

Seattle area and reconnected with high school friends, KKG sorority sisters, and both my children who have settled in Seattle." She would love to hear from **Carol Stilwell Himes**, **Barbara Boochever Lindh**, and **Melanie Mayer**. She recalls Prof. **Urie Bronfenbrenner '38** as having a great impact on her. "He imported important knowledge about child development, which augmented my psychology major."

"Still doing some surgery at the Lawndale Christian Health Center in Chicago, a great clinic in the inner city for the underserved," writes **Adam Romeiser** (Lake Forest, IL). "I work there one day a week, and home in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan is a great place to unwind. Six grandchildren under 6 keep us hopping. Climbing more mountains: climbed one (14,250 feet) in Blue River, CO, two summers ago." **Helene Dansker Bergman** (Muymimada@aol.com) advises, "**Lawrence Bergman '65**, MEE '66, passed away on January 5, 2017. He is survived by daughters Jennifer and Allison and myself, their mother." **Hillel Fradkin** (Washington, DC; hillel@hillelfradkin.com) is kept busy by Middle East and Muslim politics "as a senior fellow at the Hudson Inst. I'm also at work on a book on the Hebrew Bible. My daughters, Abigail and Rebecca, have graduated from college and live and work in New York City." He adds that he'd like to be "spending more time in Israel, Italy, and France" and recalls as major influences professors Allan Bloom and Walter Berns.

**Stephen Johnson** (Missoula, MT; synapse@bigsky.net) is "contemplating whether retirement is interesting enough to replace neurology." He adds, "I miss my son, **Ethan '95**, but my daughter, Erica, is an associate professor of economics at Gonzaga U., and my grandson, Ishaar, is, of course, precocious." He'd like to be "spotting birds of paradise in New Guinea" and would like to hear from **Sam Patten**. He recalls English instructor **Mary Fuertes Boynton '31**, PhD '41, as having had the greatest impact on him while at Cornell. **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

**68** Happy spring! I hope you have responded to the annual News and Dues mailing from our class. Haven't paid class dues yet? Go to: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/classes.cfm>. I look forward to publishing your news in an upcoming column! **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

**69** Greetings from Maine, where Old Man Winter gave us a run for the money once again. Looking forward to a pleasant spring and summer!

**John Mitchell**, MD '73, enjoys practicing ophthalmology and neuro-ophthalmology in Harlem and is doing glaucoma research. He operates at Columbia U. Medical Center. This summer he will go on his 28th medical mission to the Dominican Republic. He has a 3-year-old grandson and a 2-year-old granddaughter born on his birthday, May 27. He is also a playwright, and his work *Chosen* will be showcased with five performances May 4-7 in Manhattan. It's a story about three jazz musicians from Harlem who arrive in the 1942 US Marine Corps at Montford Point, NC, which was the first time the Marines permitted African Americans. "We see them through boot camp to Iwo Jima and, still alive in 2013, deciding if they want to follow their

leader, Aloysius 'Big Al' Sam, to D.C. for the second swearing in of the first African American president." For dates, place, and further information, contact John at [mitchellmdj@verizon.net](mailto:mitchellmdj@verizon.net). His documentary entitled *The Chosen Few*, about the Montford Point Marines, was seen at Cornell February 4 at the Black BioMedical and Technical Assn. and the Marine Division of NROTC. Best of luck to you, John. He would love to hear from **Ralph Kamell '68**, MD '72, and **Reuben Munday**, BA '71, MPS '74, who were great influences on him at Cornell, along with **James Bliss**, PhD '85, and **Michael Thelwell**.

"Our 50th Reunion is coming, June 6-9, 2019!" **Alan Cody** and **Charlotte Bruska Gardner** report that your class officers and council members met recently at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Baltimore and have some great ideas to make our 50th Reunion the best ever. Alan and Charlotte will be in touch with the class over the next few months to tell you more and see what you want most for our 50th. Your class officers and council want to see you all there, so please save the date and tell your friends from '69 to join you at Reunion, June 6-9, 2019! Enjoy spring! Please send news to: **Tina Economaki** Riedl triedl048@gmail.com.

**70** Our 50th Reunion will be a full and fun weekend party in Ithaca in just three years! The dates are June 4-7, 2020. 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); and our Twitter page, [www.twitter.com/CornellClass70](http://www.twitter.com/CornellClass70).

With our milestone 50th approaching, the Class of '70 is looking for classmate volunteers to help with ALL aspects of our Reunion, both big and small. At least two Reunion chairs would be great, or we could have a Reunion coordinator working with many Reunion committee members. There are many aspects of Reunion that will be planned and prepared before we meet in June 2020: planning meals and menus and meeting with caterers; picking the campus venues for all events; selecting a Reunion souvenir (or not!); arranging a unique Class of '70 forum; decorating our Reunion headquarters; refreshments for headquarters (food and drink); and more! Please let me know what role you would like to fill, keeping in mind that Cornell's alumni staff is very organized and incredibly helpful with "everything Reunion"! We will all work together toward a great Reunion weekend.

During summer 2016, **Phil** and **Andrea Schwartz** (Santa Monica, CA; [philschwartzdp@gmail.com](mailto:philschwartzdp@gmail.com)) spent three remarkable weeks exploring the Scottish Highlands on foot and by car while traveling with two good friends from the L.A. area. Phil says he shot "way too many images" with his Nikon. Then in December 2016, they went on a two-week journey to Cambodia and Vietnam. It included an eight-day cruise on the Mekong River on an AMA Waterways vessel. Phil reports that it was an eye-opening experience, though they were not always pleasant sights (e.g., the Killing Fields sites in Cambodia). It was a genuine exposure to life in Southeast Asia. They explored small fishing and farming villages, met hospitable people everywhere, and visited many historically significant places. The food in Vietnam was fabulous. Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) is a huge metropolis of 11 million people and eight million motorbikes, all on the streets at the same time! Phil continues teaching cinematography, as an adjunct, at the U. of Southern California and Cal State, Long Beach

three days a week. He says that his life is full and completely enjoyable between travel, teaching responsibilities, preparing a photography book, and enjoying their grandchildren. Sounds delightful! He recently started working on his coffee table book, selecting images that he has shot all over the world since 1973. Phil would enjoy hearing from his Cornell friend **Marty Goldstein '69**, DVM '73. **George Staller**, PhD '59, his professor in his senior Economics seminar, had a great influence on Phil when we were on the Hill.

During their first year of retirement, **Paul** and **Betsy Reed Guthrie** made their fifth trip to Burning Man. Betsy ([betsyguthrie@comcast.net](mailto:betsyguthrie@comcast.net)) has also found that there are many stimulating volunteer opportunities in their community of Novato, CA. They both continue to camp and hike in the nearby mountains on a regular basis mid-week, and so miss the crowds. They have two children. One is Cornell '02, both are married, and one has Betsy's "sassy smart 5-year-old granddaughter." It is Betsy's Government professor, Eldon Kenworthy, for whom she did research for his book on Eva Peron, that she remembers to this day.

**Ellen Saltonstall** ([ellen.saltonstall@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.saltonstall@gmail.com)) writes, "I teach yoga and Bodymind Ballwork, a therapeutic method of tension release using rubber balls. I also write books and offer webinars about these topics. I have three adult children and three grandchildren." After 40 years teaching biology at Marygrove College in Detroit, MI, **Donald Rizzo**, MS '70, PhD '73 ([Drizzo1577@me.com](mailto:Drizzo1577@me.com)) retired with the status of professor emeritus to Santa Barbara, CA. He reports that, in 2016, the fourth edition of his textbook, *Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology*, was published by Cengage Learning. Donald volunteers at the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum and is an active member of both the Santa Barbara Historical Mission and the Saint Barbara Parish, all while being a caregiver for a cancer patient. He would enjoy hearing from his former fellow graduate students in the Entomology department from 1968-73. Both Dr. Bernard Travis and Dr. John Paul Kramer had a great impact on Donald.

Two of our classmates took part in a CAU (Cornell's Adult University) study tour over three days at the end of October 2016. **Phil Batson**, PhD '76, along with his wife, **Deirdre Courtney-Batson '72**, MA '75, and I traveled to New Paltz, NY, specifically to the Mohonk Mountain House, for the course entitled the 2016 Presidential Election: A Weekend Seminar. The setting was beautiful, and the professors, **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76, and Nick Salvatore, were interesting, informative, and certainly entertaining. I would definitely recommend attending in future presidential election years. The company and the food were also excellent. Send news to: **Connie Ferris** Meyer, tel., (610) 256-3088; [cfm7@cornell.edu](mailto:cfm7@cornell.edu).

**71** **Michael Kubin** checks in with this news: "A bunch of us who lived together at Lansing West celebrated New Year's Eve at **Ted Grossman**, JD '74's house. Ted recently moved from Cleveland to NYC, where he is a senior partner in the litigation department of Jones Day. The other attendees were: **Bob Beleson**, who has retired from an operating role at Bulldog Gin (but remains on its board of directors) and spends a great deal of time traveling as well as enjoying his home in Brookfield, CT; **Cliff Essman**, who lives in Maryland, continues to work as a psychologist, and plays pickleball in his spare time; **Marty Michael**, who has retired