaves, whose reminiscence speaks volumes about the world they both lived in. "For amusement," Isaac Granger Jefferson recalled, "he would work sometimes in the garden for half an hour in right good earnest in the cool of the evening." ■

— Beth Saulnier



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# Everything Must Go

The annual Dump and Run sale turns trash into treasure

On a sunny afternoon in June, the parking lot of a far-flung Vet college building—a former poultry research facility on a grassy hill a few miles from campus—is clogged with cars, the vehicles overflowing onto the adjacent road. Inside, it's a hive of activity. In the corner of one room, several volunteers

locals, and bargain-hungry parents alike. "Imagine the biggest garage or yard sale you've ever seen in your life," says Brown, director of marketing and communications for Campus Life. "People start lining up at five in the morning or so on Saturday. They just move through the gym like locusts. It's really intense."

**'Imagine the biggest garage or yard sale you've ever seen in your life.'**

stand at a table sorting piles of silverware into sets; nearby, others package delicate glassware for transport. Inside a room labeled "Soft Storage," a woman throws a bag full of bedsheets onto a precarious mountain of pillows and blankets that reaches almost to the ceiling.

Down the hall, another space is lined with large, overflowing boxes marked "Women's Shirts," "Sports," "Men's Tops," "Toys," and so on. A "Holiday" box is laden with Easter baskets, small Christmas trees, and Halloween candy carriers. At the center of the room, a pair of Cornell staffers—human resources employees taking part in a group volunteer day—are unloading large plastic bags filled with yet more items. "A shot glass and a coffee mug," Kelly Wagstaff, an HR program manager, notes with a smile. "That's pretty typical."

Welcome to the annual Dump and Run sort. Each summer, from early June to mid-July, an army of volunteers combs through vast piles of donated materials—this year, some thirty-three tons—primarily gleaned from Cornell students offloading unwanted possessions as they move out of apartments and dorms. The program, which coordinator Karen Brown calls the largest of its kind in the country, is a hybrid fundraiser, conservation effort, and massive rummage sale.

During Orientation Weekend each August, the donated items—minus just one dumpster's worth of junk that's sent to the landfill, plus other things (like half-empty toiletries) that are donated to charity—are sold at a two-day event in Helen Newman that attracts freshmen, returning students,

The items available at Dump and Run range from the practical (some 200 minifridges, each priced at around \$30 to \$45) to the indulgent; Brown recalls a pair of never-worn Jimmy Choo heels on offer for a song in the sale's "Designer Corner." There's furniture; clothing for all seasons; appliances like lamps and rice cookers (each tested to make sure it works); seem-



Recycle, reuse: Volunteer sorter and human resources staffer Kelly Wagstaff at work



Waste not: At the Dump and Run sort, packed storage trailers (top) are triaged to reveal such gems as office chairs and printers.

ingly endless bunches of hangers; stacks of full-length mirrors; and much, much more. In the market for an inflatable palm tree or a Halloween costume that mimics a straightjacket? Dump and Run can hook you up.

Founded in 2003, the event has grown steadily, from \$5,200 in sales its first year to more than ten times that much in 2014. In addition to diverting tons of waste from landfills, Dump and Run raises money for local nonprofits, who are compensated according to how many hours of volunteer labor their members provide. One regular recipient is Cops, Kids, and Toys,





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Bargain hunters: Each August, Dump and Run brings hundreds to Helen Newman.

whose vice president, Tompkins County probation officer Bill Apgar, helps run the sort. "Anything that a college kid has, we end up with it at some point," says Apgar, standing out back next to seven red trailers packed with yet-unsorted donations, as rubber-glove-clad workers scrub down minifridges in the sunshine. "I think people would be surprised by the volume of it. Everyone who's been up here has been like, 'Oh my God.' "

Each spring, as the academic year is winding down, Dump and Run provides plastic bags that students (and anyone else) can fill with their castoffs and leave at designated spots around campus. That can make a particular bag something of a snapshot of undergraduate life. Unloading one in June, Wagstaff pulls out a jumble of items including a body pillow, an unused toiletry case, a black corduroy jacket, and the aforementioned shot glass and coffee mug. A small notebook labeled Cornell Engineering bears just one page of writing, including a practical question: "What can a PhD do for me?" ■

— Christina Lee '18

# Wake-Up Call

## Weill Cornell expert weighs in on America's sleep habits



**D**o you sleep late on the weekends? Then you're probably not getting enough rest overall—and you're not alone. According to a 2014 National Sleep Foundation poll, 45 percent of Americans say that sleeping poorly or not enough affects their daily lives. Each year, hundreds of these exhausted folks find their way to Dr. Ana Krieger. An associate professor at the Medical College, the Brazilian-born pulmonologist is medical director of the Weill Cornell Center for Sleep Medicine, one of the nation's largest academic sleep centers.

**This summer, NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell became the first hospital in the city to offer a new implantable device to treat sleep apnea. How does it work?**

It has a defibrillator-type of wire that travels underneath the skin from the chest and into the neck. Every time the chest muscles breathe, it stimulates the tongue to make it contract, opening the space at the back of the airway.

**How significant is the new device in battling apnea, which afflicts 18 million Americans?**

It's very important, because it's the only new treatment that offers an alternative for patients who have failed with CPAP [a breathing machine and face mask that's often prescribed for the condition]. However, it's limited to a select number of patients with a particular severity of apnea who are not obese. They can't have mild disease, and they must have tried and failed CPAP first.

**How much sleep do Americans get, anyway?**

Most people sleep between six and seven hours on a workday. The National Sleep Foundation's recommendation for adults runs between six and nine hours, and we can see from the average sleep duration of adults in America that people are getting less than what is desired.

**Are more patients seeking help from the Weill Cornell clinic?**

We're seeing three to five times more patients than ten years ago, and a younger population as well. We see a lot of issues when

young adults move from high school to college, and also during the transition to the workplace. It's difficult to adjust from staying up until two or three in the morning and sleeping until ten or eleven, to then getting a job where you have to get up at 6 a.m.

**Overall, why is sleep such a problem these days?**

People now have less well-defined barriers between work and personal time, so they carry work into the evening. They're often stressed with their schedules and responsibilities, and that makes it difficult to relax and fall asleep. At the same time, increasing rates of overweight and obesity have led to problems breathing at night due to obstructive apnea.

**For people whose sleep problems are behaviorally rather than medically driven, does technology play a big role?**

It does. The use of electronic devices at bedtime often delays sleep onset due to several factors. People have all this information and entertainment available to watch in bed on devices that tend to focus their light emissions in the blue wave spectrum. Our eyes are very sensitive to that light and it can actually cause a shift of the circadian rhythm by stimulating areas of the brain that should be shutting down at night.



Dr. Ana Krieger

**Should we all get rid of our bedroom TVs?**

It depends. The general answer is yes—but if you have to choose between a television and a portable device, you should stick with the TV because it's farther away and not as stimulating as using a device right in front of your eyes.

**'If you have to choose between a TV and a portable device, you should stick with the TV.'**

**What are some tried-and-true tips for good sleep habits?**

Keep a set schedule, and prioritize sleep like you do exercise or healthy eating. Stop stealing time from sleep to extend your day. Avoid trying to catch up on the weekends, so you'll feel better on a regular basis instead of being miserable during the week. Don't exercise or have a large meal within two to three hours of going to sleep. Avoid stimulus at night; at least for half an hour before going to sleep have a more quiet and relaxing routine, with less light. If you like to read, avoid anything too exciting.

**Does sleep get enough respect? Some prominent go-getters—famously, former President Bill Clinton—have bragged about how little they get. As a society, are we over that?**

Not yet, but we're on the way. Unfortunately, we have heard that message from some successful people over the years—but there have been others who were proud of their sleep. Winston Churchill used to nap every day. ■



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## In Vino Veritas

Meet **Jack Mason '11**, BS Hotel '10, one of the world's newest (and youngest) master sommeliers

Jack Mason's lapel pin is hard to come by. The discrete oval on Mason's suit jacket bears the profile of the god of wine—Bacchus to the Romans, Dionysus to the Greeks—ringed by a scarlet border and the words “master sommelier.” The Hotelie is one of just 147 people in North America (and 229 in the world) who have earned the right to wear the tiny ornament, having passed the master sommelier (MS) exam in May. “People do perceive you differently—there's a weight and a gravity to it,” says Mason, wine director of Marta, an upscale pizza restaurant in Manhattan's NoMad neighborhood. “It's cool to see that it's very much respected.”

Administered annually by the Court of Master Sommeliers, the MS exam is notoriously grueling. First off, candidates must have passed the organization's three prior levels of sommelier training—introductory, certified, and advanced—and been invited to sit for the MS. “The level of knowledge is so vast, and the test is just so hard,” says one of Mason's mentors, master sommelier Greg Harrington '92. “When you apply for a job, it tells employers you're the best of the best of the best. It shows dedication, professionalism, and a level of excellence.”

The test, administered orally by other masters, is given in three parts. Candidates must pass all of them within three years; if they fail to do so, they go back to zero. “Some people pass it their first time, and some people pass it their ninth,” notes Mason, who was named to “30 Under 30” lists by *Forbes*

and Zagat this year. “It's a weird journey in a sense. There are people who have passed all the parts at some point, but never collectively—and that hurts. It's a crazy, crazy exam.”

Mason first took the test in 2013, acing the service portion but failing the other two. In 2014, he passed theory and failed blind tasting. So when he went to Aspen last May to retake the tasting exam, the pressure was on. “I was impressed that he passed on the third try,” says Harrington, who owns a winery in Washington state. “We haven't done an official study, but it's like there's a third-time jinx, because people know they're going to lose their parts, so they get extremely nervous. We see a lot of people fail on the third try but pass all three on the fourth. I'm super impressed with anyone who can deal with that level of stress.”

As though the process weren't fraught enough, the results are unveiled in a forum worthy of a reality TV show: all the hopefuls gather at a reception, and one by one they're taken aside and given the news. “They do a very good job of messing with you—of convincing >



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you that you didn't pass," Mason says, recalling that the masters opened with some chitchat about his career (during which his mind more or less went blank) before casually informing him that he'd triumphed. "That's when my brain engaged again," he says, "and I freaked out."

And speaking of reality TV: Mason's journey to the MS, along with those of five fellow New York sommeliers tested in May, will be chronicled in a six-episode show premiering in November. Entitled "Uncorked," it's set to air on the Esquire network. "The series will also deliver 'takeaway' information for the Esquire man," the network said when it announced the show, "like how to navigate a daunting wine list or how to engage a sommelier without sounding like a fool." Mason's advice for achieving the latter boils down to three things: be candid about your price range, share your likes and dislikes—and above all, "Don't be afraid of sommeliers."

A Texas native who favors Champagne in his off-hours, Mason earned an associate's degree from the Culinary Institute of America before matriculating on the Hill; as a senior, he was head TA of the Wines class. In his role as founding wine director of Marta—which opened a year ago and earned a respectable two stars from the *New York Times*—Mason had the pleasure of crafting its 250-item wine

list from scratch. He notes that he's one of just twenty or so master sommeliers who still serve on the front lines as "floor somms," a métier he relishes even as he contemplates owning his own restaurant someday. "People my age are drinking way more wine than our parents did, and they drank more than *their* parents," Mason says. "Our understanding of wine is growing, and it's awesome. I love walking around the dining room and seeing that almost every table has a bottle or a glass of wine on it."

By Harrington's count, Mason's certification makes him one of four

Cornellians who can boast membership in the Court of Master Sommeliers, along with himself and two other Hoteliers, Sabato Sagaria '97 and Chris Bates '03. At just twenty-seven, Mason is one of the youngest Americans to earn the honor. Harrington notes that if Mason had passed on his first try, at twenty-five, he would have set the record. "Though I wished him success and helped him as much as I could," Harrington recalls with a chuckle, "I was like, 'Hmm . . . hopefully he won't beat it.'"

The longtime record holder for the youngest MS in North America is—you guessed it—Harrington himself. When he earned his own lapel pin in 1996, he was just a few weeks past his twenty-sixth birthday. ■

— Beth Saulnier



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## Third Time's the Charm

Mason on taking—and passing—the master sommelier exam

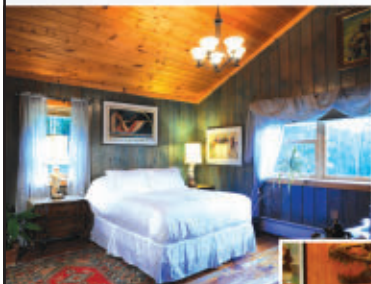
**2013: Service** "For a person who works in a restaurant it's a little more intuitive, because it's basically what we do every night. You walk up to a table, they have questions, you answer them, you do specific things like decanting or opening sparkling wine. If you're not used to doing service while people talk to you, it's actually quite hard."

**2014: Theory** "It's an oral exam on wines from all over the world, wine law, beer, sake, spirits, cocktails—basically anything fermented, they're going to ask you about it. And it's pretty intensive when you start to talk about sub-regions of small parts of France and stuff like that. So it can get minutely specific, and it's a lot to wrap your brain around."

**2015: Blind Tasting** "You get down to the grape, the country, the region, the level of quality, and the vintage. Even if you get all six wines right, you may not pass, because you haven't shown the work that goes with it. They're trying to see that you understand wine—how it was made and how that affects the glass—and can use that information to come to a deductive reasoning of what it is."



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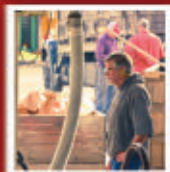
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# The Mighty Duck Sauce

## Two Hotelies bring American-style Chinese food to Shanghai

At the Fortune Cookie restaurant, there are indeed fortune cookies—as well as little bottles of soy sauce, a “lucky cat” statue, and stacks of paper take-out boxes. The menu, a bilingual broadsheet, features such familiar fare as General Tsao’s chicken, orange beef, pork egg roll, shrimp fried rice, egg foo young, vegetables in garlic sauce, and “moo shu everything.”

In many ways it’s a typical Chinese restaurant, the kind found in thousands of cities and towns around the world—but here in Shanghai, it’s a novelty.

The brainchild of two 2009 master of management in hospitality (MMH) grads, the Fortune Cookie opened in July 2013. It wasn’t a coals-to-Newcastle situation: as founders Fung Lam and David Rossi explain, the cuisine served in more than 40,000 Chinese restaurants across the U.S. is all but unrecognizable to inhabitants of the nation it’s named for. “Until I moved to Shanghai, I never really realized that American-style Chinese food is so different from ‘Chinese Chinese’ food,” says Lam, whose family has run Chinese restaurants in the U.S. since his grandfather opened one in Brooklyn in 1969. “Hot and sour soup, egg drop soup, wonton soup—all those menu items are very American.”

Lam and Rossi cheerfully admit they never planned on peddling chop suey and chow fun in Shanghai. They’d initially wanted to open a Western-style health food restaurant, tapping the expat market in an



international city of 25 million. But as they struggled to nail down a location—after spending the better part of a year studying the language and getting the lay of the land business-wise—they identified a particular yearning in their collective midsections. “We were homesick for American-style Chinese food,” Rossi says. “That’s what Fung grew up with and that’s what I used to eat with my parents on Friday nights, but you couldn’t find it in Shanghai. There was no place to buy a pork egg roll, crab rangoon, orange chicken. There was no beef and broccoli, chicken and broccoli, kung pao chicken, General Tsao’s chicken, sweet and sour pork, chow mein. Even the fried rice is different.”

They eventually found a site, a fourth-floor location in a neighborhood frequented by expats. But getting the place up and running was a major undertaking. For one thing, since suppliers figured the concept was both crazy and doomed, they demanded large advance

Home cooking: (Clockwise from top left) Fung Lam, MMH ’09 (left), and David Rossi, MMH ’09, at the Fortune Cookie; a typical entree; the restaurant, a magnet for expats

orders with up-front payment. As Lam and Rossi soon learned, neither fortune cookies nor traditional take-out containers—square and emblazoned with a red pagoda—existed in China, so they had to be imported or custom-made. “We had to buy in bulk by the tens of thousands,” says Lam. “There were giant stacks of take-out boxes all over our apartment.” Adds Rossi: “You literally couldn’t sit on our couch, because it was covered in fortune cookies.” When their first order of the restaurant’s namesake sweet arrived—from a U.S. supplier that also ships to Europe—the fortunes were printed in Dutch.

Sourcing ingredients was another headache. In China, food scares—often involving adulterated or poorly handled products—make regular headlines. To insure a reliable supply, Lam and Rossi pay a premium for foodstuffs with a guaranteed provenance; the Fortune Cookie’s menu even touts its “traceable meats.” “We need to be able to tell our clients that our chicken is 100 percent safe to eat,” says Rossi. “It comes to us frozen in ice packs, it has an expiration date, it has the name-brand ‘Tyson’ on it.”

When the restaurant first opened, most customers were like its owners, expat Westerners longing for the comforts of home. These days, Lam and Rossi say, locals make up about half their clientele. The Fortune Cookie has been featured on CBS News and NPR and garners solid reviews on sites like

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TripAdvisor, whose commenters give it an average rating of about 4.5 (out of 5)—putting it in the top twenty of some 12,000 eateries in Shanghai.

Granted, its cuisine isn't for everyone; hewing to the American palate, its food is often sweeter than homegrown Chinese fare. Lam and Rossi admit that some locals, used to ordering a variety of small plates, have been put off by its sizeable portions—another quintessentially American trait—and relatively high prices, driven by the cost of ingredients like the \$7.50 jars of imported Mott's applesauce it uses in its duck sauce. (An order of moo shu pork will set you back about \$13, a half-portion of BBQ ribs around \$18.) But the concept has proven popular and successful enough that the owners are contemplating additional locations. And—suspecting that they've maxed out word-of-mouth advertising in the expat community—they've recently stepped up their marketing efforts, aiming to attract locals through a more sophisticated campaign than the one they opened with: handing out fortune cookies on the street. ■

—Kitty Kemp

**To replicate Western flavors, the Fortune Cookie restaurant uses a variety of American products in its menu items. They include:**



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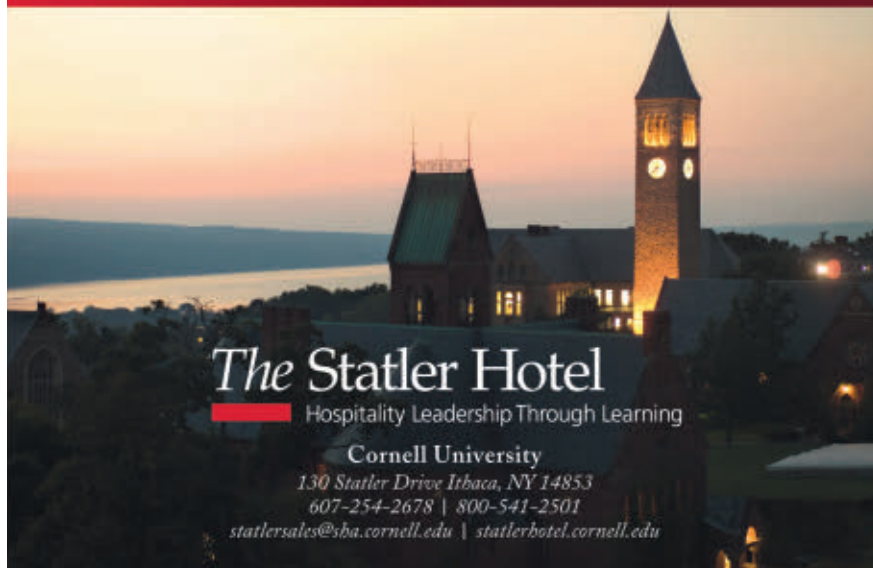
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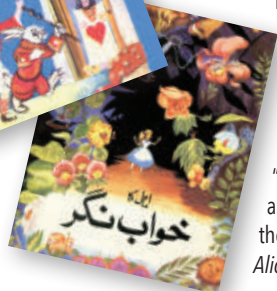
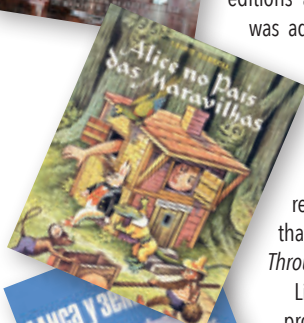
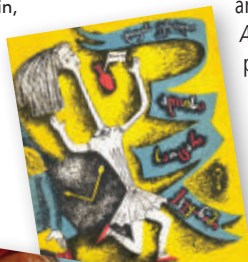


## Alice in a World of Wonderlands

JON LINDSETH '56, BME '57

"When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty said, in rather a scornful tone, "it means just what I choose it to mean—neither more nor less." For more than a century, translators around the world have taken this Lewis Carroll quote to heart as they brought his works to an international audience. *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* is the ninth most translated book in the world, with editions in 174 languages including Zulu, nine Scots dialects, and Brazilian Sign Language.

**International Alice:** Carroll's classic as published in (below) Georgian, Spanish, Portuguese, Montenegrin, and Urdu



Carroll never anticipated such far-flung popularity. In 1866, he observed in a letter to his publisher that many considered his book untranslatable, presumably due to its whimsical wordplay. But this summer, on the novel's 150th anniversary, Oak Knoll Press has released *Alice in a World of Wonderlands*, a 2,650-page, three-volume set exploring the myriad translations of Carroll's masterpiece. General editor Jon Lindseth calls the work, which weighs in at just under twenty pounds, "the most extensive analysis ever undertaken examining one English language novel in so many languages." The former mechanical engineering major worked on the project for six years—designing the format, coordinating its 251 contributors (all unpaid volunteers), editing the text, and writing many of the essays.

Volume One consists of essays on how *Alice* fares in each of the 174 languages, as well as on such topics as how the illustrations differ in various editions and how Disney's film version of *Alice* was adapted to other languages and cultures.

Volume Two takes the same chapter ("A Mad Tea-Party") in each language and translates it back to English to show the variations of the book across cultures.

Volume Three, intended as a scholarly reference tool, is a checklist of the more than 9,000 editions of *Alice* and its sequel, *Through the Looking-Glass*.

Lindseth's favorite anecdote from the project can be found in Volume One, in a section on the Australian Aboriginal language Pitjantjatjara. When a government official told an educator that it was pointless to instruct her students in their native tongue since there were no books in the language, the essay notes, "the teacher drew herself up, and with dignity replied, 'But there are. We have the Bible and *Alice in Wonderland*.'"



## Second Street Station

LAWRENCE H. LEVY '69

In a work of historical fiction based on a true story, a young woman in nineteenth-century New York dreams of defying social norms by becoming a detective—and gets her chance when she finds herself at the murder scene of a prominent politician's brother. En route to solving the crime, heroine Mary Handley falls in love; meets such historical figures as Thomas Edison, J.P. Morgan, and Nikola Tesla; and discovers that being a detective is more dangerous than she ever imagined. "Readers won't expect the surprise denouement as Handley steals the show," *Booklist* said in a review, "and guarantees readership for a sequel."



## Love Love

SUNG J. WOO '94

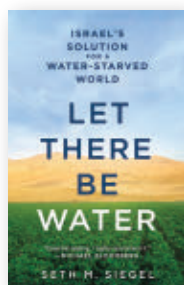
*Kirkus* described Woo's work as "a deeply felt novel of parents and children, husbands and wives—the many ways we try to connect and fail; and how sometimes, somehow, we succeed." The book alternates between the perspectives of adult siblings Judy and Kevin, who are forced to come to terms with their own lives when their father falls gravely ill. After finding out that he isn't a match to donate a kidney to his dad, Kevin discovers that he was adopted—and the only information he has about his birth mother is a nude centerfold. His journey to learn more leads him out of his calm and orderly life as a tennis instructor and into San Francisco's seedy adult film industry. Meanwhile, Judy warily begins a new relationship with a mysterious former co-worker.



## P. Zonka Lays an Egg

JULIE PASCHKIS '79

The value of originality is the underlying lesson of this colorfully illustrated children's book, about a brood of chickens who spend their days productively laying eggs and suspiciously clucking about the title character, a dreamy sort who prefers to wander and enjoy the world. When the others finally convince our avian heroine to lay an egg, it comes out as colorful as the grass, sky, and flowers she so admires. "She didn't lay very many eggs," writes author-illustrator Paschkis, "but the ones she laid were worth the wait."



## Let There Be Water

SETH M. SIEGEL '74, JD '78

Although Israel is 60 percent desert and has a fast-growing population, it is not facing a water shortage; in fact, it has a surplus and exports water to neighboring countries. "From the first days of the state," writes Siegel, a lawyer and member of the Council on Foreign Relations, "careful use of water was a core principle of civil life." Meanwhile, in much of the world, droughts and social unrest due to a lack of water are becoming more prevalent. In a book designed as a how-to guide for sustainable water policy, Siegel describes an approach that environmental activist Robert F. Kennedy Jr. calls a "blueprint for the planet." ■

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# Big Red Highlights



**WOMEN'S ROWING** Cornell was represented at the Henley Women's Regatta in England for the first time this spring, sending both the varsity and second varsity eight boats. The varsity lost to eventual champion Oxford in the heats, while the second varsity lost to a boat from the Netherlands by just over a length. The event capped the stellar career of **Kate Roach '15** (second from left), who became the first female rower in Big Red history to win All-America honors three times when she was named to the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association first team.

**LIGHTWEIGHT ROWING** For the second straight year, the men's lightweight varsity eight finished the season as undefeated national champions. The Big Red beat Columbia by a boat length in the finals at the 113th annual Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) Regatta in Mercer, New Jersey, to claim its fifth title in ten years and sixth overall since the lightweight division was added in 1990. Not surprisingly, the varsity eight was named crew of the year by the IRA and the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges (EARC); head coach Chris Kerber was named Ivy League, EARC, and IRA Coach of the Year. After the season, the eight won its first four races at the Henley Regatta before losing to a team from the Netherlands in the semifinals.

**FENCING** Cornell sent five fencers to South Korea in July for the fifth annual Korea-USA Elite Fencing Invitational. **Megan Buteau '18**, **Regina Chen '18**, **Luby Kiriakidi '18**, **Ediona Sera '16**, and **Victoria Wines '17** competed for the U.S. squad, which included fencers from ten American colleges. **Angelica Gangemi '16** was in Korea at the same time competing in the World University Games, where she failed to advance out of the opening round in the foil.

**MEN'S TRACK & FIELD** After finishing second at the Heps by 3.5 points, the men's track and field team saw two of its field athletes take All-America honors at the NCAA Division I Championships. **Rudy Winkler '17** earned first-team kudos by placing eighth in the

hammer throw with a school-record toss of 223 feet, 5 inches. He also participated in the USA Men's Track & Field Championships, where he finished third in his flight. **Stephen Mozia '15** was 18th in the shot put to earn honorable mention All-America honors. Cornell has produced an All-American in each of the five outdoor throwing events since 2013.

**SAILING** In its first season as a varsity squad, the women's sailing team reached the national championships by finishing sixth at the western region semifinals in Newport Harbor, Rhode Island. Cornell finished 12th at the national event in May, posting the ninth-best score on the second day of the two-day event to jump three spots over their opening day finish. Earlier in the season, the Big Red marked its first varsity regatta win, topping an 18-team field on Cayuga Lake.

## Coaching Changes

**MEN'S SOCCER** Former Big Red men's soccer captain **Jimmy Lannon '12** has returned to the program as an assistant coach. Lannon had spent the past four seasons playing professionally in Germany and Austria. He finished his Cornell tenure sixth on the school's career starts list, with 58, and was part of a turnaround that saw the Big Red go from 1-14 his freshman year to 8-2-6 in a senior season that included a 13-game unbeaten streak.

### MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Adrian Durant will take over the reins of the men's track and field and cross country programs after three years as an assistant coach. Durant succeeds longtime head coach Roger Taylor, who retired in June. Durant has worked most closely with the sprinters during his time on East Hill, helping Big Red runners earn 26 Heps wins and six all-America honors. An accomplished sprinter himself, Durant has served as captain of the U.S. Virgin Islands

national team, competing in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens and four World Championships. He has also been head coach of the U.S. Virgin Islands team the past two years.

## Alumni News

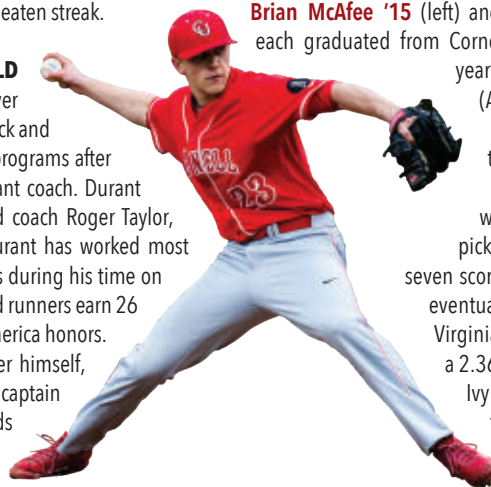
**MEN'S TRACK & FIELD** The late **Robert Claire Mealey '51** has been named to the Niagara Track and Field Hall of Fame by the Niagara Region of USA Track and Field. Mealey, who was the 1949 U.S. indoor national champion in the 1,000-yard run and a member of the outdoor national champion medley relay team in 1951, was inducted into the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame in 1984.

**WRESTLING** **Kyle Dake '13** took second place at the USA Wrestling World Team Trials in Madison, Wisconsin, in June. The only wrestler to win NCAA Division I titles in four weight classes, Dake entered the event ranked fourth in the nation and won his first three matches at 163 pounds before losing in the finals. Earlier in the spring, Dake was named USA Wrestling Athlete of the Week for May 4 after winning the Northeast Regional to qualify for the U.S. World Team Trials. **Frank Perrelli '11**, **BA '12**, now the club wrestling coach at Oklahoma State, competed at 126 pounds and lost in the quarterfinals.

**FOOTBALL** **Jeff Mathews '14** made his professional football debut in the Canadian Football League in June, scoring a touchdown in the Hamilton Tiger-Cats' 52-26 win over Winnipeg. Mathews is serving as a backup quarterback for the Tiger-Cats, who are coached by former Cornell head coach Kent Austin. **Luke Tasker '13** has been one of Hamilton's leading receivers the past two seasons, but suffered an injury during the team's preseason camp.

**BASEBALL** A pair of Big Red pitchers will continue their college careers at Duke University, where they're attending grad school. Due to injuries, **Brian McAfee '15** (left) and **Kellen Urbon '15** each graduated from Cornell with a remaining year of athletic eligibility.

(Although the NCAA allows grad students to compete, Ivy League rules do not.) McAfee was a first-team All-Ivy pick in 2015 and pitched seven scoreless innings against eventual national champion Virginia. Urbon was 2-4 with a 2.36 ERA and was named Ivy Pitcher of the Week for April 14. ■



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# A New Era for Collegetown

The neighborhood is changing fast.  
Is something special being lost?

BY JEFF STEIN '13





Demolition derby: A house on Dryden Road (next to the already-vanished Palms) makes way for an MBA center.

**W**hen MaryDena Apodaca '11 and Dan Cahalane '12 were undergrads, they and their friends routinely held marathon hang-out sessions at Stella's Café in Collegetown until 2 a.m.—sipping specialty drinks, playing board games, meeting old friends and making new ones. “It was our go-to place,” Cahalane says. “You were not just here to get coffee. You were here to have ideas, to get taken into interesting discussions.”

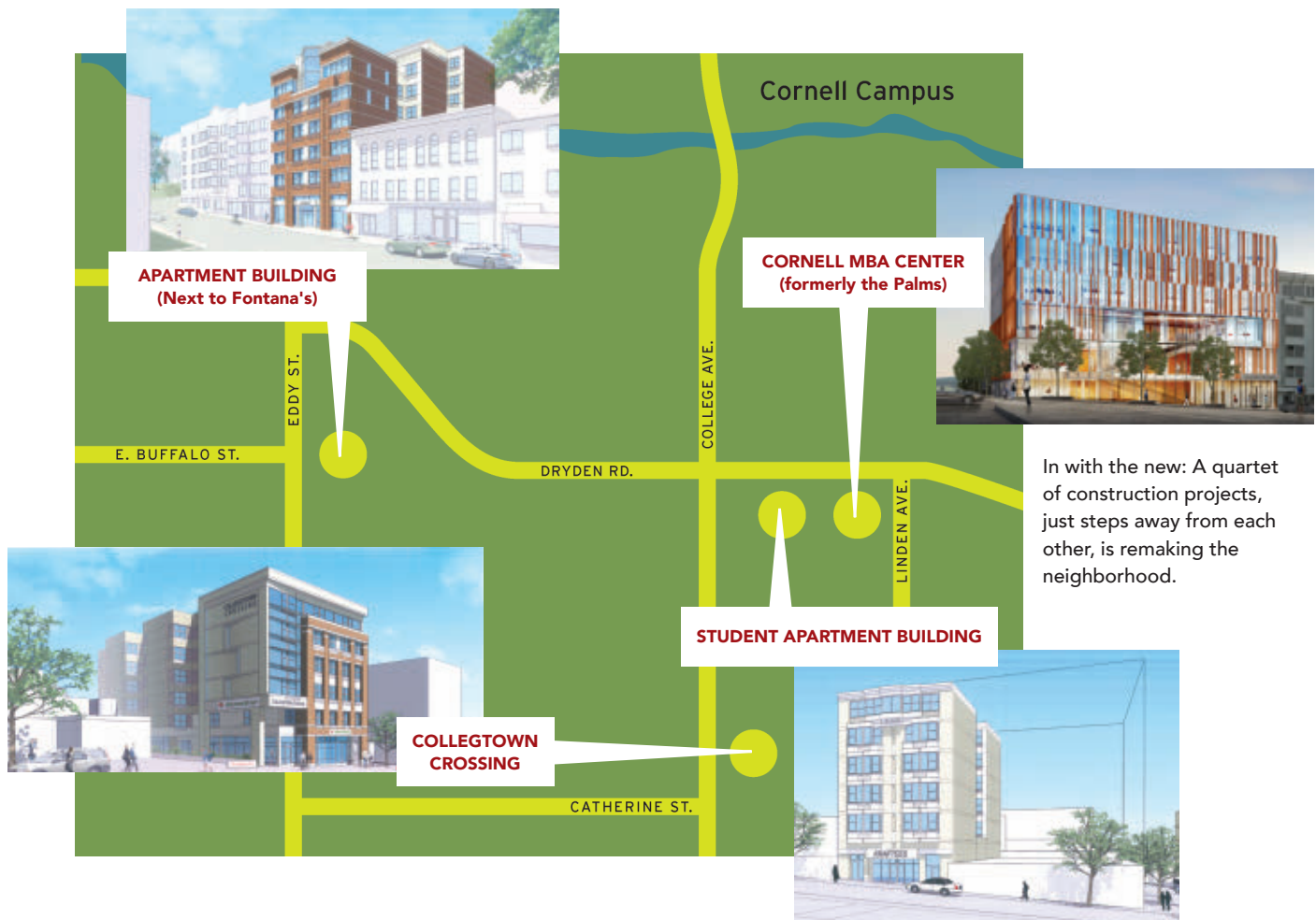
Apodaca and Cahalane met at Stella's, soon started dating, and eventually got married. On a night in mid-July, during the final few hours before Stella's closed for good, the couple sit together at a booth reminiscing about old times—and wondering where future generations of students would have similar experiences. “Spaces like this foster great writers, great ideas,” says Apodaca. “You can't do that in a Starbucks or a Dunkin' Donuts.”

Apodaca looks up from her Royal London Fog tea—a Stella's staple—and toward the new Dunkin' across the street, which had recently opened just a few storefronts down from a

Starbucks. With its pink-and-orange sign and bright fluorescent lighting, the donut franchise offers a startling contrast to Stella's subdued hues and indie mood. Apodaca and Cahalane note the symbolism—and say they hope it doesn't represent the neighborhood's future. Observes Cahalane: “You could lose what makes this place special.”

Collegetown is in the midst of a transformation, one that stands to remake its skyline. A series of important zoning changes has unleashed a wave of development—projects that city officials say will bring badly needed, and much improved, housing options to the thousands of students who live there. But what will that mean for the neighborhood's essential character?

You could forgive alumni for worrying that the Collegetown they knew and loved is disappearing. The list of beloved locations—particularly bars—that have shut their doors keeps getting longer: Johnny O's and Dino's (closed in 2011); the Royal Palm Tavern (2012); the Chapter House (heavily damaged in a fire last April, but slated to be rebuilt); and now ➤



Stella's. "Every generation has its favorite local establishments, and most of them eventually close," says Corey Earle '07, University historian and associate director of Student and Young Alumni Programs, citing once-legendary watering holes such as Zinck's and Johnny's Big Red Grill. "But I think it's fair to say that the last five years have seen the departure of more iconic Collegetown institutions in fewer years than is typical."

Coming in their place, primarily, is a spate of dense building projects. In the radius of about one block, for instance, three six-story structures are expected to rise over the next few years: a Cornell MBA center where the Palms once stood; an adjacent student apartment house near the intersection of College Avenue and Dryden Road; and another, called Collegetown Crossing, at 307 College Avenue, near the Nines. Down the street, the John Snaith House at 140 College Avenue is getting a 3,800-square-foot, twelve-bedroom addition; another developer is asking for permission to put a six-story high-rise at 304 College Avenue, according to the *Daily Sun*.

And that's just in upper Collegetown. Go a half-block west from College Avenue and you'll find a three-story, \$1.7 million apartment building moving toward completion on Catherine Street. Walk another half-block west and you'll find two major projects rising along Eddy Street: a twelve-bedroom, \$750,000 apartment building in the place of a home destroyed in a March 2014 fire; and another new apartment building (this one five stories) next to Fontana's shoe store. These developments come in addition to a massive 1,226-unit project off of East State Street—called Collegetown Terrace, though not strictly located in the neighborhood—which cost over \$70 million to build over several years. (Much of that project has been completed, but addition-

al construction is expected into 2017.) All together, about 750 new rooms have come on the market in Collegetown between 2012 and 2015. An additional 730 are expected to be built in the three years after that, according to one recent analysis in the *Ithaca Voice*.

Mayor Svante Myrick '09, a leading proponent of the zoning changes, says that the housing spurt is essential—and long overdue. Myrick, who lives on the outer edge of Collegetown, is not apathetic to the bars' closures, but he thinks the new housing is more important than keeping vestiges of old hangouts alive. "Nostalgia is a valuable thing, and I say that as someone who worked at the Palms and lived above the Palms and spent just about every possible moment at the Palms," he says. "But the good feeling we [alumni] get coming to Ithaca every five years and seeing the rundown institutions we once enjoyed—preserving those moments is not worth allowing students to continue living in near squalor."

Myrick, city officials, and local developers say that Collegetown is on the verge of transforming its housing stock for the first time since a wave of high-rises first appeared on Dryden Road in the Nineties. As Myrick notes, basic laws of supply and demand have hurt students' ability to secure or demand quality housing. In 2007, the City of Ithaca put a moratorium on new building development in Collegetown. Overall, from 2005 to 2014, Cornell increased its enrollment by about 2,400 undergrads and grad students while only 657 new housing units were added in the city, according to Myrick.

He notes that there's ample evidence that the situation gave landlords the upper hand. In 2014, the *New York Times* put Ithaca at number eleven on its list of the least affordable cities in

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# Those Were the Days A roundup of late, lamented Collegetown Haunts

**Café Decadence** This dessert shop featured such delectables as the Ultimate Cookie—layers of sugar cookies, chocolate cheesecake, and chocolate truffle. Located on Dryden Road, it was a favorite spot for dates and indulgences.

**The Chapter House** When this Lower Collegetown stalwart was destroyed in a fire last spring, Ithacans lost an institution where people of all stripes gathered to have beer and popcorn, play games, and listen to live music. The owners announced over the summer that they intend to rebuild, so this well-loved establishment will start its next chapter in 2016.



**The Chariot** This Eddy Street restaurant, which closed in 2005, is remembered most fondly for its deep-dish pizza and unusual basement location. Its warm atmosphere set the tone for “Monday Night Football” and casual dinners, where patrons would choose from a long beer menu, snack on corn nuggets and jalapeño poppers, and indulge in the only dessert offered: cheesecake.

**The Connection** Not to be confused with the pizza place on Stewart Avenue that until recently bore the same name, this bar was next to the Nines on College Avenue. A dark, quiet joint that saw its prime in the Eighties, it was beloved for its free popcorn and a juke box playing such classics as “Puff the Magic Dragon.”



**Dino's** Unlike many of the bars that closed due to shifting trends in student drinking habits, Dino's shut down in 2011 because the building's owner didn't renew its

lease. It was a favorite destination for students over the previous three decades, with trivia nights, ladies' night specials, classic bar food, and a dance floor in back.

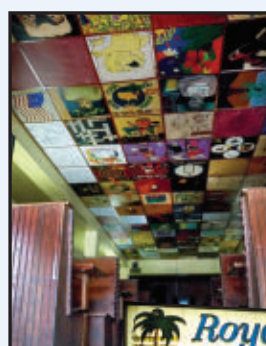
**Johnny O's** While its sister establishment, the Ale House, still operates downtown on Restaurant Row, this bar closed in 2011. Popular among the Greek crowd, it hosted weekend dance parties with a D.J.



**Johnny's Big Red Grill** Even decades after their time on the Hill, alumni still remember the iconic sign that hung over this restaurant. (It was taken down in 2009, almost thirty years after the establishment closed, and is now housed in a sign museum in Ohio.) Students crowded the bar and restaurant—where, as late as the Seventies, you could get a meal for \$1.50. The son of the Grill's owners launched another Cornellian institution: the Hot Truck.



**Pop's Place** This Collegetown hangout opened as an ice cream parlor in the Twenties, and expanded into a full-blown restaurant in the Fifties. Cornellians of a certain era may recall a distinctive musical feature: it had an automated violin, akin to a player piano. Located in the storefront that now houses Collegetown Bagels, it remained in business until the mid-Seventies.



**The Royal Palm Tavern** Owners, employees, and patrons alike affectionately embraced the dive-bar reputation that the Palms earned over its seventy-one years in business. Fans came to expect sticky surfaces, a limited drink menu, and graffiti on the tables and walls. By the time the bar closed in 2012, nearly every ceiling tile had been painted and nearly every surface danced on.

**Stella's** Opened in the early Nineties and closed just months ago, Stella's offered a classy alternative to Collegetown's many casual options. The rotating menu featured local, organic, and sustainable ingredients and a long cocktail list; its adjacent café offered finely made coffee drinks and pastries. “It was always such a reprieve from other bars where people were looking to rage,” says former regular Dan Kuhr '13. “It's still the bar by which I measure other cocktail establishments.”

**The University Delicatessen** Nicknamed Uni Deli, this sandwich shop was in the heart of Collegetown, at the corner of Dryden Road and College Avenue. Students flocked there in the Seventies for reasonably priced subs and milkshakes.

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the United States, right behind New York City. (Rents for some studio apartments in Collegetown run above \$1,200, according to the website of one major landlord—rivaling rates in Boston and San Francisco.) A few years ago, crowds of students started sleeping outside the Ithaca Renting Company office in advance of the day that leases for the following year became available, setting up camp as early as 5 p.m. the night before to land a coveted property. In October 2014, as many as forty groups of hopeful housemates showed up. As Rohit Jha '17 told the *Daily Sun* at the time: “I was nervous that the order would break down and I would not be left a place to live for next year.”

The surge in Collegetown housing demand has not just driven rents up. It has also changed the neighborhood’s demographics by forcing many families out, since properties tend to be priced as though each resident is paying for his or her own bedroom. Tom Hanna ’64, a retired Human Ecology staffer who grew up in Collegetown in the Forties and still lives in Ithaca, saw that transformation firsthand. “The long-term trend is for single-family homes to be converted, one by one, into student housing,” he says. “When I was a kid, we had plenty of families in Collegetown—growing families, with kids. You don’t see that very much anymore.” With students increasingly comprising the pool of tenants, housing conditions deteriorated; Myrick says he has gotten numerous e-mails from parents who are dismayed that their children are living in homes with mold and broken ceilings. In 2014, a landlord was fined for housing eight students in

a property where only three were allowed.

Could the new construction make the balance of power tilt toward equilibrium, so renters aren’t at such a disadvantage? Myrick is optimistic. “I think the students ten years from now will be tremendously lucky,” he says. “The quality of housing they’ll live in will be safer and cleaner—and, adjusted for inflation, I believe it will be cheaper.” Josh Lower ’05, an Ithaca

## Could the new construction make the balance of power tilt toward equilibrium, so renters aren’t at such a disadvantage?

native and developer whose father was a Collegetown landlord, is also bullish about the neighborhood’s future. Lower’s construction crews broke ground in July on the six-story building at 307 College Avenue that will house a ground-level GreenStar food market—the first grocery store in Collegetown in decades—as well as a new laundromat and a transit hub for TCAT buses. “We’re going to get more housing options, more services, and more commercial stores,” Lower says—noting that on the flip side, rising real estate values might make it harder for stores that aren’t particularly profitable to hang on. Like Myrick, Lower sees the recent changes in Collegetown as ushering in an era of much better quality housing for students—and sees the drop-off in bar business as an inevitable casualty of the higher drinking age. “The bar scene used to be more lively because 75 to 80 percent of the people who wanted to go to the bar could drink,” he says. “Now it’s flipped: 75 to 80 percent of students aren’t old enough to go to the bars.”

Neither has Collegetown been immune to national trends in retailing. Lower points to amazon.com and other online and tech-driven options that make it increasingly difficult for brick-and-mortar stores to turn a profit. Collegetown Video, for instance, closed in 2010—just as Netflix began to boom—and the neighborhood no longer has stores devoted to books or music, niches now largely filled online. “Everybody has smartphones,” Lower says, “so for a lot of commercial tenants it’s really difficult to find something that can make it.”

But while some traditional bar and retail options have closed, today’s Collegetown has also found life in new sectors, like tech. One of the most visible recent additions is PopShop, a student-run co-working space near the intersection of College and Dryden geared toward aspiring entrepreneurs. Opened in 2012, PopShop hosts events that routinely draw crowds of hundreds looking to join or found a new company; most nights, the glow of laptops can be seen from across the street, lighting up the storefront late into the evening. As Cornell moves forward with its new tech campus in New York City, it’s also expanding its entrepreneurial efforts locally, with a two-floor, 10,000-square-foot location at 409 College Avenue planned for eHub, a business incubator that will also cater to student-run companies, including Student Agencies. “You need to build a space right in the middle of the start-up community,” says Zachary Shulman ’87, JD ’90, director of Entrepreneurship at Cornell. “And for the students, that community is in Collegetown.”

The MBA building on the former Palms site—projected to cost \$12 million and open in 2017—could also help expand the neighborhood’s appeal. Soumitra Dutta, dean of the Johnson School, says the “state-of-the-art, modern facility” will fit with the city’s vision of a Collegetown that appeals to faculty, staff, students, and alumni. By holding classes year-round, Dutta

Coffee wars: Until Stella’s closed (shortly after Dunkin’ Donuts opened), there were briefly four places to grab some caffeine on the same stretch of College Avenue. Three remain: Dunkin’, the locally owned Collegetown Bagels, and Starbucks.

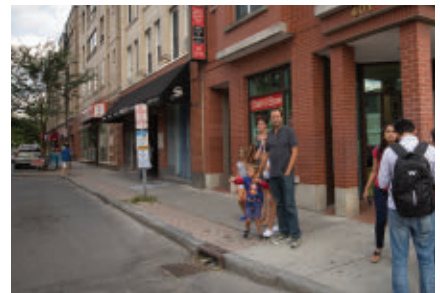






## COLLEGE AVENUE

Then and now: Photos from the Seventies and Eighties (including snapshots of a road race through Collegetown) offer a contrast to how those same locations look today.



says, the MBA project “will generate significant foot traffic and economic activity for other Collegetown businesses.” And that could have a long-term impact on the character of the neighborhood, says Ithaca alderman Graham Kerslick, who represents Collegetown. “I think that’s better for the community if it’s not just empty during the breaks,” says Kerslick, executive director of Cornell’s Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future. “It will be more of a year-round community.”

Such changes could bring Collegetown full-circle—back to being a neighborhood where families, young professionals, and undergraduates all cross paths. “Collegetown today is primarily about off-campus housing for Cornell students,” says Tom Schryver ’93, MBA ’02, executive director of the Center for Regional Advancement at Cornell. “But it’s turning into a lot more than that: the University will be building a presence of people working there every day that will yield new opportunities.”

Does that mean alumni should fear that they’ll find Collegetown unrecognizable when they return for Homecoming? Myrick argues that, like it or not, change has always been part of the neighborhood’s essential character. “I’d be tempted to say, ‘This isn’t your father’s Collegetown,’” he says. “But it’s not even your upperclassman’s Collegetown. The truth is, no two classes at Cornell have had the same Collegetown experience.” ■







# WINGED VICTORY

The puffins at Maine's Eastern Egg Rock owe their resurgence to Steve Kress, PhD '75

BY BETH SAULNIER

**"I'm probably the only ornithologist on a cereal box," Steve Kress, PhD '75, notes with a chuckle. "But not many cereals are named after a bird."**

The critter in question is the puffin. There's the kind that a natural foods company sells as crunchy "pillows" in flavors like cinnamon or peanut butter—and the feathered ones that Kress, a teacher and researcher at the Lab of Ornithology, has spent more than four decades restoring to a small island off the coast of Maine. The two come together on boxes of Barbara's Puffins, which promote Kress's conservation work and feature a photo of him in an iconic pose: standing on a rocky shore, his white beard and tartan tam-o-shanter cap lending a timeless, nautical air. Naturally, he's holding a puffin (of the avian variety)—the orange-beaked creature known as "the clown of the sea."

These days, Atlantic puffins are the unofficial mascots of the Maine coast, their endearingly goofy images adorning myriad businesses and T-shirts up and down the popular tourist route. It's striking to think that just over a century ago, they were all but erased from these waters—hunted for their eggs, meat, and feathers. While puffins aren't an endangered species—they're abundant in other parts of the world,

including Canada and Northern Europe—as of 1901 America tallied only a single breeding pair, on Maine's Matinicus Rock. Now hundreds of pairs nest on several small, rocky islands in the Gulf of Maine, where the National Audubon Society's Project Puffin maintains field stations each summer—a resurgence that Kress calls "beyond my wildest dreams."

It's a gorgeous evening in mid-July, and Kress is in one of his favorite places on the planet: the Audubon camp on Hog Island, Maine, where he has spent many of the past forty-five summers and now serves as director. It's after dinner, and the campers—adults taking one of this week's courses, either "Art & Birding" or "Raptor Rapture"—are hanging around convivially, sitting in Adirondack chairs or clustered at picnic tables. Some are chatting, others sketching, and a few are singing along to a Hog Island ditty set to the tune of the Beatles' "Yellow Submarine." ("We all live in an osprey camp in Maine, an osprey camp in Maine . . .")

Nearby, Kress's wife, Elissa Wolfson '81, and their young daughter are enjoying some pre-bedtime nature exploration. Perched on a log bench, Kress looks out over the water as the sun sets and the mosquitos intensify their nightly assault. A pricey gold watch glitters on his wrist—an emblem of his status >

as a Rolex Laureate, an honor that his conservation efforts garnered in 1987. “Why is it important to protect species?” he muses. “Why not let nature take its course? I had that question from the beginning of the puffin project. Some would say that there should be a new order, where the only species left would be those that could live in the wake of humanity. I don’t accept that. We have the ability not just to destroy species but to conserve them—to establish populations where humans have wiped them out.”

That’s exactly what Kress did on Eastern Egg Rock. In 1973, back when he was a CALS grad student with a mop of curly black hair, Kress spearheaded an effort to restore puffins to the seven-acre spit of land, where the Atlantic puffin had long nested before being hunted into oblivion. It was tedious, dirty, exhausting work—and it required a massive leap of faith, since it would be a full eight years before Kress and his fellow “puffineers” saw their labors bear fruit. Kress describes those efforts in *Project Puffin: The Improbable Quest to Bring a Beloved Seabird Back to Egg Rock*, published in April by Yale University Press. Coauthored with *Boston Globe* journalist Derrick Jackson (but written in the first person from Kress’s perspective), the book chronicles what would become not only

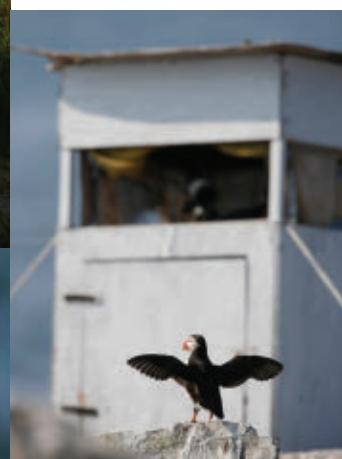
the world’s first successful seabird restoration project, but a model for some four dozen subsequent efforts by like-minded conservationists around the globe. “My initial goal was to see puffins at Eastern Egg Rock—but how many would be there? I had no idea,” Kress says. “How long it would take? I had no idea. When I started this, I thought it would probably be a few years. Now, the irony is I don’t see an end to it.”

Kress’s scheme to bring puffins back to Eastern Egg Rock, which is located about seven miles southeast of Hog Island, hinged on a fundamental fact of the birds’ reproduction: while they spend most of their lives at sea, they return to their own hatching grounds to breed. While that posed a challenge—there’s no use in relocating adult puffins, since they’ll just seek their natal rocks at breeding time—it also opened the door to Kress’s ingenious solution. After obtaining the requisite permissions, the puffineers spent years relocating hundreds of chicks (a.k.a. “pufflings”) to Eastern Egg Rock from a vast colony in Newfoundland, Canada. They built artificial burrows—to avoid predators, puffins nest underground—painstakingly cleaning and maintaining them, and hand-feeding the chicks with thousands of small fish, each supplemented with a vitamin pill in its piscine mouth.

The hope was that after the chicks fledged, spent several years maturing at sea, and returned to land to start their own families, they’d consider Eastern Egg Rock their home. To attract the puffins—a social bunch that senses safety in numbers—Kress had the novel idea to employ decoys, mirrors, and audio recordings. (The puffineers also had to rid the island of black-backed gulls, predators that would scare the puffins away—and whose numbers had skyrocketed



**‘We have the ability not just to destroy species but to conserve them—to establish populations where humans have wiped them out.’**



Maine events: (Clockwise from above) Observing the action from a blind; a puffin chats up a decoy placed to attract the social birds; and the sun sets on the modest hut known as the Egg Rock Hilton.



thanks to the proliferation of garbage dumps and lobster bait.) It wasn't until 1981 that the first nesting pairs of puffins were sighted on Eastern Egg Rock, a moment that Kress calls "euphoric."

The next morning, Kress pilots a motorboat out to Eastern Egg Rock, navigating through a persistent but picturesque fog. It's about an hour-long trip from the Audubon camp, past such evocatively named landmarks as Wreck Island and Devil's Elbow. "It just looks like any other Maine rock, doesn't it?" Kress says as Eastern Egg comes into view. "You wouldn't guess that something special happened here." His passengers—which include Lab of Ornithology board member Louisa Copeland Duemling '58 and two of her guests—cry out in glee when the first puffin appears, soon to be joined by several compatriots. "They know Steve is here," Duemling offers. "They have to come out and say, 'Thank you for saving me.'"

In addition to the approximately 150 breeding pairs of puffins, the island is home to three species of tern—birds that Project Puffin has also worked to restore, in part because they help defend against predators. Egg Rock also hosts Maine's largest colony of laughing gulls, a species that co-exists with the puffins—and whose vast numbers, cacophony of calls, and tendency to dive-bomb visitors inevitably evokes a certain Alfred Hitchcock thriller.

Visiting Egg Rock requires transferring from the boat to an inflatable skiff, rowed by one of the half-dozen interns that spend the summer there. The accommodations are rustic: an ➤



Make way for pufflings: Interns dive into burrows (top) to inspect the babies (middle). Above: Kress and a colleague banding a bird early in the project. Left: Kress and a puffin on Eastern Egg Rock.

## FLIGHT OF FANCY For one student, an internship to remember

While many of his fellow undergrads spent their summers toiling behind a desk, Liam Berigan '17 enjoyed sun, sea—and puffins. As an education intern with Project Puffin, Berigan lived in Bremen, Maine, a hamlet just across the water from Hog Island. "I'm essentially here to get people excited about puffins," says the CALS biology major, taking a break from his duties in late July. "It's fantastic. I get to meet a ton of new people every day."



The Virginia native was among hundreds who applied for eighteen intern positions last summer. His job (which offered a stipend as well as room and board) included narrating boat tours around Eastern Egg Rock, where tourists jockey to observe the seabirds. "There are days when you see

gigantic blocks of puffins in the water and you can get really close to them," Berigan says. "That's always special, because oftentimes they're rather shy."

To get a feel for the conservation biology side of the project, Berigan spent two weeks at a field station at Seal Island National Wildlife Refuge, home to a restored colony of more than 500 nesting pairs of puffins, among other species. "You get to be so close to the birds, 24/7," he says. "And you get to watch the chicks grow up, which is incredibly cool."

Berigan's other main duty was staffing the project's visitor center, which features exhibits like a scaled-up puffin burrow that kids can crawl into. The center also supports Project Puffin through the sale of all manner of swag. Among Berigan's personal favorites? A fan shaped like a puffin—a.k.a. a "puff-fan"—and some novelty boxer shorts. "They have a puffin wearing sunglasses," Berigan notes, "and they say 'Stud Puffin.'" And yes: before the summer was out, Berigan picked up a pair.



outhouse, tent platforms, and a twelve-by-twelve-foot hut dubbed the Egg Rock Hilton. The latter serves as a combination office, kitchen, hang-out space, and library; it houses, among other things, the detailed journals that puffineers have been keeping since the project began. “The interns here today are surrounded by all these puffins,” Kress notes as he shows his guests around, “but for the interns forty years ago, it was like, ‘Whoa—will we ever see one?’”

Each morning, the interns take up residence in one of the blinds, where they painstakingly record details of the birds’ activities—noting such information as the type and number of fish they deliver to their chicks, who are nestled inside rock burrows that the researchers have marked with red-painted numbers. “Some of the burrows have long histories,” Kress explains, as a dozen or so puffins swoop through the air, bob on the waves, and congregate on the rocks below. “For example, Burrow 16—that’s where the oldest puffin in North America bred. That bird hasn’t been seen in a couple of years, but we keep watching for her, because nobody really knows the behavior of puffins at the older end of their life cycle. That bird—Y33 was her name—bred until she was thirty-five. Whether she’s still alive or not, we don’t really know.”

While the puffins of Eastern Egg Rock have become such a fixture that they’re now a popular tourist attraction—observation boats circle the island daily in the summer—Kress stresses that their status remains precarious. If the interns

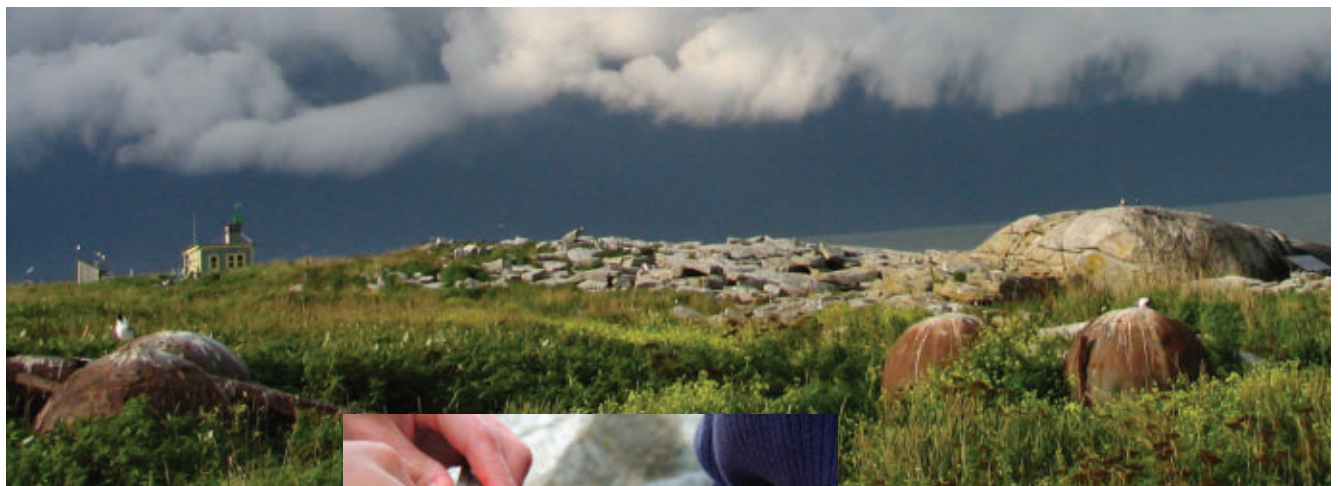
didn’t live on the island during the breeding season, for one thing, black-backed gulls would eventually wipe them out or scare them off. Mammalian predators, like otter and mink, also pose a danger—and then there’s the increasing threat of climate change. Its effects are already being felt: some chicks have died from choking on warmer-water fish that are too wide for them to swallow. “This puts a face on climate change in a real-time way,” Kress says. “There’s the poor polar bear on the melting ice flow—and now the poor puffin choking on the oversized tropical fish.”

Like polar bears, puffins are photogenic ambassadors of the animal kingdom. And indeed, each year some 1,500 of them are “adopted” in donation programs, a third via Audubon and the rest through Barbara’s, which donates to the project on behalf

## The puffins’ struggle to feed their young from warming oceans ‘puts a face on climate change in a real-time way.’

of each customer who enrolls in the Adopt-a-Puffin program by sending in twenty UPC codes from its cereal boxes. Kress notes that on top of the birds’ appealing demeanor are their humanlike attributes: they practice long-term pair bonding, return to the same burrow year after year, and cooperate to raise their young. “People can easily anthropomorphize them and relate to them in ways that’s harder with other birds,” Kress says. “If I were working on some nocturnal storm petrel, it probably wouldn’t be as appealing.” ■

**Puffin Peeping** During the breeding season from April to August, you can watch Project Puffin in action from your laptop at [explore.org](http://explore.org). The Seal Island field station offers views from three webcams: a burrow, a “loafing ledge,” and a boulder berm that shows the birds commuting from the sea.



Welcome to Egg Rock:  
(Above) The seabird enclave under an ominous sky; (Right) measuring a puffin beak—which, like tree rings, can indicate age.

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# SEA CHANGE

In an excerpt from *Project Puffin*, Steve Kress ponders the birds' future

I once thought that “sustainable” means getting puffins in Maine to a population where they could survive on their own as they did before European settlement. Four decades of work has convinced me that this is not likely to happen. That in turn raises an obvious question that I must answer for skeptics. Is there any lasting importance in a project where, if I stopped it, the gulls and eagles would return and wipe everything out?

I argue yes because these puffins are a living definition of modern stewardship. Even a remote jumble of boulders like Eastern Egg Rock in relatively sparsely populated Maine cannot escape human effects.

Egg Rock is an island connected to the mainland, not by a bridge but by a web of creatures from plankton to predator. The most obvious such connections are garbage landfills and the fishing waste of passing lobster boats. These support huge numbers of gulls, and each gull is always looking for the next meal.

Another connection to burgeoning coastal humanity is that the very successes of coastal wildlife conservation and changes in land use over the past century have nurtured other voracious threats to the puffin. New England, once a region clear-cut by farming, logging, and urbanization, has become reforested to its highest levels since the Civil War. These forests are now home to eagles, great horned owls, mink, and otter that are capable of finding their way to even the most remote island nesting seabird sanctuaries. The more success we have in building up the seabird numbers at Egg Rock and other restored seabird nesting islands, the more predators will come—because the seabirds are food, and if there is a meal to be had, something will eat it. I am convinced that if predators were permitted to snack at will on the small colony of puffins and terns at Egg Rock, all of our tedious efforts to revive the colony would be lost. Similarly, if we were to let down the guard for even a summer, the aggressive black-backed and herring gulls would gobble up most tern chicks.

The haunting questions I have long pondered are: How could this system have survived without human assistance for so long before our arrival? What happened that makes it necessary to manage the birds today?

I have come to believe that increased human presence and associated enterprise not only gives advantages to some species over others but usually leads to simple biological communities with fewer species dominated by generalists and scavengers. We see it on land with gulls, crows, vultures, raccoons, pigeons, and rats replacing habitat specialists such as wood thrush and meadowlarks. Likewise, the ocean

floor around Egg Rock is also a simpler habitat than in centuries past. Commercial fishing emptied nearby waters of big fish such as cod and halibut. Even invertebrates like sea urchins and starfish are now largely replaced by crabs and lobsters, because scavengers readily fill in the ecological opportunities vacated by more specialized animals.

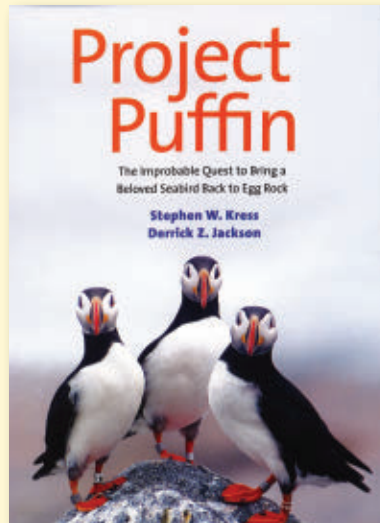
It is increasingly clear that the “sustainability” in Project Puffin lies not in finding an exit strategy but in its ability to restore seabirds to historical locales by expanding ranges and increasing the number of nesting colonies. In this way, we are reducing risk from a variety of extreme threats. Building populations to greater numbers during years of plenty also helps the population thrive during lean years or after some catastrophic event such as an extreme winter storm or havoc caused by a predator.

Future seabird conservationists will have not only to focus on defending existing colonies but to find ways to move birds to safer habitats in the coming years. This will become increasingly urgent because there are already about three times more people living within seventy miles of a coastline than the global average density. Here, seabirds and conservationists must contend not only with the old challenges of predators, poachers, toxic spills, development, and the occasional volcano but also the need to anticipate broad effects from climate change.

Just as canaries were once used to test the air quality in coal mines, so birds today are warning us of degraded and dangerous environmental conditions. Disappearing eagles, ospreys, and peregrine falcons once helped to make the effects of DDT visible to us. In the same way, crashing populations of warblers now tell us that there is too much logging in rainforests in Central and South America and too much cut-up, fragmented habitat in the United States.

Likewise, seabirds are sentinels of the ocean. They are messengers about climate change and the health of fish populations because the numbers, size, and kinds of prey delivered to their chicks inform us about changes in the abundance, diversity, and distribution of coastal fish. Overfishing and climate change are altering the world's fish populations at a frightening speed unimagined when we started our project in 1973.

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# Tour de Force

**Each year, some 50,000 visitors get an insider's view of Cornell, thanks to its cadre of eager student guides**

BY BETH SAULNIER



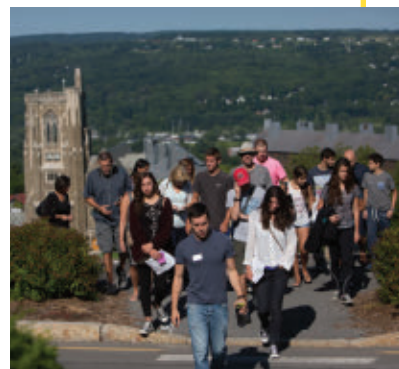


Foot traffic: Max Murray '17 leads a tour through Central Campus—walking backward, except when crossing the street (above right).

**As he walks backward past Sage Chapel, campus tour guide Max Murray '17 keeps up a running monologue.**

His audience, some two dozen strong, is simultaneously hanging on his every word and keeping a watchful eye as he nears the wide staircase that drops down to the Cornell Store. "It's crazy what \$30,000 could do back then," Murray says, marveling at the chapel's nineteenth-century price tag. He touts Cornell's nondenominational status, noting that it earned the University such sobriquets as "the Godless institution" and "the heathens on the Hill." All the while he keeps walking, scarcely even glancing over his shoulder.

Murray is a native of Rochester, New York, with short brown hair and a warm smile. Although he has previously mentioned that he's captain of the men's gymnastics team—which implies a certain agility—it's impossible not to worry that he's about to tumble spectacularly down the steps. But just a few feet from the top, Murray pauses. "Cornellians love to come back and get married where they met their spouse," he says, as the group exhales a collective breath. "But Sage Chapel was never intended to be a place where people got married, so the bride has to get ready in the University crypt—which sounds kind of spooky, but it's actually beautiful back there. Rumor has it that if a bride gets cold feet on her wedding day, our founders will rise up from their graves, zip up her dress, and give her a gentle push down the aisle. Because,"—he winds up to the punchline—"who could go wrong marrying a Cornellian?"



Murray (finally) rotates forward, heads down the stairs, and launches into praise of the Cornell Store and its varied offerings, from computer equipment to tasty snacks. Outside Barnes Hall, he lauds the career services office. ("We have a motto: 'Once a Cornellian always a Cornellian.' Say you find yourself at forty-five years old and you want to change your career path. You can call or come visit, and they will do the same duties as if you're still an undergrad.") Passing near Gannett, he describes the health center as "basically our university's version of a really large nurse's office"—and notes that its services include massage therapy. "These massages are not free," he allows, "but they're put on your bursar's account where your parents pay your tuition. And it just says 'doctor's fee,' so they never need to know you're ➤

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Future Cornellians?: High schoolers and parents await their guides outside Day Hall (above). Left: A tour group passes Weill Hall.

getting a massage with their money, which is a lovely thing.” He surveys the mixed-age group of grown-ups and high schoolers, flashing a conspiratorial grin. “I guess I should say that when there’s only students around.”

It’s a Monday toward the end of June, and the University tour machine is in high gear. Murray, an operations research and information engineering major, is part of a roster of eighty undergrads that Cornell employs to escort approximately 50,000 people on free, hour-long tours of Central Campus each year. It’s a competitive gig; according to Taiya Luce, the University’s director of visitor relations, the guide program accepts only about 10 percent of applicants. “We’re looking for people who can work with diverse groups, who are flexible and charismatic, who can answer tough questions honestly and authentically,” says Luce. “Parents are looking at this tour guide and thinking, Will you be my kid’s friend? Is my student going to have a community here? So we focus on inspiring visitors and showing them that even though the campus is large, you can make it your own.”

Headquartered in Day Hall, Luce’s office is responsible for more than just tours; her student workers also rotate among the campus traffic booths, information desk, and University switchboard. In addition to being veritable Wikipedias of Cornell lore, they’re encouraged to connect with visitors on a personal level—to offer insight into what it means to be a student on the Hill. “We’ve moved away from a lot of facts and statistics, which make people’s eyes glaze over,” says Luce, adding that many of those details are easily found online anyway. “We focus more on authentic storytelling.”

Hence Murray’s descriptions of his business minor, his love of Chipotle, his impending trip to Iceland—and the time he got academic credit (in a freshman writing seminar) for watching “The Simpsons.” More than once, he integrates impressive Cornell facts and cheeky self-deprecation into the same paragraph, as when the group passes Uris and Olin: “In our eighteen libraries we have over 8 million volumes of books, but if that’s not quite enough, don’t fret, we have a borrow-direct program with the other seven schools of the Ivy League as well as Stanford and MIT, and they’ll send it to you in two

days. I’ve never checked out a book; I’m not even really sure how I would go about doing it. But if I wanted to, I’m sure it would be very easy.”

Cornell’s tour guides earn about \$9 an hour; as Luce notes, there are lots of less demanding campus jobs that pay more. But for many of the student workers—who generally put in eight to ten hours a week during the school year and around thirty over

the summer—the gig is a passion and a calling. Like countless subgroups on campus, from varsity teammates to a *cappella* singers, the tour guides are a tight-knit bunch. Since training takes a full semester, most come on board as freshmen or sophomores, and many stay on until graduation. “Most of my best friends are on the tour guide

staff, and we hang out all the time,” says guide Ronnie Forster ’17. A Maryland native majoring in mechanical engineering, Forster didn’t make the cut on his first try, but was inspired to reapply after a friend said it was one of the best things she’d ever done at Cornell. As he recalls: “I thought, This is amazing. I can work on my social skills *and* get paid.”

But it isn’t a low-pressure job. Not only must the guides cope with hordes of ravenously curious parents and high schoolers nurturing Ivy League ambitions, but they lead tours in all kinds of weather—and, as previously noted, do it walking backwards, the better to connect with their audience. The guides are trained to field tough questions about such thorny issues as personal safety (they respond by ▶

**‘We’ve moved away from a lot of facts and statistics, which make people’s eyes glaze over.’**



You are here: In addition to giving tours, students staff traffic booths, phones, and the Day Hall information desk.



discussing the Blue Light escort system, among other things) and Cornell's reputation for gorge deaths and academic stress. "We get asked the suicide question," Luce admits. "A lot of what we say is that we're on par with the national average for that age group. We talk about our mental health framework, the resources at Gannett." On occasion, tours will get heckled by random smart-alecks or wind up in the thick of student protests on Ho Plaza or in front of Day Hall—and even those disruptions get a positive spin. "We explain that this is an active campus where people are free to share their voice, and they do," says Luce. "Parents love it."

It is, perhaps, no surprise that some tour guides are contemplating careers in public relations—as is Emma Jesch '16, a communication major in CALS who joined the staff as a freshman and has risen to student manager. She notes that her training has already come in handy, particularly when she interned at a think tank during the Cornell in Washington program last spring. "I was able to hit the ground running," says Jesch. "I was answering phones, helping people navigate around the office, and most importantly trying to represent the project to the media—and this job prepared me perfectly for it." Similarly, Forster cites his guide training as a distinct advantage in applying for jobs in Engineering's co-op program, where students spend a semester working off campus. "When you're in an interview you have to think on your feet, and that happens on tours all the time," says Forster, who landed a plum post at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California. "Having that year of tour guide experience under my belt gave me the ability to put on my best face for employers."

Never mind if a guide is having a bad day, be it a failed prelim or a romantic reversal; he or she has to rally, because the



## Did You Know That...

**Cornell tours are conducted rain or shine?** Luce has canceled tours exactly once, around a decade ago, on a day when "the trees were sideways, day was night, and there were tornado watches." Visitors were so disappointed, she resolved never to do it again.

**Tour guides have a dress code?** On top of the normal admonitions against anything ripped, stained, or too revealing, guides can't wear athletic apparel. Since eye contact is essential, brimmed hats and sunglasses are out. Luce notes that even students working the information desk "have to wear secure footwear, because they could be pulled for a tour at any time."

**There's a special tour devoted to the first year of college?** Dubbed the "Freshman Experience," it takes visitors to North Campus and addresses such topics as residence life, dining, and student resources.

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tour staff embodies the University to visitors. While Cornell's reputation may be sterling and its facilities fantastically impressive, a guide can make or break a prospective student's impression of the place—potentially influencing a decision to apply and even changing the course of a teen's life. Forster, for his part, recalls that the guide who took him and his family around campus "really set the vibe of Cornell." "That one person you

interact with for an hour gives you an idea of what the student body is like," he says. "I remember doing the whole Ivy League loop, and some were better than others. At some universities, even though they were amazing academic institutions, I just didn't get the right feel because that one person wasn't my idea of what I wanted from my college experience. It's crazy that it had such an impact, but it did."

Last year, Jesch was in the Collegetown Starbucks when a young woman recognized her, greeting her warmly and declaring that Jesch had been her tour guide. "She said, 'I wound up coming to Cornell because of that tour—I applied because you were my guide,'" Jesch recalls. "That's such an incredible feeling, to know that you impacted someone's future." Did Jesch have a similar experience as a pre-frosh? Ironically, not so much. Jesch grew up in Ithaca; her dad works at Cornell, where he's a research assistant in molecular biology and genetics. "So when I came to visit campus," the avid guide admits with a grin, "I never actually took a tour." ■

Look around: (From top) Stacy Ndlovu '16 directs a visitor; Emma Jesch '16 at work; Max Murray '17 leads a Q&A session.



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**CRC** There was a Roosevelt in the White House (Teddy) and he received a Nobel Prize. San Francisco shook with a mighty quake. Bradbury Robinson threw American football's first legal forward pass. Cornell outscored all football foes 237-37 for coach Pop Warner. **Rym Berry 1904** was an alum of two years' standing. There was no Barton Hall, no Schoellkopf Field, no Willard Straight Hall, no Balch. But there were Reunions. It was 1906, and Ezra and Andy's school was now a ripening 41 years old. There have been Reunions almost from the very beginning. There were a dozen freshly minted alums who agreed that one Reunion every five years was insufficient. So they banded together to form our Continuous Reunion Club (CRC). It met again in June '15 for its 109th Reunion.

CRC headquarters is a dorm, the same one most years, **Brud Holland '39**, MS '41, International Living Center, Low Rise 8 on the North Campus. The members are drawn to Mater's main events, like the president's State of the University address, all-alumni lunches, the Olin Lecture (Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist **Junot Díaz, MFA '95**, vis-à-vis President David Skorton this year), the Arts Quad tents, and Cornelliana Night, not to mention classes, tours, and the pleasure of each other's company.

There are members-only events, like a Friday lunch at the Statler, to which many athletic coaches and staff are invited. This year, the Hangovers' Triple Quartet opened the program with the sound of their own music. For many years, CRC has made an annual donation to a Big Red team that has earned special notice. This year's women's polo team won its 14th national title with a last-second 17-16 vanquishing of Virginia. The men won their 12th regional crown in the past 13 years. **David Eldredge '81**, coach of both the men's and women's teams, accepted and acknowledged the recognition with wit, wisdom, and charm.

In Andy Noel's 16 years as Director of Athletics, 90 Cornell teams have won Ivy League titles and 25 have won national championships. Besides wrapping his remarks in droll, Noel told what he called "the most enthusiastic (Statler lunch) crowd in years" that Big Red successes "have been built on the shoulders of alumni." Football coach **David Archer '05** noted an upbeat attitude on the team he is building toward glowing golden autumn afternoons. To close the event, the traditional financial report was succinctly made, as follows: "We're solvent." And a time came to honor the memory of those we lost in 2014-15: **Lou Conti '41**, **Art Kesten '44**, BA '49, **Gustavo Vollmer '42**, BCE '44, **Richard Eustis '43**, B Chem E '47, **Harry Merker '51**, **Robert Hubsmith '52**, MD '56, **Bill Sullivan '53**, and **Jane Little Hardy '53**.

A crisp Saturday morning didn't deter Jeanne Thoren and **Dotty Kay Kesten '44**, BS HE '43, from taking up front seats at the annual Ted Thoren Alumni Baseball Game on Hoy Field, where his number 10 is prominently displayed. Ted, a long-time baseball and football coach at Cornell, was at one time a senior (and honorary) CRC member, who would kick off the Statler lunch with gems from his repertoire. The ladies also brightened the Statler lunch and our annual Saturday evening

dinner at the Country Club of Ithaca. And to think that once, long ago, women couldn't be CRC members. But that WAS long ago.

For years, CRC folk, thanks to **Paul Blanchard '52**, BCE '53, have been rooting for a Triple Crown triumph, which they watched on the club TV. Of course, there hadn't been one since Affirmed in 1978. Here's to American Pharoah's historic runaway Belmont romp and the club's gracious country dining. Cornelliana Night followed in an overflowing Bailey Hall. CRC types were there to stand and be recognized with warm applause. After the Cayuga's Waiters of the Fifties, an approximately triple quartet, sang a favorite, "Halls of Ivy," and received hugs from outgoing President Skorton and his wife, Robin Davisson, Waiters leader **Jack Brophy '53** light-heartedly told Skorton he had to turn off his cell phone. The reply: "What are they going to do, fire me?" Most of the Waiters stayed at CRC HQ.

The Arts Quad tents are open after 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday these days. There's music and refreshment until New York State closing time. And dancing. Retired Washington, DC, TV reporter **John Henrehan '71**, BS Ag '76, is particularly attracted by the dancing. And later, when it is time to exchange views back at HILC, he is particularly willing to share opinions on many fields. He isn't alone. Others are willing to share back until late.

Every once in a while, a year-round resident chipmunk scurries through the building. Since it is always at home there and we're only in for a weekend, they have right of way. Nobody complains. There were three generations of Solows present: **Dorothy Mulhoffer Solow '49**, her daughter, Dr. Emily Solow, and Emily's three children, Blake, 9, Desiree, 7, and Cassandra, 6. They felt just as at-home as the chipmunk and not only didn't make any trouble, had a fine time and delighted all hands. Dorothy was in midseason form for the exchange of views.

Conspicuously absent: **Warren Gerard Grady '53** (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL) missed his maybe first Reunion. In pre-Reunion conversation with your reporter, Gerry, not traveling much lately, maintained that he had been runner-up in a club golf tournament the day before. So we can hope the trouble is not too severe. But he and Sue were truly missed. **Connie Santagato Hosterman '57** took a wicked tumble on the day before her trip to Ithaca to play her vital role in the CRC Reunion. She carried pain with her throughout the weekend, but prevailed with the help of her team, **Dori Goudsmit Albert '57**, **Roberta "Bert" Grunert DeVries '57**, **Betty Starr King '57**, and **Dot Preisner Valachovic '71**. And so the kitchen flourished.

Those who spend the rest of the year preparing for us Reunioners deserve high honors. So here's a summa cum super huzzah for **Jim Mazza '88**, **Margaret Gallo '81**, **Lisa Bushlow '91**, **Cathy Forster Hogan '70**, BS '00, and Laura Beth Sitzman, all of Alumni Affairs. Head clerk **Kendrick Coq** and class clerks **Arielle Cruz** and **Haejin Hwang**, all '15, went extra miles in putting together another Reunion that makes people return year after year after year to CRC. **Jim Hanchett '53**, 300 First Ave. #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

**36** **Walter Grote '74**, an internist in Columbia, NJ, wrote in to share news about his friend and patient **Jack Robinson**. "Jack is 104 years old. I would like to take credit for that, but I did not start caring for Jack until he was in his mid-90s. I helped him celebrate his birthday last April with a visit from **Kyle Dake '13**, Cornell's four-time NCAA National Wrestling Champion." Twenty-one members of Jack's family also celebrated with him.

Walt writes, "When Jack attended Cornell, the trolley circled campus and went to the railroad station downtown for five cents; catching a movie at the State Theatre was a mere 30 cents; tuition at the Hotel school, a paltry \$400 per year. A musician, Jack left Columbia U. after his first year there. He paid a visit to Ithaca because he wanted to get into the esteemed School of Hotel Management at Cornell. He was interviewed and accepted on the spot (he still possesses that ability to charm you at your initial encounter), and spent his last three years in college as a Hotelie. Jack tells me of serious study, but also of days sledding and skating on Beebe Lake.

"While on summer break, Jack formed a band that played in the Catskills—Jack Robinson's Rhythm Ramblers. They played at the Sunset Park Inn in Haines Falls, NY, from his Cornell days into the mid-1940s. Jack played the piano, drums, violin, accordion, and first and second saxophone (presumably not simultaneously; no wonder the small orchestra bore his name). One summer, while playing at Pocono Manor (in the Poconos), he met Janina Gorecka—a cute Polish girl; he called her. She just happened to be a Juilliard-trained concert pianist." Janina played in orchestras, and during WWII she played in US camps across the nation. The two married in 1942. Walt added, "When I met them—when they were both in their 90s—they were still madly in love, though Janina's memory was dramatically compromised." She passed away in 2012, at the age of 95.

"Jack has helped me understand that we choose every day to either reinvent our individual vitality, merely exist, or relinquish ourselves to our ultimate fate. For 104 years, Jack has never done the latter." He continues to play the piano every week at Monday Chapel and Sunday brunch in his continuing care home in Newton, NJ. "Jack gives love," Walt writes, "and it is what allows him to challenge life itself; it is what sustains him. He challenges each of us to do the same." Jack would love to hear from his classmates. You can write to him care of the magazine at the following address. **Class of 1936**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

**41** **Thomas Volpe** sends his best wishes to his classmates. He is living in Lakeland, FL, near his three children, and had his 101st birthday last June. His daughter, **Maria Volpe Hull '77**, and her husband, **Stephen '76**, ME '77, both went to Cornell. Stephen writes, "It is not unusual for Tom to break into a rendition of 'Far Above Cayuga's Waters,'



and he's very pleased to hear that his fraternity, Alpha Phi Delta, has returned to the campus."

**Julian Smith** sent this: "At 96, I'm limited by a form of Parkinson's to using a scooter or a walker to travel more than a few steps. Despite this, in April and May 2015, I went with a couple of friends on a trip to Budapest, followed by a river cruise on the Danube to Bratislava, Slovakia, Vienna and Linz, Austria, and Prague, in the Czech Republic—a good experience. I'm still performing with the Savage Club of Ithaca at Reunions. This year is my 74th. I hope to make my 75th in 2016." Good news from **David Altman**, BA '40, who writes, "I'm happy to announce that I have graduated from a cane to a walker and am delighted that I am still around to do so."

**Dolores Dirlam** Daudt still lives in the house she and her husband built in 1957. She writes, "A recent physical showed all parts of me are still working—just more slowly." She adds, "The bad news is that macular degeneration is catching up with me and I can no longer drive. The better news is that I have a large local support group of all ages and a caring family." **John Matthews** (Albany, TX) is enjoying the recent rain. He says, "After four years, we can run the cattle this winter!"

**Eleanor Slack Randles**, MS '78, moved to an independent living residence in Fort Edward, NY, last year, after her husband, **Joe '43**, BS Ag '47, passed away. She sent an extra note with her news form that did not reach us at the magazine. Eleanor, we hope you'll write again!

Look for more news in the next column from **Herbert Abrams**, **Ted Eiben**, MS '46, **Mary Louise Garmong** Overman, **Herbert Cogan**, and, hopefully, more! Please send news to: **Class of 1941**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, [abb83@cornell.edu](mailto:abb83@cornell.edu).

**42** When **Berle Neuwirth** Geronemus wrote last spring, she was planning a trip to Iceland. She wrote, "I hope the thermal baths will help my arthritis." **Beatrice Greenberg** Brooks had a family reunion last June, with 100 relatives attending from all over the country. She wishes she could be back at Cornell in the '40s, where she says she learned "self-improvement and a love of nature."

**Evelyn Kassman** Greenspan writes, "I'm mostly trying to stay exercised and healthy. I still work out twice a week with my same personal trainer and am looking forward to my 95th birthday." When asked what she'd rather be doing right now, she added, "Not a thing. I consider myself the luckiest lady on earth." **Kathryn Fiske** Weikel is still doing volunteer work at her local hospital two days a week. She writes, "Getting out with other people is a big help in many ways. I talked to **Gladys McKeever** Seebald a few days ago. She is still living in a retirement community in the Reading, PA, area."

**James Brewster** is writing a memoir on his father, **O.C. Brewster 1917**, ME 1920, who was the author of a much-cited letter to Harry Truman about A-bombs. For more information, see the chapter on A-bombs in D.M. Giangreco's book *Dear Harry: Truman's Mailroom, 1945-1953*, pp. 279-293.

**Robert Wright's** report is similar to last year's. He is still living and sharing a dog (he owns the front half) with stepdaughter Liz. They spend half the year in Florida and the other half in Wisconsin. He writes, "I'm happy reading, dog-walking, and playing poker with a nice group of guys."

**Allen Shotwell**, MS '54, and his wife spend the winter in Florida and the summer in Glen Cove, NY. He writes, "Last August I had a 95th birthday and my daughter, Beth, gave me a surprise birthday party. I really was surprised at the number of former students that attended." **Herman Jones** (Leesburg, FL) writes, "Life in a retirement home is wonderful—good accommodations and activities." Herman retired in 1981 from his work as a store manager and buyer for a large furniture store in Binghamton, NY. One of his three children, **Elizabeth Jones Lee '80**, attended Cornell. Herman adds, "I had a wonderful, full life with lots of travel and a good family." He would like to hear from any classmates who can reach out to him, especially those who live nearby.

**Henry Jones** says he learned "class loyalty" during his time on the Hill. He would like to be flying planes again. **Class of 1942**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, [abb83@cornell.edu](mailto:abb83@cornell.edu).

**43** So good to hear from **Edith Newman Weinberger** ([jawenw@aol.com](mailto:jawenw@aol.com)) of Longboat Key, FL, who is enjoying having her Cornell best friend, **Ruth Ohringer** Frank, right there on Longboat too. **Joe '42** died seven years ago, but daughter **Jane Weinberger** Lapple '69 lives in Orlando, and daughter Susan Tofias is in Wellesley, MA. Edy volunteers at Sarasota Memorial Hospital and says that while she was on campus in the 1940s, she learned how to live with people and to take advantage of Cornell's wonderful education.

**Muriel Blum Lipman** (Hamden, CT; [murlip43@snet.net](mailto:murlip43@snet.net)) was a Biochemistry major on the Hill and writes that she produced a poultry virus vaccine for the poultry industry with her late husband, **Bernard**, DVM '43. "I generally had a ball at Cornell and have become an artist in retirement—a printmaker. My work hangs in our dining room at the Whitney Center retirement community. I volunteer at art exhibits and show a DVD related to the art field once a month, with 40-60 people attending." Muriel adds, "I have two beautiful great-granddaughters who provide much joy. Wish I could be living in Florida during the winter!"

**C. Lawrence Swezey** (Palo Alto, CA; [clswezey@gmail.com](mailto:clswezey@gmail.com)) writes, "After retiring from the California Workers' Compensation Appeals Board in 1988, I did legal writing and consulting. In March I gave up both and am now concentrating on the activities of my 21 grandchildren, one of whom was accepted by Cornell." **Firth Perryman** ([firthp@aol.com](mailto:firthp@aol.com)), who lives in the Rochester (NY) Presbyterian Home, sends this update to his entry in the last column: "This home is mainly directed toward aging people whose memory is failing—Alzheimer's and dementia in general. My memory is slipping some, but I still remember those Cornell days. Glad to hear the book for all incoming freshmen to read is *Slaughterhouse-Five* by **Kurt Vonnegut '44**. I never met him, but we were all at Cornell when he was. I later joined the same infantry division he did, only by the time I joined the 106th, Kurt was already a prisoner of the Germans. Let's all make plans for our 75th—only three years away."

More news to come in the next issue from **John Holden**, **Barbara Larrabee** Johnson, **Edward Clarke**, **Barbara Wahl** Cate, **Jerry Batt**, and, we hope, others. Thanks to all who wrote in, including

class Senior VP **Shig Kondo** ([skkondo@gmail.com](mailto:skkondo@gmail.com)), who says he is keeping busy doing nothing in Wellesley Hills, MA, with wife Kyoko. "Our three grandsons are growing up and it's fun watching them. The oldest one finished his freshman year at NYU in film studies." Shig can't help but remember meeting so many great people on the Hill. The class lost Tony Award-winning classmate **Gene Saks** on March 28 this year. We'll have more about his life in the next issue. Send your news to: **Class of 1943**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, [abb83@cornell.edu](mailto:abb83@cornell.edu).

**44** **Carol Brach** Hyman, MD '47, writes, "I fully retired in February 2008. Since then, I have been enjoying my life as a 'lady of leisure.'" Carol adds, "The most valuable things I learned at Cornell were in my pre-med courses, which enabled me to be accepted to Cornell Medical School!"

**Ward Browning** (The Villages, FL) sold his house but, he says, "stayed in The Villages in a retirement community." Ward has been retired since 1984. Sadly, his wife, Barbara, passed away in November 2013. **Virginia MacArthur** Claggett has two grandsons who are in excellent colleges. Andrew is a sophomore at Lehigh, and Thomas is at Lafayette. "I wish I could be volunteering," she writes, "but am not well enough."

**Maurice Bellis** and his wife, Gloria, just celebrated their 61st anniversary. They are both in good health and living at the Edgewood Retirement Community. Son Peter is an English professor at U. of Alabama, Birmingham, son Bill is a diplomat in the Foreign Service, and daughter Beth is raising her family in Brookline, MA. Maurice has written a memoir, *A Good Life*, which was published in 2013. **Robert Miller** is living in Kendal at Ithaca and recently spent three months vacationing in Florida. He says the most valuable thing he learned at Cornell was how much he didn't know.

**Curt Beck**, BA '43, writes, "I chaired our Center for Learning in Retirement (CLIR), and I still give lectures on foreign policy. I continue to be active in local Democratic politics and am working on my memoir." At Cornell, Curt writes, "I had outstanding professors in History and Government, who directed my interest and academic pursuits." **Nancy Maynard** Harlan is happily retired in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood.

Thanks to those of you who sent in news forms recently. If you didn't see your news here, look for more in upcoming Class of '44 columns. Send news to: **Class of 1944**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, [abb83@cornell.edu](mailto:abb83@cornell.edu).

**45** The Class of '45 is definitely alive with a near record-breaking turnout of 23 from eight states, assisted by eight "helpers." Fine banquets and activities were all thanks to our intrepid president, **Maxine Katz** Morse, who also notified us that, as of June 30, our class had set another 70th Reunion record for the number of classmates who gave to the class Reunion Fund: 85!

This year, Cornell was also celebrating its 150th anniversary. Present was **Bruce Weir**, whose trip here was a Christmas present from his daughter. He led the singing of "Give My Regards to Davy." **John Rogers**, BCE '49, MBA '50, resplendent

in his Class of '45 red jacket, started the Alma Mater. Yours truly, **Bob Frankenfeld**, BA '44, MD '47, led his favorite, "The Crew Song." A highlight of the weekend was one of the men's choruses entertaining us at dinner, with one of the gentlemen down on his knees serenading our **Thelma Emile Hunter**. She then played a perfect rendition of the "Minute Waltz" on the piano.

Rounding out the class were **Jean Hall Dinsmore**, **Maralyn Winsor Fleming**, **Carol Baum Greenbaum**, **Walter Hamilton**, BS Hotel '49, **Lois**

to capitalism." Art is readying his golf game for a joust with son Alan when he flies in for a visit. He is happy to provide personal airport pickup service for his children when they visit. He also feels lucky to be part of a multi-generational weekly dinner for the 12-member Indiana group—Art, one child and spouse, two grandchildren and spouses, and five great-grandchildren. Art is also into tennis, reading, and popular music of the '40s and '50s. He's presently reading and recommending *Dead Wake*, a nonfiction work on the 1915 *Lusitania* disaster.

‘We gorged ourselves on ice cream  
in its many presentations.’

Bob Frankenfeld '45

**Georgia Humphrey**, **George Karp**, BA 47, **Walter Keenan**, ME '49, **Madelaine Ring Kent**, **Julia Kirkland Leidy**, **Gloria Marti**, our WWII prisoner of war **Bernard Mayrsohn**, BS Ag '47, **Esther Forbes Potter**, **Phyllis Winkelstein Reicher**, **Faye Seelbach Schmitt**, BS HE '44, and **Frances Shloss**, BArch '44. Missing were our former regular attendees **Bill Berley**, BS Ag '48, and **Libby Hem-sath deProsse**.

Our first morning was a tour of the all-glass Milstein Hall, home to the Architecture department, and a viewing of a movie showing how products can be made on a computer. It is estimated that 15 percent of car parts will be made this way in the next few years. Then came a fine comparison between two members of our vintage (Jack Rogers being one) and two undergrads. Yes, a group of students in a classroom interacting with a live enthusiastic teacher is still far better than computerized presentations.

Following Friday night's dinner, there was a spectacular choral performance by Cornell men and women, separate and combined, at Bailey Hall, and, of course, a few singalong Cornell songs at the end. Due to some workmen or perhaps some union rules, our buses let us off two blocks from the hotel. The water deluge couldn't have been worse, but we got back to the hotel on foot and found that hair dryers dry more than hair.

Part of our campus tour on Saturday was a stop at the Dairy Bar, where we gorged ourselves on ice cream in its many presentations. It was a GREAT Reunion! Let's keep in touch. ☐ **Bob Frankenfeld**, 6291 Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA, 90815; e-mail, betbofb@aol.com; **Julie Kameron Snell**, 3354 Gracefield Rd., #111, Silver Spring, MD 20904; e-mail, julie.snell@verizon.net.

**46** **Arthur Van Vleet** (Richmond, IN; hoosierad@aol.com) says the most valuable thing he learned at Cornell was "to set your objective—then do all in your power to meet it." Art reports that **Doris (Ticknor)**, his wife for 68 years, died on August 5, 2014. "We met at Cornell in 1944, returned to campus many times, and supported Cornell every year. Our gravesite is near Ezra's." An important change he and Doris witnessed since retiring was during an assignment they accepted with IESC (the not-for-profit Int'l Executive Service Corps) in 1991. "Doris and I spent two months in Poland helping companies change from socialism

During our phone interview, Art discovered that his December 1924 birthdate was two months later than your class correspondent's and declared, "If you at your age can make it back [to our June 9-12, 2016 70th Reunion] from California, I can certainly make it back from Indiana." *Ed. note:* What makes it easier to make that pledge is the Campus-to-Campus executive coach service. These comfortable, efficient buses with many amenities pick up at the Cornell Club in midtown Manhattan at 12:30 p.m. seven days per week and arrive at Cornell's Statler Hall about 4-1/2 hours later at a reasonable price. Other times and pick-up and drop-off sites are available. Details are available at [www.c2c.com](http://www.c2c.com) or (607) 254-8747.

**Randall Gritzan** (Englewood, NJ; jrgritzan@aol.com) credits Cornell for teaching him patience, and, he writes, "to try the seemingly impossible—it may work!" Randall adds, "Many family members and friends will be joining me in a few weeks to celebrate my 90th birthday. I imagine many other Class of 1946ers will also be turning 90 and I wish them all well, especially **Harvey Simpson**, **Brendan O'Hara**, **Bob Hubbard**, and **Bill Gladstone**. I've been spending considerable time now on business investments. I foresee a market drop short-term, with a resumption of strength after November 1. This free advice is worth what you paid for it." Randy found the availability of the Campus-to-Campus bus a convenience that might influence him to attend our 70th Reunion.

To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at the e-address below. Include your name, city, and state. Send news via e-mail or snail mail to: ☐ **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir. #202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (925) 201-7575; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com. Class website, <http://classof46.alumni.cornell.edu>.

Hurrah! Hurrah! Thank you one and all for your newsy class forms. I now have enough info for two columns, but please continue to send your data. It is such a pleasure hearing from classmates. I understand why **Elinor Baier Kennedy** remained your correspondent those many years. Today I am enjoying the 85 degree sunshine under a canopy in my son David's back yard in Salt Lake City, UT. I am facing the magnificent snow-capped Wasatch Range while Dave is clearing a garden area for planting. This is my annual visiting time when I help select the plants and Dave digs the holes. A great system! Yesterday we played golf . . . another ritual. No comment on my game.

After graduating from A&S in 1946, **Nancy Hall Rosenberg**, ME '49, spent three more years at Cornell earning a master's in Education. She hunted for a challenging job opportunity and moved to Washington, DC, living in the district for 53 years. She became publications director for the American Vocational Association (now the Association for Career and Technical Education) and several other associations. For recreation she joined the Washington Folk Dance Group and became enchanted by the cultural aspects of dancing worldwide. She assisted in teaching dance, and in 1960 married David Rosenberg, the leader of the folk dance group. (What a happy story!) Nancy says that David was a man of many talents. He was director of the US Navy's People to People activities and then its Intercultural Relations Program. Their son, Karl, is the Mid-Atlantic regional applications specialist for Extron Electronics. Following David's heart attack in 2001, they moved to the Hermitage, a continuing care facility in Northern Virginia, to be closer to their son and family. David passed away in 2005, but Nancy is still enjoying herself there, participating in a wide variety of activities and entertainment.

**Virginia Miller Walkup** wrote that her husband, Wayne, died on June 12, 2014. **Mary Jane Vandewater D'Arrigo**, BS HE '45, lives in Irvington, NY, and keeps busy caring for two homes and one acre under cultivation and feels happy enjoying each moment. She counts her blessings for her large family (17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren). **Muriel Sheerr Kaplan**, BA '45 (Murielka plan@aol.com) had a one-woman art show at the Cultural Council in Lake Worth, FL. She is still creating sculptures and drawing. Her most valuable thing learned at Cornell was how to sculpt. She is also an art consultant in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

**Rayma Carter Wilson** spent three months this year in South Carolina visiting her son and daughter-in-law, escaping the cold snowy winter in Binghamton, NY. She reports that she is very happy with her life, maintaining her house and property. Finally, I received two news forms from Princeton, NJ, from **Nancy Mynott Davis** and **Patricia Peck Tiebout**. Nancy is still enjoying Princeton, particularly university events. Perhaps these two classmates might get together! Keep the news coming. Don't wait until next April. ☐ **Dorothy Taylor Prey**, 1 Baldwin Ave. #501, San Mateo, CA 94401; e-mail, [dmprey@aol.com](mailto:dmprey@aol.com); tel., (650) 342-1196.

**47** Hope you are all enjoying the weather in your local area. This is being written in the hot summer air in New Jersey, and for a change we have quite a lot of class news. Thank you all for writing!

**Serena Ginsberg Hoffman**, MA '48, and husband **Sig** '44, MFS '48, live in a senior residence in Danbury, CT, and are fortunate to have most of their six children living nearby. Serena recently had a heart valve replacement and is doing fine. She wishes there were more Cornellians in the area. **Shirley "Sy" Yenoff Kingsly**, BS HE '46, spends four months in Longboat Key, FL, and the rest of the year in Short Hills, NJ.

We have a singer in our class: **Robert Schultz** of Murrieta, CA. Robert sings in a 40-member chorus that he organized 23 years ago. He is still playing golf, and enjoys it, but says his game needs improvement. We heard from **Lawrence Moser** (Delray Beach, FL), who was a clinical lab supervisor for over 25 years before retiring. He has been married for 66 years and has two daughters, three



grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. **Barbara Bateholts** Smith lives in an extended care facility in Moorestown, NJ, and has nine grandkids. She is very active where she lives and is fortunate to have two of her three daughters nearby.

**Marvin Wedeen** calls Sewickley, PA, home and has traveled extensively, including attendance at a Chautauqua six-day lecture series. We heard from **Charles Cox**, who lives in Vero Beach, FL, and plays golf and tennis. Charles enjoys staying home (he doesn't miss traveling anymore), and his four children visit frequently. **Yetta Haber** Farber writes from Ridgewood, NJ, that she spends winters in Florida. She has two daughters, one in Boston and the other in Maryland. One of her granddaughters is a physician in New York, and another is an ecologist in Washington State.

**William Pendarvis** (Clackamas, OR) produces a great vintage of Pinot Noir for his winery and wine bars. **Mary Lou Gedel** hails from Montgomery, AL, and remembers the Louis's Lunch wagon in front of Balch serving wonderful hamburgers. **Barbara Bayer** Silver lives in Boston and has a real Cornell family with many graduates of the Big Red. **John Cordes**, B Chem E '49, now lives in Queensbury, NY. **Lillian Gorton** Spiece resides in an assisted living facility in Tucson, AZ, and writes that she enjoys our *Alumni Magazine*, having found many old friends and sorority sisters.

I hope you have enjoyed the latest news of your classmates. Please contribute if you haven't already done so. We certainly want to keep this column going, but we need your input to do so. Send news to: **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, 653 Primrose Lane, River Vale, NJ 07675; tel., (201) 391-1263; e-mail, irashain1@verizon.net.

**48** **Win Shiras**, Evanston, IL, and Palm Desert, CA: "My chauffeur, ConnieLou, and I drive back and forth between Evanston and Palm Desert each year (I do a bit of the driving, thank you very much), and we take about ten days to do it by staying off the Interstate. We had two disastrous identical trips to Costa Rica: Last year (2014), after three days of zip-lining, I was flown back to Chicago with an intestinal blockage, which turned out, following emergency surgery, to be diverticulitis. This year we went back to Costa Rica, and after exactly three days, ConnieLou had to be flown to Chicago with an intestinal blockage, which turned out, after emergency surgery, to be diverticulitis. Howdialike that? Maybe we shouldn't go to CR. We're both fine now."

**Lucy Woodruff** Groh, our Alaska pioneer: "I have been a legal resident of Anchorage, AK, for over 62 years now and still reside in the home we built to raise our children. I have gone 'outside' for the last ten winters at least, for my health, and usually live somewhere in either Palm Desert or Indio, CA, never purchasing a home because the voice of my late husband kept ringing in my ears that since you made your money in Alaska, you invest only in Alaska. Thus, obviously, I have spent more on renting and storage and worrying than if I had purchased! I keep busy, hoping to put at least a little finger in the dam of want and need of others, and I still treasure my membership in PEO and several other organizations, doing what I am able to do. I have slowed down considerably, but still try to walk at least a mile five times a week. After a couple of falls from which I could not raise myself up, I carry my cane and have built my self-confidence back up, knowing that I could

use it to raise myself back up if I fall again. Just as all of us do, I miss those that have gone on to another life, and treasure those that haven't."

**Ray Tuttle**, our 92-year-old Chemical Engineer, Hilton Head Island: "I am very satisfied with my Cornell education because I was in a career-oriented discipline, Chemical Engineering. We were mostly on tight budgets, so beer was the beverage, walking was the transportation, and co-eds dormed with other co-eds and had curfew hours—all of which made it safer and healthier for all concerned." **Peter Harriott**, Ithaca, NY (our Annual Fund rep): "Lots of medical problems and ER visits, so I'm way behind in my correspondence. Hope to make it to 2018." **Barbara Rapp Hamilton**, Port St. Lucie, FL: When she wrote, Barbara was looking forward to **Walt '45's** 70th Reunion in June. "I'm feeling great; taking no prescriptions. We read the *New York Times* for news and editorials, and the *Palm Beach Post* and *St. Lucie Tribune* for the puzzles and funnies."

**Dick Peelle**, Corning, NY: "I'm busy in my workshop (weather permitting), skeet shooting, and with family activities. My wife, Rosemary, died last October. I'm on Corning Glass's Health Plan and use a cane. I read the *Corning Leader*, mostly to see if I'm in the obits, but my only runs to doctors or hospitals in 2014 were for my wife. I read *American Rifleman* and listen to NBC News. Five kids, 11 grandchildren, and 17 great-grands keep me busy. Rosemary did a better job on apple pie and rice pudding than Mom did. I would like to find out what the Higgs Boson particle and Cyberspace are. Rudyard Kipling was right: things will not change. I've been in 34 states and we trail-camped in 20 of these. I lived in Japan and Korea one year each. I visited my sister in Fort Collins, CO, and my son and daughter in Phoenix and Tucson last April."

"Plain" **Jane Handforth** Kester, West Valley, NY: "I'm busy with grandson and great-grandchildren, school events, family gatherings, genealogy, history, two church committee meetings a month, writing, meals, and birds. Last year, a bad year, I went to the hospital or doctor four times. I'm on Medicare and an HMO called Univera Senior Choice Value Plus. Keep up-to-date with the *Salamanca Press* and *Buffalo News*. What is happening to our country, and how do we turn it around? More people vote! We'll have Family Weekend Forum to plan the 'end game.' We're pleading to the Governor to provide school state aid info before local school budgets are finalized. Recently visited Vero Beach and St. Petersburg, FL, Ann Arbor, MI, plus Mt. Vernon and Yellow Springs, OH. I pray for improvement of the East-West situation. Have visited all US states except three. I'm traveled out health-wise, but will always post a 'Welcome' on my door." **Harriet Morel** Oxman (our most well traveled classmate), Sarasota, FL: "My husband, Ted, a WWII veteran, died April 1, 2014 at age 99. I read the *Wall Street Journal* and the *New York Times* to keep alert. Cruised the Atlantic to the Mediterranean Sea and Rome in April-May and will return to the South Pacific in Oct-Nov 2015." (Ed note: We hope she writes another book.) **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobpersons48@gmail.com.

**49** Another landmark is gone! The Chapter House in Collegetown—housing in our day, Jim's, and another simple, barebones drinking accommodation—burned to the ground in April. Goodbye

to Jim's, Johnny's (remember that one?), and the Palms down the block. How many of us still get together with buddies or dates and consume large quantities of beer?

Here's news of what we're doing these days. **Dick Dietz** (Chadds Ford, PA; chesuncook2@comcast.net), writing last year, tells us, "Recently altered plans in order to spend more time on the water (seashore or freshwater lakes) as well as visiting friends and family who are distant. Grandchildren growing up. I've become comfortable with my current status, age, and attitudes—getting to like myself more." Dick's wife, Claire, is deceased. **Lois Bergen Abbott** (Boulder, CO; LAbbott@colorado.edu) wrote, "Retirement: I work for the Unitarian Universalist Church as a volunteer, belong to two books clubs, and do lots of flower gardening. Also, travel to Italy with two daughters and my French daughter-in-law—Tuscany and Venice, a great trip. My five children are scattered in all directions and I have five great-grands! I enjoy traveling the best, snow-shoveling least." Lois came to our 65th Reunion last year, had a great time, and is considering joining the Continuous Reunion Club (CRC). CRC meets every June for those who cannot wait five years between reunions! Lois's late husband, **Frank '42**, MPA '49, was a former editor of the *Daily Sun*.

**Anne Dickinson Murray** (West Grove, PA; annedmurray@gmail.com), writing last year, tells us that she is leading a poetry discussion group at the retirement home where she lives. "Also writing for our in-house newspaper, backyard bird watching, and reading. As usual, will spend a week with children and grandchildren at Rehoboth Beach this summer. Some travel with friends or family throughout the year." Anne's late husband was **Jack '44**, BS Ag '47. **Carman Hill** (carhill@earthlink.net) is married to **Sandra (Brink), MS '77**, who writes, "We live at Kendal at Ithaca, and on March 3, Carman had a stroke. With excellent rehabilitation in North Naples, FL, and continuing at Kendal, his recovery is remarkable!"

**Jan Schultz** Moss (Aptos, CA; jmoss@baymoon.com) writes that her oldest son has had his first child, her sixth grandchild, "a wonderful surprise for all of us." Jan, active in the Santa Cruz Art League, is painting and exhibiting her work, but tells us that she has "too much free time." Jan finds it hard to believe that she will be 87 on September 11, and is sure that "somebody made a mistake!" Coming to Cornell from an all-girls academy, Jan found her Cornell experience not a happy one. She had wanted to attend a small school in Buffalo to major in ceramics, but was sent to Cornell instead. It was the year of the returning veterans and she was uncomfortable finding herself the only girl in many of her classes. In her freshman year, double registered in Architecture and English, she found that her math classes at her academy had not prepared her for the advanced math courses she was now taking, and she switched to English. Jan adds, "The older I got, I felt guilty—and will for the rest of my life—for not enjoying my years at Cornell because neither my mother nor my father were college graduates, and my father's employer paid for my education at Cornell." Later, Jan got her master's in library science at Pratt Inst. and became the manager of a new local library. She would enjoy hearing from **Joan Dreger** Nix.

**Doris Kershaw** Guba (Englewood, FL; ragdkg@verizon.net), married to Richard, wrote last year that she is playing golf and is active in the Venice Yacht Club. She is also taking care of her husband. "We've been married for 64 years." She notes

that she'd rather be traveling. Doris would enjoy hearing from **Ruth Davison** Dorfman. **Howard K. Loomis**, MBA '50 (Pratt, KS; bellebank.com; bloomis@thepeoplesbank.net), married to Florence, is chairman of the Peoples Bank in Pratt. He writes that he has been doing the "same old thing I have been doing for 50 years—getting out of the house so I can avoid chores." **Anne "Sue" Sheary** Bieter (abieter@cox.net), married to Jerome, is retired and living in Sun City West, AZ. She has been playing bridge and reading books on the best sellers list. Traveling and driving, she says, are now subtracted from her life, and she misses both. Her daughter Meg moved from New Hampshire to Reno, closer to her, and daughter Kim has retired from her solo law practice. Sue wishes she had volunteered for Straight committees when at Cornell and says that the most valuable thing she learned at Cornell is "to brighten the corner where you land."

**Dorothy Atwater** Sarvey (Cortland, NY; feet.first@kolodzy.org) writes that her husband, James, passed away in 2004. **Elizabeth Stevens** Feldt is living in Virginia Beach, VA. **Annette Hartig** Schoenberg (schoenbe@illinois.edu) makes her home in Urbana, IL. **Constance Hoffmann Elsaesser**, widow of **Alphonse**, lives in the Dupree House retirement home. Granddaughter **Catherine Elsaesser '17** attends the Hotel school. Constance says that the most valuable thing she learned at Cornell was an appreciation of classical music. **Jerry Farber** (Boca Raton, FL; jfarber01@gmail.com) writes, "Retirement reflects slow living and enjoying great-grandchildren (three)." What would he rather be doing? "Nothing different—and what can be better? Warm weather, great friends, etc., in a fantastic location." Jerry would enjoy hearing from **Horace Chandler '48**, B Chem E '50. "Meeting people and learning to participate in local areas," he says, were the most valuable things he learned at Cornell.

**Stephen Profilet** (Winona, MN; sprofilet5130@charter.net) tells us that his granddaughter was married recently. He would like to hear from **Lee Schmoll '52**. The most valuable thing he learned during his years on the Hill was "humility—observation of smart Cornellians."

Great hearing from you all! Please keep writing for your column! **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, 50 Grant Street, Wellsboro, PA 16901; e-mail, win speck@yahoo.com; tel., (570) 948-9107.

**50** Well, we did it. With a record attendance of 61 classmates and 41 guests, our Class of the Century had a wonderful 65th Reunion. At registration we each received a copy of our marvelous class-sponsored book, *Curfews, Chaos and Champions*, plus two DVDs: *Cornell Class of 1950* and *Cornell: Birth of the American University*. Copies will be sent to current class members who were not able to attend.

Our Thursday evening welcoming dinner was held in the Park Atrium of Statler Hall. President Emeritus Frank H.T. Rhodes, an honorary member of our class, spoke briefly about crucial events of our time on the Hill, and mentioned that when he was hired in 1977, there were seven classmates on the Board of Trustees: **Dave Culbertson**, MBA '51, **Glenn Ferguson**, MBA '51, **Sam Johnson**, **Dick Tucker**, **Nels Schaenen**, MBA '51, **Frank Zum**, and **Pat Carry** Stewart, also a member of the search committee, who showed him around campus.

**Jim Brandt**, who, with **Marge Leigh** Hart, co-chaired the Reunion fundraising committee,

reported: 321 duespayers; 44 Tower Club members (\$5,000 or more); 39 Quadrangle Club members (\$1,000-4,999); 91 Cayuga Society members (Planned Giving); 233 1865 Society members (giving three years in a row); Reunion year giving total of \$7,500,000; and total class giving for all years of more than \$135,000,000. Jim thanked members of the Reunion fundraising committee: **Dave Brooke**, **Walt Bruska**, **Ruth Downey** Crone, **Dave Dingle**, **Dick Pogue**, **Bob Post**, **Stan Rodwin**, **Nels Schaenen**, **Pat Carry** Stewart, **Manley Thaler**, LLB '53, and **Ralph Williams**, MD '54.

Following dinner, we attended the annual Savage Club Show, entitled *Wohs Noinuer Eht* (as per tradition, "The Reunion Show" spelled backwards). The club put on its traditional and uncommonly eclectic program of songs, solos, skits, and recitations. Friday morning, after a pleasant and leisurely breakfast, we were transported to the Cornell Plantations for a dandy tent lunch with entertainment by the Cayuga's Waiters, an a cappella chorus formed back in 1949. Our classmate **Rusty Davis** was called to sing with the group. With a very knowledgeable guide, we were then given an hour's tour of the 3,500-acre Cornell Plantations, which is partly wild and partly an arboretum managed for cooperative research and park-like enjoyment.

Friday evening dinner was served in the Statler's Terrace Restaurant. After dinner, president Pat introduced **Brad Edmondson '81**, author of our class-sponsored book. He thanked **John Marcham** and **Marion Steinmann** for their fine editing, noting that while on the job, John had unfortunately died and Marion had suffered a stroke from which she is slowly recovering. Brad described the enjoyment he received from meeting selected classmates and told several unusual stories about the WWII veterans he interviewed. (See these in the book.) **Jack Rose**, MD '54, thanked Brad for a classy book and, referring to our days on the Hill, mentioned the salubrious relations that had existed between veterans and younger students fresh from high school. He noted the contributions of the veterans to the Cornell experience and asked the nine WWII vets present to stand and be recognized. The annual Reunion concert followed in Bailey Hall, a fine concert of an entertaining variety of songs by the University Chorus (and alumnae), and the Glee Club (and alumni). The evening ended with audience participation in singing the Evening Song and the Alma Mater.

Saturday was a busy day. The annual State of the University address followed a most informative film about present-day Cornell. Soon to be past-president David Skorton was introduced by American Studies professor **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76, who praised Skorton for guiding the university through the recession, directing a \$6 billion campaign and establishing the new Tech Campus on Roosevelt Island. Prof. Altschuler posed a playful question: "Is there a doctor in the house?" Answer: "Yes, a cardiologist with an enlarged heart!" In the afternoon, we were bused down to the Willard Straight Theatre, which has been updated with class funds to include a state-of-the-art projection and sound system. There we viewed the DVD accompaniment to our class book, *Cornell Class of 1950*. The film tells our story: births in the 1920s, growing up in the Depression, WWII, post-war life on campus, and our successful lives thereafter.

After a reception on the patio of the Straight, we had our annual banquet and class business meeting in the Memorial Room, with its new floor and other improvements funded by the Class of

1950. After steak dinner, dean of students **Kent Hubbell '69**, BArch '69, thanked the class for its generosity in refurbishing the theatre and the Memorial Room. Class officers gave brief reports and we elected the following to serve until our 70th Reunion in 2010: co-presidents **Jim** and **Nancy Hubbard Brandt**; VPs **Stan Rodwin** and **Marion Steinmann**; secretary **Ruth Downey** Crone; treasurer (for the 32nd year) **Ben Williams**; Annual Fund representatives **Jack Rose** and **Marjorie Leigh** Hart; Reunion co-chairs **Stan Rodwin** and **Jane Wigsten** McGonigal, PhD '84; and class co-correspondents **Paul Joslin** and **Pat Carry** Stewart.

Our memorable Reunion closed with the annual Cornellia Night in Bailey Hall, a unique and rousing event featuring lively singing by the combined university choruses, reporting on Reunion highlights, and a fitting farewell to outgoing President Skorton and his wife, Prof. Robin Davison. Look for regular class news beginning with our Nov/Dec column. **Paul Joslin**, 13731 Hickman Rd. #4207, Urbandale, IA 50323; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phjoslin@aol.com; **Patricia Carry** Stewart, 2613 N. Ocean Blvd., Gulf Stream, FL 33483; tel., (561) 278-5387; e-mail, stewartpc@aol.com.

**51** Planning is already under way for our 65th Reunion, June 9-12, 2016. **Mary Beth Weaver** Ostrom and **Rip Haley** are the Reunion chairs. Count yourselves in.

**Joan Savarese Conboy** (Fort Plain, NY) is on the board of trustees of Bassett Healthcare Network at Little Falls Hospital, and, while on the New York State Hospital Review and Planning Commission, she was named Trustee of the Year by HANYS/HTNYS in 2012. Her husband, **James**, LLB '52, died in 2010. **Douglas Young** (Asheville, NC) writes with regret that his wife, Jean, died in December 2014. "Some of you may recall that she created the happy Cornell Bear." I asked Doug to help those who don't recall, and he said, "Jean was an artist and created the happy dancing bear art that **Barry Nolin**, BME '53, used for an early Reunion and on our class mailings. The original bear was grumpy and had no smile. Ours is only used for Class of '51."

**Fred Strawson** (Ruffin, NC) reports that his wife, **Esther Church Strawson '53**, passed away in June 2013. Fred operates a 284-acre farm, trains bird dogs, and says he enjoys riding his horse, Rusty. **Leonilda Altman** Farrow (Navesink, NJ) writes, "On March 10, my beloved husband of 58 years, Bill, died peacefully at the age of 90." As for fond memories of Cornell: "Too many to mention." **Henry "Hank" Alford's** (Louisville, KY) fondest memory of Cornell is, he says, "the Tower bells ringing out the hours, songs, etc." **Rolf Dyce**, PhD '55 (Aguadilla, PR) has sent a change in e-mail address. I wonder if this means that he has left Puerto Rico and his career at Arecibo for the mainland. Let us know, Rolf. **Joan Singer** Rosner, BA '50 (NYC) is "still visiting artists," and her fondest memory of Cornell is "its beauty from the Quad."

**Alfred Blumstein**, PhD '60 (Pittsburgh, PA), university professor at Heinz College of Carnegie Mellon U., writes, "I'm just finishing my four-year term as chair of the Science Advisory Board for the Office of Justice Programs of the US Dept. of Justice." **Alice Sieber** Freeborg and husband Rodney (Burnsville, MN) write, "We have six children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, and have visited all of the European countries." Alice had a Squibb Scholarship to get her MPH at



U. of Minnesota. She adds, "I am a charter member of the Council of Assocs. of the American Association for Nursing Service Administrators, a part of the American Hospital Association. I am also an Ordained Ruling Elder of the Presbyterian Church (USA)." Alice remembers living in NYC for three years to get her nurse's training. She met her first husband at Cornell. Her current husband is a psychologist.

**Judith Diamant Joy**, MS '52 (Centralia, IL) writes, "I am still working at the family newspaper, writing features and farm news. On April 17 I will receive a Master Editor Award from Southern Illinois Editorial Association. The newspaper, the *Centralia Sentinel*, is now 161 years old." She attached her business card: "Feature Editor, *Morning Sentinel*, Egypt's Greatest Daily," with a sphinx emblem. Fond memories of Cornell: "Walking to class from Clara Dickson and looking at Beebe Lake while crossing the bridge at Triphammer Falls." **Winifred Bergin Hart** (Lexington, VA) writes, "In the past two years I have been president of the residents' association at Kendal at Lexington. It's been more work than was foreseen by this lady in retirement, but fun, too. I take classes at Washington and Lee U. and am a docent at Stonewall Jackson House. I have four children (and their spouses), eight grandchildren with two spouses, and am about to be a great-grandmother. Serious matriarchy!"

**Adele Mongan** Fasick (San Francisco, CA) was awarded the first Spirit of the League Award by the League of Women Voters of San Francisco. Her fondest memory of Cornell: "Walking up to the apple orchards on Sunday afternoons and picking up fallen apples." **Francis**

**"Bud" Huffman**, BCE '52 (Bethlehem, PA) writes, "Jane and I are doing as well as can be expected as we push into the mid-80s. Both of us play golf, and I sail, though only on the calmer days. Honors are long gone, but I do drive for Meals on Wheels. Last

year we traveled to Panama and Nova Scotia (different trips), and every summer we go to Canada. We built a cabin near Lake Erie and have gone back every year (since 1964). I hear from **Edward Magee '50**, BME '51, quite often." Bud's fondest memory of Cornell: "Drinking ten-cent glasses of beer at Jim's."

**Shirley "Sherry" Flanders** (Phoenix, AZ) writes, "I am giving to anyone—who actually wants to use—one of my art works done by me. I have oils, drawings in ink and pencil, and prints, realistic and abstract. I will also send a disc, which documents most but not all of my works." About Cornell: "Beautiful campus—in all seasons. Its beauty was restful but exacting, and caused me to feel creative with my art endeavors." **Rhoda Ratner Barr** (Hastings-on-Hudson, NY) writes, "I had a most delightful visit for Reunion in June, but was surprised to find very few of my classmates there." Fondest memories of Cornell: "1) Meeting my future husband (**Martin Barr '49**) at a fraternity/sorority party; and 2) seeing my first farm, which was shocking for a NYC kid."

**Ronald Arky**, MD '55 (Brookline, MA) says, "I'm still very active as a faculty member at Harvard Medical School, teaching, mentoring medical students, and seeing patients at the Brigham and Women's Hospital. Awards from the Gold Foundation (2013), Massachusetts Medical Society (lifetime achievement award, 2013), and from the

students in the past year have been most gratifying." In his role as Master of the Peabody Society at Harvard, he oversees the academic and professional development of a cadre of medical students throughout their stay at the school. Through a gift from Ronald, the Pearl Birnbaum Hurwitz Humanism in Healthcare Award will be presented annually to a woman who exemplifies humanism and has advanced, through her scholarship, advocacy, leadership, or work, the well-being of vulnerable or underserved populations in the healthcare arena. Please send your news to: **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, [bbond101@suddenlink.net](mailto:bbond101@suddenlink.net).

**52** How can I thank you? Another round of news forms went out and the first mailing from Ithaca brought me more than 50 of them. You make my life easy. I have thoroughly enjoyed the variety of interpretation and responses that came in to the questions on this year's form.

**Barbara Antrim** Hartshorn (Oxford, MD; [bibbi@atlanticbb.net](mailto:bibbi@atlanticbb.net)) answered for herself and Elden that her present concerns are "old age." **Marshall Lindheimer** (Chicago, IL), who responded during the news drought, wrote that he had already been written up, and it was "time to feature other class alumni!" **Morton Sadinsky** (Elmira, NY; [mk.sadinsky@aol.com](mailto:mk.sadinsky@aol.com)), who had never before written, sent me a full form. He is retired but doing a lot of volunteering as a Rotarian, at his local hospital, and at his synagogue, where he leads services each Saturday. His hope: "To continue my good health and try to serve society in a meaningful way. I am a 28-gallon blood donor and thankful that I am well enough to continue to donate." Morton has five children. His oldest daughter and son live in Seattle. He has another daughter in Denver, one in Lexington, KY, and the youngest in Albany, NY. "I appreciate my life so far and hope to continue my activities."

A first time for me form came in from **J. W. Montgomery** (Strasbourg, France; [jwmontgomery@compuserve.com](mailto:jwmontgomery@compuserve.com)). His current position: "Distinguished Research Professor of Philosophy, Concordia University Wisconsin; English Barrister; Avocat, Bureau de Paris; Certified Fraud Examiner." John has also been a professor emeritus of law and humanities at the U. of Bedfordshire in England. His present activities can be found at [www.jwmchristendom.co.uk](http://www.jwmchristendom.co.uk) and at [www.1517legacy.com](http://www.1517legacy.com), his publisher's website. **Nancy Radick Lynk** (Delmar, NY; [thelynks@verizon.net](mailto:thelynks@verizon.net)) writes for herself and her husband, **Robert '54**, DVM '61: "No news is good news." **Barbara Church** Forester (Santa Barbara, CA) is a retired high school teacher. **Henry Baxter** (Nokomis, FL; [hgbax@comcast.net](mailto:hgbax@comcast.net)) writes, "I am 86 years old and feeling my age. I've had operations on both legs to improve the blood circulation. I live in a community of 332 homes called Kings Gate. We have lots of activities to keep us happy and out of trouble. I'll be 87 in August if I am still alive." Hank, Happy Birthday!

My question about 1952's blockage of the Triphammer Bridge as the deadline neared back in the age of "minutes," brought an e-mail from **Harriette Scannell** Morgan (Adamstown, MD;

[morgmorgmorg@aol.com](mailto:morgmorgmorg@aol.com)): "Well, it was the same 25 guys that did the WVBR stunt! In fact, there might even have been a few more." Het continued, "I surely do miss Monte and am learning to be lonely." She added, "Last week was a great week for the Morgan family: our only grandchild got his PhD in microbiology from Washington U. here in D.C., and his wife was promoted to Major. She is a surgeon in the Army and they are to be transferred to Landstuhl Hospital in Germany in July, the hospital that Monte's dad was responsible for getting the site and equipment to build after the war. Small world."

**Hazel Lowe** von Rosenvinge (Annisquam, MA; [hvonr3@gmail.com](mailto:hvonr3@gmail.com)) is an active museum docent at Peabody/Essex Museum in Salem, MA, and Cape Ann Museum in Gloucester, MA. **Peter Ward** (Candor, NY) is managing some rental properties with his wife, Gloria, and is active in the Candor Congregational Church, the Candor Chamber of Commerce, and the Town of Candor Planning Board. He was the Candor Town Supervisor for seven years, in the Tioga County Legislature for nine years, and the Tioga County Director of Weights and Measures for more than seven years, and retired at age 82. "I hope to continue being active maintaining properties and visiting children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren." At this stage, his concerns are "the ever-increasing cost of and control by all levels of government. The ever-increasing deficit spending, the debt, and the inflation of the money supply (quantitative easing) will eventually cause a financial collapse. Unless we are able to actually cut spending and balance the budget," he says, "we will be in deep trouble."

**Cynthia Baldwin** Dutton (York Beach, ME) has been retired since 1994. "My professional life was as an internist in an academic institution, first at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore and subsequently at the Albany Medical Center in Albany, NY. It was a good life!" She hopes to stay in her "little seaside Victorian cottage—that is, unless global warming and a rising sea level float it away." Her current focus is on "keeping well and enjoying my two daughters and my friends, playing bridge, and rowing my 70-year-old rowboat (in season)." **Paul Davis**, MBA '59 (Chatham, MA) has been retired on Cape Cod with his wife since 1991. He and Priscilla have been traveling overseas frequently to see friends and family members in Europe (Germany, Finland, and Hungary). They hope to continue their current lifestyle.

**Edward Wilkens** (East Brunswick, NJ; [wedmilie@aol.com](mailto:wedmilie@aol.com)) reports "no changes." **Low Daugherty** (Tucson, AZ; [lewdaugherty@comcast.net](mailto:lewdaugherty@comcast.net)), now retired, has been writing: "See the book *Friday Pilots*, available on Amazon. Twenty combat pilots each wrote a chapter." His current concern: "Enjoy life." **Joan Schmeckpeper** Richards Torelli (Boynton Beach, FL) is enjoying the Florida sunshine and keeps busy as treasurer and senior deacon at her church. **Anthony Bryant** (Waukesha, WI) writes, "Still in charge as chairman of the family business—looking forward to our 100th year in 2017. My 26-year-old grandson just joined the company with high ambitions to someday be the president of Century Fence Co. I haven't missed a class reunion since 1957 when I was still working on my MBA at Northwestern U. and am looking forward to the next one in 2017." Looking forward to seeing you, Tony. I trust that many of the rest of you have June 8-11, 2017 on your calendars.

My Verizon account disappeared at the end of May last year. It recently reappeared just long enough to see an e-mail from Connie Nelson of

## ‘Serious matriarchy!’ Winifred Bergin Hart '51

Menlo Park, CA, to let us know that her father and our classmate **Raymond Nelson '51**, BEP '52 (Engineering Physics) passed away peacefully on December 30, 2014 in Palo Alto. He was predeceased by his wife, **Anne (Plass) '51**, and is survived by three children and two grandchildren." The account quickly re-disappeared, and I do not know if anything any of you sent might be among the 1,233 unread Verizon e-mails. If you think so, please let me know. ✉ **Joan Boffa Gaul**, joangaul@mac.com.

**53** Lots of us remember lacrosse captain and frequent scorer, Savage Club steward, men's Glee Club treasurer and prez, a pride of Bronxville, Exeter, and Chi Psi, **Ed Gibson**. But not much has been heard from him for most of the past many decades. So it was a mighty pleasant surprise to learn that he's "happily settled since July 2014 in the mountains of western North Carolina with lovely English wife after 35 years of living and

physically. We are moving from Charleston, SC (the home of our oldest daughter), to a continuing care retirement community named Bishop Gadsden. (Does anyone know someone there? Please e-mail: jdtwi01@gmail.com.) We plan to come back summers to our Connecticut house."

**Alan Perlmutter's** Big Sur (CA) River Inn welcomed the Cornell Chorus to sing for its supper during a concert for the Big Sur community on the club's California tour. You may recall that Alan's son, Glee Club member **Ben '12**, sang there during a Left Coast tour four years ago. Alan, by the way, now has grandlings on both left and right coasts. Oldest, 26, in Maine, has a baby daughter. Youngest, in San Diego, is approaching a first birthday.

Long retired from medical practice, **David Gluck**, MD '57 (NYC) has turned to the promotion of "a wonderful medical discovery that Big Pharma wishes you didn't know about. It's the off-label uses of the FDA-approved drug naltrexone (for heroin addiction, at 50 mg daily). It normalizes immune systems and thus halts the progression of EVERY autoimmune disease (e.g., multiple sclerosis,

these days, but up to par for the golf course). And the very recently deceased **Jane Little** Hardy and **Bill Sullivan** were sorely missed indeed. ✉ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave. #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

**54** Hard to believe our Reunion took place over a year ago. As the birthdays accumulate, I wish Reunions could come along sooner. June being the busy month it is for all sorts of milestone events, it can be difficult to gather in the class. We now have grandchildren doing the marrying and graduating, and the law of averages means there are more of them than our own children, thus the celebrations grow in number. With those thoughts, mini-reunions at other times are more important. To find classmates, check CornellConnect for their contact information; it works most of the time.

While the mind still functions with some regularity, it tends to meander—sometimes with purpose. This month it has been to research names known well to Cornellians, names that are second nature. But do we know how they came to be? The recent graduation ceremonies led me to ponder, why "Schoellkopf" Stadium? In the '50s we used it to cheer the Big Red as it took the field. But who was responsible for our being able to sit outside on fall days in the sun, the rain, and the snow? Do you know? I was not sure, so off to my favorite time-engulfing activity. A number of Google searches led me to learn that the initial fund of \$100,000 was given to the university by **Willard Straight 1901** in honor of his friend **Henry Schoellkopf 1902**, with additional funds from the Schoellkopf family suggesting it be dedicated to Jacob R. Schoellkopf, the family's patriarch. Willard Straight Hall was given by Dorothy Whitney Straight in honor of her husband, Willard, who died in Paris three years after Henry. There is more, much more, to those histories, but enjoy the exploration for yourself.

I was surprised to discover that **Karin Roser** Williams lives in Sausalito, CA, a town I know well, as we docked our boat there for years. Karin practiced law after graduating from USF Law. Now she serves as a volunteer in public safety, working with the Sausalito Police. She loves the work, the people, and the town, and feels it is an honor to work with the local force. **Jim Buchan** says there is a paucity of Cornellians in the foothills of California around Yuba City, so if any of you are moving to the area, let Jim know. Using his Cornell experience, Jim was a finish line judge for the local community college track meets for 30 years, where he was also a professor. Today he plays tennis and volunteers on both the hospital foundation board and the community college foundation. His bucket list includes a sail through the Panama Canal, and thence to Australia and New Zealand.

**Jim**, MBA '59, and **Marge Holetton Weaver '59** appear to have found an ideal spot to retire. They are currently residents of Moorings Park in Naples, FL. Jim volunteers for Habitat for Humanity of Collier County and considers being healthy and active to be his bucket list. **Sonia Melius** Suter works with children at her church, and also with inner city children in an underserved community in Akron. With a new great-granddaughter in the family, she is enjoying her time with the little one. **Gil Rothrock** might be retired from the operating room, but not from the tennis court. He is another one for whom feeling great each morning fills his bucket list.

## ‘Still singing—captive audience in church, you know.’

Ann Gleason Sequerth '53

working in Belgium. Pursuing new adventures along with the old of singing and tennis. Remain in top shape healthwise."

Not everyone fills hours that might otherwise be idle in the way **Barbara Querze** Weinreich, MEd '54 (Orlando, FL) does. So, what keeps her busy? Well, "volunteering as a job coach for disabled adults, actively participating in two book groups, attending and hosting family celebrations, and enjoying a weekly mahjong game." Says **Ann Gleason Sequerth** (Lavonia, GA), "As always, my family keeps me busy. And thank you Amazon for your endless books on Kindle. They keep me sane through March Madness and endless golf tournaments. We are lucky to have great concerts at the universities of Georgia and Atlanta. Still singing—captive audience in church, you know. They don't seem to mind. Grandkids—so many in college. Several joined us and their parents for our 60th wedding anniversary. And they said it couldn't last." Interesting people in her life? "Through my dad, I met his friends Jimmy and Tommy Dorsey (and spoke to Bing Crosby on the phone). I towered over Perry Como in the hall at 30 Rock, but was quite even with his bodyguard. At Merrill-Palmer School I met Margaret Mead and Mrs. Edsel Ford. Her chauffeur let us sit in her car (not a crossword puzzle favorite, Edsel). At Cornell, Dr. Schlusser's 4-year-old daughter, who patiently taught this Irish girl about Hanukkah and sadly shook her head at my ignorance. My Tri-Delt—and Octagon—friends are high on the list. There are countless children, my own and others', who have taught me all I know of life, love, and everything else."

From **John Twiname** (NYC): "I have finally retired (at age 82), from the staff at my church, but keep going in an effort to get for-profit nursing homes (and other long-term care facilities) to employ a professional, nonsectarian chaplain. We may end up there ourselves, and I know we can develop spiritually, even though we deteriorate

sis, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, ALS, etc.). See my website, [www.LDNINFO.org](http://www.LDNINFO.org)," he suggests.

Cowboy Hall of Famer **Linda Mitchell** Davis (Cimarron, NM) reports that after 15 "challenging" years of drought, the snows of winter 2015 brought relief to the Southwest. "We have received good winter moisture on the east slope of the southern end of the Rockies this year. At last we can say that by spring things were looking up for the ranch that has been in the family since 1873." Besides cattle-keeping chores, Linda is a 24/7 volunteer with Cimarron Emergency Medical Service, which covers an area larger than Rhode Island. Jim and **Clarice "Recie" Miller** Scott have been planting flowers that they hope the deer in their Cincinnati backyard will turn up their cute little noses at. In their considerable traveling days, they touched base in all seven continents, often in impressive company, such as Frank H.T. Rhodes (Africa, Madagascar, Kenya, Tanzania, and Egypt), the passionate conservationist tour guide Lynn Leakey (Indonesia), and Cornell Prof. **Howard Evans '44**, PhD '50, who rode with them through the Panama Canal. They even snorkeled the Barrier Reef.

Heartiest congratulations to '53s 11th recipient of the prestigious Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award, **Bill Gratz**, near the head of the list of our most active and generous classmates, who doesn't miss many of Mater's events that are within reach—cultural, social, and sport. The presentation is set for Friday evening, September 18. That's also Inauguration and Homecoming Weekend. **Jack Brophy** led a select, approximately triple, quartet of Cayuga's Waiters of the Fifties, including our **John Nixon** and **Al Packer**, back one more time for Reunion '15. Bill couldn't make it to (occasionally) sunny Ithaca with our Continuous Reunion Club (CRC), owing to a bar mitzvah in the family. Class of '53 is the most represented class in CRC, but it wasn't the same without **Warren G. Grady** (traveling less



**George Edwards** has made valuable additions to the University Library from his collection. They are a first edition of Edward Gibbon's *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, a book from Gibbon's personal library, and a manuscript scrap of his memoirs. Although his grandson, George's first legacy, is on campus this year, I doubt he will be able to check them out overnight. Thank you, George, for enriching Cornell in so generous a manner! From Bellevue, WA, **Howard Seelig**, BCE '55, reports that his interests, now that time permits, are in real estate investment and construction, along with small sailboat racing, of course, and that ubiquitous small-ball game—golf.

**Leonard Zucker** has been supporting Cornell for years and counting, considering that three of his offspring are Cornell graduates and he now has two grands there. For intellectual stimulation, he is one of eight committee members who run a yearly lecture series via Fairleigh Dickinson U. on Public Affairs. My dad was one of their first teachers in the '40s, when Dr. Peter Sammartino founded it as a junior college in Rutherford, NJ, in an old castle-like estate. From those simple beginnings it has grown to what it is today. **Mary Ann Kane** is historian for the City of Cortland and serves on two boards and one commission related to local history. She writes history and is a volunteer guide at the local museum.

**Calvin "Pete" Nesbitt** is enjoying reconnecting with his Navy squadron-mates, writing memoirs, and working with Habitat for Humanity. **Robert** and **Carol Rodler**, for their 60th wedding anniversary, took 18 family members on a cruise to Bermuda—and that was before they took themselves on a cruise through the Panama Canal. ☐ **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesliejreed@me.com. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**55** My husband, Ed, and I had been looking forward to being with you all for Reunion. As a Seton Hall graduate, he loved it when people would notice his red Cornell sweatshirt and ask, "Are you a Cornellian?" and he would reply, "No, I'm a Setonian!" But his loyalty to Cornell was strong. He followed Cornell sports, and greatly admired Cornell's reputation and long tradition of excellence. Ed had been a beloved and successful teacher and coach on Long Island, with the most wins of any public high school basketball coach in New York State. His sudden death in May was a tremendous loss to everyone who knew him. Thank you to my friends who expressed condolences.

Now on to the news. My Reunion notes come via the sharp eyes and ears of outgoing class copresident **Barbara Loreto** Peltz and Reunion chair **Mike Avery**. Those who checked in early on Thursday were eager to climb aboard the first of two bus tours, under the guidance of **Corey Earle '07**. He pointed out so many changes, all new and amazing. Dinner was a barbecue buffet with guest speaker **Charlie Phlegar**, outgoing VP of Alumni Affairs and Development. **Joel Malina**, VP for University Relations, spoke about "Cornell Now," an update on new campus projects under way. Annual Fund co-chairs **Charlie** and **Mary Ann Peck Wolf** announced that our class had set the record for a 60th Reunion Annual Fund amount: \$39.7 million! Our grateful thanks to the Wolfs for a job well done. Friday morning, an overflow crowd gathered to participate in the discussion of the 2014 New Student Reading Project book. The day continued with a second bus tour, followed by the Olin Lecture in Bailey Hall

and dinner in Stocking Hall. There was no shortage of music: Joanna Pascale singing jazz songs from the Great American Songbook; tent parties; Cayuga's Waiters; and the Chorus and Glee Club concert.

**Dick Bump**, BCE '56, our former class treasurer, was on campus briefly to participate in the concert. Four years ago, Dick married Trevor Hunter; **Sharon Flynn '57**, Dick's wife of 15 years, gave him away. "It is so refreshing not to be in the closet anymore, as I was for most of my life. I love saying to people, 'Meet Trevor, my husband.'" Congratulations to you both! Dick thinks he may return for his second 60th Reunion next year (he graduated in 1956) so he could sing "Cornell" (the Soldier's Song) with the old Cayuga's Waiters at the various class dinners. "They don't sing it anymore, and the students don't even know the words to the Alma Mater—what a shame!"

I was glad to hear from classmates who were there. "Reunion, of course, was a joy," said **Ruth Clarke Hawkins**. Rudy and Ben enjoyed staying in the dorm, which gave them the chance to catch up with Tri-Delts, AGRs, and many other old friends. Their son and his wife, both Class of 1980, drove them out and then up to their home on a lake in Maine afterwards, where they visited with their daughter's family from Nebraska, including all four of her sons, plus two of the college grandchildren who were working in Boston this summer, and their son and his family who live nearby. Ruth went on, "What an exciting time it is to be young! Even our staid old Martha Van Rensselaer building has taken on a gorgeous new persona, filled with projects that would have made Martha Van roll her eyes for sure!"

Barbara Peltz laughed as she described **Bill Doerler** careening around Mews Hall on the six-person golf cart that transferred people and their luggage. Also helping to check people in were greeters **Carol Rittershausen** Byron, **Eva König** Ray, **Phil Harvey**, and co-president **Fred Antil**. At buffet meals, the six student clerks provided menu cards for people with limited mobility to select their meals; these wonderfully helpful young people efficiently filled the orders and delivered them to their tables. Kudos to **Nils Nordberg**, who made sure the food for every meal was top notch, well-prepared, and beautifully served.

On Saturday morning, many attended President Skorton's last State of the University address. Afterward, the group reconvened at Appel Commons for lunch and the class meeting. Outgoing co-presidents Barbara and Fred presented the slate of new officers for the next five years: Michael Avery and Philip Harvey will be co-presidents; Carol Rittershausen Byron and Bill Doerler, co-vice presidents. **Daniel Krouner** has agreed to come on board as treasurer, Eva König Ray continues as secretary, and **Nancy Savage** Petrie will be class correspondent once again. Nils Nordberg and **Ginny Wallace** Panzer were named to the class council. All were elected by unanimous voice vote. Barbara and Fred announced that ours was the first class to commit to a naming opportunity for the new University Health Services Center, a major expansion and renovation of Gannett, the current campus facility. This gift to Cornell was made possible because of a very generous contribution from **Peter Schluter**, combined with monies from our investment and class accounts.

Barbara and Fred were thanked for their ten years of leadership of the Class of 1955. We set records for most number of classmates returning for a 60th Reunion, most number of donors, and greatest number of dues-paying members of the

class. At the Saturday night dinner, those who had traveled farthest were recognized: **Bob Miller** from Hong Kong, **Larry Phillips**, BEE '57, from London, **Irene Adler** Hirsch from Israel, and **Roger Burggraf** from Alaska. Roger is a retired gold miner and owns a paddle-wheeler riverboat, but was famous in his Cornell days as the owner of Tripod, the three-legged campus dog. The Hangovers performed, and sang a tribute to Barbara Peltz: "Good Night, Little Girl." Barbara loved it (and commented afterward that there were "so many attractive men in the room!").

All Reunion attendees in the class received a copy of the magnificent book written by Prof. **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76—*Cornell: A History, 1940-2015*—and it was a special treat to hear him speak. His thorough coverage of our era was fascinating and brought back many memories of our time on the Hill. All in all, it was a wonderful celebration to commemorate our 60th and Cornell's 150th. Thanks to everyone who made the weekend so memorable, and most especially to Reunion chairman Mike Avery, whose organizational skills kept the weekend moving smoothly. ☐ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**56** Remember the fun. Remember the friendships. Share them again. Remember the dates, June 9-12, 2016, for our 60th Reunion in Ithaca. Our first planning session was held at the Cornell Club in New York this past May. Chaired by our esteemed class president, **Ernie Stern**, we received reports from co-Reunion chairs **Carole Rapp** Thompson and **Cidney Brandon** Spillman on housing, dining, entertainment, souvenirs, and you making plans to return and network among your classmates to join in for our celebration.

By the way, our slogan, above, was suggested by classmate **Bob Rothenberg**. Our class treasurer reported that we have \$19,600 in our treasury. Other participants at the meeting were **Sam Basch**, Joe, MBA '58, and **Sue DeRosay Henninger '57**, **Robert Morrison**, **Arthur Penn**, **Howard Schneider**, JD '59, **Eli Shuter**, **Barbara Barron Starr**, **Jerry** and **Nonnie Tarr**, **Judy Cohen** Lowry, and me. Carole attended the 2015 Reunion with the Class of 1955 to research ideas for ours, and there will be another meeting in the fall to finalize details. Again: Remember the fun. Remember the friendships. Share them again.

**Dixie Davis Curtice** (Long Branch Township, NJ) retired from real estate and enjoys tennis, among other things, with husband **Walter '57**, PhD '62, at the Bucks Racquet Club. **Hank Wadsworth**, PhD '62 (Lafayette, IN) recently celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary with **Emily (Malti)** at Castello Banfi in Italy, owned by Cornellian **John Mariani '54**. I do remember Banfi wines at our Reunions. **Dick Miller**, MBA '58 (Lake Forest, IL) is active as musical director for the Cayuga's Waiters of the '50s, which we assume will entertain us at our 60th. He works part-time as a supervisor of donations sorting for a local church's annual rummage sale, which, he says, generates more than \$130,000 for use by mission partners in northern Illinois.

**John Hoare**, MBA '57 (Bridgewater, NJ) is president of his homeowners association and is also on Cornell's Chimes Advisory Council. Granddaughter **Alyssa Cowles** Blachez '14 is staying on at Cornell, working toward a master's degree in CALS. **Margot Lurie** Zimmerman and husband Paul

(Dartmouth '55) live in Chevy Chase, MD, and spent four and a half weeks in Australia this past March. Said Margot, "I have never seen such spectacular coral reefs! All colors and configurations. I'm sure I'll never see any more beautiful no matter where we go, so I've now retired from snorkeling." **Norma Redstone** Shakun (Brattleboro, VT) is active in the American Association of University Woman (AAUW). She and husband Mel recently traveled to Hawaii for his work.

**Jon Lindseth**, general editor of *Alice in a World of Wonderlands: The Translations of Lewis Carroll's Masterpiece*, was featured in the June 12 edition of the *Wall Street Journal*. It documents 170 translations, from Afrikaans to Zulu. By the way, *Alice's Adventures* were translated into Russian by our favorite Cornell professor, Vladimir Nabokov, when he was a college student. Jon's book is a mere 2,650 pages within three volumes. And from **Bob and Diana Motycka Day** (Silver Springs, MD): "Yes, we're retired, yes, we're fine, and yes, we'll write later." Rev. **John Maltby** (Monmouth Junction, NJ) retired as a Presbyterian minister, and continues to substitute in the pulpit for senior group devotions, perform weddings and funerals, and sing in the church choir. John is an active member of the Big Red Bands Alumni Association (BRBAA) and travels back to Ithaca to participate with the band during Homecoming events.

**Lew Klotz** splits his time between Boynton Beach, FL, and Ft. Lee, NJ. Lew plays tennis, swims, and plans to be at our 60th. **Mary Ann "Polly" Whitaker** Dolliver (Spokane, WA) is a retired special education administrator and is now working part-time for Gonzaga U. as adjunct faculty supervising student teachers. She is also a tour guide at her local Episcopal cathedral, stays active in Delta Gamma activities, and is a Gonzaga basketball fan. **Nancy Kohler** Dean (Spencerport, NY) stays in touch with classmates and volunteers her time at the local church and Fairport Baptist Homes. **Leo Convery** (Edgartown, MA) recently sold his hotel and retired from the tourist business. **Gene Sanders**, MD '60 (Englewood, FL) and his wife, Christine, received the Stanton Honorary Award for a trilogy of articles concerning Henry Stinemetts, a folk artist. Gene adds that the publication was recognized among "articles of distinction" by the American Philatelic Society and may be viewed on the APS website.

**Vera Johnson** Winter Lee (San Francisco, CA) cut back a little after her 80th birthday, but remains active in her church choral activities. She has traveled to Cuba and Transylvania in the last five years, and recently joined her husband and his sister on a cruise to Alaska. **Paul Gorenstein** (Boston, MA) retired from the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics and remains involved in an emeritus position. **Arthur Hershey** (Calabasas, CA) is a docent at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley. He reports on a visit to Normandy, France, that he took for the 70th anniversary of D-Day, where he followed in the footsteps of the "band of brothers" into Germany. "We touched the foxholes of the GIs in the Ardennes Forest and paid tribute at two American cemeteries and one British one. It was a life-altering exercise that every American needs to experience." ☐ **Phyllis Bosworth**, phylboz@aol.com.

**57** **Beach Kuhl** is still practicing law in the San Francisco area, specializing in mediation and arbitration. He has been elected to the Ross Town

Council and has served on the Marin County Civil Grand Jury. He's driving his platform tennis buddies bonkers with his excellent moves developed over many years of play. He claims he has slowed a bit, but continues to compete and enjoy. If you are going through Pleasant View, TN, stop to see **Bob Cyprus**, whose calling card reads, "Horseman, Gentleman, Old Retired Guy."

Check this out for a legacy record: **Paul Tre-gurtha** attended this spring's Cornell graduation, where two grandchildren flipped the tassel. All parents and grandparents are Cornell graduates AND three grandchildren are rising juniors. **John Fisher** has been active in retirement, taking courses in non-Western cultures at Western Connecticut State U. He recently ran out of courses to take and has reverted to bridge three times a week. He and Marianne took their sons, spouses, and grandchildren to the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island to celebrate their 50th anniversary. **Milt Kogan**, BS Ag '07, reports "no change" in his retirement status, but mentions that his memoir, *Actor/Doctor*, is available on Amazon.com and Kindle. It's a fascinating tale.

Having retired in 1998, **Michael De Nicola** is still active as a consultant to Fujitsu, representing the company on industry consortiums' boards of directors and executive committees. He is active in the Optimist Club of Calgary and the Optimist Int'l District of Alberta, Montana, Saskatchewan, and Wyoming. For those of you who did not get your fill of curling in the last Olympics, he advises the above district on the sport. **Ralph Deeds** has perfected retirement, having performed the maneuver four times after 50 years of activity, 34 of which were with General Motors. He also was assistant to the chairman of the NLRB, a member of the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Appeals Board, and a claimant representative in appeals hearings. He may have been working too hard, stating he enjoys sailing on Lake St. Clair, which he claims is the smallest of the Great Lakes. Someone in the Cornell Geography department can probably check that out.

I'd like to relate something on the life and times of **Dwight Emanuelson**, besides the fact that he is a senior VP with Wells Fargo in Hilton Head. Having been unable to decipher his writing, I referred his news form to a handwriting expert. She has gotten back to me, asking the language in which it is written. ☐ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

Even though it wasn't our Reunion year in June, some classmates made it to the Hill for the Continuous Reunion Club (CRC), including **Connie Santagato** Hosterman, **Marj Nelson** Smart, **Dori Goudsmit** Albert, **Bert Grunert** DeVries, and **Betty Starr** King. **Marcia Wishengrad** Metzger, JD '60, was also on campus attending her Law School reunion. **Joe '56**, MBA '58, and **Sue DeRosay Henninger** returned once again. **Mabel Klisch** Deal drove to Ithaca on Saturday to enjoy the Human Ecology breakfast, as did **Joanne Field** Bleakley. Longtime residents of Ithaca **Nancy Krauthamer** Goldberg and **Mary Hobbie** Berkelman **Tigner** joined classmates for a group dinner. Mary married **Mauri Tigner**, PhD '63, a little over a year ago. Mauri is a retired physics professor, and it's a full Cornell household as Mary's son **Tom Berkelman** graduated with **Rachel Tigner** in 1984, her son **Jim Berkelman** graduated in 1986, and Mauri's son **Ben Tigner** graduated in 1987.

**Gabrielle Kirsch McGhee** writes from Holland Patent, NY. "Don and I still live on the farm we

bought in 1963, five miles from the nearest quart of milk. Over the years we tried pigs, chickens, and veal calves, but never cows. At this point we are both retired, he from Dairyalea and I from a teaching career, followed by a practice as a marriage and family therapist." Both McGhees volunteer, Don through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, a vital service in rural Upstate New York, and Gaby in a food pantry and soup kitchen. The McGhees have four children and ten grandchildren. "We have our health and a long and happy marriage, so life is good," writes Gaby.

When **Sue Davidson** Braun and her husband were in Hawaii for his medical meeting in April, it was the time of Passover, and Sue looked on the Internet for a Seder. "Sure enough, there is an organized Jewish Community of Kauai," writes Sue, "so we joined them for a traditional Seder held in an Episcopal church. Lots of fun. A forever memory." Traveling around the country visiting children and grandchildren gives them a chance to see old friends as well. In NYC they see Steve and **Mina Rieur** Weiner, in D.C. it's Stan and **Dot-tie Lapidus** Rodbell, and when in San Francisco, **Doug and Carole Sahn Sheft** '59. Sue continues her interest in early childhood education and works with the League of Women Voters; that is, she says, when her week isn't taken up with running to various doctors and exercising to keep from slipping backward!

**Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59, sends a reminder that the Cornell/Boston College hockey game is on November 28 at Madison Square Garden. She has already booked a restaurant across from the Garden for a class dinner before the game. Contact Judy (Judyrlevy@aol.com) if you'd like dinner and/or a ticket. ☐ **Judy Reusswig**, JCreuss@aol.com.

**58** We finally have some news! Thank you to those who sent back the news form! **Almeda "A.C." Church** Riley has moved to the Woodlawn Commons, a senior living facility in Saratoga Springs, NY, and is now retired. However, she keeps busy as an officer of the board of the Saratoga County Economic Opportunity Council and works with the League of Women Voters and Planned Parenthood. She and **John '55**, BArch '56, recently spent two idyllic weeks on Captiva Island in Florida.

**Dottie Blow** Dane is still working after 30-plus years as a real estate agent, with her son as her partner and doing most of the work! She is an avid quilter, with one quilt published in 2014 in "Inspired By the Beatles: An Art Quilt Challenge." Those quilts were displayed in Houston last fall and are traveling around the country. She keeps busy as president of her civic association and serves on several district committees in Fairfax County, VA, and her PEO chapter. **Barbara Wood** Gray has settled in Oro Valley, AZ, and loves it. They have 17 grandchildren and doubled their number of greats from five to ten thanks to some twins thrown in for good measure. Their family is scattered everywhere, so they have lots of fun trips keeping up with them. Favorite haunts are Michigan and Whidbey Island, but most of all they love the desert and the fabulous weather! Hobbies include barbershop for fun, mahjong, and being involved with anything connected to Centering Prayer.

**Bruce Marshall** has moved from his home of 42 years to Ashby Ponds, in the shadow of the Blue Ridge Mountains. "Couldn't be happier!" **Martin Steinberg** is still living in Boston and doing



research focused on sickle cell disease, funded by the NIH. They just had grandchild number four. When asked what he'd rather be doing now, he commented, "Be out of Boston, where we've had over ten feet of snow!" (This was written in early spring!) **Bob Hendricks**, PhD '64, is still employed full-time as the associate head of the materials science and English departments at Virginia Tech. He and his wife, Delores, travel to Europe three weeks each summer, and this past year they took a river cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg.

**Jim Quirk** still loves to ski, play golf, and travel, but all at a slowing pace! He and Peggy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last fall. They have six grandchildren and four live just a mile away. Such a huge source of joy! A sad note to write: **Jim Stallkamp** passed away in March 2015. He had been ill with cancer for three years. **Julianne Gilbert** Cohn is retired, but stays very active in politics. She lives in Atlanta, but says Georgia is not the best place to be a Liberal! **Barbara Shelly** Cook has retired from FedEx, where she was a training manager. She is now living in Kansas with her oldest grandchild and volunteering at the school library. **Betty Fong** Zuzolo is still going to CCNY and dabbling in some research with physicists instead of biologists.

**Irene Lazarus** Soskin, who administers our class blog, is also conducting and giving concerts with the community chorus and classical choir. She has been traveling a lot after healing from a shattered leg. Irene went to Singapore, Malaysia, and Italy last June with roomie **Barbara Streicher** Magid. Alaska was coming up as I write this column. Barbara also wrote in about the trip to Italy with Irene. She teaches chemistry two days a week at Suffolk Community College. **Albert Caines** is enjoying retirement—lots of traveling, wintering in Florida, fishing, and eating seafood! His grandson played basketball at Onondaga Community College and is now at Le Moyne in Syracuse.

A last note now from yours truly: My husband, **Chuck Jarvie**, MBA '59, was honored in April in NYC with the Distinguished Service Award from the Johnson School for his dedicated service, outstanding leadership, and exemplary commitment to the school. We also have our second grandson attending Cornell this fall in Arts and Sciences. Our other grandson graduated from the Engineering college in 2013 with a degree in Computer Science. Keep the news coming in. **Jan Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com; **Richard Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com.

**59** It's a delight to report the marriage of Wendy Hankle and **Henry "Hank" Stark** of Ithaca on April 16. The ceremony took place in a grove of cedar trees at the Cornell Plantations. "Wendy is a writer at Ithaca College," writes Hank. "We first 'met' several years ago when she interviewed me on the telephone for a fundraising brochure (I have scholarship students at both Cornell and Ithaca College). We had so much fun talking on the phone during a series of interview sessions that we just had to meet . . . and the rest is history." The couple will continue to reside in Ithaca, but they've been doing extensive traveling, including a trip to England last year and, more recently, to New England, where their lodgings have included a guest house on a Vermont oxen farm where the owners have a booming maple syrup business.

"They come because Reunions are fun!" says **Ron Demer**. Joining him on campus for this June's

Reunion were **Rick Dyer**, MD '63, **Bill and Jackie Grimm Kingston** '61, **Hugh and Caroline Logan**, and **George and Bobbie Greig Schneider**. "The weather was gorgeous," reports Ron. "Many class gift and attendance records were broken, and outgoing President David Skorton was thanked with a new version of 'Give My Regards to David' at Cornelliana Night. Skorton's success at fundraising was summed up in the phrases, 'When you kick off, make sure that Cornell receives' and 'the Check Republic,' used by **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76, in his introduction to Skorton's last official appearance,

“Penguins of all sizes were very curious about us.”

Joan Travis Pittel '59

his Saturday morning State of the University address." Ron reminds us that events such as the address are available at the [cornell.edu](http://cornell.edu) website—and that everyone should watch the fantastic Charter Day video, "Glorious To View," at: <http://150.cornell.edu/glorioustoview/>. "I have watched it ten times, and still cry when I see it." He's not alone.

**Dave Dunlop** (Brooktondale, NY) was honored with the 2015 Tompkins County Distinguished Citizen Award by the Baden-Powell Boy Scouts of America. The award is presented annually to an outstanding member of the community who, through volunteerism with a number of organizations, upholds the values set forth in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Dave served Cornell for 38 years until his retirement in 1997 and continues to serve the university as a volunteer. He was a national pioneer and innovator in fundraising and charitable giving. Throughout his career, over 180 other colleges, universities, and nonprofit organizations have called on Dave for advice and training in fundraising.

**Naomi Bubeck** Tuttle, BS Nurs '59 (Greeley, CO) retired this spring after working for 22 years as an instructor for the Hadley School for the Blind. The school is the largest provider of distance education for people who are blind or visually impaired. "All our 90 courses are online, and I had students from all 50 states and around the world," notes Naomi, who, since retiring, has been volunteering at the local pregnancy resource center. Jerry and **Joan Travis Pittel** (Boynton Beach, FL) traveled to South America and Antarctica last winter. "It was a bucket list trip for me," says Joan, who particularly recalls the Falkland Islands, where they were surrounded by thousands of penguins of all sizes who were "very curious about us." More recently, the couple took a trans-Atlantic cruise that took them to Lisbon, Paris, Bruges, and Amsterdam. Joan gave granddaughter **Clara Wasserstein** '18 her white '59 blazer, which is still in good condition. "You may ask why or how I still have it," says Joan. "I don't know why. I just loved it, I guess." Joan continues to volunteer as an usher at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach and is a member of her condominium's board.

Middle Tennessee State U., near Nashville, honored **George Vernardakis** for his now 46 years of service to the school, where he is a professor of political science. "Add to this my four years of service in the British Colonial Service of Cyprus and the four years in the U.N. Secretariat in New York,

and the total becomes 54," he writes. George's more recent activities have included the presentation of two papers. One, at the conference of the Int'l Political Science Association in Madrid, considered the National School of Administration in France and its role in public policy making. The second, presented at the annual conference of the American Society for Public Administration in Chicago this past March, compared the public policy input of the senior executive service of the US, the Grands Corps of France, and the British Administrative Service. George and his wife, Roxane,

continue to spend summers in an apartment on the beach in Limassol, Cyprus, "swimming, walking on the beach, reading, and seeing friends."

Also still active in academia is **Paul Read**, MS '64, who continues to conduct research and Extension activities as well as teach several courses at the U. of Nebraska. His research on several vineyard sites, planning and implementing grower field days, and coordinating workshops and other educational activities support Nebraska's developing grape and wine industry. "Although I am often asked when I'm going to retire, I'm not contemplating doing so for at least a few years. I'm having too much fun working with students and plants—my two most favorite subjects, after family. Speaking of family: my three adult children from my first marriage are all independent and happy; the two children by my second marriage have been keeping my wife, Christine, and me busy over the past ten years or so." **Jenny Tesar**, jet24@cornell.edu.

**60** Our 55th Reunion was a great success! Class president **Sue Phelps** Day, MEd '60, reports, "Your class council worked as a team to produce all the memorable happenings." These included: a panel chaired by **David Simpson** that featured **Linda Jarschauer** Johnson, MS '63, David's son **Gideon** '03, and some current students comparing the old days of *in loco parentis* with campus life today; **Kenn Gartner's** "amazing concert in Barnes Hall"; a moving farewell address by outgoing president David Skorton; and superb food and drink throughout the four days. **Jim Hazlitt** generously donated the select wines from his Hazlitt 1852 Vineyards, and the group overseeing the menus—**Bill Flanagan**, **Jack Keefe**, and **Jan Van Heiningen**, with welcome advice from long-time hospitality expert **Bill Fisher**, MBA '65, PhD '68—provided a series of excellent meals as well as ice cream from the Cornell Dairy available 24/7 in the residence dining room.

Many made enthusiastic comments about being on campus again. On arrival, **Howard "Skip" Picking**, MBA '62, and his wife, **Adelle (Case) '61**, said, "So happy to be here," and afterward, many others praised it with words like "terrific" (**Johanna "Toddy" Dwyer**) or "a super weekend" (**Bill Flanagan**). **Ray Skaddan**, sending congratulations to the Reunion-planning team afterward,

summed it up nicely: “We thoroughly enjoyed every moment: the set-up at Alice Cook, the meals, the many activities . . . but most of all, meeting and greeting classmates—new acquaintances and old friends.”

Outstanding, too, was the generosity of 1960ers in contributing to the university. Reports Sue, “Our class raised almost \$65 million—40 percent of the overall dollars from all Reunion classes—due to the efforts of **Carl Johnson** and his team of **Roland Philip**, **Dave Wechsler**, **Jim Carter**, MST ’65, and me. And we were one of the top classes in membership, with 524 duespayers. We continue to be the Super Class that Frank Rhodes dubbed us at our 25th Reunion.” Just before leaving campus, a class council slate, including many recidivists, was elected by a unanimous vote to serve until 2020: president Sue Day; VPs **Gale Jackson**, William Flanagan, and Carl Johnson; registration chair Linda Jarschauer Johnson; class historian **Gail Taylor** Hodges; webmaster **Carrie Warnow** Makover; nominations chair **Ginny Seipt**; affinity chairs **Alan** and **Ellie Ross Garfinkel**;

council members **Phyllis Pugatch** Schecter, Bill Fisher, Jim Carter, and **Don Milsten**; and class correspondent **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg. Brand new to the council is incoming treasurer **Susan Cowan** Jakubiak.

Reunion was also a good time to catch up on classmates’ doings, thanks to Ginny Seipt’s brilliant idea of setting up a laptop near the registration desk for attendees to record their news. **Alan Lish**, on campus for the first time in 20 years, reported the happy news that he got married for the first time in 2012 and is now the grandfather of three, thanks to his new wife, Rose. Alan is, he says, “living the retirement life in Delray Beach, FL,” traveling and volunteering at the Delray Hospital and Temple Sinai. **Harry Woodward**, retired after 30 years with Pan American, concluding his career as sales manager for the Hartford area, still lives in Wallingford, CT, where he is on the board of directors of the Cornell Club of Greater Hartford and serves as a secondary school volunteer working with prospective Cornell students. Harry is also secretary of the Skat Club

of Connecticut, a travel organization that started in France in the 1930s. **Alys Chew** Yeh (Oakland, CA) and **Carolyn Carlson** Blake (Allendale, NJ) announced their plans to visit **Linda Wurtzman** Rosenheim in New York City and make an excursion to the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx. In a hectic travel itinerary, **Paul Auchter**, PhD ’64, came from Florida to Ithaca for Reunion Weekend and left the next day for Nevada and a granddaughter’s high school graduation, then went on to Orange County, CA, for time with other family members before returning for the summer to the New Jersey seashore.

Gale Jackson, who was responsible for the festive flowering plants that adorned the dining room in the Reunion residence, wrote that she and husband Ed Butera are still living in Morristown, NJ, but spent seven weeks in the Florida Keys last summer. “We liked it so much that we’re going back for nine weeks this winter. Ed is still working part-time in real estate, and we’re expecting our 11th grandchild. Believe it or not, there is only one boy in that whole group! I’m cutting back on church and volunteer work, but learning to play bridge—long overdue since the living room at Delta Gamma!” **Connie Reed** Goldsmith notes, “I’m still loving life in Marin County, CA, despite no water. I’ve been east to visit family a couple of times this spring and am now enjoying seeing old friends here at Cornell.” **Fran Pennisi** Giruzzi says, “I taught home economics for 27 years and retired in 1996. I have had and am having a good life. The latest news is that our youngest son, Christopher, is running for Utica City Judge. The election is in November.”

**Dick Morse**, MS ’70, noted that he and Carol enjoyed Reunion with sons **Russell ’95** and **Randall ’00**, two of their four sons who have degrees from Cornell. Dick says, “We are continuing to enjoy retirement, taking care of home and landscaping. We go to Aruba in January and Mexico in February to escape the winters in Geneva, NY.” **Lorraine Buzzutto** “Buzzy” Haley, who was “having a great time at Reunion,” reports that she retired from teaching in 2004 and has been doing a lot of friend and family things since. She says, “I have three children, and each has two children, so keeping up with their activities keeps me busy. My three oldest grandsons have graduated from college and two more graduated this spring. Lots of traveling and going to museums all over the world are my delight.” In July, Buzzy planned to leave Hartsdale and go to Spain to see her granddaughter play soccer in a tournament. She speaks for many of us with her parting words, “Be well and hope to see you all at the next Cornell Reunion!”

If by some chance you did not receive a copy of our latest class directory, which was mailed out in May, please contact Sue Day at [suesday6@comcast.net](mailto:suesday6@comcast.net). And keep your news coming! ☑ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, [jjw275@cornell.edu](mailto:jjw275@cornell.edu).

## Death Scenes

Judy Rosenblatt ’62

**C**ontessa Liliana Brianini is hosting a conference, a weekend gathering where the world’s greatest minds are trying to solve humanity’s biggest problems. But all of a sudden, tragedy strikes. One of the attendees, a famed Broadway director, is murdered—and all the guests are suspects.

That’s the premise of *The Saga of the Missing Fingers*, one of the dramas that actor and writer Judy Rosenblatt puts on through her party planning company, Mystery & Mayhem. Since its inception in 1988, Rosenblatt says, the firm has hosted more than 1,400 events for kids and young teens in the New York metro area—birthday parties, bar and bat mitzvahs, and other celebrations. The parties cost about \$1,250, with the price varying according to the number of guests.

Mystery & Mayhem’s plots are variations on five basic scenarios that Rosenblatt has concocted, from *The Saga of the Siamese Twins* to *The Stopped-Watch Strangler*. Rosenblatt distributes clues—like, say, a severed (fake) finger hidden in a supermodel’s lipstick case. While grown-up actors portray the detectives, who include Sherlock Holmes and Nancy Drew, the guests are the suspects. The kids receive character descriptions ahead of time and are asked to come in costume, though they don’t know if they’re the killer until midway through the event. “When I first started, I let them know in advance,” says Rosenblatt, who holds a master’s in educational psychology from NYU. “But after one party I saw it doesn’t work, because kids that age can’t keep a secret.”

After graduating from Cornell, Rosenblatt attended drama school in London and went on to study under legendary teachers Sanford Meisner and Uta Hagen. She has worked Off-Broadway and in repertory theatre, and appeared in small roles in several films including the Adam Sandler comedy *The Cobbler*. She notes that although she didn’t major in drama on the Hill—she earned a BFA in painting—it was at Cornell that she began to realize she was destined for the stage. “My painting teacher came to see me in a play,” she recalls. “And he told me, ‘You are a much better actress than you are a painter.’”



— Christina Lee ’18



**61** Our drought is over. The change in the class dues schedule also resulted in a scarce supply of news, but now we are back with an ample (for now) number of items to fill several issues. Still, keep us in your thoughts.

Speaking of being in the news, I picked up the *New York Times* on May 26 and saw a front-page article about our classmate **Harris Rosen**. "ORLANDO, Fla.—Two decades ago, Harris Rosen, who grew up poor on the Lower East Side of Manhattan and became wealthy in the Florida hotel business, decided to shepherd part of his fortune into a troubled community with the melodious sounding name of Tangelo Park. A quick snap from the city's tourist engine, this neighborhood of small, once-charming houses seemed a world away from theme park pleasures as its leaders tried to beat back drugs, crime, and too many shuttered homes. Nearly half its students had dropped out of school. Twenty-one years later, with an infusion of \$11 million of Mr. Rosen's money so far, Tangelo Park is a striking success story. Nearly all its seniors graduate from high school, and most go on to college on full scholarships Mr. Rosen has financed."

**Marshall** and **Rosanna Romanelli Frank** traveled to several places and events surrounding the Sesquicentennial Charter Day Weekend in April. Rosanna writes, "Marshall and I just returned from the final leg of our Sesquicentennial voyages. **Pete** and **Nancy Schlegel Meinig '62** may have us beat, but I bet we come in a close second for the Class of '61 members who attended the most celebrations! Kudos to all the amazing Alumni Affairs staffers who pulled off great shows in so many different locations. Our travelogue began at the NYC kickoff celebration in September, which set the tone and the bar for what was to follow. The venue, performances, and attendance were inspiring and spectacular. The celebration continued for us at Homecoming weekend and then again at Trustee-Council weekend. The party in Boston during CALC was equally wonderful—and tweaked to reflect that unique location.

"Charter Day Weekend in Ithaca in April was an amazing display of the intellectual and cultural strengths of the university, capped by a Charter Day ceremony in Barton Hall, complete with a full capped and gowned procession by the faculty and the viewing of a new video created for the occasion, which every alum (and prospective student) should view to understand and reinforce why Cornell is such a unique and special place for all of us. (The video is available for viewing on our class website.) Also in attendance that weekend were Reunion co-chair **Pauline Sutta Degenfelder** and husband **Joe '60**. Our journey ended at the last celebration this May in London, where, once again, the show was tweaked to reflect how special that global location is. Cornellians in attendance participated in group photos with Touchdown, the Cornell bear, at the London Eye and Big Ben. The Cornell Club of London did a fine job of arranging events all weekend that showcased the cultural attractions of that city. A few that Marshall and I attended were special tours of the Courtald Museum, a reception in Parliament hosted by an MP, and a play complete with commentary from **Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76**. What a great way to end a very special year in the history of Cornell."

Namibia is a country unknown to me, **Doug Fuss**, except for our older daughter's honeymoon there eight years ago. Formerly German Southwest Africa, it is one of the least populated countries in the world . . . and the driest in Sub-Saharan

Africa. Sue and I decided to take the plunge and booked a several-week wilderness safari. We were not disappointed. The Namib Desert features the largest dunes on Earth, towering as high as 1,000 feet (says Wikipedia), and towns and villages from Windhoek to Swakopmund that retain the Bavarian architecture of a century ago. Germany exited Namibia at the close of WWI to be replaced by the Brits before becoming independent. Predictably, 80 percent of the tourists and trekkers are from Germany. I had read, many years ago, of the feared "Skeleton Coast," which deserves its name. The cold Atlantic currents and the desert heat create intense fog and numerous shipwrecks. If you like Land Rovers and driving on the dirt, this is your dream country. We stayed at three safari camps that provided good, if not luxurious, accommodations. Each focused on a family of wildlife such as oryx, elephants, wildebeests, zebra, springboks, jackals, lions, and more. Plus, we had up-close visits in some local tribal villages. Altogether a memorable trip among the many we have taken.

Our follow-on trip to South Africa was unique in its own ways. Cape Town is deservedly considered one of the most beautiful cities in the world, and we enjoyed our stay. Johannesburg is a bit less so. Security is a serious problem, reflected by the number of uniformed officials in public places. Unemployment among male youth is 40 percent, and the momentum created by Nelson Mandela seems to be declining. Immediately following our return, we traveled to Vero Beach to attend the memorial service for **Dave Shanks**. Dave, a fraternity brother at Phi Psi, and I were roommates as sophomores and remained close over the years. Unfortunately, complications following routine rotator cuff surgery proved fatal. Dave was active in the Sherwoods and continued his participation in the alumni group, including performances at several of our Reunions. We were joined by **Reg Woods, MBA '63**, and his wife, Kathie. Our condolences go to Dave's wife, Rosalie. Keep us in mind. Send us your news. **Doug Fuss**, [dougout@attglobal.net](mailto:dougout@attglobal.net); **Susan Williams Stevens**, [sastevens61@gmail.com](mailto:sastevens61@gmail.com).

**62** **Steve Wald, PhD '66** ([stephenawald@hotmail.com](mailto:stephenawald@hotmail.com)) of Indianola, WA, notes that most classmates are half as old as Cornell this year. He is an advocate for U. of Washington Medicine Center for lung disease. As director of the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, he connects with patients and/or families affected by pulmonary fibrosis for support and potential volunteer opportunities, including philanthropy directed toward curing this disease. Steve also enjoys supporting the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. **Jack Loose, MS '64**, of Huntsville, AL, has a new e-mail: [2jackloose@gmail.com](mailto:2jackloose@gmail.com). **Ted O'Neill** moved to The Villages, FL, last year. He notes, "Quite a difference from Connecticut." Ted lost his wife last year. He has seven grandchildren.

Guatemala was just one of the recent travel destinations for Janet and **Bill Cogshall** (Menlo Park, CA; [bill@wilddancer.com](mailto:bill@wilddancer.com)). "The ancient Mayan City of Tikal in northern Guatemala rivals Machu Picchu in Peru and Chichen Itza in Mexico for development of a civilization and its ruins. Founded approximately 2,500 years ago, the civilization collapsed about 1,000 years ago, so the site was covered by 1,000 years of overgrowth and discovered by accident in the mid-1800s. Our tour clearly showed that it had taken an unbelievable amount of human labor to build the pyramids, and almost certainly these structures were mainly monuments

to the rulers. The strain on the resources eventually destroyed the civilization. A good lesson to us in modern times." Bill included a photo with a '62 Reunion duffel bag, and wrote, "That bag has been a wonderful item over all the years since I attended the Reunion at which it was given out. With it, a laptop bag, and a roll-aboard suitcase, I have traveled the world for many days."

Also traveling is **David Lloyd**, who lives in Chevy Chase, MD, where his two grandsons are three minutes away. Recent journeys have taken him to Europe, Mexico, and Alaska. From Manchester, NH, **Aline Holstein** Lotter ([alotter@me.com](mailto:alotter@me.com)) writes, "Two years ago, I finally and fully retired from the practice of law in order to devote all my energy to creating art. It didn't quite work out that way, but that was my intent. In any case, I do appreciate being able to have fun when I want to and not being responsible for the well-being of others . . . even grandchildren, of which I have two, both over 18. They are making their way in the world, as is my daughter, who is on disability, and my son, now almost 50, who has settled down into his work as an environmental geologist, but still finds time to practice the guitar and play gigs with his buddies. I support two dogs and four cats and a large house. I'm a pretty liberal environmentalist Democrat, so I do worry a lot about what the world is coming to. But I have resigned myself to the fact that it's no longer my responsibility to figure anything out. 'Let It Go.'"

Roger and **Betty Kopsco** Bennett ([beekbennett@comcast.net](mailto:beekbennett@comcast.net)) enjoy life in Middletown, MD. Betty has been an adjunct and physiology instructor at Frederick Community College for the past 21 years. They have six grandchildren. **Victor Rubino, LLB '65** ([vrubino@pli.edu](mailto:vrubino@pli.edu)) retired as president of Practising Law Inst. and has become president emeritus. He plans to consult part-time and travel. Victor is in regular contact with **Charles Gerli '60** and **Frank Clemens**. He lives in New York City. **Wendell Glasier** ([wglasier@verizon.net](mailto:wglasier@verizon.net)) of Bowie, MD, sadly reports the death of his wife from lung cancer. Judy Baernstein reports the death of her husband, **Al Baernstein**, in June 2014 in St. Louis, MO.

Rocky and **Larrie Dockerill** Rockwell greatly enjoyed their trip cycling through the San Juan Islands last summer. This year, they headed to Scandinavia to look for Larrie's Danish relatives and Rocky's Swedish family. The Rockwells spent their first full-time fully-retired winter in Wyoming this year, and said, "It was certainly the first time Boston got more snow than we did at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort!" Retirement activities for Carol and **August Lowe** include their garden in Mathews, VA, where they live, their Lake Ontario cabin, four February weeks fishing in Captiva, FL, and visiting children and grandchildren.

Celebrating their 51st wedding anniversary this year are Lettie and **David Harrauld** ([daveharrauld@att.net](mailto:daveharrauld@att.net)). They recently moved to Sun Lakes, AZ. Son James lives nearby. They leave Arizona's summer heat for Buffalo, WY, near to son Steve. The Harraulds have enjoyed recent visits from Cornell friends **Bill '60**, BCE '63, and **Joan Kather Henry '64** and **John**, BCE '64, MCE '65, and **Jane Curtis**. **Duane Brauen** (Murfreesboro, TN; [dbdoxie@aol.com](mailto:dbdoxie@aol.com)) writes that he and wife Donnie are retired on their 13-acre horse farm and are active in AKC dog shows. Donnie has miniature dachshunds, and their daughter has Australian shepherds and bull mastiffs.

**David Shearing** (Perry, NY; [shearing@rochester.rr.com](mailto:shearing@rochester.rr.com)) works part-time for the Western New

York Crop Management Association. He and Eleanor have four grandchildren. Also in the Rochester area, **Erwin Tschanz** sold his landscape business and now works for the new owner. "Now I have more time to work for the second company I own and run, Gen-Nis-He-Yu Trading Co. We hand-make items for 18th-century reenactors and historic sites." Irwin and Julie's daughter is studying in Japan. What's new with you? ☐ **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

**63** I have sad news to impart. **Bonnie Simonson** Suchet passed away on April 15 from complications of dementia. She was Fall Weekend Queen her freshman year, as well as my sophomore- and senior-year roommate. On a tour of Europe after our sophomore year, classmate **Mary Falvey, Charlotte Jones** Collister '62, Bonnie, and I visited the UK, and Bonnie felt as if she had "come home." After graduating from Cornell, she moved to London, where she lived the rest of her life. In 1964, she married Richard Cleghorn-Brown, and they had two sons, Alec and Hereward. In 1985, she married John Suchet, and the same year began working as executive assistant to **Chuck Feeney** '56, chairman and CEO of Atlantic Philanthropies and its investment arm, General Atlantic. She retired in 2003. She and John spent as much time as possible in their country home in Bordeaux, France, and Bonnie traveled for research and pleasure with John, who, having retired as an anchor at Int'l Television Network, wrote five books on the life and works of Ludwig van Beethoven. His latest book is a loving tribute to Bonnie entitled *My Bonnie: How Dementia Stole the Love of My Life*. Mary also remained very close to Bonnie, visiting her frequently through the years. She attended her memorial service in Grantham, England.

News from Mary Falvey: "I continue to live in San Francisco and also to enjoy my country home in Calistoga, in the Napa Valley. I continue to work as an advisor to early-stage technology companies and to serve on the board of governors of the San Francisco Symphony, as well as a trustee emeritus and presidential counselor of Cornell. Five years ago, I decided to fulfill a long-held dream and build a life in Paris. Having brought back my French, I spend about three months per year there and am developing not only friendships but also clients—European technology companies wanting a presence in the US. I love it! My stepchildren, **Kristen Fuller-Dixon, MMH '98**, and **Glen Fuller**, and five grandchildren, ages 10-16, continue to thrive in the Bay Area, and Kristen and her family will host the niece of one of my French clients for three weeks this summer."

**Marcia Heinemann** Saunders (marcia.sauanders@mac.com) lives in London, England. Marcia officially opened the "Journey to Justice" exhibition in Newcastle-on-Tyne's Discovery Museum on the anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. The eye-opening exhibition on the Civil Rights Movement was on display from April 4 to May 4, 2015. Marcia wrote in spring of 1964, "I was part of a team of 50 Cornell students who had been invited by black community leaders to support their struggle for the right to vote, which they had in theory since 1870, but were prevented from exercising by poll taxes, literacy tests, intimidation, and threats." The group went to Fayette County, TN, and "spent six to eight weeks in same-sex pairs in the homes of courageous black people." There is so much more

in her talk, but not enough room in this column. Marcia continues, "I arrived in England over 40-odd years ago and decided to stay because I saw a great personal opportunity to work in areas—particularly education, social services, and the National Health Service—where there was an inspiring national commitment to equality."

**Susan Waldo** Baker retired in 2006 when the first grandchild arrived. "Our daughter and her husband live in Colts Neck, NJ, also, so I was able to watch their new son when she went back to work. I am still retired, but they now have three children and a nanny. Our younger daughter, **Katie '02**, is living in California outside of San Francisco. She is a PA working at Lucille Packard Hospital in Palo Alto." Susan and husband Frank took a river cruise in Germany, and Katie went along, leaving her husband, Brian, behind. "Son Michael and his wife, Margaret, returned last fall from 15 months of traveling the world and have settled in Nashville." Susan says she really enjoyed seeing Bob and **Mary Dunn** Medina, as well as her Kappa Kappa Gamma sisters, at our 50th Reunion.

**Allan Lines**, MS '69, lives in Worthington, OH, and does domestic and international agricultural consulting and volunteering. He hosted and mentored Ukrainian professors in 2013 and 2014. He is also traveling to Ukraine to work with those same professors. **Norman "Punch" Smith** is a volunteer for the Low Country Food Bank and National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation in Charleston, SC. In October 2014 he attended a Phi Gamma Delta reunion with fellow '63 Fiji's at **Joe Brennan's** home in San Francisco. Also attending were **Dave Costine, John "Whip" Gunn, Fred Gaston, Charlie DeRose, and John Kennedy**, MBA '65. That's all the news for now. Don't hesitate to send me an e-mail with your news. ☐ **Nancy Bieders** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ick63@gmail.com.

**64** Once more, we're glad to be getting news from classmates who either have never been in this column, or haven't written in many years.

Hay crop farmer **Harold Weaver**, who's appearing in this column for the first time ever, still sells that feed stock, plus takes care of farms in New York's Central Hudson Valley that are owned by weekenders. As if that's not enough, Harold is beginning his 39th year as town justice in Livingston, NY (he lives in nearby Hudson), plus he's a certified New York State mediator for Common Ground. Harold writes, "I'm very healthy and happy with what I'm doing." He also advises, "Treat every person as an equal; and any goal can be achieved with patience and hard work." **Albert Hunter** (Evanston, IL) is also here for the first time. He is a sociology professor and director of the Urban Studies Program at Northwestern U., but wrote us from England, where he was a visiting professor last spring at the London School of Economics doing research on a comparison of the US vs. the UK as "civil societies." Of retirement, Al writes, "Retirement looms, but first one must 'grow up' and grow tired of what one is doing—and on both counts, I seem to have failed."

Physician **Seymour Rosen**, yet another first-timer, just retired from his 39-year practice of ophthalmology, but continues to work part-time. Seymour lives in Tallahassee, FL, with wife Joan. Another ophthalmologist, **Bruce Gordon**, who hasn't appeared here since 1983, is still practicing full-time, and still lives in Scarsdale with wife

**Madelon (Roseman) '63**. The Gordons have two children and five widely spaced grandchildren, from 2 months to 22 years in age. And yet a third ophthalmologist (clearly, the "eyes" have it physician-wise for this column), **Lawrence Schwartz**, who's been missing in action here a year less than Bruce, retired with his wife to Palm Springs, CA, last May after a 40-year practice at Los Angeles' Cedars-Sinai Hospital. Larry writes that he's looking forward to more travel and spending time with the couple's five children and ten grandchildren.

Congrats to dancer and educator **Julie Adams Strandberg**, who received a Pell Award last June, honoring career achievements in artistic fields. Julie, who has been a professor of dance at Brown U. since 1969, was the artistic director of a dance company in the 1970s, co-founded two dance organizations in the 1990s, and just last fall offered a course at Brown entitled *Artists and Scientists as Partners*, an examination of the arts' role in healing diseases and disorders. Julie and husband **Joe**, a retired software engineer, live in Providence, RI.

**Janet Stern Cohen**, last here in 1987, with husband **George '62**, MS '64, took what amounted to a mini-grand tour of Florida last December following a mini-reunion with other classmates. The Cohens attended a bat mitzvah for the granddaughter of **Michael** and **Debbie Simon Troner**, an event also attended by **Diane Herson** Franklin and husband Steve. The Cohens then visited other family and friends, plus took in many of the state's highlights, including the Frank Lloyd Wright buildings on the Florida Southern College campus in Lakeland, the Salvador Dali Museum in St. Petersburg, the Kennedy Space Flight Center at Cape Canaveral, and Universal Studios in Orlando. **Kenneth Kramer** (Hayward, CA) was last here 24 years ago, and writes, "I'm still semi-retired as a lawyer, real estate broker, and photographer, and I'm healthy, happy, and grateful." His philosophy: "Happiness is wanting what you have."

**Arnold** and **Mary Cantor Hammer** (Rockville, MD) also make it a point to keep close to classmates. The Hammers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last June with their three widely scattered (California, New York, and D.C.) sons. The couple otherwise often visit with **Michael Wachter** and wife Susan, **Bruce** and **Toni Leroy Berger '66**, **Harvey** and **Susan Goldberg Kayman '66**, BS HE '65, **George Johnson**, Rabbi **Jim Michaels '68**, and Arnold's cousin **Marla Gottlieb Zwas '88**. Nor do they neglect other Cornellians, among them Mary's brother **Jim Cantor '62** and sister **Joanne Cantor Larsen '67**. Arnie is very active in their synagogue as president of an adult Jewish education foundation, plus he's a life member of the synagogue board and chairman of the ethics committee of their local Hebrew Home, where, not incidentally, he was recently recognized as volunteer of the year.

And speaking of classmates . . . My Westfield (NJ) High School classmate **Peter Marsac**, who retired eight years ago, lives in Chesterfield, MO, with wife Peggy, where he is trustee/secretary of their homeowners' association. Pete also spent all last year on the Federal Grand Jury for Eastern Missouri—but, he insists, was not involved in the Michael Brown case. He says his duty was "a very interesting and educational experience." The Marsacs also spend much time with their three children and five grandchildren, all of whom live nearby.

That's it for now. Please keep the news coming! ☐ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St.,



Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, [blamont64@comcast.net](mailto:blamont64@comcast.net). Class website, [www.cornell1964.org](http://www.cornell1964.org). Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964>.

**65** The Centennial Class of the Sesqui-centennial celebrated a marvelous 50th Reunion under president **George Arangio**, MD '69 (Fogelsville, PA; [casarangio@aol.com](mailto:casarangio@aol.com)), Reunion chairs **Myron Jacobson** (Boca Raton, FL; [mgjacobson@aol.com](mailto:mgjacobson@aol.com)) and **Grace Hershberg** Morgenstein (Potomac, MD; [grace.morgenstein@yahoo.com](mailto:grace.morgenstein@yahoo.com)), and registrar **Becky Baskett** (Cincinnati, OH; [beckybaskett@cinci.rr.com](mailto:beckybaskett@cinci.rr.com)). We shared days of joy and remembrance. Happily, the weather gods mostly shined upon us, and especially perfect was Saturday, when we dedicated our gift to the university: the magnificent Class of 1965 Arch at the entrance to the A.D. White Gardens. We raised \$104,000, well over our \$50,000 goal, which enabled us to allocate \$54,000 to our class scholarship. Everyone applauded the beauty and intricacy of the design. Thanks especially to **Sharon Williams**, Becky Baskett, and George Arangio, who championed the project from start to finish.

One of the highest points of the weekend was the 50th Reunion yearbook, edited by **Bob Kessler** (Douglaston, NY; [REKessler1@aol.com](mailto:REKessler1@aol.com)). The 444-page volume (weighing in at five pounds, six ounces) is filled with essays written by professors we studied with 50 years ago including Walter LaFeber, Andrew Hacker, **Dan Sisler**, PhD '62, and James McConkey. Look through the pages to find articles on creative activity by classmates including: **Arlene Helfrich** Teck (Rockaway, NJ; [arlene.teck@gmail.com](mailto:arlene.teck@gmail.com)), who "invented" Viagra; **Joe Regenstein**, MS '66 (Ithaca, NY; [jmr9@cornell.edu](mailto:jmr9@cornell.edu)), who made the Oreo Kosher; and **Mike Gibson**, ME '66 (Houston, TX; [mikegibson97@icloud.com](mailto:mikegibson97@icloud.com)), who helped rescue the Apollo 13 astronauts. Other classmates wrote about their involvement in civil rights, gay and feminist revolutions, and the computer evolution. Cornell sports achievements were covered by **Steve Appell** (Brooklyn, NY; [BigRed1965@aol.com](mailto:BigRed1965@aol.com)) and **Bud Suiter**, MBA '67 (Surprise, AZ; [rumpfunny@gmail.com](mailto:rumpfunny@gmail.com)). Distinctive biographies of hundreds of our classmates reveal their lifetime experiences. The yearbook is illustrated with color pictures in a beautiful hardcover book printed on archival quality paper and stitch-bound for permanence. DO purchase it if you missed Reunion; some copies are still available at \$69.90, including domestic shipping. Contact class treasurer Sharon Williams (Venice, FL) at [shw6@cornell.edu](mailto:shw6@cornell.edu). Huge thanks to Bob for his yeoman effort and achievement!

Applause to everyone who worked on the planning and onsite attention to detail that made our Reunion exceptional (the roll call is wonderfully too extensive for our column word allowance). It's been great to read through the reflections of many in attendance. Becky Baskett writes, "'Try to remember the kind of September . . . that made us mellow,' from the opening song the Sherwoods sang Sunday morning. We shared just that experience, from orientation in 1961 to our 50th. Who could have known we would be such good friends despite years of passing time? The camaraderie was everywhere, and events exceeded all expectations. To be young again at Cornell was invigorating."

Echoing the youth theme is Sharon Williams, "I discovered that it's possible to return to my youth when I stayed in the dorm with my KD

sisters **Sally Coltman** Condit, MAT '66, **Ginny Schein** ([vschein@gettysburg.edu](mailto:vschein@gettysburg.edu)), and **Beth Fowler** ([efowler43@comcast.net](mailto:efowler43@comcast.net)). It was running into them in the bathroom that made me feel 20 again." Beth smiled through the lovely serenade of soloist **Paul Reading** '64, MD '68, and the Sherwoods on Sunday. **Joe Ryan** (Buffalo, NY; [jryan9778@aol.com](mailto:jryan9778@aol.com)) comments, "The Arangio Reunion management team and the university staff did a terrific job. I don't think our Reunion could have

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gone better. I had never heard the Sherwoods before and hope never to miss them again. Steve Appell and Bob Kessler, you have given me enough to read to be busy all summer."

Our class joined with alums from the classes of 1940, 1990, and 2015 for a gala reception and dinner on Saturday evening. Featured speakers for the evening were President Skorton and Frank H.T. Rhodes, who engaged in genial discussion. Our financial campaign co-chairs **Judy Kellner** Rushmore ([judesr@gmail.com](mailto:judesr@gmail.com)) and **Mike Gibson** ([mikegibson97@icloud.com](mailto:mikegibson97@icloud.com)) announced that, as of the gala, we had 523 donors and raised over \$10 million. We mingled and sang and snapped our glowsticks with glee while the Big Red Band played. **Roberta Tarbell** (Philadelphia, PA; [rkt6@cornell.edu](mailto:rkt6@cornell.edu)) led the class forum, "Cornellians Improving the Quality of Life During the Last Half-Century" on Friday. Since graduation, three of the class leaders who have improved the quality of life for people internationally presented their endeavors, followed by a discussion of future plans. Class participants were **Alan Lockwood**, MD '69 (Buffalo, NY; [ahl@buffalo.edu](mailto:ahl@buffalo.edu)), **Marlene Krauss** (NYC; [mkrauss@kblvc.com](mailto:mkrauss@kblvc.com)), and **Jamil Sopher**, ME '66 (Washington, DC; [jsopher@mac.com](mailto:jsopher@mac.com)), and Frank DiSalvo, professor and director of Cornell's Atkinson Center. Classmates praised Roberta's selection of the participants and her direction of the dialogue and discussion.

Complementing the morning forum was the reception and exhibition at Milstein Hall of **Joel Perlman**, BFA '65's (NYC; [jperlman43@gmail.com](mailto:jperlman43@gmail.com)) metal sculpture. Welding metal sculptures has been Joel's passion for more than 50 years. His work is amazing and included in many premier museums and private collections. Lightning and thunder enlivened the tent parties Friday night. All those rockin' and rollin' respected the loudspeaker announcement and cleared the area, running to Goldwin Smith, where we had opportunity to trade stories until the immediate danger passed and we skipped back to the dorm. **Susan Murphy** '73, PhD '94, is retiring from her position as VP of Student and Academic Affairs and accepted the invitation to be our speaker at Saturday lunch. Her university updates and look-ahead always resonate and generated an enthusiastic Q&A session. Susan graciously accepted our inscribed copy of the 50th Reunion yearbook.

We also shared memories at the university's Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving. Our

class is saddened by the passing of 247 classmates. Joe Ryan and I attended and remembered many in our class including those whose deaths we were informed of most recently. The reading from *Gates of Prayer: New Union Prayer Book* ended with, "So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them." More Reunion news will be published in Nov/Dec. Thanks to Steve Appell, who has offered to help write this column once or twice a year!

Send in your adventures to: **Joan Hens** Pickard Johnson, [Joanipat@gmail.com](mailto:Joanipat@gmail.com); **Steve Appell**, [BigRed1965@aol.com](mailto:BigRed1965@aol.com).

**66** **Alexandra "Sandy" Shecket** Korros ([korros@xavier.edu](mailto:korros@xavier.edu)) has been a professor of history at Xavier U. since 1998 and, since 2004, is the director of the University Scholars Program. She teaches surveys in European history and specialized courses in Russian history and has had the opportunity to travel to the countries about which she lectures. Sandy and her husband have one daughter, Miriam, who lives with her husband and young son in Las Vegas, NV. This gives her another opportunity to travel: to spend time with her grandson. With many fond memories of her years at Cornell, Sandy hopes to be more active in alumni activities when she retires next year.

Retirement is not in the picture for **Arnold Berger**, PhD '71 ([aberger@uwv.edu](mailto:aberger@uwv.edu)), associate professor at the U. of Washington, Bothell. He is chair of the actively growing engineering and mathematics program. Last winter, he skied in Utah and Colorado. **Judy Friedman** Hauser has retired as a librarian. She and husband Josh travel and, in the recent past, have been to Italy, Tel-luride, and Florida. She also spends time playing tennis and visiting New York and California to see her children and five grandchildren.

**Kathleen Rambo** Knight, BS Nurs '66 (Kathy hope.Knight@gmail.com) retired last year from the Visiting Nurse Service of New York, where she was manager of program development. She is now integrating into a new community and discovering her niche for working with people in need. She credits the Nursing program at Cornell for her life-long professional vision of the value of community health outreach. **Barbara Lawrence** ([whitespirit3@comcast.net](mailto:whitespirit3@comcast.net)) continues to enjoy year-round great weather, living in southeast Florida. She shares her home with her two cats and also rents a room to language students learning English.

**Stan Sterenberg** ([stan.sterenberg@gmail.com](mailto:stan.sterenberg@gmail.com)) continues to teach math to sixth and seventh grade girls at the Chapin School in New York City. His son is a student at Davidson and a manager of the basketball team. His daughter is at the Fieldston School and looking at colleges. On a recent family trip to tour Cornell, Stan found his old fraternity house (now a sorority house) and

remembered playing football on the lawn on November 22, 1963, when someone came out and told the group about President Kennedy being shot. Each November, Stan recalls that moment. Aaron and **Esther Strauss** Lehmann (ELehmann3654@gmail.com) sold their house in New Jersey and moved to Boynton Beach, FL, after she retired. They bought an apartment in Fort Lee, NJ, so they can spend time near three of their four children and 11 of their 14 grandchildren. One son and his family live in Florida. Esther writes that the most valuable things learned at Cornell were how to get along with everyone and prioritize her time.

**Neil Chafetz** (oracleimaging@yahoo.com) continues to work as a diagnostic radiologist in the Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, area. Neil and wife Karin's younger son is a Computer Science major at the Cornell Engineering college, their daughter is a first-year student at NYU Law School, and their other son is going to business school. Neil says that he and his wife travel to New York for fun, to San Francisco for relatives, and vicariously abroad through their children—no photos, just credit card statements. Each fall the Chafetz family hosts a scholarship dinner with music at their home for Southern California Cornell students, under the auspices of the Cornell Club of L.A. Neil writes that he learned at Cornell the importance of being more involved with activities and causes as well as helping others; it wasn't all about schoolwork and it isn't all about work. Neil would like to hear from classmates **Roy Smith** and **Scott Bolling**.

**Susan Rae Goldberg Kayman**, BS HE '65 (SRGKAY@gmail.com) has retired. She and **Harvey '64** have six grandchildren. **Mary Jansen Everett** (GOBIGRED22@aol.com) finds retirement has given her an opportunity to work on our 50th

Reunion. She is working on updating our database, as many of your e-mails and addresses have changed. **Robert '65** and Mary's biggest news is that their daughter was elected as a Cornell alumni trustee in 2014! **Doug Gurin** (dgurin@comcast.net) has retired and spends his time reading and watching TV with an interest in science, history, nature, politics, and engineering. To that end, he has built a model railroad with WWII scenes and operations. He is fulfilling a lifelong dream by providing a creative outlet and inspiring visitors to learn more about WWII. Doug says he would like to be traveling with his wife, Gail, to forests and waterways, and to visit art and photography exhibits. **Anne Ryder Hobbs**, MA '69 (withane66@gmail.com) retired from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology two years ago and is learning how not to be busy. She and **Peter, PhD '72**, became first-time grandparents last September. Anne says little else seems meaningful other than finally being a grandmother.

A Reunion note from **Alice Katz** Berglas: Welcome to 50—a year we never thought to imagine! (We were busy living the four Cornell years we were sharing.) 1962 to 1966: absolutely ours! And our milestone is absolutely ours, too. A 50th Reunion is not just four June days on the Hill—it's a Reunion YEAR. A chance to be back in touch, find old photos in the closet, find old memories in the back of one's head (and find them slyly moving front again). Past meets present meets future. Old friends. New friends. Forums. Music. Talk. Time. Together. Find Ithaca! June 9-12, 2016. The Reunion Committee invites you to share it all. Q's? Contact Alice at: [alice.berglas@gmail.com](mailto:alice.berglas@gmail.com).

We hope many of you will come back to Cornell in June. If you have never been to a '66

Reunion, now is the time. If you have been to one, you know it's special! **Susan Rockford** Bittker, [ladyscienc@aol.com](mailto:ladyscienc@aol.com); **Pete Salinger**, [pete.sal@verizon.com](mailto:pete.sal@verizon.com); **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, [deanne.gitner@gmail.com](mailto:deanne.gitner@gmail.com).

**67 Jan Garden** Castro (Brooklyn, NY; [jancastro1@gmail.com](mailto:jancastro1@gmail.com)), who attended Cornell as a freshman in 1963-64 and graduated from U. of Wisconsin, Madison in 1967, was a visiting scholar last March at the U. of Hawaii. Her books include *The Art & Life of Georgia O'Keeffe*; *Sonia Delaunay: La Mode*; and *The Last Frontier*. Her writings have appeared in *Sculpture Magazine*, the *Nation*, *American Poetry Review*, and *American Book Review*, and she has curated exhibitions for IAA (Int'l Arts & Artists), the Jane V. Zimmerli Museum, JAMA (Japan Association of Art Museums), and ICPNA (Instituto Cultural Peruano Norteamericano—Lima) and has received two National Endowment for the Humanities fellowships and a Camargo Foundation fellowship.

Jan writes, "I fondly remember **Paul Samberg '65** kidnapping Allen Kaprow from his own 'happening' in a garbage dump and poetry performances at Noyes Lodge and Willard Straight Hall. I also recall **Harry Chapin '64** playing banjo with friends and French surrealist playwright Arthur Adamov's circle of friends at a local pub." Jan is presently co-curating an art exhibition opening May 10 in New York and would welcome a new life partner in or near New York or Brooklyn. **Richard Marks**, MBA '68 (Boynton Beach, FL; [rhm22@cornell.edu](mailto:rhm22@cornell.edu)) reports, "The Cornell Club of Eastern Florida hosted a polo event at Gulfstream Polo in Lake Worth, FL. We were treated to an exciting overtime game. The winning team included classmate **Ted Brinkmann**, DVM '71, who is still playing competitive polo."

**Claudia Goldin** (cgoldin@harvard.edu), the Henry Lee Professor of Economics at Harvard and director of the Development of the American Economy program at the National Bureau of Economic Research, explained why gender inequality in wages persists, and what can be done to achieve equality, at an Arts and Sciences Sesquicentennial lecture last October entitled "A Grand Gender Convergence: Its Last Chapter." She explained that economists used to believe the difference in education, college majors, and length of time out of the labor market explained the gender pay gap. But, she said, women's time out of the workforce has decreased and years of education by women has surpassed men. In many professions women are in the majority.

What can be done to eliminate the persistent pay gap? The answer, said Goldin, is to change the structure of the workplace to increase "linearity" in respect to earnings. (If someone works twice as many hours and earns twice as much, that's linear; if someone works twice as many hours and earns three times as much, that's nonlinear.) Non-linear jobs penalize women for taking time off for family and for working fewer hours. In sectors where temporal flexibility—variation in numbers of hours worked—is not penalized, the gender pay gap decreases. Eliminating the gender pay gap will require changes in company policies about flexibility. But, said Goldin, it also will require restructuring jobs to offer greater linearity of pay with respect to hours and lower penalties for temporal flexibility and time out. Some employers are already doing this. Bank of America, for example,

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responded to complaints that its clients had to wait too long for their representatives to be available by shifting from individual bankers to teams of bankers. Some medical specialists also frequently work in teams, allowing them to work fewer hours and have more family time. **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

**68** I'm exhausted from a weekend babysitting my granddaughters (7 and 4) while my son and his wife attended his 20th Reunion at Cornell. That reminds me: your 50th Reunion is just three years from now, June 7-10, 2018. Perhaps we should send "Save the Date" e-mails to our family and friends reminding them NOT to schedule a discretionary event (weddings, confirmations, bar/bat mitzvahs, etc.) on that weekend, 'cause we're going to Cornell.

**Herb Fuller** attributes Cornell Prof. **Dalai Brenes, PhD '57**, with teaching him to appreciate and understand the works of Gabriel García Márquez, a Spanish language author who, Herb says, changed his life like nothing else. Herb is still having a great time making digital documentary movies. His love of filmmaking and Spanish literature began in classes at Cornell. Herb and wife Martha live on Prudence Island, RI, and were thankful for the end of the brutal winter, which made travel and Herb's volunteer fire department duties considerably more challenging. **William Wise** recently retired from his pathology practice in Massachusetts, but continues to develop medical software for his company, Calcwise. Bill is still "into music," and recently put his CD, "Y2klez," on the Web through CD Baby on iTunes. But he is even more "into" his four grandchildren and his weekly babysitting duties. **Frederick Scholl**, PhD '76, and his wife, Gladys, live in Brentwood, TN. Fred is the director of graduate programs at the College of Computing and Technology, Lipscomb U. in Nashville. Fred's children, James and Carl, are beginning their college search.

**Jeff Donahue** and his wife, Anne, live in Baltimore, MD, but spend part of the year in Santa Barbara and also visit their three children and grandchild, who all live on the West Coast. Jeff is retired, but serves on four corporate boards, two of which he chairs. He feels that he learned hard work and rigorous analysis at Cornell and, he says, "neither came to me naturally." **Sara Straw** Winship and her husband, Dale, live in Atlanta, GA. Sara still plays "hardscrabble" women's doubles tennis on the senior intermediate team—city champs four of the last six years—and there has made friends for life. Sara recently spent a high-energy vacation in Belize, where they snorkeled, hiked, climbed Mayan ruins, and cave-tubed. **Laura Sevush Langworthy** and her husband, **Richard '66**, BS Ag '70, live in West Newbury, MA. She reports that her interior design business has never been busier. She does get away, especially to visit her children and five grandchildren, who live in Western Connecticut, Los Angeles, London, Nantucket, and NYC.

**Tracy Suor** Garland and her husband, Tom, live in Seattle, WA, where she has been consulting in the field of strategic philanthropy for the past seven years. She was the 2014 recipient of the Shils Entrepreneurial Fund Award for her work in the healthcare field. Tracy's time is filled with the joy of her six children and two grandchildren, but she still is engaged in various Seattle civic

issues and is currently conditioning for a walking trip on El Camino de Santiago. **Rick Golding** is an associate professor at SUNY Delhi College of Technology, Business and Hospitality Division, and he lives in Mechanicville, NY. He is active in the Cornell Club of Albany's Capital District, where he leads tours of the NYS Capitol Building.

**Bennett Marsh** keeps busy teaching a nationally recognized SAT and ACT prep course near his home in Haymarket, VA. He is proud to report that his daughter **Joanna '99** is curator of contemporary art at the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, DC. Joanna recently conducted a curator's tour for the Cornell Club of Washington that included our classmate **Judy Gleklen** Kopff, who is now Facebook friends with Bennett. **James Kelly** lives in Los Angeles, CA, and still loves his full-time work—only thinking of retirement briefly on Monday mornings. Jim's love for Cornell was rekindled when he attended our 40th Reunion, and he's been active in alumni activities since.

**Thomas Schongalla**, BS ILR '70, MBA '71, is retired and living in Walla Walla, WA. Tom cruised to Alaska last year and thinks about living in Provence. **Sharon Solwitz** and her husband, **Barry Silesky**, live in Lafayette, IN. Sharon is still at Purdue, writing and playing tennis and bridge. She feels that her understanding of left-wing politics was one of the most valuable things she learned at Cornell. It's great hearing from everyone, so keep those news forms coming! Or e-mail me: **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

**69** Thanks to all who took the time to send your news! Hope you all enjoyed the summer—a welcome respite from the brutal winter for those of us in the Northeast.

**Jeffrey Olesen** sends regards to all and this news: "Although I retired from the Foreign Service in 2012 thinking I had had enough, within a year I was doing temporary assignments. Summer 2013 I was in Adana, Turkey, working with the Syrian Transition Assistance Response Team for three months. Then last summer I spent almost four months in Luxembourg as the Embassy's deputy chief of mission. Then off to Kyiv, Ukraine, for a month filling a staffing gap. Now I'm in Vienna, filling another staffing gap as the counselor for management for the three US missions here. I had served in Vienna for three years, from 2007-10, so this is sort of a homecoming. Vienna never changes much, so it seems like I had never left." Upon retiring in Sarasota, FL, he has found a very active Cornell Club and is now its luncheon program VP.

**Edward Wilson** is still living and working as a civilian for the US Army near Vicenza, Italy, and finds its location excellent for travel to Germany, Austria, Croatia, and France via car or train. He and his wife have also cruised the Mediterranean and traveled to other parts of Europe by air. Wife Patricia, having retired from teaching, "has taken up the theatre as an actress, dancer, singer, seamstress, and set constructor." Edward adds, "I'm running the light board, like I did back in 1968-69." He'd love to hear from **Bruce Layton** and **Barry Nocks**. In December 2014, **Marsha Gold** was appointed to a three-year term as vice chair of the Congressional Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission.

**George Frank** is retired and doing some part-time consulting, splitting his time between Seattle and San Diego. He and his wife are looking forward to the weddings of both sons this year,

travel a great deal, and play golf regularly. **Peter Fried** retired several years ago from the defense industry and is now teaching physics part-time at NYU. He and Wendy are spending more time traveling and enjoying their impressively degreed children: **David '98**, PhD '04; **Lisa '95** (JD, Georgetown '01); and Stephen (Stanford '02; MFA, Yale '05). **Keith Reece** is still working as senior VP for KBR in Houston, building refineries and chemical plants all over the world. He is happy to be building more in the US these days and says he will likely retire next year.

**Mike Hogan** (Delmar, NY) is a healthcare consultant and loves his volunteer work on several boards. "I get to focus on good causes that I could never devote enough time to." **Diane King** has been doing some volunteering in Brewerton, NY, having retired in 2013. She would like to hear from **Mary Fryer** Fravil. **Phil Callahan** just marked 45 years at JPL in Pasadena, and is trying to decide whether to "stick it out" until his current project is launched in 2020. Between October 2013 and October 2014 he ran four marathons: Venice; L.A.; Caen, France (on the 70th anniversary of D-Day); and Lucerne. **Doug Yoder** is in his 44th year of public service in Miami-Dade County. He says he had an outstanding trip to Antarctica with other Cornellians on a CAU cruise over Christmas.

**Roy Black** is still working at the Goizueta Business School of Emory U. as director of the real estate program and as a professor in the practice of finance. He is taking guitar lessons and plans to get back together with his high school band to play at his 50th Reunion. Good luck, Roy. **Lestlie DeGroff**, DVM '69, is still practicing part-time in Perry, NY. He and wife Betsy grow vegetables and travel to California and Florida to enjoy time with their grandchildren. **William MacBain**, MPS '75 (Gaithersburg, MD) is working a bit more than he had intended since being semi-retired. He does volunteer work with the Kairos Prison Ministry in his home state. **Phil Griswold** teaches part-time online for Walden U. and is the board director for the Sun City, AZ, fire district. He volunteers for the city's fire and medical departments and still finds some time to fly his airplane. **Ingrid Vatsvog** Wachtler, ME '70 (Gig Harbor, WA), having been told that "retirement could kill you," is still working at her nursery, Woodbrook. She loves having her two grandchildren close by and says, "I'm happy where I am."

**Dick Erali** (Trumansburg, NY) is in his final months with Auburn Orthopedic Specialists and plans to retire in October. He is looking forward to Homecoming and his 68th birthday. His organic farm and orchard, Second Wind, is just off Route 89, a mile south of Taughannock Park, if you are ever in the area. **Gary Gartenberg** has transitioned from private medical practice to oncology clinical research at J&J in New Jersey, working on late-stage trials of drugs in development. Both of his sons attended Cornell, one daughter recently graduated from McGill U., and his other daughter is currently at Cornell and enjoying her time there.

Lots of news from the Bay State. **Tim Schiavoni** (Haverhill, MA) is not thinking retirement yet. His law firm continues to grow and he is the senior partner, "keeping the young associates in line and busy." He is also a minority partner in an international soil stabilization business with projects in Africa, Australia, and North and South America. "This is a very busy and exciting time for me," he says. He and his wife, Cilla, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary July 4, and enjoy hosting their four children and five grandchildren at

their beach house in southern Maine. This winter they went skiing with all five grandchildren—could you guys keep up? **Tom Grilk**, having spent 38 years with Hale and Dorr in Boston and as general counsel to public companies, is now executive director of the Boston Athletic Association, which hosts the Boston Marathon. He writes, “It has been a privilege to be at the center of the national and worldwide response to the bombing in Boston in 2013—the strength and resilience has been striking. Testifying at the trial was a reminder of all that.” He enjoys his involvement in international athletics and can find “no good reason to stop.” Enjoy the fall! Keep sending news to: **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

**70** What a fantastic 45th Reunion we had in early June! After so many months of planning and hard work, Reunion 2015 is now a pleasant and happy memory. **Bill**, ME '71, and **Gail Post Wallis** did an amazing and creative job for our Class of '70 Reunion celebration. Three cheers and more for all they have done for our class and for giving the Legendary Class of '70 such a special and unique 45th Reunion experience!

Go to Flickr (and join) to see terrific photos of Reunion and to find the '70 photos in particular. The cover photo for Reunion 2015 highlights Gail and Bill's terrific idea to decorate our big Reunion button lanyards with “number buttons,” signifying the previous Class of '70 Reunions each of us had attended. Once again, '70 is legendary. Please go to our class website (cornell70.org) to see more details of university activities, the list of 45th Reunion attendees, Reunion photos taken by classmates, and bios of our RED Talk speakers.

Reunion commenced at noon on Thursday, June 4, as classmates arrived at our headquarters in Carl Becker House on West Campus (just behind the Baker Dorms, now called “the Gothics”), and shortly afterwards, **Ellen Celli** Eichleay and **Ted Carman** presented two interesting and tasty activities. Ellen arranged, through Rebecca MacDonald, the Swanson Director of Engineering Student Project Teams, the presentation of five such projects. There was a Formula One automotive design project, a student-designed rocket, and an autonomous underwater vehicle, or drone submarine. The Cornell Baja all-terrain vehicle (aka dune buggy) arrived at our headquarters staging area, having been driven down the stairway next to the building. The fifth team was in bio-engineering, competing at iGEM (Genetically Engineered Machines). Their machine was made up of genetically altered *E. coli*, which could eliminate heavy metals from bodies of water. All were fascinating and impressive.

Ted showcased the New York State wine industry and its progress since our student days. Rieslings were chosen because they are consistently the best wines produced in New York. Three dry Rieslings were blind-tasted, and a Kendal Jackson Chardonnay (not from New York) was slipped in as a trick. Wines from William Hosmer, Dr. Frank, and Boundary Breaks Vineyard were tasted. The Boundary Breaks, a new winery located in Lodi, NY, and a big favorite of Ted's, was the overwhelming first choice. Most tasters identified the Chardonnay as being the outlier. Today, New York's wine industry is the third largest producer in the US, making world-class and award-winning wines. Thanks to Ellen and Ted for kicking off our 45th Reunion so well.

Friday activities started with our inspiring RED Talks, given by three amazing classmates, **Bob Langer**, **Phyllis Corcoran Woods**, and **Ed Zuckerman**. Expertly organized by **Murem Sakas Sharpe**, our friends were fascinating and mesmerizing. Bob spoke about his extensive research and development in the area of cures for various cancers, as well as many other aspects of engineering and science. His goal is to develop products that will better people's lives. Ed talked about his journey from being editor-in-chief and managing editor of the *Cornell Daily Sun* and an English major to now being a “showrunner” for various current and past television shows. He has been a professor, has written for the *New Yorker*, *Rolling Stone*, and the *New York Times Magazine*, started in TV with “Law and Order” (he wrote or co-wrote 50 episodes), and more. Phyllis's life and career have taken her from Brockport, NY, to Hollywood, via Cornell. She majored in Textiles and Clothing in the HumEc college and worked on costumes in the Cornell Theatre department. Phyllis moved on to the apparel industry in NYC, then to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, and finally to L.A. and Hollywood. She is now a renowned costumer and costume supervisor with credits in both the TV and film industries. Her work has been featured in *E.T.*, “Star Trek: Deep Space Nine,” *The Breakfast Club*, and “The Mindy Project,” among many other shows and movies.

Next, our delicious grilled lunch on Friday was held under a tent next to the Johnson Museum, just off the Arts Quad. Our '70 host, **Beth Heydinger** Treadway, along with Stephanie Wiles, the Richard J. Schwartz director of the Johnson, and Andrea Inselmann, the curator of modern and contemporary art and photography, organized and gave a fabulous and informative presentation on the acquisitions that were purchased for the museum entirely or in part by the Class of 1970 Art Fund. There was a tour of these works set up especially for us to view during the lunchtime event. Visit our '70 website to read the listing of these works of art as well as detailed descriptions, which Beth has written and posted for us.

This completes Part One of the Class of '70 45th Reunion column. Please stay tuned for Part Two in the upcoming Nov/Dec 2015 issue. **Connie Ferris** Meyer, tel., (610) 256-3088; e-mail, cfm7@cornell.edu.

**71** **Jacalyn Francisco**, if you are reading this column, please get in touch with **Rose Anne Zerra** in Florida (rose.zerra@gmail.com). She would love to re-connect with you! At Cornell, Rose Anne was known as **Anne Marie Raughley**. She is an IEP facilitator for Volusia County Alternative Schools and is married to Paul. Rose Anne's son is working on a Master of Divinity degree at Princeton Theological Seminary. **Bari Boyer** (Worcester, MA; bariboyer@yahoo.com) is married to **Marshall Katzen '68**. When Bari sent her news in the spring, she and Marshall were preparing for a trip to Burma, where Marshall was planning to volunteer with Orthopedic Overseas.

**Ira Kastrinsky** (Irastrinsky@deloitteiretired.com) stays in touch with his roommate, **Bob Schwartz**, and over the past three years he has re-connected with **Marc Cohen**, **Henry Pullman**, MBA '73, and **Gilda Klein** Linden. Ira and his wife, Joan, have been married for more than 40 years and have three grown children: Stefanie, **David '00**, and Rachel. Ira worked as a consulting actuary for more than 40 years, and until his retirement this past January, he was with Deloitte Consulting.

Since retirement, he's worked part-time on consulting assignments and teaching at Columbia U's School of Continuing Education. **Joel Cohn** (jrc84@cornell.edu), also retired, enjoys “bouncing back and forth between Honolulu and Boston.” He writes that he is thankful he learned Japanese in his years at Cornell and that now he would love to learn to play the oboe. **Robert Navazio** (mavazio@aol.com) is living in Indiana and is thrilled to be a grandfather to a healthy little grandson. Congratulations to you on this next stage of life!

**Alice Lichtenstein** (alice.lichtenstein@tufts.edu) recently completed serving as vice-chair of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee. She is professor of nutrition science and policy at the Friedman School of Nutrition and professor of medicine at Tufts U. School of Medicine. Alice's research focus is assessing the interplay between diet and heart disease risk factors. She would love to hear from other classmates in her program at Cornell.

**Rick Leland** (Richard.leland@akerman.com) is a partner in the real estate practice group at Akerman, a national law firm, with offices in Miami and New York. Rick focuses on the environmental aspects of real estate development and land use.

Our networking classmate **Sally Clark** Shumaker (scshumaker@aol.com) has been an excellent source of information for our news column. Sally shared the news that **Sharon Kahkonen**, MS '75 (sjkahkonen@gmail.com), her friend since junior year at Cornell, has retired to the same farm in Ithaca where she was born and raised. She shares the 100-acre family farm with her husband, Jim Connor, her brother, Carl, her sister, **Shirley Kahkonen Barton '70**, and Shirley's husband, **Bob '69**, ME '70. The entire family is active in environmental issues in Upstate New York. Sharon is the mother of two sons. **Joan Batson McLeod**, BS Nurs '71 (Savannah, GA; ltcmcleod@aol.com) reports that she is an executive in a home-based business in energy, text marketing, and health and wellness. She would love to have more team members for the global expansion of her company.

We note with sadness the death of classmate **Karabelle Lastique Pizzigati**, PhD '76. Karabelle recently passed away after a two-year battle with cancer. Her husband, **Sam '70**, MAT '71, wrote to tell us that he and Karabelle married in June 1969, after her sophomore year. After graduation she received a doctorate at Cornell, working closely with the esteemed professor **Urie Bronfenbrenner '38**. During her 40-year career, she worked tirelessly to improve public policy for children and families, especially America's poorest and most vulnerable citizens. At the time of her death she had just begun her second term as a member of the board of trustees of the U. of Maryland College Park Foundation. We express our condolences to Sam. If you wish to reach him directly, his e-mail address is: sam.pizzigati@outlook.com.

Please mark your calendars for our 45th Reunion, June 9-12, 2016 in Ithaca! Your class officers, ably led by president **Jan Rothman**, have been busy planning Reunion Weekend with Reunion co-chairs **Barbara Brem Noveau** (bbn3@cornell.edu) and **David Beale** (davidabeale38@gmail.com). Check your mail for updates on “Cornell memorabilia scanning events” in Boston, New York, New Jersey, D.C., Fort Lauderdale, Chicago, and California (both the L.A. and San Francisco areas). In addition, remember to “Like” us on Facebook, post memories of Cornell, and check for updates on Reunion events.

Gayle and I appreciate your ongoing allegiance to our class and assistance with this news column.



Please send along some news and we will write about you! ✉ **Linda Germaine** Miller, LG95@cornell.edu; and **Gayle Yeomans**, gay2@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**72** **Tom Kelsey**, BS Ag '76, MBA '77 (TKKelsey@mac.com) writes, "Not sure the last time that I did this, so here goes. I'm sitting down here in the sunny Adriatic on the Island of Brač, getting our house ready for the season. When we first came not so many years ago, we were concerned about telephone service, and now WiFi is everywhere! To recap, I finished my Cornell degrees after a hitch in the Navy, did a stint as a management consultant, and then joined the Foreign Service like a number of our classmates did. Finally managed to 'see the world' and am now retired and living in Stockholm with Britt. Our son studies electrical engineering at KTH in Stockholm. We alternate between Croatia and Sweden, and would welcome classmates and Fijis at either location."

**Glenn Ford** (glennford43@yahoo.com) is still happily practicing ophthalmology and treating retinal diseases in Moreno Valley, CA, and sees 40-50 patients per day. Glenn and wife Eliza Lee were married in Pasadena on May 10, 2014. **David Roshkind**, BA '71, still practices dentistry in West Palm Beach, FL, and married wife Kathryn two years ago. **Cathy Duke** has retired from teaching; and husband **Paul Kaye**, despite wanting to retire at age 30, is still a pediatrician, working to improve community healthcare in the Hudson Valley. Cathy and Paul are so happy to have a new grandson, Yoshi, born on New Year's Eve in 2014, the son of their son, Noah, and his wife, Mayuko. Their daughter, Leah, who is also a pediatrician, was married in February 2015 to Trevor Jackson, who will be an orthopedic surgeon. Cathy says that she and Paul look forward to traveling more when they are both retired.

**Lee McDaniel** (Lee-McDaniel@NACDnet.org) is president of the National Association of Conservation Districts, representing almost 3,000 districts in the US and 17,000 elected and appointed public officials who serve on their governing boards. When not representing the association, Lee continues to run the family farm in Darlington, MD. **P. Michael Puleo** has vacated his decades-long residence in NYC, retired from the Bar of the State of New York, and established his domicile in Florida. He makes regular visits to his family "camp" in the southern Adirondacks as well as irregular visits to Ithaca. "My quotidian (but not unimportant) occupation is main caregiver to my mother, who turned 90 this January. I also try to keep in contact with my busy children, daughter **Connor '05** and son **Graham**. I do not read Virginia Woolf, but I continue my lifelong literary conversation with Tony, Henry, and Billy. I try to annually read the Booker Book and am wary whether I shall ever again see the Yankees in a World Series."

**Mark Windt** (mwindtmd@gmail.com) started a new company, the Probiotic Cheese Co., "maker of the first successful probiotic cheese." Mark is also the proud grandfather of a 1-year-old boy, Mason. **Peter Katona** (pkatona@mac.com) is a clinical infectious disease physician, teaches a UCLA course on terrorism, and is involved in a project to deal with potential medical disasters in Los Angeles. **Gail Strahs** is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon in Los Angeles. **Lorna Rosenkrantz** Pascal was recently appointed nutritionist for the

entire renal transplant program at Hackensack U. Medical Center, and is having great fun spending time with her five grandchildren. **Gail Povar** is now a physician on staff at George Washington U. Medical Faculty Assocs., which absorbed her three-doctor internal medicine practice about three years ago. She is still working full-time. Gail says, "This winter I was grateful to Cornell for teaching me that, with enough layers, you can get to work (or class) one icy day after another, no problem!"

**Gerald Howard** (ghoward@randomhouse.com) is still working happily as an executive editor at Doubleday, with no plans to retire anytime soon. **Peter Robison** (peter.d.robison@gmail.com) says, "I'm supposed to be retired, but fellow Phi Kap **Paul Balmert** is keeping me too busy

but since I'm due at the studio before 5 a.m., I can only relate vicariously.

With so much retiring going on, the news is slow—but there is one item, and it's pretty good. The Librarian of Congress has chosen **Bruce Jentleson**, PhD '83 (bjw7@duke.edu) as the Library's 15th Henry A. Kissinger Chair in Foreign Policy and Int'l Relations. Prof. Jentleson teaches political science at Duke U.'s Sanford School of Public Policy, and his nine-month tenure as the Kissinger chair begins in September. Bruce served in the State Dept. during the Clinton Administration, was senior foreign policy advisor to Al Gore during his presidential campaign (I did introduce Mr. Gore at a climate change event here in Seattle once), and was senior advisor to the US State Dept. policy planning director.

## ‘Lee McDaniel is president of the National Association of Conservation Districts.’

Gary Rubin '72

consulting for his company." Pete lives in Florida now, but makes sure to visit Upstate New York every summer. Last year he did the Erie Canal bike ride from Buffalo to Albany. **Michael Halbert** (mikeyh1261@gmail.com) has been retired since June 2002, visits race tracks and casinos, and sends a business card listing his address as "8 miles from Belmont Park, 12 miles from the Big A."

**Timothy Roberts** is retired and gives historical talks and guided tours in Appelon, NY. **Rob Blye** (rwblye@comcast.net) says he is now two years into retirement and loves it. "We went to Costa Rica for birding in March 2014, Spain and Greece in fall 2014, and Israel in March 2015, and are heading to Alaska in June. In August we will accompany our daughter **Amy** and her husband **Jason Cohen**, both Class of 1997, to Hawaii, where Jason is being deployed for three months as an active reservist in the US Army. Our job is to keep their four children, all under 9 years, from destroying the plane and the other passengers."

**Logan Robinson** has retired from teaching law at the U. of Detroit, and is now a solo practitioner. He spent 126 days traveling in 2014, visiting Easter Island, studying Spanish in Seville, hiking in Denali and Utah, and cruising the Panama Canal. Daughter **Lane** has started at Cornell's Vet college and loves it. The most valuable lesson Logan learned at Cornell: "If you can make it there, you'll make it anywhere." ✉ **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu; **Alex Barna**, alexbarna@comcast.net.

I know these columns generate too much résumé envy as it is, so I won't elaborate further on Bruce's experience, except to say that the first line of his résumé eclipsed the entirety of mine. (Which is: 1978, Talk Host; 2004, Unsuccessful Congressional Candidate; 2005, Back to Talk Host; 2011, Lost Facebook password; 2012, Joined Twitter.)

Bruce will use his time at the LOC to complete his new book, *Transformational Statesmanship: Difficult, Possible, Necessary*, and will draw upon the Library's Truman, Hammarskjöld, and Kissinger files to focus on 20th-century leaders whose work led to breakthroughs in global peace and security. Good luck, Bruce, and congratulations!

As for the only other news this month, my own book, "Commuting In Seattle: Difficult, Impossible, Unnecessary," is still in the early concept stage. By which I mean, I have the title. News forms are on their way to us shortly, so look for your updates in next and future columns! ✉ **Dave Ross**, dave@daveross.com; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu; and **Pam Meyers**, psm23@cornell.edu.

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It's so nice to hear what our classmates are doing. Please continue to send news. Thanks to all who wrote this time.

**Ronald Pies** (Lexington, MA) is currently writing and teaching. He has recently published a collection of essays, *Psychiatry on the Edge*. **Michael Delikat** and wife Alice live in Greenwich, CT. Michael wrote that after five years of working and living in China, his son, **Jonathan '10**, returned home to attend UPenn, where he will get a joint MBA and master's in international business management from the Lauder Inst. Daughter **Stacey '04** was married last October and continues as a TV reporter on Fox 5 in New York and as a fill-in anchor on CNN Money. **Ray Kase** (rkasejr@comcast.net) took a cruise to Alaska to visit son Patrick and his new wife, who live in Anchorage. Ray would like to hear from his Cornell roommate, **Willis Bradley**.

**Peg Cangilos-Ruiz** (Skaneateles, NY; mcangilos@gmail.com) has become chief US bankruptcy

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As I write, the Northwest summer is in the process of outdoing itself just in time for the US Open at Chambers Bay, which I'm sure will prompt yet another wave of migration to the Seattle-Tacoma area. If you move here, my advice is to shop for your home not on sunny weekends, as most people do, but on a rainy weekday during rush hour (any hour between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday), which tends to turn an innocent-sounding 15-mile commute into a 90-minute lava flow. Of course, with so many of us being retired, we can choose not to commute. I'm not retired,

judge for the Northern District of New York, which encompasses 32 counties. She and her husband also traveled with son Sebastian (third year associate at Cahill Gordon) and daughter **Rebecca '08** (reporter at the *New York Times*) to the town of Marineo, Sicily. Her father's family was from there, and they met with his cousins. The vice-mayor presented her with a banner with the seal of the town! Peg would like to hear from her Cornell friend **Jayne Deerson Skoff**. **Victor** and **Alice**

Lauren there. I'm still directing plays and musicals for the schools and for church and spent a good bit of time this spring shoveling out our house of 28 years in preparation for moving to a condo. I am learning that our class officers have put in much more time than any of us ever knew to keep us connected, and I would like to thank them for all they have done on our behalf! I will try to live up to the high standard they have set as I tackle the responsibilities of being membership

thank my fellow correspondents, **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, **Mitch Frank**, and **Joan Pease** (e-mail addresses at end of the column), not only for all they have done over the past ten-plus years, but for all agreeing to re-up for the next five!

A new slate of officers was presented at Saturday dinner and I hope you will support the following volunteers: president **Louise Vacca Dawe** (ldawe75@gmail.com); VP **Deb Gellman**; treasurer and affinity chair **Pam Hanna** (pjh24@cornell.edu); Reunion chair **Susan Fulton**; head of social media **Barb Peterson Champion**; and the Reunion committee: **Lynn Arrison Harrison** (lah2127@aol.com), **Myrna Gardner**, **Kathy Kelley** (thleen16@aol.com), **Debbie Reading Mace**, **Mike Motes**, **Jeanne Fattori Smith**, and **Laurie Musick Wright**. We are still looking for regional class council members to help run '70s events in their areas. If you are interested, please contact Louise or Deb.

Reunion started mid-day Thursday, and those of us that wanted to experience the entire "show" were treated to some excellent lectures and exhibits at the Johnson Museum, various libraries, and individual schools. Dinner was the Hot Truck, and we reminisced over PMPs, MBCs, and Suis. I walked around with a notebook so I would not have to remember everything everyone told me (which becomes increasingly more difficult!). Thanks go out to everyone who contributed. Please know that whatever is not in this column is saved for future ones! Also, since this is a Reunion column, there are some non-Reunion items in my bag of news that definitely will be in an upcoming column!

The Hon. **Debra James**, JD '78 (judgydj@aol.com) has presided as a justice of the NYS Supreme Court, Manhattan Civil Branch since 2002, after working as general counsel of Roosevelt Island Operating Corp. She lives in Harlem, NY, and is on the Cornell Law School Dean's Advisory Council, PCCW, and CBAA. Also in NYC (Brooklyn) is **Sheila Kennedy** (sheilakennedy512@gmail.com), who is the owner of the Parlor Gallery after a career in government and banking. She is also an active grandmother and enjoys dancing. She said, "The Cornell experience was challenging, thrilling, and daunting. We grew immensely, navigated relationships, and met lifelong friends—they are my biggest gifts." **Stephen Berman** (Armonk, NY; stephen.berman@bloomingdales.com) manages marketing strategies for the Bloomingdale's bricks and clicks business. In his spare time he helps wife Amy and daughter Julie's holistic market and juice bar, BeWies.

**David Green** (dgreen2549@gmail.com) and wife Libby Older live in Nashville, TN, where David works for a healthcare communications consulting firm. For Reunion, he and Libby rented a house with **Zach Gerbarg**, **Dick Schreiber**, **Marion Fluchere**, **Vin Gentile** and wife Pat Pickrel, and **Brad Marten** and wife Susan. **Martha Wild** (mawild@sbcglobal.net) traveled from San Diego. She had such a great experience at Sapsucker Woods that she spent two mornings there! **Alicia Kavka** and husband Dale Willis joined her, and Martha said the staff gave excellent tours. **Dan** and **Claudia Hebel Malone '74** came from Bloomfield Hills, MI. They have three children and one granddaughter and enjoyed seeing **Bill Crowell**, **Wesley Hicks**, **Mark** and **Ting Magill Kamon**, and **Peter '72**, ME '73, and **Mary Alice Curry Bankert** at Reunion.

That is all the room for this column. I hope that those of you that were unable to attend Reunion got a good dose of "I should have been

## ‘All the tales are true: it is great fun to be grandparents!’

Jodi Sielschott Stechschulte '74

**Johnson Fornari** are both professors at Hofstra North Shore LIJ School of Medicine. Alice is associate dean for educational skills development, and Victor is the director of the division of child and adolescent psychiatry. They have become grandparents: grandson Zeev was born to Rabbi Ari Lev Fornari and Shoshana Ruskin, and granddaughter Reese was born to Eric and Elizabeth Fornari.

**Walter Grote** (Newton, NJ) is still finding family, friends, wrestling, and medicine very fulfilling. His son Luke is a divinity student, working on a PhD in New Testament studies at Drew U.; daughter Mary Stewart is an emergency room physician in the Philadelphia area; son Eric works as a security supervisor for Lowes in New Jersey; daughter Vanessa raises and trains horses in Pennsylvania; son Michael works as a supervisor for Met Life in the Boston area; daughter Brielle will be a sophomore at the other 'nell' (Buck-), and is currently doing an internship at the law firm of **Mark "Wheels" Clemente '73**, MPS '77; and daughter Skylar will be a senior this September at Blair Academy, where she is the only female on the varsity B wrestling team and a two-time girl's high school wrestling all-American. Walt adds, "I keep in touch with DUs, especially my roommates **John Schabowski**, ME '75, **Joe Wasilewski**, and **Dan Lombardo**, and most of the cohesive DU Class of '75, as well as **Wheels Clemente** and **John Magill '73**. I also keep in contact with Cornell wrestling alumni, especially **Dave Crawford**, but also the coaches and our AD, **Andy Noel**. I've been married 20 years to my wife, **Debbie**, and live in rural northwest New Jersey. I still practice internal medicine but also do prolotherapy and PRP."

Lastly, our class membership chair, **Jodi Sielschott Stechschulte**, wrote, "Christopher John was born to my daughter **Lisa Stechschulte Lowe '04** and her husband, Adam, on July 27, 2014. We are discovering that all the tales are true: it is great fun to be grandparents! We just wish their home in Silver Spring, MD, was a little closer to ours in Columbus, OH. We've learned to truly appreciate FaceTime! Son **John '06** will be starting a PhD program in computer science at the U. of Colorado, Boulder this August; daughter **Lynn '09** will start a master's program in design at Stanford this September; son Paul (Purdue '10) just graduated from medical school at Ohio State U. and will be staying in Columbus for his general surgery residency; and **Lauren '17** is spending the summer in Ithaca, working to help startups. I'm loving getting back to Cornell frequently with

chair. Help me out and be sure to pay your class dues!" ■ **Lucy Babcox Morris**, lucmor1433@gmail.com; **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@vizon.net; **Jim Schoonmaker**, js378@cornell.edu.

**75** As I write this, it is one week after Reunion 2015 and I am still thrilled—what a great time it was! We had over 300 classmates and guests (the most since our 25th!), and the weather cooperated. Headquarters were at the William Keeton House on West Campus, with our own dining hall for breakfast and late-night snacking, talking, and our own viewing of *Jaws* (which is celebrating its own 40th year since release).

There were lectures to attend, musical events (loved the Dueling Pianos!), and even a '75-only cheese-making event at Stocking Hall, thanks to **Myrna Bank Gardner** (myrnagardner@gmail.com), who conceived the idea and made it happen! President Emeritus **Frank H.T. Rhodes** and wife **Rosa** attended our lunch on Saturday at the new Dairy Bar, and that evening we enjoyed a reception at the A.D. White House and gardens, and dinner at the new Physical Sciences Building overlooking the Arts Quad. Check out our new Facebook page for pictures (www.facebook.com/CornellClassof1975)! If you have photos you want to share, please send them to our new head of social media, **Barb Peterson Champion** (bachampion@gmail.com).

Many, many thanks for a fantastic time go to our Reunion chair, **Susan Fulton** (sfulton@teamwash.com), and her committee: **Jeanne Fattori Smith** (jreinig.smith@gmail.com), **Debbie Reading Mace** (deb.mace@gmail.com), **Michael Motes** (mjnotes@earthlink.net), **Laurie Musick Wright** (laurie@lmwdesign.com), **Myrna Gardner**, **Jack Brewster** (brewdog66@gmail.com), **Alan Burrows '76**, and **Diane Kopelman VerSchure '74**, who spent the past year-plus planning our class activities. It's a ton of hard work! The food was amazing, venues were cool and different, and we owe a debt of gratitude to them for providing a great time to all.

Thanks also to our outgoing class officers: president **Deb Gellman**, MBA '82, VP **Joan Pease**, treasurer **Steffi Feit Gould** (gouldpjaks@aol.com), Annual Fund representative **Fran Melton-Levine** (melton.fran@gmail.com), Reunion Fund chair **Dave Fischell**, PhD '80 (drdrf@comcast.net), webmaster **Karen Lauterbach** (Karen.e.lauterbach@gmail.com), and affinity chair **Rich Marin**, MBA '76 (rmarin117@gmail.com). I want to personally



there!" after reading this. And for those of you who came, thanks for helping us all to have such a great time. Hope to see you before June 2020! **Deb Gellman**, [dsellman@hotmail.com](mailto:dsellman@hotmail.com); **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, [boroffka@shu.edu](mailto:boroffka@shu.edu); **Mitch Frank**, [mjfgator@gmail.com](mailto:mjfgator@gmail.com); **Joan Pease**, [japease1032@aol.com](mailto:japease1032@aol.com).

**76** Hi, classmates. I can't believe that I've been writing this column for 35 years. Graduation in 1976 seems like yesterday! The knees are stiff, the body creaks, but I still write. Here we go.

**George O'Connor** writes from Little Rock, AR, where he co-founded Arkansas Craft Distributors, selling craft beer in all counties in Arkansas. **Altagracia Rodriguez Coleman** (Hyde Park, NY) is employed by the NYS Dept. of Corrections as a corrections counselor at a maximum-security reception prison and says that work is new and exciting every day. For her 60th birthday, she took a terrific three-country, 25-day tour of Peru, Ecuador, and the Galápagos Islands. She says Cornell taught her critical thinking and writing skills (English is her second language) and gave her invaluable friendships.

**Peter Einset** is a family court lawyer in Geneva, NY, and has been doing this for the last 32 years. **William "Buck" Briggs** is still working as VP of labor arbitration and litigation for the NFL, as well as teaching at Cornell Law School. In my personal opinion, his most appreciated position is as radio color man, announcing for Cornell football. Go Big Red! **James Steinberg** is the chief medical officer at Emory U. Hospital Midtown. He has been on the Emory faculty for 26 years and is a professor of medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases.

**Lynda Gavigan** Halttunen writes that she retired as the dean of counseling services at Palomar College in 2012 and now takes yoga classes and serves on several boards. She enjoyed a 45-day land and sea cruise to Australia, New Zealand, Vanuatu, and Fiji and is happy to share photos and tips! Lynda has attended numerous San Diego Cornell Alumni Association events in the last 39 years since graduation! **Paul Stander** writes that after 21 years as chief medical officer at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center in Phoenix, he stepped down in May 2014 to pursue the full-time practice and teaching of hospice and palliative medicine. He is working with Hospice of the Valley and the Veterans Affairs Health System in Phoenix to care for patients and teach students, residents, and fellows affiliated with Banner and the U. of Arizona, Phoenix. "It is extremely rewarding work," Paul says, "especially being able to help so many deserving veterans who have served our country honorably and sacrificed so much on our behalf."

**Lynne Pollenz** Weber says having accumulated the necessary wrinkles (although not yet the gray hair), she now spends more and more of her work time as an expert witness. She focuses on the quantitative side—market research surveys and econometrics, often for patent litigation. Retirement seems far off—she's having too much fun! But she's definitely up anytime for visits with old Cornell friends. Let her know if you're planning a trip to the San Francisco Bay Area. **Marlaine Brem** Darfler is still a full-time massage therapist. She is also a hospice volunteer, program chair of her library, working on solar net metering for nonprofits, and involved in ritual work for her

synagogue. She is a new grandma with a 1-year-old and another on the way. Two of her three sons have moved back to the Ithaca area, where she and her husband still live, with their families to raise their children there.

**Ellen Rieser** is a procurement attorney at the NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene. **Richard Neff** (Manhattan Beach, CA) runs the Neff Law Firm, which is focused on technology and e-commerce transactions, intellectual property, and international work, much of it in Latin America. **Mark Smith** (Vienna, VA) welcomed his first grandchild, Sharzade. **Jeri Frank** (Roseburg, OR) is in her 24th year of teaching developmental education classes in reading, writing, and math at a community college. **Laurie Greenbaum** Beitch moved from Niskayuna, NY, to Wilmington, NC. She paints every day and has become a signature member of the Pastel Society of America.

**John Rodis** works at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, CT, and was promoted last year to executive vice president, chief physician executive, and COO. He is finishing his executive MBA this year. **Stephanie Mendel** Hayano is working as general manager of Acupac, a custom manufacturer of unit dose specialty products in Mahwah, NJ. She gets to see **Vince Serpico '73**, MBA '75, who is on her board. She recently saw **Sheila Wilson** Allen, DVM '81, as she traveled to the Berkshires for business. That's all for now, folks. Be well, and send news to: **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, [Krinsk54@gmail.com](mailto:Krinsk54@gmail.com); **Pat Relf** Hanavan, [patrelf1@gmail.com](mailto:patrelf1@gmail.com); **Lisa Diamant**, [Ljdiamant@verizon.net](mailto:Ljdiamant@verizon.net). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**77** Academic life is just getting under way on campus as you read this. However, as I write, in late spring, the news media are highlighting advice given to graduates by various commencement speakers, including our own **Bill Nye**, who spoke to the Rutgers U. graduating class. In addition to his comments on climate change and how we are all alike, Bill reportedly said: "Everyone you will ever meet knows something you don't," so, he added, it is worthwhile to listen to others, respect their knowledge, and learn from them. Pretty good advice in my book—a valuable lesson not only for today's grads but for all of us.

**Michael Nolan** ([mcnfarmer@aol.com](mailto:mcnfarmer@aol.com)) seemed to be on Bill Nye's wavelength when he wrote, "There's so much out there in the world that I don't know but would like to!" His former company, Bear Stearns, was purchased by JP Morgan Securities about seven years ago, and he is still working there, for a combined 24 years. Michael reports that he and his wife, Alexandra Karlow, have taken a shining to the world of competitive sporting clays. Michael, I don't know what that is, but I'm glad you and your wife are enjoying tournaments together throughout the country. "I am living the dream now," Michael adds. "What could be better?" Michael reports that his sons are doing well and working in New York City.

**Chuck Samul** ([csamul@anacostia.com](mailto:csamul@anacostia.com)) said that his most valuable lesson from Cornell was that he should "be broad-based in areas of expertise." Since January 2014, he has been working for Anacostia Rail Holdings, which operates six short line railroads in the US. Chuck writes that his daughter graduated from NYU in 2012 and is now living in Boston. He would enjoy hearing from **Robert Slocum**. As luck would have it,

Robert Slocum ([rslocum@tompkins-co.org](mailto:rslocum@tompkins-co.org)) also turned in a news form recently. Robert's valuable lesson was "the law of diminishing returns, as per **Dan Sisler, PhD '62**." It's possible that his more than 20 years at the Tompkins County Office for the Aging may have colored his point of view. Robert is also the treasurer of the Cornell Club of Ithaca and supports the Big Red athletic teams as well as the Buffalo Bills. However, he reports that he'd rather be on a beach in Florida.

Some of the valuable lessons offered by our classmates were quite inspirational. **Mark Mayrsohn** ([mark.mayrsohn@mayrsohn.com](mailto:mark.mayrsohn@mayrsohn.com)) says that "keep moving forward" was the most valuable thing he learned on the Hill. And it appears that he has done so, opening a new office in Shanghai for his company and hiring another Cornellian, **Lola Song '14**, in that office. His daughter is now in a PhD program in psychology. Mark would like to hear from all the Cayuga's Waiters and fellow fraternity brothers from Phi Sigma Epsilon. **David Hauss** ([inlay4@aol.com](mailto:inlay4@aol.com)) says that his most valuable lesson learned is that "there are no limits to what you can accomplish." David has been practicing dentistry for 34 years and also enjoys biking, golfing, and tennis. Both his son and daughter are in college, his daughter studying nursing and his son studying computer science.

**Agnes Moy-Sarns** ([amoy@sarns.comcast.net](mailto:amoy@sarns.comcast.net)) offered one of my favorite lessons learned: "I learned to maintain friendships and appreciate all life has given me." Agnes is the chief operating officer for a residential real estate firm in Ann Arbor, MI, although she says she'd like to be spending more leisure time with her family. And she would like to hear from any Cornell friends. Agnes has a daughter in college, in Washington, DC. Finally, **Thomas Sze**, BArch '77 ([tom\\_sze@gensler.com](mailto:tom_sze@gensler.com)) tells us his most valuable lesson is "having old friends and relationships." (I'm taking that "old" as referring to the duration of the relationship, not the age of the friend!) Tom is a principal at Gensler and writes that he is still living in Santa Monica and loves being an architect. Tom has a son who is a college freshman and a daughter in tenth grade. Living by his valuable lesson, Tom writes that he still is in touch with several BArch '77 classmates including **Jim Law**, **Jim Metzger '76**, **Richard Mauser '76**, **Michael Froelich**, **Fred Weber '76**, **Don Hasulak '76**, and **Rebecca Richardson**.

Thanks to all who submitted news forms and shared the lessons they learned at Cornell. For the rest of you—want to share your most valuable lesson learned at Cornell? Or anything else going on in your life? Please keep all of your news and views coming in via the online news form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Or e-mail either of us directly: **Annette Mulee**, [annette@mulee.com](mailto:annette@mulee.com); **Howie Eisen**, [howard.eisen@drexelmed.edu](mailto:howard.eisen@drexelmed.edu).

**78** Greetings from the sunny Northwest! I just got back from two weeks of firsthand research on the French paradox in Paris and southern France. The French may have fewer heart attacks, despite drinking lots of red wine and eating rich food, but their knees are messed up from walking on cobblestone streets. We saw the lock-laden Pont des Arts before the government closed the bridge and replaced the wire grates with plexiglass.

This issue's news seems to follow a couple of themes: empty nests and retirements. Among the empty-nesters, **Jeff Lefkowitz** (Upper Saddle River,

NJ) reports that son **Matt '11** has graduated from NYU Law and is "officially off my payroll!" Jeff's daughter, **Jaclyn '14**, works for a behavioral economics consulting firm in New York City. Jeff and his wife, Mona, traveled to my neck of the woods in June, going from Portland to Vancouver. **Peter Wirth** manages small hotels in Italy and Switzerland, and is planning to open one in Salto, Uruguay. His daughter was married in June, and both of his sons are off being entrepreneurs. Fellow former Animal Science major **Diana D'Amelio** (New Fairfield, CT) is an empty-nester (except for pets), with a daughter at East Carolina U. Diana is a physician assistant working in infertility and seeing young teenage girls with polycystic ovary syndrome. **Jean Green** (Northborough, MA) has one daughter out of the house, and the second is at American U. She and her husband bought two border collie puppies to keep them busy. Jean hopes to hear from **John Stacey '76**.

In the retirement department, **Elizabeth Grant** retired from the federal government last year as an administrative judge in defense contract law. She and her husband moved to Kennebunkport, ME, with their four cats. **Peter Chatel** (Smyrna, GA) refers to his transition from Coca-Cola as "early reirement." He's joining his wife in her real estate business. **Bob**, MCE '79, and **Sarah Beran Steinberg**, MCE '79 (Washington, DC) are grandparents of two: Dahlia, 4-1/2, and Judah, almost 2, in White Plains. Sarah reports, "We take every opportunity possible to 'vacation' in White Plains. Grandchildren are the gift worth waiting for!" She adds, "After 20 years in senior administration at Johns Hopkins U., I have 'retired' and now have my own consulting firm, Frogstone Strategies. I work with colleges and universities on revenue growth strategies such as continuing and professional education." **Marguerite Blythe** Katchen (Cincinnati, OH) and her husband retired from medicine in 2014 and have been traveling.

Classmates not yet of the retiring kind include **Walter Milani**, who took the international tour of *The Sound of Music* to Hong Kong for six weeks in May 2015, followed by China for 12 weeks, and then Indonesia. Back stateside, **Audrey Foster** Warren (Tempe, AZ) has been teaching at the Primrose School of Ahwatukee for seven years. Her daughter is attending Grand Canyon U. Audrey is interested in pursuing an advanced degree in education. She'd like to get in touch with **Sharon Lombard '79**. Another former fellow Animal Science major, **Ann Warner Lill**, DVM '82, has owned a veterinary practice in Honeoye Falls for 30 years. She and husband **Charles '79** have two Cornell sons, another son at Michigan State, and a 13-year-old daughter at home. **Pam Savage-Roglich** and husband **Marion Roglich**, MILR '76 (Hinsdale, IL) also have two Cornell children.

**George Corneil** (Toronto, ON) traveled through Italy and the Czech Republic with friends, including **Jeff Schmalz '77**. George's day job is VP/director of commodity futures at RBC Dominion Securities. **Justus O'Brien** is managing director at Russell Reynolds Assocs. in New York. His daughter just finished her freshman year at Colby. **Jody Katz** lives in Arlington, VA, where she's teaching exercise classes.

**Diana Bletter's** novel, *A Remarkable Kindness*, was published in August by HarperCollins. "It's the intertwined stories of four American women who are members of a burial circle in a small beach village in northern Israel," Diana writes. The book was featured with others in the fall promotion by the Paradises bookstore chain in airports around the

US, and is also available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and indie bookstores. Her book launch party was on August 13 at the Westhampton Beach (NY) Library, and later in August she was planning to speak in bookstores in Connecticut. She adds, "If anyone is interested for book clubs, please let me know at [dianabletter@gmail.com](mailto:dianabletter@gmail.com)." That's all the news I have for this go-round. See you in the first issue of 2016! **Cindy Fuller**, [cindy@cindyfuller.com](mailto:cindy@cindyfuller.com); **Ilene Shub** Lefland, [ilefland@snet.net](mailto:ilefland@snet.net).

**79** It's another glorious fall in Ithaca. Undergrads are back on campus, including many of our children. For many of us, graduations and students at Cornell dominated our year. **Peter Coy** and his wife, Ariela Keysar, live in northern New Jersey. Peter was a History major at Cornell and is now the economics editor at *Bloomberg Businessweek*. Their son, **Ethan '17**, transferred to Cornell from Northwestern U. and is now a junior in Applied Economics and Management in CALS. There are contrasts and similarities in their paths. Peter wrote for the *Sun*, while Ethan writes for the *Cornell Business Review*. Peter lived in the Prospect of Whitby co-op, while Ethan is a member of Sigma Alpha Mu. Some things are the same, though, like snow in April. Here's what really hits Peter: when Ethan calls while trudging up Libe Slope, he can sometimes hear the bells chiming in the clock tower.

As mentioned in the last column, **John Wilkinson**, and his wife, Peggy, continue to grow Bin to Bottle Winery, Slo Down Wines, and the Splinter Group, a spirits group, all in Napa, CA. Their son, **Max**, is Class of '17 in CALS, majoring in Viticulture and Enology. Max is very busy with Sigma Phi fraternity and the golf team. Their two girls are enjoying high school lacrosse and competitive horseback riding. John is happy that his Cornell friend **Veronica Alfero**, MD '83, recently got in touch with him. The most valuable things he learned at Cornell were his work ethic and how to research and give presentations. John says would also like to be sitting in La Select in St. Barts.

**Daniel Lesser** writes that his four-year-old firm, LW Hospitality Advisors (LWHA), is growing rapidly and now has offices in NYC, Atlanta, and Orlando, with 24 professionals. Shortly they will announce the opening of a West Coast office. LWHA provides services to worldwide corporate, institutional, and individual clients and municipalities in all facets of hospitality real estate. Services include litigation support and expert testimony, site evaluation, highest and best use analysis, appraisals for mortgage, acquisition, portfolio management, and many others. After Cornell, his son **Jonathan '12** worked at Global Strategy Group on communications and digital media campaigns for a wide range of issues and clients. Now he works with LWHA. Jonathan plans to attend business school in September 2016. Son Benjamin just graduated high school and is considering a transfer option extended to him by Cornell. Daniel's wife, Lily, also works at LWHA, attends continuing education classes, and remains active with their synagogue.

**Shari Watchman-Kates** sent a newsy update. She still lives at the Jersey Shore with her husband of 30 years, **Eric Kates '78**, DVM '81, and practices family law on a part-time basis. They have three children. Their youngest, Jaclyn, graduated Wharton Undergrad at UPenn in May, and they are finished paying tuition bills forever. Their son, Mitchell, spent five years at MIT and earned undergraduate and master's degrees in computer

science in September 2014. Their older son, **Alex '09**, has been off the payroll for a while and is getting married in September. Shari's summer was crazy with the first family wedding of her one and only Cornell offspring. After the last few harsh winters, Shari and Eric say they are seriously thinking of spending their winters in sunny Florida. The weather this year in Jersey brought back vivid memories of drinking hot chocolate in Willard Straight between classes. Shari loved the beautiful winters in Ithaca when she didn't have to worry about getting to the courthouse and shoveling snow. She would love to go back to Cornell with **Cindy Safier** Lehrer, her dearest friend and apartment-mate, whom she pushed to make the move to Jersey 20-plus years ago. Shari helped celebrate the bat mitzvah of Cindy's daughter in May, and is also the daughter's godmother. A number of Cornellians were in attendance.

Three classmates wrote from the Boston area. **Paul O'Shaughnessy**, BS '82, said he was recently promoted to director, global technical services at Covaris Inc. **Howard Goldman** married **Amy (Tayer) '83**. Their oldest son, **Nate**, graduated from Cornell in 2014. Son **Zach '18** just started his sophomore year in ILR and loves the academic rigors and the social life in Sigma Pi. Howard and Amy were back at Cornell in the spring on a warm sunny day for the fraternity's parents weekend. They enjoyed experiencing Cornell, the campus, and the wonderful and diverse people! Howard is a lawyer in the Boston area at Goldman & Pease, specializing in real estate law and civil litigation. **A. Richard Bonanno**, MS '80, and his wife, LuAnne, live in Methuen. Richard is president of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation, a grassroots organization with policies and priorities set at the local level by individual farmers. Over 6,000 member families in 11 counties have joined together to solve problems common to the agricultural community.

**Mark Hallock** said several members of the lightweight crew team from the Class of 1979 got together for a rowing alumni dinner this past October for oarsmen and oarswomen from the classes of the '70s. The class gifted a new racing shell to the present lightweight crew in time for spring. The crew, rowing in the new shell, defeated Harvard, Penn, Princeton, and Yale. The shell was christened at the boathouse in Ithaca on May 2. **Mary Callaghan** Schuler lives in Ithaca and is married to Richard.

**Seth Agata**, JD '82, and his wife, Gail, live in Kinderhook, NY. In March 2015, Seth finished serving as counsel to Gov. Andrew Cuomo and was confirmed by the NYS Senate to be the chairman of the NYS Public Employment Relations Board. Their son, **Adam '10**, lives in Brooklyn Heights and works at NYU. Seth said his love of learning from the ILR and Law schools was the most valuable thing he gained at Cornell. **Susan Heller** is another ILR graduate who is a lawyer. Her international law firm, Greenberg Traurig LLP, issued a press release saying that she was again selected as a top intellectual property lawyer in trademarks/brand management in California by the *Daily Journal*. Susan has been on the list since it was first published in 2003. She has received numerous prestigious honors and awards from highly regarded organizations and publications, naming her a leading California, US, and international trademark attorney. Her career began as an attorney at the US Patent and Trademark Office, and she went on to build a practice that has spanned virtually every industry and most jurisdictions throughout the world.



We received lot of news forms, but would love to hear from more of our classmates. You can also keep up with class events by joining our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Cornell1979/>) and Cornell Class of '79 LinkedIn group. Feel free to submit news to us throughout the year at [classof79@cornell.edu](mailto:classof79@cornell.edu), or write directly to us: **Linda Moses**, [mosesgurevitch@aol.com](mailto:mosesgurevitch@aol.com); **Kathy Zappia** Gould, [kathy.gould57@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.gould57@gmail.com); **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, [cynthia.shea@sothebyshomes.com](mailto:cynthia.shea@sothebyshomes.com).

**80** We just had our 35th Reunion, but it's never too early to mark the calendar for our class's 40th, when the grandkids will be freshmen and you'll be retired and Cornelliana will be at 8 p.m. Saturday in Bailey Hall, just after your bedtime. It's June 4-7, 2020.

The first Class of '80 event was Thursday night dinner at the Lab of Ornithology in Sapsucker Woods. This magnificent venue features an observatory that overlooks Sapsucker Woods Pond. Bird feeders attract numerous species, and fine weather combined with a late sunset allowed attendees to observe many of those during the pre-dinner reception. The dinner speaker was **Corey Earle '07**, who in recent years has developed a reputation as a raconteur of Cornell history and trivia. Corey customized his talk for the Class of '80, including stories about Slope Day and the Grateful Dead shows. I told Corey my now-tired tale of meeting people from both classes of '07, but he didn't seem impressed.

Friday morning's breakfast speaker was classmate and Ronald P. Lynch Dean of CALS **Kathryn Boor**, who updated us on various changes in the college. Later that day, Dean Boor moderated the Liberty Hyde Bailey lecture, which featured three lectures and a discussion, all on the topic "Any Challenge, Any Century." One of the speakers was classmate **Michael Ullmann**, VP and general counsel of Johnson & Johnson, who discussed the universal healthcare opportunity, as well as the importance of investing in health and wellness.

Dinner on Friday was in a tent at Schoellkopf Field. I loudly reminisced about my glory days on the old gridiron, but my wife pointed out that I must have been thinking of someone else, and that my sports career at Cornell was limited to pool and bowling (the beer sports). The tent parties on the Arts Quad that night were interrupted by a mandatory evacuation, as standing near tall metal poles in a wet, open field during a lightning storm was deemed to be "risky." Displaced attendees invaded Goldwin Smith Hall, which was home base for three of my five majors—all consecutive, most ill-considered—and which holds many memories for me. My downfall as an Art History major was early morning slide shows, what with the soft voices, the comfy chairs, and the dark room: "Let the dreamlike quality of this Aelbert Cuyp landscape wash over you and note the way he uses light to foxtrot ballgame rickshaw ohmmmm . . ."

Saturday found our class enjoying lunch on the Ag Quad, at which we also had our class picture taken, and dinner at the Brian C. Nevin Center at the Plantations, at which we had a group epiphany that we should have spent more time outdoors during our time at Cornell.

During Reunion, **Joey Green**, BFA '81, took time to bury the hatchet with erstwhile lacrosse coach, the legendary Richie Moran, whose team took a financial hit when Joey and fellow Cornell

Lunatics sold fake football programs before the 1979 Homecoming game (the lacrosse team was to benefit from the legitimate program sales). Coach Moran led the charge to punish Joey back then, but the two of them made nice at Reunion and posed for pictures together. Coach Moran's lacrosse teams were wildly successful over decades and won many titles and accolades, and Joey went bald. Let this be a lesson to you.

At the class breakfast on Sunday, the executive committee reported its list of nominees for class officers for the next five years, all of whom were duly elected or appointed, then installed. **Dana Jerrard** takes over from **Jill Abrams** Klein as president, and **Tim O'Connor** takes over as treasurer, ending the epic tenure of **Lily Chu**, MBA '82, JD '09. Jill will sit on the class council. **Jodi Diehl** Nestle and **Nancy MacIntyre** Hollinshead have passed their roles as co-chairs of the Reunion committee to **Mollie Pulver**, **Todd Wolleman**, and **Kathy Biondolillo** Valliere; Nancy and Jodi have managed many successful Reunions, and we are grateful for

“Bob Zeidman viewed the total solar eclipse from the air in a leased Boeing 757.”

JoAnn Minsker Adams '81

their dedication. Nancy will continue to contribute as a vice president, managing affinity efforts, and Jodi will sit on the class council. The membership chair is **Hillary Abbey**. **Cynthia Addonizio**-Bianco is taking a hiatus from the rigors of being a class correspondent, but **Leona Barsky**, MS '81, Dana Jerrard, and **Dik Saalfeld** will continue to contribute. **Dori Kelner** will manage strategic communications. **Beth Bennett** is the new secretary, taking over from the indomitable **Lynda Hershey** Spalding, who moves to the class council. The website community manager is **Donna Young**. Filling out the class council are **Beth Anderson**, **Peter Cooper**, **Jeff Estabrook**, JD '83, **Pat McGarvey**, and **Esther Elkin** Mildner. Cornell staff supporting Class of '80 efforts are **Teri Baier** and **Anne DiGiacomo**.

Frank H.T. Rhodes and his wife, Rosa, joined our class at the Saturday luncheon and sampled "Class of '80 Frozen 4 Ezra" chocolate and cherry ice cream, a Cornell Dairy specialty created for us, introduced at Reunion, and served up by a panel of volunteers that included the new Editor and Publisher of this magazine, Jenny Barnett. President Rhodes graciously posed with classmates for pictures, and shared stories of his first days on campus in 1977.

If you eschew Reunions as maudlin nostalgia fests, you may wish to reconsider. It is uplifting to see how our fair Cornell is developing and changing—and making the world better. The classmates I interviewed who were back for the first time since graduation were, without exception, glad they came back to share in the continuing adventure. **Dik Saalfeld**, [rfs25@cornell.edu](mailto:rfs25@cornell.edu); **Dana Jerrard**, [dej24@cornell.edu](mailto:dej24@cornell.edu); **Leona Barsky**, [Leonabarsky@aol.com](mailto:Leonabarsky@aol.com).

**81** Hello, friends! I hope all of you are enjoying your summer. Our coffee house is at the height of its busy season, and this year we are partnering in a whole-

sale gourmet looseleaf tea line, Naja Tea ([www.najatea.com](http://www.najatea.com)). We are excited to grow this great business. Our son, Tyler, returned from his first and very snowy year at Boston U. a hockey enthusiast. This fall, over Thanksgiving, we are planning to attend the Cornell vs. BU match at Madison Square Garden. I am sure there will be a great Class of 1981 block of seats! Our daughter, Caroline, is still singing and dancing in competitive high school show choir and will visit Nashville next spring to compete on the Grand Ole Opry stage.

Sorority sister **Janice Kerzner** Tillo writes, "My BU freshman, Lizzie, was named ECAC Diver of the Week after earning Patriot League Women's Diver of the Meet honors at the championships held in February at Bucknell U. She joins her older sisters Carolyn and Emily in Boston. Emily is a junior on the BU women's golf team and Carolyn works in public relations. This winter has been quite a challenge for my native Floridian daughters!" Another sorority friend, **Celia Rodee**, and her husband, **Peter Cooper '80**, just returned from a road

trip from Chicago to central Pennsylvania to bring their youngest, daughter Polly, to orientation at Juniata College.

Classmate **Bob Zeidman** has been busy. He writes, "I'm starting two new companies: Zeidman Technologies ([www.zeidman.biz](http://www.zeidman.biz)), which develops software tools for creating software for the Internet of Things; and Firtiva ([www.firtiva.com](http://www.firtiva.com)), a new business model for on-demand videos and music." Bob and his wife just returned from a Planetary Society trip to Iceland, where they viewed the total solar eclipse from the air in a leased Boeing 757 and saw the Aurora Borealis. Bob also reports that he is proud of the dedication of the Zeidman Conference Room in Gates Hall at Cornell. **Danny Weisz** tells us that his daughter, **Naomi '14**, began a position with Siemens Buildings and Infrastructure Division in July 2014.

Don't forget that our 35th Reunion is next June. Where does the time go? Save the dates, June 9-12, 2016! We would love to hear from you, so please write to any of your three correspondents: **JoAnn Minsker Adams**, [joann@budadams.net](mailto:joann@budadams.net); **Betsy Silverfine**, [bsilverfine@comcast.net](mailto:bsilverfine@comcast.net); **Barb Amoscato** Sabaitis, [beachba@hotmail.com](mailto:beachba@hotmail.com).

**82** Another school year is upon us and many of our classmates are writing with news about their children and their adventures. Please continue to write and keep us updated on your lives.

**Melanie Hayes** Nesheim (Windham, NH; [mgn027@gmail.com](mailto:mgn027@gmail.com)) writes, "After nearly five years, I stepped off the board of trustees of the nonprofit Family Promise of Greater Rockingham County in January 2015." Melanie served as founding president of Family Promise from April 2010 to January 2014, continuing in fund development and PR until 2015. The network serves local homeless families, assisting them to regain independence. She

also notes that her son was married on August 9, 2013 and moved to California last October. Her daughter graduated from Cornell in 2014 and was chosen as one of the two first Rudman Fellows at the U. of New Hampshire's School of Law.

**Michael Gordon** (mgordon@manatt.com) is a litigation partner at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips LLP in NYC. He lives in Katonah, NY, with his wife, who owns an all-natural, upscale skincare company called Indie Lee. Michael writes that their older son is an aspiring improv actor living in Brooklyn, their younger son is a sophomore at Tufts, hoping to

writes, "I have taken the skills I learned as a TV producer and writer (for which I won a Writers Guild Award and received two Emmy nominations) and now teach students how to write college application essays and hone their interview skills." Sharon notes, "To see students' writing and communication skills improve (especially in our text-heavy communication world) has been greatly satisfying (and fun). I have also expanded my business because students from around the world have been finding me from my website and my blog. It's quite exciting to be international!"

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Virginia Greene '84

break into the world of comedy, and their daughter just turned 16, "which means learner's permit," he writes. "Yikes. Wasn't it just yesterday that I was hanging out at the Straight?" **Douglas Wood** (Quincy, MA) is now working at Cognex in Natick, MA, developing machine vision hardware and software.

**Marc Jacoby** (raindep@aol.com) and his wife, Mary, have relocated to the Westbeth Artist Community in the West Village in NYC. Marc is a musician and Mary is a social worker at Safehorizon. **Bill Barnett** (Woodland Hills, CA; wmbarnett@gmail.com) is an agent at EAS Sotheby's Int'l Realty in Calabasas, CA. His son, **Jack '17**, has finished his sophomore year at Cornell. **Timothy Muck** (Shoreline, WA; timothymuck78@gmail.com) was recently diagnosed with MS and had to stop working. He would love to hear from any alumni in his area.

From sunny Florida, **Lori Penner Hurwitz** (lori.hurwitz@bellsouth.net) writes, "I have been working in residential real estate for the past 20 years, and have been with the Britton Group in Satellite Beach, FL, for the past four years. My husband, Dave, 16-year-old son Scott, and I have been living about one-third of a mile from the beach in Indianalantic, FL, for the past 15 years and hope to never leave!" Lori also notes, "I'm looking forward to bringing Scott to Cornell for the Summer College program (which I, too, attended, in 1977!). He hopes to be admitted into the Class of '20 during early decision this fall, and I hope to visit frequently!"

**Jonathan Welsh**, BArch '82 (nonjno@gmail.com) and Ken West live in Bogota, NJ. Jonathan writes, "I opened a mid-century modern and vintage shop with my partner in Dumont, NJ." Jonathan notes that his business was voted Best of Bergen 2015 Antique Shop and Home Décor Runner-up by (201) Magazine, and was featured in Bergen County's newspaper, *The Record*. **David Ilan Weis** (Los Angeles, CA; DIW3@cornell.edu) recently started a new venture in fashion accessory space. "Any local Cornellians with experience in merchandising, manufacturing, or PR who would like to consider getting involved should definitely drop me an e-mail." David adds, "I'm raising three kids (ages 9, 6, and 4) and coaching their football, soccer, and basketball teams." David would like to hear from **Karen Fung Dante '81**.

**Sharon Epstein-Dzubak** (sre7@cornell.edu) and her husband, Ed, live in Redding, CT. Sharon owns First Impression College Consulting and

Another Connecticut resident, **Lisa Avazian Saunders** (saundersbooks@aol.com) and husband **James '81** live in Mystic. Lisa is a freelance writer and local TV talk show host. "I write the 'Widow/ers of History' column for the magazine *Pathfinder: A Companion Guide for the Widow/er's Journey*. James works at Pfizer in Groton. We had our first grandchild." **Brian '78**, PhD '84, and **Wendi Blum Kushner** (wbkushner@gmail.com) live in Austin, TX. "I have one more year left on my second term as chairman of the board of Austin Opera," writes Wendi. "It's been a true joy and privilege to serve this organization and bring world-class opera to Austin audiences."

Thank you for all of your news. Time does seem to be flying, and before long we will start to send you news regarding our 35th Reunion. I hope you all enjoy the rest of the year and take some time to keep us updated on all of your exploits. **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@npmlaw.com; **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu; **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu.

**83** Greetings, Class of '83! Thanks for the great response to our latest request for news. I'll get right to it.

**Brad and Dina Wolfman Baker** (DinaB1@verizon.net) have lots of reasons to be back in the Cornell neighborhood these days. "We spent a week visiting when our daughter, **Audrey '09**, MPA '15, and her husband, Lance Ebel, welcomed the birth of baby Atlas on January 20. They live in Newfield, just south of Ithaca. And now Audrey is adding 'MPA '15' to her Cornell resume, giving us a good excuse to spend Memorial Day (graduation) week-end visiting our grandson. Audrey and Lance co-founded and direct Woods Earth Living Classroom (www.WoodsEarth.com) in Ithaca—worth checking out for anyone who cares about the intersection of food equity, economically sustainable farm-to-school solutions, and education in the Ithaca area. In other news, on March 2 Dina took on the new role of director of marketing and communication at Cambridge Systematics in Cambridge, MA."

**William Dickson** (William.dickson@omh.ny.gov) became the executive director of the Capital District Psychiatric Center (NYSOMH) two years ago, and is enjoying some travel with his family and the adventures of raising a teen, with which many of us can surely sympathize. **Wai-Leong**

**Chan**, ME '84, MBA '85 (CWL1960@yahoo.com) writes, "I set up a new executive search firm with two friends and I serve on the board of AWWA, a voluntary welfare organization focused on children with special needs and the elderly." He adds, "Son JiaHan is doing national service in Singapore; daughter JiaMin will be taking her IB exam at the end of 2015 and is also learning the guitar; and younger daughter JiaXin is in Secondary 3 (equivalent to grade nine)."

**Bryan Mundell**, PhD '94 (bryan.mundell@adventerragames.com) says, "For more than ten years, I have been managing an investment fund and running an environmental game publishing company." He credits Cornell with teaching him to ask the right questions and seek the answers in the best places. He also reports that his daughter studies much harder in high school than he ever did and is learning four languages. Bryan would love to hear from Prof. Eldon Kenworth. **J. Ralph Russek Jr.** (russekjr@aol.com) is working in municipal engineering for the Lehigh Valley in Pennsylvania. His son, Erik Andrew, has a BS in multi-media design from DeVry U. and his daughter, Erin Rachel, is finishing a BS in social work from Cedar Crest College, and then on to a master's program at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania. He'd like to hear from **Kenneth "Casey" Keller**.

**David Weil** (weil.david@dol.gov) was nominated by President Obama to be the wage and hour administrator in the US Dept. of Labor and was confirmed by the Senate in May 2014. He says, "It is an honor to be working with the talented men and women at my agency and the DOL for almost one year, following my IJR classmates **Seth Harris** (Deputy Secretary of Labor/Acting Secretary of Labor) and **Alan Krueger** (chair, Council of Economic Advisors). **Miriam Barasch** Fleming, partner in Michael Best & Friedrich LLP's litigation practice group, was selected by the *Wisconsin Law Journal* as a 2015 Women in the Law Award recipient. The publication's annual Women in the Law Award honors 30 top female attorneys for their outstanding achievements in the field who have also paved the way for success for other women in the practice of law.

**John Davis** will be moving to Paris in August to become the executive director of the European office of the Terra Foundation for American Art. **Zoann Parker** reports that she is now the associate VP for continuing education and training at Hartford Community College in Bel Air, MD. **Stephen Pieretti** (pieretti@earthlink.net) is the general manager of the Nassau Club of Princeton and principal in the Hospitality Insight Consulting Firm, along with being blessed with four children and six grandchildren. **Dawn Adams** (dawnvadams@live.com) is now a business development officer for the State of New York Mortgage Agency (SONYMA), covering Western New York, where she serves as a liaison between NYS and the lenders and loan officers providing programs to first-time buyers.

**Gregg Somerville** (Greggssommerville@me.com) owns his own business, Somerville Investments. **Susan Relihan Reynolds** (susanmrelihan@gmail.com) is still working at KPMG, but is now located in Los Angeles. **Sara King** (sking@gnu.edu) is an associate professor of English at George Mason U. She has a son who is a freshman in high school. She also reports that her mother (Cornell '57) recently celebrated her 80th birthday. **Ruth O'Connor** (ruthless@optonline.net) is "of counsel" to McGlinchey Stafford, a New Orleans law firm with offices in NYC. Her house was destroyed in Superstorm Sandy and she says, "We are in the



middle of 'lifting' it. Our contractor just 'dropped' it. We wonder if the five second rule applies."

**Nicholas Rakovic** (shakespeare777@hotmail.com) writes, "I'm semi-retired and doing a bit of motorcycle racing on my BMW 51000 RR, one of the fastest production bikes ever made. My lovely wife and I (childhood sweethearts) have a great life together! But it's time to think about my place in the world and how many young people there are. Where did they all come from and who's that 60-year-old person looking at me in the mirror!" Nicholas would love to re-establish contact with **Jack Eng**. He says, "My class was coined the 'class of love' because we exemplified it in our presence. What more could any graduate ask for?" **Francis Camargo** (sandy.camargo@ads-pipe.com) has packed up and moved from Lexington, KY, to a beautiful rural lake community in Boston, KY. He says, "Why retire to the lake when you can go early and work from there!"

As for myself, I'm happy to say I have moved back to our home in Elmhurst, IL, from Shanghai, China, and am looking forward to visiting two of our daughters at Cornell this year: **Miranda '17** and our middle daughter, **Samantha**, who graduated from Emory U. in May 2015 and is starting her master's in Human Resources in August. **Matt Palumbo**, membership VP for the Class of 1983, recently passed on updates about our dues campaign and social networking. Please let us know what you'd like to see from the Class of 1983, our new LinkedIn group, and also from our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CornellClassOf1983>. We see Facebook and LinkedIn as useful ways to keep you up-to-date with our classmates and things at Cornell. Would you like to see more photos, videos, etc.? More updates from Ithaca? Please feel free to share your updates on LinkedIn and Facebook.

And don't forget *Cornell Alumni Magazine*! You can submit news at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Would you like to get more involved with the Class of 1983 and Cornell? Maybe help create a get-together in your area? Assist in planning our 35th (!) Reunion in 2018? We hope you will all keep in touch and let us know what's new in your lives. Please e-mail your news to: **Barb Warner Deane**, [barbdeane@barbdeane.com](mailto:barbdeane@barbdeane.com); or **Jon B. Felice**, [jbfelice@jbfelice.com](mailto:jbfelice@jbfelice.com).

**84** Greetings! I'd like to thank the many classmates who sent news. Please keep it coming! If you sent news that doesn't appear in this column, it will be in a future edition.

**Sharon Toll** Rubinson is still working as an associate small animal veterinarian at the 4 Paws animal hospital. **Ethan '15**, her oldest, graduated from the Engineering college with a degree in Computer Science and will be headed to California to work for eBay. Son Bryce is a junior in high school and starting his college search. At this point he's headed for computer science too. Her step-daughters both live in Vermont with their families. Sharon still plays tennis as often as possible and enjoys relaxing on their boat while her husband fishes. She remembers spending many hours studying in the common rooms at Mann Library with friends. She loved Oliver's ice cream, CTB, and pizza at the Nines. Since graduating, the only Cornell activity she has been involved with is sending tuition payments every semester! Right now she would like a little more free time and is hoping for a less hectic work schedule in the next few years.

We heard from several classmates in the real estate industry. **Millena Manov** Leiningen is still in

White Plains, NY, as a licensed realtor. Her son graduated from college last spring. She says she would like to be sitting on a white beach reading a book. She would love to hear from her senior-year roommate, Carolann. While at Cornell, she learned "the value of diversity and of being part of a great community." **Meiting Lee-Kravarik** is a broker/owner of her firm, Nextage M3 Realty, in Edison, NJ. She says her Cornell education helped her learn how to meet deadlines. Meiting would like to hear from fellow Hotelies **J. B. Lockwood** and **Doug Durkin**. When not working, she would like to travel. Her daughter, Morgan, just finished her sophomore year at Penn State in the communication school.

**Barry Green** is the newly installed co-managing director at Goulston & Storrs, joining current co-managing director Marty Fantozzi. Barry has spent 25 years at the firm in the real estate practice, handling complex real estate transactions, portfolio acquisitions, and dispositions, as well as joint ventures representing institutions, foreign investors, REITs, and developers. Barry and Marty plan to continue the firm's growth in the New York and Washington, DC, markets in addition to investing in the firm's traditionally strong Boston roots. **Bob Feinberg**, who is VP, general counsel, and the secretary at WNET in New York, founded the nonprofit Montclair Film Festival in his hometown of Montclair, NJ. This year's festival, May 1-10, the fourth annual, was the largest ever with some 135 films and events in eight venues around town. Check out the website (<http://montclairfilmfest.org/>) and plan on going next year!

We have some classmates who will be dropping off new Cornellians this August. **Deb Gray** Goldberg, who works as a management consultant and tax preparer to small businesses and co-ops in the Berkeley, CA, area has a son, Julian, who will be entering the Engineering college as a member of the Class of 2019. Daughter Hannah is 14. **Sheila Palmer Buthe's** daughter, Caroline, will be in the Class of 2019 in Arts and Sciences. She wants to major in History and go on to law school like her mom! Sheila works as director at the Robert Wood Johnson U., Rahway, responsible for HR, volunteers, auxiliary education, and occupational safety. Her husband, **Mike '83**, is the chief investment officer for ACE Life in NYC. Their son, Matt, just finished (and loved) his freshman year at Drexel U.

Several classmates continue to make the most of living abroad. **Laura Abramson** Winningham, based in London, is the founder and CEO of City Harvest London. This food rescue network is just one year old and already collects four tons of surplus food a month for organizations that feed the hungry in the UK. She and husband Steve's twins, Avery and Spencer, just turned 14. In addition to her important work that serves her community, she and her family have been traveling throughout Europe. **Jeanine Thomas Riband** and her husband, **Herb**, have lived in Lausanne, Switzerland, for 15 years. Herb continues to work for Amgen and travels a lot. Jeanine runs creativity workshops and is involved in various activities like rowing on Lake Lemman (Lake Geneva) and yoga. Jeanine and Herb make it back stateside more frequently these days to visit their US-based children. Their son is a Penn graduate and their daughter is a junior at Penn. They made it back to our 30th Reunion last year, where they enjoyed catching up with classmates and being on the beautiful Cornell campus.

**Emily Liu** Filloramo writes, "I reinvented myself three years ago after a layoff from a 27-year career in corporate America." She is now a Be More Extraordinary magician. Visit her at: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/emilyfilloramo>. She reports,

"Because I found my soul's calling in my entrepreneurial journey, I was able to manifest a book deal with the snap of a finger, talking to a total stranger that turned out to be a publisher." Her book, titled *How to Permanently Erase Negative Self-Talk So You Can Be Extraordinary*, was published at the end of April 2015. Emily will be on campus for Reunion 2016 as the Reunion co-chair for the Cornell Asian Alumni Association (CAAA) reunion.

**Virginia Greene** is back in school getting her MS in historic preservation from the School of the Art Inst. of Chicago. Her older daughter, **Virginia Johnson '12**, BFA '13, is working in NYC, as her younger daughter, Olivia Johnson, is a senior at San Francisco Art Inst. Virginia wants to have some fun in the sun after making it through the coldest winter on record in Chicago. When asked about the most valuable thing she learned at Cornell, she wrote, "Life is full of surprises and Cornell teaches you to meet the challenge!"

May 2015 was a very event-filled month for our family. I, **Kitty Cantwell**, traveled with a terrific medical team to work at Hopital Sacre Coeur in Milot, Haiti. One week later my husband, **Kevin McCormick**, and I celebrated the college graduations of our middle sons, Matthew (U. of Rochester) and Patrick (SUNY Geneseo). They both head off for jobs abroad after graduation. We could not be more proud! **Janet Insardi** and I just got back from attending Reunion. Don't worry, you didn't miss one of our "official" Reunions. As many of you know, Janet and I were Reunion co-chairs for our 20th and 25th. We wanted to go to a Reunion and have no responsibilities other than having fun! We had a great time and highly recommend not only attending our regular Reunions, but going on an "off-year." From Reunion Runs, rows, All-Alumni Lunches, CALS wine tasting, and zip-lining, we made the rounds. The highlight of the weekend was Cornelliana Night on Saturday, celebrating our university's 150th "birthday" with record-breaking Reunion numbers. We were also saying goodbye to President Skorton. The Glee Club honored him with a new rendition of "Give My Regards to David."

Please keep the news coming and keep us up-to-date on your work, home, family, and recreational lives! **Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell**, [catherinejcantwell@gmail.com](mailto:catherinejcantwell@gmail.com); **Janet M. Insardi**, [insardij@hotmail.com](mailto:insardij@hotmail.com). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**85** We broke the all-time record for a 30th Reunion! 332 graduates from the Class of 1985 descended on the Hill for a fun-filled weekend of catching up with old friends, visiting hallowed halls, and checking out the new landscape of campus. There are a lot more buildings than there were back in our day. Some are entirely new (like Gates Hall), others refurbished (like the ILR building), and still others (like Martha Van) have new wings that have overtaken the building, making the inside virtually unrecognizable. The once barren and treeless Ag Quad is now blanketed with trees that shade the Quad lawn. If you had the time to visit Gates Hall, you could feel the cool, hip vibe that only today's tech culture can exude.

Most notably, I would like to thank our Reunion chairs, **Sharon Tolpin** Topper and **Jennifer Cornelissen** Ellis, for putting together a fabulous weekend of events for our class. My fiancé, Joe Matthews, and I joined up with the class on Friday

afternoon, in time for the reception on the Founders' Terrace (next to Uris Library) and dinner under the tent in front of the Johnson Museum. President Emeritus Frank H.T. Rhodes, along with his wife, Rosa, joined us and spoke briefly about his spot-on poignant memories of our politically charged class and recited the names of those we have lost.

From Cardozo, my high school, in Bayside, NY, we had six attendees including **Harvey Cohen**, **Mark Irgang**, **Natalie Fisher**, **Howard Schwartz**, and, of course, Sharon. I have known Sharon since we were in kindergarten. She currently lives in Boston, MA, along with husband David and her 3-year-old daughter, Livia, who both made an appearance at Reunion. When not taking care of class business or her family, or attending music festivals, Sharon is the head of marketing for Ripples ([www.cofferipples.com](http://www.cofferipples.com)), which just launched its product line to the market this month. Ripples is in the coffee foam printing business. Check out the website!

Harvey Cohen attended Reunion with his partner, Michael Tardif. Residing in the Bethesda, MD, area, Harvey has been a geologist for S.S. Papadoulos and Assocs. for almost 20 years. Now legal in all 50 states, Harvey and Michael are celebrating ten years of marriage, together for 19. Super congratulations to Harvey and Michael! Harvey and I share a passion for travel and music. We both love the Adirondacks and trade stories and photos on Facebook about our favorite high peaks to hike around Lake Placid. Harvey is also an extremely gifted pianist who still dabbles with the keys. Mark Irgang, who lives in Dix Hills with his family, has recently assumed the role of general manager for the Fox Hollow Inn located nearby in Woodbury, NY, on Long Island.

Friday night tent parties were awesome, notwithstanding the 11:30 p.m. torrential downpour in true Ithaca fashion, followed by a brisk 45 degrees for the Saturday night tent parties after Cornelliana Night in Bailey Hall. Dinner at Schoellkopf Field was hilarious—we had so many surprise show-ups that our president, **Mark Sheraden**, ME/MBA '92, asked if we could share dinner seats to accommodate our last-minute attendees! I had a great conversation with **David Gerber**. David is a transplant surgeon at the U. of North Carolina and loves it down there.

I would be willing to bet that my sorority, Sigma Delta Tau, had the largest turnout for the Greeks in our class. **Abbey Huret** counted 18 SDTs in attendance. As is customary, all the Greeks descended upon their houses late Saturday afternoon. I missed our 4:30 class photo as I was in my old sorority room, chatting it up with the women who lived there 25 years before me and another group of younger ladies who graduated five years ago.

We had a couple of classmates travel quite a ways to make it for Reunion. **Lisa Reznick** (Plano, TX) took a break from her Texas-based medical practice to join us in Ithaca. With her great Texas accent, one would hardly know that Lisa is originally from Michigan, where she attended medical school at the U. of Michigan. **Gila Meidonick Willner** flew in from the Los Angeles, CA, area. She is married to **Ayal '84** and is the proud mom of **Sigal '16** and **Yael** (Columbia '14). Gila owns, manages, and maintains vacation rental properties in Maui, HI, and Mammoth Mountain. Still on campus, **Margaret Wilde** Frey, MS '89, is now the associate dean of undergraduate studies at the HumEc college. **Michael Delman** took a weekend off from parenting to attend; Michael is the father

of seven and lives in Sharon, MA, working in the real estate administration services business. **Bill Gorlin**, ME '86, was up from West Nyack, where he works for McLaren Engineering in their entertainment engineering division. I also had the opportunity to chat with **Jeff Freilich**. Jeff is an associate director of corporate relations and is the proud father of two daughters, one of whom is attending Yale.

As for myself, Joe and I had a great time. He was all too happy to accompany me to Reunion as his son, **Steven Matthews '10**, was in from California for his first Big Red Reunion. As it is July 4 weekend and I am writing these notes from the pool, I will say goodbye for now. By the next time you hear from me, the merger of Hospira and Pfizer will have taken place and, with any luck, I will be gainfully employed by Pfizer. Next week we launch a new product for pain, so those physicians on Long Island and in the metro area may be hearing from me very shortly! **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi, [rfarhiesq@aol.com](mailto:rfarhiesq@aol.com); **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, [cornett0667@comcast.net](mailto:cornett0667@comcast.net).

**86** It has been heartening to hear from so many content, prospering classmates in recent months.

Let's start with the doctors. **Leonard Shvartzman**, ME '87 ([Shvartzman@comcast.net](mailto:Shvartzman@comcast.net)) is happy and healthy in Jacksonville, FL, where he is running a practice as a dermatologist specializing in skin surgery, and where he and his wife, Arlette, are raising their two children, Benjamin and Sophia. He credits Cornell with teaching him how to work toward a goal. **Daniel Jones**, MD '90, is a professor at Harvard Medical School and vice chair of the department of surgery at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. He and his wife, **Stephanie (Brickner) '88**, have twin daughters who play lacrosse at Phillips Exeter Academy and a son, **Ryan '17**, in the Hotel school. Daniel writes that as a Biology and Society major at Cornell, he received valuable exposure to business, law, and technology.

"Life is great in general!" writes gastroenterologist **Dordaneh Maleki** (Egg Harbor Township, NJ; [dmaleki@comcast.net](mailto:dmaleki@comcast.net)). She would like to hear from **Kirsten Koonce**. **Alan Jacobs**, who studied electrical engineering at Cornell, is an MD, a PhD, and the founder and CEO of PerceptiMed, a Silicon Valley healthcare technology company that has created a device aimed to eliminate human error in medication dispensing—an idea he had after nearly losing his father-in-law to multiple prescription errors in a nursing home.

Next up are the lawyers. **Jeff Dunlap** ([jeff.dunlap@roadrunner.com](mailto:jeff.dunlap@roadrunner.com)) practices employment and commercial litigation in Cleveland, where he and his wife, Amy, raised daughter Erin, who attends Denison U., and daughter Casey, who is starting at Miami U. He says Cornell taught him to challenge himself constantly and to think deeply about issues. He would like to hear from **John Smales**. **Alissa Stern** ([asternemail@gmail.com](mailto:asternemail@gmail.com)) got her law degree from Harvard. She started a nonprofit organization called BASAbali to strengthen the Balinese language and is now living in Bethesda, MD (though, really, she'd rather be living in Bali). Along with taking risks, learning from others, and keeping her life in balance, the most valuable thing she gleaned at Cornell was "not to sit in a shopping cart headed down Buffalo Street."

Our class continues to produce Cornell-worthy offspring. **Jeffrey Silver** ([silverjeff@optonline.net](mailto:silverjeff@optonline.net)),

chief technology officer for commercial real estate firm Newmark Grubb Knight Frank, and his wife, **Caroline (Wellens) '87**, have two kids at Cornell: **Jordan '16** and **Lucas '19**. Jeff recently spoke at the 50th anniversary event for the computer science department at the Cornell Club in New York. **Bill Wickham**, who recently added a U-pick apple orchard at his Wickham Farms in Penfield, NY, has raised three Cornellians: **Kevin '11**, **Paige '14**, and **Dale '18**, who plays varsity baseball for the Big Red. **David and Laura Rabinowitz Lefkowitz '85** have son **Adam '18** at Cornell. David is looking forward to the publication of a book on the analysis of post-tonal music with the U. of California Press in 2016. He writes that daughter Talia, still in high school, has been told that she may choose to attend any school that will have her, no pressure . . . and then he adds: "Hah!"

**Joan Button** Thakor ([joanthakor@gmail.com](mailto:joanthakor@gmail.com)) tells us son that **Eric '18** is in Sigma Phi and plays club soccer. Joan comes from quite the Cornell family: she recently saw her cousin **Brian Wasserman '87**, his wife, Vicky, and their four kids, who live in Bend, OR, when they were back East visiting Brian's brother, **Neal Wasserman '85**, in Hartford, CT, and Vicky's brother **Norm Hurlbut '87** and his wife, **Elyssa (Katz)**, in Mamaroneck, NY.

**Julie Bick Weed** ([juliew@msn.com](mailto:juliew@msn.com)) has the right surname for her job: she is writing about the legal marijuana industry for Forbes.com and freelancing for the *New York Times* business section. She's president of the Cornell Club of Western Washington and hosted last summer's new student send-off in Seattle. **Maira Dolan** is in her 25th year with DC 37, AFSCME in NYC, where she negotiates contracts for public sector employees and researches healthcare policy. Maira was a panelist at the ILR Social Justice Impact Career Day in February, where, she says, "I got to meet lots of great students who want to carry our work forward."

The former Kappa Kappa Gamma sisters continue to be strong correspondents. **Emily Sawers** Berlinghof is building, designing, and selling homes in the northern suburbs of Chicago, where she has rekindled her passion for sailing and has picked up stand-up paddle boarding. **Deirdre Kissane** Stewart is working for an early stage medical device company. **Joanna Morris** Brinker is in the operations department of accounting and consulting firm Baker Newman Noyes (BNN) in Portland, ME. **Sydney Solomon** Neuhaus is a partner at Finsbury in New York, developing and managing strategic communications and reputation management programs.

Speaking of communications and reputation management, we want to hear from everyone in our class! It isn't necessary to have a long list of accomplishments or successful offspring to get a mention in this column. Studies show that unexpected reconnections with dormant ties can have powerfully positive results. Please e-mail us: **Nancy Keates**, [nancy.keates@wsj.com](mailto:nancy.keates@wsj.com); and **Michael Wagner**, [mwagner@maiwealth.com](mailto:mwagner@maiwealth.com). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**87** Hope you all had a great summer. **Amy Selick** Siegel writes, "This year my family moved from New Jersey to Southern California. For the moment I am retired from the practice of medicine and watching my 13-year-old take advantage of all the outdoor activities Southern California has



to offer. Who in Ithaca knew that people played water polo outside 365 days a year? Life is good."

Another classmate on the move is **Jennifer Stone Lesnick**. She and spouse **Josh** recently moved to northern New Jersey, as Josh has a new position with Wyndham Hotels. Jennifer herself works in corporate meeting and special event planning. She is happy to share with us that her daughter **Julia '18** is a freshman at Cornell! Hooray! From **Susan Dinan** we hear, "In August I will start a new job as dean of the Pforzheimer Honors College at Pace U. I am currently director of the Honors College at William Paterson U."

**Elaine McLaughlin** Halliday has been teaching and tutoring eighth through 12th graders for the past four years. Most of her volunteer work involves teaching science and social justice to fourth and sixth graders. She also was looking forward to CAU for the second consecutive year, and loves being in Ithaca for the dorm life, the people, and the food!

**Lisa Panek** Francese reports that she is a registered nurse working in maternal/newborn nursing in an Anaheim hospital and that she loves her job. She recently had a visit from classmate **Linnea Larson** Jorgensen, along with Linnea's twin preschool-age daughters. Lisa is also happy to report that daughter Nicole will matriculate in the fall as a member of the Class of 2019. Congratulations!

**Mary Boname** sends word that she is still practicing preventive care optometry in Skillman, NJ. She would love to hear from **Amy Murray** and **Christine Bender**. Lastly, the only news from a male classmate comes from **Jack Zinn**, MS '90 (men, let's hear more from you!). Jack is now the president of his synagogue, serving a two-year term that will end in June 2016. Congratulations! That's it for now. Send us your news via e-mail to: [Heidi Heasley Ford](mailto:Heidi.Heasley@cornell.edu), [hfh6@cornell.edu](mailto:hfh6@cornell.edu); [Liz Brown](mailto:Liz.Brown@cornell.edu), [etb29@cornell.edu](mailto:etb29@cornell.edu); and [Whitney Weinstein](mailto:Whitney.Weinstein@cornell.edu) Goodman, [wwg5@cornell.edu](mailto:wwg5@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**88** We have several career updates to report on in this column, and other great news from our classmates.

**Michael Fishman** writes, "I recently changed jobs, starting as biological field services manager, protected species at Natural Resource Group LLC in Syracuse, NY. I'm building a team of rare-species specialists to conduct surveys for impact assessment of large-scale energy projects. I've started the college fair circuit with our daughter, who is looking to get into theatre, and introducing our son to the joys of ice fishing and sailing (apples don't fall far!), all while trying to grow Smarter by Nature, an environmental education consultancy that my wife and I started three years ago." Michael shares that the most valuable lesson he learned at Cornell was that "luck and opportunity come with hard work." He'd love to hear from **Connie Fuess '83**, MPS '95, the RHD at Ecology House. **Bradley Berg** recently moved to Texas and is division director of pediatrics for McLane's Children's Pediatrics at Baylor, Scott & White Healthcare in Austin/Roundrock. Reflecting upon Cornell, Bradley reports that he is glad to have moved south so he no longer has to endure long winters! He would love to hear from **Karl Schmid**.

After 12 years with IBM, **Bonnie Glick** made a career change last year to the Meridian Int'l Center, where she is senior VP. Meridian is an international nonprofit in Washington, DC, focusing

on global leadership exchanges and cultures. **Alison Minton** reports, "In addition to my event business, Maplemint Enterprises, I am now writing a column about fashion accessories for the New York Social Diary. I cover the accessories people wear at events." As much as she loves work, she tells us she'd rather be "lying under a palm tree on a tropical island!" We hear that, **Alison!** **Jeannine Rippa**, a former Cornell Dining employee for four years, writes that she is now

Truck, oh, Hot Truck! Sometimes I'm a-missin' you so bad . . . like when I'm about to make dinner, but usually later in the evenin', when the cold winds are a-blowin' outside and my tummy's a-growlin' . . . ) While I no longer carry my XHTW (Extra Hot Truck Weight) from all those PMPs years ago, the memories linger and I grow heavy with the thoughts of melted cheese once again. But I must remain strong and charge onward, for there are alumni updates to be had (thank goodness or

## 'Julie Bick Weed is writing about the legal marijuana industry for Forbes.com.'

Nancy Keates '86

the daily morning sacristan at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Congers, NY.

**Mark Unger** is president of Empire Golf Management and CFO of its parent company, Bergstol Enterprises. He reports, "All is great!" Mark still loves to ski, golf, and play drums. He is a drummer in two rock and roll bands in Westchester, NY. **Thomas Bottoni** is still a member of the teaching staff for the emergency medicine residency program at Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, VA. At the time of this report, he was looking forward to upcoming trips to Las Vegas and Breckenridge. He'd love to hear from **Frank Manetta '89** and **Joseph Kuranda**. The most valuable lesson he learned at Cornell was, he writes, "the importance of sustaining friendships and professional networks."

**Jo Anne Chiarenza** Gagliano is still president of Environmental Design & Research (EDR) and a registered landscape architect. Her daughter is a sophomore at Le Moyne College and her son is in middle school at F-M schools in Fayetteville, NY. Her memories of Cornell include "being part of a community, connecting with many individuals, and learning new things." **Bridget Martell** reports, "I took a job in Boston as chief medical officer for a women's health focused company after running my own medical/pharmaceutical consulting business." Last winter she took an annual "girls" ski trip (on and off for 25 years) in Salt Lake City, UT, where she connected with **Stefani Wanicur** Kimche '89 and **Barbara Wirotko-Morelli '87**. In past years she has been joined by classmates **Wendy Spivack** English, **Katie Laessig**, **Yolanda Ting** Singer, and **Kristen McCarthy** Barton.

We welcome another second-generation Cornellian, as **Dawn Levy-Weinstein** and **Adam Weinstein** write, "Our son, Spencer, was accepted early decision to the College of Arts and Sciences. We are very excited and look forward to visiting him on campus in the fall!" Please send us your news and we will publish it in a future column. Cheers! [Andréa Meadow](mailto:Andrea.Meadow@cornell.edu) Danziger, [ALM46@cornell.edu](mailto:ALM46@cornell.edu); **Brad Mehl**, [bradmehl@gmail.com](mailto:bradmehl@gmail.com).

**89** I write this column with nostalgia in my heart and on my phone screen, having just seen some Cornell Reunion 2015 photos online. It was only one short year ago that many of us were re-living 25 short years ago at Reunion 2014. I find myself growing misty, thirsty, and hungry as I wax rhapsodic over walking on the Arts Quad, drinking in the tents, and eating at the Hot Truck. (Hot

I would have had to fill the column with further rhapsodic comments on bread and sauce and that wonderful warmth snuggled in your coat as you scurried back to your dorm).

I will now smoothly segue from memories of mozzarella and pepperoni to news that **Cathy Blodgett** Gaffney has been promoted to VP of specialty cheese and deli at Wegmans. (See what I did there? Cheese, cheese . . . ) Cathy lives in West Henrietta, NY, and is a 22-year employee of the company—pretty impressive, Cathy! Cathy's high-school-aged daughter, May, will be attending softball camp at Cornell this summer, following a busy spring of travel softball for the family. Cathy mentions that building relationships, something she developed at Cornell, has been the cornerstone of her successful career. **Lee Wood** Morand is a licensed psychologist in private practice in Pennsylvania. She and her boyfriend are restoring an old Victorian in Mechanicsburg and Lee says, "I operate my psychology practice out of that location—it's been fun to see it 'beautiful' again!" She would love to hear from **Rick DelSesto**, MS '91, so, Rick, if you're reading, drop an e-mail to: [leemorand@verizon.net](mailto:leemorand@verizon.net).

We heard from halfway across the world on this news cycle, by the way. **Stephen Tsang** reports from Hong Kong that he is starting his own "social enterprise," having just completed a 21-month sabbatical to take care of his family. Stephen also announced that he has finally achieved Division 3 status for squash in HK. Congrats! We also got word from **Nicole Tingus** Pappas in Florida that she is a consulting director with Integrated Solutions, part of the Ken Blanchard ('61) Companies. What a great Cornell connection, Nicole. And **Michael Blustein** writes that he has a Cornell connection as well—daughter Hannah is enrolled in the ILR Class of 2019!

My old roomie, **Jennifer Beardsley-Smith**, sends word that she owns a brand strategy consulting practice, Linksmith Brand Consulting, in Washington State. Recently, she has partnered with Russell Wilson, star quarterback of the Seattle Seahawks, to raise money for immunotherapy cures for pediatric cancer under the national fundraising umbrella of StrongAgainstCancer.org. She also serves on the board of a Washington nonprofit, Cancer Lifeline, that focuses on building emotional and physical strength for cancer patients and their loved ones. Jennifer reports that her 7-year old son, Isaac, has a shocking ability to recite every college mascot in the nation, including Cornell's Big Red.

From down in Florida, we received news from **Sherry Peck** Kirsche that her older son, Michael, just graduated from the U. of Central Florida and is headed to London for an internship with Google, before returning to UCF for his master's in the fall. And at the other end of the family spectrum, Sherry's son Patrick just graduated from sixth grade. Sounds like Sherry probably had to pull out the tissues recently!

**‘I grow heavy with the thoughts of melted cheese once again.’**

**Kris Borovicka Gerig '89**

Which reminds me that only one short year ago, Sherry and I were walking dry-eyed but reminiscent around campus at Reunion '14. And Reunion '14 reminds me (as did Reunions '09, '04, '99, and '94 before it) of all that is great and wonderful about Cornell. Like the Hot Truck. (PMP, I WILL LOVE YOU ALWAYS AND FOREVER!) Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Cornell-University-Class-of-1989/116496408424739>. **Kris Borovicka Gerig**, [kgerig@columbus.rr.com](mailto:kgerig@columbus.rr.com); **Lauren Kidder McGarry**, [lauren.kiddermcgarry@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.kiddermcgarry@gmail.com); **Anne Czaplinski Treadwell**, [ac98@cornell.edu](mailto:ac98@cornell.edu); **Stephanie Bloom Avidon**, [savidon1@hotmail.com](mailto:savidon1@hotmail.com). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**90** Greetings, classmates! Our 25th Reunion was a grand celebration, with glorious weather and fun-filled activities. With Cornell's Sesquicentennial celebration, exhibits, and events also taking place, it was an extra-special time to be on campus. Early birds who attended Thursday's dinner at the Johnson Museum of Art were once again treated to a wine tasting by Upstate New York's Damiani Wine Cellars, owned by **Glenn Allen, MBA '01**. The class also sends a Big Red thank you to winemaker and classmate **Marko Zaninovich** in California for his generous donation of Rutherford wines served during Friday's dinner.

567 attendees (355 classmates, family, and friends) made the journey to Ithaca to renew friendships and make new ones. A new Facebook friend of mine is Cayuga's Waiters alumnus **Mark Weigel '91**, leader of the band Chowder, which provided the entertainment during the mini-Slope Day dinner on West Campus outside the class headquarters at Hans Bethe House. Mark's bandmates are Teige Carroll (bass), **Matt Kane** (drums), **Noah Kornblum '91** (keyboards), and **Jeff Webb '91** (lead guitar).

I sheepishly confessed to Mark that I thought that fellow U-Hall 4 resident and classmate **Mark Weigle** was the leader of Chowder. The good doctor was also at Reunion 2015 with his wife, **Cathy Stiehle**, whom I worked with junior year as a Baker Court RA. Mark Weigel assured me that I was not the only one who got them confused: "I have a very funny story about Mark Weigle. I was a January freshman in Cascadilla and my girlfriend had sent me cookies; they went to him by mistake and he ate them!" Mark added, "It was a great time for us—very happy that people had a good time."

Fingers crossed that they got the nod to play at new Cornell President Elizabeth Garrett's inauguration ceremonies on September 17 and 18. I hope Chowder gigs will become a new Reunion tradition.

**Sherri Appel** and **Sheri Appel Takac**, who even share the middle name Lynn, met for the first time and had their photo taken by honorary classmate **Trevor Steer '89**. Sheri looks forward to Trevor's 50th birthday celebration next year. She

moved to San Antonio, TX, three years ago with her husband, Rick, and misses her NYC classmates **Debbie Lu** and **Sharon Barth**. Sheri also had a mistaken identity story to share: "A guy called me after meeting the other Sherri at registration freshman year to ask me/her out." Sherri is a Chi Omega sister of mine and traveled from Northern California and enjoyed catching up with other Theta Alpha chapter members, including classmates **Caroline Misciagna Sussman**, **Elinor Langfelder Schwind**, **Alysia Sinrod Reid**, **Monica Durand Steele**, **Shari Greenfield Noonan**, **Tracy Dillmann Kulikowski**, and **Liselle Peterson Esposito**.

An unforgettable Reunion memory for me was speaking with Pulitzer Prize-winner **Junot Díaz, MFA '95**, the Olin Lecture guest. He kindly posed for photos and signed books for a long line of alumni, among them first-generation US college graduates like me who identified with his experience of growing up as an immigrant or with immigrant parents and initially feeling lost in the Ivy League.

The highlight of Reunion 2015 was Saturday's Cornell 150 Celebration Dinner for the 25th, 50th, and 75th classes, which, incidentally, add up to 150. Joined by the Reunion Zero Class of 2015, the classes of 1940, 1965, and 1990 were treated to a very special fireside chat with President Emeritus Frank H.T. Rhodes and outgoing 12th President David Skorton, the new secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. President Emeritus Rhodes remembered that long before Facebook and Apple's FaceTime, the Class of 1990 enjoyed real facetime at our beloved Cornell. It was truly an honor and pleasure for us to see him and Mrs. Rhodes in Barton Hall and at other events around campus.

At Cornelliana Night in Bailey Hall, we found out that Reunion 2015 broke an all-time attendance record with 6,930 attendees (5,062 alumni) from 49 states and 39 countries. The Class of 1990 results were announced, with 662 donors, 463 duespayers, 30 percent combined participation, 514 1865 Society members, 70 Tower Club members (a class best and a class Reunion best), and \$7,321,523 raised (another class best and class Reunion best). Classmates, thank you for your loyal support of our Alma Mater!

An interesting fact that I learned from **Nancy Neuman** is that she and I are among more than 50 classmates who have attended all five reunions since graduation. As I waited for a Hot Truck WGC after the Saturday night tent parties on the Arts Quad ended, **David Coyne**, another classmate with perfect Reunion attendance, wished aloud that more of his friends had showed up. I

heard him say that he wanted to help with the 30th, so I held him to his word, and, as promised, he joined the class meeting on Sunday morning to officially be added to the slate.

In closing, I am happy to announce our 2015-20 officers and class council: president **Caroline Misciagna Sussman**; VP (membership) **Julian Ha**; VPs (class column, social media) **Allan Rouselle** and **Rose Tanasugarn**; secretary/treasurer **Paul Tauber**; Cornell Fund representatives **Karen Mitchell**, **Michael Karangelen**, and **Matt Rubins**; Reunion chair **Carolyn deWilde Casswell**; webmaster **Helen Herrador-Arco**; and **Rob Bogart**, **David Coyne**, **Jeff Goldstein**, **Nancy Neuman**, **Barbara Newman**, **Ronnie Sussman**, **Christine Fleming Taylor**, and **Scott and Kristyn Benzinger Whitney** on the class council. Please contact Caroline ([cms268@cornell.edu](mailto:cms268@cornell.edu)) if you would like to get involved in class activities. Lastly, many heartfelt thanks to **Amy Wang Manning** and **Kelly Roberson** for their ten years of service as class columnists. As always, we welcome your news for the class column. **Rose Tanasugarn**, [nt28@cornell.edu](mailto:nt28@cornell.edu); **Allan Rouselle**, [agr2@cornell.edu](mailto:agr2@cornell.edu).

**91** It's hard to believe it, but we are heading toward our 25th Reunion this coming June! Reunion chair **Paul Hayre** is working hard to plan for the big event. We want to encourage as many of our classmates as possible to attend and make the event a success. We have already seen a good amount of activity on our class Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/Cornell91>) as the excitement for Reunion builds. Please visit the page for updates. We are pleased to let you know that we have two new additions to our class officer group. **Eric Rosario** and **Tim Vanini** have graciously volunteered to serve on the class council. They will be assisting with our local efforts to encourage more classmates to visit Ithaca during Reunion Weekend.

**Ellen Pospischil Bildsten**, BArch '91, has recently established a new architecture studio called Bildsten Architecture and Planning (<http://www.sb-designgroup.com>) in Santa Barbara, CA, after working for 12 years at her partnership architecture firm, Bildsten + Sherwin Design Studio. Ellen's current studio is focused on affordable multifamily and community-oriented projects. **Michael Fisher** joined M/A/R/C Research, a market research and consulting firm, as their director of strategy in January 2014. Michael and his wife, Anne-Marie, have been living in Evanston, IL, for more than ten years with their two girls, Jennifer, 11, and Marisa, 10. He recalls the value of strong friendships and hard work at Cornell and would like to hear from his old friend **Nhat Bui**. **David Kleidermacher** was recently named chief security officer at Blackberry. He works in the Pleasanton, CA, office. David's security expertise is considerable, spanning more than 20 years in strategy and product engineering. He has also written extensively about security for embedded systems.

**Richard and Sabrina Strickland Fertig** live in New York City. Sabrina is working as an orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine (<http://www.sabrinastrickland.com>) and is an associate professor of orthopedic surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College. She and Richard have three daughters, Alexandra, 13, and twins Natasha and Victoria, 8, all of whom attend the Fieldston School in Riverdale, NY. **Susan Rosenblatt-Schumacher** is a full-time veterinarian at Kindness Animal Hospital in Waltham, MA. In her spare time, she



has taken up sewing and has also opened an antique booth in Chester, VT, part-time. She believes that Vermont has such a rich history and that the antiques tell some of its stories. Last year, she and her husband, Charles, bought a log cabin in Rockingham, VT, where they are enjoying getting back in touch with nature, being stewards of the land, and protecting wildlife. She also enjoys driving down quintessential Vermont roads and admiring the metal sap buckets hanging off the maple trees. Did you know it takes 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of maple syrup?

**Hallie Goldman Hohner** recently decided to take a break from being a lawyer. She was practicing affirmative action law at Seyfarth Shaw LLP. Now she is focusing on her mom duties and taking acting and singing lessons. She and her husband, **Doug '92**, ME '93, have two children, Nate, 12, and Caroline, 10. They live in Chicago and have trips planned to South Africa, London, and Italy. Hallie is also a Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) volunteer, and she is excited to report that some of the students she spoke with were recently admitted to Cornell. She also spends a lot of time working out at CrossFit. **Ben Stewart** (Santa Rosa, CA) is enjoying his work as a financial advisor at Merrill Lynch. He has been focused on developing relationships in the dental and medical doctor markets. He has a son, age 13, who plays lacrosse and the trumpet and attends the Summerfield Waldorf School. In Ben's spare time, he has been doing Bikram yoga, playing golf, and maintaining a proper life perspective.

**Lisa Epstein** Jay is a preschool teacher in Montebello, NY. Her oldest son recently graduated high school and is heading to the U. of Maryland. She and her husband, Russell, have three children, ages 13, 16, and 18. She is happy to have kept in touch with many classmates. **Liz Mirabile-Levens** is a pulmonary/critical care physician in Cheshire, CT. She enjoys skiing in the winter and triathlons in the summer. She lives with her husband, **Doug Levens '92**, and sons Peter, 13, and Eric, 11. **Toby Handler**, MD '95, is a urologist in Garden City, NY, at Uro Care Assocs. of NYC. She recalls the importance of friends at Cornell and would love to hear from classmates **Pauline Dominh**, **Julie Dugoff**, **Jackie Flake**, and **Tina Hernandez**.

Please keep the updates coming! Visit <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>, or send any of us a quick e-mail. You can also visit our class website (<http://cornellclassof1991.com>) and our Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/Cornell91>) to stay up to date on news of our class. **Tom Greenberg**, twg22@cornell.edu; **Wendy Coburn**, wmlkscoburn@me.com; **Charles Wu**, ccwu@mac.com.

**92** Greetings, classmates! I hope many of you were able to take part in Sesquicentennial celebrations across the globe. I have been sporting my "150" wear at home and at work very proudly. My family and I trekked up to the Hill for Homecoming last fall and toured some of our favorite spots (McGraw Tower is always on our route!). We had a very enjoyable visit, albeit a little wet—but what is Ithaca without some sort of precipitation? Without further ado (and certainly no Ithaca-tion), here are some of the latest news stories and moments from the Class of '92.

**Derek McCarthy** writes that he and wife Sandi celebrated their second wedding anniversary this past April and are currently living in Acton, MA.

Derek is working on a long-term artificial intelligence project in C++. He also enjoys reading and writing. **Hartley Etheridge** O'Brien and her husband enjoy living in Sarasota, FL, their home for the past 15 years. She keeps busy with their 10-year-old son, volunteering, and playing a lot of tennis.

**Dan Domenech** (Allentown, NJ) and wife Nikki celebrated 20 years of marriage last year by going on a Disney cruise with their five beautiful children. The children are growing quickly and are keeping busy with school, church youth group activities, sports, and dancing. Dan has over 20 years of experience in human resources and has recently taken on the role of HR leader for the global sales and service organization at Dun & Bradstreet. He has been in this role for a little over a year after holding prior roles of increasing responsibility at American Express, Johnson & Johnson, and Bristol-Myers Squibb. He also has had the opportunity return to Cornell to recruit almost every year. "I always relish the chance to be back and enjoy the beautiful views and people." **Kimberly Sullivan** has a new address in Rome and we are looking forward to hearing about her adventures. Enjoy your new home!

**Stephanie Hochman** currently lives in Brooklyn, NY, and is working part-time at a group podiatry practice on the Upper East Side. Stephanie says she loves keeping people walking comfortably and maintaining their independence. She also writes that her oldest daughter matched with her first-choice middle school, and adds, "NYC families will understand." **Dana Aron Weiner** reports that she recently accepted a position as a policy fellow at the Chapin Hall Center for Children at the U. of Chicago in Hyde Park. When not in the office, she travels throughout the US assisting other states to improve their child welfare systems. She and husband Michael are proud of son Max, 14, who will be attending high school at Jones College Prep this fall, and daughter Lila, 12, who participates in competitive gymnastics and recently placed first in bars competition.

**Mark**, MBA '93, and **Sarah Ballow Clauss**, married 19 years, have built a new house in Bethesda, MD. Sarah tells us that she continues to work as a pediatric cardiologist and is now head of the single ventricle program at Children's National Medical Center. The program improves the outcomes of children with hypoplastic left heart syndrome. In her leisure time, Sarah enjoys volunteering, hiking, playing tennis, and spending time with family and friends. **Geoffrey Hess** keeps busy farming in Longmont, CO. He also works at Oskar Blues Brewery in chain sales. He and wife Stephanie have three children, Evelyn, 8, Freddie, 6, and Jonny, 4.

**Meghan DeGolyer Hauser** (Perry, NY) tells us that her husband, **Rick**, an architect, was re-elected mayor of Perry for a second term. Meghan has been busy planning the ninth year of the Perry Chalk Art Festival, and tells us that her family's dairy farm is celebrating 100 years in operation in 2015. Congrats go out to **Shannon O'Barr** Sausville, who recently opened her law firm in Edgewater, MD. **Kelly O'Brien-Fairley** is still working for BOCES and has finished her second semester at the U. at Buffalo, where she is pursuing a master's in library and information science. She and husband Christopher are happy to report that oldest daughter Regan graduated high school in June and is ready to take on the world of work! Now, says Kelly, "only two more to finish high school."

**Jonathan Weis** and spouse **Lisa Friedheim-Weis** are both attorneys in Chicago and also the

proud parents of 6-year-old son Sam. **Eileen Rapaport** (NYC) is currently the president of sales for Cane and Austin Skincare. She tells us that daughter Lily Kate, 4-1/2, will be off to camp for the first time this summer after graduating from JCC pre-Kindergarten in June. Eileen says that they are headed to Sicily in June and are "looking forward to sitting on a beach!" Thanks to all for sharing your news! **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu; **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu; **Megan Fee** Torrance, mtorrance@torrancelearning.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**93** Hope you all had a wonderful summer full of laughter and fun. Here's what our classmates have been doing.

Aloha from **Jennifer Mitchell**, who is living in Honolulu, HI, and would love to hear from her Cornell swimmer teammates and Pi Phi sisters! After seven years as a consultant for the school system, Jennifer recently became the owner and director of an education center in Honolulu called Learning Unlimited. She continues to use her business platform to train teachers and students to realize their collective potential. Best of luck to Jennifer with her new business! **Chad Walter** is in Mooresville, NC, where he's happiest cycling, camping, running, golfing, and watching his kids play softball and baseball. Chad works in the engineering department at Michael Waltrip Racing. He'd love to hear from classmate **Troy Thompson**.

**Sundeep Kalantry**, PhD '01, is an assistant professor in the human genetics department at the U. of Michigan. He and wife Smita Malpani have three young children, Nishka, 7, Aarav, 5, and Vihaan, almost 2. Sundeep says the most valuable things he learned at Cornell were "perseverance, hustle, and to enjoy the moment!" **Ellen Johnston McDonnell** is in Old Greenwich, CT, where she became the principal of Tuckahoe Middle School in Eastchester, NY, in fall 2014. In February 2015, she successfully defended her doctoral dissertation in educational leadership—congratulations!

Any updates? We'd love to hear from you! Be happy, healthy, and stay in touch! **Mia Blackler**, miablackler@yahoo.com; **Melissa Hart Moss**, melimoss@yahoo.com; and **Theresa Flores**, taf6@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**94** Greetings, Class of 1994! Time marches on, and I find myself thinking fondly of our 20th Reunion last year. It's hard to believe that another year has already passed. And what a year for Cornell! I hope you will join me in welcoming our university's newest, lucky 13th, and first woman president, Dr. Elizabeth Garrett. And start thinking and planning our triumphant return to campus again in 2019 for our (gasp!) 25th Reunion.

A few lucky classmates don't need to wait until 2019 to spend time in Ithaca. **Carolyn Greenwald**, JD '98, and husband **Adam Schaye**, JD '99, reside in Ithaca, and have made quite a business of renting out vacation homes they own on Cayuga Lake (in addition to practicing law). Their homes on VRBO.com get outstanding reviews, as does Carolyn's hosting. She reports that she is trying to track down classmate **Lisa Pollard**—Lisa, look Carolyn up! And the lesson Carolyn says that has proven to be the most valuable from her time

at Cornell is spot on: "Take advantage of the opportunities around you." **Nico**, BFA '95, and **Elizabeth Gonzalez Marcellino** and their children took advantage of Ithaca's gorgeous summer and Cornell's Adult University's plentiful offerings by spending a week on campus! Elizabeth studied bird watching, daughter Isabella, 12, studied architecture, and son Alfredo, 9, studied robotics. The whole family then explored Ithaca together, including visits to the Johnson Museum and wading in the gorge. Elizabeth reports, "CAU is Cornell at its best: all the learning and beautiful weather, but no prelims or papers due." Sounds divine! Also sounds like the CAU folks could hire the Marcellino family as spokespeople . . .

**Jonathan Stein** continues to work as an ophthalmologist. His practice, Ophthalmic Consultants of Connecticut PC, has five doctors and boasts offices in Fairfield, Stamford, and Meriden. He and his wife, Jessica Burstein, enjoy living in Weston, CT. Jonathan is an assistant clinical professor at the NYU School of Medicine and an instructor in the NYU department of ophthalmology as well as at the Manhattan Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital. He also lectures and does research on refractive surgery techniques. **Michael Hill** lives in Franklin, MA, and works in toy and game marketing for Hasbro. He has recently been busy "launching dinosaurs around the globe" to promote the *Jurassic World* movie: "President Rhodes, don't be jealous!" He misses world travel since he now has four sons, but he tries to give back to Cornell every year by either participating in CAAAN interviews, corporate on-campus recruiting, or local events. Aside from work, he writes, "I spend my time enjoying family, friends, and faith! Also a little Karaoke when I get a chance."

**James Headley** and his wife, Desiree, now split their time between Delaware and Naples, FL, "after one too many brutal winters." About a year ago, James started a consulting company, Eye-level Consulting, focused on P-20 education, and has been working with education technology and services firms worldwide. **Kaila Colbin** is living in Christchurch, New Zealand, and heading into her sixth year running TEDxChristchurch. She also co-founded a nonprofit called Ministry of Awesome, which works to bring people together to make Christchurch, well, awesome. She reports, "Recently I had the good fortune to attend the Singularity U. Executive Program at the NASA Ames Research Center in Mountain View, where I spent a whole week learning about exponential technologies and how they can be used to address humanity's biggest challenges. So life is pretty interesting. And the door is always open for Cornellians looking to explore Middle Earth!" That sounds like an invitation to me, folks.

**Anne Paoletti** Banya has had a dream year as a math teacher. Her eighth grade students at Clearview Middle School in New Jersey took on her challenge to pitch new ideas for food products based on statistical data they collected, and sent their data-supported pitch for Bacon Mac 'n' Cheese Stuffed Pretzel Crust Pizza to Pizza Hut. Not only did Pizza Hut read the letter, representatives actually visited Anne's class, sending chefs to create—and let the class sample—their pitched creation. The story went viral, and Anne's class was featured everywhere, including on BuzzFeed, Huffington Post, People.com, Fox News, *Seventeen* magazine, "Good Morning America," the local New Jersey newspapers, and even internationally. Anne jokingly refers to this as her "15 slices of fame." She reports, "I'll cherish the fun while it lasts and take

the memory of this special class with me for years to come. I just can't wait to see the career paths these students take after all this." **George Bullis** is also taking the educational world by storm. In August 2014, he was appointed principal of Desert Hot Springs High School in Palm Springs, and made the move from Northern California back to Southern California (both of which are still far away from where he started in New York!).

Don't forget, an easy way to share class news is through our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/22769038157/>). We want to hear about your weddings, your kids, and your job triumphs, but also just tell us what you did on summer vacation, or what classmates you've snuck in a visit with in the past year. Don't leave your classmates hanging! ☒ **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, [dmp5@cornell.edu](mailto:dmp5@cornell.edu); **Dika Lam**, [dikaweb@yahoo.com](mailto:dikaweb@yahoo.com); **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, [jar1229@yahoo.com](mailto:jar1229@yahoo.com).

**95** Reunion report! This Class Notes column is written on the heels of our 20th Reunion this past June. 358 classmates made the trek back to the Hill to celebrate Reunion together, and for 102 folks, this was their first time attending. In addition to 1995ers, there were 200 children (the most of any reunion class) and almost 150 guests. It was a grand gathering at our class headquarters, Mary Donlon Hall!

Within minutes of arriving at Donlon, I ran into **Michael Kim** and **Alex Vazquez-Saldana**, ME '96. Both had just flown in from locations due south—Miami and Puerto Rico, respectively. A few steps more, and there were **Neeraj Choubey** and **John Wilks**, ME '96, both traveling from California. Turning around, and hello **Frank Goppel**, **Kevin Wang**, **Jason Tax**, and Reunion chairs **Lisa Powell** Fortna and **Michael Stroud**. Familiar faces everywhere!

Many old campus favorites had reopened or returned to their former glory. The bridges are no longer surrounded in ugly safety barriers. Now they are free again with beautiful views and sporting catch-all nets underneath. After an extended remodeling, the Dairy Bar was open, featuring Cornell-themed ice cream flavors, including Chocolate Gorges, Ezra's Morning Cup, Big Red Bear Tracks, Sweet CORNell, and Frozen Four Ezra. Cornellians can once again hike the Cascadilla Gorge Trail! It reopened this past spring after being repaired, replaced, and/or reinforced.

Ruloff's was open again for business (it had closed abruptly in September 2014) under new ownership and is better than ever! Basically, Ruloff's looked like a slightly cleaner version of itself, with a much improved menu. Unfortunately, a couple of beloved members of Collegetown were sadly missing. The Royal Palms Tavern (known to all simply as the Palms), which had closed in 2012 after 71 years in business, was torn down right before Reunion Weekend. And, of course, the Chapter House was not open. Its burned out shell stood solemnly on Stewart Avenue. At least we still have Collegetown Bagels, bigger and better than ever.

On Friday night, our class dinner was at the North Campus Athletic Field tent. Amusingly, no one really knew where this tent was located, but we all made it there eventually with some helpful chalk arrows showing us the way. Mini-reunions within reunions abounded, one of which was of freshman JAM floor-mates, including **Becky Turner Wong**, **Lisa Olafson**, ME '96, **Sum-it Mittle**, **Aneesh** and **Anna Rosen Dalvi**, **Erika**

**Eason**, **Helen McMenimen** Ross, and **Troy Barsky**. Engineers reunited too. **Patrice Winter** Rousell, **Lisa Brodbeck**, and **Anne Catlin** Johnson were thrilled to catch up in person, as were **Catherine Charlton** and **Katherine Schoenfelder**, ME '11. **Stephen Friedfeld**, **Arielle Berman** Albert, and **Paola Fliman** were spotted reminiscing together, as were **Kerry Duffy**, **Leigh Ellen Alford** Baca, and **Barbara Losoncy**. After dinner, many of us headed over to the Arts Quad for the tent parties. Fortunately, Sean and **Heather Walsh** Jakubowski were on top of the weather and warned of a super-cell storm coming so we could make it back to Donlon before the sky opened up.

On Saturday morning, the Civil and Environmental Engineering breakfast was well-attended by the Class of 1995. CEEs in attendance included **Frederick "Rick" Vincent**, **Seth Traum**, **Gregory Zinberg**, **Anthony Dopazo**, **Tom LeCourt**, **Robert Rossi**, MS '00, and **Abra Benson** Perrie. In the afternoon, we had a Class of '95 Authors Tea, which featured book signings by **Brett Blumenthal**, BArch '96, MBA '04, **Brenda Janowitz**, **Henry Neff**, and **Juv Marchisio**. **Tara Wilson** Murphy arranged a special Hybrid Electric Vehicle (HEV) meet-up, which included **Anupam Phukan**, **William Kolosi**, and **Mariano Garcia** '93, PhD '99. Our Saturday dinner was held at the Johnson Art Museum and attended by our favorite Cornell president, Frank H.T. Rhodes! 1995ers at dinner included **Mike** and **Beth Rodgers Greenwood**, **Phil Spiller**, MCE '96, **Jim Whitaker**, **Todd Goldstein**, **Erin Harty**, **Brad Bender**, **Alie Shaper**, **Carlos Falcon**, **Sam Yeh**, **Julie Lubell**, **Stephanie Gendell**, **David Podwall**, **Loren Sparling**, and **Ato Essandoh**, to name just a handful of the 300-plus attendees. It was a great fete!

With Reunion comes a new slate of class officers for the next five years. Our new president is **Lisa Powell** Fortna. Class VPs are **Danielle Wolff** (communications) and **Adriano Sabatelli** (general). Additional class officers include **Alison Torrillo** French (secretary), **Katherine Vega** Stultz (treasurer), **Erica Gould** (Cornell Fund representative), **Jennifer Wendling** Helgesen, MPA '97 (webmaster), and **Matt French** (nominations chair). Reunion chairs are **Shawn Morris**, **Tara Dawood**, and **Patricia Louison** Grant. And the two new class correspondents are **Steven Strell** and **Scott Lajoie**.

Sadly, this is my final column. Over the past 15 years, I have loved writing for you. It has been wonderful hearing from you all, creating this class gathering place, and sharing our lives. Thank you for your e-mails, your kindness, and your enthusiasm. However, our dance is not yet done. I am now our first class historian! You will be hearing more from me in the future. Peace out. **Abra Benson** Perrie, [amb8@cornell.edu](mailto:amb8@cornell.edu). Send news to: ☒ **Steven Strell**, [strells@mac.com](mailto:strells@mac.com); **Scott Lajoie**, [scottlajoie@hotmail.com](mailto:scottlajoie@hotmail.com). Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**96** As much as we dread the passing of summer, fall can often usher in a refreshing feeling of change and the promise of new schedules or recharged routines. Wherever you are, surely the transition to fall has the potential to be an exciting time as football season emerges (Go Bills!), new TV shows begin, kids go back to school, and the trees are stripped bare (we can never forget the inspiring, sprawling kaleidoscopic spectrum of the



autumn foliage cascading across the quads and through the gorges). We trust you had an enjoyable and productive summer at work and at home, while also carving out a vacation as well. While the last two installments of Class Notes lacked significant entries, we are pleased to report several classmates answered the call with updates to help breathe new life into this venerable space as we progress into our prolific decade of the 40s.

**Jeremy Goodwin** returned to the States after living in China for 20 years. He is now in Berkeley, CA, and started a new business, SyncFab (syncfab.com), connecting designers and engineers with prototypers and manufacturers in California. While he would like to vacation in Italy, he has stayed active in organizing factory tours at his company for the Cornell Alumni Club of California. **Karen Ehret** recently moved from Chapel Hill, NC, to the Bay Area. While en route, she saw **Jon '95** and **Lauren Feldman Levine**, who live in Livingston, NJ, where she says at least half of our graduating class seems to reside. Another '96er residing in the Garden State, **Josh Babbitt**, MS '97, lives in Jersey City and serves as general counsel for Syddell Group, an owner, developer, and operator of boutique hotels based in New York City. He welcomed his first child, Blake Evan, to the world on April 26.

**Sara Bucelot-Savalli** lives in Hopewell Junction, NY, with her husband, Michael, and teaches chemistry and forensic science at the Irvington Union Free School District. **Gina De Martini** Hander is busy raising her 4-year-old daughter, Carmen, in Louisville, CO, and she finds time to continue her studies in Chinese art. She still dances every week and enjoys hiking and biking outings as a family. **Lukas Neckermann** recently published *The Mobility Revolution: Zero Emissions, Zero Accidents, Zero Ownership*. He also enjoyed attending the Cornell Sesquicentennial celebration event in London. **Lisa Kubicki**, MBA '08, writes, "I got married to Luke Thivierge on November 9, 2013 in the woods near Tahoe, CA." Lisa and Luke also send the news that they'll be expanding their family soon.

**Nikki Cicerani** was recently featured in the *Human Ecology* magazine for her work as president and CEO of Upwardly Global, helping educated and work-authorized immigrants fill in-demand professional jobs. According to the article, "Many legal, well-educated, highly skilled immigrants work as cabdrivers, housecleaners, and nannies, or are unemployed because they don't understand American job search conventions or cultural norms and lack professional connections in their new country." At the same time, 40 percent of US companies are struggling to fill skilled jobs in healthcare, engineering, computing, sales, nursing, finance, and accounting. "Why wouldn't you look everywhere to fill these gaps? That's what we encourage our partners to do," says Nikki. UpGlo placed more than 570 legal immigrants into professional jobs last year.

As a friendly reminder for your travel planning next summer, this issue commences the academic year countdown to our big 20th Reunion on the Hill in June. That just sounds crazy—20 years since we roamed campus with backpacks, prelim anxiety, and big ambitions. The mid-'90s were such a blissful time: a leap year; the Summer Olympics in Atlanta; President Clinton's re-election; and

Hunter Rawlings's first Commencement address at Schoellkopf. Remember the Bear Access log-in at the computer labs (I think that's what it was called; do they even need computer labs anymore?) and chat rooms about your favorite band?

Enough Gen-X nostalgia for now, just stay tuned for communications from campus regarding Reunion activities and registration details this winter and spring.

That's all the news that's fit to transmit at this time. Thank you to the '96ers who sent in their news. We look forward to hearing more from anyone who wants to check in and update us all on their whereabouts or achievements. Remember, this is your "Who's Who" column (remember those

vanity volumes from yesteryear?). Wherever you go, whatever you do, you can always submit your news at the following link: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. **Liam O'Mahony**, [liamom@yahoo.com](mailto:liamom@yahoo.com); **Carin Lustig-Silverman**, [CDL2@cornell.edu](mailto:CDL2@cornell.edu); **Ron Johnstone**, [raj6@cornell.edu](mailto:raj6@cornell.edu). Class website, <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**97** Fall is in the air in Ithaca as you read this column. Despite that fact, I am still waiting for true summer to hit the Midwest as I compile all the great updates our classmates have submitted.

Fourth-floor Sperry-ite **Adam Hocherman**, MBA '06, and wife **Jen (Miller) '01**, BArch '01, live on the North Shore of Boston and have two daughters, ages 1 and 3. Jen is an architect at Siemasko + Verbridge in Beverly, MA. In 2014, Adam's company, American Innovative, sold its Onaroo juvenile product line to Patch Products. Among other pursuits, Adam will be teaching a management course to MBA students at Endicott College this fall. Also updating us from the great state of Massachusetts is **Robert Andler**. Robert and wife Elizabeth Lange are in a new home in Wellesley, MA, with their young daughter, and Robert keeps busy as a private practice pediatrician in Weston, MA.

**Sharmila Murthy** sends an update from Boston proper, where she lives with her husband, Sameer Chopra. Sharmila is a law professor at Suffolk U. Law School, where she does research primarily focused on legal and policy barriers to improving access to water and sanitation. A final update from Massachusetts finds **Emily Berman** Welch busy with husband Evan and their three daughters as well as a project management position with Bank of America. After surviving the brutal winter that Boston suffered through, she would much rather be living in California! Emily finds that the most important thing she learned at Cornell was "to keep in touch with those who touch your life." Well said!

Moving down the eastern seaboard finds us in the Big Apple, where **Timothy Heaton** is busy practicing law. Timothy shared that he was recently promoted to "of counsel" at Troutman Sanders LLP in NYC, where he practices patent law. Congrats to you, Timothy! Another member of the New York Bar is **Susan Betz** Jitomir, JD '00, who is located upstate. Susan has a solo practice with two full-time employees and a number of part-time employees. She also has a weekly radio show

on WENY Corning/Elmira called "Law Talk" and recently started a publishing company. If that isn't enough to keep her busy, she is currently studying for her PhD in ministry and has been on a missionary trip to Haiti and Jamaica!

Windsor Mill, MD, is home to **Dong Woo Kim**, ME '99, and Se Young Lee. Dong Woo is the pastor at a Korean American Presbyterian church, where he's been since 2009. The couple welcomed twin daughters in summer 2013, and Dong Woo says he values "analytical thinking, learning not to be afraid of obstacles, and relying on God through prayer" as important lessons from his time on the Hill. He would love to hear from **Jeff Shue** if he is reading this! Continuing south to Virginia, **Jennifer Mattucci** Santoro and husband John keep busy with their two young children, Michael and Julia. Jennifer is a psychiatrist in private practice who focuses on reproductive mental health. She also enjoys time with family, including cooking for fun as well as for family nutrition. She is hoping to get back to the slopes soon and take a ski trip once both children are old enough.

In sunny California, **Caroline Giroux** Ziegler and husband Sean are in Kentfield, where Caroline is a stay-at-home mom with three young kids. I am sure she is super busy! Checking in from Orinda, CA, is **Soo Jean Choi**, who is working at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and is mom to two young sons. Soo Lee and her husband braved their first "real" trip overseas to Japan and Korea with the kids this year and hope to get back to more international travel soon.

Hope this finds you well and starting to think about your travel plans for our 20th (yikes!) Reunion in 2017. Send more news so Erica and I can keep you all up-to-date. **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, [sjd5@cornell.edu](mailto:sjd5@cornell.edu); **Erica Broennle** Nelson, [ejb4@cornell.edu](mailto:ejb4@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**98** Much to celebrate this Sesquicentennial year of Cornell, and much to report. **Jennifer Chung** shares, "In December 2014, I started as an assistant general counsel at Time Inc. in New York City. I'm working on all aspects of the company's intellectual property portfolio." Jennifer is actively involved with CAAAN, recruiting volunteer alumni into the network, as is **Kenneth Dai**, ME '99, who works at Amgen Inc. He enjoys life in Massachusetts with his family, which includes Alexander, 4, and Natalie, 2.

**Leah Conn** Levine and husband Doug moved back to the Boston area from D.C. in August 2013, where she works for the Boston Public Schools supporting teacher evaluation and calibration. Daughter Eleanor Lane was born in March 2013. **Amanda Rosenberg Mortimer** writes, "I am a documentary film producer at the Representation Project. **Peter '96** and I have three kids—Hadley, 7, Paige, 5, and Oliver, 2-1/2. We're busy with work and family and friends and enjoying life in Northern California." **Erin Blair** and **Cyson Wong** are thrilled about the newest addition to their family, Dylan James Wong, born March 2015.

**Brian** and **Emily Gault Fletcher** are pleased to share news about their upcoming adoption of Carissa, 6, from China. Their two older children, Isaac, 11, and Cora, 8, along with their 7-year-old son, Sevil, who was born in Haiti and adopted in 2010, are eager to welcome their little sister home. **Zeid Hanania** joined the international law firm Eversheds LLP as a partner in their Dubai office in

May 2015. His baby daughters, Yara and Yasmina, keep him busy too! **Seth Kromholz**, ME '00, married Gilat Ben-Dor (Brandeis '97), and he celebrated 15 years at General Dynamics in January. **Cristina Martinez** married Edson Bian in April 2015

at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Or e-mail either of your class correspondents. We would love to hear from you! **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, [udj1@cornell.edu](mailto:udj1@cornell.edu); **Toni Stabile** Weiss, [tls9@cornell.edu](mailto:tls9@cornell.edu).

## ‘Jessica Bologna just opened BEC, an all-day, bacon, egg, and cheese sandwich shop.’

and danced the night away at the Avenue A Club in Newark, NJ. Cornellian guests included **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, **Syeda Ali**, **Linda Obasi**, **Sheeleza Bacchus** Deba, **David Haro**, and **Cristian Solorza**.

What has proved to be the most valuable thing you learned at Cornell? “Diligence,” states **Bolanle “Bibi” Asuni** Limann. Bolanle and her husband, Baba, welcomed their third daughter in November 2014. “Diversity is the spice of life,” shares **Nadia Wong**, an ophthalmic researcher at Johns Hopkins. **Anthony Kartalis**, who runs a private K-12 school in Athens, Greece, and just opened a childcare facility, answers with “teamwork.” His daughter, Ismini, was born in June 2014 and he would like to hear from **Sarah Hill** Rupp. Chiming in from Aspen, CO, **Rachel Schmidt** says “time management and analytical thinking” is the most valuable thing she learned at Cornell. She balances work at Aspen Tile with other pursuits like traveling, camping, and cycling. Her sister, **Ingrid Schmidt '96**, welcomed her third child, Laurn Elizabeth Haynie, who joins older siblings Diana and Tyler. Rachel would like to hear from **Nate Demarest '97**, MA '00. **Matthew West** sums it up nicely, “Relationships with people are the most important connections in life.” He is the director of Advice Personnel Inc., a talent recruitment agency in NYC. No doubt he is busy with daughter Emma in kindergarten and son Ryan in nursery school.

**Jake Levine** ([jake@lazoolo.com](mailto:jake@lazoolo.com)) writes, “My family and I recently started Lazoolo, a family-focused make-your-own toy company. Lazoolo inspires families to create together. I’d love to connect with more parents that have a passion for hands-on STEAM (science, tech, engineering, arts, and math) education for our kids. If you want to know more, have ideas, or would like to help out in any way, visit <http://lazoolo.com>, drop me an e-mail, or tweet @lazoolo1.” Jake fondly remembers the fishbowl at Uris as his favorite place to study, and Stella’s Cafe and Collietown Bagels as his favorite hangouts. **Derek Dorn** was appointed VP of public policy and associate general counsel at TIAA-CREF. He will be responsible for developing and implementing TIAA-CREF’s public policy agenda at the global, federal, and state levels, managing the company’s policy committee, and representing the company in policy forums. He holds a JD from Yale Law School, where he served as senior editor of the *Yale Law Journal*. He has been recognized as one of the “100 Most Influential in Defined Contribution” by 401kWire and as one of the top “Congressional Staffers Shaping Tax Policy” by *Tax Notes* magazine, among other distinctions.

Thank you for sharing your news with us. Keep it coming! You can access the online news form

## Lauren Wallach Hammer '01

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*Class of '99 crew!*

*Where are you?*

*If you're three to a family or solo,  
we want to say, HELLO!*

*Write us please,*

*we want to know,*

*where you live and where you go.*

*Our magazine slot*

*is oh so bare,*

*which makes us feel*

*like you don't care.*

I am openly challenging you, classmates, to write in with your own lousy poem or rap and include some news.

We recently got some hot news from Denver. **Diana Landwehr** McHale writes that she is still working as a traffic engineer, managing traffic operations and design. She and husband Padraic have three young children, and they enjoy camping in the mountains. Diana says “Hi!” to you, **Heather Weimar**. **Michaela Rosenholz** Ricchiute, an attorney, moved to Denver in June 2013 with her husband and 3-year-old twins. She writes, “I feel lucky to have Diana McHale and **Kim Shuman-Smith '99**, ME '00, from the Schwomen crew days here to remind me to laugh amidst the craziness of work, family . . . and more work and family. Getting all of our kids together—seven in all!—adds to the craziness and the laughter!”

**Daniel Dori** (Boston, MA) married Rachel Roberts (Brown '04) on December 13, 2014, in Beaver Creek, CO. The couple spent their honeymoon in Thailand. **Blair Barton-Percival** (Greensboro, NC) is the director of the area agency on aging for the Piedmont Triad Regional Council, an association of local governments. His older son and his wife are expecting twins this summer. Meanwhile, Blair would like to spend more time golfing. Lastly, **Brady Dale** (Brooklyn, NY) became a reporter for the *New York Observer* and says he covers “innovation, startups, internet culture, and people making cool stuff.” So, if you are a NYC tech entrepreneur, look him up (@BradyDale)!

The challenge is open, y’all. Send in your poems, news, personal ads, work tales, and business announcements to me or Heather at : **Melanie Grayce** West, [mga6@cornell.edu](mailto:mga6@cornell.edu); **Heather Holidge** Madland, [hmadland@gmail.com](mailto:hmadland@gmail.com). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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It was a truly wonderful Reunion Weekend this past June as hundreds of our classmates returned to the Hill—15 years later for some—reuniting and reminiscing. Some of the highlights

included a light-hearted yet educational lecture on Finger Lakes wine by our own **Cheryl Stanley**, a moving speech by the beloved **Susan Murphy '73**, PhD '94, and a lightning-clad thunderstorm that scattered the midnight tent parties into surrounding classrooms throughout the Arts Quad—it felt like *Night at the Museum*! None of this would have been possible without the dedicated efforts of our two Reunion chairs, **David Chipurnoi** and **Erin Flinn**. Their commitment and enthusiasm in planning this special milestone for us was truly unmatched, which makes it all the more fitting that they continue on as our newest class president and VP for the upcoming five-year term.

Class president David is currently living in Columbia, SC, where he is a branch manager for Woodforest National Bank and, as a diehard New York Mets fan, anticipating the arrival of the Columbia Mets in April 2016! In his spare time, David is co-alumni advisor for the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity’s Beta Chapter, treasurer of the Harriet Hancock Center Foundation (the board of South Carolina’s sole LGBT community center), and also serving on the Young Professionals Auxiliary Board of Junior Achievement of Central South Carolina. “I am proud to be serving the Class of the Century these next five years! Thank you to outgoing president **Rebekah Gordon** Taylor for your leadership of our class council through its pre-teen and early-teen stages. We hope you enjoy your early retirement after 15 years as a class volunteer leader, and we hope you come back soon for a second career with us. I also want to personally thank **Andrea Chan** for her dedication to the Class of 2000 these past 19 years! From class council as an undergraduate to her three terms as VP and class correspondent, you have been an exemplary class volunteer and we are all the better for your leadership.” We thank you, Chip, and look forward to seeing you take our class to some amazing new heights. And kudos to David for being recently appointed by President Emeritus David Skorton to the Cornell University Council this year. Well deserved!

Erin will be serving as our VP, and we are thrilled to have her creative mind on the team. Erin is an unscripted television producer based out of Los Angeles, who is currently spending her time making people do silly stunts, all in the name of money. She chased the sun to the West Coast after graduation and never looked back. She is still very active with Cornell Outdoor Education and the Chorus and is currently wrapping up her two-year stint as the president of the Cornell Club of Los Angeles.

Class secretary/treasurer **Beth Walkenbach** is another great addition, as she has gained invaluable experience working with Cornell Alumni Affairs and Development. Beth reported, “As of August 2015, I am the newest resident of Claremont, CA, working in alumni affairs for Claremont McKenna College. Though I’ll miss living in Ithaca and working at Cornell, I’m excited for this adventure. Serving as secretary/treasurer will be an excellent way to stay connected to the campus and my former colleagues in AA&D. This is my first experience as a class volunteer, and I look forward to being part of a dynamic and energetic group that will bring new initiatives and programming to our classmates!”

Reunion chair **Christina D’Arpino** Nelson is one of our newest members to the council and already has some fantastic ideas for our class reunions! Christina left for Tampa, FL, after graduation with her husband, Tom, where she completed



both her master's and PhD at U. of South Florida. They have since expanded their family and are the proud parents of two children, Madison, 3, and Brody, 1. Currently she works as the director of undergraduate programs and coordinator for graduate student affairs for USF's Dept. of Chemistry. Although she never took a chemistry class at Cornell, she feels fortunate to be able to work with the faculty, staff, and students pursuing careers in this discipline. Christina is looking forward to meeting new friends on the council and to working with old friends such as fellow classmate **Amanda La Valle** Genson, whom she hopes will help her plan our Reunion in 2020!

Welcome to you all! It looks like we are going to have an incredible group representing our class—and this is only the half of it! In our next column, Christine will introduce the other newly elected officers, who we know are going to contribute some amazing talent to this team.

That being said, it is with heartfelt emotion that I share my temporary departure from this extraordinary group. After almost 20 years, I am, indeed, taking a little break from class council and our column. Please know that writing for you has been a pleasure. Your uplifting news, stories, and achievements have kept me connected to Cornell in a way that could not have been more special. I am confident we will cross paths again. Until then, I loved hearing from you and I loved writing for you. Signing off: **Andrea Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu. Send news to: **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu.

**O1** Fall always brings back great memories of starting another year on the Hill. The weather changes, the trees start to reveal spectacular foliage . . . and you know you're in for another cold winter! Here's some news about what's new with your classmates.

Congratulations to **Jeannette LeBoyer** LeZaks (Madison, WI), who is the proud mom of son Isadore Hugo (nicknamed Izzy), born on October 29, 2014. In NYC, **Jacob Czarnick** is celebrating five years as a director in the restructuring and M&A business of Perella Weinberg Partners. He's missing hanging out at the Trihammer Co-op (for the friends, not the food . . . NYC has much better options!). **Rory Kagan** has been the chief operating officer/owner of Indoor Gardening Equipment Manufacturing Co. since 2010. He recently purchased a home in Sebastopol, CA, which is in Sonoma County. His family moved from San Francisco in 2014, where they had been residing since 2002. They have two daughters, Dylan, 2, and Riley, 9. He recently attended a Northern California Cornell Hotel Society event at Lagunitas in Petaluma, CA. If he can make it back for Reunion, we know he'll want to head back to his favorite place on campus, Trihammer Falls/Fall Creek behind Theta Delta Chi.

**Kallie Speller** Carter (Robbinsville, NJ) joined Bristol-Myers Squibb in 2011, where she's working as an associate director of digital marketing. She was married in 2012 and is the proud mommy of a 1-year-old girl. Since graduation, she's been involved in Zinck's Night, hockey games, and Fall Tonic. Kallie hopes to travel more, but she might need to wait until her daughter is a little older. We hope she can return for Reunion and enjoy her favorite places in Ithaca, including Collegetown, the Alpha Phi house, Uris Library, and Wegmans.

**Jessica Bologna** just opened a restaurant in NYC called BEC. After graduating Harvard Business

School, then working for seven years at Starwood Capital overseeing the development of the Baccarat and One Hotel groups, she was ready to get back to applying all of her Hotelie knowledge in her own business. The concept is an all-day, bacon, egg, and cheese sandwich shop. "Two years ago I had an idea for BEC," Jessica recalls. "I worked on it nights and weekends, figured out the business model, and held a bake-off." A friend and partner at LDV Hospitality introduced Jessica to a small group of chefs, who were told only to make her their best bacon, egg, and cheese. She challenged them, "If you know nothing else other than that I want to open an elevated quick-service concept with the highest quality ingredients and the best breads, then show me what you got." The winner was James Friedberg. BEC's uncomplicated menu is composed of a dozen haute, hearty sandwiches, sourced with local ingredients. BEC has also begun selling local beer and wines, its fridge stocked with bottles of Coney Island Brewing's Mermaid Pilsner and cans of Two Roads' Lil' Heaven. Jessica's mantra is, "Every sandwich counts. If there's a tradeoff between quality and wait time, they can wait a little longer so we can serve great food with a smile, and the rest will take care of itself."

We hope you're thinking about the 15th Reunion, scheduled for June 9-12, 2016. Until then, keep sharing what's exciting in your lives! Between columns, we're posting your photos, event invitations, and other news on Twitter (@Cornell2001) and Facebook (facebook.com/Cornell2001). Send your updates to: **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, LEW15@cornell.edu; **Nicole Neroulis** Gupte, Nicole MN6@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**O2** **Matthew and Maura Rockcastle** **Murphy**, BFA '02 (Minneapolis, MN) recently welcomed their second daughter, Maren. Matt started at the Nilan Johnson law firm and Maura started her own landscape architecture studio, TEN x TEN—but they say they'd rather be studying for prelims!

**Therese Seung Bak** (therese.bak@gmail.com) is still working as an architect in London. She's an associate principal at Perkins+Will. **Mark Golkowski** (Denver, CO; mag41@cornell.edu) is an assistant professor at the U. of Colorado, Denver, and is expecting his second child this year. When asked what the most valuable thing he learned at Cornell was, he offers this: "Even the longest journey starts with one step in the right direction."

**Molly Howard** Lutton (Chambersburg, PA; m.lutton@gmail.com) writes, "I 'retired' in 2007 after the birth of our first child." In March 2014, while pregnant with their fourth child, Molly was diagnosed with breast cancer. After multiple surgeries and chemotherapy, she is now cancer-free and mother to four healthy kids. Her story was recently featured in *Central PA Magazine*. She credits Cornell for teaching her that she has the ability to persevere through hard things. **Shifat Sadiq** (shifat\_s@yahoo.com) is the business development manager at Periscope Technology Solutions in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

**Thalia Goldstein** is an assistant professor of psychology at Pace U. in New York City. She recently finished a large-scale study on how children's imaginary play can help their emotion regulation and social skills. She writes, "My son just turned 3 and is quite the joyous and energetic dude." **Elaine Brooks** Bohorquez (ebb5@cornell.edu) is an assistant professor of graduate physiology at

North Carolina State U. **Shane Downey** (Toronto, ON; spd8@cornell.edu) just completed his fifth year with Bank of Montreal as managing director, corporate finance. He writes, "My wife, Lynne, and I are proud parents of Colin, 5, and Anna, 4, with both expected to star at Lynah beginning in 2027 and 2028."

*Cornell Alumni Magazine* is creating a new Alumni Photo Gallery! Share all the photos that we've never been able to fit in the class columns with your classmates and friends. To post pictures of weddings, new babies, mini-reunions, successes, events, travels, tributes, and more, go to: <http://cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery>. Send your news to: **Carolyn Deckinger** Lang, cmd35@cornell.edu; **Jeffrey Barker**, jrb41@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**O3** Our classmate mini-features return this issue with **Briana Gordon**, who checked in with us last issue. We were fortunate to get more information about her activities and interests.

Briana wrote, "After I graduated from Cornell, I spent way too long in grad school getting an MEd in curriculum and instruction from U. of Washington, and a master's in atmospheric science from North Carolina State U. In each city, I connected with Cornellians through the local alumni organization and made/kept some lifelong friends. I also worked as senior editor of the test preparation books department at the Princeton Review and as a meteorologist and project manager at an environmental consulting firm, Sonoma Technology. I came to my job at Sonoma Tech through a friend who was my TA for Intro to Meteorology at Cornell in 1999 during my freshman year. He became my boss, and we also worked with several other Cornellians at the company. There were so many of us that we had quarterly Cornelian lunches to reminisce about school!"

"I'm currently a weather producer at the Weather Channel, which combines my educational background with my meteorology background, allowing me to find creative ways to tell weather stories every day. I love the challenge of communicating complex scientific topics and keeping people safe and informed. I work with the on-air meteorologists, researching the day's weather and creating graphical content for shows. I sit in the studio during the show on headset and run graphics, making sure we are first to air with breaking weather news and watches/warnings, and communicating with the on-camera and control-room production crew to create a smooth show." Next time you get a timely weather alert, you can thank Briana!

Briana reflected on Cornell: "Cornell definitely prepared me for a successful career in two important ways: 1) I learned how to work hard . . . really hard. Classes at Cornell pushed me beyond where I thought I could go, which was both humbling and motivating. Nothing I've done since college has felt as challenging, and I have always maintained the work ethic I developed at Cornell. And 2) Cornell has an incredible reputation in the professional world. I believe just having a diploma from such a great school has opened many doors for me. I feel fortunate to have received a top-notch education." She also added some advice for the Cornell community: "Work hard and never settle (in life OR work). If you got into Cornell and managed to stay there, you're capable of

great things and you're deserving of being at the top of your field. As long as you put in the time and hard work, you can achieve your dreams. It sounds cliché, but it's true. Make sure you're valued where you work, and don't be afraid to negotiate for what you know you're worth. It's just business, and people will respect you for it." Briana added, "Go to the Plantations at Cornell. It's beautiful, and it's rare to find something like that so accessible anywhere else!" We agree!

She continued, "I wish I had been back to Cornell more often since I graduated. One thing that never changes is that Cornellians will always stick together; I'll always go out of my way to help a fellow alum, and have been pleasantly surprised to connect with so many amazing people throughout the years at alumni events. We're a special group, and we help each other out!" Finally, Briana closed with this update: "I just moved to Atlanta, but I hope to join the Atlanta chapter of the American Meteorological Society, as well as the local Cornell group. I'm also a wish-granter for the Make-A-Wish Foundation; I had a wonderful time working with kids in California to make their wishes come true, and I hope my schedule will allow me to do the same here in Atlanta."

**Katie Nelson Schoenberg**, PhD '10, and I returned to Ithaca for Reunion activities and joined the Continuous Reunion Club (CRC) in a fun-filled weekend. We joined CRC at their luncheon with members of the Athletics department coaching staff and were thrilled to have a wonderful lunch with men's basketball coach Bill Courtney and assistant coach **Jon Jacques '10**, where we discussed the state of college basketball and the future of Cornell basketball. We wish the team all the best. If you want more information about CRC, please reach out to CRC president **Jim Hanchett '53** at [jch46@cornell.edu](mailto:jch46@cornell.edu).

If you or somebody you know would make a good mini-feature, please let me know! If you've submitted a news form recently, look for it in an upcoming column. I 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](mailto:jrs55@cornell.edu).

**O4** I have some exciting personal news this month. My husband, **Trevor MacMeekin '05**, and I welcomed a baby girl on May 20, 2015. Lucia J. joins her big brother Michael, born February 4, 2014 in New York, NY. We are thankful that the children are healthy and we hope to all visit Cornell soon.

**Nina Senesac** Crowley was recently honored by the Weight Management Dietetic Practice Group and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. At the 2015 Annual Meeting, she received the Excellence in Outcomes Research for the Emerging Researcher Award. The award recognizes young professionals working in fields that address obesity research and weight management. Nina is a bariatric surgery dietitian at the Medical U. of South Carolina in Charleston, SC. She spent more than seven years working with weight loss surgery patients and recently finished her doctorate in health psychology from Walden U. Nina holds a BS in Nutrition Science from Cornell and a master's in healthcare policy and management from SUNY Stony Brook.

**Arshad Bastani** currently resides and works in Vancouver, BC. Arshad's career includes: engineering design at HDR Engineering, USA; EPC; general contracting at Skanska, USA; founder and

CEO of Capstone Projects Pvt. Ltd., India; and manager at PwC, Management Consulting, Capital Projects Service, Canada.

In June 2015, **Jessica Diamond**, director of training at Goodwin Hospitality in Conshohocken, PA, organized a wine-tasting dinner at Citizen's Bank Park in Philadelphia. Hosted by the Philadelphia/South Jersey Chapter of the Cornell Hotel Society (and overseen by chapter president **Lynn Zwibak '02**), it featured beloved Hotel school faculty member **Giuseppe Pezzotti '84**, MMH '96. Jessica writes, "Many thanks to **Joe Giles '84**, director of Ballpark Enterprises & Business Development with the Philadelphia Phillies, and **Marc Bruno '93**, COO of Sports, Leisure, Corrections, and Business Dining with Aramark. Their support and generosity made this event a success and afforded the chapter the opportunity to donate the proceeds from the event back to the Hotel school's Giuseppe Pezzotti Scholarship in Food and Beverage Management, which provides undergraduate scholarship support for students enrolled in the School of Hotel Administration." She adds, "During the dinner, Giuseppe discussed the flavor profile of the various wines and educated the guests about how the food was complemented by the wine. After dinner, the guests were given a tour of the ballpark (including a great history of the Phillies), the locker room, batting practice cages, and press box, with the tour ending in the dugout."

Thank you all for staying in touch with the class. To send updates and news, please use the online form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>) or e-mail me directly. We look forward to hearing from you! **Jessi Petrosino** MacMeekin, [jessipetrosino@gmail.com](mailto:jessipetrosino@gmail.com)

**O5** Far above Cayuga's waters and back to the *Harry Potter*-esque gothic architecture of Risley Hall for our 10th Reunion. How time flies! As **Emily Sharpe** noted, many of us haven't been back to Cornell since graduation, including herself, because of graduate school, careers, and new families; she recently moved to California to continue working with Facebook on international privacy and public policy issues.

Checking into Risley brought back memories for **Beth Lasoff** and **Kathya Chiliza**, ME '06, who resided there before freshman year for the summer COSEP program. After Reunion co-chair **Jason Hnatko** and class co-president **Meghan Cunningham** greeted us with snacks and drinks, including delicious Ithaca Root Beer, we settled into dorm life once more. **Catherine Deneke** arrived with her wife, Sarah Winawer-Wetzel, and child Noah. We learned about the many accomplishments and aspirations from members of our class. **Joanna Ain** just graduated from Harvard U.'s Kennedy School in Cambridge, MA, while **Justin Rice**, ME '06, is currently living in NYC and is applying to medical schools. Some of us didn't have an easy trip to Ithaca: **Jean Woroniecki** joined other Cornellians in renting a vehicle and driving to Ithaca when the Campus-to-Campus bus broke down before leaving NYC.

A highlight of the events on Friday included a special joint forum between the Class of 1945 and the Class of 2005, to reflect on the campus experience of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Moderated by university archivist **Elaine Engst**, MA '72, classmate **Mark Eskenazi** remembered watching in awe from a television in Clara Dickson Hall

with fellow classmates, while **Aliza Wasserman** recalled that her music class in Lincoln Hall was interrupted by a frantic call from her mother that her father was all right. Both felt unified and protected at Cornell during the weeks after, with a strong sense of community.

Many of us then relived our senior year by taking "Intro to Wines: Reunion Edition," taught by current professor **Cheryl Stanley '00** in the same Alice Statler Auditorium. Tasting sheets were provided—we even guessed the price of wine—and we of course tasted six Finger Lakes wines (although in plastic cups—we should have brought our wine kits!). **Rachel Chernoff** greatly enjoyed the class; she is currently working in global strategy and corporate development at Sony Music.

Dinner Friday evening included pad thai and chicken curry from Ithaca favorite Taste of Thai Express. VP for Student and Academic Services **Susan Murphy '73**, PhD '94, joined us shortly before her retirement from that position. After dinner we went to the tent parties on the Arts Quad, where the night wouldn't have been complete without a severe thunderstorm during which the Quad was evacuated. In McGraw Hall, **Joe Serrano**, ME '06, and **Keon DeRoche** commandeered the speaker system and started an impromptu dance party with hits like "The Electric Slide" and "The Macarena" with the Class of 1980.

On Saturday, our class had a fantastic opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes tour of Ithaca Beer Co., now brewing on a massive 50-barrel system and distributed throughout nine states in the Northeast. **Alex Pierson** was fond of this experience, as he now owns the Amplified Ale Works brewery and restaurant in San Diego. Dinner that evening featured southern fried chicken and mac and cheese from Skillet & Embers, where we dressed up in costumes for a photo booth, took our class picture with nearly all of our classmates in attendance, and elected our new officers for the 2015-20 cycle: president **Jason Hnatko**; executive VP **Jennifer Shloming**; VP of communications (and your guest correspondent on this column) **Brian Levine**, MS '08; Reunion chair **Meghan Cunningham**; affinity chair **Erica Kagan**; fundraising chair **Rosalie Cincotta** Boothe; and historian and archivist **Thomas Balcerski**, PhD '14. Continuing for another five years as your class correspondents are **Michelle Wong**, **Hilary Johnson**-King, and **Johnny Chen**. A Big Red thank you to all outgoing officers, especially class co-president **Julia Levy** and Reunion co-chair **Sarah Perkins**, for their years of service!

After dinner, some of us snagged coveted seats at Cornelliana Night in Bailey Hall, where **Jamie Newberry** Houston and **Alex Tursi** sang with the Glee Club and Chorus. **Jennifer Tran**, who is a dentist in NYC and got married last year to another dentist she met while doing her residency at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, swayed with her neighbors to the Alma Mater. Reunion campaign results were also announced. Our class had 433 donors and ten Tower Club members, raising a total of \$204,067, which broke our class Reunion record. A special shout-out goes to outgoing fundraising chair **Christopher Mitchell** and incoming chair **Rosalie Booth**, who both helped us to achieve this amazing goal!

Many of us trekked out in the cold to the tent parties, where **Phil Bobbs** stayed warm by dancing to songs such as "Turn Down for What" and **Christine Rhee**, currently a state attorney in Miami, sang along. **Sarah Kloss** and husband **Hari Palaiyanur '04** finished off the night dancing



their own two-person “Love Train.” Back at Risley, collegiate athletes **Stacey Nadolny**, **Alyssa Simon**, **Gabe Feghali**, **Brian Clouser**, and **Laurien Edgerton** Petty sharpened rusty Ping-Pong skills in the courtyard.

Our 10th Reunion was a great time both to reunite and to become more involved with Cornell as alumni as we start to settle into our careers and lives. Please keep in touch—and see you all in 2020 for the 15th! **Brian Levine**, BL76@cornell.edu. Send news to: **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu; **Hilary Johnson-King**, haj4@cornell.edu; and **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu.

**06** Fall is in the air, and here in the Class of 2006 column, that means reminiscing for a few minutes about those magical moments at Cornell that felt totally free—before prelims, research papers, and Ithaca blizzards took over your psyche. How did you spend those sweet, fleeting moments at Cornell? Did you go apple picking, hike the gorges, explore the Plantations, luxuriate on the patio of CTB with a cool pitcher of sangria, or maybe work with your friends to plan the ultimate Fall Break trip? I sure did most of these things, and boy do I miss them. Thus, I’m more than a little envious of classmate **Nova McCune** Cadamatre, who recently moved with her husband back to Upstate New York to work as the director of winemaking for the Canandaigua Winery (part of Constellation Brands Inc.). She and her family are enjoying hiking the gorges on the weekends.

Like Nova, **Andrew Holmberg** recently made a move—to San Francisco, where he works in real assets investing, real estate, energy, and infrastructure. **Shashi Bhat** recently moved to Vancouver to become the editor of *EVENT Magazine* and to teach creative writing at Douglas College. Since graduating Cornell, Shashi received her MFA in fiction from Johns Hopkins U. and published her first novel, *The Family Took Shape*, which came out in 2013 and was short-listed for the Thomas Raddall Atlantic Fiction Prize. Shashi would love to meet Cornell alumni in Vancouver.

**Summer Warren Rej** is also thriving professionally, having founded Dauphines of New York, a company that produces a collection of luxury hair accessories that have been carried at Sephora, Shopbop, Henri Bendel, Fenwick Bond Street, and boutiques nationwide. Before starting her own company, Summer worked at *Vogue* magazine, and continues to write as a freelancer for outlets including NYMag.com and *Time Out New York*. Summer is grateful that Cornell taught her how to balance a demanding and challenging workload with a multifaceted lifestyle and to generate innovative and creative products. **Nicole Haber**

also lives in NYC and works at the Glover Park Group (a strategic communications consultancy). **David Gura** recently left “Marketplace,” the public radio business and economics program, to become a New York-based reporter for Bloomberg TV. **Seth Canetti** is a transportation analyst at Avon Products Inc. in New York.

**Colleen Herlihy** Doyle survived a crazy winter in the Boston area and longs for Ithaca summers, where she could swim in the gorges and go wine-tasting. Despite her nostalgia for our home on the Hill, she is loving life with her husband, Brendan, and 1-year-old son James Patrick, and her work as a pediatric speech-language pathologist in private practice, where she specializes in working with children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). **Ar-zoo Bhusri** is attending Columbia U. for her MBA, and recently started a private real estate investment company in NYC. She cannot believe they opened a Starbucks in Collegetown, and says she

will always be loyal to CTB. **Stephen Hall** (Indianapolis, IN) recently left the corporate world to start his own coffee roasting business, Tinker Coffee Co. (www.tinkercoffee.com), with his brother-in-law. The growth of the business, he says, “has been awesome.” Tinker officially launched in November 2014, and is setting sales records left and right. Like Arzoo, Stephen misses Collegetown, and just wants to say: RIP Royal Palm Tavern.

As for yours truly, **Tory Lauterbach**, one of your intrepid class correspondents: I recently purchased my own little piece of our nation’s capital, where I have not only a guest room for all my Cornell friends, but also my very own backyard. I kept busy this summer hosting lots of outdoor parties and training my new rescue dog, Tico. I feel so fortunate to be experiencing city living at its finest. I continue to enjoy my career representing public utilities and transmission developers in building and maintaining some of our country’s

## Lift the Chorus

Joseph Gregorio '01 & Cailin Wilke '06

“**C**ompanio” is a Late Latin term meaning “one with whom one shares bread.” It’s a fitting name for one unconventional choir, based in the Northeast, that’s composed largely of Cornell alumni. The moniker, Ensemble Companio, “reflects our belief that sharing choral music is like sharing a good meal,” says conductor Joseph Gregorio.



Beautiful music: The ensemble’s Cornelian members include (from left) Aja Falker Tilghman '05, Michael Raffaele '98, Cailin Wilke '06, Joseph Gregorio '01, and Megan Lemley '03.

Ensemble Companio is no ordinary choral group. Most choirs perform several sets of music per year; in contrast, the Companios learn one annual repertoire that ranges from Gregorian chant to Bach to the Beatles. Each spring they give three formal concerts—typically in churches, for their prime acoustics—plus occasional smaller shows during the year in venues like nursing homes.

Audience interaction is key: the crowd may be asked to join them in their more contemporary pieces, and music is often sung “in the round” as singers encircle the listeners. The

Companios use no sheet music onstage, instead memorizing their parts. “There’s no barrier between the singers and listeners,” says Gregorio, a choir director at Swarthmore College who’s working toward a doctorate in music at Temple University, “so we become actors telling a story, not just people making pretty sound.” The singers put particular focus on underscoring the emotions of their music, meditating together before shows and holding group discussions on a song’s meaning. “It’s not infrequent that people in the audience will cry at any given point during our concerts,” says alto Cailin Wilke, an immunologist. “We usually think it’s a good thing—hopefully.”

Founded in 2011, the choir has its roots in the weddings of former members of Cornell music groups like the Glee Club and the Hangovers, where impromptu performances sparked a resolve to continue singing together. The Companios have since grown to include other collegiate singers, friends, and spouses. Because the members hail from six states, rehearsals are held only once a month in varying locations. In between, they learn the music by listening to special audio files: their own notes play in the left ear while the other components stream in the right.

Though the Companios largely learn their music separately, they’re a tight-knit group. In keeping with their name, the members maintain a tradition of going out for dinner together after each rehearsal—which gives new meaning to the concept of “singing for your supper.”

— Ruth Weissmann '17

most important infrastructure, namely the “smart grid.” If any other Cornellians are living or working in D.C., please drop me a line. It would be wonderful to catch up with old friends.

Last but not least, mark your calendars for our **10th Reunion!** (Has it really been that long?) I hope to see you all in Ithaca on June 9-12, 2016. Please keep your news coming—we love to hear from you! Your class correspondents: **Tory Lauterbach**, [VML8@cornell.edu](mailto:VML8@cornell.edu); **Katie DiCicco**, [kad46@cornell.edu](mailto:kad46@cornell.edu); and **Nicole DeGrace**, [ngd4@cornell.edu](mailto:ngd4@cornell.edu).

**07** Several classmates are embarking on new professional ventures. **Lauren Deutsch**, MHA '08, graduated in May as a doctor of osteopathy (D.O.) from Rowan U. School of Osteopathic Medicine in New Jersey and will begin a medical residency in pediatrics at Cooper U. Hospital in Camden, NJ. Fellow classmate **Kevin Ringelman** is a tenure-track assistant professor of renewable natural resources at Louisiana State U., while **Denise Green** has returned to our alma mater as an assistant professor in Fiber Science and Apparel Design in the HumEc college. She says, “I chose to return to Cornell because its emphasis on multidisciplinary research allows me to explore cultural, economic, and social justice aspects of fashion and dress.”

**Henry De Ron**, LLM '07, was recently married and is working as an attorney in Luxembourg. He'd like to hear from **Barbara Hungerford**, JD '09. **Catherine O'Doherty** writes that she has become a ten-time marathoner and is training for her first triathlon. While she's currently an associate at Anchorage Capital Group in the legal department specializing in fund formation and fund management, she daydreams of becoming a “paid, sponsored athlete.” Send your news to: **Nina Terrero** Groth, [nt58@cornell.edu](mailto:nt58@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**08** If you've sent news over the past several months, thank you! Look for it in an upcoming column. If you haven't sent news yet, check out the online news form at: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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**09** A new season brings a change of scene for classmate **Tyler Herman**, who begins the MFA program at Brown U. this fall. He looks most fondly back to his days at the Schwartz Center. Best of luck in your new endeavor, Tyler!

In May, **Audrey Baker**, MPA '15, walked in the Cornell graduation ceremonies one more time to receive her second Cornell degree, a master's in Public Affairs. Audrey and her husband, Lance Ebel, live in Newfield, just south of Ithaca. The couple co-founded Woods Earth ([www.WoodsEarth.com](http://www.WoodsEarth.com)), an initiative promoting education and awareness among young people on issues of food sourcing,

safety, and scarcity . . . but that's not all. In January, Audrey and Lance welcomed their first child, a baby girl, Atlas Ebel. Congratulations, Audrey!

Have news to share? Did you move to a new city or start graduate school? I would love to hear from you! Send me an e-mail. **Rebecca Robbins**, [rsr38@cornell.edu](mailto:rsr38@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**10** On Sunday morning, somewhere on NY-17, as my close friend from freshman year and I drove back from Reunion, I remembered a quotation from T.S. Eliot that I probably picked up sometime in my First Year Writing Seminar: “*We shall not cease from exploration / And the end of all our exploring / Will be to arrive where we started / And know the place for the first time.*” For me, this quotation took on a new meaning at our 5th Reunion. Never before had I realized how much I truly loved Cornell than on that drive back home.

Since graduating, we, the members of the Class of 2010, have left the Hill and gone on to new things. We've started careers, companies, families, and relationships. We've spread out all over the country and the world. We have begun to build lives for ourselves. Like I'm sure many of you have done as well, I have been back to Cornell since graduating. I've been to Slope Days, conferences, meetings, and Homecomings. But never before has a trip back to our Alma Mater made me truly know and love the place where we spent our formative years more than the trip I made last June to our 5th Reunion.

The festivities kicked off Thursday with our arrival on campus. Immediately after checking into Dickson, I kept bumping into people I had known peripherally throughout my college experience: a hall-mate from freshman year whom I had lost touch with, someone from a sophomore year study group, a friend of a friend of a friend whom I had interacted with at parties, and everyone in between. We couldn't get out of our ways fast enough to say hello and reconnect. It was like orientation week all over again.

The weekend had an air of a dream. It was truly everything that was great about college distilled into four days. On Friday, members of our class embarked on a wine tour, where old friends rekindled relationships and new friends were made. The tent outside Dickson was always stocked with snacks, drinks, and lawn games. The university sponsored fascinating and engaging lectures and performances, clubs held alumni gatherings, fraternities and sororities opened their doors for welcome receptions, and the Class of 2010 connected with each other and Cornell.

Saturday found us saying farewell to one of the honorary members of our class. David Skorton said goodbye as he prepared to move to Washington, DC, to assume the role of the secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. Skorton joined Cornell in the fall of 2006, along with our class, and he endured the swim test and temporarily lived in the dorms alongside all of us. The massive crowd's standing ovation truly showed that he will be missed.

At night, our class migrated to the Arts Quad to take advantage of the tents—three giant tents, stocked with beer and wine, and each playing its own music. The rock tent was a favorite for both nights; a bunch of 2010s convened there. However, we could also be found at the karaoke tent, the jam tent on Saturday, and even the swing dance tent on Friday, until thunderstorms sent us

scurrying into McGraw and Goldwin Smith halls. Each night, when we returned to North, our favorite late-night foods were ready for us: Pudgies, the Hot Truck, and wings.

Sunday morning we woke up (some of us exhausted and hung over), all realizing that our dream was coming to an end. The Cornell bubble that we had been enveloped in was quickly bursting. We would all soon return to our respective lives, to our jobs in cities around the country and the world, and to our families, friends, and relationships that we had left for a long weekend. For the past five years, we had been exploring the world around us, and ourselves. For one weekend, we took a brief hiatus from that exploration, and now finally understood how truly special our alma mater was. I look forward to the next time—when we arrive where we started. I'll see you all in five years.

On a personal note, this is my last column. I, **Mike Beyman**, have had the pleasure to serve as your humble class correspondent for the past five years. I'm pleased that **Rammy Salem** will continue as the correspondent for the next five years. E-mail him with your news: **Mike Beyman**, [mjb262@cornell.edu](mailto:mjb262@cornell.edu); **Rammy Salem**, [rms84@cornell.edu](mailto:rms84@cornell.edu).

**11** Thanks to all of you who sent news in the spring! **Emilija Mayer** is a coatings engineer at GE Power & Water in Schenectady, NY. She still attends Cornell hockey games, both at Lynah and Union College. She says her favorite place to study on campus was at Mann Library with her now fiancé, **Daniel Gross**. Daniel also sent the news that he is working for Anheuser-Busch in Williamsburg, VA, as a group manager in brewing. He received his master's in brewing and distilling, with distinction, in Edinburgh, Scotland.

**Anna Tate** was recently featured in the *Human Ecology* magazine for her work aiding in the fight to contain the Ebola virus. Anna is at Emory U. working on her master's in public health. She is on Emory's Student Outbreak and Response Team, and the group is working to create detailed maps of areas where Ebola is prevalent, to help workers access these places easily. Anna also began a fellowship at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, updating Ebola statistics and creating presentations for high-level meetings, among other things.

**Emily Aston**, DVM '15 (Rancho Palos Verdes, CA; [aston.emily@gmail.com](mailto:aston.emily@gmail.com)) wrote, “I graduated from Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine, and this fall I will begin a PhD in poultry virology at the U. of Georgia.” She would like to hear from **Owen Skinner**. When asked what the most valuable thing she learned at Cornell was, Emily replied, “How to be independent.” **Steve Pearson** ([sdp52@cornell.edu](mailto:sdp52@cornell.edu)) just started his internal medicine residency at the U. of Chicago.

**Laura Santacrose** ([lbs65@cornell.edu](mailto:lbs65@cornell.edu)) just celebrated her one-year anniversary back at Cornell, working as a health initiatives coordinator at Gannett. “I am utilizing my MPH degree by working to improve the health and well-being of current students.” Laura is also a volunteer with the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN), meeting with prospective students. **Izzy Spyrou** ([ispyrou@gmail.com](mailto:ispyrou@gmail.com)) is also volunteering for CAAAN. She writes, “I am a lower school teacher and am simultaneously working toward my master's in early childhood special and general education.” Izzy was planning to move to



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NYC last summer, and fondly remembers spending “too much time” at Manndible Cafe.

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**12** Since graduation, **Susannah Klop** has been living in Washington, DC, most recently working at the Middle East and North Africa Division of the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative. She is making the move north from Washington to Boston to begin a two-year MA in law and development at the Fletcher School at Tufts U.

Like many Cornell grads, **Maggie Huang** found herself in New York City after graduation, where she currently works as a financial consultant at AXA Advisors. She will be running the New York Marathon for the first time this November, so keep an eye out for her Big Red pride on the race course! Maggie writes, “I majored in Psych, and many have asked about my trajectory when I never had in mind to be a psychologist or psychiatrist. I knew I wanted to use my language skills, so I took a job as a financial consultant with absolutely no background in finance. But things have worked out for me—I translate for my company’s Chinese-speaking clients. I get to meet people and learn, not just about financial services, but also about anything my clients engage in, which has opened such a world of opportunity for me. I attribute my success to the education and skills I got from Cornell. It has made me a well-rounded individual. Thank you, Big Red!”

**David Kaiser** has also found his way to NYC for medical school, where he is set to graduate in 2018. **Wiratama Ramanto** is also a New Yorker, but a more recent transplant, working at ARCADIS as a consultant for Mayor de Blasio’s Office of Recovery and Resilience. Make sure to keep your classmates up-to-date on your life after Cornell by sending any information you would like to share to your class correspondents: [Emily Cusick, egc43@cornell.edu](mailto:Emily.Cusick@cornell.edu); and [Peggy Ramin, mar335@cornell.edu](mailto:Peggy.Ramin@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**13** Summer has arrived and it couldn’t feel sweeter. As I (Dan) write this, I am sitting on a balcony eating dinner, listening to NPR, and basking in the euphoria

of having finished my medical boards before Third Year starts. Among classmates who also finished the medical boards in June is **Maya Madhavan**, who currently attends Weill Cornell Medical College in NYC. She is a member of the Aneurhythms, the a cappella group at Weill, and served as a coordinator for Kids in Chronic Care Support, which creates a buddy system by pairing medical students with pediatric patients undergoing cancer treatment.

Recently married are classmates **Christopher Myers** and **Sarah Icke**. They both swam varsity while at Cornell and started dating in October of freshman year. Christopher began working for Ernst & Young as an auditor and Sarah started working for Cushman & Wakefield as an investment banker in NYC after graduation. Christopher proposed in Central Park on December 31, 2013 and they tied the knot on May 16, 2015. His best man was **Mark Stepanian**, and **Jonathan Champagne** and **Jonathan Zollo** were groomsmen. Now the newlyweds enjoy cooking classes, wine tours, and cheering on the Cornell swim team whenever they race against Columbia U.

Making her authorial debut is **Caitlin Higgins**, who is publishing her first novel, *Lightless*, under the name C. A. Higgins in September 2015. The Physics major’s novel tells the story of a government agent who wants to uncover the truth, a thief who wants to protect his secrets, and a mechanic who only wants to save her ship after a strange man is captured aboard a top-secret space ship—a man who might have connections to a terrorist planning a violent attack. Out in Los Angeles is **Michael Leanse**, who works for Eastdil Secured, a real estate investment bank. He works on trophy-asset commercial real estate transactions throughout the country, predominantly focusing on retail and office properties. He is able to meet up with fellow Phi Kappa Psi brother **Thomas Munson** regularly. Thomas works for the boutique forensic economics and accounting firm Vavoulis, Weiner & McNulty LLC. He is a consulting analyst to law firms on the topics of economics and accounting. Back in March, Thomas attended the Sesquicentennial event in L.A. His favorite part: talking to older alumni about their experiences on campus and what they did in their free time while students.

Among our classmates in graduate school are **Lucia Rafanelli**, pursuing a PhD in political theory at Princeton U., and **Margaret Scheiner**, who is pursuing a PhD in industrial and manufacturing engineering at the High-Performance Materials Inst. at Florida State U. **Alexandra Riggs**, BFA ’13, just graduated from her program in digital arts new media at UC Santa Cruz. Her program focused on creating an artistic experience that uses digital technologies; she specifically designed a Web-based interactive narrative that uses the structure and visuals of language-learning software to tell a personal story about identity. In the future, she hopes to use this work to reach out to fellow artists, game designers, and interactive fiction writers, and to continue to be involved in a community of makers who show their work and collaborate.

**Ali Barger** started a two-year professional master’s in French at U. of Wisconsin, Madison, concentrating on the use of French in business and finance. This summer she took a course in finance in Madison and then went to Stanford for their Summer Inst. of General Management. The former varsity soccer player still keeps up with her sport through the indoor soccer complex Keva

Sports Center in Madison. **Ryan McIntyre** finished his second year of law school at Wake Forest U. and spent the summer working with a federal district court judge for the Western District of North Carolina. Out in Ann Arbor, MI, **Marissa Linne** is pursuing a PhD in materials science and engineering at U. of Michigan. Her research involves the mechanical properties of metal thin films.

**Christine Vernon** finished interning with Sustainable Bolivia in Cochabamba, Bolivia, last year and has been backpacking through South America since. She has been working her way down the west coast to Tierra del Fuego and up to Argentina’s Iguazu Falls. **Mariyah Ahmad** spent her first year after graduation working for Talent Management in Pakistan. She has now finished the first year of her master’s program in organizational psychology at Columbia U. She loves living in NYC and especially appreciates being surrounded by so many Cornellians. Upon graduating from her program, she hopes to return to Pakistan and revive the Cornell Club for the country.

Finally, **Nicholas St. Fleur** started writing for the *New York Times* science section. His first article, “Fracking Chemicals Detected in Pennsylvania Drinking Water,” was published on May 4 (<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/05/science/earth/fracking-chemicals-detected-in-pennsylvania-drinking-water.html>). As always, we want to hear what is going on in your lives! E-mail us with news. [Dan Kuhr, dk453@cornell.edu](mailto:Dan.Kuhr@cornell.edu); [Rachael Schuman, RASchuman@gmail.com](mailto:Rachael.Schuman@cornell.edu). Be sure to check out 2013’s new Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/Cornell2013>. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**14** Hello, Class of 2014! We hope that everyone had a wonderful summer!

In May, **Brian Kutsop** graduated from Cornell again, but this time with his ME in Computer Science. Then, in August, he moved to Madison, WI, where he will work as a software developer for Epic Systems. “I am extremely excited to be working for this company, which has themed buildings (like the jungle and the Midwest) and does amazing work developing software solutions for hospitals, doctors, insurance companies, and healthcare patients.” When asked about his favorite places on campus, Brian wrote, “Warren Hall (third floor) and the newly constructed Myron Taylor basement—yup, my secret hideaways!”

Earlier this year, **Abigail Morrison** spent ten weeks in Nagpur, India, working with Lata Medical Research Foundation doing maternal child health research, looking at maternal and child health predictors. This fall, she began studying for an MPH in global health at Boston U. School of Public Health. **Amanda Bringham** celebrated her marriage to Drew Dolan on May 16, 2015 at the Glasbern Inn in Fogelsville, PA. Among the Cornellians in attendance were bridesmaids and fellow 2014 graduates **Juliana Garcia** and **Stephanie Ahart**. Amanda and Drew honeymooned in Dominica, a southern Caribbean island full of beautiful, untouched nature. The couple is currently living in Boston, where Amanda is a graduate student in speech language pathology at MGH Inst. of Health Professions and Drew is working in ministry at their church, Mosaic Boston. Send us your news. We love hearing from classmates and sharing your stories and accomplishments! [Sam Lapehn, SRL76@cornell.edu](mailto:Sam.Lapehn@cornell.edu); [Tejal Thakkar, tdt42@cornell.edu](mailto:Tejal.Thakkar@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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## 1930s

- '34 BA—Paul T. Clark, Hilton Head, SC, February 25, 2015
- '36 BA—Frank F. Drews, Easton, MD, March 2, 2015
- '36 BA—Muriel Kinney Reisner, Palm Beach Gardens, FL, July 17, 2014
- '39 BA—Janet Wasserman Karz, Fairport, NY, February 14, 2015

## 1940s

- '40—John A. Kramp, Manhattan Beach, CA, December 15, 2012
- '40 BA—Nelson J. Weiser, Wilkes-Barre, PA, March 31, 2015
- '41 BA—William B. Cosgrove, Raleigh, NC, October 6, 2014
- '41-43 SP Ag—Melville D. Merry, New Hartford, NY, March 20, 2015
- '42—James S. Ainslie Jr., Ithaca, NY, March 11, 2015
- '42—Thomas E. Bird, Yates Center, KS, March 29, 2013
- '42 BEE—Robert O. Dame, Kaneohe, HI, May 14, 2013
- '42 BS Ag—Eugene L. Datthyn, Fairport, NY, October 19, 2014
- '42 MS, PhD '49—Robert F. Thorne, Pomona, CA, March 24, 2015
- '42 MS Ag—Lois Clise Will, Oneonta, NY, March 15, 2015
- '42 MS, PhD '44—Herbert F. Wright, Worcester, MA, February 11, 2015
- '43 BA—Barbara Prescott Arnold, San Mateo, CA, March 12, 2015
- '43 BS HE—Mildred Keith Bohnet, Lyndonville, NY, March 31, 2015
- '43 BS Ag—Roy E. W. Herrmann Jr., Ontario, NY, February 10, 2015
- '43 BA—Dexter M. Kohn, Washington, DC, March 31, 2015
- '43—David P. Mertz, Venice, FL, March 28, 2015
- '43 BA—Gene Saks, East Hampton, NY, March 28, 2015
- '43, BA '48—H. Britton Stolz Jr., Leominster, MA, March 10, 2015
- '43 BS HE—Margaret Morse Thalman, Eastchester, NY, March 3, 2015
- '43 PhD—Stuart G. Younkin, Moorestown, NJ, April 11, 2015
- '44, BS Ag '47—Allen J. Albright, Ontario, NY, March 29, 2015
- '44 MA—Adelaide Vagnarelli Nadler, Burlington, VT, March 31, 2015
- '44 BEE—Milton Stolaroff, Newport Beach, CA, March 22, 2015
- '44 BS HE—Margaret Hallock Wiggins, Green Valley, AZ, April 4, 2015
- '44 BME—Philip J. Williams, Fort Pierce, FL, December 31, 2014
- '45 BS Ag—Marjorie Fine Albert, Pleasant Hill, CA, March 22, 2015
- '45, BA '44—Max Cohen, Port Washington, NY, September 30, 2011
- '45, BA '44—Marguerite O'Neill Conan, Syracuse, NY, March 7, 2015
- '45 BA—Sallye Josephs Esterson, Pikesville, MD, March 15, 2015
- '45 DVM—Francis H. Fox, Ithaca, NY, March 13, 2015
- '45 BS HE, MS HE '49—Dorothy Dietrich Gardner, Exeter, NH, March 18, 2015
- '45—Ralph N. Keyes, Livonia, NY, October 14, 2014
- '45 BME—Robert A. Mycoff, Delray Beach, FL, July 18, 2013
- '46, MD '48—John H. Laragh, Village of Golf, FL, March 20, 2015
- '46—Richard H. Sforzini, Auburn, AL, January 8, 2015
- '46 BS Nurs—Barbara Forscht Shanabrook, Lancaster, PA, Feb. 18, 2015
- '46 MS HE—Katherine Stanford Staples, Greensburg, PA, Oct. 28, 2014
- '46, BS HE '45, PhD '75—Helen Murphy Zabinski, Cortland, NY, February 25, 2015
- '47, BS Ag '46—Janet Matez Duncan, Briarcliff Manor, NY, April 6, 2015
- '47, BS Ag '50—George C. Field, Ithaca, NY, April 22, 2015
- '47 BA—Irving D. Isko, Mendham, NJ, March 20, 2015
- '47 B Chem E—William J. Rossi, San Francisco, CA, March 20, 2015
- '47 BME, BCE '48—H. James Spelman Jr., Annandale, VA, Feb. 8, 2015
- '48 BS Nurs—Majannah Hagan Bender, El Paso, TX, March 26, 2015
- '48 BS HE—Anne Lynn Cousin, Newtown, CT, March 22, 2015
- '48 BS Ag—John B. Dewey, West Grove, PA, March 16, 2015
- '48 BA—Marilyn Dulin Dewey, West Grove, PA, February 28, 2015
- '48 BS HE, MNS '49—Ann Donnelly DiLaura, Sarasota, FL, Feb. 28, 2015
- '48 MD—Craig R. Hope, Greenbrae, CA, March 2, 2015

- '48 LLB—Elizabeth Storey Landis, New York City, April 14, 2015
- '48 BS ORIE—David J. Lautz, Orchard Park, NY, March 9, 2015
- '48 BA—Joan Rothschild, New York City, February 1, 2015
- '48—Kathleen O'Connell Webster, Ithaca, NY, March 22, 2015
- '49 JD—John C. Dorfman, Wayne, PA, March 1, 2015
- '49 BCE—Robert W. Engelbert, Rocky River, OH, February 17, 2015
- '49 BME—Robert I. Epstein, Homeland, MD, March 1, 2015
- '49 BA—William B. Irvine, Goldsboro, NC, March 12, 2015
- '49 BA—Marilyn Morehouse Jenny, Johnstown, NY, March 20, 2015
- '49 MS, PhD '50—A. Colin McClung, Washington, DC, February 2, 2015
- '49 BS Ag—J. Charles McCullough, Covington, KY, May 27, 2013
- '49 BS Ag—C. Lavett Smith Jr., Fort Collins, CO, February 10, 2015
- '49 B Chem E—William P. Vosseller, Green Valley, AZ, March 29, 2015

## 1950s

- '50 BA—William L. Huston, Venice, FL, April 7, 2015
- '50—Marie Veitel Kelly, Loveland, OH, September 3, 2014
- '50, BME '51—John W. Laibe, Greenwich, CT, March 29, 2015
- '50 B Chem E—Fredric A. Obstfeld, Walnut Creek, CA, December 29, 2013
- '50 MBA—Herbert T. Perrin Jr., Hot Springs, AR, March 7, 2015
- '50 BA—Pamela H. Smith, Boston, MA, March 4, 2015
- '50 BS Ag—Herman Timm, Davis, CA, April 10, 2015
- '50 BS Ag—Warren M. Wigsten, Pleasant Valley, NY, March 15, 2015
- '51, BA '52—Charles P. Burdick, Glenville, NY, March 12, 2015
- '51 BS Ag—Walter H. Dean, Marietta, GA, April 14, 2011
- '51 BS Hotel—Richard P. Degnan, Mesa, AZ, December 3, 2014
- '51 DVM, PhD '62—Jay R. Georgi, Astor, FL, April 3, 2015
- '51 BA—Joan Cohen Halpern, Middle Island, NY, September 22, 2013
- '51 BS ILR—Robert J. Malm, Vero Beach, FL, March 30, 2015
- '51 BS Ag—Harry Merker, Ithaca, NY, March 26, 2015
- '51 MS, PhD '54—William S. Ryder Jr., West Dennis, MA, March 7, 2015
- '51 BA—Sally Peard Wagner, Sanborn, NY, April 2, 2015
- '51, BA '52—Charles K. Watters, Denver, CO, March 1, 2015
- '51 BS HE—Joann Lane Traeger Wilson, Chesterfield, MO, March 5, 2015
- '52 BS Nurs—Jean Thompson Crago, Waynesville, NC, October 7, 2013
- '52 DVM—Harry V. Hagstad, Baton Rouge, LA, April 1, 2015
- '52 BA—Anne Baldwin Tenney, Washington, DC, February 21, 2015
- '53 MBA—Elliot B. Corman, Brookline, MA, January 16, 2013
- '53 BA—Diane Miller DeVido, Fearrington Village, NC, March 8, 2015
- '53 BS Ag, PhD '60—Robert W. Ficken, Grafton, WI, March 31, 2012
- '53, BEE '54—Robert E. Flory, Oro Valley, AZ, March 16, 2015
- '53 BS ILR—James I. Galusha, Fairport, NY, March 25, 2015
- '53-57 GR—Mary Simmons Kahn, Ithaca, NY, March 8, 2015
- '53 BS ILR—John R. McCarthy, Pittsford, NY, April 12, 2015
- '53, BEE '54—William R. Millager, Rogers, AR, March 16, 2015
- '53 BS Hotel—Richard A. Morton, Iowa Falls, IA, February 28, 2015
- '53-55 SP Ag—Lee A. Roberts, Medina, NY, April 7, 2015
- '53 PhD—Richard L. Sawyer, Raleigh, NC, March 9, 2015
- '53 BS Hotel—William L. Sullivan, San Mateo, CA, April 22, 2015
- '53 PhD—John S. Warner, Brier, WA, March 7, 2015
- '53, BS Ag '52—Nelson F. Wright, Little York, NY, January 24, 2015
- '54, '55 BME, MBA '58—Edward M. Krech Jr., Salem, SC, March 23, 2015
- '54 BS Ag—Dwight H. Lane, Springboro, OH, October 17, 2014
- '54 BS ILR—Paul V. Napier, Sherman Oaks, CA, February 21, 2015

- '55, B Chem E '56—Robert L. Bunting Jr., Hilton Head Island, SC, March 2, 2015
- '55 BS Ag—Charles L. Caton, New Hartford, NY, March 15, 2015
- '55, B Chem E '59—William G. Hanson, Ridgway, CO, April 1, 2014
- '55, BS Ag '56—Albert J. Hardiman, Cape Coral, FL, March 4, 2015
- '55 BS Nurs—Patricia Gold Hutzelman, Hawthorne, NJ, March 8, 2015
- '55 BA—Robert U. Phillips, Jensen Beach, FL, November 12, 2014
- '55 BA—Frances Williams Scott, Austin, TX, March 23, 2015



'55—**Pauline Remington** Thompson, Palm Desert, CA, March 29, 2015  
'55 BA, PhD '59—**David A. West**, Blacksburg, VA, April 2, 2015  
'55 BS Ag—**Kenneth H. Wieschhoff**, Midway, KY, January 11, 2015

'56 MA—**Charlotte Green** Baker, Fort Myers, FL, January 15, 2015  
'56 BS Ag—**Ruth Morse** Harris, Livingston, TX, April 13, 2015  
'56, BME '57—**John V. MacGuffie**, Brooklyn, NY, February 27, 2015  
'56 BS Hotel—**Robert A. Minium**, Bay Village, OH, February 25, 2015

'57 B Chem E—**Edgard W. Averill Jr.**, La Habra Heights, CA, March 10, 2015  
'57, BArch '60—**William S. Cullen**, Paradise Valley, AZ, March 1, 2015  
'57—**Byron R. Prusky**, Penn Valley, PA, May 23, 2008  
'57 BA—**Joan Wilson** Randall, Sarasota, FL, July 6, 2007  
'57 JD—**Richard S. Ringwood**, Endwell, NY, October 30, 2014  
'57—**Elizabeth Goodell** Russell, Foster City, CA, October 30, 2013  
'57, BS Ag '59—**G. Neil Smith**, Spencer, NY, March 15, 2015  
'57 BA—**Donald M. Spanton**, Boca Raton, FL, May 26, 2013  
'57 BA, MBA '62—**Sterling B. Withington Jr.**, Madison, AL, Oct. 24, 2014

'58 BA—**Marlene Goodman** Blumberg, Smithtown, NY, October 26, 2014  
'58 PhD—**Carl J. Buck**, Berkeley Heights, NJ, March 28, 2015  
'58 BS Nurs—**Helene Rizzo** Curley, Lumberton, NJ, February 27, 2014  
'58, BS Ag '63—**Dalton P. Foster**, Massena, NY, March 10, 2015  
'58 DVM—**Clinton M. Greenwood**, Billings, NY, October 17, 2014  
'58 BS Ag—**June Hamilton**, Rose, NY, April 2, 2015  
'58, BArch '59—**Stephen Lepp**, New York City, September 26, 2014  
'58 BS Ag—**John A. Nelson**, Springfield, NY, March 19, 2015  
'58, BA '59—**James H. Stallkamp**, Wilmington, DE, March 13, 2015  
'58, BME '59—**Burt L. Swersey**, Stephentown, NY, March 9, 2015

'59-61 GR—**Ernest H. Alter**, North Smithfield, RI, March 2, 2015  
'59—**Eric L. Knudsen**, Verdi, NV, March 17, 2015

## 1960s

'60-63 GR—**Bruce C. Brotzman**, Haddonfield, NJ, March 28, 2015  
'60 BS Nurs—**Fay Eshelman** Fowler, Philadelphia, PA, October 15, 2009  
'60 BA—**Michael B. Greer**, New York City, February 15, 2010  
'60 BS Ag—**Robert H. Haeger**, Verona, NY, February 14, 2015  
'60 MA, PhD '64—**H. George Henry**, Leesburg, FL, June 22, 2014  
'60-61 SP ILR—**Jan P. Maersk-Moller**, Skive, Denmark, September 3, 2014  
'60 BA—**Marcia Brown** Meigs, Ithaca, NY, March 14, 2015  
'60 BS HE—**Anne Warren** Smith, Corvallis, OR, March 13, 2015

'61, BME '62—**Eugene L. Appel**, La Jolla, CA, March 7, 2015  
'61 BS Hotel—**Peter J. Flood**, Ketchum, ID, March 8, 2015  
'61, BME '62—**David C. Shanks**, Vero Beach, FL, April 8, 2015

'62, BS Ag '63—**John R. DeGlopper**, Arlington, MA, April 5, 2015  
'62 BS Ag—**Lawrence A. Menahan**, Kent, WA, September 25, 2013  
'62, BEP '65—**Edward L. White**, Westbrook, ME, September 26, 2014

'63 BS HE—**Bonnie Simonson** Suchet, London, England, April 15, 2015  
'63 BA—**Henry D. Wong**, Roslyn, NY, March 19, 2014

'64 LLB—**Neil J. Abelson**, Garnet Valley, PA, October 15, 2014  
'64 MA—**Mary E. Arendas**, Wilmerding, PA, March 29, 2015  
'64, BEP '65, ME Aero '66—**Ronald H. Aungier**, Greensburg, PA, April 7, 2015  
'64 BS Ag—**James E. Konstanty**, Oneonta, NY, April 3, 2015  
'64 BA, JD '67—**Alexander W. Luckanick**, Binghamton, NY, Feb. 24, 2015  
'64, BS Ag '66, DVM '67—**John J. Missenis**, Hagerstown, MD, February 25, 2015  
'64—**Gordon A. Robbins**, Bondville, VT, February 27, 2015  
'64, BS ILR '65—**Daniel I. Schechter**, New York City, March 19, 2015

'65 BA—**Steven C. Gurkin**, New York City, November 16, 2014  
'65 BS Ag, MBA '68—**Francis T. Stadelberger**, Maitland, FL, April 1, 2013  
'65 MS Ag—**Jonas Ystaas**, Lofthus, Norway, July 1, 2014

'66, BS Ag '67—**Frederick J. Thompson**, Brimson, MN, February 6, 2015  
'66 BS Hotel—**Linwood K. Wales**, Houston, TX, February 23, 2015

'67 B Chem E, ME '68—**Gerald W. Safarik**, Kingwood, TX, March 5, 2014  
'67—**Bruce L. Wilson**, Delran, NJ, September 7, 2014

'68—**Bruce N. Dean**, Trumansburg, NY, April 18, 2015

'69 BS Hotel, PhD '77—**James J. Eyster Jr.**, Lansing, NY, April 7, 2015  
'69, BS Ag '70—**Michael C. Fitch**, Buffalo, NY, April 12, 2015  
'69 BA—**Richard S. Tyce**, Titusville, FL, February 10, 2010

## 1970s

'70-72 GR—**Bruce M. John**, Ithaca, NY, March 15, 2015  
'70 BS Ag—**William C. Kimball**, Greenwich, NY, March 31, 2015

'71 BS—**Donald E. Joslyn**, Greenville, SC, March 31, 2015  
'71 BS, M Chem E '72—**Robert P. Matusiak**, Silver Spring, MD, February 25, 2015  
'71 MA, PhD '72—**Gesa Muller** Valk, Horseheads, NY, March 19, 2015

'72 PhD—**Patrick W. Concannon**, St. Pete Beach, FL, February 23, 2015  
'72 BA—**James L. Dinnerstein**, Liberty, NY, February 21, 2012  
'72, BA '71—**Barbara Posner** Jungman, Houston, TX, December 20, 2012  
'72 BA—**Neil Henry Reid**, New York City, February 9, 2015

'73 BA—**Kathy J. Atkinson**, Salt Lake City, UT, March 1, 2015

'74 PhD—**Jeffrey D. Bishop**, Ithaca, NY, April 4, 2015  
'74 BA—**Mitchell C. Pollack**, Setauket, NY, March 13, 2015

'75 BA—**Jody Mazur** Haley, Medfield, MA, October 19, 2014

'77 MNS—**Elizabeth M. Andrew**, Memphis, TN, April 6, 2015

'79 MS, PhD '83—**Kevitt D. Brown**, Lafayette, IN, October 24, 2014  
'79 BS—**John T. Harriott**, Winston Salem, NC, March 5, 2015  
'79—**Pamela D. Niehoff**, Ithaca, NY, March 20, 2015  
'79—**Eric A. Saalfeld**, Palm Bay, FL, March 23, 2015

## 1980s

'81 ME—**Jorge L. Boria**, Austin, TX, March 4, 2015  
'81—**Jacob R. Gavish**, Brooksville, FL, July 25, 2009

'83 MA—**Linda M. Mason**, Browns Mills, NJ, February 28, 2015

'86 BA—**Benjamin P. Brown**, Juno Beach, FL, March 23, 2015

'87 MBA—**Julia B. Poduch**, Portland, OR, March 14, 2015

'88 PhD—**Jean Schmittau**, Candor, NY, March 5, 2015

'89 BA—**Jennifer Anne Whitehead**, Binghamton, NY, February 24, 2015

## 1990s

'94 BS—**Robert Y. Chung**, New York City, February 18, 2015

## 2000s

'05 BME—**Anthony W. Suggs Jr.**, Clayton, NC, April 24, 2014

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# Perfect Harmony

Some veteran Cayuga's Waiters are still crooning after all these years



Music men: (Clockwise from top) The 2014-15 Cayuga's Waiters; the Waiters on the "Perry Como Show" in 1953; and the Fifties- and Sixties-era group performing at Reunion 2007

What would John Brophy '53, BME '54, have said if, back in his undergrad days, someone had told him he'd still be singing with Cayuga's Waiters more than sixty years on? "I would have said it was impossible," Brophy replies with a laugh, "but first, I would have said I was lucky to be alive." Now in his mid-eighties, the retired sales engineer and avid baritone is among a dedicated group of Waiters from the Fifties and Sixties who still perform together. With a core membership of about a dozen and a half singers (plus an equal number who've dropped in occasionally over the years), they've become fixtures at Reunion, where they entertain at Cornelliana Night and various class gatherings. "We'll sing for cocktails, or supper, or thunderous applause—we don't care," says fellow baritone Dave Schmidt '55. "We do have a lot of groupies. It's fun to have them say, 'Boy oh boy, we love hearing those songs again.'"

Those beloved tunes include school-spirit classics like "The Halls of Ivy" and popular fare such as Cole Porter's "Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye." Among the group's signatures is the cheeky love song "Goodnight, Little Girl"—"We thought we could win you / with all that gin in you"—

with which they often serenade a lucky audience member. While today's *a cappella* often features a soloist, Brophy notes, the early Waiters strived for a seamless vocal blend. "It's always uplifting," Schmidt says of performing together. "The camaraderie is fantastic, and we just make good music."

There are now more than a dozen *a cappella* groups on campus, but the Waiters were first: they were founded in 1949 as part of the Glee Club but spun off on their own in 1957. The group first went on tour—to Bermuda—in 1953, and over the decades the Waiters have kept up the habit; recent trips have taken them to Puerto Rico, Vancouver, Miami, and London, where they performed at Buckingham Palace. "We're a Cornell tradition," says current leader Peter Duba '16, an urban planning major and second tenor, "and it's amazing to be part of it." He notes that the Waiters have a prominent spot on the *Daily Sun's* version of the "161 Things Every Cornellian Should Do" list: item number four is singing along at a performance of their signature tune, "We Didn't Go to Harvard." That song, a Cornelian version of Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start the Fire," has been an audience favorite for the past

couple of decades. (Among the reasons it gives for eschewing a certain campus in Cambridge: "We don't like crimson / plus we didn't get in.")

Being a Waiter is no small commitment: the group rehearses in Lincoln Hall three times a week, including three hours each Sunday. It has recorded two dozen albums over the years, with the latest, *Nothing Wrong*, released last spring. For the Fifties and Sixties-era alumni group—whom member Bob Cohen '60 affectionately terms the "Geezer Waiters"—the rehearsal schedule is a bit less taxing: they spend a few hours practicing their four-part harmonies on the Thursday of Reunion Weekend. While the Waiters are technically an all-male troupe, the Geezers include a woman: cabaret singer Liz Fuchs Fillo '58, who stands in for her late brother, second tenor Carl Fuchs '55. "Whenever we come back, the balance works out to about three people per [vocal] section," Brophy notes. "We just luck out."

Duba, who joined the Waiters his first week on campus, says he'd be thrilled to be involved as long as Brophy and Schmidt have been. In his case, that would mean crooning Third Eye Blind's "Semi-Charmed Life"—around the year 2078. ■

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