

For the past 15 years, John has been serving on the NYS chief judge's Judicial Inst. on Professionalism in the Law. John spent a great day hosting **Mike Kirschen** at his home on Marco Island, FL, and frequently gets together with **Pete, JD '71**, and **Debbie Kates Smith, MA '71**, at their winter home turf around Naples, FL.

Gary Mols (ghmols@gmail.com) is the founder of the Victoria Aikido Club. Aikido is a form of modern Japanese martial arts, which is a synthesis of martial arts, philosophy, and religious beliefs. His club was the first in Western Canada and recently celebrated its 40th anniversary. We all enjoy hearing from you, so for first timers and those who only update us periodically, please keep sending your news. **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

69 Another hot summer in the rear view mirror—hope you all survived the heat, humidity, droughts, and floods, not to mention the presidential campaigns.

Gary Gartenberg recently retired and has lots of travel plans—national parks and a visit to daughter **Emily '17**, who is studying in

Richmond, VA, to be closer to his two daughters and two grandkids. He plans on playing a lot of golf at his new country club. **Richard Feldman** works for Cornell as director of the Language Resource Center and finds it both “exhilarating and maddening—such high ideals sometimes realized and sometimes thwarted.” He is ambivalent about retiring, but loves the travel that comes with his job. He and wife Beth have two daughters with master's degrees from Cornell, and they just welcomed a fourth grandchild.

Jonathan Kaplan, MD '74, sends this news from Atlanta: “I retired on March 31, 2016, after a 35-plus-year career at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In the last ten years of my career, I led the HIV care and treatment efforts in the Global AIDS Program, resulting in treatment of ten million HIV-infected persons with lifesaving antiretroviral therapy in 40-plus countries around the world. In this first phase of retirement, I am continuing to take care of HIV-infected patients at the Atlanta V.A. Medical Center, volunteering at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History, and enjoying various outdoor recreational activities. Just celebrated 35th wedding anniversary with wife Linda. Daughters Jessica and Samantha will be graduating from medical

70 As the year 2016 draws to a close, we have witnessed possibly the most unusual and tumultuous presidential election in our lifetime. I am writing this column two months before Election Day and you may be reading it before the voting has been completed! Best wishes to you all for a joyous and blessed holiday season followed by a happy and healthy 2017.

Good news from **Fred Piscop** (tihzwa@aol.com): this past August he became the new editor of the *USA Today* crossword! **Paul and Betsy Reed Guthrie** (Novato, CA; betsyguthrie@comcast.net) are now retired together, and their first big outing—while they could still camp and hike—was to southern Utah. In December 2014, Betsy retired from Autodesk (a 3D graphics company), where she was a program manager. Betsy says that choosing Cornell instead of a women's college was one of her best decisions. “It plunged me into a new world from my tiny high school and helped me grow up.” Simon & Garfunkel at Barton was her favorite concert while we were at Cornell. **Sharon Gerl, Sharon Huey Persbacher**, and Betsy get together every few years to ski and visit.

James Mackerer (Hudson, NY) has retired from his position as senior VP of commercial lending from Kinderhook Bank. He now serves as chairman of the Columbia County Industrial Development Agency and the Columbia County Capital Resource Corp. **Ellen Saltonstall** lives in New York City, where she has been teaching yoga and Bodymind Ballwork for more than 45 years. She has also written two books and has two more in progress. Ellen's decision to balance work and family creatively was one of her best, she says. She has three children and three grandchildren. Her favorite concert at Cornell was the Rose Ensemble, which she attended when her son was a student there.

Fred Chananis writes, “Having left science teaching in Virginia for retirement on the North Shore of Massachusetts, I somehow find myself once again being an instructor in marine science topics at the Harvard Inst. for Learning in Retirement. This has caused me to branch out from gentleman farming into the world of lobstermen, Alaskan salmon fishermen, and serious oyster farming. Not that I do all of these, but New Englanders who do have become friends and visitors to my classes.” Fred and his wife, Elisa, reveled in rekindling Pi Lambda Phi and freshman dorm friendships at the Class of 1970's 45th Reunion in June 2015. Joining them were **Art Litowitz, Charlie, JD '73**, and **Debbi Gerard Adelman '71, MS '74, Bruce Baird, Don Noveau, Steve Meyerson, Art Spitzer '71**, and others. “The creation of a Cornell Big Red Bear scholarship in the name of **Jeff Baer**, a beloved fraternity brother who passed away far too soon, was a particularly poignant moment during the weekend,” Fred writes. Fred and Elisa are actively involved in local West Newbury, MA, matters, but a big highlight of the week comes when they Skype or FaceTime with granddaughter Alder, who lives in Montana with her dad, Andrew. Late in spring 2016 Fred and Elisa celebrated the graduation of their younger son, Will, from Bucknell U., and they are planning to travel to Ireland with neighborhood friends in 2017.

Merry Bloch Jones now lives in Philadelphia, PA, and is still writing books. She is working on another Elle Harrison suspense novel, *Child's Play*, to be released in January 2017. Visit merryjones.com to see the list or to contact her. **Elliot Kronstein** (Cambridge, MA; kronstein@restoratedentists.com) is a prosthodontist at the Restorative Dental Group of Cambridge, where he treats patients while

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Copenhagen. He wants to play more tennis and piano and is a volunteer mentor at Watershed. Son **David '05, JD '10**, was married last November; son Daniel just received his PhD in cognitive psychology; and daughter Alyssa is working as a chef in Toronto. He credits Prof. Kaston—Intro to Biology—with sparking his interest in medicine. **Arthur Eisenberg** recently retired from biomedical research administration at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center and from SUNY College of Optometry on 42nd St. He is now living in the beautiful town of Rhinebeck in Upstate New York and plans to pursue his passion for photography, shooting the countryside, focusing on people and their horses. “I'm now a four-year cancer survivor and happy to be alive.” Well done, Arthur!

Roy Black is director of the real estate program and professor in the practice of finance at Emory U.'s Goizueta Business School in Atlanta, GA. “I love my job, so I keep on working.” He plays in a band at a blues and barbecue joint. **Ingrid Vatsvog** Wachtler, MEE '70, is still running a native plant nursery in Gig Harbor, WA, on the Puget Sound. “Getting a little harder with the aches and pains, but hanging in there.” Don't we know it, Ingrid. **Robert Rice** is a farm account underwriter in Syracuse. **David Zimet** is working on restaurant matters in New Orleans and recently spent two and a half weeks in Portugal. He writes, “What a beautiful country with such nice people!” David enjoyed his younger son's wedding in March in New Orleans. **Donald Witter, MS '71** (witterdr@gmail.com) checked in via e-mail from Skaneateles, NY.

Stephen Goldberg retired at the end of May and plans to move from Farmville, VA, to

school in May 2017. We are very proud of them!” **Ed Landau** is a registered landscape architect in Horsham, PA. **Ildiko Czmor Mitchell** enjoys babysitting her grandchildren three days a week in Johnson City, NY—“Keeps my brain sharp.” She is still “plugging” away at the Appalachian Trail, heading into New Jersey, and says she needs to get to Georgia before she's too old! She would love to hear from her '69 KA sisters.

There are no flies (horse or otherwise) on **Doug Antczak**, the Dorothy Havemeyer McConville Professor of Equine Medicine at the Baker Inst. for Animal Health, College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University. Doug was in Esfahan, Iran, in September 2015, to present a talk at an international meeting on the Caspian horse, a rare breed that was promoted and developed by a Cornell alumna. He writes, “Long story that I will not relate here, but one of the greatest trips of my life.” He spent time at Weill Cornell Medicine in Doha, Qatar, in February 2016. He has a research project in Qatar and usually spends one month each year working in the Middle East. Part of the project there is a study of camel genetics and genomics. In March 2016, Doug attended an international equine infectious disease conference in Buenos Aires. He was in Hong Kong in March, visiting a new veterinary school there that Cornell is helping to establish. He spent a week in Mongolia in June at a global health conference followed by a short tour of the northern part of the country. “The horse continues to take me to fantastic places. It has been a great ride!”

Enjoy your holidays! Check out our class website at cornell69.org, and send your news and notes to: **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.