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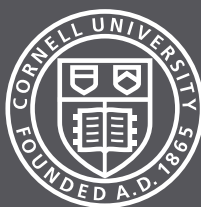
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American Crafts by Robbie Dein



Stoneware Platter with
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This beautiful Treasure Bowl is handmade with the greatest care. Each piece begins with a quiet walk in the woods, where the artist selects the leaves that make each piece a unique work of art. Like snowflakes, no two leaves are exactly the same.

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remembering
President Elizabeth Garrett

1963–2016

Although Elizabeth Garrett's time on the Hill was tragically cut short, her presidency remains historic: the distinguished legal scholar was not only Cornell's thirteenth president, but the first woman to hold the office. As Robert Harrison '76, chairman of the Board of Trustees, aptly put it at her memorial service in Bailey Hall: "The loss is enormous, institutionally unprecedented, and profound, both for Cornell and for many of us personally." During her brief tenure on campus, Garrett—who, as Acting President Michael Kotlikoff noted, had "infectious enthusiasm and a stunning smile"—endeared herself to many students, faculty, staff, and alumni. CAM offers a photographic tribute.





Opposite page, clockwise from top: A presidential portrait, an image that was one of Garrett's favorites; what she called "one of the best moments" of her inauguration day: signing an autograph for a girl who'd come to hear the first woman president speak; at her first Homecoming, before taking office; and with trustee Jan Rock Zubrow '77 at the press conference announcing her appointment.

This page, clockwise from top left: Garrett at her inauguration with three of her predecessors; with students on move-in day last fall; onstage with Harrison at her inauguration on the Arts Quad; on a tour of the Ithaca Commons with Mayor Svante Myrick '09; onscreen at Madison Square Garden during the men's hockey game against BU; cuddling a canine at the Vet college; and greeting staff at an employee celebration dinner in Barton Hall.



FOR RAWLINGS, A THIRD TIME IN DAY HALL

President Emeritus Hunter Rawlings III has assumed the post of interim president; he'll stay in the role until a successor to the late Elizabeth Garrett is chosen. Rawlings served as Cornell's tenth president from 1995–2003 and in an interim capacity from 2005–06, following the resignation of Jeffrey Lehman '77. "One of the nation's premier advocates for higher education, Hunter has served as the president of the Association of American Universities since 2011 and had announced his retirement from that position last year," says Board chairman Robert Harrison '76, who calls Rawlings "uniquely suited to take the helm of Cornell at this time of transition." An international search for the University's fourteenth president begins later this year; it will be led by trustee Jan Rock Zubrow '77, who headed the committee that selected Garrett.

'It's nice to have a face on the future. It's starting to feel real.'

— Fourth-year med student Courtney Haviland, on landing a pediatrics residency at Massachusetts General Hospital during Match Day 2016

DID YOU KNOW...



That you can watch Cornell's beloved red-tailed hawks, Ezra and Big Red, raise their latest offspring? Live views of their nest are available at cams.allaboutbirds.org.



Solemn scene: Shortly after President Garrett's death, Cornellians gathered outside Willard Straight for a candlelight vigil. In accordance with her wishes, a research fund has been established in her memory. Donations to the President Elizabeth Garrett Fund for Colon Cancer Research at the Meyer Cancer Center can be sent to Weill Cornell Medicine, 1300 York Ave., Box 314, New York, NY 10065.



Commencement Weekend to Feature Kotlikoff, Franco

Provost Michael Kotlikoff, who served as acting president during Elizabeth Garrett's battle with colon cancer, will preside over the University's 148th Commencement in May and give the traditional speech in Schoellkopf Stadium. He'll stand in for interim president Hunter Rawlings, who has a long-standing previous commitment that weekend. Other highlights will include a Convocation speech by actor James Franco (above), star of such films as "127 Hours" and the cult TV favorite "Freaks and Geeks."

R + D

More information on campus research is available at www.news.cornell.edu

A University-based project called “Freedom on the Move” aims to compile all North American runaway slave advertisements into a collaborative database for research purposes.

Stimulants commonly prescribed for ADHD in children are associated with low bone density, finds a study at the Medical college—suggesting that such kids should be monitored to reduce their risk of developing osteoporosis later in life.

Cornell researchers may have found a “vegetarian gene.” They’ve described a genetic variation that evolved in populations that have favored a plant-based diet over hundreds of generations, such as in India, Africa, and parts of East Asia.



CU Shifts Single Restrooms to All-Gender

The single-occupancy, gender-specific restrooms on campus will be converted to all-gender by the beginning of the fall 2016 semester, the University has announced. The move comes as

many communities and institutions are making efforts to be more inclusive and accommodating for transgender people. Cornell has also created an online map of its all-gender restrooms, with new ones being added to it as they become available.



Climbing Wall Climbs Higher

Bartels Hall’s twenty-six-year-old Lindseth Climbing Wall—already the largest in North America at 160 feet long by thirty feet high—is getting an upgrade. Costing more than \$700,000, the renovation (seen above in a rendering) will expand the climbing area from 4,800 square feet to about 6,000 and increase the height to fifty feet.

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Myrick Proposes Heroin Injection Site

Ithaca Mayor Svante Myrick ‘09 (at left above, with New York Governor Andrew Cuomo during a visit to campus) made national headlines this winter, when he announced a plan to fight the ills of heroin addiction by opening a monitored injection center in the city. Such a site—the first of its kind in the U.S.—would be aimed at preventing overdoses, blood-borne infections, and other health problems by offering clean needles and medical supervision. The plan would require legislative changes at the state and federal levels.



Med School Dean to Depart

Medical college Dean Laurie Glimcher has been tapped to lead Boston’s Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Glimcher, dean since January 2012, will leave office at the end of May, but stay on as an adviser through August.

GIVE MY REGARDS TO... THESE CORNELLIANS IN THE NEWS

Maria Gallo ‘84, named the first female president of Delaware Valley University in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.



Juniors **Shivansh Chawla**, **Robert Lee**, **Charles Wan**, and **Zachary Ziegler**, recipients of Goldwater Scholarships, given for merit in math, science, and engineering. Cornell was the only Ivy to have four winners this year.



Lewis Cantley, PhD ‘75, director of the Medical college’s Meyer Cancer Center, winner of the \$500,000 Wolf Prize—considered the Nobel of Israel—for discovering a family of enzymes that play a key role in many cancers.

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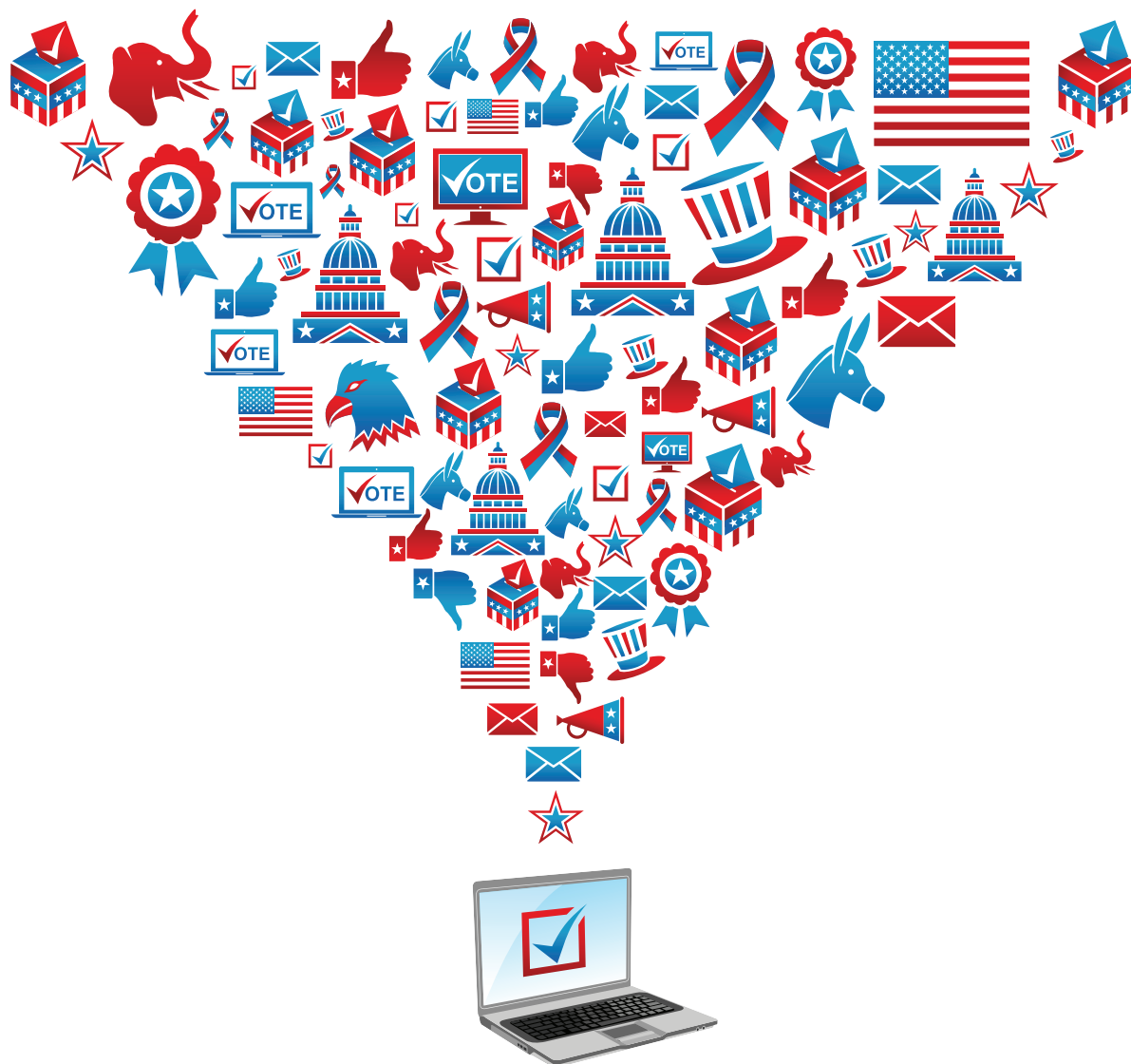
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Political Persuasion

Lindsey Schuh Cortés '02 heads a D.C. data-crunching firm
whose clients include the Clinton campaign

When Lindsey Schuh Cortés '02 was a student in the Cornell in Washington program, she witnessed the aftermath of one of the most contentious presidential elections in modern history: Bush vs. Gore. "I had these grand illusions of an inauguration being all pomp and circumstance—and it was, but that election was so divisive," Cortés recalls. "On one side of the street, people were cheering at the parade, and on the other there were protests. It was so stark, how politics had played itself out. I was hooked."

Today, the former American studies major—a self-confessed "political junkie"—is in the thick of it. Cortés is CEO of Blue Labs, a D.C.-based data analytics firm that advises Democratic political campaigns. It also works with companies and nonprofits that share its progressive agenda—for example, a coalition of New Jersey healthcare providers, for whom it identified "super users" of emergency services who could be directed toward preventive care. "We do a bunch of corporate work, but nothing that crosses the line into not doing social good, or at least is >

neutral," she says. "We wouldn't work for a tobacco company, for instance, or a casino."

Founded by former staffers from the Obama presidential bids—which, Cortés says, leveraged data at a granular level unprecedented in politics—Blue Labs employs what she dubs "math and magic" to target voters, strategize, and allocate resources. These days, the firm boasts a high-profile client: Hillary for America. "I think any sophisticated campaign is starting to use these techniques, leveraging data in smart ways," says Cortés, who came to Blue Labs from the Service Employees International Union, whose political action committee she directed. "At least on the Democratic side, it's no longer 'Are you using data?'; it's 'How are you using data?' We're at the table with the polling and communications and fundraising folks, figuring out how to make those pieces smarter and sharper."

Blue Labs' three dozen staffers—whose academic backgrounds include math, statistics, economics, and political science—create predictive models and crunch data from a variety of sources: voter rolls, credit reporting firms, cable companies, aggregators of consumer info, and more. "They link these large data sets, so you get this rich database for every registered voter in the country," explains Cortés, a North Dakota native who holds a master's degree in political management from George Washington University. "So you know that not only is John Smith a registered voter in Virginia, he has voted all these times; he has an average income of X; he owns his own home; he subscribes to these magazines. You have all these data points and you can start leveraging that to find similarities." Then, by polling a representative sample of residents, the researchers can ascertain where any one person falls on a scale of 0 to 100 in terms of whether they're likely to vote—and if so, which candidate they'd support. "If they're never going to vote, even if they support your candidate, don't worry about them," she says.

"If they are going to vote, will they vote for your candidate? Because if not, also don't waste your time. It's that cross-section between 'Who are your supporters?' and 'How can we get them to turn out to vote?' that we leverage the data to identify. Then you can say,

'These are the people I have to talk to—but if I get extra money I can work my way down the list, because these other people are persuadable.'"

Such analyses can also help campaigns get the most bang for their buck in terms of advertising and outreach, pinpointing the best way to approach a particular voter—be it via a phone call, door knock, e-mail, or media placement. For Terry McAuliffe's successful campaign for governor of Virginia, for example, Blue Labs' number-crunching revealed that instead of buying pricey

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prime-time TV ads, they could reach many of their desired targets during "Jimmy Kimmel Live!," "I Love Lucy" reruns on Nick at Nite, and the "Judge Joe Brown" reality show in the afternoon. "The way that modeling used to be done was that you were looking for 'soccer moms' or 'NASCAR dads,' which was a proxy for 'men in this age range who have these demographics,' because that was the best we could do," Cortés says. "But now we know so much more at the individual level: 'Don't knock on my door—I'm not going to open it—but you can probably find me online between these hours.'"

Cortés acknowledges that such profiling could strike some voters as, well . . . a bit creepy. But she stresses that the data Blue Labs uses is publicly brokered—and is similar to what companies employ to, say, send targeted coupons to potential customers. "The data is out there," she says. "Every time you swipe your [loyalty] card, those companies are collecting data: 'Because you bought toothpaste, you probably need a toothbrush.' We're leveraging publically available data to individualize the way people are reached out to, and that is not a bad thing. If I'm not even registered to vote, I probably won't receive a ton of campaign mail, because there's no use."

As Cortés chats in Blue Labs' offices just blocks from the White House, another fraught presidential campaign is under way. So CAM had to ask: what does this veteran politico make of the Republican frontrunner? "I can't explain Donald Trump," she says. "Well, I can—but in the context of Bernie Sanders." Cortés goes on to opine that both candidates have attracted Americans who feel overlooked and disenfranchised; it's just a question of whether they blame elites (Sanders) or outsiders (Trump). "There are big swaths of people who didn't vote at all in 2014 who have turned out for the primaries, which is crazy," she says. "Historically, the best predictor of turnout is past participation, but this cycle is turning that on its head. It's forcing us to be sharper, to look at what's really happening with the electorate. Understanding how to harness that shift—that's where data is key. Especially for inconsistent voters, understanding what their issues are and where they're persuadable will be the only way for a candidate to win. Data is so much more important now, because conventional wisdom and gut instinct are kind of out the window." ■

—Beth Saulnier

'POLITICAL JUNKIE':

Lindsey Schuh
Cortés '02



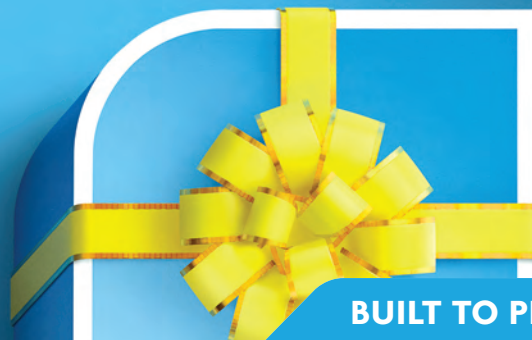
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Perfect Storms

A self-confessed 'weather geek,' television's Rob Marciano '91 forecasts for the nation

Most people groan when they hear that a big storm is on the way. But for Rob Marciano '91, senior meteorologist for ABC's weekend edition of "Good Morning America," work is more interesting when Mother Nature is at her worst. "Bad weather's good for business," he says with a laugh, "or at least good for job security."

In addition to providing forecasts for the popular morning show, the former atmospheric sciences major reports for many ABC News broadcasts and digital platforms, including "World News Tonight." Unlike some TV weathermen who just stand in front of a green screen to give tomorrow's rain-or-shine projection, Marciano is a boots-on-the-ground journalist who has covered some of the biggest weather events and natural disasters in recent years. "Everybody has a little bit of weather geek in them," he chuckles. "After all, weather affects people's everyday lives. It's the great equalizer."

Marciano spent a decade as a news and weather anchor at CNN, where his reporting on Hurricane Katrina and the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico helped earn the channel a Peabody Award. Since joining ABC in September 2014, he's been front and center for blizzards in Boston, floods in Texas,



and tornadoes in Georgia—not to mention lava spewing from a Hawaiian volcano. "Here, they want to show stuff as it happens as much as possible," he says. "That's been awesome and fun—and, at times, hair-raising." He recalls how he and his team were following a powerful twister in Oklahoma in spring 2015 when conditions became so dangerous that even experienced

Marciano's passion for weather goes back to childhood. Snowstorms fascinated him, and not just because he got a day off from school.

local storm chasers fled. He pulled back as well, unwilling to risk his or his crew's safety. As he puts it: "The last thing I want is for my epitaph to read, 'Meteorologist dies of stupidity in a storm.' "

Marciano is able to balance those fraught experiences with lighter moments, particularly when he filled in weekdays while "GMA" chief meteorologist Ginger Zee was on maternity leave earlier this year. Just as Zee does, he jumped in for fun segments like the "Ultimate Tailgate Challenge," in which the anchors and contributors competed for the best game-day recipe. (Sadly, Michael Strahan's Texas-style chili scored more votes than Rob's "Sizzling Sausage and Peppers.") He also traveled to Orlando for a sneak peek at a new, interactive *Star Wars* attraction at Disney World's Hollywood Studios, where he goofed around with Darth Vader and Chewbacca. And, of course, he regularly banters with the crowds that gather outside the show's Times Square studio; one Monday morning in February, he paused to take a quick selfie with a fan before going live to chat about the day's forecast with guest Kermit the Frog—a conversation that, he says, thrilled him as much as meeting any rock star. "If I'm star struck by anyone," he says, "it's going to be Kermit or Miss Piggy."

Sitting down with a much-needed cup of coffee in an empty green room after the broadcast, Marciano recalls how his passion for weather goes all the way back to his childhood in Glenville, Connecticut. He remembers driving his parents crazy as a kid by constantly flipping channels from newscast to newscast. "I knew exactly when every weather guy was on," he says. Snowstorms fascinated him, and not just because he got a day off from school. "I'd lie in the backyard, and even if it wasn't snowing yet, I'd look up in the sky in awe."

While Marciano discovered his calling early, his career path has had some noteworthy detours. When he had difficulty landing a TV weather position after graduation, he worked for three years as a trader on Wall Street. And in 2012, while at CNN, he couldn't pass up an offer to co-host "Entertainment Tonight"—even though he says he's "not a celebrity gossip kind of guy." Still, Marciano says, "This was 'ET'; it's an institution." He got to sit down with A-listers like Jennifer Lopez and George Clooney and go behind the scenes of *Captain America* and other blockbusters. Yet Marciano found he disliked asking the rich and famous about what he felt were private topics. "There were times when I worked at 'ET' when I really did not enjoy it," he admits.

So after less than two years, Marciano decided to return to meteorology and landed at ABC. A major draw was the network's investment in weather reporting; from on-air talent



RAIN OR SHINE: (Clockwise from above) Marciano doing the weather on "Good Morning America"; on the set with his "GMA" colleagues; on the air during his days at CNN; and in the field, covering a tornado for the news network.

to producers to graphic artists, the entire team is made up of trained meteorologists. Says Marciano: "We have the chops to back up the talk." According to longtime mentor Mark Wysocki, MS '89, a senior lecturer in the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences and the New York State climatologist, Marciano stands out because he takes the time to analyze data himself, rather than relying solely on computer models for predictions. Wysocki also has been impressed with his former student's attempts to explain the science behind extreme weather, even during brief news segments. "But Rob was always like that," says Wysocki. "He wants to go beyond what you do as a typical TV meteorologist." ■

— Heather Salerno

Red Cents

Alumni investment group funds Cornellian start-ups



Jake Reisch '15 based his first company on an unlikely concept: the silent disco. Party Headphones rents wireless headsets that play music for hundreds of people at bars, clubs, and house parties—without bothering the neighbors or violating noise ordinances. But while the start-up—born in 2013 out of a project for an entrepreneurship course—was successful, Reisch and his cofounders (who include Devin Jameson '16) soon realized that the technology could have much wider appeal. “We had customers asking to tailor our product for older adults,” Reisch says. “We had been looking to expand into another market, and when we saw the impact we could make on their quality of life, we couldn’t resist.”

The result was Eversound, a business that provides wireless headphones to senior centers and eldercare facilities, to be used for group events, meetings, watching TV, and more. Unlike traditional public address systems, the headphones are specifically tailored to work with hearing aids, and the volume can be adjusted for each person’s needs.

To develop Party Headphones, Reisch and his cofounders had used loans backed by the Small Business Administration. But

Eversound, offering a simple fix for a growing need, promised to be a much more ambitious enterprise. So they turned to venture capital—connecting with Red Bear Angels, a new investors’ collective that focuses exclusively on start-ups with a Cornell connection.

The brainchild of Sam Sezak '98, a partner at the private equity firm Blue Heron Capital, Red Bear Angels (RBA) is a growing network of some 275 Cornellian investors and advisers. Though it’s

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not officially affiliated with the University, boosterism is an acknowledged motivation; RBA offers advice and mentorship even to start-ups in which its members opt not to invest, and a portion of the profits go to on-campus entrepreneurship programs. “It’s about Cornell pride, mixed with the variety

of experts within our alumni network,” says Meghan Cross '08, the group’s managing director. “Cornellians are very willing to help each other out.”

That said, RBA is a for-profit enterprise, notes Harvey Kinzelberg '67, founder and president of the private equity firm Sequel Capital and a member of the collective’s founding advisory board. RBA investors also hope to make money themselves, so they’re encouraged to offer their own expertise and connections. >

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The Greatest Hits of Greek Tragedy *with Michael Fontaine*
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The Art of Video Production *with Micah Cormier*
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JapanAmerica *with Nancy Green*
Living with and Loving a Partner *with Thomas and Karen Gilovich*
Gorgeous Gorges of the Finger Lakes *with Warren Allmon*
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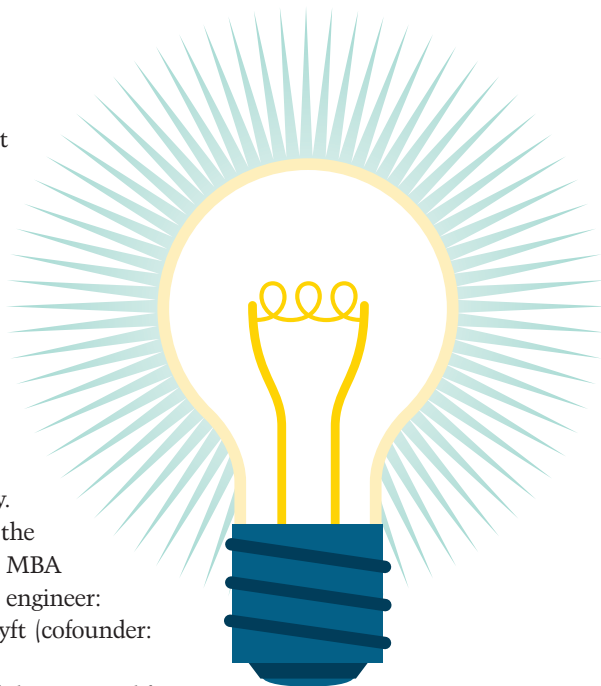
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"We're trying to help these entrepreneurs," Kinzelberg says, "but we're doing it in an intelligent way." Furthermore, Kinzelberg argues, being accountable to investors forces entrepreneurs to work as hard as they can to make their companies successful. "Capitalism thrives when all parties have a financial interest," he says.

Given the stakes, RBA thoroughly vets each start-up; Kinzelberg says the group has invested in only about ten companies so far, roughly a fifth of those that have applied for venture capital financing. While RBA doesn't focus on a particular sector, the companies it funds tend to reflect Cornell's strengths, including hospitality, agriculture, and technology. Investees have included Produce Pay, a payment platform for the fruit and vegetable industry (CEO and founder: Pablo Borquez, MBA '15); Stayful, a booking website for boutique hotels (founding engineer: Chantelle Farmer '91, MPS '13); and the ride-share service Lyft (cofounder: John Zimmer '06).

RBA is not structured as a fund. Instead, investments—which have ranged from \$100,000 to nearly \$500,000 per company—are each a collection of personal pledges, with a minimum of \$25,000 each. (Investors also pay a \$2,000 annual membership

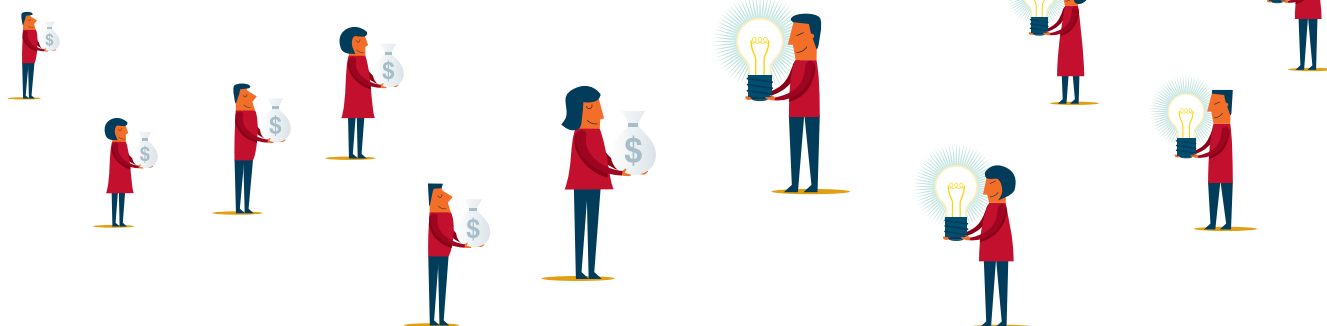


'We're trying to help these entrepreneurs,' says Harvey Kinzelberg '67, 'but we're doing it in an intelligent way.'

fee.) RBA has only been operating since late 2014, making it too early for reliable return-on-investment figures; however, Kinzelberg, for one, says he has already gotten back more than half of his \$1.25 million in total commitments.

The arrangement is paying off for Eversound, which was one of the first start-ups that RBA funded. The \$450,000 that RBA investors contributed during the company's first funding round has allowed Reisch and his cofounders to develop prototype headsets and test them at a handful of retirement communities—including Kendal at Ithaca, which uses Eversound as a public address system for meetings. In March, Reisch traveled to China to meet with manufacturers, and Eversound plans to launch its product in June. He says that although the money was crucial, the advice and connections RBA has provided have been just as important. "If I send them a message about a problem we're having, they immediately come through," he says. "Every company is going to go through some tough times, so it's nice to be working with people you trust, who you know will go to bat for you." The Cornell connection has helped strengthen that relationship, Reisch says. He has bonded with investors over common memories of Collegetown Bagels, and he likes knowing that their interest goes deeper than their return on investment. "We're building a company that we hope will have an incredible impact," Reisch says. "It's important to have investors who share that vision." ■

— Amy Crawford





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Modern

The Smithsonian's Joanna Marsh '99 brings contemporary art to the masses

On the third floor of one of the oldest federal buildings in Washington, D.C., the avant-garde décor stands in dramatic contrast to the historic setting. Here—in space where Abraham Lincoln held his second inaugural ball and Walt Whitman read poetry to convalescing Civil War soldiers—is a massive, wildly colorful multimedia installation, dubbed *Electronic Superhighway*, that depicts the fifty U.S. states in a pastiche of audio and video. Nearby, a twenty-eight-foot-tall column of white LED lights undulates with swirls of alternating text, while a man-sized fabric sculpture, entitled *Soundsuit*, evokes a faceless alien clad in a festively embroidered dress.

This distinguished collection belongs to the nation: it's part of the Smithsonian's American Art Museum. And since 2007, it has been the focus of Joanna Marsh's professional life. Marsh '99 spent eight years as curator of the museum's contemporary art, recently segueing into a newly created position—senior curator of contemporary interpretation—aimed at spurring visitor engagement with its modern holdings, roughly defined as dating from the Sixties to the present. “We’ve been doing a tremendous job with our acquisitions and exhibition program, but that’s not enough; we also need to think about how the visitor wants to interact with the artwork,” says Marsh, a former double major in art history and English literature who holds a master’s degree from the Sotheby’s Institute in London. “Contemporary art is probably the most challenging area in the museum for the average visitor, and we felt we weren’t connecting with them as deeply as we could. The idea is to build new interpretive strategies, both in the gallery and online, that will provide a bridge between the content we produce and the public’s understanding of it.”

While Marsh's efforts are still in the planning stages, she says that avenues for deepened engagement include the use of new media, reimagined signage, innovative programs led by curators and docents, increased emphasis on adult education, and collaborations with colleges and universities. “I want people to



STUDY IN CONTRASTS: The American Art Museum's stately Lincoln Gallery. Left: Marsh, a senior curator at the Smithsonian.

feel unintimidated by the process of looking at contemporary art, but that's not the case right now for most visitors,” says Marsh, who interned at the museum as an undergrad and spent six years curating contemporary art at the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, Connecticut. “We want them to come away wanting to learn more, whether it's visiting another museum or going online to read more about a particular artist—to spark curiosity, as opposed to having people feel that contemporary art isn't for them and dismissing it.”

Housed in the original home of the U.S. Patent Office, the American Art Museum is adjacent to the National Portrait Gallery, to which it's connected by a dramatic, recently constructed glass atrium. Together, the two attract some 1.3 million

'Contemporary art is probably the most challenging area in the museum for the average visitor.'

visitors a year. And while tourist stalwarts like the Museum of Natural History—home of the Hope Diamond and the ever-popular dinosaurs—may pack in more than five times as many warm bodies, Marsh notes that the art museums' comparatively sedate traffic has its advantages. “Our million visitors a year is nothing to sneeze at,” she says, “but it affords ample time and space for intimate and meditative experiences in our galleries, where you're not elbow to elbow with other visitors.”

Love

During Marsh's tenure as contemporary art curator, she spearheaded the acquisition of numerous works. She also curated special exhibitions, including "The Singing and the Silence: Birds in Contemporary Art," for which she sought inspiration at Cornell's Lab of Ornithology. The show won her a Smithsonian research prize—which she received from none other than former University president David Skorton, now head of the institution.

"One of the things that attracts me to contemporary art is that the artists are encouraging you to dig deeper. You don't just stop at the surface; there is often a more substantive message being conveyed," Marsh observes. "Many contemporary artists comment on important issues—social, political, cultural, environmental—that are relevant to all of us living in the United States today."

— L. P. Drew

Guided Tour Marsh offers a primer on some of the pieces she acquired



Picnic ▲

CHARLES LEDRAY

"There's something nostalgic about this piece, but also contemporary. There's very subtle messaging. You have these pairs—apples, ice cream cones, cupcakes, slices of pie—that are slightly different from each other. You ask yourself: is this a commentary on gender differences, sexual orientation, politics? He leaves that up to the visitor. What is the significance that this picnic is happening on top of cinderblocks—that this is not a pastoral scene? Is that a commentary on the loss of green spaces? There are so many different ways to read this work."



◀ Portrait of Mnonja

MICKALENE THOMAS

"Thomas is known for striking images of strong female protagonists, and also for incorporating rhinestones onto the painted surface, so you have this glittering effect. I think one reason that she uses them is to comment on the ways we adorn ourselves, and the idea of forming identity—the way women in particular use makeup and clothing to create an image or persona. The pose of the figure is a kind of traditional odalisque, like Manet's, so she's referencing precedents from the nineteenth century and even earlier."

Guided Tour



Manifest Destiny

ALEXIS ROCKMAN

"It's a post-apocalyptic view of New York City, an image of the Brooklyn Waterfront several hundred years in the future. This is a comment on what the world might look like after humans have had a dramatic impact on the environment—the rising sea levels, warming waters. The artist is presenting us a view of what looks like sunrise, so an inherent optimism is built into it; humans are gone, but life persists. Because of its scale—it's twenty-four feet wide—it really does immerse the viewer. It's one of Rockman's seminal works, a tour de force."



Tur

WALTON FORD

"This was the first acquisition I made for the museum. Ford is best known for large-scale watercolors of endangered and/or extinct species, allegories of how man has impacted the Earth or wildlife; this is a prehistoric bull that went extinct in the seventeenth century. Another signature feature of his work is that he channels nineteenth-century naturalist imagery, particularly John James Audubon and the Hudson River School of painters. You come to this and think it couldn't be contemporary, but in fact it is. So perhaps a visitor who is more inclined toward nineteenth-century imagery would gravitate to a piece like this."



SOB, SOB

KERRY JAMES MARSHALL

"We wonder: what is she lamenting? What is she sobbing about? Is it the history of Africans and African Americans? She's got a book in front of her that says 'Africa since 1413,' which is when it began to be colonized. Why is she sitting on the floor at the top of the stairs? Is she looking out a window or into another room? There's a kind of awkwardness to her pose and her clothing, something out of time; by showing just one leg of the bookcase, it creates a sense of instability. It's a simple painting, but once you start to unpack the imagery, it becomes increasingly complex."

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Down to Business

Veteran financial journalist Leigh Gallagher '94 helms *Fortune's* '40 Under 40'

In a Manhattan TV studio last summer, journalist Leigh Gallagher '94 stands under the bright lights. She's recording intros and outros for her latest crop of stories on "Fortune Live," the finance magazine's online weekly news show. "When you look at the diversity numbers released by tech giants Google, Facebook, Apple, and others, the picture is bleak," Gallagher tells the camera, sounding confident but conversational. "Facebook, for one, only hired seven—yes, *seven*—African Americans in the last year. That's a company with nearly 10,000 employees. But there's reason for optimism . . ."

Gallagher's producer asks her to try it again, suggesting she shift the emphasis; then he requests a third take with streamlined wording. She does the intro a third time—and nails it.

Afterward, at a café outside the iconic Time-Life Building in midtown, the print veteran ponders her forays into broadcasting.

'Being a reporter is the most fun job in the world, because you're out there having interesting conversations.'



DOLLARS AND SENSE: Gallagher miked up for TV (right) and onscreen

"It's fun for me; it's using a different muscle than my day-to-day writing and editing work," says Gallagher, whose office has since relocated to Time Inc.'s new headquarters downtown. "Being an editor, you're so behind the scenes. Being a reporter is the most fun job in the world, because you're out there having interesting conversations."

A longtime financial journalist, Gallagher—whose résumé includes stints at *Forbes* and *SmartMoney*—has been at *Fortune* since 2007. She's now an assistant managing editor, toting a heavy and varied workload: in addition to working with writers and hosting "Fortune Live," she reports the occasional feature—such as a 2015 profile of one of Airbnb's co-founders—and oversees the annual "40 Under 40" project, heading up the team that bestows one of the business world's most sought-after kudos. "It makes people's careers, and we're aware of that," she says. "It's a big decision, and we spend a lot of time agonizing over it."

A native of Media, Pennsylvania—she and her brother, who works for ESPN, regularly get ribbed about their hometown's on-the-nose name—Gallagher grew up listening to her mom pound out weekly profiles for the local paper on a manual typewriter. "I knew I wanted to be a journalist, basically, from the ninth grade," says Gallagher, who majored in English and wrote features for the *Daily Sun*. "I thought that learning stuff and telling people about it was the coolest thing ever."

In the midst of her *Fortune* duties, Gallagher carved out time to write a book, essentially giving up weekends for two years. Published in 2013, *The End of the Suburbs: Where the American Dream is Moving* examines economic and societal trends that, she argues, are making the traditional single-family-home lifestyle less appealing to many. And Gallagher boasts yet another résumé line: she co-chairs *Fortune's* yearly Most Powerful Women Summit, a high-profile event that has drawn the likes of First Lady Michelle Obama and Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg. The summit is notable, Gallagher says, because it doesn't focus on women's issues per

se but rather gathers an all-female crowd to discuss business topics of global interest. "We do still need a conference, because there are only twenty-one women CEOs in the Fortune 500," Gallagher observes. "I like to joke that someday, we'll need to have a 'most powerful men' summit, because they'll be in the minority." ■

— Beth Saulnier



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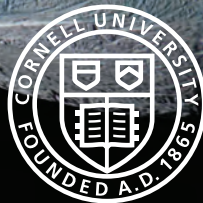
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Big Red Highlights



MEN'S SWIMMING Alex Evdokimov '18 (above) became the first swimmer in 13 years to win both breaststroke events at the Ivy Championships in back-to-back seasons, helping the Big Red to its best league meet finish since 2009. Evdokimov set school, league, and Brown pool records in the 200 breaststroke with a time of 1:53.56, nearly 3.5 seconds faster than anyone in University history. He also set a school record in the 100 breaststroke with his winning time of 52.46. As a team, Cornell finished fifth, capping a season that also saw it extend its non-conference dual meet winning streak to 13 with victories over Binghamton and Colgate.

BASKETBALL Matt Morgan '19 set an Ivy freshman scoring record with 510 points in 27 games while earning second-team All-Ivy honors. His average of 18.9 points per game led both the team and the league, and was in the top eight among freshmen nationally. On the women's side, Nia Marshall '17 (above right) was a second-team all-league pick after becoming only the second Big Red player to surpass 1,200 points, 500 rebounds, 100 assists, 100 steals, and 50 blocked shots in a career.

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS Buoyed by a home crowd at Newman Arena, the Cornell squad earned its first Ivy Classic win since 2010, sharing the crown with Brown. The teams finished with identical scores of 193.325, the first time the title has been shared since the first Ivy Championship in 1977. Cornell won three of the four individual events with Kaitlin Green '19 taking the bars with a score of 9.850 and the beam with a 9.875. Malia Mackey '19 won the vault with a 9.775.

MEN'S LACROSSE The Canadian Lacrosse Association team in the upcoming U19 World Championship will include three players with Big Red connections. Clarke Petterson '19 is currently a short stick defensive mid-die for the Big Red while attackman Jeff Teat and goal-tender Caelahn Bullen, who will enter the Class of '20 this fall, have committed to join the Cornell squad next season. The championships will be held in July.

MEN'S SQUASH Cornell was the Hoehn Cup runner-up, its best finish in the College Squash Association's B-Division Championship since winning the event in 2007. The Big Red reached the final with wins over Middlebury and George Washington before falling to Drexel 5-4.

TRACK AND FIELD After helping Cornell finish second at the Indoor Heptagonal Championships, Rudy Winkler '17 was named the Northeast Region's Field Athlete of the Year by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches' Association. In addition to winning the Indoor Heps title in the weight throw for the second consecutive year, Winkler had a toss earlier in the season of 74 feet, 10-1/2 inches, the second best in Ivy history. The women's team also finished second at the Indoor Heps, led by a 1-2 sweep in the weight throw by Leena Morris '19 (right: school record 63 feet, 10-3/4 inches) and Autumn Covington '19 as well as seven other second-place finishes.



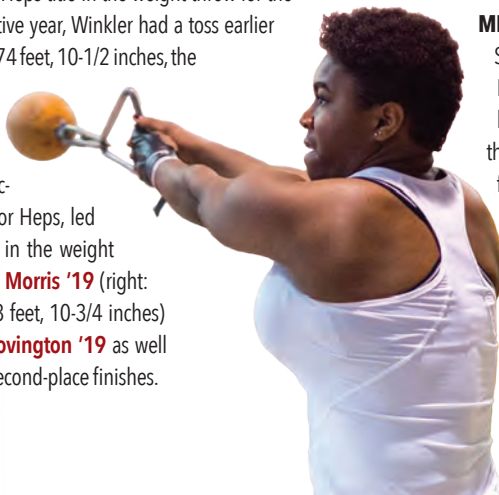
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WOMEN'S TRACK Former Cornell track star Jamie Greubel Poser '06 has been nominated for the Amateur Athletic Union's Sullivan Award based on her 2015 performance in bobsled. The award honors the nation's top amateur athlete; Poser was ranked second in the world after a 2015 season that saw her win six medals, including two golds, on the World Cup circuit and earn a fifth-place finish at the World Championships.

ROWING Olympic medalist Michael Staines '71 has been named to the National Rowing Hall of Fame. Staines, a 2010 inductee into the Cornell Hall of Fame, took silver in the men's pair during the 1976 Games in Montreal. He also participated in the 1972 Olympics in Munich, as part of a coxed pairs boat that was eliminated in the semifinals. He was a three-year letterman on the Hill and rowed in the number-three seat for the varsity eight crew that won the 1971 Intercollegiate Rowing Association championship.

Coaching Changes

MEN'S SOCCER Fresh off helping Stanford win the 2015 NCAA Division I title, John Smith has been named head coach of the Cornell men's soccer team. A former all-American at Rollins College, Smith spent four years at Stanford. Previously, he was head coach at the University of the Incarnate Word, where he won three conference titles and went 62-26-10 in six seasons.





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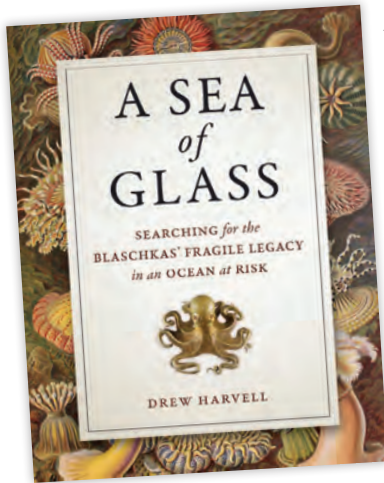
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New Releases



A Sea of Glass

DREW HARVELL

Harvell, a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, uses Cornell's Blaschka collection of glass figurines—which depict hundreds of underwater invertebrates—to frame her exploration of sea creatures and the challenges they face today. While the species represented in

the collection were thriving

when they were sculpted a century and a half ago, Harvell notes that many have since been devastated due to climate change, overfishing, and industrial pollution. In the book, the avid diver describes her up-close encounters with these living creatures—from jellyfish to anemones—as well as her horror at seeing whole ecosystems destroyed. “Our 150-year-old Blaschka collection is a time capsule,” she writes, “pulling us back to explore the biodiversity of a bygone era.”

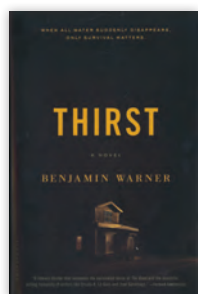


The Dinner Party

BRENDA JANOWITZ '95

Janowitz's novel follows Sylvia, a neurotic Jewish matriarch, as she frantically prepares for a Passover seder after finding out that her youngest child has invited her new boyfriend and his parents, who belong to a famous and wealthy family. To Sylvia's dismay, her other two children are bringing their own significant others, of whom she disapproves. As past grievances and memories resurface, she struggles to

reconcile her expectations with her family's happiness. “With an impeccable eye for detail,” writes *Kirkus*, “Janowitz skillfully creates scenarios and relationships so authentic that they're simultaneously hilarious and cringe-worthy.”



Thirst

BENJAMIN WARNER, MFA '05

In a novel that *Booklist* calls “spare and chilling,” Warner creates a post-apocalyptic world and explores the hard choices people are forced to make to survive. After a mysterious disaster deprives their community of power and water, the protagonist and his wife must navigate the tricky balance between sharing resources with their neighbors and saving them for themselves.

“Every hour or so, they took a sip of water,” Warner

writes. “It seemed enormous but precious—the most precious thing.” With no sign that help is forthcoming, panic sets in as the neighborhood grows increasingly desperate, sparking violence and chaos.

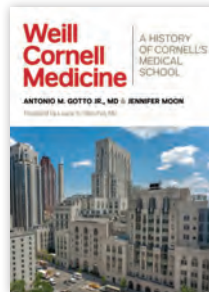


The Ballad of Black Tom

VICTOR LAVALLE '94, BA '95

As a child, LaValle was enraptured by the horror fiction of H. P. Lovecraft. As he got older, however, he realized that many of Lovecraft's stories were disturbingly racist—an insight that became a source of internal conflict for LaValle, who is African American. In LaValle's latest novel—a riff on what he calls one of the most egregious examples of Lovecraft's xenophobia—a young black man in 1924 New York negotiates racism,

police brutality, and cosmic terror. The protagonist, a mediocre guitar player and street hustler, falls into a world of dark magic and must fight to survive. *The National Book Review* praised *The Ballad of Black Tom* as “a gorgeous Möbius strip of a novel that uses magic, horror, and history to create a lens through which the injustices of the modern day are alarmingly evident.”

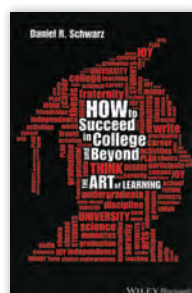


Weill Cornell Medicine

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As Dean Laurie Glimcher observes in her foreword: “The history of Cornell University Medical College—now Weill Cornell Medicine—is essentially the history of modern medicine.” Published by Cornell University Press, the book—co-written by Gotto, the college's dean emeritus, and his longtime editorial administrator—traces the institution's trajectory from its founding in 1898 to its present status as one of

the country's leading academic medical centers. The authors chronicle the growth of the college and the evolution of medical education through an era of rapid scientific advances, tackling more than a century of urban crises, international controversies, and public events from two world wars through the attacks of 9/11.



How to Succeed In College and Beyond

DANIEL SCHWARZ

Schwarz, who has taught English literature on the Hill for nearly half a century, offers insight into the college admissions process and the challenges of the undergraduate experience, covering such topics as student loans, course selection, extracurricular activities, and applying to grad school. With a special emphasis on the benefits of pursuing a humanities

degree, the book is aimed at helping students balance the joy of learning with the practical need to find a career path. As he notes in a chapter entitled “What to Do with a Bachelor of Arts in English”: “What English majors bring to career possibilities are the ability to think critically, speak articulately, write lucidly and precisely, and read powerfully, deftly, and with understanding of subtleties and nuances.”

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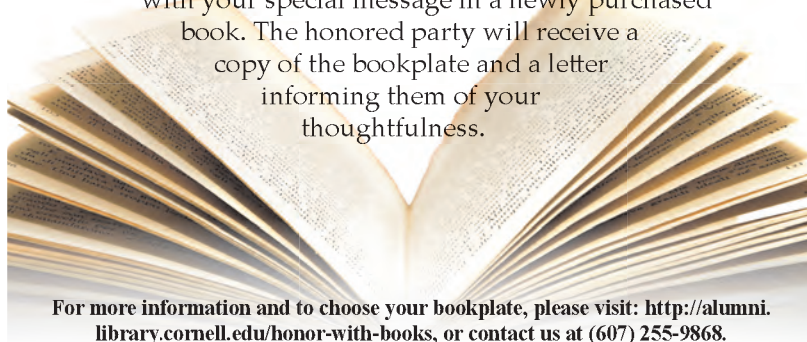


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Culinary whiz Doug Keane '93 serves up a varied menu, from burgers to upscale yakitori to haute cuisine

As a student on the Hill, Hotelier Doug Keane '93 had a part-time job cooking at a legendary Collegetown watering hole: the late, great Johnny's Big Red Grill. Two decades later, one of the dishes he learned there—steamed mussels in white wine—helped make him a reality TV champ.

In the 2013 fifth-season finale of Bravo's "Top Chef Masters," Keane was tasked with creating a four-course meal that represented the stages of his culinary career. For "something old," he offered up a sophisticated take on that Johnny's standard: mussels soup with white wine, saffron, fennel puree, and sea urchin. Thanks to that and his other dishes—soba-wrapped ocean trout with ginger dashi and groats; duck breast with sake-roasted

daikon, tamarind, golden pea sprouts, and dates; and black sesame panna cotta with shattered miso custard and green tea matcha—the California-based chef took home the title, earning not only TV fame but \$120,000 for his designated charity.

Among the roughly one million people watching at home was one of Keane's Cornell mentors, chef instructor Bob White. "I recall thinking at a certain point during the season: he's gonna win the whole thing," White says. "I thought, he's got this; he's cool as a cucumber. He knew exactly what he was doing, and he was up for the game every single week. He had a plan and he was ready to execute. He didn't allow anxiety or a lack of confidence to bring him down." >



'I was addicted to cooking from the start. I think it was an adrenaline thing at the beginning, the rah-rah-rah of the kitchen.'

CHEF'S WHITES

(from top): Keane in the kitchen; "dining" with one of his dogs; and the patio at Healdsburg Bar and Grill



The "Top Chef Masters" crown was the latest kudo for Keane, whom White calls one of the Hotel's school's most prominent culinary alums—the West Coast's answer to Drew Nieporent '77, the New York restaurateur behind such spots as Tribeca Grill and Nobu. "Doug is smart, he's committed, and he has passion for the craft," says senior lecturer Giuseppe Pezzotti '84, MMH '96, another of Keane's mentors. "He has really made a name for himself. Due to his knowledge of cuisine, he can move from one concept to another in a very flexible way."

Until his TV win, Keane was best known as the chef-owner of Cyrus, a French-influenced fine-dining establishment in Healdsburg, California, in the heart of Sonoma wine country. The restaurant, which opened in 2004 and closed in 2012 after a landlord dispute, earned all manner of accolades: two stars from Michelin, four from the *San Francisco Chronicle*, five from AAA, a James Beard Award, a spot on *Gourmet's* national top-fifty list. "I always loved cooking," says Keane, who lives with his wife and four dogs on a five-acre hillside property in Healdsburg. "I was addicted to it from the start. I think it was an adrenaline thing at the beginning, the rah-rah-rah of the kitchen. But in the past five or six years, after studying in Japan quite a bit, I've realized you don't need that. With less intensity and less testosterone, you actually produce better food. But my love for it hasn't changed. It's still really fun to see someone happy at the end of a meal."

It's a glorious fall day, and Keane is chatting over lunch on the patio at another of his restaurants: Healdsburg Bar and Grill, a casual eatery just around the corner from the former site of Cyrus. Eating a BLT and a bowl of gazpacho—his flavorful version is finely pureed and topped with a splash of olive oil—he describes his ambitious plan for Cyrus's reincarnation: a purpose-built restaurant, located in the middle of a vineyard, that will offer nightly tasting menus for three seatings of just twelve people. As currently envisioned, the guests—paying about \$400 each, including wine pairings and a service charge—will shuttle through a quartet of spaces as the meal unfolds in four acts: Champagne and hors d'oeuvres; samplings of raw fish and vegetables served at the chef's table; the main courses in the dining room, complete with tableside flourishes; and dessert in a "chocolate room" that he pictures as an elegant version of Willy Wonka's factory. "If someone is going to give you three or four hours of their time, you have to keep them invigorated," he says. "Nothing jarring, but a fluid motion—taking them on this journey, so they say, 'I wonder what's next.'"

Still in the planning stages, the new Cyrus is likely two years off. Much closer to fruition is another project: Two Birds One Stone, a Napa Valley restaurant



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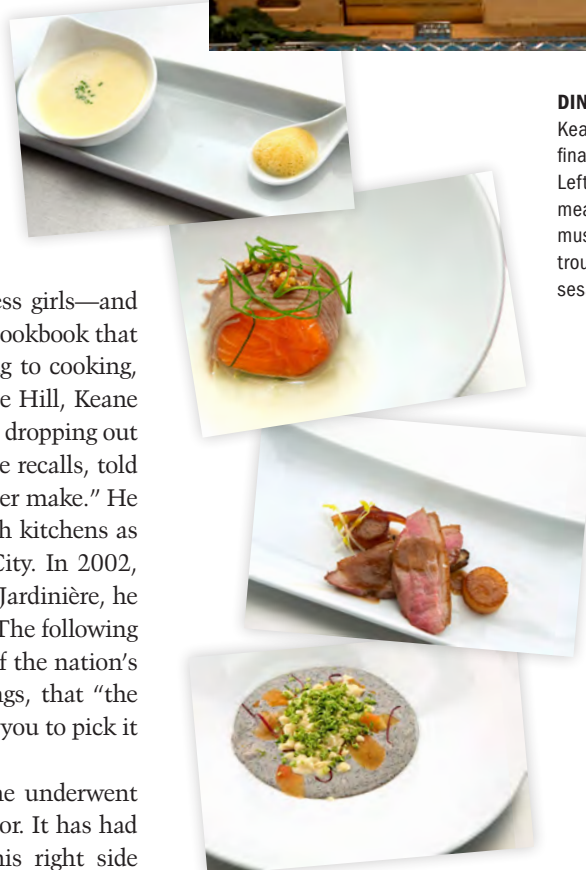
that's set to open this summer. A collaboration with a fellow "Top Chef Masters" competitor, the eatery will feature takeoffs on Japanese *yakitori*, chicken that's skewered and grilled over charcoal. "We realized that Northern California is the poultry capital of the country, so we're expanding it to all types to play with the 'bird' theme," says Keane, whose studies in Japan have included training in Kyoto under seventh- and eighth-generation restaurateurs. "We'll have amazing produce"—from a gardener who previously supplied the famed French Laundry—"so we'll also have a ton of vegetables, lots of small plates."

A native of Dearborn, Michigan, Keane credits his mom—an avid cook and deft seasoner—with informing his palate early on. He has joked that one reason he developed culinary skills in high school was to impress girls—and in fact, he's currently at work on an unorthodox cookbook that ponders, as he puts it, "the relationship of dating to cooking, from a man's perspective." After two years on the Hill, Keane was so sure of his future career that he considered dropping out in favor of culinary school; White and Pezzotti, he recalls, told him, "It would be the worst mistake you could ever make." He followed their advice and went on to train in such kitchens as the Four Seasons and Lespinasse in New York City. In 2002, while at San Francisco's modern-French stalwart *Jardinière*, he was named a "rising star chef" by the *Chronicle*. The following year, *Esquire* called his first eatery, *Market*, one of the nation's best new restaurants—noting, among other things, that "the buttermilk-fried chicken has skin so crisp, it begs you to pick it up with your fingers."

But 2003 also brought a personal crisis: Keane underwent surgery for what proved to be a benign brain tumor. It has had lasting health effects, including weakness on his right side that prevents him from running or jumping, and makes him unsteady on stairs. "When I get tired, I limp quite obviously," he says, while driving through Healdsburg in his beloved (and massive) Ford 150 pick-up truck. "Physically, my leg should be able to do everything, but my brain can't quite tell it to. Over time I've compensated for it in weird ways, so my hip is >



DINNER IS SERVED (top): Keane (center) with his fellow finalists on "Top Chef Masters." Left: His winning four-course meal consisted of (from top) mussels soup, soba-wrapped trout, duck breast, and black sesame panna cotta.



Braised Eggplant in Soy and Ginger

Adapted from 'Keane on Ingredients,' the chef's free iPhone app

SERVES 4

- 1 quart dashi (traditional Japanese stock made of fish and seaweed)
- ⅓ cup mirin (Japanese cooking wine)
- ½ cup soy sauce
- 1 tbs. sugar
- 4 baby eggplants
- 1 inch raw ginger, peeled and grated
- ⅓ cup oil
- 2 inches daikon radish, peeled and grated
- ¼ cup pickled ginger, sliced thinly
- 1 handful scallions, chopped on the bias
- 1 lime, zested



1. Make the braising liquid by combining the dashi, mirin, soy sauce, and sugar in a pot. Bring just to a boil while you prepare the eggplant, then turn it off.
2. Bisect the eggplant lengthwise and score the cut side with criss-crossing diagonal lines. Peel and grate the ginger.
3. Heat enough oil to coat the bottom of a deep sauté pan, then sear the eggplant, cut side down, to get some color on them. You may need to add a little more oil, but you don't want it to get greasy.
4. Pour the braising liquid over the eggplant. Bring the heat up so it boils, then turn it down, cooking the eggplant slowly for about 10 minutes and using a paring knife to check for tenderness.
5. When the eggplant is done, remove it to a flat pan or baking dish and continue to reduce the sauce. (You want to reduce the sauce by 50 percent, but the eggplant will be done first.)
6. Pour the reduced braising liquid over the eggplant. Stir in the raw grated ginger. Cool before serving.
7. Arrange the chilled eggplant on the plate and drizzle with a little of the liquid. Place a scoop of daikon on top, then a little of the pickled ginger and scallions. Finish with lime zest.

bothering me now, and I think it's because of the way I walk, especially when I've been working a lot. It's been a long process—but I got very lucky, so I have zero complaints."

For Keane, the experience underscored the importance of work-life balance. Among other things, it helped motivate him—an ardent animal lover—to get certified as a canine trainer and to co-found the Green Dog Rescue Project, the recipient of his "Top Chef Masters" prize money. Headquartered near Healdsburg, the group has adopted out hundreds of animals whom it plucked from euthanasia lists at conventional shelters; before they're placed, most are housed in a large pack—dozens of dogs playing and socializing—rather than in individual kennels. Green Dog has also pioneered a program to train canines to detect *brettanomyces*—"brett" for short—a yeast that can ruin wine. "For something like a \$1,500 daily fee, these dogs could save winemakers \$20,000 or \$30,000 a pop," Keane explains. "Way before any lab or scientist can detect it, they can sniff it out, and if the wine is tainted, the winemakers can either fix it or not bottle it."

Keane admits that his "Top Chef Masters" win has made him something of a celebrity; especially when the show was running, he'd get recognized on the street or in airports. Long before his victory, he had emerged as a fan favorite—in part for something he *didn't* do. In the first episode, when the contestants were challenged to do a parachute jump in exchange for an extra hour of cooking time, the severe acrophobe was the only one who refused. (Or, as Keane puts it: "When they got to me I said, 'Hell, no.'")

As the season wound down, though, he had a change of heart. He decided to take the (literal) plunge with a private jump, in tandem with an instructor. "The ride up in the little plane was the worst part, because it took ten or fifteen minutes," Keane remembers. "But I just knew: 'You're doing this. You're not backing out.'" By then, he notes with a rueful laugh, it was basically too late anyway, thanks to the logistics of being tethered to a professional. "He told me: 'By the way—if you try to say no, I'm going to think you said go.'" ■

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Bar Exam

Ten Cornellian cocktails that more than make the grade

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In search of the ultimate Big Red happy hour, CAM challenged Cornellians in mixology and the spirits industry to contribute original cocktail recipes that channel the East Hill experience. During a festive photo shoot at the Statler Hotel's Regent Lounge in April, manager Jillian Ray and bartender Emily Turner whipped up the ten drinks—and our staffers happily volunteered as taste testers. (Note: in some cases where a garnish wasn't specified, Ray and Turner created their own.)





Mix it up: Jillian Ray (top left) and Emily Turner (above) preparing CAM's cocktails. Left: Ray and Turner in the Statler's venerable Regent Lounge.





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2 oz. bourbon
Pinch of sugar
Fresh lemon juice
1 oz. ginger beer

Combine apple cider, vinegar, bourbon, and sugar in a cocktail shaker with ice and shake well. Strain into a rocks glass with fresh ice; top with a splash of lemon juice and ginger beer. (A “shrub” is a classic drink base, made by blending vinegar with a fruit mash to form a tart syrup, historically used to make flavored sodas or cordials.)

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2 oz. vodka
4 oz. tomato juice
2 oz. carrot juice
½ oz. dill pickle juice
2 dashes Worcestershire sauce
5 dashes Tabasco
Juice of 1 lemon
Juice and zest of 1 lime
¾ oz. fresh horseradish
Freshly ground black pepper
Celery salt

Serve in a tall glass with ice. Garnish with celery stalk, lemon wedge, and olives

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1½ oz. rye
½ oz. allspice liqueur
2 dashes Angostura bitters
Ginger beer

Mix and serve in a Collins glass over ice; top off with ginger beer.

SENECA SOUR

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¾ cups Riesling or similar sweet wine
¼ cup fresh orange juice
1 cup Campari

Mix and divide among three glasses, with or without ice.

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1 oz. gin
1 oz. apple brandy
¾ oz. lemon juice
¾ oz. simple syrup
1 egg white
Blanc de Blanc Champagne
whiskey barrel-aged bitters

Shake all ingredients except Champagne and bitters, then shake with ice and strain into a chilled fizz glass or a highball glass with ice. Top with Champagne and garnish with dashes of bitters.

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2 oz. gin
1 oz. ruby red grapefruit juice
1 oz. Campari
½ oz. cranberry juice
Squeeze of a quarter lime
Soda water

Combine all ingredients; serve in a Collins glass with ice and top with soda. Garnish with a lime wedge.

BIG RED MANHATTAN

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1 oz. applejack
1 oz. bourbon
½ oz. cherry liqueur
Dash of bitters

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2 oz. gin
2 oz. pineapple juice
½ oz. fresh orange juice
½ oz. fresh lemon juice
1 tsp. cassia

Mix and garnish with a pineapple wedge.

SAGE SCHOLAR

THE STATLER HOTEL (RECIPE BY KATHLEEN DAVIN '15, FORMER STUDENT MANAGER AT THE REGENT LOUNGE, NOW SERVICE MANAGER AT BLUE SMOKE IN NEW YORK CITY)

1 oz. Scotch
1 oz. Drambuie
¾ oz. fresh lemon juice
½ oz. honey simple syrup
4–5 sage leaves
2–3 dashes black walnut bitters

In the bottom of a shaker, gently muddle sage leaves. Add all other ingredients, then add ice. Shake vigorously and pour over ice into a rocks glass. Garnish with a fresh sage leaf.

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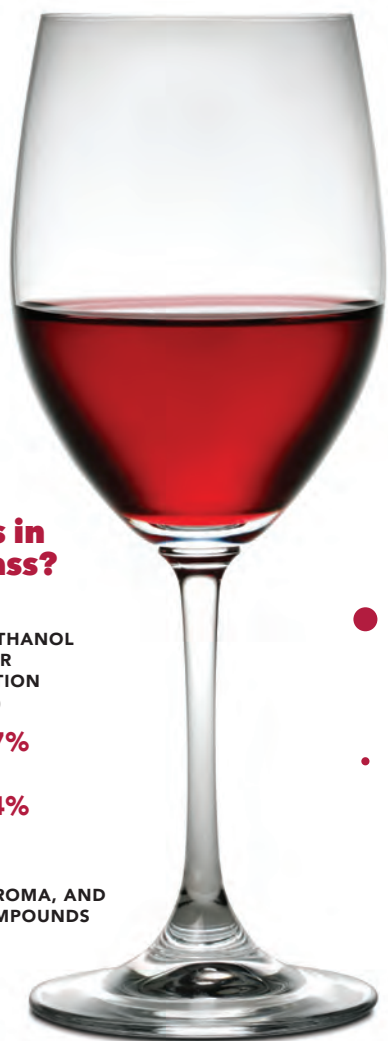
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Wine Science

CALS professor Gavin Sacks, PhD '05, explores the chemistry behind the flavor



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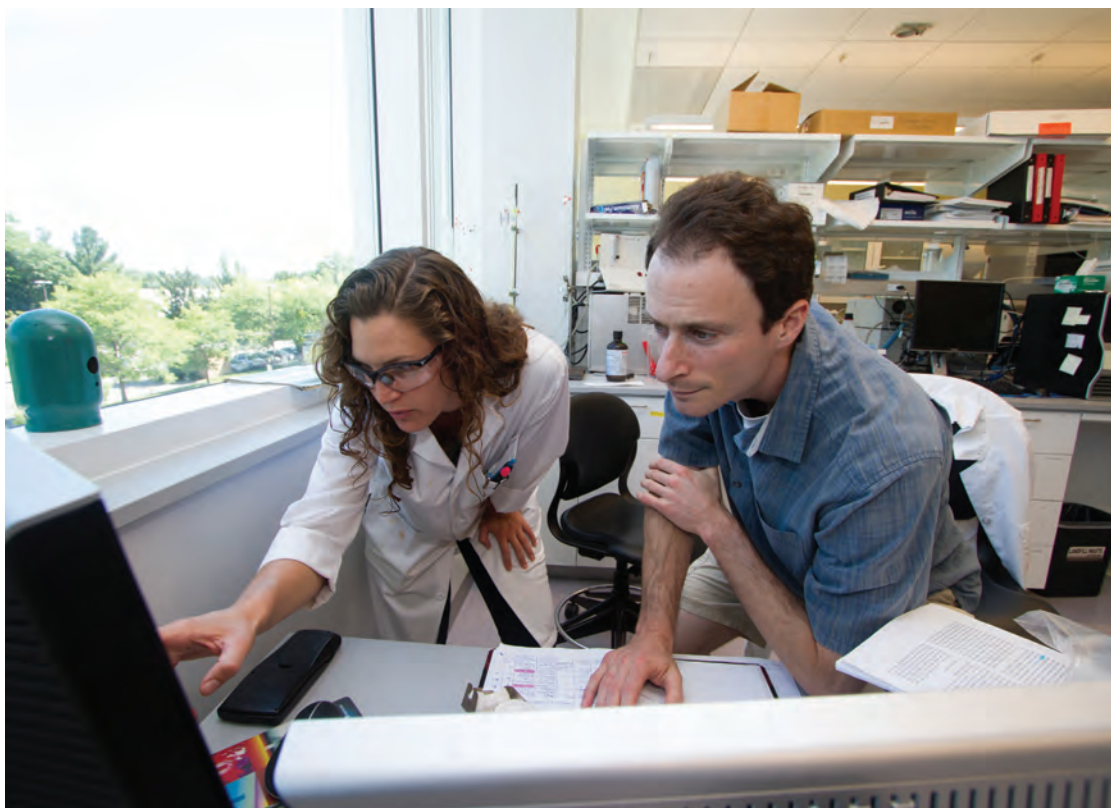
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**FLAVOR, AROMA, AND
COLOR COMPOUNDS**

Every year, about 100,000 different wines, representing hundreds of grape varieties from growing regions around the world, are approved for sale in the United States. This dizzying array can provoke populist skepticism in the average drinker: is so-called “Two-Buck Chuck,” they secretly wonder, all that different from a prize-winning Bordeaux?

That’s one of the first questions people ask Gavin Sacks, PhD ’05, an associate professor in CALS’ food science department who specializes in the flavor chemistry of wine. Sacks is quick to offer comfort to the skeptics—noting that even connoisseurs can be fooled by, say, white wine that has been dyed red. But although psychology may be just as important as what’s in the bottle, the notes of vanilla and buttered toast in that glass of chardonnay are not the product of your sommelier’s imagination. The buttery scent, for example, comes from a fermentation byproduct called diacetyl—also found in butter itself—while vanillin, a natural compound derived from the oak barrels in which the wine is aged, also gives vanilla beans their signature aroma. Similarly, floral notes derive from chemicals called monoterpenes, while the peppery flavors found in Syrah grapes come from rotundone, also found in herbs like oregano and basil. “The flavor compounds that make up wine are the same ones that can be found in coffee, leather, cherry juice, even flatulence,” Sacks says, explaining that only a few hundred chemicals make up the building blocks of flavor and aroma. “That may sound surprising—but we also have an alphabet with just twenty-six letters, and yet we still create books.”

As Sacks notes in a 2013 interview with the public media show “Science Friday”—an appearance that has racked up more than 50,000 hits on YouTube—“99.9 percent of wine is rather boring,” comprising mostly water and ethanol. “Even though we’re only talking about the last .1 percent or so that distinguishes wines,” he says, “that’s a very important .1 percent from the sensory perspective.” He goes on to note that humans can taste compounds down to the level of parts per million—and that much of what we call “taste” really refers to aroma, with the nose detecting compounds at the parts-per-trillion level, equal to a few drops in a swimming pool. “As



Grape expectations: Sacks with food science PhD candidate Beth Burzynski '07. Below: Hotelies preparing for a wine competition.

you swallow, a little puff of air comes back up and it helps direct volatile compounds into your nose," Sacks explains. "And this is what we call taste: 'This wine has the taste of apples' or 'This apple has the taste of apples.' "

Sacks started thinking of wine scientifically in 2005, when his career took a detour just after he earned his doctorate in chemistry on the Hill. He had arranged a postdoc in Philadelphia, but his wife got a job at the USDA in Geneva, and the couple decided to stay in the Finger Lakes instead. With no other plans, Sacks took a summer job helping out with the harvest at a winery. Although the experience started out as a way "to kill some time," Sacks says, he came away with a new appreciation for what chemistry meant for the wine industry. "The winemaker I was working for clearly had strong intuition for how to grow grapes and make wine, but in his study he had stacks of technical journals and scientific publications, almost to the ceiling," Sacks says. "He kept up with the academic literature, because he had a lot of questions."

Sacks joined the Cornell faculty in 2007. Now, in addition to teaching courses on wine and grape chemistry as part of the interdisciplinary enology and viticulture major, Sacks heads a lab that collaborates with grape breeders and winemakers to develop new varieties and fine-tune cultivation and production methods. One major focus is hybrids based on native varieties.

"They're the kinds of grapes you would see climbing up trees and telephone poles, crossed with classic European varieties," explains Sacks, who co-authored a textbook on wine chemistry that's coming out from Wiley in August. "The idea is to bring together the best of both worlds. We want the flavor properties of the European grapes and the disease resistance and cold hardiness of the wild grapes."

Such hybrids can have their own problems, though, including high acidity—imagine grapes that taste like cranberries—and unacceptable aromas. So Sacks and his students have developed tests that let breeders quickly detect the chemical culprits. "What we try to do is expedite this process of grape breeding, so we can deliver higher quality and more sustainable varieties to growers," says Sacks. "A lot of it has to do with the practical questions of, how can we create bottles of wine for, say, \$8 or \$10 that deliver different types

of experiences to consumers?" Of course, even the bargain-hunting wine drinker is hoping for a palate-pleasing bottle. So while there's a place in the vast world of wine for the zippiest Zinfandel and the most serious Merlot, the wine chemist often finds himself working along viticulture's ragged margins. "Consumers are very tolerant of the types of flavors that they can have in wine," Sacks says. "But they will not tolerate grapes that smell like moldy peas." ■

—Amy Crawford



'As you swallow, a little puff of air comes back up and it helps direct volatile compounds into your nose. And this is what we call taste.'

Food For Thought



A Wyoming-based scholar explores gardening as a venue for social justice

Ask an avid gardener why she digs in the dirt, and the resulting answer comes in a torrent: fresh air, exercise, the wonder of transforming a lowly seed into food, the pride of having battled pests and the weather, access to the freshest veggies in town.

Social justice activists take the claims even further: combating obesity, diabetes, and heart disease. Eradicating food insecurity and malnutrition. Promoting mental health. Building community resilience as neighbors swap advice, garden tools, and the fruits of their labor.

In the activists' view, then, gardening is far more than a hobby—it's a critical resource for the 14 percent of Americans who don't know where their next meal is coming from and the many millions more who can't afford to put fresh produce on their dinner tables. "Food systems are an excellent path for developing more equitable communities, because everyone eats," says Christine Porter, PhD '10, an assistant professor of public health at the University of Wyoming. "There's still additional value, in every sense of that word, to producing locally."

'Food systems are an excellent path for developing more equitable communities, because everyone eats.'

And yet, Porter notes, there's relatively little data in the academic literature about nascent local food systems and the value they produce—financially, nutritionally, or in pursuit of racial and social justice. Using a five-year, \$5 million grant from the USDA,

Porter and her collaborators are forging a partnership among higher ed researchers and food justice organizations. Dubbed the Food Dignity Project, the effort comprises case studies of its five community partners, each of which aims to promote access to healthy food for socially disenfranchised people. There's an urban farm in East Brooklyn; a children's wellbeing nonprofit in Ithaca; a network of integrated food businesses in the San Francisco Bay Area; a health and human services consultancy that serves Wyoming's Wind River Reservation; and Feeding Laramie Valley, a Wyoming nonprofit that champions an equitable, just, and sustainable food system. The project is documenting how each organization is doing its work and, where possible, quantifying it and/or mounting randomized, controlled trials to test aspects of the groups' impact. With academics at Cornell,

Ithaca College, the University of Wyoming, and the University of California, Davis, the project is documenting how each organization does its work and collecting data to quantify the results.

Already, Food Dignity partners are leveraging the project's findings to change public policy. Activists in Laramie convinced local officials to set aside space in all city parks to expand access to community gardens using preliminary data from a study Porter designed and conducted with Feeding Laramie Valley. Over the course of three years, thirty-three amateur gardeners weighed every morsel they harvested from their 253-square-foot community plots. Despite Wyoming's harsh climate, participants grew enough to furnish two adults with their recommended daily allowance of fruits and vegetables for four and a half months—a financially and nutritionally relevant harvest. "Gardeners had a hunch that they were growing a lot of food, and Christine knew we needed data in the academic literature," says Feeding Laramie Valley founder Gayle Woodsum. With the resulting *American Journal of Public Health* paper, says Woodsum, the team has demonstrated that "community members have the interest in and ability to take leading roles in designing and utilizing research to address pressing local needs."

Porter got her start in the local food movement as a grad student in nutrition and adult education, volunteering with an Ithaca group working to combat childhood obesity. At the time, the Peace Corps alumna imagined herself in the nonprofit world after grad school. Then, in 2009, she and a coalition of activists on campus and off won a \$1,500 humanitarian award from Cornell. The grant funded Gardens for Humanity, a hub to connect locals with resources in the community and on the Hill to promote enhanced nutrition, environmental conservation, neighborhood safety, and intergenerational relationships through community gardens. Seven years later, the group is still going strong, offering a neighborhood gardening service, programming for youngsters, and low-cost food plants distributed at community events.

The grant also shifted Porter's career trajectory, as she came to realize she could leverage the strengths of academia to effect social change. "Now as an academic, I listen for what people want to do and I look for ways to support them," she says. "The Gardens for Humanity grant was the first time I had that idea in theory work in practice." Her attitude makes Porter an exemplar among researchers, says Food Dignity co-investigator Scott Peters, a professor of development sociology who was on her dissertation committee. He notes that historically, research universities have tended toward a model of public engagement in which communities have problems and scholars heroically introduce the solutions. "The Food Dignity Project was purposely designed to not duplicate that approach," he says. "What's important about the project and Christine's leadership is that they're more collaborative."

**'Now as an academic,
I listen for what people
want to do and I look for
ways to support them.'**

She has been bold about taking these issues on, but with a sense of humility that's crucial for scholars who want to work more respectfully with people who are not academics."

In Porter's latest effort—dubbed the Growing Resilience study—she has extended her Food Dignity work with residents of the Wind River Reservation, a community plagued by high rates of obesity and diabetes that has very limited access to fresh produce. Theirs will be the first randomized, controlled trial to evaluate how gardening might combat health disparities. The five-year, \$3 million, NIH-funded project will enroll one hundred households, each including members of either the Eastern Shoshone or Northern Arapaho nations. Half of the families, all newcomers to gardening, will receive free vegetable plots this spring; the other fifty—the control group—will receive their gardens once data collection ends. In the meantime, Porter and her team will document the diets and health status of the two groups to explore how gardening influences consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables, exercise, and other variables. "With more community involvement in determining what local food systems look like and who they serve," she says, "we can generate knowledge that contributes to making the world a better place." ■

— Sharon Tregaskis '95



Going green: Food activist Christine Porter, PhD '10, sampling fresh rosemary at a farmer's market in Laramie, Wyoming, in 2012

Foodie Haven

An L.A. architect designs and co-hosts a pop-up restaurant and culinary school

On a recent Saturday in the trendy and historic Highland Park neighborhood of Los Angeles, an unassuming pizza-slice-shaped building on a corner lot is home to an eclectic mix of foodie events. At 10 a.m., there's a cooking class on how to get the most out of a seasonal produce box filled with citrus, kale, avocado, and other ingredients; at 2 p.m., a second class on making veggie-rich desserts; and in the evening, a pop-up dinner party for twenty-eight featuring dishes made with locally sourced seafood. As all this teaching and baking and set-up goes on in the multi-functional space, a baby sleeps soundly in her stroller while her dad, Andrei Pogany '02, BArch '03, pitches in here and there.



The architecture alum designed this hybrid work and event space, dubbed Food + Shelter. The rear part of the “pizza slice”—where the crust would be—houses Pogany's architecture practice, where he designs custom additions and renovations, primarily for residential clients. Adjacent to his office is a commercial-grade kitchen, where his wife tests potential flavors for her vegan sorbet company. The couple also rents out kitchen space to other small business owners and artisans, including a small-batch popsicle maker, a breakfast bun baker, and a cocktail designer.

In the evening and on weekends, the building is used for events focused on food and community—some hosted by Pogany and his wife, others by outside groups. The events,

costing between \$50 and \$95 per person, take place in the common area—located at the building's pointy front end—and in the flower-filled garden, which boasts an outdoor couch, twinkling lights, and a fire pit. “This space is a very personal take on what we wanted for our businesses and our lives,” says Pogany, whose unconventional design projects include a current assignment to transform a 500-square-foot house into a dream home for a client who's six-foot-two. “I like to create spaces that house unique people and experiences, and that's exactly what Food + Shelter does. These are basic needs—but within them, there's a way to be creative and to bring people together.”

On this Saturday afternoon, the ten attendees in the dessert class make zucchini pineapple bread with a chocolate ganache topping, plus a sweet-tart tomato jam that's spread on thick slices of rustic bread. Meanwhile, chefs from a catering company prep the evening's sold-out \$75-per-person feast of prawns served with grains, sprouts, and fennel; wild black cod served with chickpeas, shishito peppers, and a Middle Eastern spiced



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Basic kneads: Andrei Pogany '02, BArch '03 (wearing glasses in the photo at left), hosting a Food + Shelter pasta-making event (below), which includes cooking lessons and a group dinner. Opposite page: The dining area (top) and Pogany in his studio.



marinade; and, for dessert, a Moroccan honey almond cake served with a date shake. Says Pogany: "This is restaurant-quality food without the stuffiness of the high-end restaurant scene."

Although Food + Shelter only made its Los Angeles debut in 2014—and is still ramping up and introducing more regular events—it's a concept that Pogany first became interested in almost a decade ago. Back then, he was living with roommates in a loft in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, where they regularly hosted impromptu dinner parties for dozens of people, with a four-by-twelve-foot piece of plywood laid atop the regular table. "These were special experiences with great food that only happened once—which made them even more special," Pogany says.

When he and his wife relocated to L.A. in 2012, they sought a commercial space that could house their separate businesses but also serve as a meeting spot for parties and local events. They soon found a building in a great location, but it was abandoned and covered in graffiti; Pogany recalls that the walls were so decayed, he could stick an arm through them. After they bought it in 2013, he redesigned it and managed the demolition and construction, which took just under a year to complete. Today, the space is functional, but also airy and bright—a comfortable setting for client meetings, cooking classes, art openings, dance parties, and more.

Among Pogany's favorite events: the regular pasta-making classes in which attendees, who pay \$85 each, are invited to get messy and try new shapes and fillings—wild mushroom, say, or spring onion, spinach, and ricotta. After making the pasta, guests can have a glass of wine and float among the sitting area, patio, and kitchen while the hosts put together a communal dinner. "In a restaurant," Pogany says, "there's not that kind of access and flexibility."

In continuing to build their concept, the couple is working to launch a Sunday supper series, featuring a rotating roster of chefs—what Pogany calls "a comfortable food environment, where everyone brings their own style and cuisine to the mix." And while Pogany would love to get an authentic Italian wood-fired pizza oven into the kitchen, they currently aren't allowed in L.A.—so for now, the double-decker convection oven will have to suffice. "The dream is that one day you'll be able to come in here and get an espresso, a slice of pizza, some sorbet, and maybe a beer or a cocktail," he says with a laugh. "We're slowly cultivating all of my favorite things in one spot." ■

— Anne Machalinski



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Cake Walk

Susan Sarich '91 offers desserts with a side of nostalgia

Growing up on Chicago's North Side, Susan Sarich '91 spent afternoons with her grandmothers, Mildred and Madeline, who lived across an alley from one another and shared a love of baking. Although they were recent immigrants, they rarely made Polish or Italian sweets, preferring more "American" desserts. "There was always an amazing apple pie or a piece of chocolate cake waiting for me when I got home from school," Sarich recalls.

Sarich had baking in her blood, but it wasn't until 2006—after graduating from the Hotel school and working her way up through the ranks at Hyatt, House of Blues, and the Ian Schrager hotel group—that she tapped into her childhood love and opened her first SusieCakes store in Los Angeles' tony Brentwood neighborhood. A decade later, she's the CEO of an expanding empire, selling classics like sour cream cheesecake, banana pudding with vanilla wafers, seasonal fruit pies, and more. Like the menu, the look and feel of the stores scream nostalgia. Each has what Sarich calls a "Susie Blue" wall—a sky-colored hue that recalls her grandmother's Pyrex mixing bowl—plus a tin ceiling, light fixtures resembling wedding cakes, and cherry red accents intended to evoke a classic Ford Mustang. The kitchen is open, with just a glass partition separating customers from the bakers. SusieCakes now has seventeen such stores in California, with its first out-of-state location (in Dallas) opening this spring and nationwide shipping set to launch later this year. "I've created this place for celebration, where everything is made from scratch using only ingredients you'd have in the Fifties and Sixties," Sarich says. "It's about going back to basics and returning to a simpler time."

While Sarich's grandmothers served as her inspiration for founding the business, she notes that it took a while for all the ingredients to come together. "I moved a lot in my career," she says, "and every time I unpacked, I'd come across their little tin recipe boxes with their handwritten recipe cards inside." Then, in the early 2000s, she observed some industry shifts that suggested an opportunity. The first was that more grocery stores had started selling bakery-style desserts, tapping the busy consumer's desire for convenience. At the same time,

new legislation made it mandatory for every ingredient to be listed on the products' labels. "That meant that people would go to the grocery store, pick up some chocolate chip cookies, and wonder, Why does this have eighty-five ingredients in it?" Sarich says. It was then that she decided to open a bakery based on her grandmothers' recipes for carrot cake, lemon squares, and six-layer chocolate cake, among other temptations.

When Sarich first floated the idea for SusieCakes, some people questioned how well a bakery would do in health- and body-conscious Southern California. But Sarich says she never worried about that. "When people treat themselves, they treat themselves," she says. Plus, everyone needs to celebrate.

"There's not a birthday, graduation, wedding, or retirement party at which cake is not a centerpiece." In fact, each location has a "celebration specialist" on hand to help guests create festive treats like custom-designed layer cakes (starting at \$36 for six inches). But the most popular item, and Sarich's personal favorite, is the Vanilla Celebration Cake, which has baked-in confetti-colored sprinkles and "Susie Blue" vanilla frosting. "I think

you can judge any bakery by its vanilla-vanilla," she says. "You can really tell the quality of the butter and the vanilla that they use when there's nothing to mask those flavors."

The bakeries' fans include some Hollywood celebrities. Julia Louis-Dreyfus, star of "Seinfeld" and "Veep," recently posted a photo of herself on Instagram eating a Susie-made chocolate birthday cake, while actress Tiffani Thiessen, of "White Collar" and "Beverly Hills, 90210," noted in a recent *delish.com* article that the only store-bought cake she likes is SusieCakes' Luscious Lemon. *US Weekly* has caught John Mayer and Jessica Biel picking up red velvet cupcakes (\$3.50 each) and Reese Witherspoon sampling a whoopee pie (\$5.25); Sarich adds that Jennifer Lopez and Jennifer Garner are also customers. "You come into SusieCakes and people are smiling," she says. "It's just a happy place to be." ■

— Anne Machalinski

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Sweet relief (clockwise from top): A SusieCakes store; Sarich with her Vanilla Celebration Cake; and the chain's ever-popular cupcakes



Good Tastes

Nutritionist and TV chef Ellie Krieger '88 spreads the gospel that 'healthy' can still mean delicious



Ellie Krieger '88 isn't the kind of healthy eating expert who packs her kitchen with nothing but kale and quinoa. In fact, during a chat with CAM one morning in February, the best-selling cookbook author and former Food Network host notes that her refrigerator is filled with leftovers from the taco dinner she made for her husband and thirteen-year-old daughter the night before. Of course, Krieger's version is a mix of lean beef and black beans on whole-wheat tortillas, topped with loads of fresh vegetables. But that proves the point she's been making for years: comfort food can be made in a way that's good for you. "If you look at all the media out there, there's very much this idea that you're either cleansing or eating mounds of pork barbeque. Somehow we're led to believe we have to choose between the two," she says. "My whole outlook is that those two circles overlap, and in the center is this sweet spot where you can live happily having delicious and healthy food."

Krieger has built her reputation on that kind of straight forward approach, with the *New York Times* describing her as "a nutritionist who seems to actually love food and care about how it tastes." That's also the basis for her latest TV series, "Ellie's Real Good Food," which launches this spring on PBS stations around the country. Krieger believes it's the sort of

'I think "diet" is a four letter word. I'd rather have no show than sacrifice my core philosophy.'

gimmick-free show that many fans have been waiting for—and indeed, she was able to raise \$40,000 in three weeks from supporters on Kickstarter to fund the pilot. Offering an alternative to the umpteen cooking competitions and extreme-eating extravaganzas on the air these days, her program is recipe-based and instructional, à la PBS culinary legends Julia Child and Jacques Pepin. Each episode also features food challenges

of viewers—such as a busy single mom with two teenage sons who don't have time for a proper breakfast—with Krieger offering the sort of tasty, nourishing options that she calls "realistic solutions for every day."

Sipping a cup of Earl Grey tea in a spotless studio apartment overlooking Central Park West that serves as her office and test kitchen, Krieger says she turned down several opportunities once the Food Network's "Healthy Appetite" ended after five seasons in 2011. That's because most pitches focused on weight loss, rather than wellness. "I think 'diet' is a four letter word," she says. "I'd rather have no show than sacrifice my core philosophy." Krieger notes that many trendy diet plans promote "a roller coaster of extremes" that have little effect in the long run, and make one feel guilty about any indulgence. For her, nothing is completely off limits—not even French fries, her own personal weakness. Instead, she groups food into three >



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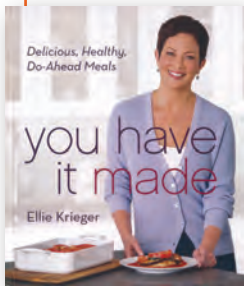
Breakfast Bounty

Krieger's latest cookbook, *You Have it Made: Delicious, Healthy, Do-Ahead Meals*, came out in January. She chose this recipe from it to share with CAM readers:

Blueberry-Chia Overnight Oats in Jars

MAKES 4 SERVINGS

When you let rolled oats sit overnight in a mixture of milk and yogurt, the oats soften and absorb the liquid, and you wake up to a treat that has the luxurious texture of a pudding. With that as the base you can run with all kinds of fruit, nut, and flavor combos. Here, fresh blueberries and blueberry jam add magnificent color and light sweetness and chia seeds and almonds punch up the crunch factor while adding healthy fats, satisfying fiber, and protein. Using individual jars makes for an easy grab-and-go breakfast, or a fun way to serve for a brunch.



⅔ cup whole natural almonds, divided
 1½ cups nonfat or 1 percent milk
 1 cup nonfat or low-fat plain yogurt
 (not Greek-style)
 ½ cup all-fruit blueberry jam
 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
 1 cup old-fashioned rolled oats
 2 tablespoons chia seeds
 2 cups blueberries, divided

Toast the almonds in a dry skillet over medium-high heat, stirring frequently, until lightly browned and fragrant, 3 to 5 minutes. Allow to cool slightly, then chop them coarsely.

In a medium bowl, stir together the milk, yogurt, jam, and vanilla. Stir in the oats, chia seeds, and half of the almonds. Then stir in 1 cup of the blueberries.

Divide the mixture evenly among four 12-ounce (1½-cup) jars. Top each with the remaining blueberries and almonds. Cover tightly and refrigerate overnight or at least 8 hours. Serve chilled or at room temperature. (Note: the nuts on top will soften a bit in the refrigerator. If you want them extra-crunchy, sprinkle them on right before serving.) The jars will keep up to 4 days in the refrigerator.

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categories: usually (fruits, vegetables, lean protein); sometimes (refined grains, sugary foods); and rarely (soda, candy). "There's no such thing as never," she says. "It's more about a broader pattern of what you're eating."

Krieger has had her own struggles, which she says gives her added insight into the dietary challenges that Americans face. Overweight as a child growing up in New York City, she had such a poor self-image that she once wrote her own name across a picture of an elephant. "I totally remember this—clear as day—hating myself," she says. She lost the extra pounds through exercise and cutting back on snacks, and at eighteen she was signed by the famed Wilhelmina modeling agency. Modeling jobs paid for living expenses in college and for years afterward, but they took a negative toll, too. "I don't think I ever had an eating disorder, but I kept journals, and when I read them back, I think, 'Oh my god, you poor thing. You were obsessed with food,'" she says. Majoring in nutritional sciences in the College of Human Ecology and earning a master's in nutrition from Columbia put her on the right path. "I

discovered how to love food in a healthy way," she says.

After Krieger's first book, *Small Changes, Big Results*, was published in 2005, the Food Network tapped her for "Healthy Appetite," the only show about healthful cooking on the channel at the time. "They basically let me do my thing," she says. "It was like winning the TV lottery." Since then, she's appeared as a guest nutritionist on dozens of programs including "Today," "Good Morning America," the "CBS Early Show," and "Dr. Oz." In 2009 her second book, *The Food You Crave*, won the International Association of Culinary Professionals Cookbook Award and the James Beard Foundation Award, known in the industry as the "Oscars of food." That year marked another milestone: First Lady Michelle Obama invited her to the Healthy Kids Fair at the White House, where she challenged local schoolchildren to "eat every color of the rainbow" from a vibrant array of fruit. She also helped harvest the White House vegetable garden, an event that showed that even skilled cooks have their limits. "I had no idea how to harvest fennel," laughs Krieger. "I'm from Queens!" ■

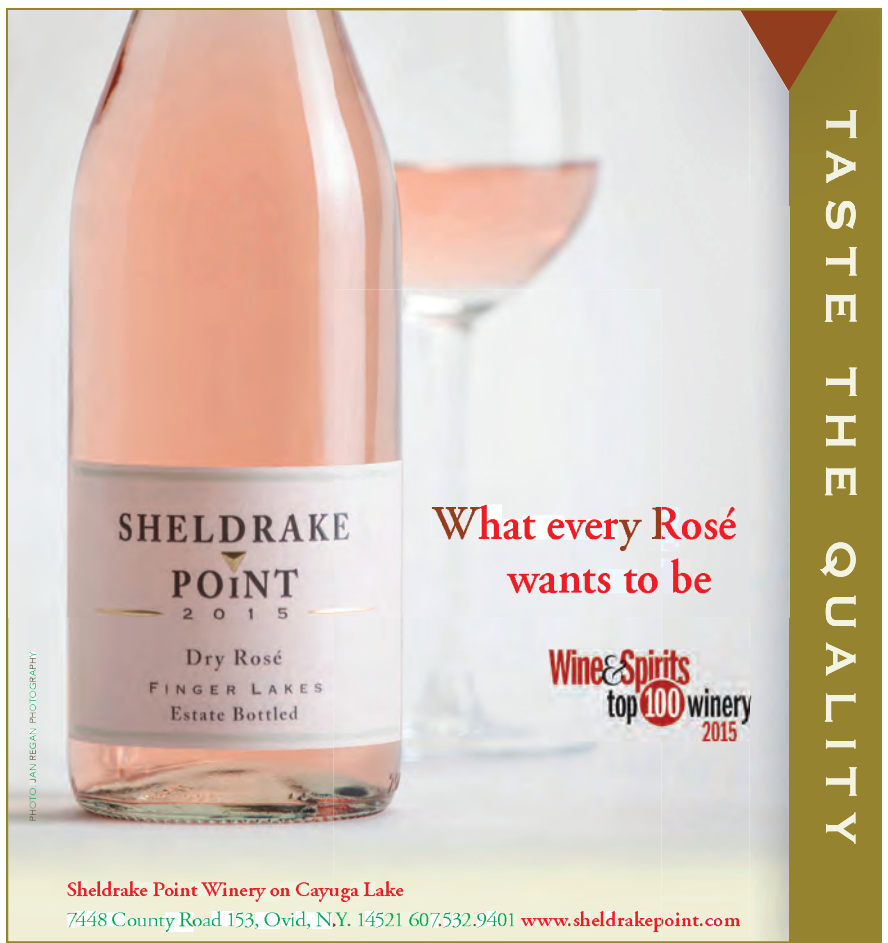
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Alyse Mizia '09 has a tough job: promoting (and savoring) some of the world's finest Champagne



Pop a cork: Mizia (far left) on the job with a Methuselah (six-liter bottle) of Veuve Cliquot, one of Moët Hennessy's five Champagne brands. Others include Krug (left) and Ruinart, seen aging in centuries-old caves in France (center).

"I live the fantastic New York life of a studio apartment," Alyse Mizia '09 says with a laugh, describing her tiny abode on Manhattan's Upper East Side. "There's wine hiding everywhere. It's comical. I may not have a couch, but I have two wine fridges—and a regular fridge that's stuffed with Champagne."

Mizia's friends aren't planning an intervention—because for her, most of those bottles are professional necessities. As a Champagne specialist with Moët Hennessy USA, Mizia is constantly shuttling samples to potential clients. Essentially an ambassador of bubbly, Mizia represents Moët's five Champagne brands—Veuve Cliquot, Moët & Chandon, Dom Perignon, Krug, and Ruinart—to New York's high-end restaurants and watering holes. "My everyday goal is to get people to drink more Champagne," Mizia says over a glass of Veuve Cliquot at a Midtown hotel bistro that's among her clientele, "which was what I did every day of my life before this—but now I get to do it for a living."

Mizia is drinking her bubbly out of a wine glass, not a flute. It's a tactic she recommends both to clients and casual consumers, because a narrow flute doesn't allow the nose to get into the glass, hampering the aroma receptors that underlie taste. "Olivier Krug said that drinking Champagne out of a flute is like going to the orchestra with ear plugs on," observes Mizia, whose résumé includes managing in-room dining and a Champagne bar at the Plaza Hotel. "All the components are there, but you can't experience them."

She's well-versed in the science behind such claims. In CALS, Mizia—a varsity equestrian who originally planned to study pre-vet—was among the first to earn an undergrad degree in viticulture and enology. "One of my biggest blessings is that when our winemakers come to New York, I get to spend time with them and nerd out," says Mizia, who attended grad school in Switzerland and holds a high-level sommelier certification that qualifies her to test for the top European designation, Master

'Drinking Champagne out of a flute is like going to the orchestra with ear plugs on.'

of Wine. "People drink Champagne to enjoy it—and I do too—but I understand the pest problems in the vineyard, the different mildews, the unglamorous parts."

In addition to traveling to France to stay versed in the production process, Mizia trains restaurant staff on how to promote and serve Moët's brands. She also appears in the media—for example, offering expert advice on lifestyle websites—and helps mount food-and-Champagne events, such as a recent one in which legendary Spanish chef Ferran Adrià paired a trio of "bites" with three vintages of Dom Perignon. "Champagne is never lost drinking alone, but with food it's incredibly complementary," she says. "I think people forget it as a food wine. But since it's one of the highest acid wines, anything that has an oil or fat component is amazing with it. I drink Champagne with my meals all the time." ■


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**Investment
strategy:** Blau on
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On the CNBC reality TV show "Restaurant Startup," Elizabeth Blau, MPH '14, literally puts her money where her mouth is. A foodie twist on the popular "Shark Tank"—in which entrepreneurs pitch ideas to potential funders—the show, now in its third season, features a rotating panel of investors who field proposals from aspiring restaurateurs. "There's a breadth of diversity," says Blau, who came on board as an investor this season. "Some of the contestants are caterers; some are restaurateurs looking to expand their business; some are food truck owners who want to open a restaurant." Hopefuls have floated business plans built around a wide variety of concepts and cuisines, from liqueur-filled cupcakes to hempseed comfort food, Dorito-breaded egg rolls to a twist on the Caprese salad.

The show is set up like a three-course meal. First, the investors choose between two competing pitches. That winning team is then given \$7,500 and thirty-six hours to transform a bare restaurant space and serve its cuisine to customers; the investors attend the opening to monitor the chefs and get feedback from patrons. "We take viewers on a journey through a mini-version of opening a restaurant and the pitfalls that could happen," says Blau, who has also served as a judge on Food Network's "Iron Chef America." As on "Shark Tank," each episode culminates in

the investors deciding whether to put their own money into the venture, which sometimes sparks a bidding war.

Blau has been in the restaurant industry for nearly three decades, earning a James Beard Award nomination and a seat on the Culinary Institute of America's board of trustees. (While her master's degree was officially conferred in 2014 due to what she calls "a little snafu with my thesis," she actually studied on the Hill in the mid-Nineties.) A pioneer in Las Vegas' high-end culinary scene, she now owns a restaurant planning, development, and consulting company whose client list includes such august establishments as Le Cirque, New York's Rainbow Room, and Ritz Carlton Hotels and Resorts—not to mention TLC's "Cake Boss," Buddy Valastro. "You're never going to find a restaurateur who's a great financier, a brilliant real estate negotiator, a great chef, and a great marketing person," Blau observes. "If they don't have that business acumen, that's fine. We can do that. If it's a great idea but they maybe need some more culinary skills, I have somebody that can help with that. That's the beauty of partnering."

Aside from the pleasures of sampling the fare on "Restaurant Startup" and finding new investment opportunities, Blau says she takes particular delight in mentoring the contestants. Take Ralphie Grotto—a hopeful purveyor of giant, stuffed Italian rice balls—whose mom came on the show to help him cook for his customers. "He's just so genuine, and he's hilarious," Blau says

'We take viewers on a journey through a mini-version of opening a restaurant and the pitfalls that could happen.'

with a laugh. "At one point on the show, he told his mother, 'If things start going downhill, hit the floor and fake a heart attack.'" She notes that the deals between the investors and contestants don't necessarily lead to the opening of a brick-and-mortar restaurant. At the end of Grotto's episode, he and Blau came to an agreement that she would front the costs of launching a wholesale line of the rice balls, and the two continue to collaborate. Says Blau: "It's heartwarming that you can make a business deal, but also really help someone." ■

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In 2014, Cornell’s IFT team won with “Popples,” a snack bar made of apple pomace—a part of the fruit, left over from juicing, that’s usually discarded—mixed with caramel and peanut butter. The previous year, it took first with “Squashetti,” a frozen entree of chicken and tomato sauce served over noodles made of squash rather than pasta—making it gluten free and lower-calorie. The year before that, it won with “Dough TEMptations,” snacks made of cookie dough and fruit; unlike regular cookie dough, they lacked raw eggs and were therefore safe to eat.

This year, a team of eleven students aims to continue the winning tradition with “BanaNut Bites,” a banana sponge cake with a peanut butter glaze. Like Popples, it uses a main ingredient that’s normally discarded: banana peel. “It was definitely a challenge getting the banana peels to taste good in the cake,” says team member Brenda Margolies ’15, a grad student. “We baked them, blended them, sautéed them, caramelized them. I ate more banana peels during those sessions than any one person should eat. It was really exciting once we finally got it to work.”

‘It was definitely a challenge getting the banana peels to taste good in the cake,’ says grad student Brenda Margolies ’15. ‘We baked them, blended them, sautéed them, caramelized them.’

With the cake out of the way, the team focused on the topping. Initially, they opted for a coating made of peanut butter powder; but after conducting multiple taste tests, they decided it was too messy. “We knew from past competitions that the judges would be critical of that, so we switched to the glaze,” says team co-captain Jessica Kwong ’18. “The only problem with the glaze is that consumers will look at it and think it’s unhealthy. So we’re going to have to work on that.”

At the finals, to be held in Chicago in mid-July, the Cornellians will go up against five other teams, including those from Penn State, Virginia Tech, and the University of Wisconsin, Madison. They’re currently fine-tuning the recipe for BanaNut Bites—which the judges will sample—as well as preparing the rest of their entry, which includes oral and PowerPoint presentations and a poster session. Since the competition takes place at a major food science conference—which draws some 20,000 academics, students, and industry professionals—many Cornell faculty will be there to cheer them on. “It’s a source of pride for us,” says food science department chair Olga Padilla-Zakour, PhD ’91. “The students have positive attitudes and very good technical skills; that’s how they do so well. We see this competition as being valuable to our students’ development—not only for professional growth, but because we can see how the education we’re providing really pays off.” ■

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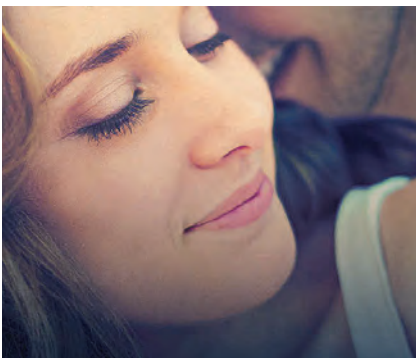
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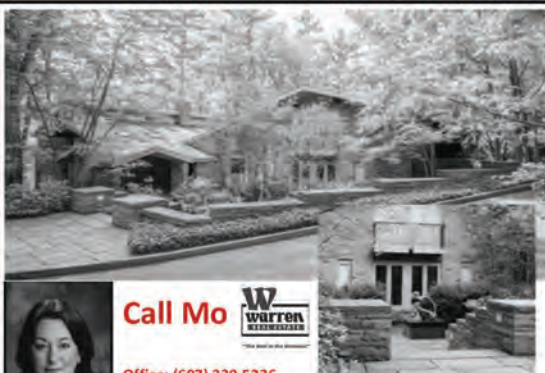


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DUTTA: BUSINESS COLLEGE WILL BE 'MORE THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS'

In January, Cornell established a College of Business and has named as the college's dean Soumitra Dutta, the Anne and Elmer Lindseth Dean of the Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management. The college, with an anticipated launch during the 2016-17 school year, will comprise the university's three accredited business schools: Johnson, the School of Hotel Administration and the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management. The full conversation is available at www.news.cornell.edu/ccb-dean-QA.

What is your vision for business education at Cornell?

We have the opportunity to create a unique business school drawing from the strengths, resources and assets of each well-defined school. We will be able to combine a distinctive focus on hospitality and real estate in the Hotel School, on food, agriculture and sustainable development in Dyson, and on finance, accounting and other core business disciplines in Johnson. Additionally, we have a strong focus on technology via Johnson's presence at Cornell Tech in New York City.

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“THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS WILL RESPECT EACH SCHOOL’S INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC CONNECTIONS, BECAUSE THOSE ARE VALUABLE ASSETS.”

How does the outside world currently perceive business education at Cornell?

Today business education is fragmented across Cornell, and the world typically perceives only a piece of that puzzle. The general public doesn’t think about looking for a great undergraduate business program in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, which is home to Dyson, or they don’t necessarily perceive the School of Hotel Administration as being a business school. That will be corrected by the College of Business, because the world will see the entirety of our strengths in business education and research.

How will the College of Business affect corporate and alumni relations?

The college will help us to have a broader, deeper network of executives and alumni in companies who feel part of the same college. It’s much better for a company to manage one strong relationship with one college as opposed to three relationships of varying degrees with three schools. I recently spoke to the global CEOs of two large companies – EY and A.T. Kearney – and asked, from their perspective, whether the college will be a good thing. Their answer was a definite yes, because they will have a clearer frame of reference for business education at Cornell.

We have a tremendous network of alumni in each school – the Hotel School has a strong connection to the hospitality industry, the Dyson School has a robust connection to the agriculture sector, and Johnson has a very close connection to the finance and technology sectors – but each will benefit from the additional networks to which it will have access through the College of Business.

Some Hotelies have expressed concern that the college will dilute their school’s unique brand. How will the three schools maintain and build on their distinctive identities?

I have spoken to many students and alumni leaders as they have had concerns, which have often been the result of a lack of information. Once you sit down with them and explain the goal is to really help ensure that

the Hotel School remains the most dominant hotel school in the future, they are supportive.

The goal is to retain the uniqueness of the Hotel School and the other schools as well. If anything, we’re looking to enhance what they offer.

How will you reconcile the school’s different philosophical approaches to business?

The College of Business will respect each school’s industry-specific connections, because those are valuable assets. Research often happens at the boundaries of disciplines and sectors. For example, think about bringing together faculty in such disparate areas as finance and sustainability or entrepreneurship and agriculture economics. College of Business faculty members will maintain their areas of expertise, but I predict their interactions will also invigorate their individual and collective research agendas.

You’ve said the college will facilitate expansion of global initiatives. Can you tell us more?

Johnson has an MBA program with Tsinghua University in Beijing, the leading technology university in China, and with the College of Business, we can enhance that relationship. We have tremendous potential there, thanks to Tsinghua’s location in the heart of China’s Silicon Valley. Sustainability, agriculture, technology, innovation – those are our areas of expertise and some of the top priorities in China right now.

What strengths from your background and as Johnson dean have been helpful in your new role?

I come from a computer science background but spent my whole career in a business school. In a sense, the notion of spanning boundaries has been a natural part of my career for the last 30 years. This respect for different disciplines is what I hope I can bring, and I hope it becomes part of the college’s identity and DNA. We will have different elements that will work together and create a union that is more than the sum of its parts.

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The number of miles away from Houston – his home with his wife and children – that Rahul Krishnan has been while completing his medical education at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York City. In March, on national Match Day, he joined his fellow classmates in finding out where they were matched for internships and residency training. Griffis Faculty Lounge erupted in cheers, applause and the clinking of champagne flutes as the students toasted the next three to seven years of their medical careers.

Krishnan was matched to the University of Virginia for a residency in obstetrics and gynecology; he now is planning the next stage of his life – together with his family – in the mid-Atlantic.

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The year that the time capsule set to be buried in Klarman Hall during its formal dedication May 26 will be opened. The College of Arts and Sciences captured important writings, programs, music compilations and posters from Cornell in 2016, concentrating on highlighting the role of the humanities in the lives of Cornellians today, for inclusion in the time capsule; they also asked faculty, students, staff and alumni to tell students nearly five decades from now what music, movies, shows, books and art they love today and why they are important.

Also in the time capsule: photos of Klarman Hall construction, samples of 2016 technology, and short stories from creative writing students in 2016 with endings that will be revealed when the capsule is opened.

RAWLINGS RETURNS AS INTERIM PRESIDENT



Hunter R. Rawlings III, Cornell president emeritus and professor emeritus of classics, became interim president April 25 following the March 6 death of President Elizabeth Garrett. Provost Michael Kotlikoff had served as acting president since Feb. 19, when Garrett underwent surgery. Visit www.cornell.edu/elizabethgarrett/ to see the university's tributes and remembrances.

Rawlings served as Cornell's 10th president from 1995 to 2003. This is the second time he has accepted the position of interim president; he previously took the helm in 2005-06 following the resignation of Jeffrey Lehman. Rawlings served as president of the Association of American Universities from 2011-16.

An international search for the university's 14th president will begin in the coming months.

Multiethnic student group Mixed receives 2016 Perkins Prize

In 2015 members of the student club Mixed at Cornell created the print and digital Cornell Hapa Book Facebook page, featuring photographs and stories of 60 self-identified multiracial students, staff and faculty who answered the question, "What does being mixed mean to you?" The book received more than 8,000 views.

In March, Mixed was awarded the recently renamed James A. Perkins Prize for Interracial and Intercultural Peace and Harmony by Michael Kotlikoff, provost and acting president, "for its role in supporting and exploring the experience of multiracial/multiethnic individuals."

The Perkins Prize is given annually to the individual or program making the most significant contribution to furthering the ideal of university community while respecting the values of racial and cultural diversity. The award, administered through Cornell's Office of the Dean of Students, was created and endowed by Cornell Trustee Emeritus Thomas W. Jones '69 in 1994 to honor Cornell President Emeritus James A. Perkins, the university's seventh president (1963-69), who significantly increased the enrollment of minority students during the civil rights era.

BENCHES WITH A VIEW



"We love the university – there's a special place in the Stein psyche for Cornell."

Danny Stein '92.

A couple's love for Cornell is now a permanent part of the Ithaca campus. In 2015, the three children of Steven J. Stein '61 and the late Susan Volpert-Stein '62, two of whom are Cornell graduates themselves, gave a gift dedicating a bench overlooking Libe Slope to their parents, "whose life paths crossed on this hill," the bench dedication states.

The family also has founded a scholarship in memory of Susan Volpert-Stein, for a female student in statistics.

Alumni key to building Shoah archive, adding access

Beginning this semester, Cornellians can access 53,000 video interviews with survivors of the Holocaust and other genocides through the USC Shoah Foundation: The Institute for Visual History and Education.

The cataloging and searchability of the videos was carried out under the leadership of executive director Douglas Greenberg, M.A. '71, Ph.D. '74.

Access to the archive through Cornell was secured thanks to Robert J. Katz '69, chairman of the foundation's board.



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The age Angelica Gangemi '16 was when she saw a fencing scene in the movie “The Parent Trap” and decided that she wanted to fence; she began competing at age 9, and today is one of the Big Red’s most proficient foil fencers.

“I would just talk to the camera exactly how you would talk to a single person instead of an audience. Pretend that you’re in that person’s home.”

– Katharine “Kit” Sigety '44, describing the advice her mother gave her when she got her first job hosting a cooking show as “Sally Smart” in 1951.

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CLASS NOTES

NEWS OF FELLOW CORNELLIANS

45 **Madeline Hulse** Beck (Atlanta, GA) moved from Florida to a one-room apartment in Atlanta when she was 91 to be with her attorney son who had moved from Arizona. It's wonderful, she says, to have him nearby instead of 1,500 miles away. She needs to use a roller chair because of eight broken bones. She wishes she had the strength to help others as she used to, and to write more books. She wrote an eight-book series on the Bible with a professor (his name was under hers). It was a best-selling series for years.

Arlene Loede Hanley (Rochester, NY) tells us that she has finally, completely retired so she can enjoy her indoor and outdoor gardens. Her older son, Tom, retired from teaching high school science in Rochester schools. Daughter Pat is a clock-maker and owns Baker Clock Repair. Son Robert is an environmental consultant. She is happy, as she still enjoys her home. She'd like to hear from **Betty Warner** McMurtrie. **Lena Struglia** (Salem, OR) volunteers at the local library and church ministries. She takes ukulele lessons and performs with a group at retirement homes. **Walter MacFarland**, BCE '48 (Media, PA) reports there has been no recent change in his life. He says that the most valuable thing about his time at Cornell was meeting the woman who became his wife. **John Rogers III**, BCE '49, MBA '50, is now a resident of Ithaca, NY. **Alvin Silverman** (Roslyn, NY) retired from Wien & Malkin after 60-plus years of real estate "lawyer" with them. He has eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and he renewed a friendship with **Rachel Canick** Schwartz '47—all wonderful people, he assures us.

N. Bruce Weir (Cocoa Beach, FL) writes that the pace in Florida is slow, but living at the ocean is always interesting. He had a cancer operation last November, but has been told that he is okay now. The only classmate he knows is **Fred Williams** of Frederick, MD. The most valuable thing he learned at Cornell is that Cornell's good reputation always helps its graduates. **Richard Allen**, BME '47 (Cincinnati, OH) has two 3-year-old great-granddaughters. He and his wife of 66 years (a Bryn Mawr graduate) are off to California in a few days, and Richard says he'd like to be skiing. **Joe McDonald** (Mashpee, MA) is trying to get his affairs in order and prepare for assisted living. As for family, his four children are all married with their own children and doing well. He says the lives of the family are now focused on appreciating their available functions. Sports are limited to billiards, bocce, and bridge, and he'd like to be playing golf. He asks how fellow Cornellian **Frank Swingle**, BME '44, MME '49, is doing, and he hopes to hear from/about him. He says the most valuable thing he learned at Cornell was electrical engineering and also living a structured life in the Navy V-12. **Bernard Mayrsohn** (Purchase, NY) is chairman of the board of Mayrsohn Int'l Trading Co. Inc. His late wife, the former **Ethel (Handelman)**, was a member of the Class of 1946.

Here's a story that **Jack Gilbert**, president of the Class of 1949, sent late last winter about one of our classmates: "**Alma Morton** started at Cornell in fall 1941. I, Jack Gilbert '49, started at Cornell

in fall 1942. We met in early fall 1942 at an 11:00 a.m. Calculus class in White Hall. The class ended at 11:50 a.m. and we walked together across the Arts Quad, across the bridge, down Thurston, and up Wait Ave. Alma turned right up Triphammer to Kappa Delta and I turned left into the Theta Xi driveway. Thus began a loving relationship that lasted almost four years. For a 17-1/2-year-old kid it was quite an adventure. As reported in the Jan/Feb 2016 issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, Alma Morton Blazic died June 17, 2015 in Cincinnati, OH. Thanks for the memories, Alma."

Bob and I—as well as our other readers—enjoy hearing from our classmates, so do let us hear from you. **Julie Kamerer** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., Apt. 111, Silver Spring, MD 20904-0806; e-mail, julie.k.snell@gmail.com; **Bob Frankenfeld**, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, betbobf@aol.com.

46 Class president **Lloyd Slaughter** (Morgantown, WV; lslaughter594@aol.com) fell on the concrete floor of the gymnasium where he had been jogging in early February. He broke a hip and one wrist. The wrist was not severely broken, but it does make it harder to use the walker he needs while his hip heals. Lloyd will have been confined to a rehab center for two to six weeks by the time you read this. He promises not to let the accident keep him away from Reunion. Though confident of a quick, full recovery, he said, "I'd get back to Reunion even if I had to crawl there from West Virginia."

Lloyd is glad to have delegated Reunion preparations to a strong chairman and committee. For questions about Reunion, contact: chairman **Bob Nist** (727-834-8903; bobbnist@hotmail.com); **Dottie Taylor** Prey (650-342-1196; dmprey@aol.com); **Louise Greene** Richards, PhD '65 (607-266-0085; lrchar7@twcny.rr.com); **Gabe Pesce**, BCE '49, MCE '51 (805-201-2431; pennelope@reagan.com); or me, **Paul Levine** (925-201-7575; pblevine@juno.com). All of these classmates—Lloyd, and the five committee members—have committed to attend Reunion, and as of mid-February we have firm commitments from nine additional classmates: **Allen Boorstein**, **John Drew**, **Raymond Duffy**, **Philip Gisser**, **William Mutschler**, **Brendan O'Hara**, **Sylvia Mayer Paul**, **Carol Skaer** Ryan, and **Barton Snow**, BEE '48. At least five more are seriously considering attending. They include **Bill Sklarz**, **Randall Gritzan**, **Lee Rothenberg**, BS ORIE '48, **Jerold Finch**, BME '48 (if he can find a classmate from South Carolina or nearby to travel with), and **Law Beatty**, BCE '45. That adds up to 15 fully committed and five possibles to date. We need 24 to break the 70th Reunion record. Let's make history! Any classmates wanting to contact any of the above may e-mail me your e-mail address and/or your phone number and I'll pass the information along.

Some of our success to date rests on cooperation from the class treasury. All meals and registration fees are covered for each classmate and one guest. Additional guests will be offered discounted meal rates. Each classmate who stays in

the Statler for three nights or more will receive one of those nights free. Information on the university's lower-cost alternative bus was not available when this was written, but Erin Kennedy, our staff person, says that info will be included in a late March mailing.

President Emeritus Frank H.T. Rhodes and wife Rosa will be invited to grace our Friday night dinner. We'll have singing and dancing and wonderful educational programs throughout our stay. Bob Nist is cooking up a special celebration to honor the V-12 program on the 70th anniversary of its decommissioning. The bulk of its successful students graduated in 1946 and 1947. We expect good representation from both years to gather on the Hill to proclaim their brotherhood. Also available is a guided class bus tour showing off all of Cornell's major new buildings—probably Klarman, Gates, and Milstein—with a stop at Stocking Hall for an ice cream cone? All this and gala dinners with entertainment and the traditional options—Cornelliana Night and the Savage Club—will make for a fun-filled weekend, a weekend great to anticipate and greater to remember. Be there. You won't be sorry you came. Send me your updates via e-mail or snail mail: **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir., #S-202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (925) 201-7575; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com. Class website: classof46.alumni.cornell.edu.

It isn't too late for you to make plans to arrive in Ithaca for our 70th Reunion! DO IT! I have been scanning the class list and find there to be many of you out there. Bring someone along with you to assist if you like. It will be a wonderful opportunity to show off Cornell's special appeal.

Ann Hodgkins Ransom called me the other day. She had received the big Reunion announcement, but will not be there because her family is planning a huge 90th birthday party for her that weekend (44 grandchildren!). Ann's major at Cornell was Child Development. She sends her greetings to all '46ers. If you are ever in the Snyder Springs, GA, area—drop in! Thank you for that phone call, Ann. **Kathleen Smith** Mancini (Kaysgirls4@aol.com) is excitedly looking forward to Reunion. She made reservations at the Statler a while back and wonders how many will show up. I asked her to contact old friends.

If you have a copy of the *Cornellian* Class of 1946 yearbook (vol. LXXVIII, 78th ed.) refer to pages 66 through 71. This is our class history. Page 71 is particularly memorable. Did you know that this edition was dedicated to all enrolled veterans? Eager to hear from all women! **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, 1 Baldwin Ave., #501, San Mateo, CA 94401; tel., (650) 342-1196; e-mail, dmprey@aol.com.

47 Since we haven't yet received your latest round of news from this year's class mailings, I don't have any news for this column. If you haven't paid your dues yet or sent in your news, please do so today! Go to alumni.cornell.edu/classes to pay by credit card, or send a check (and a news form) in the return envelope provided in the class

mailing. This will not only help our class and get you a subscription to this magazine, but it will help make this column great. I'd love to share your updates with friends in a future column. ■ **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, 653 Primrose Lane, River Vale, NJ 07675; tel., (201) 391-1263; e-mail, irashain1@verizon.net.

48 John Van Zandt (Winston-Salem, NC): "Busy with church, Kiwanis Club, and neighborhood parties and events, plus family get-togethers. No serious visits to doctors in 2014. I use a cane sometimes and am on Medicare and AARP. I read the *Winston-Salem Journal*, the only paper in town. It's much better than the 'digital stuff.' I watch NBC and PBS TV. Martha and I celebrated our 69th wedding anniversary on June 1. We have four married children, 14 grandchildren with ten spouses, and 13 great-grandchildren, with two more on the way. That's 47. My favorite desserts are rice pudding and apple pie. Question: When will we ever learn to live in peace? We went to a granddaughter's wedding in Cape May, NJ."

Marian Young Bradley (Black Mountain, NC): "Exercise classes, volunteering, and trips planned by the retirement community where I live, plus the symphony orchestra and church activities keep me busy. Saw a doctor four times in 2014. I'm on Medicare and BCBS. I have a cane—I think I should use it. I read the *Asheville Citizen Times* and *Blowing Rock News*. They have the local news. I like Fox and NBC for TV and PBS radio. Recently visited Birmingham, AL, and New Orleans. I own a second home (it's for sale!) near Boone, NC, in the mountains. It's a beautiful large house on 78 acres with a barn. I've been in most of the US states. Plan to visit Abaco in the Bahamas next."

Leon Hammer, MD '52 (Sarasota, FL, and Indian Lake, NY): "Now that I am 90 with decreased energy, I do less traveling and more writing and bird watching. Saw a doctor about ten times in 2014. I'm on Medicare and Empire Blue Cross. I get the *New York Times* online, watch PBS TV, and listen to local public radio. My mother cooked mostly lamb chops, and nothing after age 14. My paternal grandmother was a great cook. My son is running for president on the Herbal Tea Party ticket. Recently 'birded' in Myakka River State Park and Celery Fields, both in Sarasota. I wish it were true that East and West 'never the twain shall meet,' but invasive plants and animal diseases are spreading quietly around a world that has no boundaries. I plan to visit a friend in Indiana."

Madeleine Miller Bennett (NYC): "I'm a 'culture vulture'—opera, ballet, theatre, and museums. Saw doctor twice last year and use a cane. Read the *New York Times* (best one) and *Vogue* magazine, watch WNET (public) TV, and listen to CBS radio. Question: Why are we involved in the Middle East? It's a quagmire. Granddaughter is a photographer in Vietnam. The new Whitney Museum of American Art next to the High Line public park in lower Manhattan opened in April. The traffic has been intolerable in NYC. I own a second home in Southampton, Long Island. I don't think East and West will ever meet. Will get hip replacement soon."

Roberta Caverno Roberts (Kennett Square, PA): "Swimming, traveling, walking, orchestra, reading, and bird-watching are for me. I'm on Aetna/Medicare and use a cane. The *New York Times* and *New York Review of Books* are my papers, and the *New Yorker* is my magazine. They are

informed and knowledgeable. I like MSNBC/CNN/PBS for TV and PBS for radio. Three kids, four grandkids. My continuing care retirement community has many activities—always something going on. We have a great pool and library. Recent visits to Hawaii, South Pacific, French Polynesia, and Indonesia. I hope, always hope, that East and West will meet. I've touched down in just about all the states. Went to Montana this summer, and hope for more travels."

Jane Bowers Bliss (Concord, NH): "Keep busy with music, plays, eating out, reading, games of all kinds, and cat sitting, but I usually go to sleep. Use a cane occasionally." **Shelley Joblin**, BA '47, MBA '48 (NYC): "Still active as a residential real estate broker with Stribling & Assocs. in Manhattan. Recently lunched in NYC with Johnson School classmate and fraternity brother **Jim Vlock** '47, BA '46, MBA '48." **Viola Mowry Storer** (Lexington, MA): "My husband, **Jim**, graduated in 1947 but is still a member of 1948." **Arthur Behrer** (New Bern, NC): "Play golf and bridge. Spent six weeks in the hospital in 2015. Fell down. Serious general injury, but now can walk OK. Use a cane or walker part time. I like my local paper, *Sun Journal*. I divorced then re-married 49 years ago. Family consists of two kids by first wife, two by second wife, and four granddaughters. Plan for future events is 'stayin' alive.'" ■ **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobbpersons48@gmail.com.

49 Classmates, have you heard of the Continuous Reunion Club (CRC)? Last year, your class correspondent came to Reunion as a member of CRC, accompanied by her daughter and three young grandchildren (aged 6, 7, and 9), all warmly welcomed by the other members. We cannot wait to go again this year. **Jim Hanchett** '53, who heads the club, writes, "For the 110th time, CRC joins Cornell's reunioneers at the many events, learned and otherwise, that Mater arranges." CRC itself has a full schedule of events planned. A lunch Friday at the Statler, preceded by a cocktail reception, will feature a full State of Athletics report by Andy Noel and a briefing on Big Red football 2016 by Coach **David Archer** '05. On Saturday night, dinner will be served at the Country Club of Ithaca. There is a children's program, offered by the university, which the young ones can attend all day. In order to participate with CRC, you must first become a member. If you are interested in joining, and perhaps in attending Reunion in June, please contact Jim at (212) 982-1392 or jch46@cornell.edu. You should know, in advance, that accommodations will be in the non-air-conditioned Low Rise 8 dormitory on North Campus.

Photos, photos, photos! Do send photos of yourself, your family, or your classmates, events you've attended, travels you've taken, or ceremonies you've taken part in, to the Alumni Photo Gallery (<http://cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery>)! I just came across this poem, which I thought might be of interest: "*Cane in Haiti / Green sky first warning / Grey masses building up*

/ Wild winds forming / Sea rains from sky / Salt rain / Blinds, deafens, smothers, crushes / Hurricane in Haiti." Have any of you experienced a hurricane? Tell us of adventures you've been through! Your correspondent's adventures these days are mainly those of caring for the above-mentioned children and keeping house for my daughter, Emily Lizbeth, who is a surgeon. Our small town (pop. 3,600) is almost exactly between Pittsburgh and New York City (four-and-a-half hours either way), so we often visit one or the other.

Sadly, we received this report from **Dorothea Dashefsky** Fast (Livingston, NJ; fastdotmom@aol.com): "**Arlene Whitman** Ross, a dynamic, warm-hearted, dear friend and classmate, passed

away in January 2016 after a courageous fight against pancreatic cancer. Although originally from Poughkeepsie, NY, and living many years in New Jersey, her real home seemed to be NYC, beginning immediately after our graduation when she was chosen for retail training by a 5th Avenue department store. Within a few years she married Bernard Ross from New Jersey and moved there to raise two daughters. Widowed young, she resumed work in NYC, developing expertise in home décor. She moved to New York, enjoying the fast pace and excitement, but retaining her inner warmth, her devotion to family and friends, and her love of Cornell. She attended our last Reunion in 2014. We will all miss this valiant lady."

Classmates, we all eagerly await your news! Do tell us what you are doing, have done, and are going to do! Let's all get together at the Continuous Reunion Club, which will be meeting, as every year, at the (Brud) Holland Int'l Living Center, Low Rise 8, on North Campus—as Jim Hanchett says, "A shortish stagger past Balch from the Arts Quad." ■ **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, 50 Grant St., Wellsboro, PA 16901; tel., (570) 948-9107; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 Because of the massive snowstorm out East the weekend of January 22-24, the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Philadelphia was cancelled. The cancelled business meeting was subsequently held by conference phone call on January 27. "Attending" were co-presidents **Jim** and **Nancy Hubbard Brandt**, past president and co-correspondent **Pat Carry** Stewart, secretary **Ruth Downey** Crone, treasurer **Fred "Ben" Williams**, past president **Dick Pogue**, co-correspondent **Paul Joslin**, and council member **Jack Rose**. Pat, Jack, and Dick agreed to serve as a committee to nominate a VP to replace **Stan Rodwin**, who died in November. **Marion Steinmann** will continue as the other VP. Ben Williams volunteered to replace Stan Rodwin as Reunion co-chair to serve with **Jane Wigsten** McGonigal, PhD '84.

Considering the limited use which has been made of the regional class council, the decision was made to discontinue it for the future. It was also decided that for the next four years our annual class meeting will be held in late April at the Cornell Club in NYC. We still have a few

“Jean and I still have whatever wits we had.”
Raymond Firestone '51

copies of our class book, *Curfews, Chaos, and Champions*, available for \$25 (shipping included). Send a request to: Lauren Coffey, Cornell AAD Class Programs, 130 E. Seneca St., Suite 400, Ithaca, NY 14850.

Last Christmas, Jim and Nancy Hubbard Brandt, with their three children, spouses, and grandchildren, took a Viking river cruise up the Danube. From Budapest they visited Vienna, Melk, Passau, Regensburg, and Nuremberg. In Nuremberg, they took a WWII tour that included the Zeppelin Field where Hitler held his mass meetings of 100,000, and a museum in the partially completed 50,000-seat Congress Hall, where on display was the history of the Nazi regime from the 1920s through to their defeat in 1945, and Court Room Number Six in the Hall of Justice where leaders of the Third Reich were tried for war crimes. **David Weatherby** (Naples, FL) sent a news article with color photos (which I wish I could include here) about the teen love of his friend **Kirk Reid** (Hudson, OH)—a 1929 Ford station wagon he purchased at age 15 and which he drove on campus. In 1956 he had to sell it, and it went through several subsequent owners. But Kirk carefully kept track of his young love and got it back in 2003. Now, with full restoration, Kirk drives “Genevieve” in area car meets and parades. David also reports, “Bette and I are well and enjoying our digs overlooking the Gulf here in Naples.”

Eva Potter Lee moved to a retirement community on the ocean in Scarborough, ME, in the fall of 2014. Activities include the altar guild of St. Albans Episcopal Church in Cape Elizabeth and volunteering on committees in Piper Shores. “I also play golf and bridge, visit family, and go to local theatre and other events in Portland.” When Cornell Prof. Emer. **Don Jewett** (Grantham, NH) wrote, he was still involved with two bands (Kearsarge Community Band in New London, NH, and the Charlotte County Concert Band in Port Charlotte, FL), playing pickleball, painting, bicycling, and kayaking.

Kenneth Dehm (Batavia, NY) was an auditor by profession, and in retirement has been active with the local Office for the Aging and playing cribbage twice a week. **Martha Galvin** Inskip (Tonawanda, NY) worked in early childhood education and has been a volunteer for Meals on Wheels for more than 25 years as well as a Sunday school teacher and treasurer for the women’s guild at her church. Marty moved from her family home to a wonderful senior apartment and now visits family in Illinois, Arizona, Georgia, and Massachusetts. **Louise Passerman Rosenfeld** (Mount Kisco, NY) is a retired professional interior designer and contractor who has been published in many books and national magazines. Her design and restoration work has been extensive and still continues: “I am a founding member and have continuing involvement in the Chappaqua Historical Society, including restoration of the Horace Greeley House, interior design of the local battered women’s shelter, plus many other local projects where design is specifically needed.” Louise’s husband, **Gabby** ‘49, JD ‘51, passed away in August 2014. **Esther Artman** Hammer lives in Rochester, but her teaching program of child sexual abuse prevention has been shared in many schools in NYS, Massachusetts, Illinois, Michigan, and California. Terry adds, “I co-lead with a staff member the Life Bio Program in the retirement community where I live. Over 100 men and women have completed this program, telling the stories of their lives.”

Ray Matz, BArch ‘51 (Norwalk, CT), a retired architect, volunteers at the Darien Book Aid Plan (donations and international shipments of books). Not surprising, he is also a reader himself. Ray sends his thanks to those responsible for the books and DVDs sent to classmates. We send condolences to **Ames Filippone**, MD ‘53 (Mantoloking, NJ) on the death of his wife, Barbara, in October 2015 from a stroke. Ames retired 16 years ago from a 38-year career at Morristown Memorial Hospital, including 21 years as chief of surgery. When **Bernard Herman** (Marlton, NJ) wrote, he was working part-time as an arbitrator for FINRA (the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority) and the Better Business Bureau, having retired as CEO of computer and electronics companies. He has also served as a board member for the local Goodwill Industries and Cadbury at Home. Before retirement, **James Luther** (Bryn Mawr, PA) worked in investment management, hotel development, and the oil business in North Dakota. He lived in Martha’s Vineyard for 20 years before moving to a retirement community seven years ago. He lost his wife to cancer in 1996.

Anita Ades Goldin is a former social worker and sociology lecturer at the U. of Louisville in Kentucky. She is also involved in many volunteer activities. **Philip Davis** is in Maryville, TN. When he wrote, he was busy “cutting firewood, cleaning brush, and keeping 12 acres of lawn mowed and trimmed.” He also volunteers with Meals on Wheels and at the Chilhowee Baptist Center. **Ann Leister** Mayer (Anacortes, WA) worked as an elementary school teacher and is now making quilts for world relief. **Herbert Rapoport** (Los Angeles, CA) was an electrical engineer by profession. Retired now, he provides a home and sanctuary for a dog and three cats. **David Inkeles** (DJI5@cornell.edu) is also in California. He sent a list of five additional Cornellians in his family, and reports that he and Eve are living the good life in Palm Desert. Dave is active in the local model railroad club, the yacht club (RC sailboats), and the genealogy club.

Richard Loynd is working in market and private investments in North Palm Beach, managing money for small groups. In his spare time, he plays golf and poker. He adds, “The 1948-52 football teams still get together every fall—and the stories get better every year. **Walt Bruska** has done a great job to keep this going!” **Jo-an Miner** Webb is a part-time real estate manager in Holmes Beach. She is also active with the Cornell Club of Sarasota, attends summer programs at the Chautauqua Institution, and is a theatre usher and a docent at the Ringling Museum. Before retiring, she was CEO of a manufacturing company for 12 years, then bursar for the U. of Pittsburgh Semester-at-Sea program. She says she is busy with her large family.

Donald Read, MBA ‘53, and wife Virginia are in Marco Island, FL. Don retired from a career in R&D, engineering, manufacturing, and real estate, including jobs in the Office of Synthetic Fuels and the Bureau of Weapons. He was also a senior systems engineer at the fire control and guidance branch of the Special Projects Office. **Nicholas Sheptak** (Holiday, FL) reports that in his first 30 years of work, he received eight US and two Canadian patents in four different fields. He spent 24 years at Dow Chemical Co., six years at American Can Co., and five years at Scott Equipment Co. He adds, “After retirement I joined the Int’l Executive Service Corp. and completed 20 projects in 13 years in North Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia, providing aid to 55 clients.” Nick lost his wife of 65 years in 2011 and now fills his time

with reading, weaving (36-inch loom), and gardening. “I use worms to fertilize plants and grow lights to enable me to have the garden on my screened lanai, away from insects and animals. This process does not require the piping of hydroponics.” Looking forward to your next round of news! **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; email, stewartpc@aol.com.

51 Bill Kay (Downingtown, PA) and his wife, Brit, have 23 grandchildren and three greats. He writes, “I have my third grandchild at Cornell as a sophomore. Last year I skied in Colorado for three weeks in January and February and for two weeks in March in Val-d’Isère, France, my 52nd year in Europe.”

Howard Shute (Severna Park, MD) took an Engineering Physics degree to DuPont, where he managed a lab for two years and found that was enough managing. Back to school for a PhD in physics and to GE for a career. In retirement he’s a museum trustee and member of a hiking club. Google led me to a website that answers a lot of questions about Howard, but there was nothing about the Eagle & Anchor he was president of at Cornell. Anybody remember Eagle & Anchor? I couldn’t find it in the 1951 *Cornellian*. **Samuel Serata** (Bridgeton, NJ) writes, “I’m holding fast at four children, seven grands, one granddaughter-in-law, and six guests. That’s enough. Still practicing law in my hometown, visiting children, etc.” The Cartoon Parade is still his fondest Cornell memory.

Reg Rice, MBA ‘52 (Menlo Park, CA) writes, “I have a grandson who is a frosh at UCLA.” He splits wood from a fallen eucalyptus tree in his spare time. “Sunsets over Lake Cayuga and listening to the Libe Tower chimes play” were his fondest memories. **Adele Mongan** Fasick (San Francisco, CA) writes, “I just published the second in a series of mystery stories I’ve been writing. The title is *Death Visits a Bawdy House*, set in NYC in 1843. I enjoy the writing and the research and am working on a third book now. I enjoy keeping up with the Cornell new student reading series, which last year brought me back to reread **Kurt Vonnegut** ‘44’s *Slaughterhouse Five*. I’m glad it was introduced to entering students.” Adele would like to hear from **Lois Rasmussen** Seulowitz.

Janet Armstrong Hamber (Santa Barbara, CA) writes, “My son (UC Davis) drove me to Cornell’s 150 event in Los Angeles—a wonderful party celebrating the Sesquicentennial with about 400 people in attendance and a grand theatrical presentation about the university’s history, past and present, that ended with singing the Alma Mater and almost brought a tear to my eye.” **William O’Hara** (Webster, NY) writes, “Willie married Bonnie on July 18, 2015. Talked to **Richard Manion** recently. He is living in Melbourne, FL.” Dick retired as director of department strategy, US Army Command and General Staff College.

Chuck Ahrend (Harrisonburg, VA) writes, “I have three great-grandchildren, play golf, and attend water aerobics three times a week. It’s not easy getting old.” **Raymond Firestone** (NYC) writes, “My grandchildren have graduated from college. One is a lawyer, the other an architect (Cornell ‘14). Two of Jean’s grandchildren are also out of college. Jean and I are getting old (84), but still have whatever wits we had. Still engaged in chemistry research (on my own dime), correspondence,

publication. Both of us consuming chamber music after not playing for a few years. It's hard to find time with all the things NYC has to offer. Fondest memory of Cornell: meeting my first wife, **Carolyn (Rapp) '53**, who died of cancer in 1983. Fondest memory since then: meeting my present wife, Jean. We were lucky and are still happy together."

Sabra Baker Staley (Arlington, VA) in her Christmas Staley Standard introduced her 15th great-grandchild, Elijah Allen, and her 16th, Johanna Grace Ostlind. Grandson Jacob returned from a month's training near Cullowhee, TN, with a national-registered EMT certificate with wilderness upgrade. Sabra writes, "Granddaughter Virginia has earned her second master's degree—the first in education, K-12, the second in special education. Virginia and Jay live on a dead-end street in Culpepper, VA, about two hours away. I stopped by at dusk one day recently. Kids were all over the sidewalk and street, Jay sitting on the front step. 'Come in,' said Jay and opened the door. By the time I got up the porch steps, nine kids had filed through the door ahead of me, taken seats on his long couch, chosen teams, and turned on an interactive TV game. My kind of household." Please send your news to: bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 Greetings from Pittsburgh, where it is unusually warm as I write this. Today brings some notes from classmates and some updates about our next Reunion.

Robert Wainwright, DVM '52 (Schenectady, NY), who really keeps up with friends, writes, "I'm looking forward to my 90th birthday. **Jim Gourlay**, DVM '52, **John Brennan**, DVM '52, and I are planning to get together for lunch. I also maintain contact with classmates **Wendell Loomis**, DVM '52, **Bob Trowbridge**, DVM '52, and **Bob Milkey**, DVM '52." He adds, "I've been playing Wii bowling and dancing with several pretty ladies (gaining me the nickname 'Fred Astaire'). Occasionally I get the pleasure of watching my daughter train and compete with her beautiful new 6-year-old horse, Apollo." This Memorial Day Bob will be visiting with daughter Kathy, who lives out West. **Joan Jago Townsend** (Arlington, TX; d-j.townsend@sbcglobal.net) had been traveling to Dayton, OH. "Recently our granddaughter Julianne, on break from Johns Hopkins, visited the USAF museum there and spotted a picture of Dick in the Vietnam exhibit. When we visited to see this we were given a grand tour, and he was interviewed for background info on his experience for the archives. It was a very special day for him and all of us—daughter, son, and two granddaughters. Two weeks later, we went to San Diego to see a grandson complete boot camp and become a Marine—a very impressive ceremony."

Gerald Read (Prattsburgh, NY) reported online that he was retired and that not much was new; however, his family keeps growing. He has 14 grandkids and 14 great-grandkids. He'd like better health—"bothered by arthritis, but thankful for being able to get around." He was active in retired ag teachers, and now he just enjoys retired ag teachers. **Martin Cohen** (Belmont, MA; banjoengineer@aol.com) was running for re-election to town meeting and preparing a talk titled "Time, History, Philosophy, Art" for Chapter 8, New England, of the National Assn. of Watch and Clock Collectors. At this stage, his concerns are, he says, helping his

children and grandchildren in these tough financial times. **Nancy Guttman Slack**, MS Ag '54 (Scotia, NY) has retired from teaching at Russell Sage College in Troy, NY, but teaches at the Eagle Hill Inst. in Steuben, ME, in the summer. She is also working on a climate change project on Mt. Washington, NH. She had been cross-country skiing, but welcomed spring flowers. She and **Glen, PhD '56**, still live in their 1850 house in the country.

A funny note from **Jim Ling** (Fort Collins, CO; lingkal2@Q.com): "My daughter, who is currently coxswain for the men's crew at Pacific Lutheran U. in Tacoma, WA, had never heard the Cornell Crew Song. So **Tom Weber**, PhD '63, kindly downloaded it onto a CD, which I sent to her. She was impressed." Speaking of Tom (Williamsville, NY; twweber@buffalo.edu), whose news came in online, he is living at Canterbury Woods, where his primary activity is as secretary of the resident council. Until recently he swam a couple of days a week and "trained" a couple. Tom explains, "Owing to increasing back problems, I am curtailing that, but I have reason to believe that hope is on the way." In January he cruised to Panama with **Peter Paullin**, MS '61, and wife Ann, who were celebrating their 50th anniversary. Tom writes, "In June, I hopped into my car and drove to Lincoln, NE, to attend the annual convention of Torch Int'l. This ten-day 'journey through nostalgia' took me through Illinois and Iowa, where my family roots were. Along the way I visited with a half-dozen of my high school classmates (Class of '48 Hinsdale Township High School). In September, I went with a retired teachers group to Rome for three days followed by a ten-day cruise on the Mediterranean. My daughter, **Anne '89**, accompanied me." Queried about his best decision, Tom answers, "A combination of my father's decision for me to go to Cornell to study Chemical Engineering in 1948, and my decision in 1958 to return there for graduate studies, supported, to some extent, by the GI Bill."

George Vlahakis (Nashville, TN; gsvlahakis@att.net) writes, "I'm retired and enjoying my daughter and two grandchildren. We go out at least once a week for lunch or dinner. Don't travel much. Driving and going a lot slower." He has been trying to stay healthy and well, going to the gym three times a week for stationary bike, treadmill, and weights. He hopes to live to at least 100, Lord willing, and be able to drive his car safely. His concern is losing too many friends and classmates, both high school and Cornell, who have passed away. He says, "It is great to be alive." **Henry VerValen III** (Murrell's Inlet, SC; hennycvv@gmail.com) was busy preparing for his and Kay's move and selling the last of his old Jaguar cars. He hoped to get to our next Reunion. **Bob Conti**, MME '54, class co-president, is also our class's membership chairman. He e-mailed to say, "The Cornell campaign, for class dues/*Cornell Alumni Magazine* subscriptions, is winding down. Being connected to Cornell this year is especially important for our class to prepare for our 65th Reunion next year. If you have already joined up—thank you. If not, please act now to support our class and the university (alumni.cornell.edu/classes)."

Our 65th Reunion next year? How could it be? Well it is—June 8-11, 2017—and **Sue Youker** Schlaepfer, Reunion co-chair with **Dick Dye**, MPA '56, has written the following report: "We have been working on plans for our Reunion and we need your help on our two class projects: reminiscences (memories of our days on the Hill) and the Class History Project (recognition of classmates

who have made significant contributions to our class and/or the university). We are collecting anecdotal reminiscences of events, practices, and general happenings during your days on campus, and perhaps how they affected your later life. Some of these will be put on our website to urge others to write. All will be shared at Reunion and then given to the Cornell Archives to document what the Cornell experience was like in the early 1950s. Remember? Only skirts—no pants or jeans; house party weekends; floats and parades; Louie's, Japes, and the Ivy Room; the university acted *in loco parentis*; football games with a packed stadium; and so on. These can be sent to me, Sue, at: 106 Sheldon Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; or by e-mail (sueysch@gmail.com). The Class History Project committee will be taking suggestions for those to be recognized for their contributions to our class or to Cornell. Dick Dye and his committee are working to identify candidates and welcome your suggestions. All classmates should be considered, whether their contributions were long ago or recent. Nominees may be sent to Dick (dickdye@verizon.net)."

Kathleen Tunnell Handel '77 wrote to sadly report the death of her beloved dad, **Kenneth Tunnell**, an avid Cornellian, on October 9, 2015. Ken's long obituary tells of his many activities at Cornell, in the Air Force, with his management consulting firm, and with his church and community. He is survived by five children, 11 grandchildren, and his wife of 62 years, **Joanne (Huntington) '51**, MPA '52. Send news to: JoanBoffaGaul@mac.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

53 We made reservations for fine dining for ten classmates and fellow travelers at the headquarters of the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) mid-winter meeting in Philadelphia for January 22. But it was to be scrubbed late the day before, when the Pennsylvania governor declared an emergency situation. Earlybirds headed home over clear roads just before that whopping blizzard snow-belted Philadelphia, D.C., NYC, and elsewhere along the East Coast. One person managed to book a 5 a.m. Friday flight home to Chicago. Our treasurer, **Bill Gratz**, and prez, moi, unanimously declared ourselves a quorum to replace the planned class meeting. We agreed to continue the time-honored practice of sending the New Student Reading Project book to those who request it.

Emeritus professor **Randy Barker** (Ithaca) wrote from Los Banos, Philippines, that he hadn't retired quite yet, but Los Banos is a second home after the many years he's been deep into research and teaching with Cornell's Los Banos agricultural development project. He transferred to Cornell when we were very young from Princeton via Exeter and Swampscott, MA, and became active in CURW, the One World Club, Ho Nun De Kah, and Sigma Phi.

Margaret Horsfall Schadler (Niskayuna, NY) divided her time during those good old days on our Hill among Arts and Sciences, Tri-Delt, WSGA, CURW, Cornell Shows (co-chair), Octagon, Women's Glee Club, and Sage Choir. She maintains that the best concert she attended at Cornell was the Savage Club (and she should have the fine-tuned taste). She remains active with board meetings, classes at Union College, and walks and nature walks, not to mention trips to the tip of the toe of the boot of Italy, Ethiopia, and Arizona.

Robert Ashton (NYC), a soccer letterman, Octagon member, and Mechanical Engineer, avoids idle hours with the Engineers Club, a senior study group, and the Cornell Glee Club. His best decision, says he, was to buy the boat that he sailed around the world in, early in his retirement. The best concert? Hearing the Michigan Glee Club after **Bill Whelan**, **Jack Jaeckel**, **Lyndon Hull '51**, **Hal Seidenberg '52**, **JD '57**, **Todd Kolb**, **Vince Giarrusso**, **Al Pyott**, and so many others upset the Big Ten and Rose Bowl champion Michigan Wolverines 20-7 after losing 53-15 at Princeton in 1951.

Speaking of football, and the snows of yesteryear, we left drifts behind in NYC for the football team's annual banquet in Ithaca the weekend after CALC. All-America running back **Luke Hagy '16** was named MVP after gaining 2,336 yards afoot and 1,582 more with caught passes in his Big Red years. He said he would not be seeking an NFL future. Homecoming '16 is the weekend of September 24 (vs. Yale). The traditional Fifties dinner is in the works.

Sadly, we received news that **Glenn Crone** passed away last December. In news sent last spring, he wrote, "The best decision I ever made was to adopt persistence as the best rule after the Golden Rule. It has enabled me to cope with extended hospitalizations and the heart-rending time when our five children were abducted and we didn't know where they were for over two years. In fact, I have adopted a poem that I recite to myself when I'm facing a problem. A quote: 'They told me it couldn't be done / but with a smile I went right to it / and tackled this job that couldn't be done / and couldn't do it.' It makes me laugh and try even harder. The beauty of it is that it works."

When Glenn wrote, he was no longer selling real estate and had "cut back drastically on performing," but 2015 was his 53rd year of performing as Santa Claus. He wrote a number of books about that jolly old elf. For instance, *There Really Is a Santa Claus* and *How Do You Tell a Child There Is No Santa Claus*. ("You don't. It's how you don't that is important.") Then there's *From Saint to Saint*, the autobiography of St. Nicholas as revealed to a friend and "US"—let there be peace on earth and let it begin with us, a series of letters between St. Nicholas and Saint Nick. He was working on an autobiography—"An Almost Was on the Threshold of Being a Has Been." Glenn sang first tenor with the Cornell Men's Glee Club for four years. More recently, he took in a Cornell Glee Club concert in nearby Richmond. "They acknowledged my presence and asked me to join them on stage. I did and thoroughly enjoyed singing 'the Old Songs.'" ■ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

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How often do you play the popular songs of the early '50s? I have been taking a stroll down memory lane via the songs that we sang, played, or listened to during our years at Cornell, i.e., "Mona Lisa," "Harbor Lights," "How High the Moon," "Mule Train," "The Naughty Lady from Shady Lane," "Good Night, Irene," and "Mood Indigo," to name but a few. With each melody, memories flowed unasked, unbidden, uninvited, and mostly pleasant. Some are bittersweet, recalling friends now gone; others brought visions of dancing at Leonardo's to "Moonlight Serenade" accompanied by the mellow sounds of Glenn Miller; others of houseparty weekends in Barton Hall, when the big bands came to

Ithaca. There were also the lovely Sunday tea dances. As I write I have two hours of the big bands teasing forth those long ago forgotten events. There were so many big bands in those days that a medley gives the stroll a giant tug at the gray cells, which is good for us who are in their 80s. Have fun. If you start with "In the Mood," your feet will thank you. To get you on your feet and moving, play some Lester Lanin.

Robert Evans thinks he might possibly retire just a bit, having sold his business at the Windmill. But, with his energy, it might be worth a re-

“The ranking Army sergeant handed us the customary reward: a one dollar bill.”

Hal Sweeney '55

visit. He said one of his best decisions was attending Syracuse Medical College and then working for Carnation. **William Lohman** (Bloomington, MN) is delighted to be retired and able to watch his grandchildren through their college years and attend their graduations. **Jan Jakes Kunz**, our website wiz, might have moved to Corrales, NM, a couple of years ago, but is definitely not retired from local activities. She has been asked to develop policies and procedures for a local nonprofit and is also working with her second museum. They needed her help in getting its exhibits together in story/history sequence. Along the way she is learning a good deal about New Mexico and its people, agriculture, and cultures. Its foundations go back over 400 years and are well worth studying. Jan has found a treasure trove to explore.

Clancy Fauntleroy, as has been written, has served the class well for years and years in several capacities, along with being inducted into the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014. What hasn't been told of is the fact that he has been teaching computer and photographic skills to classes of seniors. I guess that be us. Oh, yes, and his favorite hangout was Jim's Place. I have followed **Dana Dalrymple**, MS Ag '56's distinguished career, have read articles on his research into the use of *Artemisia annua*, and was delighted to learn Cornell has named him as one of its Distinguished Alumni, as they had his father in 1985. Both are CALS grads. Having made six trips to Africa and a couple to China myself, Dana's long study in ways to treat malaria is of keen interest. If you Google Dana and *Artemisia annua* you too can read of all Dana has done. World travelers will find it especially interesting. Congratulations, Dana, and thank you. **Law Stone**, B Chem E '57, has forsaken the East Coast and seems to be well adjusted to life in the Golden State.

Remember, looking up classmates or other Cornellians is easy via CornellConnect. Log in with your NetID and search away. If you do not know your NetID, the site will instruct you how to get it: just click on "Find your NetID" and you are on your way. The mailbag contains but a rattle and little else. We'll be back with more class news when the next group of notes comes in this spring. Meanwhile, keep dancing. And please send me your memories. Music does help unlock so much that has been tucked away for years. ■ **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesiejreed@me.com. Class website, classof54.alumni.cornell.edu.

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We extend our sympathy and love to former class president **Barbara Loreto Peltz**, whose husband, **Lee '54**, died early this year. I can't think of many Cornell couples who have given more to Cornell, and none who loved it more.

Dick Stratton, MBA '57, reports that his grandson is a third-generation Cornellian and a member of the ILR Class of '18. Keeping pace with the younger set, Dick adds that he attends various classes and discussions at local learning centers. Like so many of you, Dick says the Straight

was his favorite place to study, eat, and meet with friends. Since graduating, he has kept connected with Cornell, visiting campus and attending athletic events, and also interviewing prospective students. **David Knipe**'s latest book is *Vedic Voices: Intimate Narratives of a Living Andhra Tradition*, available on Amazon. **Mort Kolko** is serving on the board of the Foodlink Foundation and is chairman of the Hospice Advisory Board of Lifetime Care and Hospice. His grandson graduated with a BA last June. Mort's favorite place to study, meet, eat, and relax was the Beta Sigma Rho house. He's enjoyed an occasional Penn-Cornell Thanksgiving luncheon and looks forward to reunion gatherings with his fraternity brothers.

After college, **Joan Fellerman** Hartz said she had planned and prepared herself to get a job in Paris, and found herself in David Schoenbrun's office at CBS News. "He was telling me not to work in Paris, because life was difficult there in the postwar period." Just then, his secretary buzzed to speak with him. "I waited outside and when I reentered, he told me that she had just resigned and that I was hired!" So many lucky turns on the path can happen unexpectedly. **Ann Busch** Githler is looking forward to being in a retirement community with her partner, George Martin. Ann traveled to Iceland and the Faroe Islands to see the total solar eclipse, preceded by a week each in Prague and Vienna for opera. **Veralee Hardenburg** McClain won't forget singing in the *St. Matthew Passion* with Keith Faulkner, "and his beautiful bass voice." Vee also mentioned dancing in the Memorial Room, "looking over the lights of Ithaca." **Elaine Rose Cerny** said she'll never forget the Newman Club dance at the Straight—"when **Lawrence** and I met. Thrilling!"

A favorite class for **Joan Murray** Jobsis was collective bargaining in the ILR school. Joan worked her way through college by waitressing at her dorm and later at the Hotel school. She remembers graduation as a beautiful sunny day—"although somewhat anticlimactic for me, since I actually graduated mid-year in January. I will always remember going down into a coal mine as part of the ILR bus-riding course where we visited various industries." **Barbara Brenner** Levine's favorite class was Gov 101, and she cherishes the memory of "walking over the many bridges, coffee at Japes, and great friends," such as **Nancy Budlong** Lent, **Libby Milliken** Klim, BFA '55, **Judith Pentz** Wilson, and **Sue Epstein** Harrison, with whom she often had dinner in Balch. **Joanne**

Nussbaum Leef's dinner partner was apt to be **Carol Rutstein** Jackson in Dickson V—and four years later, when Joanne married Bob, Carol was her matron of honor.

Money, currency, and banking was **Philip Harvey's** favorite class, and he clearly remembers **Guy Bedrossian**, MBA '56, shedding a tear at graduation. "I was not too far from joining him," Phil admits. **Mable Lamb** Haliburton's recollection of graduation was "the different schools standing up in blocks, which saved a lot of time." **Jean Persson** Holtzaple recalled her parents being there with flowers—"but where should I put them?" The graduation program was too long, Jean felt. "I was ready to leave." **Neal Jordan** was sitting on the stage that day, representing the Engineering Physics graduates. Many of you noted that the threat of rain had caused graduation ceremonies to be moved inside Barton—but in fact, the sun came out after all.

"Earlier in the day," **Hal Sweeney** pointed out, "a group of us newly commissioned lieutenants received our first salute from the ranking Army sergeant, and then he handed us the customary reward: a one dollar bill." I liked Hal's summary on his vision for the future: "I would hope for less economic inequity in American society; less money going into election politics; less hatred and more tolerance toward those of different ethnic, racial, or religious background; more governmental attention to working on solving major problems facing this nation; more focus on achieving excellence in education at all levels; more concern about the effects of human activity on our environment—and ultimately on human health and life itself." Hal and **Bill Doerler** recently visited with **Earle Peterson**, DVM '58, and his wife, **Cindy (Tschorn) '58**, in Cooperstown, NY, and toured the 1,000-plus-acre nature preserve that Earle has established nearby.

Let's stay in touch! Busy VP Bill Doerler has been lining up hosts and restaurants for Class of '55 luncheons in Florida. Volunteers who said they'd be interested in taking part were **Rex Boda** (Kissimmee), **Bernie Rodee**, BS AG '60 (Naples), **Ron Ganeles** (Boynton Beach), **Gerri Sobel Katz** (Delray Beach), and **Peter Schluter** (Fort Myers). The first get-togethers were to be held in February, and Bill would welcome a call from any other classmates who'd like to host or attend. You can reach Bill by phone (609-575-8718) or e-mail (wdoerler1@aol.com). Remember, it's important to let Cornell know when you change your e-mail address. 'Til next time: ☐ **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.

Elie Schaffer, our Parisian classmate, visited her family and friends here in New York for a few weeks. **Bob Silman** (Boston and Great Barrington, MA) is teaching his philosophy of technology course at the Harvard School of Design. **Peter Dirlam** (Southbridge, MA) is still working with his brother, John, manufacturing precision miniature threaded parts and industrial pads. **Ernie** and **Barbara Lang Stern** are enjoying life at the PGA National in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, where **Dan Silverberg** can also be found, enjoying Frenchman's Creek. Ernie reports that Dan and wife Linda travel often when Dan isn't on the links. Classmates spotted by Ernie at a Cornell financial meeting in Juno Beach, FL, this past

February were **Roberta Halpern** (Longmeadow, MA), **Bert Lewis** (Scarsdale, NY), and **Kathy Lundy Anger** (North Palm Beach, FL). **Martin Offenberg** (La Habra, CA) continues his work as a physician. **Doug Parker**, LLB '58 (Ojai, CA) is publishing his blog of political commentary. Check it out at: www.RINOCracy.com.

New York City classmates: Lucky me, I caught the "right" Madison Avenue bus, and there was our class treasurer, **Burt Siegel**. Forty blocks on the bus with lots of time to catch up. **Barbara Rapoport** had a delicious French luncheon with **Norma Redstone** Shakun. Norma divides her time between Vermont and Paris. Barbara divides her time between New York and Paris, so they had lots of common interests to discuss.

Vivian Goodrich Schmidt, MS '59 (Bartlesville, OK) passed away this past January. Vivian was active in politics in Fort Wayne, IN, having served on the city council for ten years from 1971-81, and the League of Women Voters for 51 years. Her husband is **William '55**, MS '59. **Martin Abel** (Alexandria, VA) passed away this past January. Martin spent his career in our government's service. While in graduate school, he served on a US Dept. of Agriculture task force that developed the framework for the national food stamp program. From 1961-68 he served the Kennedy and Johnson administrations at the USDA, which culminated in his appointment as deputy undersecretary for international affairs. During that time he played a role in developing policies to end severe famine in India through the Green Revolution and the passage of the Food for Peace Act of 1966. After leaving federal service, Martin spent two years in New Delhi as part of the Ford Foundation, continuing his work to move India toward food self-sufficiency. He dedicated the remainder of his career as faculty at the U. of Minnesota and as a private consultant before his retirement in 1998. Martin is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jane.

Please note our new class Reunion blog: www.cornellclassof56.blogspot.com. Full details for our Reunion will be out in March, when registration information will be sent out to reconnect with our old friends and make new Cornell memories. Our Reunion chairs are available to answer any questions: **Carole Rapp** Thompson (carolerapp@earthlink.net) and **Cid Brandon Spillman** (cbspillman@hotmail.com). Send news to: ☐ **Phyllis Bosworth**, 8 E. 83rd St., New York, NY 10028; e-mail, phyloboz@aol.com.

57 **Don Williams** took a cruise on the Danube River last summer from Budapest to Amsterdam. Living in Redmond, WA, he enjoys his visits to the wine country in various parts of the state. **Ralph Deeds's** family is a whirlwind of activity. Ralph and spouse Tucker travel from Birmingham to the San Francisco Bay Area to visit children and grandchildren as often as I go to the grocery store. Son Eric is general counsel and secretary of TubeMogul in San Francisco. Daughter Sarah is active in her architecture practice and has received significant ink in the *San Francisco Chronicle* in this regard. Son Paul is co-founder and general manager of HubPages.com, an Internet publishing company. For those of us mathematically challenged, Tucker can tutor us back to reality. Ralph continues to enjoy racing his sailboat in retirement.

From Odessa, FL, **Michael Daly**, MEd '59 (remember that great tenor voice highlighting concerts at Bailey Hall with the "Rose of Tralee?")

sends word that the weather is terrific (go figure) and he continues his musical career by selling albums worldwide of Irish songs, Christian hymns, baby lullabies, cowboy Western songs, folk tunes, Christmas carols, and more. You can get more information at: www.michaeldalytenor.com. He would like to hear from the '57 members of the Glee Club. **Jim Brown** (Stratford, NH) is breeding Labrador retrievers and fishing. He recently wrote a new book, *In the Woods and On the Water with Jim Brown*, which is available on Amazon.

Phil McIndoo escapes from Princeton, NJ, each January to a cottage on an island off Sarasota. Several family members join him for what should be lots of sunshine. This year was not ideal, with wet and chill the order of most days, highlighted by two (count 'em—two) tornados during one night. Back safely in Princeton, he got volunteered again in the Bryn Mawr-Wellesley Book Sale, a charity that funds scholarships. The largest book sale on the East Coast, it collects over 100,000 volumes and takes place over spring break. As our president, he is also most active in class activities. Thanks to significant seed money from the Class of 1957 (I can hear **Steve Weiss** saying that at the start of his chairman of the board remarks at reunions in Bailey Hall), the Glee Club and Chorus recorded the first new album of Cornell songs in 42 years. Classmates can order a CD copy of "Songs of Cornell" from the Glee Club website (gleeclub.com/store.html). Send news to: ☐ **John Seiler**, suit case2@aol.com.

Your class officers have been attending the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) since its inception, but Mother Nature had other ideas last January. The record snowstorm in the Northeast caused the cancellation of CALC in Philadelphia, but nonetheless a class meeting was held in February via the telephone. Highlights: a new class historian, **Chris Zeller** Lippman, was welcomed; financially we are solvent; the class treasury following our 75th Reunion in 15 years will be added to the endowments that fund our Class of 1957 scholarships and Tradition fellowships; **Dori Goudsmit** Albert and **Paul Noble**, co-chairs for our 60th, will make sure that our housing will be accessible for those with mobility issues; and **Nancy Krauthamer** Goldberg will arrange a pre-Reunion luncheon for Ithaca area classmates. Regional VPs are urged to do the same. **Charlie Parker**, BME '59 (parker3679@aol.com) has set the date of May 14 for a luncheon get-together for the New England group at the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, MA. There are rooms for an overnight stay if people want, and Charlie will organize some informal events.

Betty Cohen Theil sent an update on her life since graduation. "As a Bacteriology major in the last row of CALS graduates at Commencement, I well remember the *sotto voce* moos as we stood up to move our maize-colored tassels from one side of our mortar boards to the other! What a fantastic education it was!" With her degree as a springboard, Liz obtained a PhD in biochemistry at NCSU in Raleigh, NC, raised her children, and was the first woman to hold a chaired professorship there. Now she has emeritus status and is living in the Bay Area, where she moved her research program and is a cofounder of a small company translating research work to a product. Liz is enjoying retired life in San Francisco, nearby to her two sons and their families.

How many of us can say we had a classmate friend from kindergarten straight through to Cornell graduation and beyond? Well, **Marj Nelson** Smart can. She and **Sue Shindler** Hillier started school together in East Aurora and maintained a lifelong friendship. Marj informs me that Sue died in January. The wicked winter weather eased just enough so that Marj and friends could attend a memorial service for Sue.

Another classmate from our days in Home Ec (and a frequent contributor of news to this column) has passed away. **Mona Reidenberg** Sutnick had a distinguished career in the field of nutrition. She received a master's from Drexel and her doctorate in education from Temple. She was a researcher, teacher, writer, consultant, and nutrition expert appearing on television and talk radio. In addition, Mona was on the boards and committees of many nutrition and health organizations, as well as the recipient of numerous awards from Philadelphia-area groups. Certainly a life well led. Send news to: [Judy Reusswig, JCRuss@aol.com](mailto:Judy.Reusswig@JCRuss@aol.com).

58 We have just returned from a long weekend in NYC, where we attended the victory dinner for Cornell's capital campaign. A roaring \$6.3 billion was raised. Congratulations to all who worked on the campaign! The next day we went to see Cornell Tech in NYC, which has broken ground on its new campus and already has an active tech community with students, faculty, and staff engaged in research, classes, conversations, and projects. The new Cornell College of Business will also be involved in this graduate program.

Muriel King Taylor, MD '62, paints in a weekly class and is trying to learn the art of Sumi (Asian ink painting) and having mild success. She and husband John continue to enjoy "the house that Jack built" in Lakewood, WA, where they have lived since 1991. She writes, "Jack and I were married at ages 35 and 50." Their son just married for the first time last year. Muriel's WOW (Women on the Water) demonstrated a replica of an 18th-century French admiral's gig in an event sponsored by their county library celebrating the wonderful book *The Boys in the Boat*. It's a wonderful story of the Olympian rowing crew who won in Berlin and also includes some of Cornell's rowing history along with the story about the remarkable U. of Washington crew who succeeded in humiliating Hitler.

Herbert Whittall is still working as technical director for the Electrical Generating Systems Assn. in Florida. Last year he went to three grandchildren's college graduations and still plays tennis several times a week. **John Padgett**, MS Ag '59, lives in Key West, FL, but frequents New York, Europe, and the Caribbean, looking after investments and supporting charitable activities. His business life featured multiple international assignments, and he founded Padgett Assocs., a private equity investment firm in Amsterdam. He is heavily involved in charitable projects, is vice chair of Florida's State Board of Education, and in 2014, he founded Monroe Compute\$ to promote coding and computer science in Monroe County.

Bill Hazzard, MD '62, has relocated from Seattle to the East Coast back in Winston-Salem, NC, the lovely Carolina Piedmont town named for two cigarettes (or was it the other way around?), where he lives near his two daughters. His two sons still live in Seattle. In nearly full retirement, he has returned to the faculty of the Wake Forest School of Medicine, within walking distance of his apartment.

Here he is indulging in his interests of medical education and pursuing his long-standing focus in gerontology and geriatric medicine. He still stays in touch with his old pals in the Sherwoods and looks forward to seeing many classmates at our 60th! When **Chick Marshall** retired in 2013, he said he had three concerns: nothing to do, driving his wife crazy, and improving his golf game. To his surprise, all three were incorrect as he is busier than ever, his wife loves having him around, and his golf game is still a challenge! They travel a lot and he is just finishing up a two-year term as chairman of Distinguished Restaurants of North America, which occupied a lot of time as it has 600 fine dining restaurants that support the nonprofit organization.

Carolyn Browne Malkin still paints, is in several organizations, and always spends the summers in her beloved Adirondack home. Her son lives in Virginia and her daughter in North Carolina. She feels so blessed to be doing exactly what she wants, and she learned from Cornell that the value of a wonderful education is immeasurable! Have a wonderful summer! [Jan Arps Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com](mailto:Jan.ArpsJarvie@gmail.com); **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com.

59 **Alan Rosenthal** took an early-January news request from your class correspondent seriously. It was "the best conference we did not have!" he reports. "Dee and I arrived in Philadelphia mid-day on January 21 for the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), but around 5 p.m., we received notice that the event was cancelled because of the approaching blizzard. Nonetheless, we had fun seeing some old friends, including **Bill and Sue Phelps Day '60**, MED '62, who like many others had traveled long distances. We were all in good spirits anticipating the blizzard and making plans to leave before it set in Friday night." (The class officers held their annual meeting via webinar in mid-March.)

"I have been a 24/7 caregiver going on six years," writes **Fred Harwood** of Vernon, CT. "These are not the golden years that Nancy and I expected. Nancy had a stroke in 2011, ironically while presenting a grammar lesson in Ithaca to an undergraduate group from four regional colleges. Fortunately we are blessed with three great kids, including **Peter '96**, and seven magnificent grandchildren. My nonprofit, Inti Academy of Manchester, NH, has been my passion since its founding in 2009. Our mission statement is, 'Brightening the lives of Manchester's inner-city youth.' Inti Academy utilizes soccer, academic support, and art to provide opportunities for growth and development on the part of Manchester's refugee, immigrant, and inner-city youth. I have been involved in everything we do. Very gratifying. I am now Inti's exclusive grant writer. Fundraising is difficult and grant writing is a tedious process, as many of our philanthropic classmates can appreciate. But, as in other aspects of my life, Cornell gave me the skills and inspiration to persevere and succeed."

During his most recent trip to Mumbai, **Gerald Schultz** of Rancho Mirage, CA, got together once again with **Ratan Tata**, BArch '62, this time for breakfast at the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel. Jerry and Ratan talked about their families, their previous meetings in Mumbai and San Diego (where Jerry lives), philanthropy, and the American presidential race. Ratan retired three years ago as chairman of the Tata Group, but has been extremely busy with his other interests, which include membership on

Cornell's Board of Trustees. Jerry travels to India annually to lecture at eye institutes and to attend the All India Ophthalmology Congress, where he chairs a course on ophthalmic genetics.

John Murphy, LLB '62, has published *Luck of the Irish: A Memoir*, now available from Amazon. "As you would assume, the memoir contains considerable discussion of my time at Cornell," says John. As an undergraduate, John focused his studies on courses in the Government department, with a view toward going to law school, which he did at Cornell. He writes, "There were two developments in law school when I benefitted from 'the luck of the Irish.' The first occurred during my first semester when I was in a criminal law class sitting next to **John Fox, LLB '62**. John informed me that he had worked as an assistant tour leader on a tour run by a UCLA professor that went all over Europe, including Czechoslovakia, Poland, and the Soviet Union—places that few Americans were travelling to in 1959. Intrigued, I decided to apply for a position as an assistant tour leader the next summer. But I was initially turned down. I decided I would try again, because unless I got the job as an assistant tour leader I couldn't afford to go on the tour. This time I wrote a 'brief for myself,' shamelessly claiming to be a 'Big Man on Campus' who could recruit Cornell students to join the tour. I got the job and was so stimulated by the tour that upon returning to law school in the fall I enrolled in the international law class and decided to pursue an LLB with specialization in international affairs.

"The second development was during my last year at Cornell Law, when I noticed an announcement on the bulletin board of the Africa-Asian Fellowship Program financed by the Ford Foundation and administered by the Maxwell School of Public Administration at Syracuse U. The program chose ten fellows a year and placed them with the governments of countries in Africa and Asia. I was fortunate to be chosen as a fellow in India. This was an extraordinary experience that helped me to obtain a position as an attorney in the Office of the Legal Advisor in the US Dept. of State." During the rest of his career until his retirement, when he became a professor of law emeritus at the Villanova U. School of Law in 2014, John worked as an attorney in the Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for UN Affairs and as an associate attorney in major law firms in NYC and Washington, DC. He began his academic career by joining the faculty of the U. of Kansas School of Law. He also taught at the Georgetown and Cornell law schools, the latter in 1979, and at the US Naval War College. "Now as a professor emeritus, and even before I retired, I have often compared today's law students with myself and my classmates at Cornell Law," writes John. "There are many similarities, of course, although I think today's students face a tougher job market than we did in the early '60s. Perhaps the major change, however, is the great use made of technology in the teaching process and in the practice of law. In general, the greater use of technology has been beneficial. But to some extent this technology has had a dehumanizing effect, and I can see this may be even more of a worry in the future." [Jenny Tesar, jett24@cornell.edu](mailto:jenny_tesar@cornell.edu).

60 For the first time in recent memory, the annual meeting of all Cornell class officers, scheduled this year for January 21-23 in Philadelphia, was cancelled because of the mega-snowstorm that

blanketed the entire East Coast. So the Class of '60 officers held a telephone meeting. The only one actually in Philadelphia was **Sue Phelps** Day, MEd '62, who had conscientiously arrived early from the West Coast and then found herself snowed in until early the following week. Despite nature's unwelcome intervention, there was plenty of good news to share during the conversation: our class donated an astounding \$64,838,474 in 2015, the most ever during a 55th Reunion year; Reunion itself was judged a success by all measures; we

notes that his new place is convenient to stores and restaurants and includes a fitness center, a welcome perquisite.

A more dramatic geographical change was made by **Carol Sue Epstein** Hai, who sold her long-time residence in Rochester in the early fall and moved to a place in Lexington, MA, not far from the home of her daughter and family. She even managed to squeeze in a trip to Europe shortly after moving and says, "The October trip to Italy with Cornell was a huge success. The Italian Riviera is

Jim Moore, LLB '64 (jcmoore1939@gmail.com) writes, "In addition to occasionally serving as an arbitrator in commercial disputes, I have continued my long-term quest toward a goal of visiting all of the Baroque artist Caravaggio's confirmed 65 paintings in settings as diverse as Ft. Worth, TX, and St. Petersburg, Russia, and I have spoken at art crime conferences about art forgery and theft. I am also the grandfather of 11, one of whom will graduate from Cornell's AEP program in June." **David Kessler** writes, "I was inducted into the third class of Bethpage High School's Hall of Fame in October. Previous inductees included the head of the National Weather Service and the Nassau County Executive. I was a member of the second graduating class in 1957 (class valedictorian). Living in the rural northern Catskills has its advantages, as well as its disadvantages (winter for one). I have my season's ski pass for Windham Mountain and will continue to enjoy skiing for as long as I can. Most of my contemporaries, however, have given up the sport. I'm a member of the Cornell Alumni Association of the Capital Region (Albany) and a board member of the Princeton Club of Northern New York. I also serve as an emeritus board member of the Engineering Alumni Association and represent my town on the Greene County Democratic Committee."

Roger Williams (willrb@comcast.net) recently moved to Bainbridge Island, WA. **James Belden**, DVM '64 (jsbdvm40@aol.com) writes, "I am still practicing equine sports medicine and surgery in South Florida. My wife and I, with our 10- and 14-year-old sons, are enjoying competing in reining horse shows. It is a great sport, which fits in nicely with our horse farm lifestyle. I still remember the Cayuga's Waiters as the best concert I attended on campus. If any of the Willard Straight deskmen from the early '60s read this, please send me a note." **Gus Kappler**, MD '65 (guskappler@yandex.com) sent along the following news. "Robin and I are blessed to experience our "Green Acres" life, alternating between a small farm in Amsterdam, NY, and our condominium on 65th and 2nd in the City. We are looking forward to reuniting with med school classmates at the 50th Reunion in September. I recently published *Welcome Home From Vietnam, Finally*, truthfully accounting war's devastating effects on body, mind, and soul. I have stressed a preventive approach to PTSD in contrast to the DoD's current "sink or swim" practice; one must consider how adolescent is the warrior's brain development. In mid-March I will present the 85th Evacuation Hospital's 1970-71 Vietnam battlefield approach to general, vascular, and thoracic surgery at the Medical History of the Vietnam War Symposium in San Antonio, TX." Also, in September Gus and Robin will attend, in La Jolla, the biannual reunion of all those found from the 85th Evacuation Hospital, Phi Bai, Vietnam, 1970-71. "It is a time for renewing our brotherhood and healing."

Finally, news from **John Sundholm** (jsundhol@hvc.rr.com). "I am still playing trumpet in a local concert band and a community college symphonic band. I am also engaged in horticultural management consulting on a part-time basis." John notes he has five grandchildren that are "on the move" and that his decision to enter the USAF and retire as a lieutenant colonel was fulfilling. Regarding future contacts, he says he would like to hear from anyone from the Horticulture department from the Class of 1961 and anyone from the Cornell Bands of the same era—"We were bands then, not 'wind groups'." On a somber note, **Kathleen Sally Rayment Scott** (sally@mattesonscott.com)

“The doc suggests I stay off Segways.”

Jan Van Heiningen '60

have a sizable number of annual duespayers; and the class treasury is in healthy condition. Kudos to all who have supported the university with their efforts and their generosity.

Congratulations are in order for **Henry Bienen**, who was named president of the Poetry Foundation in December, after having filled that post in an interim capacity since July. Henry is also president emeritus of Northwestern U., which he led from 1995 to 2009. According to a press release, he said, "I started out at Cornell thinking poetry might be a vocation of sorts for me. Little did I know that I would one day take a leadership role in furthering the mission to create a more vigorous presence for poetry in the culture." Henry continues to live in the Chicago area with his wife, **Leigh (Buchanan)**, who teaches in the law school at Northwestern.

Two pleasant weeks spent on Sanibel Island in Florida by your correspondent and her husband, Jack, in early February were happily enriched by time spent with a series of fellow Cornellians. Lynn and **Tom Dandridge**, MBA '62, came from Grand Rapids, MI, and stayed nearby for one of the weeks, in what has become their annual sojourn, as did **Dan '58** and **Barbara Cyrus Martin**, there from Hartsdale, NY, for the first time in many years. The Martins had begun what sounds like a daunting two-month odyssey in Florida, in which they planned to stay in 12 different places, from Naples to Tampa to Key Biscayne, visiting friends and family. Other Cornellians we visited with on Sanibel were John and **Barbara Anderson** Everett, normally found in Fort Collins, CO, but recently returned from a trip to Oaxaca, Mexico, and on their way to a stay with family members in Palm Harbor, FL; and Ron and **Pamela Bryant** Groves '66, from Silver City, NM, who made a stop on their way back from a trip to Cuba, coming via Key West and the Everglades and with only a short breather before heading off on a spring trip to several African countries.

Jan Van Heiningen sent word from Virginia Beach, VA. He writes, "I'm busy being retired and on the board of our retirement community." On a Segway tour of the Greenbrier Resort in the fall, which he describes as "still a spectacular property, being run with maximum attention to customer service," he fell off the vehicle, injuring his ankle and forcing him to spend several weeks in—and I quote—a "??\$#@**\$% boot, which is a drag." Full recovery may take as long as a year. Not surprisingly, Jan writes, "The doc suggests I stay off Segways." **Dick Ewing** recently downsized from his house in Chevy Chase, MD, and relocated to a condominium complex in nearby Bethesda. He

a gorgeous area and the trip was a relaxing escape from the moving duress." Later in the fall, she hosted several family members over the Thanksgiving weekend and was pleased at the ease of entertaining in her apartment. A December visit to C. Sue's new place revealed that her talents and experience as an interior designer have quickly turned her spacious apartment into a comfortable and welcoming home. She has settled in nicely and already become involved in local organizations.

Linda Jarschauer Johnson, MS HE '63, sent along the sad news that **Jonathan Steinberg** died on December 21. A resident of Potomac, MD, Jon had a long career in the law, serving first as a clerk for Warren Burger when he was a judge on the US Court of Appeals, next as an attorney for the Peace Corps, and then as chief counsel to Senator Alan Cranston for more than 20 years. In 1990, Jon was made judge of the US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, a position in which he served until his retirement in 2005. His survivors include his wife, Shellie, two children, and five grandchildren. Send your news to: jw275@cornell.edu.

61 Looking back, moving forward—55th Reunion, June 9-12, 2016. We will be counting down the days to our 55th Reunion by the time this May/June edition of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* arrives. Susan and I will be attending again and hope we are joined by a huge turnout to enjoy the delightful spring weather we have had in the past. Rather than take up considerable space in this column with Reunion news, everyone should be following our website at: www.cornell61.org. Our Reunion committee of **Pauline Sutta** Degenfelder, **Jay Treadwell**, and **Doug Uhler** has put together a terrific program that will entertain and enlighten us all.

I am writing this column in mid-February with winter still upon us. By now, you may have forgotten the great blizzard of January 23 that blanketed the East Coast and resulted in the cancellation of the annual CALC meeting in Philadelphia. The storm created severe issues for attendees already in transit following the cancellation of thousands of flights. **Larry Wheeler**, our webmaster, and his wife, Margaret, managed to arrive early from Houston, but then got an extended four-day weekend in the City of Brotherly Love. Pauline Degenfelder responded to the cancellation of CALC and held a Reunion committee conference call for all parties. Again, please visit our website for complete information.

wrote that her husband, classmate **Matteson** of Arlington, VA, died on July 26, 2015 of a heart attack while on vacation in Duck, NC. We extend our sympathies to Sally and her family. Keep us in mind. Send us your news. We want to hear from you. ☐ **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net; **Susan Williams Stevens**, sastevens61@gmail.com.

62 We are saddened to learn of the death of **Bill Stowe** in his Lake Placid home last February. Bill was captain and stroke of the undefeated 1959 freshman crew, which took the IRA title that year. Subsequently, he also led JV and senior crews to second and first place, respectively, at those IRAs, capping his Cornell career with the IRA championship in 1962. "Bill Stowe is a hero in Cornell rowing history," said Cornell director of rowing and men's head coach **Todd Kennett '91**. "Upon entering Cornell, his presence was immediately known. It was not just his great ability of leading Cornell crews to wins from the stroke seat," Kennett said. "It was his character and charisma that distinguished him." While serving in the United States Navy, Bill was deployed to Vietnam, where he rowed at the Club Nautique in Saigon. He then joined the Vesper crew, which took the gold medal in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. His memoir of the 1964 campaign, titled *All Together: The Formidable Journey to the Gold with the 1964 Olympic Crew*, was published in 2005. In 2011, Bill was presented the Jack Kelly Award, which recognizes superior achievements in rowing, service to amateur athletics, and success in their chosen profession, thereby serving as an inspiration to American rowers. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, son William, and six grandchildren.

Dean Smith (Mequon, WI; dean350@ameritech.net) reports that he and Carol experienced three major events last year. Their oldest granddaughter, Audrey, graduated from Grinnell College. In June, daughter Brynne and Chris were married in Calistoga, CA. "A benefit of the wedding in California," he writes, "was our Amtrak trip from Milwaukee to Sacramento, with a great side trip to Glacier National Park. We also enjoyed visiting the Redwoods of Northern California." Then, in November, the Smiths' son-in-law Filo Gomez was sworn in as a new citizen of the US. Filo is a senior at Oklahoma and has been doing some work for the Dept. of Justice translating Mixe/English in various court proceedings. "Filo's first language is Mixe, of which there are three major dialects in Oaxaca, Mexico. Filo is one of about 130,000 members of the indigenous culture for which Mixe is their first and frequently only language. Filo is a likely candidate for court translating duties because he speaks all the dialects, is in the US legally, and, as a student, has a flexible enough schedule to meet various court dates, most recently in Los Angeles. We are very proud of Filo!"

Bob Adamowski, who also rowed crew, passed away on March 16. Bob received his law degree from U. of Michigan and remained an active lawyer in Bellevue, WA. Deepest condolences go to Jonie, son Rob, daughter Jenn, and granddaughter Sadie.

Travel has been a highlight of the past year for many classmates. The peripatetic **Myra Maloney Hart** (mhart@hbs.edu) and **Kent Hewitt '59** enjoyed Machu Picchu and the Galápagos in April and stateside visits to Florida, Vermont, the San Juan Islands in Washington, Washington, DC, Ithaca, Maine, and especially their Rhode Island

beach house. Myra and daughter **Holly Hart** Muson '86 spent some time in Paris and Cannes. When not on the road, home is in Belmont, MA. Machu Picchu and the Galápagos were also on the spring itinerary of **Warren '61** and **Beth Newell Spicka** (enspicka@gmail.com). They spend winter in Naples, FL, and summer on Cape Cod. Cousins **George Slocum**, MBA '67, and **Bob Wood** had a great Danube/Rhine River cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam in August with their wives, Priscilla and June.

Also cruising the Rhine were **Dale** (dbenedic@comcast.net) and **Marion Krause Benedict '66**, who went from Basel to Amsterdam. Dale is partially retired from American Axle Manufacturing. Summer finds him sailing *Sandbox*, and winter on the ski patrol at Alpine Valley, MI. This is his 52nd year on the ski patrol. The Benedicts plan to attend Marion's 50th Reunion in June. Europe drew Bud and **Gail Strand Wiley** (Cuscowilla@frontiernet.net), who went to Barcelona and to Collioure, France, where they enjoyed village life with Gail's brother and sister-in-law. The Wileys live in Weaverville, NC, and spend the summer at their "shack" in Wisconsin. A small ship adventure in Alaska's maritime forests drew **Fred '59** and **Carol Shaw Andresen** (fhacsa@triad.rr.com). They also visited London, Cornwall, and the south of Wales. The Andresens' home is in Greensboro, NC. The family of **Larry '60** and **Nancy Lawrence Fuller** (nlfuller@prodigy.net) spent Christmas at Dorado Beach, Puerto Rico, as evidenced by an exuberant family photo.

Travels for my friends **Larry '59** and **Sue Foote Browne '60** (sbbrowne@verizon.net) included an Amazon River cruise in the spring and a fall trip to the Indonesian islands, where they saw Komodo dragons in the wild. Sue accompanied daughter Debbie and her family to Paris and Brussels. The Brownes, of Santa Barbara, CA, enjoy family time at their summer home on Lake Winnepesaukee, NH. Anticipated travel for your correspondent will be to Sydney, Australia, to visit daughter Valerie at her new Foreign Service posting as consul general/principal officer there. What's new with you? Share it with your classmates! Thank you! ☐ **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 As you read this column, start thinking about our 55th Reunion in June 2018—only two years away.

Adelaide "Dee" Abbott Youngs writes from Fairfield, CT, that her husband, John, died last year from a fall. She writes, "It is difficult to learn how to do all the things John did." Dee still plays lots of tennis, both indoor and outdoor depending on the time of year. The most valuable thing she learned at Cornell was to "take advantage of all the opportunities Cornell gave us, which spread to home and family." **Charles "Jay,"** M Chem E '65, and **Karen Dean Abbe '65** live in Healdsburg, CA. "For quite some time now, we've been growing lots of wine grapes—and drinking some of them. Lots of continuing board work, corporate and nonprofit, including building 'America's Serengeti' in Montana." Jay and Karen get back to Cornell annually for reunions, and Jay is also active with the Cornell Rowing Assn. Jay would like to hear from **L. A. Frisbie Miller**.

Jim McArdle Jr. and wife Carolyn stay busy playing golf, traveling, and going to grandchildren's activities. "We enjoy spending time with

friends and family in our second home in Vermont." Jim says, "I am very content with my retirement." He would like to hear from **Tom Brennan**. **Tony**, MD '67, and Mildred **Turel** live in Danville, PA. Tony retired from Geisinger Medical Center in 2006. "I've been part time for seven years at Hershey Medical doing primarily clinical research on multiple sclerosis. We are watching our three grandchildren grow up and also seeing our daughter, Victoria, continue to expand her career as a professional photographer (www.photographyatvictorias.com)." Tony would like to see all his '60s football teammates and Theta Xi brothers.

Joe Brennan took an 11-day trip to Peru last September to spend his 78th birthday on Machu Picchu. He then flew to Raleigh, NC, to attend the Fiji Class of 1963 reunion at **John Kennedy**, MBA '65's home. Those attending were **Norman "Punch" Smith** and wife Nancy, **Blair Crum**, **John "Whip" Gunn** and wife Karen, **Howard "Buddy" Eyrth** and wife Dagmar, **Freddy Gaston** and wife Elaine, **Charlie DeRose** and wife Kelly, **Dave Costine**, and **Jim Billings** and wife Karin. Joe also visited **Tom Tyson '65**, MBA '67, who was recovering from a serious accident in his home. **Lawrence '61** and **Lynn Litwin Ross** live in Madison, NJ. Lynn writes, "I'm still selling real estate in the land where I grew up (Morris County, NJ). Love doing it, so will never retire." Son **Emil '03** was married recently and works for Google. Son **Sacha '94**, JD '99, and his wife, **Hannah (Greenwald) '95**, are both lawyers and have two children. Daughter Darah, a U. of Pennsylvania grad, works for Nike. **Fredericka Heinze** does lots of volunteering in Thornhurst, PA: churches, library, firehouse, AARP, hospice, local cultural society, and the local non-food pantry. She would rather be working in the garden (though at the time of writing it was "buried under two feet of snow").

Sandra Hackman Barkan writes, "Cornell was very important to me. It is where I met and married my husband. I was a French major, and the French I learned was an important contribution to my PhD in comparative literature, my academic career, my current work, and all aspects of my life. My husband, **Joel**, died suddenly and unexpectedly in Mexico at the end of a wonderful vacation with our son and daughter-in-law in January 2014." Sandra is program officer for the Dept. of State's Int'l Visitor Leadership Program at the Meridian Int'l Center. **Gary** and **Patricia Smith** live in Batavia, NY. Gary has changed jobs and is now working for IPC Health Care as medical director of two nursing homes. He writes, "Daughter Rebecca and family are in Cleveland; son Charles spent a semester discerning for possible priesthood, but is now back in his career in music. Son Matthew is in Germany studying German." Gary would also like to hear from Tom Brennan.

Lewis, BArch '64, and **Carol Childs** are busy in Rochester, NY. "While still practicing as an architect, I have continued to do community pro bono work. As I scale back, I seem to be doing bigger projects. Currently, I have formed a group called Broad Street Underground. We are working to promote re-use of the Erie Canal Aqueduct across the Genesee River. The aqueduct was a subway crossing in the past. This re-use will be an eclectic mix of restaurants, shops, public spaces, and exposure of Rochester's 13 sister cities. Our goal is to create an exciting place for grownups and kids with many sights, sounds, and smells. This crossing will connect the Blue Cross Arena to the Rochester Riverside Convention Center so they can attract larger and better events together." Please send

news to: **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com.

64 Since we haven't yet received your next round of news from this year's class mailings, I don't have any news for this column. If you haven't paid your dues yet or sent in your news, please do so today by going to alumni.cornell.edu/classes (to pay by credit card) or by sending a check (and a news form) in the return envelope provided in the class mailing. It not only helps our class and gets you a subscription to this magazine, but it helps make this column great.

Please keep the news coming, by e-mail, regular mail, or the news form. In the meantime, check out our class website (www.cornell1964.org) and our class Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964>). Thanks! **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

65 "Always on the go" is the salient phrase describing **Judy Kellner** Rushmore (judesr@gmail.com). She e-mailed stories of the travel she and Dave Koval accomplished last year: "We took an amazing bike trip to the Atlantic Islands off the coast of France. What amazed me was that 18 of the 20 in the bike trip were between the ages of 70 and 80, all hale and hardy type-A personalities, and a lot of fun to boot as we rode through wind and rain!" Before Judy and Dave took off on their bike trip I

was happy to host them at Le Cercle de l'Union Interalliée in Paris, and enjoy a few cocktails as well as the ambiance of this historic club. Before relaxing, we walked the Left Bank on a super foodie tour. Judy continues, "Dave and I connected with classmates **George Arangio**, MD '69, **Grace Hershberg** Morgenstein, **Penny Skitol** Haitkin, and **Bob Huret** at the Trustee/Council Annual Meeting on campus the last weekend in October and then on to a four-day trip to the Sonoma and Napa valleys, where we met up with **Jay '63**, MS '65, and **Karen Dean Abbe** at their lovely home in Healdsburg before heading to Napa for some further foodie events!"

Dave Bridgeman (Ft. Myers, FL; dazel2010@gmail.com) has related sad news. His wife, Hazel, was struck by a golf cart and critically injured and died a few days later. "This has left a huge void in my life, but I've always looked at the glass as being half full. No way I'm changing that now." And in the midst of sadness, Dave indeed moves forward through the days. Those of us in the Fort Myers, Naples, Estero, Venice, and Sarasota, FL, areas meet every March in Fort Myers for a mini-class reunion that Judy Rushmore arranges. It's always a wonderful time to be together, and we hear the latest updates from Cornell staff and alums who have recently visited campus.

The Crab Shell, on the waterfront in Stamford, CT, is celebrating 25 years with owner **Dick Gildersleeve** (dick.gildersleeve@gmail.com), who also works as a yacht broker part time! Dick and wife Kate are lucky to have their six grandchildren nearby in Connecticut. Dick claims, "I am learning how to play respectable golf, but I'd rather be on a boat." He brought a check for about \$3,200 to Cornell as a freshman and says he can't believe

what he'd need nowadays. **Edward "Tom" Shine-man** (ets9@cornell.edu) checked in from Sudbury, MA, but only with his e-mail address. Next time, please send us some news! "Love what I'm doing," exclaims **Daryl Goldrab** Smith (Claremont, CA; darylsmith@earthlink.net). She is doing research, writing, and consulting on diversity issues in higher education.

Sandralee Zien Davis lives in Newfield, NY, but did not send an e-mail address. She misses her spouse, John, who died in 2013, but has great joy with her 3-year-old granddaughter. They chase butterflies and explore just like Dora and her great-grandfather **Dewitt "Doc" Zien '40**, PhD '52. She states, "I learned to rely on God, not man, at Cornell through confirmation class, because even Cornellians aren't perfect." Classmate **Eric Blackstead**, BA '67, died in 2015. He was a member of Chi Psi and the Sherwoods and lead singer of the Ratchets, a rock band on campus. With a small crew, Eric recorded the legendary performances at Woodstock, and then produced the platinum album "Woodstock: Music from the Original Soundtrack" and its sequel, "Woodstock Two." These albums were a huge success and helped make famous many of the Woodstock performers. Eric caught lightning in a bottle at Woodstock! We are saddened by his passing.

Dave Mellon (dave.mellon@att.net) writes, "Remember the great football games at Schoellkopf Crescent during our undergraduate years? Want to relive them again? The football players in our class have had six of the game films from our Cornell days converted to DVD: Harvard 1962, Yale 1963 (games quarterbacked by Gary Wood), Penn 1964, Columbia 1964, Dartmouth 1964, and Princeton 1964. All were victories, except for the loss to Princeton. Drop an e-mail to Dave and he'll send you an order form if you are interested in purchasing one or more of the games! \$30 per game or two game DVDs for \$45. Proceeds of the sales are donated to the Cornell Football Association." Call Dave at (949) 489-8378 if you want to discuss further.

If you pay your class dues by check, you will get a solicitation before your dues expire, which includes a news form. Fill it out and send it back with your dues payment! The Automatic Renewals ("ARs") also get that mailing, but instead of a dues card insert asking them to pay dues, there is a thank you card included, as well as a news form, return envelope, etc. Please check the class website for our class reports and a summary of our class council telephone meeting. The Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) this year in Philadelphia was snowed out/cancelled, thus our class meeting of 2016 was held via conference call. Thanks again to **Steve Hand**, who is doing an excellent job in managing the website. **Steve Appell** and I welcome your news via e-mail or through the news forms. Please send along your life events and aspirations! **Joan Hens** Johnson, joanipat@gmail.com; **Steve Appell**, bigred1965@aol.com.

66 Only a few weeks until our 50th Reunion! We look forward to seeing many of you at what is always a truly special '66 event. There's still time to register—we hope you do! We can't imagine it without you. Qs? Contact Alice (alice.berglas@gmail.com), Jeanne (ebbs17@verizon.net), Rolf, or Mary. The four of them will get you registered/housed—and will be thrilled to warmly welcome you back. More info can be found at: cornellclassof66.org.

Howard Sobel (hlsobelpe@aol.com) writes that he is still working and intends to continue as

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long as he gets paid. He is the independent monitor for the New Jersey State Rate Commission for a utility overseeing their \$1.2 billion capital improvement program to strengthen their electric and gas systems against future hurricanes and make them more resilient in their recovery from any future damage. He is also an arbitrator on the AAA Commercial and Construction Panels with several active cases. Howard has seven grandchildren whom he and wife Kathy visit often. Last year they cruised rivers of Europe, with visits to Paris and Prague, and took an extended trip to the Amalfi Coast and a two-week trip to Israel. Howard says his best decision was to marry Kathy some 46 years ago; he added that the 46 years have been, and continue to be, a great ride. He would like to hear from **Jim Wittes**, **Andy Pfeffer**, and **Rusty Wald**.

Judy Kurtz Polcer (judypolcer@gmail.com) and her husband have sold their condo in New Orleans and are again full-time New Yorkers. Last August she was vocal coach at her son Ben's Welbourne Jazz Camp (for adults) in Middleburg, VA, and hopes to be back this summer. She is looking forward to our 50th. **Will Brownell**, BA '71 (willbrownell@msn.com) and his wife have spent three years writing a history of the origins of Hitler and the Nazi experience. Published by Counterpoint Press this March, he says the critics with prepublication copies were raving! Will would like to hear from **Walt Florian**.

Irene Green Blumenkranz (cornell@blumenkranzlaw.com) still loves working as an attorney. She says that one of her best decisions was to attend law school and become an attorney in her 50s. She has limited her practice to have time for family, grandchildren, and community. Until recently, all kids and grandkids were living very close. One son and his family have since moved, and she says she misses the closeness. Irene is planning to attend Reunion and says it will be great to reconnect with the people she saw in the halls, studied with, passed on the street, ate with in the Lodge or cafeteria, or went on dates with—but with whom she somehow, over the years fell out of touch. The one concert she remembers: Peter, Paul and Mary!

As of this writing, **Patricia Holman** Updegraff (phu1944@aol.com), her husband, daughter Katherine (who lives in Anchorage, AK), and '66 classmate **Ann Newman** plan on traveling to Anchorage to watch Patricia's other daughter, Kristin, compete in the 1,000-mile Iditarod sled dog race. After pre-race ceremonies in Anchorage, the group will travel to Willow, AK, to see the official start. Find out how things went when you see Patricia and Ann at Reunion! **Paul Goldsmith** (paul.goldsmith@tu.edu) has had an interesting career in medical research. He has been at UCSF for 25 years and is a founding faculty member at the Buck Inst. for Research in Aging and at Touro U. California College of Pharmacy, where he began as associate dean in 2004. He also sings with two barbershop quartets and two choruses, one of which is ranked 17th in the world.

Ralph Schwartz (ralphschwartz@comcast.net) still trains year-round for cross-country ski racing. The only change, he says, is that he is getting slower! Ralph's milestones this year were turning 70 and becoming grandfather to a lovely little girl. He and his wife enjoy visiting the family in Seattle. His son clerked on the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and will soon join a Seattle law firm. His younger son was working as an English language tutor in the Chinese city of Zhuhai, and Ralph and his wife had a blast visiting and traveling to Beijing and Shanghai. The best Cornell

concert: "The Rolling Stones, but we sure didn't know how good they were at the time." He also liked Godfrey Cambridge.

This past fall, **Margaret Simon** (esme103@gmail.com) attended a painting residency at the Vermont Studio Center in Johnson, VT. It was a wonderful experience seeing so many different kinds of artwork and listening to 25 writers read from their work. She reports that husband **David Weisbrod '68** is now head of the London Stock Exchange Group in the US and is loving it. Their son **Greg Weisbrod '11** is working in New York City for a startup, Monaeo, writing code. Last summer Margaret and David had dinner with **Barbara Lucas** and her husband Richard Nesson. Great catching up on the last 49 years!

Debra Kirschner Wolf (Mardebwolf@verizon.net) moved to West Palm Beach, FL, last October. She plans to be at Reunion. The best decision she ever made, she says, was marrying her husband. Best Cornell concert: Peter, Paul and Mary. Send news to: **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Pete Salinger**, pete.sal@verizon.net; **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, deanne.gitner@gmail.com.

67 I received an update from the always-focused **Dave Burak**, MFA '80 (Santa Monica, CA; burak_carl@smc.edu): "I got back to L.A. after a brief visit to Ithaca. Ironically, it's colder in Venice than it was in Ithaca. One of the people with whom I got together is Roald Hoffmann (Rhodes professor of humane letters, emeritus at Cornell and 1981 Nobel Prize winner in chemistry), who has agreed to visit Santa Monica College and do a lecture on chemistry and art, followed by a poetry reading. Should be an interesting event. Meanwhile, another program I've been planning for features a single mom, Rosa Moreno, who lost both hands when an LG screen-press machine malfunctioned in a subcontractor's factory in Reynosa, Mexico; her story appeared in *The Guardian* (UK) of June 11, 2015. She has received an Illuminating Injustice award from a progressive group, Public Justice." Prof. Hoffmann's bio notes: "Hoffmann is also a poet. His interest in poetry was stimulated by Mark Van Doren at Columbia. In the '80s he joined an informal poetry group at Cornell, with A. R. Ammons, Phyllis Janowitz, and David Burak."

We've received a request for any information you may be able to provide about reaching a classmate, **Alan Hall**, author of *The Wild Food Trailguide*. Please note that as Cornell is emphasizing soliciting your payment of class dues online, should you decide to pay dues that way, you will have to enter a few more clicks to get to a page where you may submit news for this column. Please persevere and send us news of what you've been doing. This was one of a number of equally compelling topics that went undiscussed in January, when the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) was scrubbed in Philadelphia because of the major storm—nicknamed Snowzilla in D.C.—that hit just about all of the East Coast that week-end except, from what I could tell, Ithaca.

Sherry Carr, MILR '70 (Glenside, PA; sherry.m.carr@gmail.com) writes, "[After the snowstorm] I got out for my planned cruise a day late, and missed almost all of Buenos Aires. American Airlines has pretty beat-up equipment. No individual screens, terrible nibbles, and nothing went on time. The trip, though, was a good-to-excellent one despite high winds and huge waves, two deaths, five broken bones, and one burst appendix, which

required a rescue by the Chilean Navy. Every meal was full of excellent choices and excellent wine selections, all included. Beef Wellington, lobster, all manner of fish, venison, duck, caviar, and soups and soufflés I will dream about for years. One night we ordered a baked Alaska sent to our room. These folks understand the value of service with the right attitude. Scenery the best. Whales refused to breach for us. Only was sick one morning when the waves were 20-25 feet and 60-knot winds. They love Mrs. Thatcher in the Falklands. I arrived home in another snowstorm—like I never left!"

As we get closer to the 50th Reunion next year, it would be great to receive some of your recollections of major moments or experiences during your days on the Hill. When I was last in Ithaca a year or two ago, it was remarkable how much had changed, beginning, for example, with the prime corner downtown of State and Aurora streets. If you think back to when we were undergrads, that corner had the stone pile that was the Ithaca Hotel, starring its renowned Dutch Kitchen, with Zinck's around the corner on Aurora already beginning to breathe its last, and known today for the line in "Davy" and the annual alumni gathering in the world's watering holes. Across the street was the venerable Browning King men's clothing store, proudly independent of the famous New York haberdashery, now also departed. And up State St. was the Strand Theater, known as the "Near-Near" to differentiate it from the other three downtown movie houses, and Mayer's Smoke Shop, popularly known as the "Smut Shop" in recognition of its X-rated magazine section.

The now-demolished block on the southeast corner featured the original Hal's Delicatessen, still doing business a block or two up Aurora St., and around the corner was the Kent Steak House, site of rare indulgent excursions or efforts to impress dates, and quite different in atmosphere from the adjoining Traveller's bar, a rowdy Ithaca College haunt. Going down State St., which was a two-way thoroughfare rather than a pedestrian mall, you found Rothschild's department store, the Home Dairy cafeteria (serving home-baked pastry), and the College Spa restaurant, helmed by "your host Peter Atsedes" (who, after his passing, became "your ghost"). Incidentally, the only downtown bar still extant from those days remains the Chanticleer, way down at State and Cayuga, which rarely had any Cornell students as customers, except perhaps for the occasional *Sun* staffer stopping in for a quick one while "running copy" from the old Colonial Building *Sun* office to the *Ithaca Journal* composing room. **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; tel., (202) 667-6481; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

68 Just think of it, we're about to mark 48 years since our undergraduate days on campus at our alma mater. Think of Cornell in the spring. When was the last time you visited the campus? Are your grandchildren talking about college, and does that make you think nostalgically of your years on the Hill?

I'm thinking about this because we just had our annual dinner with **Bob and Bette Nelson Zippin** (bzippin@gmail.com), co-chairs of our 50th Reunion, June 7-10, 2018. The Zippins are chairing our Reunion for the fourth time, doing it from their home in Florida, coordinating the weekend-long event in Ithaca. The Zippins are

planning as much fun as our minds and bodies can take, with the best campus accommodations, the best of Ithaca's catered dining, activities, and relevant speakers. Of course what makes the difference between just an enjoyable well-fed event and a most memorable weekend is YOU. You've had a lifetime of experiences since we parted 48 years ago, and what we'd enjoy even more than reading about them in Class Notes is reminiscing with you on campus that weekend. Most of us now have the time to savor a long late-spring stroll around the campus without worrying about the office or clients, and, if you're worried about making it to the top of some steep campus climb, forget about it, as in life you've already arrived and we want to hear about your trip.

Richard Simon (rick.simon86@gmail.com) and his partner Leola live in Mechanicsville, VA. Rick still works a few days a month as his expertise as a geotechnical engineer is required. He became an enthusiastic pickleball player in 2015 (maybe we can get a pickleball tournament at our 50th). Over the last few years, he has visited with **Charlie Kohn**, **Steve Unger**, BCE '69, MCE '70, **Jim Philip**, MEE '69, and **Hal Sasnowitz**. Rick is proud of his son and daughter, whose careers are blossoming. I've reported in past columns about the many contributions of time and resources our friend **Jay Waks**, JD '71 (jaywaks@akc.org) has made to Cornell and our class, and of his distinguished legal career. Surprisingly, his career has now "gone to the dogs." This comes after 19 years of giving effective legal advice for the betterment of man's best friend. Having stepped down from his partnership role at Kaye Scholer LLP after 43 years, Jay has now been appointed senior executive vice president and general counsel at the American Kennel Club. Woof, woof, Jay.

Elizabeth Cadbury (betsycadbury@yahoo.com) is totally besotted and enjoying every minute of the progress of her first grandchild, Jema Virginia, born to daughter Cate and her husband, Karim, on June 21, 2015. As Betsy watches Jema smile and laugh, she passes on this bit of her own enlightenment: "Grandparenthood rocks!" Welcome to the club, Betsy. **Warren Chane** (chanegw@gmail.com) retired from the US Foreign Service in 2013, but was asked and served three months in Sri Lanka in 2014. Warren and his wife, Victoria, live in Chatham, MA, where volunteering, golf, and sailing are some of his retirement activities.

Bernice Bradin (bbradin@comcast.net) lives in Waban, MA. She is still the CFO at Lesley U., but feels she has a lot to offer on the board of companies with revenues up to \$500 million from both her experience as CFO and her years as a venture capitalist. **Mark Taylor** is retired and living in Atlanta with his wife, Suzy. He is "exceptionally proud" of the accomplishments of his three children: David is a litigator living near Los Angeles; Chip lives in Atlanta and is a partner in a firm that provides contract employees mainly for technology projects; and daughter Casey, who recently graduated and is working in Boston for an advertising and public relations company. Please continue to send your news, either in response to Cornell mailers or directly to me: **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

69 I trust you all made it through the winter unscathed. We in the Northeast had a fairly easy one compared to 2015.

John Mitchell, MD '73, writes from New York, "I still practice and love ophthalmology and now am pursuing research in glaucoma among people of African descent (both genetics and clinical laser vs. medical treatment) and I am pursuing my love of playwriting, short stories, and screenplays. My brother Winston and I have just finished a short documentary of the Montford Point Marines (Black Marines 1942-49). For more information go to: (<http://www.montfordpointmarines.com>)."

Exciting news from the professors of biomedical engineering, found on the *Cornell Chronicle* website, January 12, 2016: "Proteins seek, attack, destroy tumor cells in bloodstream." The article reports, "Using white blood cells to ferry potent cancer-killing proteins through the bloodstream, Cornell researchers have confirmed a new way to kill metastatic cancer tumors." Find more Cornell news online at: news.cornell.edu. Classmate and prolific fundraiser **Lee Pillsbury** has been chosen as Entrepreneur of the Year by Cornell and will be honored at the Cornell Entrepreneur Network (CEN) meeting in April in Ithaca. Lee and his lovely wife, Mary, are familiar faces at all our reunions. Well done, Lee, and well-deserved.

Class presidents **Charlotte Bruska** Gardner and **Alan Cody** received a nice thank you letter from **Matthew Pegan** '17, the recipient of the Class of 1969 Scholarship. He is the grandson of **Bob Pegan** and is studying English and Philosophy with a focus on Philosophy of Language, Critical Writing, and Critical Theory. Please know that this scholarship is available to any relatives of the Class of 1969. We welcome applicants—check out our website (<http://www.cornell69.org/>) or contact our class presidents for more info. Enjoy the summer and please send news and notes to: **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

70 Time, weeks, and months keep marching on! It is close to a year since many '70 classmates joined together in Ithaca to enjoy our 45th Reunion. Please note that our 50th Reunion will be June 4-7, 2020! Although four years from now, it's never too early to start contacting '70 friends and making plans to be back on the Hill in June 2020. Our class website is: cornell70.org. Be sure to check out our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/Cornell70) and Twitter page (www.twitter.com/CornellClass70).

These '70 classmates have recently participated in courses or trips with Cornell's Adult University (CAU). During summer 2015, **Judy Fuchs** Jacobson took *Galaxies*, while **Linda Wolpert** enjoyed the *Ethical Mind*. The *Intriguing Lives of Galaxies* was led by Martha Haynes. David Pizarro taught *The Ethical Mind: Morality and Everyday Life*. **Robert** and **Barbara Furst Gormley** journeyed to Baja in April 2015 for *Whales and Wilderness in the Sea of Cortez* led by **Gregory Budney** '85. In May 2015, **Bradley Tabach-Bank** traveled to Morocco for the study tour, *The Edge of the Muslim West: Religion, Culture, and Landscape*, with Ross Brann.

In 2014, **Nicholas Adams's** (niadams@vassar.edu) most recent book, *Gunnar Asplund's Gothenburg: The Transformation of Public Architecture in Interwar Europe*, was published by Penn State U. Press. Nicholas continues to teach at Vassar College. He and his wife, Laurie, live in Amenia, NY. Out in Denver, CO, **Bill Caruso** (wcaruso@wcarusoassoc.com) is still operating William Caruso & Assocs., a commercial food facilities planning and

design firm. There are offices in Philadelphia, Scottsdale, and San Francisco in addition to Denver. Bill has two daughters: Tara lives in San Rafael and has two young sons, Bennett and Austin; and **Kristin** '98 is a partner in a large law firm in Denver, where she resides. Bill would like to be hanging out in Costa Rica on a beach with plenty of cold cocktails! Also, he would like to hear from **Danny DeAngelus** '71, MBA '74. Bill tells us that the most valuable things he learned at Cornell were hard work, perseverance, and a "never give up" attitude.

Jonathan Gellman (jonathansg@yahoo.com) lives with his wife, **Bette Kirschstein** '79, in Pleasantville, NY. He writes, "During nights and weekends away from my legal work at New York State's pension investment division, I engaged in a non-legal adventure, researching and writing an article, 'A Midrash on Melville.' Published in March 2015 by Johns Hopkins U. Press in *Leviathan: A Journal of Melville Studies*, this article crosses literary and spiritual boundaries and draws parallels in the treatment of biblical sources by rabbis and Herman Melville, with John Calvin as a possible middleman between them." For 11 years, Jonathan has been an attorney with New York State's Common Retirement Fund. In this role, he reviews and negotiates pension investment in private equity and real estate funds. His two 18-year-old daughters will be attending college in the fall. **John Romanow**, who lives in Stamford, CT, may be reached at: jmromanow@aol.com.

Michele Whitham, MA/MAT '71, MS HE '87, JD '88 (maw@foleyhoag.com) is an attorney. She lives with her husband, **Jesse Keefe** '71, in Medford, MA. She says that what has been happening in her life is a "looong story." Michele is writing books, stays in touch with her Cornell friends, and values the perseverance she learned while at Cornell. Also in Massachusetts (Whitinsville), **Ted Hudson** (t48hudson@gmail.com) has retired from his nonprofit work in food security and food justice. Ted and his wife, Kathleen, have four children. Their youngest, **Matt** '15, graduated from Cornell last May, with his siblings **Eric** '00, **Amy Hudson** Gaubinger '05, and **Jeremy** (UConn '03) attending, along with their parents. Ted is doing just what he wants, and he would like to hear from **Tommy Schneider**, MAT '71. At Cornell, Ted said he gained a solid footing in bioscience, project management, and multitasking. (Did we know we were multitasking back in the late '60s and early '70s?!)

On the news form, **Maxine Wisbaum** Hubacker (maxinewisbaum@gmail.com) circled retirement and exclaimed, "No business card anymore!" Now she is a consultant for a charter school, teaches knitting classes, and takes part in many volunteer activities including an active role in the Cornell Club of the Berkshires. Last fall, she attended a big family reunion at Lake George, their first in 40 years. She lives with her husband, Nick, in Pittsfield, MA. When asked what she would rather be doing, she replied, "After four long months of New England snow, I'd rather be basking in the sun in the Greek Isles (despite breaks in St. Thomas and St. Augustine)." Maxine stays in touch with many of her sorority sisters. She would most like to see **Judy Harrigan** '71. Maxine marvels at how much Cornell stays with you no matter how long it has been since you were a student.

Back in Potomac, MD, **Peter Chase** (peterchase80@gmail.com), who has been in the construction business for 45 years, is VP of Clark Construction Group LLC in Bethesda. Currently he is working with freight rail companies providing clearance

for double stack freight containers by enlarging tunnels, raising bridges, and lowering tracks. Pete continues to enjoy what he's doing, especially teaching recent college graduates about the construction business. Anna, now 2, is the youngest of his four grandchildren. Pete asks, "Where are you, **George Wood**? Last sighting, 25 years ago at **Hugh Stedman**, BA '74's wedding." ■ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, tel., (610) 256-3088; e-mail, cfm7@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

71 Greetings, classmates. If you are reading this column and have not signed up for Reunion yet, put this column down right away and go sign up! Our 45th Reunion will be held from June 9-12 in Ithaca. Registration information is available at: alumni.cornell.edu/reunion. If you have questions, please contact one of your class correspondents (our e-mails are at the end of this article) or one of our Reunion co-chairs, **Barbara Brem Noveau** (bbn3@cornell.edu) or **David Beale** (dab38@cornell.edu).

Your Reunion committee has planned an outstanding weekend. It includes intellectual events, social gatherings, sports, and delicious meals, and we're looking forward to spending time together! Here are a few highlights. Thursday afternoon you can savor wine and chocolate tasting at Reunion headquarters, located at Keeton House on West Campus. Friday morning Prof. Warren Allmon, the Hunter R. Rawlings III Professor of Paleontology, will speak on "How Paleontology Can Save the World." By the way, our classmate and proud Cornellian **Elisabeth Kaplan Boas** is on the board of the Paleontological Research Institution at which Prof. Allmon is director. Friday afternoon we can attend the Olin Lecture at Bailey Hall (speaker to be announced) and then move on to our class dinner and reception at the beautiful Cornell Plantations.

If you are up bright and early Saturday morning, we invite you to join us for the Reunion 5K at the Plantations, and then at 10:30 a.m. we will all convene at Bailey Hall to hear the State of the University address. At noon we will all meet on the Straight Terrace for the class photograph and then have lunch. Saturday afternoon possibilities include our Class of '71 Forum focused on the Cornell Inst. for Healthy Futures or a presentation on the Greek system. Saturday evening will feature a reception followed by a formal dinner at the Human Ecology Building Terrace and Commons. Don't miss this great dinner that includes a presentation by Ross Brann, professor of Judeo-Islamic studies at Cornell.

After dinner you can go to the Arts Quad for tent parties and some great music and dancing, or you can join the Alumnae Chorus and Glee Club for a night of songs at Cornelliana Night. For a final round of conviviality please join us for brunch Sunday morning at Keeton House. Our Reunion committee is collecting photos from undergrad days, previous Reunions, and other Cornell events over the years for a digital photo show at class headquarters. Please send your photos to: 71Photo@lumeninc.com.

And now, let's catch up on some news. **Alan Miller** (astanley92@gmail.com) retired a year ago, but continues to consult for several clients including USAID, Asia Development Bank, and the UNDP. Last year he traveled to Ethiopia, Malawi, Tanzania, the Philippines, and Cambodia. Alan is married to **Sue O'Hara '72**. Their daughter, Joanna,

graduated from Michigan and is doing an internship at a children's theater in Sydney, Australia. **Deborah Spitz** (dspitz@bsd.uchicago.edu) writes to us from Evanston, IL, where she is the vice chair for academic affairs, Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience, at the U. of Chicago. Last year she attended a wonderful reunion of 13 of her 14 Donlon corridor-mates from September 1967. Deborah reports, "It was an incredible weekend of reconnecting and realizing we were much better able to talk to one another now, because as freshmen everyone was worried about something, either academic or social."

Wendy Gordon (wgordon@bu.edu) has been named the Warren Distinguished Professor at Boston U. **Gerry Eichner** (geichner@cyberia.com) lives in Walpole, NH, where he was busy much of the winter shoveling snow. He hopes to start doing some volunteer service in the Keene, NH, area

for this worthy cause. He was also a regular contributor to the Robert Cullen Fund for the Benefit of Sprint Football. From Jim's wife Ann: "I would be delighted to hear from any of Jim's Cornell buddies via e-mail (acg@shapirosheer.com). As you can imagine, there is a huge hole in my heart. Who knew a WASP gal from Montana and a Jewish guy from Long Island could be so perfectly matched... but I couldn't have asked for a happier mate for 42 years and I will miss him sorely. We very much enjoyed reunions, both of his class and with his sprint football buddies, over the years."

From **Irwin Rosenfeld** (oneheadmd@cox.net): "I continue to practice psychiatry in South Orange County (specifically, Laguna Hills), CA. I recently celebrated 36 years in practice. I figure I will keep practicing until I get it right. Last year, I met up with **Arnold Friedman**, who is a GI radiologist in Fresno. I visit my children frequent-

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soon. **Ken Lowenstein** (Manhattan, NY; kenlow@aol.com) is delighted to announce the arrival of his granddaughter Mariella, who lives in Washington, DC. **Marcia Wities Orange** (Marcia.orange@gmail.com) is the proud grandma of beautiful baby boy Ezra. **Harry Tipper III**, BA '73 (Wellington, FL; H.Tipper@captiveone.com) is chief operating officer at Captive One, an advisory firm specializing in captive insurance. And **Donna Vlasak** (dlvlds@gmail.com), who retired from the National Academy of Sciences/Transportation Research Board in January, plans to see everyone at Reunion.

Thank you for supporting our class and sending your news for the column. We look forward to seeing everyone at Reunion! ■ **Linda Germaine Miller**, LG95@cornell.edu; and **Gayle Yeomans**, gay2@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

72 We are sad to report the death of **Jim Gordon** on January 28, after a seven-year battle with multiple myeloma. Jim was a member of SAE fraternity and played lightweight football (now sprint football) in his years on the Hill. Jim maintained close friendships with, among others, **Bucky Gunts**, **Bill Molloy**, MBA '74, **Alan Einhorn**, **Larry Bartlett**, **Steve Kramer**, and **Dave Billington**, as well as with many of his sprint teammates.

Jim was married to Ann, whom he met when they attended U. of Maryland Law School. Jim started an innovative financial services consulting firm, eventually known as Invotex, where he specialized in insurance and other regulated company receiverships and forensic accounting. Jim and his sisters, **Liz Gordon '65** and Margaret, established a fund in their mother's memory, **Annette Newman Gordon '39**, to benefit the Cornell women's field hockey team, and the coach's office is named in her honor. After being diagnosed with multiple myeloma, Jim became active in the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, fielding a team known as Kiss Myeloma each year to run in the 5K Race for Research in Washington, DC, raising over \$200,000

ly; they live just outside of Seattle. My daughter, Elayna (who was HR director for a division of Comcast until she moved with husband Sean to Washington ten years ago), has two children. My granddaughter, Siena, is 6, in first grade, and reads on a third grade level—she reads me stories when I visit. Siena can also add, subtract, and do simple multiplication, and competes on a girl's swim team with girls up to 14. Her little brother, Liam, 4, also is a swimmer with an excellent back stroke and can go over 200 meters without problems. Both of them learned how to surf while on a trip to Hawaii last summer. My son, Ethan, got an MBA a few years ago from U. of Washington and is now working on a master's degree in aeronautical science so he can rise further in the administration for Boeing, where he is currently director of operations for their 737s. His son, Caleb, 5, is in kindergarten, reads on a first grade level, can add, subtract, and do simple multiplication, and is learning from Ethan, an expert pianist, how to play piano. My own latest accomplishment was reaching the level of Bronze Life Master in duplicate bridge from the American Contract Bridge League." Send news to: ■ **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu; or **Alex Barna**, alexbarna@comcast.net. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

73 El Niño has deserted us this Valentine's Day, here in the heart of polar vortex country. You'll be reading this in May, when I'd be gushing about the spring blooms (maybe). The annual face-to-face class officers meeting at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) was cancelled in January in Philadelphia. I'm hoping those of you whose fingers are unfrozen year-round will find it in your hearts to write quickly, as we are in dire need of your news.

Your class officers did conduct a conference call instead of the meeting. There is one significant piece of information that we want to convey. If you use automatic renewal for your class dues, we

hope you visited our Facebook page (facebook.com/CornellClassOf1973) for a full link to this information from Alumni Affairs: "All duespayers on auto-renewal will be required to re-register to pay their dues and submit their current credit card information."

I've had an eventful year, as can happen here in the late middle ages (not silver nor golden, yet). My husband retired in May and we celebrated with a cruise to Antarctica in December. Fifteen years ago (April 2001) I skied to the North Pole on an all-women's expedition, so heading south with *National Geographic* and Lindblad was a delight. Okay, maybe not the Drake Passage. In any case, the pristine beauty and play of light and shadows were entrancing. Standing on the deck and watching massive table icebergs pass by or walking on

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74 First, a few words from our notable class president, **Dale Lazar, JD '77**: Having had so much fun during our 40th Reunion in 2014, we have decided we couldn't wait until 2019 for our 45th Reunion. So we are throwing a 65th Birthday Bash on campus, during Reunion 2017 (June 8-11). We are organizing dorm space together, a lounge for us, and meals together, in addition to all of the great events that occur on campus during Reunion. Dale would also like to remind everyone to **PAY THEIR CLASS DUES**. (Important note—if you signed up for auto renewal last year, you must pay

‘Watching massive table icebergs pass by was a treat.’

Phyllis Haight Grummon '73

the frozen Weddell Sea to see emperor penguins or simply being served a delicious cup of coffee—everything was a treat. Floating on a sea filled with ice in a zodiac, climbing among penguin rookeries, and dancing with elephant seals should be on your agenda. That's all I'm saying.

Last October I traveled to southwestern Uganda, near the Rwandan border, to visit schools for children who have had someone die of AIDS in their family. A foundation raises funds to enable the children to go to school for free and receive healthcare and two meals a day. I've sponsored a student there and had the opportunity to go with a group from my church. Traveling through the Rift Valley to our destination, the low mountains were covered with banana trees, tea, and coffee. Along every road, goats and cows were pegged where they could enjoy the vegetation and keep the brush down. In many places, the 11 of us were the greatest number of white people they'd ever seen at once. After visiting the schools (clean, effective, and well run), we had a short safari in Queen Elizabeth Park. I trust you can imagine the variety of animals and birds we saw on that journey. Uganda, another place that will stay in my memory with all its colors and shadings, just as Antarctica will with its muted grays and turquoise ice.

This year also brought the death of my oldest sibling, my brother, **Jay Haight '65**, of a heart attack in late September. I know that more than one of you has lost a sibling, a person who knew you since when, whose voice still rings in your ears. I'm in the process of writing his eulogy and planning his memorial service, a family task that is mine until it can't be. Sibling relationships are complex, fraught with rivalry and imbued with life's memories. They're where we learn to love those we may not like in other circumstances.

Here in the middle ages, we gain grandchildren and friendships and insight. Here in the middle ages, we can lose those we most love. Here in the middle ages, our classmates may know us better than we think, but having your news makes this column sing. So post on Facebook or send an e-mail to: [Phyllis Haight Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu](mailto:PhyllisHaightGrummon@phg3@cornell.edu); **David Ross**, dave@daveross.com; or **Pamela Meyers**, psmeyers73@gmail.com. Online

online again for this year and then re-register for auto renewal.) For those who haven't paid, this edition of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* will be the last one you receive this year.

Class VP **Mary Ellen Smith** and husband Marc Schiller live in Atlanta, GA, and Asheville, NC, where she is an ICF-credentialed executive coach with Human Capital Consulting. Mary Ellen recently joined the Continuous Reunion Club and plans to attend Reunion this June. She would love to see any classmates there. Class secretary **Jack Jay Wind** was honored last December by the Hudson County (NJ) Bar Assn. for more than 25 years of service as secretary of the Supreme Court of New Jersey District VI, Hudson County Ethics Committee (which handles grievances against practicing lawyers).

Council member **Randee Mia Berman** has been blogging for Huffington Post (www.huffingtonpost.com/Randee-Mia-Berman), including pieces about the Cornell Sesquicentennial and the Entrepreneurship at Cornell conference. She's also hosting her weekly radio show, *Mia's World*, on the City World Radio network (www.cityworldradio.com), where she's interviewed: class scholarship recipient **Garrett Guillen '16**; classmate/professor/author **John Foote**; Prof. Isaac Kramnick; art historian/professor **Janetta Rebold Benton '67**; and the Hangovers (who performed at Carnegie Hall). She also did comedy at the Metropolitan Room's annual New Year's performer marathon in Manhattan. **Stephen Moorman** writes that he has changed jobs and is now professor and chairman of the Dept. of Anatomy at the Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine in Middletown, NY.

Carol McKenzie Moore writes from New Hampshire that her husband, **Tom '79**, recently achieved a black belt in karate. She's connected with other Kappas in her state, and their sponsored college is Dartmouth, since there is no Kappa chapter in New Hampshire. This year she spoke about the Cold War as the guest speaker for a New Hampshire detachment of the Marine Corps League at their annual Marine Corps birthday celebration. Class VP for archives **Mary Berens** reports that last fall, **Lou and Roberta Bandel Walcer** hosted a delightful dinner party at their home in Cayuga Heights. Attendees included **John**, MBA '76, and **Elaine Mead Alexander**

'77, Mary's husband, Paul Feeny (professor emeritus), **Mike**, PhD '81, and **Lora Dickerhoff Delwiche, MS '81**, **Mary "Mi" O'Connell**, and **Jules '72**, MBA '74, and **Karen Broten Sieburgh '73**.

Fellow correspondent **Helen Bendix, BA '73**, and husband **John Kronstadt '73** are proud grandparents of Catherine Ruth, born on October 10. She joins sister Caroline Reece, 3. **Shelley Cosgrove DeFord** tells us that the wedding of classmates **Andy Bernstein** and **Evan Zuckerman's** son, **Tyler Bernstein '09**, provided a mini-'74 reunion in Los Angeles last October. **Gary and Shelli Weiner Bettman '75**, **Peter Braverman**, **Alice Brown**, **Mike Delikat**, **Shelley**, **John Foote**, **Bruce Nagel**, **Mi O'Connell**, and **Kris Rupert** celebrated with the proud and happy parents.

Perry Jacobs writes, "Lisa and I just returned from a bucket-list trip to New Zealand and Australia. Queenstown, New Zealand, is a mecca for outdoors enthusiasts—bungee jumping, rock climbing, skydiving, mountain biking (complete with body armor), and paragliding. Basically, if you can get hurt doing it, it's there. We don't do any of those things, but enjoyed the energy of a town where everyone does—the mountains, beautiful Caribbean-blue glacier-fed lakes and streams, and regional wines. We then biked for eight days along their west coast. We were often along either the ocean or a lake, with evergreens and snow-capped mountains—some of which Gandalf traversed—always in the background. Arrived in Sydney just in time for their world-famous New Year's Eve festivities. Think NYC's or Boston's Fourth of July fireworks on steroids. A beautiful city."

Betsy Beach (Chelmsford, MA) is enjoying early retirement. Much of last year was also consumed with travel: Alta, UT; Berkeley, CA, to visit her brother, Rick, and sister-in-law, **Nancy Hockensmith Beach '64**; Madrid; Amsterdam; Prague; Rome; southern Tuscany; and San Diego, where she stayed at the beautiful Hotel del Coronado. Several of those trips were to accompany her husband, Bob Simmons, on his work gigs. In February of this year she visited **Barb Johnson** in Delray Beach, FL. **Joseph Kowalik** offers kudos to **Rob Swanson** and wife Merily for actively reducing the risk of heart disease in notable classmates by hosting a dinner clinic at their Winchester, MA, home on National Drink Wine Day. Classmates and spouses deriving health benefits at the Swanson Clinic event included **Al**, MBA '76, and **Marta Van Ranst**, **Frank Herron** and **Sandy Urie**, **Kris Rupert** and **John Foote**, and **Joe Kowalik** and **Kate Finn**. Reports of additional cardio benefits derived from the off-key singing of fraternity songs are unfounded. (P.S. from Kris Rupert: "We ate fish. That's certainly heart-healthy!")

Please keep sending your news. (If you have written and not seen your report, look for it in an upcoming issue.) News forms are included in the News and Dues mailings, but you can also submit news online at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. js378@cornell.edu; **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; **Lucy Babcox Morris**, lucmor1433@gmail.com.

75 It's been nearly a year since Reunion and I have a few final notes from those who attended (and I harassed for news!). Our new head of social media, **Barb Peterson Champion** (bachampion@gmail.com), is living in Palo Alto, CA, with husband **Craig '74**. She is retired from years of nonprofit work with schools, colleges, athletic teams, and foundations

and is now focusing on taking care of her 2-year-old granddaughter! Craig is working in real estate development in the Bay Area, where all four of their daughters are now living and working. If anyone wanders out that way, please let them know; they have a house full of wine thanks to one of their daughters who is in the wine industry! Also send Barb pictures or notes that you want on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/CornellClassof1975).

Wendy Roxin Wicks (wwicks323@gmail.com) has written *Tim Draper: From Eastman Theatre's Muses to the Founding of Rochester City Ballet*, a biography of the founder and artistic director of the Rochester City Ballet. Wendy is a writer, editor, and publicist specializing in the performing arts. Her work has appeared in *Dance Magazine* and *Dance Spirit Magazine*. **Brian O'Sullivan** (brianos75@aol.com) had a great time at Reunion. "This one rocked best because of the long-lost people it drew in. **Peter Johnston** and **Dave Smith** came from Texas. **Lew Incze** came out of his beloved Maine with his charming wife. My roommate **Peter Feiden** finally rolled in from the D.C. area after a couple of false starts. So many Fijis turned up with their wives it was like Rush Week and date night all rolled in together. **Ken Wingate** joined me on the golf course for a spectacular day on Friday." Brian's son, who is now 22, was adopted from Korea as a baby; he hopes to fulfill his destiny as a chef and drummer. Brian's daughter is a junior at UNH Durham, majoring in social work. Brian keeps busy as a psychologist consultant for Social Security and is semi-retired as an adult therapist. He has been lucky enough to do almost everything he wanted to with a PhD in clinical psychology: hospital work, outpatient therapy, teaching grad school at Northeastern, and a little research. Now he is getting to the writing he always hoped to get to later in his career, and he still gets to play hockey.

Lisa Grapek Drillich (lisa.drillich@myntcb.com) is SVP and director, corporate risk and insurance at the New York Community Bancorp. Son **Jack '13** graduated from Arts and Sciences and works at Mediacom as a digital media planner. Lisa was thrilled to see freshman suitmates **Suzanne Aigen** and **Linda Aigen**, and apartment-mate **Harriet Cooperman**. The Aigen twins live in Ithaca, where Suzanne is a financial planner and Linda is a schoolteacher, while Harriet traveled from Annapolis, MD, where she is partner/chairman at Saul Ewing. **Ben Peyton** lives in Adams Center, NY, with wife Cathy. He recently transitioned from building custom homes for 30 years to fine wood-working. They have three children—Benny, Sarah, and Nathan—and a granddaughter, Brynn.

I heard from a couple of folks that did not attend Reunion, but had pretty good reasons. **Joanne Bicknese**, DVM '78 (bicknesej@verizon.net) was rehabbing after having her first total hip replacement surgery at Hospital for Special Surgery in New York and thought she would need a few more days before attempting to hike up Libe Slope! She was hoping to participate from the hospital in any live-streaming Reunion activities with her iPad. **Pep Perry** (peppyp@hotmail.com) returned to hometown Pittsburgh, PA, after retiring from Procter & Gamble and was taking care of her sister who had a hip replacement (is there a theme here for our age group?!). Son Andy is getting his PhD in accounting at Northwestern. Son Rob got his PhD a few years ago in the ever-practical major of classical archaeology, but decided not to be a professor. He has an appointment for a few years at Stanford and is trying to start his own tutoring business.

Many sorority sisters from Kappa Kappa Gamma were sad to hear of the passing of **Carol Dorge** of Lake Bluff, IL, on November 14, 2014. After receiving her BS from Cornell, she received a master's in environmental engineering from IIT and a law degree from the U. of Notre Dame. She held leadership positions in the Chicago Bar Assn., Lake County Bar Assn., Air & Waste Management Assn., and America Bar Assn. She also drafted the Model Ordinance for Small Wind in Illinois. Carol will be missed. Finally, a shout-out to **Elizabeth Moore**, who received the 2015 Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award in honor of her long-term volunteer service to Cornell.

That is all the room for this column. Thanks so much for responding to my harassing e-mails for news! Keep sending them so we can live vicariously through you. We are still looking for regional class council members to help run '70s events in their geographic areas. If you are interested, please contact **Louise Dawe** (ldawe75@gmail.com) or me. **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@gmail.com; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

76 Happy spring! It's going to be an exciting year, what with our 40th Reunion coming right up, certain political goings-on, and many of us thinking more seriously about retirement, if not diving or easing in.

Suzy Schwarz Quiles writes, "I retired in August 2015 after 35 years in education, most recently as the language arts supervisor at Manalapan-Englishtown Schools, a K-8 school district in Central New Jersey. The kids are out of the house and making it on their own." Suzy adds, "Hope to make connections with classmates at our 40th! My sister **Mary Schwarz '81**, MAT '95, and I have decided to make a sisters weekend of it!"

John McPhee also retired—in December. He says, "First order of business was a trip to New Mexico to see my grandson play basketball on the JV team." As of this writing, John was about to travel to China to visit classmate **Robert Hinkel**. "Next will be a golf trip to Virginia Beach with friends. I do plan on attending Reunion in June and will try to drag Bob back from China to attend as well." My e-mailed plea for news included the topic of "drama," and John replies, "No drama in my life. I'll work on that and report back for the 45th." No need, John—the best drama in life is no drama. Keep up the good work!

After 28 years in medical practice in Michigan, **Bill Hanavan** has retired too—well, he'll be fully retired in June, but he may find a bit of work to keep him busy in our new location in Cleveland. We lived here in the '80s and are back in our great old neighborhood, close to our daughter, Emily, her husband, Alex, and the adorable 1-year-old Theo. Older daughter Louise, husband Silas, and their 2-year-old, Hilda Plum, are in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and with Bill's retirement we look forward to spending more time there. Our bonus son Caleb is, as of this writing, about to make a move to Chicago, so Cleveland makes a relatively central base for us.

We're also a bit closer to Ithaca, which will make it easy to get to Reunion in June. We hope to see you all there! If you absolutely can't make it, please keep in touch. We'd love to share your latest news and your greetings to friends in a

future column. **Pat Relf** Hanavan, patrelf1@gmail.com; **Lisa Diamant**, ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, krinsk54@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

77 **Michele Braun** (mb444@cornell.edu) writes, "I was recently appointed director of the Inst. for Managing Risk at the Manhattanville School of Business in Purchase, NY. In this role, I am developing certificate programs, seminars, and resources for professionals and executives in the growing field of enterprise risk management." She adds, "My daughter is now a freshman at the only college I've found that might give Cornell a run for its money (Mt. Holyoke)."

Ruth Bogitsh Trager (rbt0917@gmail.com) recently moved from the NYC area to Oregon and started working at Suterra LLC in Bend, OR, the leading biopesticide company in the US. **Peter Brav** (peterbravfiction@gmail.com) writes, "I still practice law, have a small NYS title insurance agency, and write novels and plays. My novel *Zappy I'm Not* is available (<https://www.facebook.com/ZappyImNot?ref=hl>). I am looking forward to our 40th Reunion in 2017, with patience, of course, because the years are going by too quickly, as all of us know." Peter says the best decision he ever made was to marry his wife.

Paula Zwerdling Zirinsky was recently named global chief marketing officer for K2 Intelligence, an investigative and integrity firm. She lives on the Upper West Side of Manhattan with her husband, Steven, an architect, and their son, Ethan, a sixth grader at Dwight. **Tom Rothfels** (trothfels@rogers.com) is still running his consulting company while managing his investments and active involvement in a number of companies—primarily in aviation and high tech. He writes, "All four of our children have now graduated from university. Two are gainfully employed, one is backpacking through Asia and Europe, and one is applying to med school. I am still competing in four or five triathlons every year and am considering doing an Ironman 70.3 in France next year."

Colleen FitzPatrick Knapp (colleenk@rochester.rr.com) is the founder and CEO of Invest-In Services. She writes, "I've been blessed with three sons and one daughter, all adults making positive contributions to society, two who earned Division 1 scholarships and two who are currently professional athletes." Colleen says that the best decision she ever made was to marry her late husband, Gregory, after graduating Cornell. The best concert she ever attended: "Big Red Band at hockey games in Lynah Rink!" **Sari Gordon** reports, "I am still practicing optometry part time, and my daughter, Melissa, is a preschool admission counselor at a school in Brooklyn Heights. Melissa had a six-month run of her one-woman improv show called *Fresh*, which she wrote and performed at NYC improv club UCB, founded by Amy Poehler." Sari added, "I am happily remarried and have three rescue dogs!" Three weeks later, this update: "Four dogs now!"

If you haven't paid your dues yet or sent in your news, please do so today! Go to alumni.cornell.edu/classes to pay by credit card, or send a check (and a news form) in the return envelope provided in the class mailing. This will not only help our class and get you a subscription to this magazine, but it will help make this column great. If you pay by credit card, submit your news

through the online news form: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. We'd love to share your updates with friends in a future column. ■ **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu; **Annette Mulee**, annette@mulee.com.

78 Greetings from the El Niño-saturated Northwest! The cancellation of the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in January due to the East Coast "Snowpocalypse" cut off my major source of classmate news, but I have a few bits to pass along from regular contributors. First, thanks to **Kent Sheng**, BA '82, and others, our class has a draft constitution and bylaws. This will assist with succession planning and assets distribution at the end of the class's life span.

Walter Milani (Edgewater, NJ) will manage the 2016 US national tour of *Saturday Night Fever*, after his stint managing the international tour of the Andrew Lloyd Weber-produced *The Sound of Music*. Also on the show biz front, **Chris Crowley** is working with director Alex Cox (*Repo Man*, *Sid & Nancy*) to produce a modern-day Western this summer in southeastern Oregon. *Mother Up* is an updated 1960s-style Western about a rancher struggling to hold on to his way of life. Chris writes, "By chance, the recent 'militia' takeover of a federal wildlife refuge took place in our same area." **Cynthia Kubas** (Yardley, PA) started rowing crew in 2014. Not only has she competed in local regattas, but she attended the CAU rowing course with coach Todd Kennett in summer 2015. She competed in the Head of the Charles race in Boston last October. In the words of the Cornell Crew Song: "Stroke, stroke, stroke!" In addition, Cynthia took a new position with Eli Lilly in the Philadelphia area.

Minda Cutcher's business as a financial advocate for seniors (Minda Cutcher, MBA Inc., soon to be re-branded as Love & Order) is thriving here in Northern California. She focuses on enabling seniors to remain independent by helping them with the often-daunting task of managing their household finances: writing checks, balancing the checkbook, doing budgets, handling household payroll, analysis of how long their money will last, and guiding families through the often difficult path of parenting parents as they age. Minda writes, "I've made it a special focus in my practice to work with the challenges presented by cognitive decline and dementia and have received a special certification in that area. For fun, my husband and I love to hike and ski and recently returned from a trip to Park City, UT. I still maintain my certification as a Professional Ski Instructor with a specialty in teaching seniors!" One of Minda's clients last year was a 95-year-old Cornell alumnus who was planning to attend his 75th Reunion this year, but (alas) died in January.

That's all from the '78 inbox for this issue. Take care of each other, enjoy the summer, and don't forget to send news our way! ■ **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyjfuller.com; **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilefand@snet.net. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

79 It's another snowy February day, and I for one am so looking forward to spring. Writing this column reminds me that it will be here before I know it—by the time you read this news. **Don DeBouse** (dondebouse@carolina.rr.com) writes that even though he has continuously paid class dues

over the years, he has never sent news for the class column. He is happy to report that he has been married for 25 years and that he and his wife have five wonderful grandchildren. **Craig Griffin** (chg.texas@gmail.com) writes that he works as a quality assurance manager and has been active in North Texas Cornell alumni activities.

Frank Cohen (Hamden, CT; phillines@yahoo.com) is also thrilled to be a grandparent. **Rebecca Cohen** Cretella '05, his daughter by his first wife, recently provided him with his first grandchild. Frank also has a son and daughter with his second wife, Ann. Son Judah is Mr. Tourism Int'l 2014-Philippines. Ann is from Mindanao, Philippines, and she and Frank have been able to purchase three small Philippine islands. Frank has been busy slowly developing these island properties when he is not working at being the restaurant critic and food editor at *Hartford Magazine* and *New Haven Living*. Frank has fond memories of attending the Harry Chapin and Renaissance concerts while at Cornell. He would love to hear from **Alan Polley '80** and **Linda Roubik**. **Robert Lubarsky** (Lubarsky.Robert@comcast.net) just spent a month at the Newton Inst. in Cambridge (England), at their program in set theory. He is looking forward to going back for another month at the end of fall. Robert is at home in Wilton Manors, FL.

Beth Horowitz writes that last November she married a wonderful man, Pat Munson. Pat is a West Point grad, and they are having loads of fun in Toronto and traveling with their dog, Picasso. Beth keeps busy serving on two corporate boards, a venture capital fund advisory board, and five nonprofit boards. She also just joined the President's Council of Cornell Women. **John Wilkinson** (john@bintobottle.com) has been busy growing Splinter Group Spirits in Napa, CA. They produce bourbon, American whiskey, rye, and tequila. You can find more information about the business on page 26 of the Mar/April edition of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* or at: www.splintergroupspirits.com. His oldest, son **Max '17**, is enjoying the viticulture, enology, and business program at CALS and playing on the golf team. Hunter and Channing are studying hard as a high school junior and sophomore, respectively.

Fern Chin Murtagh (fern@cs.williams.edu) is beginning her 23rd year at the Williamstown Elementary School in Massachusetts, where she teaches an inclusive preschool class. She can still stand up from sitting on the floor without grunting or moaning. She is also completing a graduate degree in assistive special education technology. Fern writes that 2015 was a big year for their family. In February, she and **Tom**, PhD '83, welcomed their second grandchild, who was born to their middle daughter, Shannon. Theo joined big sister Teagan, who was 3 in May. On July 4, her oldest daughter, Lindsey, married Brendan. The wedding was a family affair since Lindsey's two sisters, two brothers-in-law, Teagan, and Theo, were all part of the wedding ceremony. Tom and Fern also celebrated their 35th anniversary in St. John. They regularly visit with **Doug Cohn**, DVM '85, who lives in Albany. Doug is her longest-standing friend since they met in first grade and have kept in touch ever since. She has fond memories of going to the Beach Boys at Cornell and Billy Joel at Ithaca College and would love to see classmates who are visiting in the area of Williamstown.

Susan Zellner Dunietz (iroon@att.net) is happy to report that their son, Jesse, got married this past June to Marli. They are both currently in Pittsburgh working on their PhDs, he in computer

science (natural language processing) at Carnegie Mellon, she in economics at the U. of Pittsburgh. Susan's older daughter, Heidi, married Uri two years ago and still lives nearby in Highland Park, NJ. Their youngest child is still at home because she has Down syndrome and autism, making it necessary for Susan to be a full-time mom. She and husband **Irwin '78** are feeling the pinch of being the sandwich generation as their parents' health declines. Irwin still works at AT&T, where he recently celebrated his 35th anniversary. **Jeff Berg**, ME '80, MBA '81, writes that after renting a condo in Brewster, MA, for the past two summers and falls, they moved into a house in Chatham, MA, in late May 2015 that they built over the past year. During the summer they caught up with Cornellians who live in the area: **Steve**, MBA '81, and **Shauna Ryan King**, MBA '81; **Tripp Blair**, MBA '81; **Bill MacLachlan**, MBA '73, and wife Debbie; **Warren Chane '68** and wife Victoria; **Diane VerSchure '74**; **Ed Evans '74**, MBA '75, and wife Brenda; **Rik Clark '52** and wife Sandy; and **Jack Neafsey '61**, MBA '63, and wife Rilla, who live on the same street! They also won their golf club's three-day member/guest invitational with playing partner and classmate **Steve Sues**, ME '80, MBA '81.

Please continue to keep in touch with us so that we can inform classmates about your news. You can also keep up with class events by joining our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Cornell1979/>) and the Cornell Class of '79 LinkedIn group. As always, you can submit news to us throughout the year (classof79@cornell.edu) or directly at: ■ **Kathy Zappia** Gould, kathy.gould57@gmail.com; **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthia.shea@sothebyshomes.com; or **Linda Moses**, moses.gurevitch@aol.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

80 If you are reading this, especially the paper version, it is highly likely that you are a dyed-in-the-wool payer of class dues. Thank you for your support of your class, its programs, and its offerings. You might not know that in addition to providing you with a subscription to the best independent alumni magazine in the country, your dues payment supports Class of 1980 participation in Cornell Tradition and the 500 fellowships it awards each year (if only it could be used to purchase a run-on sentence trimmer). Your class also has a dues-funded undergraduate book endowment in association with Cornell libraries. In past years we have made the freshman reading project title available to classmates, thanks to support from dues income. Lest there be any doubt, be assured that your dues dollars are stretched tighter than William "The Refrigerator" Perry's Lululemon yoga pants. For some readers online, or those relaxing in the optometrist's waiting room, please heed the call to stay connected to your Cornell class through payment of annual dues.

To the news. **Kathy Dixon-Leone** (Palm Beach, FL) reports that she recently prepared a group of 50 high school students for the sacrament of Confirmation and said that she was amazed that they taught her so much. Last fall, she and husband Paul had three sons attending UNC Chapel Hill, and another at Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts. As the mercury dipped to -28 degrees in Upstate New York, I was lukewarm to **Simon Wolfson's** greeting from Curaçao in the Dutch Caribbean. In a stroke of serendipity, **Stacy West** Clark is now president of Stacy Clark Marketing LLC. Her firm specializes

in promoting the services of lawyers, business owners, and other professionals in the Delaware Valley of eastern Pennsylvania. Stacy was director of client relations for Morgan, Lewis & Bockius from 1986 to 1992, and client clamoring compelled her to start the business, soon to celebrate its silver anniversary. Older daughter Sara is a poli sci major at Williams, and Stacy and Peter's youngest is at the Tisch TV/film program at NYU.

Nanette Cooper-McGuinness writes that her music chamber group has a new name and website: Ensemble for the Times! (<http://e4tt.org>). They recorded their first CD, "Surviving: Women's Words," which will be released on Centaur Records in spring 2016. Nanette will be performing with her chamber group at the Krakow Jewish Culture Festival in Poland in June 2016 and performed with her group in a four-city tour of Hungary as part of the Daniel Pearl World Music Days in spring 2015. She also had 11 translations of children's books published in 2014-15 and another five translations will be published in 2015-16. Her son, Nicholas Matthew, will be married in Yosemite National Park in 2016. **Lynn Griffo** has been volunteering at the John Jay Homestead State Historic Site, specializing in maintaining historical horticultural gardens and landscape design and writing freelance articles. Her older daughter is graduating this spring from NYU Steinhardt School and her younger daughter is a high school senior. Lynn would like to hear from classmates **Stanley Gerin**, **Lisa Hogan**, and **Joe Weinman**.

Looking to get me hot under the collar, **Doug Wentz** has checked in from Winter Park, FL. **Beth Rubin** is now assistant provost for e-learning at Miami U. of Ohio. **Maria Di Gregorio**, MAT '82, shows no signs of slowing down. She has a small animal practice and oversees two veterinary clinics in Stillwater, OK. The current capital project is a 40-run dog daycare and boarding spa in Stillwater. Expect this to be completed sooner rather than later. Through her work at Lumaxa, **Grace Lai** Lin promotes natural nutritional products that are on the leading edge of science. These function to safely remove heavy metals and irradiation dusts from our bodies, and are widely used in Japan. Grace and husband James will soon make the move from Hawaii to California, where she will be going back to school to learn music composition and arrangement.

I will take this opportunity to shine a spotlight on your class communications team, headed by **Dik Saalfeld**. The column in this magazine has always been a great way for us to keep up on classmate movings and shakings (flashback to The Refrigerator). Our correspondents, including veteran scribe **Leona Barsky**, MS ILR '81, will continue to relay your newsy contributions in Class Notes, sprinkled with pithy and mirthy commentary as only 1980 columnists can present. As we point to our 40th Reunion in 2020, we are devoting more energy to an online presence as a way to stay connected. **Dori Kelnner** and **Donna Young** have accepted the challenge of making this a virtual reality. It starts with our brand new class home page at: www.cornell1980.com. This is your portal to class social media, national and regional Cornell events, and the latest campus news. More than 300 classmates are members of the 1980 group on Facebook; please ask to join as we make this a current events portal ([facebook.com/groups/cornell1980](https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1980)). We'll see you in the vapor! Thank you for your newsy updates. **Dana Jerard**, dej24 @ cornell.edu; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25 @ cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, llb39 @ cornell.edu.

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81 REUNION! It's hard to believe that we graduated from Cornell 35 years ago! If you haven't already made your reservations to attend, please do so. The dates are June 9-12, 2016. Our class committee volunteers, **Celia Rodee** (celia.rodee@jpmchase.com), **Heidi Fleischman** (heidigfleischman@yahoo.com), **Monique van Perlstein** (mvpbps@comcast.net), and **Laura Dake Roche** (Ldakeroch@aol.com), have been busy planning lots of exciting activities that will ensure a fun-filled long weekend.

Class headquarters will be in the spacious Townhouses on North Campus, where we will gather under a weatherproof tent each morning for breakfast (and Sunday brunch with the Hangovers). Thursday evening features cocktails and dinner at the world-renowned Lab of Ornithology. Friday night's reception will be at the Johnson Art Museum on Libe Slope, followed by late-night snacks from the Hot Truck at our headquarters! Saturday lunch will be in the glass atrium of Klarman Hall, the new humanities building attached to Goldwin Smith Hall. Dinner on Saturday night will be on the Ag Quad, and a "make your own sundae" ice cream social afterward is planned. We hope the weather will be "gorge-ous," but even if it isn't, we will be able to enjoy each other's company and share stories indoors. More information is available online at alumni.cornell.edu/reunion and [facebook.com/cornell81](https://www.facebook.com/cornell81). Whether you can come for only one day or all four, your classmates would love to see you!

The Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) scheduled for January 22-23 in Philadelphia was cancelled due to a severe snowstorm that paralyzed not only the city itself, but the entire region. Fortunately, many of us were able to convene by phone to discuss Reunion plans (did you make your reservations yet?) and other class matters. **Lisa Kremer** Ullman reported that Red Hot Hockey at Madison Square Garden in NYC was a success last November, and **Steve Barre** was pleased that about ten people attended an inaugural event in Florida for our Southeastern alumni. **Fred Cohen**, our outstanding class treasurer, provided financial details regarding our class funds. We remain fiscally sound, though class membership has declined. Some funds will be used to supplement Reunion fees in an effort to keep the cost reasonable for classmates while still maintaining the high quality that we all expect from planned activities. One class monetary goal is to win the Class of '79 "Loyal Donor Cup" by having 300 of the same donors from one

Reunion to the next. Any amount counts toward this goal, so please consider a donation to Cornell.

Congratulations to **Wendy Rosenthal** Gellman (wgellman1@aol.com), the newly elected foundation president of the Psi Deuteron chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma! Wendy lives in NYC and both of her daughters are Kappa sisters as well. It has been a pleasure to see many of my friends' daughters venture off to college, participate in Rush, and decide to join sororities. It seems like only yesterday that we were walking children into kindergarten, and now many of them are new sisters. **Franny Osman** (Acton, MA; frannyola@gmail.com) was in biostatistics, working to develop public transit in her suburban area while being an "at home" mother. Now Franny has been writing poetry and is a selectman in her town, where she lives with husband **Bill Freeman**, MS '81. Their third child is off to college. Franny says the most valuable thing she learned at Cornell is to do all of her required reading—"a retrospective lesson."

Karen Prescott Dalby, **Cathy Cosentini** Bonczek, and I celebrated the holidays in New York last December with lunch together overlooking the tree at Rockefeller Center and then seeing the Broadway show *Fun Home*. We will all be at Reunion along with **Bert Dalby** and **Jane Sanders** Markson. There may be an appearance by **Paul "Big G" Gleichauf** and **Mark Jordy**, MBA '93 (recently retired from Wellington in London). I am hopeful that **Karen Levine** Whitman and her DG sisters and Hotelie friends will be able to attend. **Matt Grady**, can you make it? How about **John Walsh** (still "JW") and our other U-Hall 2 residents? We will also be looking for **Debbie Osgood**, **Andy** and **Gretchen Pankow Eberhart**, **Lori Salzman** Kleppe, **Bob "Eats" Eaton**, and **Jim Kinnier**, MBA '83. Bring your families! My daughter, Catharine ("Calli"), will be joining me. She is 16 and attends High Technology High School in Lincroft, NJ. Students there love to think that they might attend Cornell, and their parents ask me questions about it all the time. Calli is considering applying to Cornell as a member of the Class of '22. If any of you still have teenagers at home, she will be looking for new friends with whom to explore the campus and laugh at all of us as we try to relive our youth. Yikes! Please reach out personally to your friends and ask them all to come.

Keep sending us your news! We love hearing from you. Can't wait to see you in Ithaca at Reunion! **Barb Amoscato** Sabaitis, beachba@hotmail.com; **JoAnn Minsker** Adams, joann@budadams.net; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.



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<http://classof81.alumni.cornell.edu>
 or our Facebook page: **Cornell Class of 1981**

82 Big news for our class: we are now only one year away from our 35th Reunion! Your class officers and Reunion chairs are hard at work planning to make it a great event and one to remember. We want to see as many of you as possible attend. The record-setting snowstorm of January cancelled the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Philadelphia, but that has not stopped us from moving forward. We pulled together a conference call in the immediate wake of the storm to discuss class business, such as how to increase membership and how best to design and plan a Reunion that will attract a huge turnout. That call was followed by another committee conference call to brainstorm specific ideas for reaching out and meeting our membership and Reunion attendance goals. We plan to contact every member of the class at least once, if possible, to drum up enthusiasm for returning to the Hill. We want people to get excited about getting back together with their affinity groups, such as fraternities, sororities, athletic teams and clubs, activity clubs, residence buddies, and so forth. At the time that I am writing, our class website is being recreated and updated as part of a Cornell initiative, and so the URL is in flux, but by the time you read this column the new site should be accessible via Cornell's Web pages. In the meantime, the best place to go for news is always our Class of 1982 Facebook group page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornellclassof1982/>).

As a specific part of this effort leading to our 35th Reunion in 2017, we are asking you to dust off your Cornell photo albums so that we can all share some "throwback" memories of our college years. Join our class Facebook page, upload some "then and now" photo pairs, tag classmates, add an appropriate caption, "share" with as many classmates as possible, and have some fun connecting and rekindling good times. Be sure to identify any affinity associated with the photograph, such as a club, team, house, dorm, etc. You can also pass on ideas or desires (subsidized registrations, fancier dinners, class trips, champagne for all?) for Reunion events to our fabulous Reunion coordinators **Terry Kilmer** Oosterom and **Teri Williams** Harvey.

News was sparse this time around as we near the end of the dues cycle. **Randolph Hunt** checks in from Manhattan. He has worked for the New York State Dept. of Transportation for 32 years and says one of the best decisions he ever made was to become a civil engineer and work in the public sector. You can never practice public speaking too much, and Randy reports that he has now earned the Distinguished Toastmaster award, along with two other awards that add up to having achieved the Toastmasters Triple Crown Award. **Charles Tran**, BEP '81, and his family live in Fremont, CA, and he is working as a consultant for Cyberlink Consulting Inc. in Livermore, CA. He would love to do more engineering work with his Cornell Silicon Valley colleagues and friends, and he would like to hear from his friends in the classes of '81, '82, and '83. Both of his kids started college last fall, which he says is a "great thing." When asked about what was valuable about his Cornell experience, Charles mentioned career skills, thinking skills, and scientific/engineering skills, but also the "soft" skills of management, people skills, and problem solving.

We also heard from **Charles Stuppard**, who is one of our class co-presidents. I did not realize that he picked up his PhD while enjoying a long and distinguished military career. He writes, "I recently transitioned back to civilian life after 30 years in the Navy, where I had command of ships,

military bases, and special task groups in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. Now I'm looking for the next set of challenges." Thank you for your service, Captain (ret.), and best of luck. I hope to see you and a great many of our classmates at our big Reunion! Send news to: **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; **Doug Skalka**, dsalka@nplaw.com; or **Nina Kon-do**, nmk22@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

83 Since we haven't yet received your latest round of news from this year's class mailings, we don't have any news for this column. If you haven't paid your dues yet or sent in your news, please do so today! Go to alumni.cornell.edu/classes to pay by credit card, or send a check (and a news form) in the return envelope provided in the class mailing. This will not only help our class and get you a subscription to this magazine, but it will help make this column great. If you pay by credit card, submit your news through the online news form: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. We'd love to share your updates with friends in a future column. **Barb Deane**, bldeane@gmail.com; **Jon Felice**, jbfelice@jbfelice.com.

84 Hopefully we will be well into spring weather by the time you read this column! I didn't receive any news from classmates, but I did hear from Cornell's Summer College Program, which invites mature, academically able, and intellectually curious high school students to undertake college-level work. Students who have completed their high school sophomore, junior, or senior years may apply. **Vicki Seiden** Sherman's son Tyler and **Stacey Walsh** Barone's son Ryan were two of the talented high school students who attended. For more information, visit their website: <http://www.summercollegecornell.edu/>.

My daughter **Meghan McCormick '16** recently attended the Cornell-Penn basketball game with **Don**, MEE '85, and **Karla Sievers McManus**. Karla and Don's son, Collin, is a freshman at Penn. Alas, the Quakers came away with the win. Naturally, my daughter, Don, and Karla had mixed allegiances! I just returned from a thrilling indoor track Heptagonal Championship held on campus at Barton Hall. The Cornell men and women each placed second overall. Many of the races were won by hundredths of a second, and several of the closest finishes were in the longest events! Imagine the margin of victory in the tenths of a second after a 15- or 25-lap race!

I began to think about our own classmates and their achievements while we were on the Hill. I decided that in the months when our classmates are preparing to send us LOTS OF NEWS (hint, hint) I would review some of the great accomplishments of our classmates. A walk down memory lane, if you will. Feel free to correct, respond to, or add to this information. Given the weekend's track events and my access to the track team's newsletter, *The Wastebasket* (via my track daughters Meg and **Kate McCormick '16**) I have decided to start with track and field. Don't worry, I plan to make it to other sports over time . . . particularly with our class's help. I'll even move on to intramurals, clubs, and maybe even the majors!

In the senior issue of *The Wastebasket*, eight graduating seniors were honored for their many accomplishments, including **Marlon Brownlee**, who

won the Outstanding Senior Hurdler award. Team captain **Peter McConnell** (cross country and track and field) was a distance runner who earned the most points over his four years and was voted the senior who most contributed to Cornell men's track in 1984. **Bill Possidento** was another member of the distance team on cross country and track during his years on the Hill. His events ranged from the 1,500 all the way up to the 10,000 meters. **Harold "Harv" Robinson**, MS '87, MBA '89, known as "the landlord" for the Stewart Ave. track house, was also a distance runner who ran events ranging from the 1,500 to the 10,000 meters. He was described as a "consistent scorer in both dual meets and the Heptagonal Championships."

Team captain **Pam Carter** ran mostly the 400- and 800-meter events, both individually and as a member of the relays. She was a Heptagonal Championship scorer as both an individual and a relay member. **Debbie Sampson** Kawchak was another middle-distance runner who contributed to the depth of the team in the 800 meters, running as an individual and part of the 4 x 800 relay. She, too, was a HEPs meet scorer. **Evelyn "E.T." Taylor** Pearson captained the 1983 women's track team. She was a sprinter who, by her senior year in '84, earned the most points during her track career. Her events were primarily the 200 and 400 meters. Last, but certainly not least, was **Marian "Mare" Teitsch**. Mare captained the cross country team her senior year (fall '83). She ran the 3K, 5K, and 10K, qualified for nationals in the 5K in 1983, and was a Heptagonal Champion in 1984. She also ran in the 1984 Olympic Marathon Trials, finishing in 34th place with a time of 2:40. Mare was voted both the most valuable runner and the senior who most contributed to the women's track team.

Well, that's a brief review of some of our talented class runners. Do you have anything to add? I'm sure these descriptions don't even scratch the surface of their experiences on the team over their four years. Feel free to fill in their (or your) story. By the way, old copies of *The Wastebasket*, as well as old editions of the *Cornell Daily Sun*, are archived on the Cornell University Library website. Take a look! **Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell**, catherinejcantwell@gmail.com; **Janet Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

85 In this election year, I assume that more interest is being placed on the primaries, candidates, and insanity that make a presidential election than on sending in your news for the alumni column. It just doesn't compare, does it? No, I disagree. We as a graduating class are FAR more interesting and real. Our news may occasionally be sparse, but it is NEWS!

Joshua Divack's daughter Lauren has been accepted early decision to Cornell and will join her sister **Pamela '18** on the Hill. Congratulations! **Dan Autiello** moved with Marriott Vacations Worldwide to Marbella, Spain, last year, where he is overseeing sales and marketing for Europe and the Middle East. Three of his four children are currently at school in the American College of Spain. His fourth child is in the US, at Eckerd, following in Dad's footsteps playing baseball. **Maryellen Fisher** Magee teaches high school marketing in Charlotte, NC. In addition, she is an advisor for the second largest DECA association in North Carolina, helping students prepare for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. In March,

she will take 150 of the 260 students involved in DECA to Greensboro for the state competition, where they expect to continue their high achievements in most categories.

In November 2015, **Jill Beckenstein** Lerner, **Leslie Nydick** Rosetti, **Debra Eisenstat** DeRoche, **Karen Magri** Dadd, **Cindy Cowen** Bowman, **Margaret Vanasse**, **Elizabeth Mozesky** Langston, Maryellen Fisher Magee, and I (**Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett) met in Jupiter Island, FL, for another fun-filled mini-Cornell reunion. Thirty-five years of friendship is an amazing milestone! We "hiked" the beach, enjoyed sunsets, caught up, and reminisced. A great rejuvenation for the souls.

Douglas Birnie held a spectacular New Year's Eve celebration to ring in 2016. There were no other Cornellians there, he writes, but good fun was still had by all. Cindy Cowen Bowman was in New Orleans in February with 15,000 other Keller Williams real estate agents, "learning how to conquer the world (between hurricanes) on Bourbon Street." **Sue Mould** Engdahl's store, Rocket Fizz, in Scottsdale, AZ, has been open a year now and is doing well! **David Waill** recently paid her a surprise visit, and they had a wonderful time catching up! Sue says she's "had a few celebrity shoppers, but none as fun as David!"

Andrew Meltzer states that he has been "chopping wood out in the forest to stay in shape for an ultramarathon." Or maybe just ironing his clothes . . . take your pick. In actuality, Andrew runs the food and beverage operations of Sky Harbor, Phoenix's airport, the seventh busiest in the nation. Where DO you find time for marathons, Andrew? **Jaan Janes** is in his fourth year at New York ad tech startup Yieldbot, working to deliver ad performance by understanding audience intent. Jaan also goes to ALL reunions (not just for our year). At last year's reunion he played golf and hung out with Sigma Nu brothers, including **Lou Solomon** and **Mark Krause**. Other golfing buddies include **Bill Goldy**, MBA '08, **Steve Dadourian**, **Mike Jones**, and **Pete Lee**. Jaan warns that C-town bar choices are dwindling!

A vote by the Cornell Board of Trustees has merged the Hotel School, the Dyson School, and the Johnson School—and created great controversy and debate, particularly with SHA alums like myself. The best known and highly regarded Hotel school is now a part of the new Cornell College of Business. It may be selfish to want the SHA to remain separate, but it is also, I believe, a school that is more focused, devoting its teachings to specific, exact professions, turning out graduates ready for their professional careers and admired by others in the field. I do hope that this move is done correctly and can benefit the university without undermining all that is the School of Hotel Administration. Please send your news to us for the next columns! ✉ **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net; **Roberta Farhi**, rfahiesq@aol.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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This month's notes are short but sweet. **Maile Guy** Allen and her husband, Ross, live in Charlotte, NC. They recently added to their "already huge family" of six children by adopting a 4-year-old boy from Ukraine. Maile says starting over with a hearing impaired toddler is a little tiring, but also incredibly rewarding. She spends her time volunteering and working with her new son on his speech and language. Here's an amazing story Maile

wrote about her experience: <http://www.rainbowkids.com/adoption-stories/a-son-who-almost-wasn-t-1104>. Maile and Ross support several adoption and orphan hosting related ministries and they both spent several weeks last summer in Latvia visiting orphan children all over the country. There's more to come: the couple plan to travel to China to adopt another son in the next few months.

After 25 years living on the Main Line in suburban Philadelphia, **Aaron '83**, MBA '87, and **Grace Wolcott Wadell** have moved with their family (Alex, 21, Kyle, 18, George, 16, and Eliza, 12) to Lake Oswego, OR. Aaron is continuing his career in food processing with Truitt Brothers, and Grace hopes to find something similar to her work at Penn after the family is settled. They leave two Cornellians on the East Coast: **Alex '17**, who loves participating on the FSAE car team; and **Kyle '19**, who is in the process of transferring to Engineering from Arts and just joined the Design Build Fly team. Both boys are enjoying Phi Delt, which brings back many happy memories of DG parties there for Grace. She has reconnected with two DGs from the 1980s: **Maureen Murphy** Anderson '87, who lives with her family in Seattle and also has two children at Cornell, **Alex '17** and **Maeve '19**; and **Ada Gonzalez '87**, who lives in Portland and practices medicine.

Last January, the Schuylers County Legislature named **Steven Getman** to a four-year term as Schuylers County attorney. Steven, a resident of Watkins Glen, had been serving as interim county attorney following the August 2015 resignation of Geoffrey Rossi. Prior to that, Steven served as assistant county attorney, responsible for juvenile and family court prosecutions. He also serves as an adjunct instructor of criminal justice at Keuka College.

As director of alumni engagement on the West Coast, **Nancy Abrams** Dreier travels extensively throughout the region, meeting alumni and planning programs to connect alums back to campus. One benefit of the travel: she sees son **Benjamin '15**, who works for Uber in San Francisco. Her daughter, **Katie '12**, MBA '15, works for Adobe in NYC. Nancy's husband recently joined the Cornell family, earning a certification from the CALS Food Science department. Five Cornell degrees hang in the hallway. Please e-mail us: ✉ **Nancy Keates**, nancy.keates@wsj.com; **Michael Wagner**, mwagner@maiwealth.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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Can you believe we are only a year away from our 30th Reunion? We sure hope you are planning to be there. We've had a shortage of class news so I can only assume you are planning on sharing it in person on the Hill. Luckily, our e-mail blasts turned up the following reports, but please keep our news pipeline full!

Scott and **Susan Laughlin Johnson** and their daughter, Claire, a high school junior, were finishing up a week of skiing in Jackson Hole, WY, where son Todd is gainfully employed teaching skiing. Todd will attend Carleton College next fall. This year is, once again, full of road trips to various colleges, this time with Claire. At home in Boston, Scott manages a small venture fund and Susan manages an undergraduate program at Harvard. "One of the benefits of being almost empty-nesters is we suddenly have more time to reconnect with old friends—come visit!"

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Claudia Jimenez reports that husband **Stephen Lapointe '75**, PhD '86, continues his work as a research entomologist and is considering retirement. "Our daughters, **Lauren '14** and **Gabi '15**, had amazing experiences at Cornell. Lauren is serving her second year in the Peace Corps in Ethiopia, and Gabi will graduate in May with a master's in teaching from Mt. Holyoke. In November I will finish my second four-year term as an elected school board member and will not run for office because I have started graduate school at Meadville Lombard in Chicago to pursue a master's in theological studies. Cornell has prepared my entire family well."

Deanna Silver Jacobson shares, "In December 2014, **Tina Choi** Cornille and her family came down to hear my daughter, Rebecca, and her children's choir sing with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at their Christmas show. Tina's daughter, Rachel, was inspired to start voice lessons (and, OMG, is she amazing!). So in December 2015, Tina, Rachel, and I went together to see this year's performance and have dinner afterwards. It was fun seeing the girls getting along so well—next generation. We are just waiting for **Amy Comstock** Kingsley and daughter Sarah to come to Chicago so we can have a big mother-daughter girls' weekend in the city."

Thomas Riford writes, "I started Cornell much older than the typical incoming freshman because I'd been in the Marine Corps first, and I spent a few years extra at Cornell, on-again off-again, because I was teaching skiing full time at Greek Peak and in Australia ("summers" Down Under teaching skiing in their winters in 1983, 1984, 1985, and again after graduation in 1987). I currently am a grandfather—my 25-year-old daughter has a 3-year-old daughter. My two other children are both students at West Point, and my middle child (another daughter) graduates this May. My son is in his second year. I am still teaching skiing on weekends and at night at Whitetail, and I am an examiner in the PSIA-E. I do radio news on WJED in the mornings (5 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.), and then for my real job I am the VP of Homewood Retirement Centers and in charge of the Homewood Foundation. I serve on a lot of boards and am president of the Maryland Int'l Film Festival-Hagerstown, Discovery Station Museum, and the Miss Washington County/Miss Western Maryland Scholarship Foundation. I serve on the board of the Maryland Humanities Council and the Maryland Film Industry Coalition."

Doug Rademacher writes, "**Ku Ho Chong**, MS '88, and I celebrated **Charles Sukenik's** 50th birthday at Ku's home in Austin, TX. Charles flew in from Norfolk, VA, where he is the physics department chair at Old Dominion U. I traveled from Rhode Island, where I teach high school math. Ku is a manufacturing consultant, currently on engagement in Argentina. We've made a habit of being with each other on our decade birthdays. Each time, we get a bit tamer. But it still feels great to stay connected after all these years!" **Leslie Kalick Wolfe** reports that her daughter, Sydney, will be joining the Cornell Class of 2020 in the fall. Seeing as she has lived her whole life in Atlanta, she is girding herself for the Ithaca winters, but is also very excited. Leslie is thrilled to have an excuse to visit the Hill over the next several years!

Ann Marie Ready French writes, "I live in Norfolk, MA, and enjoy my role as a stay-at-home mom to four children: my twins are sophomores in college (Vanderbilt and Emory), my third is headed to college in the fall (yet to be decided), and my youngest is in seventh grade. I enjoy cooking, gardening, traveling, and walking my two Scotties!" **Bob Forness** writes, "I continue to work

in Bermuda building a new reinsurance company. My wife, **Lindsay (Liotta) '84**, is preparing for our family move to Bermuda, although "family" now means "empty nest" of three—Lindsay, yours truly, and our black lab, Ruby. Daughter **Keri '15** is working in Washington at the National Defense U. Brian was traded to the Rochester Americans and is preparing his next season in junior hockey."

Just a reminder that *Cornell Alumni Magazine* is now accepting photos at their Alumni Photo Gallery! You can submit your photos at: cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery. Please be sure to send us your news via news form or by e-mailing any of us: **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, wwg5@cornell.edu; **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu; and **Heidi Heasley** Ford, hfh6@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

88 We hope you are enjoying spring—a time of growth and new beginnings. One new chapter comes to us from classmate **Frank Cara**, who recently joined the New York office of Pepper Hamilton LLP as a partner in the firm's construction practice. Prior to joining his new law firm, Frank was a partner at Connell Foley (also in New York) and before that, executive VP and general counsel at Judlau Contracting Inc., the US subsidiary of a multinational heavy civil construction firm specializing in public works projects. Best of luck to Frank in his new endeavor!

Congratulations to **Stephen Sheffield**, BFA '89, whose photography was recently featured at the Panopticon Gallery in Boston. Stephen creates large-scale commissions for private collectors, institutions, restaurants, and hotels, as well as images and photographic illustrations for magazines and advertising agencies across the US. In addition to being a full-time artist, Stephen runs the black and white photography program at the New England School of Photography in Boston. Visit his website at: <http://stephensheffield.com>.

We are very sad to report on the death of classmate **Daniel Gerson** after battling brain cancer. Following Cornell, Dan received an MFA from the NYU film school and became a writer for both television and feature films. He co-wrote the screenplay for the highly successful Pixar Animation Studios movie *Monsters Inc.*, and the prequel, *Monsters University*, followed by Walt Disney Animation Studio's *Big Hero 6*, which won the Oscar for Best Animated Feature Film in 2015. Classmates **Alan Riffkin**, **Dean Asofsky**, **Mike Najjar**, **Aaron Pollock**, **Mike Weissman**, **Mark Wood**, **Matt Bromberg**, and **Steve Muson** attended Dan's funeral to celebrate his life.

For many of us, 2016 marks a milestone 50th birthday year! We invite you to send us your news for our class column and post photos of your birthday celebrations to our class Facebook page and at the Alumni Photo Gallery: <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery>. Also be on the lookout for regional events featuring a Class of '88 50th birthday celebration. Cheers! **Andréa Meadow Danziger**, ALM46@cornell.edu; **Brad Mehl**, bradmehl@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

89 As I sat down to write this column, I was struck by the similarities between this present situation and the many times I was writing my English

papers at Cornell. I'm in a quirky little burg (then: Centrallyisolated, NY; now: Themiddleofnowhere, OH). I'm staring at an Apple screen (then: the Apple Macintosh/Apple Mygoshitcrashed; now: the MacBook Pro[crastinate]). I have no idea what I'm going to write on my given topic. (then: metaphysics and paradoxical spiritualism in Donne's poetry; now: lack of alumni news in the age of meta social media: a paradox [translation: send more news for next issue!]). And, above all, how on earth am I going to write enough to fill the space? (then: with creative use of conjunctive adverbs, excessive supporting material, and circular statements disguised as reinforced arguments; now: Oh, I think you know how . . .).

In other words, our news is limited, but noteworthy nonetheless. New dad **Trevor** "Jamaican Mon" **Steer** sent word that he recently journeyed to Germany and Italy as part of his new assignment with General Motors, leaving baby Merrick and Merrick's mom, Monnika, to fend for themselves briefly. Trevor writes, "During this travel, I took a weekend trip to Zurich, Switzerland, where I met up with fellow alum **Sheri Appel '90** and some other friends." If anyone's gotten to see baby Merrick, by the way, you know he's one of the most stylin' little dudes out there. I'm assuming Trevor picked up some European fashion for the little guy—Italian booties, maybe?

We heard that **Thom Hamill** has been selected for the newly created position of chief advancement officer for the Jewish Child Care Assn. in Manhattan. Previously, Thom served as chief development officer for the Jewish Board and VP of development for the New Jewish Home. As CAO, Thom will be responsible for development and fundraising at JCCA, as well as raising awareness of the organization's programs and services. Best of luck, Thom! We also got word that **Kathleen Callahan** Beckman's daughter **Kara** is on the Hill as a member of the Class of 2017, and daughter Hayley attended the 2015 Cornell Summer College Program. Hayley was in good Class of '89 company, with **Ben Chen's** daughter Melissa also attending the summer program.

My old "former"! I meant "former"! honorary roommate **Vaishali Trivedi** Bhatt writes, "I was disappointed that CALC 2016 in Philadelphia was canceled because I had plans to meet up with **Donna Teebagy** Anderson and **Lee Goldberg '88**, along with Julie Paige. Hoping to catch up with them later this year." (There was an undercurrent of discontent in Vaishali's message—likely brought on by imprisonment, yet again, in her New Jersey home due to the latest of the Northeast snowstorms. Be brave, Vaishali! Could be worse—could be facing prelims, too. Remember the joys of winter in Ithaca . . .) My previous apartment-mate **Jenna Beardsley-Smith** shared that, outside of running her own brand consultancy, Linksmith, and spending time with husband Rodney and 8-year-old son Isaac in Bellevue, WA, her genealogy hobby continues, taking her to Connecticut and Massachusetts last year. Jenna mentioned discovering relatives from the ranks of the Puritans—but, reflecting on Jennifer's college exploits, I have some concern that her research might be faulty.

In conclusion, I reiterate that there are similarities between undergraduate English papers and alumni news columns, including the use of derivative technology, transposed and transcended topics, and the development of verbosity as a means of extending the length of one's writing in order to maximize the utilization of the space provided for the treatises. The end. (Consider dropping a

line to one of our class correspondents for the next issue—we would love to hear your news!) **Kris Borovicka** Gerig, kgerig@columbus.rr.com; **Lauren Kidder** McGarry, laurenkiddermcgarry@gmail.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

90 Konnichiwa, classmates! It is a chilly February day in Kobe as I write this column for the May/June issue, and on Facebook I see the happy news of many classmates with exciting early decision acceptances to various colleges . . . for their CHILDREN! Where does the time go?! Can you believe it's already been a year since we celebrated our 25th Reunion?

My co-columnist for this issue is class president **Caroline Misciagna** Sussman (cms268@cornell.edu), who would like to share some ideas she has for our class between now and Reunion 2025. "As class president, I have two primary goals: to get more classmates involved in our council and to increase our base of dues-paying members. Our class has been admirably led by a core team of individuals since graduation! I am humbled by their 25-year commitment to our class and the consistency of their contributions. As I attended our highly successful 2015 Reunion, my love of Cornell and my desire to contribute to the Class of '90 were instantly rekindled. I hope to find other classmates who are at a point in life where they want to reconnect with our alma mater. Would you like to get involved again? It is easier than you think. Last June we welcomed **David Coyne**, **Barbara Newman**, **Allan Rousselle**, and **Ronnie Sussman** as new members of the class council. Like me, some of them had not been involved since graduation, but thanks to the continuity of long-standing council members, we have hit the ground running. If you are interested in contributing to class marketing, communications, and event planning, while also being able to build new relationships with Cornell, your college, and classmates, contact me and we will make it happen.

"As you may know, class dues are our primary source of income. Having 450-500 dues-paying members creates the solid foundation that facilitates everything else the class accomplishes. Unfortunately, the number of dues-payers has declined in recent years, perhaps due to the greater demands of our careers or having to care for our elderly parents or children who have reached the demanding years of young adulthood. While our class treasury is in a solid position, we must increase the number of dues-paying members to thrive. Please take the time to reach out to classmates and encourage their support as class dues-payers. For more information, please visit our newly redesigned class website, which includes photos and videos from reunions, classmate news, a summary of the benefits of membership (including a subscription to this magazine!), easy links to member registration, and much more: <http://classof1990.alumni.cornell.edu>.

"Many thanks to our webmaster, **Helen Herador** Arco, for her fantastic work revamping and maintaining the site. You will also find the video our class made as a joint submission with the classes of '65 and '40 for this year's CAA Cup award, which recognizes innovative work by alumni classes. We pitched our cross-class, multi-generational reunion event, aptly named 'The Super Supper.'

Our video submission is filled with alumni and includes President Emeritus David Skorton (now head of the Smithsonian) and our most beloved President Emeritus Frank Rhodes and his wife, Rosa. This alone will get your Cornell spirit soaring. Don't forget to visit our class website to see if we won the CAA Cup and learn more about this spectacular event!" Thanks for the update on class leadership initiatives, Caroline!

In news of former Big Red football players, **Jason Baltimore** is keeping busy as general counsel for the Architect of the Capitol in Washington, DC. Last Halloween, he caught up with **Adrian Simmons**, MBA '97, and his family and enjoyed a November lunch with **Dave Pollin** and **Brian Scott**. His daughters, Isabell and Gabriella, are making their mark in cross-country. Congratulations to Jason for Gabriella's acceptance to the US Naval Academy's Class of 2020. Big Red kicker **Andy Bednar** was also a pitching ace on the Hill. He is planning for a summer trip to Japan with local youth baseball players that he is coaching in the Pittsburgh area. Andy and I are hoping to have a U-Hall 4 reunion at Tokyo Disneyland if our mutual schedules allow. His son David, a star pitcher and junior at Lafayette, was named to the pre-season all-conference team for the NCAA's Division I Patriot League in February, as well as being considered the number two pro prospect in the league. Congrats also go out to **Paul Daniel**, MBA '90, whose son Taro represents Japan in the Davis Cup. Taro turned pro at 18 in 2010 and has fought his way to a career high ranking of 86th in the world. Go, Big Red sons!

As always, we welcome your news for the class column. **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu; **Allan Rousselle**, agr2@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

91 Our 25th Reunion is at our heels! June 9-12, 2016. Can you believe it's been 25 years? Rally your friends, bring your family, or just come solo. We hope you will be able to return to the Hill in a few weeks to join your classmates for an exciting weekend full of class festivities, athletics, lectures, tours, and many other university events. There are more than 600 scheduled activities on campus (and plenty of unscheduled ones) to ensure an unforgettable weekend!

Some of the highlights include a cappella concerts, evening Arts Quad tent parties, time to visit your favorite places on campus and around Ithaca, family activities (including Saturday's Fun in the Sun Carnival for youths of all ages), zip-lining, wine tastings, Hot Truck, and Cornelliana Night. The Class of '91 will also be wined and dined by many local restaurants and wineries at our "Taste and Toast to the 25th" gala on Saturday evening.

Cynthia Miller Mason writes, "I'm looking forward to reconnecting with the ChemE Class of '91 and all alumni this June. Happy to report, despite living out of state these past 16 years, I was selected in the NYC marathon lottery and plan to run it this November. The Reunion Run is part of my training program! Hope to see you there!"

You can register right now at: <http://cornell.classof1991.com>. Our class website contains a list of those planning to attend, as well as loads of other weekend details. Also visit our class Facebook page for frequent Reunion updates. Please reach out to other classmates to encourage them to attend, and if you need contact information,

e-mail us at cornell91@cornell.edu and we'll help you reconnect. Our class rocks—and routinely sets Reunion records for attendance and giving. We hope you'll join us for our 25th! **Wendy Milks** Coburn, wmilkscoburn@me.com; **Charles Wu**, ccwu@mac.com; **Tom Greenberg**, twg22@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

92 I usually fill this column with news of class officers from the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), but this year the whole thing was cancelled due to a blizzard in Philadelphia. That, plus the class news being VERY light, makes this a difficult writing assignment. (Send us your news!) So I e-mailed the officers asking for news and this is what I got.

Lois Duffy Castellano graduated in January from Rutgers with a Master of Business and Science degree (with a concentration in chemical engineering). After almost four years supporting the clinical supplies pilot plant, she started a new position in August 2015 as a CMC, regulatory affairs scientist. She is also currently a subject matter expert for the ASQ (American Society of Quality) Green Belt Certification exam preparation. In her spare time, she is doing CAAAN information sessions, is in her third year as head of her sons' basketball teams, and is also the class mom for her youngest child.

Lisa Everts runs into tons of Cornellians in Ithaca every week, with graduating class years from the 1940s to the 2000s. She met up with **Allison Bergstrom** in NYC for their annual Thanksgiving weekend road trip for the Cornell men's ice



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hockey game at Madison Square Garden. She says, "It's always fun to run around in the City for a weekend." She saw **Vicky Lattone** in New Orleans in October. Vicky is continuing her PhD studies at Tulane U. in their city, culture, and community program. Lisa had the briefest of visits with **Justin '95**, ME '96, and **Karen Miu Miller**, PhD '98, in Ithaca last fall. Karen is a professor in the engineering department at Drexel U. in Philadelphia, and she and Justin have two daughters. Lisa recently returned from an adventure trip to Costa

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93 Happy spring, classmates! As I write this, our snow shovels are still wet from Winter Storm Jonas. Hopefully, by the time this reaches you, we will all be basking in springtime sunshine, figurative and literal.

‘Lois Duffy Castellano is in her third year as head of her sons’ basketball teams.’

Jean Kintisch '92

Rica with many Cornell pals, including **Bill Noon '84**, **Joe Savitt '86**, **Cynthia Wilczak '88**, PhD '98, **Jamey '91**, MS Ag '95, and **Jennifer Hoblitzell Dumas '93**, and **Ernie Jojnt '91**. "We saw lots of monkeys and sloths and had a fabulous week exploring. We rolled an overnight with **Greg '91**, MD '95, and **Patti Skibitsky Oleyourryk '91** into the trip on our way to the airport."

Our very own **Stephen Mong**, ME '93, MBA '02, made big news with an amazingly generous gift to the university to start Cornell Neurotech. Here's a link to the article for more information: <http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/2015/10/cornell-neurotech-launched-multimillion-dollar-gift>. Stephen also spent Presidents' Day weekend with his family in Kent, CT. He says, "Much thanks to fellow Cornellian **Peter Starbuck '73**, owner-operator of the Starbuck Inn, who took wonderful care of all of us. It's a beautiful inn. We will definitely come back again." Cornell's Adult University is gearing up for another engaging summer on the Hill and around the globe via study tours. Last summer, **Julie Graffam** Kaplan, MBA '94, and **Maureen Clougherty** Wyckoff took classes on campus with their families.

In personal updates, my husband, **Todd Kantorczyk**, won his election and is now a proud member of our local school board. I am happy to say that I am now officially a co-chair of the Cornell Women's Network (CWN) of Philadelphia. The university has told us we are the most active CWN in the world! As your Reunion co-chairs (with our friend **Ian Kutner**), Todd and I will travel back to campus this June to shadow the Class of 1991 and start planning our 25th Reunion. SAVE THE DATE—June 8-11, 2017. We enjoy taking our daughters to as many Cornell sporting events as possible, and so far this year we have been to football vs. Penn, hockey vs. Princeton, and basketball vs. Penn. Hopefully our Cornell spirit will rub off on at least one of them, but our oldest didn't even apply to Cornell! Finally, Todd and I still enjoy volunteering for the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) to meet local high school students who are applying to Cornell. We really like helping in this way and invite you again to check it out for yourself: <http://caaan.admissions.cornell.edu>. Please keep in touch so we have more to share with you! Feel free to e-mail any of us or use the online form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Thanks! **Jean**

Recently, I have been meeting some high school kids who are also interested in exploring Cornell's diverse programs. Inspired by **KJ Swan**, I joined CAAAN, the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network. This group of over 10,000 proud alumni across the globe enthusiastically connects with prospective CU students and their families. Suffice to say that the prospective students' focus and maturity did not remind me of my Libe Slope traying self at that age—but rather of the ideal I was hoping to attain after graduation in 1993 (and, let's face it, when I entered Cornell Law School in 1994 and for many years after that . . .). If you are interested in joining CAAAN, please check out caaan.admissions.cornell.edu. Also, if you would like to join our class council or contribute to a project or two, please connect with **Earl Pinto** (earlpinto@outlook.com), our class president. Class council member **Todd Rethemeier**, ME '94, MBA '95, shared that he has become the proud papa of "the newest member of the Class of 2038 (yikes!), Blair Allison." Congratulations to the Rethemeiers!

Classmates, please make the effort to send me or my fellow correspondents an update so that future columns will rock. Take care and please share. **Melissa Hart** Moss, melimoss@yahoo.com; **Mia Blackler**, miablackler@yahoo.com; **Theresa Flores**, taf6@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

94 As of last July, **Sophy Jesty**, DVM '01, and **George Bullis** had big career changes. Sophy is leading the Charleston Veterinary Referral Center's cardiology department. She has spent ten years in the field of veterinary cardiology and has extensive experience in electrocardiographic and radiographic interpretation and cardiac ultrasonography. George (gbullis@mac.com) writes, "Last July I moved from the Bay Area to Palm Springs, where I'm currently the principal of Desert Hot Springs High School."

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95 One of our classmates was nominated for an Academy Award this year! **Andrea Berloff** was up for Best Original Screenplay for *Straight Outta Compton*, the story of the rap supergroup NWA. Although she did not go home with the trophy (Best Picture *Spotlight* also won screenplay honors) she walked the iconic red carpet and attended the star-studded ceremony.

Andrea writes, "My vision for the movie was that it wouldn't be so much a hip hop biopic, but rather a big event movie about America, tackling racism and police abuse and first amendment rights. I worked extensively with Ice Cube and the other members of NWA for more than three years as we went through countless drafts in an effort to get the story right." This was not Andrea's first time writing a big-name movie; she penned Oliver Stone's *World Trade Center* (2006) more than a decade ago. Currently, she is at work on two movies. *Dangerous Odds* is about a young woman who, for a brief time, was the biggest bookie in the world; it is set to star *Wolf of Wall Street*'s Margot Robbie. The second, based on the John Riodan book *They Are All My Children*, is set around the fall of Saigon. Look for her *Sleepless Night*, a fun action movie starring Jamie Foxx, in theaters later this year. Andrea lives in Los Angeles with her husband, **Drew Filus**, and their two kids. Drew is also a writer for television and of children's books.

Dave Grubman is a partner in the international law firm Jones Day, where he heads the M&A practice in the Pittsburgh office. He represents a myriad of public and private companies in strategic acquisitions, joint ventures, and divestitures. His wife, Amelia, and he have a 16-month-old son, Samuel. Active in his community, he is the new board president of the Western Pennsylvania Humane Society and also a board member of the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium. In other legal news, **Hillary Frommer** was recently elected fellow of the New York Bar Foundation. Representing 1 percent of the NYS Bar Assn. membership, fellows are nominated by peers and recognized for outstanding professional achievement, dedication to the legal profession, commitment to the organized bar, and service to the public. Hillary is a litigator for Farrell Fritz, concentrating in estate litigation. She earned her JD from the Chicago-Kent College of Law and now lives in New York City. On the other coast, **Kevin Patariu**, ME '96, has been promoted to partner in Perkins Coie's patent litigation practice in the San Diego office. He litigates for US and foreign clients before US District Courts and the Int'l Trade Commission (ITC). Kevin is a licensed professional engineer in California and a co-inventor with eight patents.

Currently living in Richmond, VA, with his wife, Amy, and two daughters, Izzy, 8, and Anna, 6, **Greg Minkler** is the chief marketing officer for Elephant Auto Insurance (www.elephant.com). After Cornell, he received his MBA from Purdue U. and

then moved to Richmond to work for Capital One. After a couple of stints in San Diego and Atlanta, they moved back to Richmond. Elephant is the US division of the second largest auto insurance company in the UK. "We launched the business in the States in 2010 and have been growing like crazy ever since," he writes. He says in his free time, he tries to travel as much as he can, play golf a little bit, and see as many New England Patriots games as possible. **Alie Shaper**, president and winemaker of Brooklyn Oenology, reports that this past autumn was her winery's tenth harvest season, which she says was a shock. "It feels like it's been only three or four years since I started the company!" She also launched a brand new signature series of wines, called "As If Wines." She explains, "The 'As' stands for my initials, while 'If' is a celebration of opportunity and possibility." This limited-production series includes a white blend called Serendipity, a rosé blend called Courage, and a red blend called Persistence—the three elements she says led to her ability to run and establish a winery. The white and rosé are currently released, and the red will be available in June.

Let us know what is going on in your world! **Scott Lajoie**, scottlajoie@hotmail.com; **Steven Strell**, strells@mac.com. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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98 Congratulations to **Joshua Malkin** on being named to the Top 40 Advisors Under 40 list in the January 2016 edition of *On Wall Street* magazine. Joshua started his career at a prestigious law firm

working on mergers and acquisitions, but, not one to rest on his laurels, he changed direction to suit his interests in finance and entrepreneurship. Currently based in New York, he is a wealth manager at Morgan Stanley and continues to meet and exceed the needs of his clients.

Do you have news to share? We always want to hear from you, so please access the online news form 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; **Toni Stabile** Weiss, tls9@cornell.edu.

99 **Mark Barron** has made partner at the Denver, CO, office of BakerHostetler. He is a member of the firm's national energy team and assists clients in overcoming the regulatory and administrative hurdles attendant to completing mineral and resource development projects on public, private, and tribal lands.

Dorothy Prusaczyk Mehta was also named partner at her firm, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, in NYC. Dorothy focuses her practice on alternative investment matters. She was named a "Key Individual" in Fund Formation: Alternative/Hedge Funds by *Legal 500*, and a "Rising Star" in Securities and Corporate Finance by *Super Lawyers Magazine*. **Erin Houck-Toll** has been re-certified as a tax law expert by the Florida Bar. She was named one of *Gulfshore Business Magazine's* Top 40 Under 40 (2012) and has been recognized by *Florida Super Lawyers* magazine (2009-11, 2013-14) for her work in business and corporate law. Erin has also achieved the highest AV rating by Martindale Hubbell.

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00 Hello, classmates! Thanks to all who shared news this month. Remember, feel free to send me updates anytime. No need to wait for a major life event!

Kudos to a couple of classmates for their professional success! **Megan Everett** was promoted to director of the McCormick Foundation Veterans Program. A Navy veteran, Megan joined the McCormick Foundation in August 2014 as the veterans program officer. Before arriving at the foundation, she served as the assistant director at the Farley Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at

Northwestern U. and also worked in Northwestern's Center for Civic Engagement and Center for Leadership. Megan is the founder and former staff advisor to the Northwestern U. Veterans Association, a director appointee to the Illinois Veterans Advisory Council, and program chair of the Veteran Leadership Council. She received a master's degree in public policy and administration from Northwestern and an MBA from Penn State.

Elena Nardolillo Parlatore was also recognized for her professional efforts and was recently named one of Brand Innovators 40 under 40. Elena works at Quaker, driving the digital agenda. She and husband **Saverio '98** also welcomed their second child, Cosetta, in August and are figuring out life with two kids! **Elizabeth Branning** Schultz was selected by Hyatt Corp. to represent the organization for the 2015 World Business Chicago Economic Development Fellowship. Chaired by Mayor Rahm Emanuel, World Business Chicago drives regional economic growth through community collaboration to create jobs, cultivating talent and putting Chicago at the forefront of the global economy. During her fellowship, Liz sought to create better access to capital for Chicago small businesses, particularly for women and minorities.

World traveler **Oceane Aubry** wrote to us while on a three-week trip to Myanmar and Thailand,

and reports that she has a trip to Brazil planned. **Reena Thomas** graduated in May from the U. of Arizona, Tucson, with a PhD in English literature. She currently lives in Orange County, CA, and works as an adjunct professor. Reena shares that her Cornell roommate, **Eileen Martin-Yeboah**, lives in D.C. and

works for World Vision, an international child advocacy organization. **Natalie Hagee** reports that she married John Fulton in October. Though not a Cornellian, John's band apparently played a few clubs in Ithaca while we were there! Natalie started a new job at Warner Bros. Studio as their special events sales manager. **Cindy Levine** has been a tax attorney with KPMG for three years, and recently started as an adjunct professor at Baruch U., teaching federal income tax concepts.

Mom to three, **Jenny Mogy** Zajac just celebrated her twins' second birthday and is looking forward to celebrating her older son's fifth birthday. The family, based in sunny San Diego, is planning a trip back East, where they look forward to seeing many classmates. Jenny continues her work with the Paralyzed Veterans of America, where she was promoted to associate general counsel. She now works on corporate matters, in addition to representing veterans before a federal appeals court. Keep the updates coming! **Christine Jensen Weld**, ckj1@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

01 Who's ready for our 15th Reunion?! Crazy to think it's been so long! Make sure your calendars are marked for June 9-12! Book your flights or pack your cars, and find a way to get to Ithaca, because we can't wait to see you all on the Hill!

Richard Weir IV checks in from NYC, where he is the founding partner of Phoekus, a digital marketing firm. He married Margaret on November

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16, 2013 at the Duke U. Chapel in Durham, NC. Several of Richard's Sigma Chi brothers were in attendance including **Justin Matthews '00**, **Jerry Toth '00**, **Jack Franke '00**, **Craig Mauro '00**, **David Lee '99**, **Paulo DaCosta '02**, **Matt Arnoldy '02**, **Nick Bayer '00**, **Anthony DeMeo '00**, **Thomas Kavanaugh '00**, **Brett Mackechnie '00**, **Kris Green '00**, **Clint Kisker '00**, **Mike Dicintio '00**, and **Scott Gescheider '00**.

Kim Mescher Butler and her family recently moved from Steamboat Springs, CO, to Firestone (north of Denver) following her husband's job with the railroad. Their 1- and 4-year-old daughters are loving spending more time with their grandma and grandpa, who now live nearby. **Maureen Sullivan** Mauk recently took on a new position overseeing television standards and practices at Mattel in Los Angeles. She's channeling Tom Hanks, playing with toys for a living. Cool job!

In news from **Jennifer Radi** Greenberg (Rochester, NY), Joshua Jordan was born on November 16, 2015. Big sisters Meredith and Sydney are thrilled to have a baby brother. The entire Greenberg family is planning on attending our 15th Reunion in June, which is always the weekend of Meredith's birthday. Their drive to Ithaca is only 90 minutes, so a day trip (or two!) is very doable! As for myself (**Lauren Wallach** Hammer), my husband, Jason, and I welcomed baby girl Alexa Rose on December 3, 2015. I look forward to her joining the Class of 2038 following her big brother, Max, in 2035!

Your class officers hope you will contribute to our class by paying your class dues. Please encourage your friends to be a part of it, too. Pay online at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes>. Until we see you all at Reunion, please continue to share the news in your lives. Send your updates to: **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, LEW15@cornell.edu; or **Nicole Neroulis** Gupta, NicoleMN6@gmail.com. Between columns, we're posting your photos, event invitations, and other news on Twitter (@Cornell2001) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/Cornell2001).

02 Maureen McCann (mrm37@cornell.edu) has earned the nationally recognized Certified Consulting Meteorologist (CCM) designation by the American Meteorological Society, issued to highly qualified meteorologists providing research and services to a wide variety of users of weather information.

Adam Tope writes, "My wife, **Melissa Musiker '03**, and I relocated to NYC in late January. I joined the Greenberg Traurig LLP law firm as a shareholder in their NYC office." Littler, the world's largest employment and labor law practice representing management, elevated ten attorneys from California to shareholder status on January 1, 2016 including our classmate **Michael Leggieri**, who is based in the Walnut Creek, CA, office. Michael represents management in a variety of litigation matters in both state and federal court. He most frequently defends employers in wage and hour class actions and in discrimination and harassment cases. Michael earned his JD from the U. of San Diego School of Law.

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03 Beth Altshuler wrote to tell us she's been working as the urban planning and public health specialist at Rami and Assocs. since 2010. In 2015, they were selected as the Best Emerging Planning and Design Firm by the American Planning Association. Congratulations, Beth!

Naomi Rothwell writes, "After a decade in NYC, I moved to Washington, DC, where I am now a senior digital strategist at Veracity Media. I work with politicians and nonprofits to tell their story across digital ads, social media, and websites." Naomi added a Cornell connection

last year: "I was honored to work with **Sandra Fluke** on her campaign for State Senate in California as well as Congresswoman Doris Matsui and the Campaign for Free College Tuition. I'm motivated to contact **Maria Parente**, my amazing freshman year roommate!" Naomi con-

cluded, "Follow your heart and talk to everyone. You never know what you will learn and who will inspire you next. I'm really happy I've got my dream job! I love D.C., but one day I hope to live on the beach!" **Justin Forlenza** (jforlenza@gmail.com) works for a firm called Covenant Review in NYC. It is an independent legal advisory firm focused on leveraged loans and high yield bonds. Justin and his wife have a 2-year-old child with another on the way.

Marian Vidaurri (mlv22@cornell.edu) is a political analysis section chief for the Organization of American States. She writes, "I recently got invited to participate in the Atlantic Dialogues 2015, a high-level gathering of the most influential public and private-sector leaders from around the Atlantic basin for open, informal discussion on cross-regional issues. Also, I am the co-editor of a book on political reforms in Latin America that will be published in early 2016." Marian says that the best decision she ever made was attending Cornell—"I met my Cornellian husband in Ithaca." **David**, JD '06, and **Susan Birnbaum Fisher** welcomed daughter Jordan Rebecca on October 27, 2015 in Mount Kisco, NY. Susan writes, "We are really enjoying parenthood and are hoping we raise a future Cornellian!"

Our classmate mini-feature took a break this issue. If you or somebody you know would make a good mini-feature, please let me know! 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. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

04 Hello, classmates. The Cornell Class of 2004 is looking for volunteers to serve on committees and to fill officer roles on our newly expanded class council. These are great ways to stay in touch with your classmates and to make a difference in the Cornell community. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact our class co-presidents **Rachel Herman** Krug (rachel.a.krug@gmail.com) and **Juanita Parker** McGonagle (juanita.parker@gmail.com.)

We would also love to hear your news! E-mail me or submit your news online at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Thanks! **Jessi Petrosino** MacMeekin, jessi.petrosino@gmail.com.

05 Yevgeniy "Jim" Brikman, ME '06 (yb32@cornell.edu), founder of Atomic Squirrel (<http://www.atomic-squirrel.net/>), a company that helps startups get off the ground, recently published a book. *Hello, Startup* is a comprehensive guide to building products, technologies, and teams in a startup environment. He writes, "This book captures everything I wish I knew back when I was still at Cornell." You can find more info about the book here: <http://www.hello-startup.net/>. Jim says that one of the best decisions he ever made was to dedicate an hour a day to learning new things.

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06 John Rawlins III (johnrawlinsiii@gmail.com) is working in student affairs at Johns Hopkins U. in Baltimore, MD. He released two commercial songs in 2015, and when he wrote, he was preparing to perform for the Stellar Gospel Music Awards weekend. John says the best decision he ever made was attending Cornell, and then staying in Ithaca for eight years after graduation.

After five years in a big corporate law firm environment—including stints in the Palo Alto offices of Morrison & Foerster and Sidley Austin LLP—**Diane Gabl**, BA '05 (dianegabl@gmail.com) is currently exploring in-house counsel opportunities in Silicon Valley. She keeps busy consulting with Montage Legal Group, working out, and enjoying Northern California's natural beauty. **Chris Repole**, BS ILR '05, recently moved from the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA), where he is labor counsel, to Jackson Lewis PC, where he is an

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associate working in their labor group. Chris writes, "I also am working as secretary of the LGBT Rights Committee of the New York City Bar Assn., and have already started planning this year's Art Leonard Awards and Pride Reception, of which I have been co-chair for the past two years."

Elizabeth Thomsen joined Smith Anderson, the largest law firm headquartered in North Carolina's Research Triangle region, as an associate in their corporate and commercial groups. Prior to joining Smith Anderson, Liz was an associate in the media and information technologies group at Dow Lohnes PLLC in Washington, DC, and at Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP in New York. **Rachel Vigneaux** writes, "I recently left the world of New York Big Law and moved across the country to work as an associate principal counsel at Marvel Studios. I'm looking forward to the first few film releases I'll have been a part of, including *Captain America: Civil War*, *Doctor Strange*, and *Guardians of the Galaxy 2*." Rachel got married in October to another lawyer. "We now live in Los Angeles with our two dogs. Classmate Rabbi **Jason Levine** officiated the ceremony, and attendees included **Scott** and **Sara Gerstein Melman** and **Megan Malone**. **Matthew O'Connor** was sorely missed, but was giving a keynote speech at the American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference and Exhibition, so he was forgiven for missing the wedding!"

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07 David Cronheim, JD '10 (David BCronheim@gmail.com) writes, "I am excited to report that the Ivy Ski Club opened its brand new slope- and river-side ski clubhouse (the 'Hudson Clubhouse') over New Year's weekend. Located in Warrensburg, NY, the Hudson Clubhouse sleeps up to 17 and, from its perch atop a bluff overlooking the Hudson River, commands long views of the Adirondacks. A room in the clubhouse is dedicated to the university's former Tar Young Ski Hill. Cornellians in attendance for the opening included ISC members and classmates **Jules Gansl**, David and **Hilary Smith Cronheim**, **Steve Grossman**, BS ILR '06, **Dave Binder**, and **J.P. Madarasz**."

Lisa Mazzanti Cox writes, "I'm a case study writer for Harvard Business School in Boston. My favorite place to study was the A.D. White Library." Lisa adds, "I have been to many wonderful Cornell events over the years here in Boston."

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you pay by credit card, submit your news through the online news form: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. I'd love to share your updates with friends in a future column. ■ **Nina Terrero**, nt58@cornell.edu.

08 Happy spring! We hope your 2016 is full of adventures and 30th birthday celebrations. Your dedicated class officers were scheduled to gather in Philadelphia at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in January 2016, but the record-setting blizzard thwarted our plans. Regardless,

“I work with politicians and nonprofits to tell their story across digital ads, social media, and websites.”

Naomi Rothwell '03

stay tuned for news of great upcoming class events via Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/CornellClass2008>), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/bigred2008>), and Instagram (<https://instagram.com/bigred2008/>).

Earlier in the winter, I had the pleasure of celebrating the marriage of **Evan Tyner** and Adam Markiz on December 5, 2015 at the Harmonie Club in Midtown Manhattan and tearing up the dance floor with classmates and Cornellians including **Adam** and **Allyson Davis Breitman**, **Mackenzie Snyder Kesner**, **Amanda Soled Blechman**, **Jarett Goldman**, BS HE '07, **Stacey Katz**, **Jamie Peretz '09**, and **Adam Fox '04**. (In our black-tie regalia, Evan, Ally, Jarett, and I had certainly come a long way from the too-many-to-count meals in sweatpants we shared at Appel and RPCC freshman year.) Evan graduated from Columbia U. Graduate School of Business in 2013 and is a manager in Deloitte's Human Capital Group, where he was a consultant before business school. Evan and Adam honeymooned in Australia for three weeks before returning home to New York City. Mazel tov!

Life cycle events aren't the only news our classmates have to share—our classmates and their professional accomplishments have been making the news. **Jenna Bromberg** Thacker was recently named one of *Forbes Magazine's* "30 Under 30" in marketing and advertising. For her role as head of digital engagement at Pizza Hut in the Dallas, TX, area, *Forbes* praised Jenna's ascent through the pizza ranks: "In three years, Bromberg has risen through the Pizza Hut ranks, from associate manager of social media to senior manager of digital engagement. In addition to directing all social media marketing and digital video strategy for the world-famous pizza brand, she manages brand campaigns, like their Silent Night Triple Treat Box holiday commercial." When she's not brainstorming the next punderful Pizza Hut marketing campaign, Jenna writes about food, fitness, weight loss, and products, and also tackles home improvement projects in the home she and husband Aaron recently bought in Dallas.

Jenna wasn't the only '08er named to *Forbes's* "30 Under 30" list. **Michael Belkin** made the cut in consumer tech, with his Distinc.tt cofounder

Thomas McAfee. As *Forbes* described their project, "Distinc.tt claims to be the world's largest and most active network of LGBT youth, a place where they can connect with each other, express themselves, and safely explore their identity. The group raised \$1 million in total from the likes of Peter Thiel, Keith Rabois, and Stanford U.'s StartX. It was also accepted into the Harvard Innovation Lab, AOL First Floor Labs, and Mass-Challenge Accelerators."

Andrea Vidler, BS ILR '07, MPA '08, who graduated from the U. of Pennsylvania last year with an MBA and an MA in international studies, recently announced the launch of her new busi-

ness, LocalAventura, cofounded with her Wharton classmate Eugena Brown. Drea and Eugena's venture began as an idea in an entrepreneurship class, and seeks to connect travelers with guides in Latin America to provide an authentic travel experience. They wanted to allow travelers to find one-of-a-kind local experts and to provide guides the tools they need to showcase their talents. "We want to make it easier for you to try traditional asado, attend a fútbol match, spend time in a rural village, dance at a Bachata club, and celebrate a local festival." Check out LocalAventura at: <http://www.localaventura.com/>.

Finally, **Zachary**, BS ILR '07, and **Alissa Ritter Lupu** welcomed Emilia Margot into the world on November 5, 2015. A true Cornellian from birth, Emilia was born at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medicine, and we all look forward to welcoming her to the Class of 2037 in a few years. All three Lupus, who recently relocated to Westchester County from the Upper West Side, are doing fabulously. Zach is a corporate associate at Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP in Manhattan, and he and I try to squeeze in workday lunches in Bryant Park as often as possible.

We hope you all have fabulous summers full of joy and sunshine. Please send us updates of both the major life change and arcane day-to-day life variety! Running three miles a day? A marathon? Globe-trotting or just moved across town? How are you celebrating your 30th birthday? We'd love to hear from you and give you your 15 minutes of Cornell fame! ■ **Elana Rose Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu; **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

09 Milagros Barsallo made this year's *Forbes* 30 under 30 list. She was recognized by *Forbes* for her leadership in education and has earned praise from none other than President Obama for her work. She currently serves as the co-founder of RISE Colorado, a nonprofit focused on closing the opportunity gap for low-income and minority students. After graduating from Cornell in 2009, she joined Teach For America in Colorado.

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‘Most of Anna Viau’s coursework takes place at the London Zoo.’

Dan Kuhr '13

and get you a subscription to this magazine, but it will help make this column great. If you pay by credit card, submit your news through the online news form: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. I'd love to share your updates with friends in a future column. ■ **Rebecca Robbins**, robbins.reb@gmail.com.

10 Greetings, Class of 2010. We're living in exciting times, but alas, our news is sparse this time around. We're happy to report that **Melissa Barahona** has joined the law firm Bousquet Holstein PLLC, which specializes in mergers and acquisitions, government relations, and commercial real estate, among other areas. Previously an associate attorney at Kasowitz Benson Torres & Freidman LLP in NYC, Melissa transitioned to Bousquet Holstein's litigation practice group in Syracuse, and she now resides in Cortland, NY. We wish Melissa much success in her role and look forward to hearing more in the future.

In other news, we want to hear from you! We know how modest and humble our class is, but this is a perfectly acceptable way to tell us about all your accomplishments, and we promise that you'll get nothing but love in return. Involved in any of the presidential campaigns? Helping any sports teams chase a title? Raising a family? Working on a new idea or business venture? Let us know! Please send your updates to one of your dedicated class correspondents: ■ **Rammy Salem**, rms84@cornell.edu; **Amar Kelkar**, ahk24@cornell.edu; **Jeff Katz**, jak232@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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12 **Becca Lesser** is the marketing manager of Union Kitchen, a food business incubator in Washington, DC, that was founded by two graduates of the Class of 2013. Since its launch, Union Kitchen has worked with more than 150 food and beverage businesses. Union Kitchen members have supported the creation of more than 400 jobs and generated

\$35 million in annual revenue across all member businesses. In May 2015, the team opened a corner store, Union Kitchen Grocery, which puts local products on Washington, DC, shelves. A second kitchen location, called Union Kitchen: Ivy City, opened in September 2015 and tripled Union Kitchen's production capacity. She has been with the company since January 2014.

As always, please remember to send updates to us about your life after Cornell. Let your classmates know about your accomplishments, career, pets, travels, or favorite memories of your time in Ithaca. ■ **Emily Cusick**, egc43@cornell.edu; **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu.

13 I'm writing this column the morning after a wild weekend reuniting with some friends from the Cornell Glee Club and Chorus in Boston. **Meghan Burns** and **Anne Dickey '15** hosted a slew of Cornellians including **Matt Skroce**, ME '16, **Noah Kaminsky**, and **Jenn Lambert '16**, BS HE '15, for the weekend to celebrate Anne's 23rd birthday. Anne's boyfriend, **Patrick Dorion**, ME '15, was among those present; he currently works as a production engineer for Infineum in New Jersey. After one year on the job, he is helping the company interface with manufacturing sites across the globe. He describes his work as like trying to oil a complex machine with many moving parts. He was able to make the Cornell Young Alumni holiday party in Boston despite the hustle and bustle of his daily grind.

Out in Chicago is **Emily Abaroa**, who works as an executive compensation specialist at JPMorgan Chase. She is fairly involved in her local YMCA, where she danced with her Zumba group in the last three Independence Day parades. She is excited for her upcoming trip to Upper Michigan, where she will be skiing, snowshoeing, and dog sledding. **Shea Hasenauer** moved to Naples, FL, and is in his final semester at Ave Maria School of Law. During his time in law school, Shea worked for a federal judge in Fort Myers, FL, and a State Supreme Court Justice in Montgomery, AL, both of which piqued his interest in civil litigation. He recently returned to the Hill for Beta Theta Pi's 135th anniversary as a Cornell fraternity and for his brother's graduation.

Daisy Chinburg has had quite the journey since leaving Cornell. After she graduated, she participated in a six-month internship with the Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation at the National Park Service regional office in Boston. After the internship was complete, she chose to

travel instead of immediately pursuing a career. Daisy traveled through Europe, Mauritius, and Australia, where she lived for months working various sales and hospitality jobs. She then left for Southeast Asia, where she was able to explore Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand. Daisy recently settled in New Hampshire and is planning another trip soon. As of now she works at a local café and restaurant, where one of her regular customers is **Amanda Smith '08**, who runs the Cornell Club of New Hampshire.

Sarah Greenberg works as the assistant legislative director at the Religious Action Center Reform in Washington, DC, which is the social justice office of the Reform Jewish Movement. In addition to helping organize the legislative work for over 70 different issues and managing the RAC's blog, she also works on church-state/religious freedom issues. She was first inspired to join this line of work after attending American Political Thought: The Founding, a seminar run by Prof. Isaac Kramnick in her senior year. She runs into Cornellians frequently in D.C., but her favorite Cornell event is the annual Big Red hockey game in NYC each Thanksgiving weekend. **Katelyn Ridgeway** is out in Salt Lake City, UT, using her training in fiber science and apparel design as a fit specialist for the apparel team at Black Diamond Equipment. Her duties consist of reviewing all prototypes and their patterns, advising comments and changes to the factories, managing the grading, and overseeing fit direction and consistency in general. The upcoming fall 2016 collection will be the first one she has taken on from start to finish. She has learned to ski since moving out West and has fallen in love with the mountains.

Scott Bergman works for Apple, where he currently helps manage several iOS applications. When he's not coding, Scott spends his time outside exploring all that San Francisco has to offer. **Anna Viau** is currently pursuing a master's in wild animal biology in London through a partnership program between the Royal Veterinary College and the Zoological Society of London, with most of her coursework taking place at the London Zoo. In her free time, she ballroom dances, which she learned to do at Cornell. She is also active in obstacle course racing, with at least six races planned before she leaves the UK in September. Working for the San Antonio branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas as an economic analyst is **Christopher Slijik**. His research focuses on regional economic growth in South Texas and the US-Mexico border. He serves as the VP of the Cornell Club of San Antonio and organizes regular events for local alumni and students. In his free time he enjoys biking, traveling, fishing, and eating. We want to hear from you! Please share your news: ■ **Dan Kuhr**, dk453@cornell.edu; **Rachael Schuman**, RASchuman@gmail.com.

14 Hello, Class of 2014! We have several exciting pieces of news to share with you. **Talia Fiano**, a second-year law student at Fordham U., recently competed in the Northeast Regional Philip C. Jessup Int'l Law Moot Court Competition, where her team ranked third overall, making it to the semifinals for the first time in more than a decade.

Derek Paxson and his team from MIT recently won the SpaceX hyperloop design competition in January at Texas A&M, beating out 80 other teams. The hyperloop is a high-speed transportation concept that was created by Tesla Motors and Elon

Musk, CEO of SpaceX. The MIT team was created by Derek and a small group of aerospace and mechanical engineering graduate students last summer and eventually grew to more than 20 students. The team is now building their pod, which will be tested on the SpaceX track that is being built in California. Derek said, "There was an amazing amount of press and coverage of the event, which was really cool since most engineering accomplishments seem to fly somewhat under the radar. Our chief engineer got to meet Elon Musk and the US Secretary of Transportation while we were there." **Dana Lerner** reported that she is now the new business intelligence coordinator at Broadway Across America, the foremost presenter of first-class touring musicals and plays in North America, operating in 40 markets. She currently lives in NYC.

This June, **Sarah Udelhofen** will be setting off on a 76-day cross-country fundraising bike trip to benefit affordable housing efforts. This trip, called Bike and Build, will guide her team of 30 young adults over 4,000 miles from Providence, RI, to Seattle, WA (<http://bikeandbuild.org/route/providence-to-seattle/>). Sarah is especially excited to stop in Ithaca for a build day on June 13! While on the road, her team will meet with members of the communities they pass through, discuss the affordable housing issue and their cause, and help people become involved in efforts to alleviate the problem. They'll also be trading their bikes for hammers for 15 days to help construct affordable homes with local organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity and Rebuilding Together. Upon arriving in Seattle this August, Sarah hopes to use her experiences to find an engaging new position in this field. We hope that everyone has a great summer! As always, please send us your news! ✉ **Samantha Lapehn**, samanthalapehn@gmail.com; **Tejal Thakkar**, tdt42@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

15 Happy May! If you are still living in Ithaca—whether you call it home or you are pursuing a higher degree at Cornell—there's probably still snow on the ground!

Speaking of snow, this year's Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference was cancelled after Winter Storm Jonas wreaked havoc on the Northeast! Despite the cancellation, there has still been much activity coming from the Class of 2015. Our class council had their first meeting in December to plan out the future for us as alumni. If you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see in the future, please let us know! Since graduation in May, the Ithaca campus has changed a lot. Klarman Hall has finally opened; Dunbars hosted its last Group Therapy after 36 years of operation and countless songs on the jukebox; the university's Board of Trustees voted to approve the Cornell College of Business; the Class of 2016 graduated and joined us as alumni; and so much more.

Our peers are making some pretty impressive changes themselves. **Adam Gianforte** rode his unicycle across the country down the Great Divide Mountain Bike Route. His 2,768-mile ride was to raise awareness and collect donations for the Int'l Justice Mission, which is working to protect millions from violence around the world. As of January, he has raised over \$8,000, in addition to the awareness raised about human trafficking. **Lauren Pey** drew on her Cornell education through her Viticulture and Enology coursework and created PUNCHDOWN, a portfolio of exciting wines from Napa Valley and the Sonoma Coast. She followed her passion for creating wine and joined her parents in the industry as a second-generation winemaker. **Ken Quick '14**, BS Ag '15, is heading to Bangalore, India, to combine his background in Applied Economics and Management with his Dairy Science knowledge, as a business strategist at Cargill Animal Nutrition to grow their dairy nutrition and aquaculture business.

Atticus DeProspo was honored as a Schwarzman Scholar, which will provide him with the opportunity to study at Tsinghua U. in Beijing. The Schwarzman scholarship is designed to prepare the next generation of global leaders for the challenges of the future. He was one of three Cornellians honored as a member of the inaugural class. Atticus was also honored as a Bill Gates Cambridge

Scholar, so after his year in China he will travel to Cambridge to study. **Aditya Rahalkar** is co-founder of Calmeet, an app that makes scheduling easier. **Adam Kirsch** worked on the team that built the startup Yorango to simplify rentals for thousands of renters and landlords, with easy-to-use online tools for listing, contract signing, payment, and communication. This year, *Forbes* named Yorango one of the 15 brightest college creations.

In the world of athletics, **Stephen Mozia** improved the Nigerian indoor shot put record to 21.11 meters at the Commodore Invitational meet in Nashville, TN—solidifying his hold as the first Nigerian to throw over 20 meters—on the road to the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. Women's ice hockey players **Brianne Jenner '13**, BA '15, and **Jillian Saulnier** took their talents to the Canadian Women's Hockey League's Calgary Inferno. The two former Cornell players, along with their team, created the DIFD Start the Spark initiative to have fans wear purple to their February 13 game to raise awareness about mental health.

Have some news? Want to share it with the class? Please send us your updates and we will include them in an upcoming column. ✉ **Haley Velasco**, hav9@cornell.edu; **Ariel Cooper**, alc258@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

Heart Strings

Rebecca Lomnický '14

The Scottish folk song "Roslin Castle" tells the story of an ancient structure that has been destroyed and rebuilt numerous times over the centuries. For fiddler Rebecca Lomnický, the tune is emblematic of how Scottish folk music vibrantly represents the nation's history and culture by bringing past events and places to life. "It's a very beautiful, slow, and haunting tune," says Lomnický. "When I play it, it portrays the sadness that people felt about the castle being ruined."



An accomplished musician who started playing violin and piano at age five, the Oregon-born Lomnický is devoted to preserving and performing Scottish folk songs. She has racked up numerous honors, including (in 2005) winning the junior division of the U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Competition and (in 2009) taking first place at the annual Glenfiddich International Scottish Fiddle Championship. She recorded her first CD—"The Call," which the folk magazine *Dirty Linen* called "technically masterful and wonderfully melodic"—while still in her early teens.

Lomnický double majored in music and anthropology on the Hill and spent a semester in Edinburgh, where she played with and learned from veteran musicians. An avid performer who spent many of her post-Cornell days on the road—until fall 2015, when she enrolled in a PhD program in ethnomusicology at the University of California,

Berkeley—Lomnický is one-half of a fiddle-and-bagpipe duo entitled The Fire. Last spring, the two released an album of the same name that featured many of the tunes she'd studied during her time abroad. "It was nice to go back to the roots of the music that people have learned for generations," she says. "For me, Scottish music is so much about the people and the culture."

— Kathleen Malnati

ALUMNI DEATHS

1930s

'36 BS Ag—Wendell J. Wheeler, Mount Dora, FL, November 6, 2015

'37 BA—Stephanie Czech Rader, Alexandria, VA, January 21, 2016

'39 MME—Wellington I. Sun, Brooklyn, NY, January 19, 2016

'39 BA—Eleanor Culver Young, Brandon, VT, December 4, 2015

1940s

'40—Robert H. Butterfield, Kamuela, HI, May 24, 2011

'40 BA—Shirley Richmond Gartlir, Palm Beach Gardens, FL,
February 15, 2016

'41 BA—Herbert L. Abrams, Palo Alto, CA, January 20, 2016

'41, B Chem E '43—John R. Powers, Wilmington, DE, Dec. 8, 2015

'41 BS Hotel—Paul M. Schweid, Santa Barbara, CA, May 17, 2010

'42, BS Hotel '49—Fay W. Brandis, Raleigh, NC, December 8, 2015

'42—Carl A. Cecilia, Stuart, FL, February 13, 2015

'42 BA—Babette Hofheimer Sonneborn, Scarsdale, NY, Sept. 19, 2015

'42 BS HE—Leslie Clinton Veeder, Fort Myers, FL, December 8, 2015

'43 BS Chem E, '47 B Chem E—Bruce Beh, Sekiu, WA, May 1, 2014

'43, BA '47—Robert C. Johnston, Bozeman, MT, February 1, 2016

'43 BA—Walter F. Muzacz, Houston, TX, January 8, 2016

'43 BA—Aline Snyder Raisler, Palm Beach, FL, December 25, 2015

'44, BS Ag '47, PhD '50—Edward J. Beckhorn, Montclair, NJ,
January 28, 2016

'44 BME—Theodore A. Hall, Cromwell, CT, February 17, 2016

'44, BA '43, MA '47—George L. Kustas, Poughkeepsie, NY,
February 7, 2016

'44, BS Ag '46—Lewellyn S. Mix, Virginia Beach, VA, Jan. 21, 2016

'44, BA '47—George S. Peer, Florence, OR, December 27, 2015

'44—Walter H. Smith, Mesa, AZ, April 9, 2015

'44 BA—Anne Green Stratton, Endwell, NY, January 13, 2016

'44—Glenn A. Wood Jr., Portland, OR, January 17, 2015

'45 DVM—Charles S. Duncan Sr., Potsdam, NY, February 14, 2016

'45, BA '44—Margaret Weil Kaufmann, Sun City, AZ, Feb. 2, 2016

'45, BA '44—Charna Slonim Weisman, Winchester, MA,
November 6, 2015

'46 BS HE—Verna Eaton Beckhorn, Montclair, NJ, Sept. 9, 2013

'46 BS Hotel—Robert Edwards, Palm Beach Gardens, FL,
November 21, 2012

'46 BS Hotel—William H. Hofmann, San Diego, CA, Aug. 18, 2015

'46 DVM—Janet Meade MacCallum, New Hartford, NY, Feb. 19, 2016

'47, BS ORIE '48—William H. Busch, Hinsdale, IL, Dec. 7, 2015

'47 BS Ag—William B. Faulkner Jr., Warsaw, NY, January 30, 2016

'47 BS Ag—Donald M. Gannett, Southern Pines, NC, Feb. 6, 2016

'47, BME '46—William F. Hale, Massapequa, NY, January 19, 2016

'47 BA—Norma Henninger Maleski, Hanover, NH, February 12, 2016

'48 BA—Richard Mittenthal, Sarasota, FL, January 23, 2016

'48 BS Ag, MS Ag '52—Harold B. Vroman, Plattsburgh, NE,
September 20, 2015

'49 MS—Mary Leary Claytor, Bethesda, MD, October 14, 2015

'49 BA—Thomas H. Clements, Saratoga Springs, NY, Dec. 10, 2015

'49 BS Hotel—George W. Hallbach, Meriden, CT, February 18, 2016

'49 BS Ag—Harold A. Newlander, Albuquerque, NM, Feb. 11, 2016

'49 MS, PhD '53—George J. Schumacher, Henderson, NV,
December 12, 2015

'49 BS Hotel, MS Hotel '75—John F. Tewey, Birmingham, AL,
January 30, 2016

'49 BS HE—Barbara Meldrum Vail, Southbury, CT, January 27, 2016

1950s

'50 BS ILR—Robert P. Crisara, Woodbury, CT, February 22, 2016

'50 B Chem E, MBA '52—Bruce D. Davis, Audubon, PA,
February 22, 2016

'50 BCE—Thomas J. Elder, Fayetteville, PA, February 3, 2016

'50 BA, PhD '58—William W. Gage, Scottsville, NY, Sept. 12, 2015

'50 BS Ag—Paul J. Gruber, Catonsville, MD, October 30, 2015

'50, MD '53—John P. McCreary, Watertown, NY, November 11, 2015

'50, BME '51—Bernard N. Roth, Cranston, RI, November 7, 2015

'50, BA '51—Russell C. Voorhis, Williamsburg, VA, January 10, 2016

'50, BCE '51—E. Roberts Wood, Monterey, CA, January 22, 2016

'51 BA—Anne Flannery Davidson, Margate City, NJ, Feb. 10, 2016

'51 MD—Patrick J. Mulrow, Jupiter Island, FL, December 3, 2015

'51, BCE '52—George R. Russell, Mesa, AZ, February 8, 2016

'52 PhD—Frank J. Hilferty, Duxbury, MA, December 11, 2015

'52 BS Ag—Floyd E. Morter Jr., Punta Gorda, FL, February 20, 2016

'52, BCE '53, MCE '55—Hans J. Pfister, Ijamsville, MD,
October 20, 2015

'52 BA, LLB '54—William Recht Jr., Longboat Key, FL, Dec. 1, 2015

'52, BME '53—Richard C. Smith, Towson, MD, February 9, 2016

'52 BA—John S. Stahura, Reading, VT, July 6, 2014

'53 BA, JD '57—Peter A. Cooper, Southold, NY, January 18, 2015

'53 BS ILR—Glenn P. Crone, Ashland, VA, December 22, 2015

'53 BS ILR—Joel Field, White Plains, NY, February 10, 2016

'53 BA—Robert L. Spitzer, Seattle, WA, December 25, 2015

'54 BA—Leon Peltz, Sag Harbor, NY, January 8, 2016

'55, BS Ag '59, MBA '60—Charles E. Arden Jr., Lindenhurst, IL,
February 19, 2016

'55, B Chem E '56—Leonard B. Hittner, West Windsor, NJ,
February 1, 2016

'55 DVM—Douglas F. McBride, New Paltz, NY, January 17, 2016

'55 DVM—Richard C. Van Name, Port St. Lucie, FL, November 7, 2015

'55, '56 B Chem E—Donald A. Bernard, Sorrento, FL, Dec. 28, 2015

'56—Mary Wheeler Howes, Hamilton, NY, January 29, 2016

'57 MS, PhD '62—Eugene W. Adams, Tuskegee Institute, AL,
February 21, 2016

'57 JD—Thomas T. Adams, Wilton, CT, December 16, 2015

'57 BA—Fredda Ginsberg Fellner, New York City, October 22, 2015

'57 BS HE—Sue Shindler Hillier, East Aurora, NY, January 23, 2016

'57, B Chem E '58—Stan Hutchison, Chestertown, MD,
February 22, 2016

'57, BArch '58—Olga Duntuch Krell, São Paulo, Brazil, Dec. 8, 2015

'58 BS Nurs—Frances Browne Caspar, Avon, CT, February 8, 2016

'58 LLB—James C. Conner, Newport News, VA, November 19, 2015

'58 BA, PhD '65—John C. Mineka, New York City,
September 28, 2015

'58 BS Nurs—Evelyn Tychsen Plainte, Waterford, CT, Dec. 9, 2015

'58 BS Ag—Donald H. Reid, Bellevue, WA, January 14, 2016

'59 MS—Walter M. Hewitson, Bridgewater, MA, January 31, 2016

'59 BS Ag—Gerald P. Hirsch, Branchburg, NJ, October 20, 2015

'59 BA—Charles C. Vogel III, Timonium, MD, January 22, 2016

'59 MBA—David B. Wallace, Lynchburg, VA, February 4, 2016

1960s

'60 BS HE—June Lewman Gregory, Oklahoma City, OK, Jan. 25, 2016

'60 BA—Althea Goss Pearlman, Boulder, CO, February 10, 2016

'61, BS Ag '62—James E. Baker, Johnstown, NY, January 29, 2016

'61 BA—Ingram S. Chodorow, Rancho Santa Fe, CA, February 6, 2016

'61 BS Nurs—Alice M. Obrig, Guilford, CT, January 1, 2016

'62 BS ILR—James E. Huttar, Front Royal, VA, February 4, 2016

'62, B Chem E '63, M Chem E '69—Victor W. Morgan, North Kingstown, RI, Jan. 28, 2016

'62 BA—Kenneth L. Pursley, Boise, ID, October 21, 2015

'62 BA, PhD '77—Sheldon Severinghaus, San Francisco, CA, December 16, 2015

'62, B Chem E '63, MBA '64—Robert F. Slagle, Presto, PA, February 21, 2016

'62 BS Hotel—William A. Stowe, Lake Placid, NY, February 8, 2016

'62 MBA—F. Douglas Wert Jr., Mechanicsburg, PA, December 9, 2015

'67, BEE '68, MEE '68—Reed D. Hamilton Jr., Fort Worth, TX, February 5, 2016

'67-70 GR—Marceine Dickfos Sweetser, Lewisburg, PA, January 25, 2016

'68 BS Ag—Henry A. Church-Smith, Sequim, WA, November 4, 2015

'68 BS Ag—Janet Vandyke Huisjen, Boulder, CO, February 1, 2016

'68, BS Ag '71, DVM '71—Donald L. Robinson, Glens Falls, NY, October 12, 2015

1970s

'70 PhD—Randall E. Rockey, Silver City, NM, December 8, 2015

'72 BA—James A. Gordon, Baltimore, MD, January 28, 2016

'73 MFA, DMA '78—Steven E. Stucky, Ithaca, NY, February 14, 2016

'73 BA—William R. Vallone, Exeter, RI, January 30, 2016

'74 BA—Mark D. Kutner, Vineland, NJ, February 3, 2016

'76-77 GR—Van Keuren Jones, Clearwater, FL, December 10, 2015

'77 JD—Lewis G. Schwartz, Stamford, CT, January 29, 2016

'78 BA, MD '82—Lori L. Altshuler, Manhattan Beach, CA, November 5, 2015

1980s

'81 BS Eng—Jeffrey C. Chung, Lexington, MA, January 31, 2016

'83 BS Hotel—Scott D. Morrison, Newtown Square, PA, February 14, 2016

'84 BA—Millena Manov Leiningen, White Plains, NY, November 20, 2015

'85 JD—Paul D. Aiken, New York City, January 29, 2016

'85 DVM—James C. Zgoda, Campbell Hall, NY, February 10, 2016

'88 BA—Daniel R. Gerson, Sherman Oaks, CA, February 6, 2016

1990s

'91—Lisa Bonchek Adams, Darien, CT, March 6, 2015

'97 JD—Marc E. Mangum, Ashburn, VA, October 4, 2015

2000s

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"In August, we hit the ground running," says Taylor Meadows '16, managing director of this year's Hotel Ezra Cornell (HEC). For ninety-one years, the Hotel school's student-run hospitality conference has drawn alumni and industry leaders to campus for a whirlwind weekend in March, when as many as 600 people flock to the Statler for networking, receptions, gala dinners, lectures, and more.

In the year leading up to each HEC, its board of directors—chosen by a student-faculty panel just weeks after the previous one ends—put in countless hours of preparation. They seek wisdom from past board members; attend other conferences for inspiration; and put on practice events—such as a "mocktail" reception—to get used to the Statler's event spaces. On the weekend itself, every task—from check-in to turn-down service, meal prep to dishwashing—is performed by student volunteers. "This is such an amazing, hands-on management and leadership opportunity," says Reneta McCarthy '84, MPS '01, a senior lecturer at the Hotel school and faculty adviser to the past twelve HECs.

In 2016, as in most years, there were some minor snafus—late deliveries; a missing case of coffee cups—that went unnoticed by guests. But every now and then something larger goes awry—as at the now-legendary HEC when Lobster Newberg was served over vanilla ice cream instead of chestnut puree. (The unconventional dish was actually something of a hit.) "Our guests don't want a perfect weekend," Meadows observes. "If they wanted a perfect conference, they'd go somewhere else."

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The past few decades have seen a shift in focus. Once a predominately social weekend, HEC now emphasizes education: 2016 featured more than twenty speakers, including current and former executives from Ritz-Carlton, Hyatt, Airbnb, and Orbitz. "When I was in school, it was probably 90 percent social and 10 percent educational; that has totally reversed," says Robert Mandelbaum '81, president of the Cornell Hotel Society. "It used to be focused on networking and socializing among alumni; there were even skits and plays. Now it's very much an educational industry conference with amazing student-generated food and beverage events woven in."

This year, Meadows and her fellow board members made a concerted effort to draw in Hotelies with a broad range of interests, like those concentrating in finance or design. They also partnered with a class in which students design a restaurant concept; its professor chose a winning project—a pan-Latin eatery called Tia Mia—whose creators put on a tapas lunch. "From year to year, students want to make it better than the previous one," says Meadows. "But it's about more than that; it's about trying new things."

Though many may assume that HEC sprang from the Hotel school, it's actually the other way around. A century ago, the University offered only a small hospitality program, based in the College of Home Economics and founded by Professor Howard Meek. Hotel industry giant E. M. Statler—a renowned skeptic of a formal hospitality education—was invited to attend the second-ever HEC in 1927. Says McCarthy: "He was so impressed with what he saw that at the gala banquet he stood up and said, 'I'm converted—Meek can have any damn thing he wants.'"

Statler passed away shortly thereafter—and his foundation became one of the Hotel school's major benefactors. ■

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