

**Adam Perl** (Ithaca, NY; adam@pastimes.com) observes, "I am still working full time running my antique shop, Pastimes, in Ithaca. Our oldest daughter gave birth to triplets on September 2, 2016! Rory, Audrey, and Charlotte were born at just 27 weeks, but all are doing well. They will remain in the neonatal intensive care unit for two to three months. My 27th crossword puzzle was published in the *New York Times*. I continue to sing with several different choral groups." Adam recalls that what affected him the most as an undergrad was "the wonderful music faculty, especially Bill Holmes, Donald Patterson, John Hsu, William Austin, Karel Husa, Donald Grout, and the Cornell Glee Club under the leadership of Thomas Sokol." **Jeffrey Rose** (Las Vegas, NV; vegasmuse@gmail.com) writes, "I'm performing due diligence for a California-based securities broker-dealer. Just back from my 17th stint as a Black Rock ranger at the Burning Man festival and planning on returning next year."

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**Richard Holstein** (Pennington, NJ; rh98@cornell.edu) reports, "After abandoning Engineering Physics at Cornell (not enough intellectual stim), I transferred to Washington College in Maryland, obtaining an AB in philosophy. Thence to Tufts Dental School and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for a residency in pediatric dentistry. Now, after 42 years of practice in Princeton, I think I might have gotten it right—so I have retired. Medicine is not what it used to be, and I am disappointed with the direction it has taken. The Cornell background in EP has been invaluable, and I have used it virtually every day in my clinical practice. That, along with the critical thinking skills that I acquired from philosophy, has served me well. I am now developing a comprehensive program in ethics at Washington College, which I hope will stimulate generations of new minds to 'do the right thing.' Retirement is certainly busy. I have become a competent chef of 'creative gastronomy,' enjoying a non-scheduled freedom that I never had. I've traveled extensively, live in a very eco-friendly solar (PV) home, and drive a Prius (which I hope to replace with a Prime when it's released, if it has all the tech); waiting impatiently for the hydrogen fuel cell to be released as the primary power source. I can produce my own from the PV power when ready. So, my classmates, I hope you are all well and living life to its fullest. Regards to **John Septic, Hollister Moore '68**, and **Jim Brodsky** (U-Hall 2)."

Our 50th Reunion is less than six months away! If, for some reason, you have not submitted your report for the 50th Reunion yearbook yet, please go online right now, because we're already past deadline, at <https://justicestrategies.formstack.com/forms/yearbook>, and submit your account of what you've been doing for the past half-century. You will soon be receiving an invitation for Reunion, so make plans now to be there June 8-11, 2017. Lastly, we are looking for Cornell memorabilia you may have for a display at Reunion. Please send any pictures and other items that recall your time at Cornell to our Reunion co-chair, **Judy Kaufman**, at 162 Mill Brook Rd., Stamford, CT 06902. **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

**68** **Kathy Riggs** Van Wie (wiehome@aol.com), **Herm Penner**, and **Barbara Riggs '75** circumnavigated Iceland on the *National Geographic Explorer* last July. **Frank Douglas, MS '68** (also PhD '73 and MD '77) (frankldouglas@gmail.com) is the CEO of Thevax Genetics Vaccine USA, which is currently enrolling patients for their Phase 2 study of therapeutic vaccines for the treatment of patients with HPV-induced precancerous lesions of the cervix. Frank and his wife are so proud of daughter **Nataki Douglas '93**, who received her first NIH R01 grant this year.

**Ron Kopicki**, MA '71 (rkopicki@gmail.com) continues his work as a consultant on economic development and poverty alleviation in poverty-afflicted countries. Traveling alone to places like Belarus, Chile, Cabo Verde, and Benin, however, is getting old, and Ron is looking forward to retirement and more pleasant trips with his wife, Annie, who retired from the NIH this year. He's also

looking forward to spending more time with his granddaughters. In the past several years Ron's also been painting water and wildlife scenes, most recently those around his home on the Tred Avon River and the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland, where he welcomes Cornell friends. Ron particularly credits professors David Davis, **L. Pierce Williams '48**, PhD '52, **Frederick Marcham, PhD '26**, and Alan Pike for arousing his curiosity to think beyond his comfortable perimeter. **Sam Roberts** (samrob@nytimes.com) is still covering urban affairs and writing obits for the *New York Times*. His book, *A History of New York in 101 Objects*, has recently been published by Simon and Schuster.

**Paul Rohan** (pr68@cornell.edu) is still practicing as a partner in a CPA firm. In June, while attending a conference in Philly, Paul had dinner with his Cornell buddy, our classmate **Bob Cantor**, who he had not seen in decades. Paul had a wonderful time reminiscing and catching up on the years since graduation. Their dinner experience made me think that a wonderful way for us to have dinner, breakfast, and lunch with Cornell buddies we haven't seen in decades (or days) is by attending our 50th Reunion, June 7-10, 2018. By the way, don't waste your time trying to book the Statler for Reunion, reports **Jerry Levitz**, who stopped there while attending Homecoming 2016 as an honored guest of the Athletics department for his four decades of continuous support for lightweight football. Jerry and his wife, Pam, were told we're just too young to get a room. Keep sending your news on the forms or directly to me: **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**69** I hope you all enjoyed the summer and are happily settling into winter. First, a note from our class website: "Yes, there are still wonderful, honest, helpful, gracious people in this world! A Cornell '69 class ring was found on an eastern US beach by such a person, who has contacted us to help find its rightful owner. If you lost

your ring (no name inscribed), please e-mail one of our co-presidents—Alan at [almorrow@aol.com](mailto:almorrow@aol.com), or Charlotte at [charlotte@livingvermont.com](mailto:charlotte@livingvermont.com)—and tell them where you think you lost it. They will make a confirmation and connection with this wonderful person."

**Sandra Schroeder** Bricker and husband Jeff relocated to Ithaca from Lancaster, PA, in June, and she tells us, "The opportunities to learn and connect with various aspects of the university are amazing. If there are other Class of '69 grads in the area, we would love to meet you. Our e-mail address is available on Cornell's website." **Frances Novarr** Strayer, MAT '70, is thrilled to be a new grandmother to daughter Rachel's baby girl, Romy Blair. **David Shannon** sends us greetings from New Zealand. "Terri and I moved from Auckland down to Tauranga on the beautiful Bay of Plenty at Christmastime 2015—to get out of the urban congestion, traffic madness, and soaring house costs of Auckland. In June/July we joined a group on a trip to Peru, Bolivia, and Chile. Everything you've ever read, heard, or seen about Machu Picchu is true, and more! Fantastic place to visit. Back in Tauranga, I continue to work as a freelance remuneration advisor, but we are mostly settled down in retirement, looking for our next big adventure abroad—probably a river cruise across Europe."

**Timothy**, MFA '78, MA '83, and **Susan Crane Larkin**'s art was recently on display at the Boyce Thompson Inst. This exhibition, "Renaissance of Light," featured over 40 works by the couple and Christina Coleman, including Susan's dramatic black-and-white photos of desiccated parts of plants. In addition, several of her photographs were accompanied by poems written by Timothy. Susan said about her work, "I want my camera to be an X-ray machine—capable of looking through the walls of a pod to the seeds inside. Or, if that can't happen, I think about what I could do with back light. Can I show the outline of the plant with a light from behind and not lose what is in front? Or perhaps celebrate the color? I am seeking the details people see every day but so often fail to notice." Boyce Thompson Inst. is a life sciences research institution on campus.

**Lynne Beyer** Sagalyn's new book, *Power at Ground Zero: Politics, Money, and the Remaking of Lower Manhattan*, was recently published by Oxford University Press. She also recently became professor emerita at Columbia Business School, after nearly four decades of teaching. She would like to write another book and do some traveling, and she credits Prof. **John Reps, MRP '47**, as having the greatest impact on her. **Anita LaRaia**, MA '71 (Atlanta, GA) authored *Turn the Corner* ([www.anitalaraia.com](http://www.anitalaraia.com)), available on Amazon. She says she would like to be working on sexual assault prevention in colleges and the military by reducing binge drinking. Anita would like to hear from **Don Goeke**, GR '70-72.

Enjoy the new year, check out our class website (Cornell69.org), and send your news to: **Tina Economaki** Riedl, [triedl048@gmail.com](mailto:triedl048@gmail.com). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**70** First, I am sending my very best wishes to all my fellow classmates and friends for a wonderful New Year. May 2017 be a year that brings each of you good health, happiness, and a big portion of fun as well. Second, as always, I encourage each of you to check out our various '70 sites: our class website, [cornell70.org](http://cornell70.org); our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/cornell70](http://www.facebook.com/cornell70).