

'02. Including uncles, aunts, cousins, and their spouses, Elliot's family numbers over 40 Cornellians. In his maternal grandparents' honor, his family endowed the Moak Print Room at the Johnson Museum, and in honor of his parents they endowed the Grace Moak Meisel Internship in Asian Art and the Sidney Meisel Rare Book Preservation Fund. Having served on the Cornell Library Advisory Committee for many years, Elliot believes that, along with his familial bonds, Cornell has few, if any, equals in fulfilling Ezra Cornell's aspiration to provide education in all subjects for its students' Aristotelian pursuit of deep knowledge without sacrificing a well-rounded life. For his 50th Reunion, Elliot is endowing the Meisel Family Reading Room in Olin Library, and he encourages others who are able to consider a Tower Club level gift to some area of Cornell that enriched their lives. In the meantime, Elliot still enjoys managing his law firm, serving on the Sagaponack Zoning Board of Appeals, and piloting his small Cessna.

Last year, **Bill De Cou** (billdecou@bigsky.net) generously made a sizable contribution to Cornell. In addition to the satisfaction of giving for Cornell's future, he points out the tax advantage of gifting. Bill sold a residential rental property and donated to Cornell through a charitable remainder trust, which enabled him to avoid an immediate capital gains tax. It also provided him with both a sizable deduction that he was able to use to offset the capital gains on other properties he sold, and a fixed income for life based on his age (5 percent at age 70), or a variable amount if any part of the trust is invested in the stock market. Like Elliot, Bill is challenging classmates to make similar donations. We applaud all those whose gifts to Cornell help to assure that a quality college experience will endure above Cayuga's waters for future generations.

David Weisbrod (david.a.weisbrod@gmail.com) and his wife, **Margaret (Simon) '66**, live in Greenwich CT, where David will be on the ballot this November as the Democratic nominee for the Board of Estimate and Taxation. David serves on a couple of corporate boards, but the current joy of his life is his adorable 2-year-old grandchild, Timmy. **Elaine Elinson** (eelinson@gmail.com) lives in San Francisco, CA, where she has been recognized by City Lights Bookstore in the "Pedagogies of Resistance" category for her book *Wherever There's a Fight*, which she coauthored with Stan Yogi. Her book addresses what she feels is the current environment of rising repression and the urgent need for action.

Pete Smith, JD '71 (PGSmith3061@gmail.com) and his wife, **Debbie (Kates)**, MA '71, divide their time between their homes in Naples, FL, and Long Beach Island, NJ, and stays in NYC, departing from that routine every five years to join us at Reunion. **Charles Darwin Hepburn** occupies his time contemplating the vast study of theoretical physics and enjoying music. He pays tribute to Dr. Hans Bethe (Nobel Laureate) as the professor who had the greatest impact on him during his Cornell years. Send news to: ❖ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

69 Happy New Year to all! Hope you enjoyed the holidays. We here in the Northeast are girding our loins for what promises to be a cold and snowy winter according to the *Farmer's Almanac*.

The following classmates attended CAU programs in 2017: **Carolyn Ugiss** Altieri, **Sandra Schroeder** Bricker, **Suzanne Backiel** Harley, **Ted Hudson**, **Nancy Karch**, **James McCormick**, ME '70, **John Reilly**, **Michael Waxman**, **Janet West** Wood, and **Bruce Yukelson**.

For more information on their myriad trips and programs on campus, go to www.cau.cornell.edu.

David Halpert has spent the last 15 years in Santa Monica, "after leaving Manhattan after luckily dodging 9/11," he writes. "Every year I live is a bonus, having left the 105th floor company of One World Trade Center after ten years in April 2001." He enjoys the Cornell Club in Southern California and still does interviewing. Like most of us, he thinks it's hard to believe it's been almost 50 years since we graduated. **Lee Pillsbury** and wife Mary were on Roosevelt Island for the dedication of the first phase of Cornell's new tech campus. "What a great moment and what a great future it holds for Cornell. Meanwhile, back in Ithaca, the board of trustees has approved a plan to bring 2,000 additional beds to North Campus student dorms. This will change the undergraduate experience at Cornell and address the long-standing housing shortage!"

Susan Wohryzek Mittler was elected a New York Board of Regent for the 6th Judicial District, which covers ten counties, including Tompkins. As a Regent, she is working on the state level for the betterment of educational practices for all children. Daughter **Jessica Mittler '94** is an associate professor at VCU in Richmond, VA, and son **Craig Mittler '98** has moved to Chatham, NJ. Susan is teaching a class in the ILR school in collective bargaining, donating her time. Living in Ithaca, she says she "would wander around the campus just for the pleasure of seeing all the new buildings and spending time in the library . . . if I didn't have to fight for parking." We remember the parking problem all too well. **Patricia Stahl** is in Dallas, still in private practice specializing in anxiety disorders. "Trying to make hay while the sun shines," she and husband Chet are doing lots of traveling and looking to move closer to their sons in California at some point. She would love to hear from her freshman roommate, **Jacqui Stark**.

Log on to our class website at www.cornell69.org to find out about the Class of '69 scholarships available to family members of classmates. Don't forget to save the date for our 50th Reunion, June 6-9, 2019. A Happy and Healthy 2018 to all! Please send your news and notes to: ❖ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

70 A new day and a new year, 2018! When we were all thinking (and perhaps worrying, too) about the New Millennium, I was not imagining how swiftly the following 18 years would go by. We are now two and a half years until our 50th Reunion at Cornell. Now, that is amazing! So often, these days, I seem to feel and see the signs that our time on the Hill was so long ago. However, at the same time, when I think of our undergraduate years, I can quickly be transformed back to a much younger version of myself—at least in my mind! Our 50th Reunion weekend is June 4-7, 2020. Please be sure to check out our various sites: class website, cornell70.org; Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Cornell70; and Twitter page, www.twitter.com/CornellClass70.

Classmate **Jomarie Alano**, MBA '82 (jma49@cornell.edu) has written and published a new book, *A Life of Resistance: Ada Prospero Marchesini Gobetti, 1902-1968*. Her book was published by University of Rochester/Boydell & Brewer. Ada Gobetti was a writer, translator, teacher, and women's rights activist who began her lifetime of resistance and her fight against fascism in the early 1920s. She organized other Italian women (whom she viewed as a political force) against German occupiers and fascist oppressors. Ada fought for the ideals

of grassroots democracy, women's rights, and democratic education for the rest of her life. In addition to writing, Jomarie is a visiting scholar at Cornell's Inst. for European Studies. She is also the translator and editor of Ada Gobetti's *Diario Partigiano*, which was published by Oxford University Press as: *Partisan Diary: A Woman's Life in the Italian Resistance*.

Barbara Spaid (bspaid17@gmail.com) reports that she has retired from the US Agency for Int'l Development, which is part of our Foreign Service. She is now living in New Hampshire with her husband. And yes, she still loves the snow! Barbara would like to hear from classmate **Leigh Rooney**, who was in Pi Beta Phi sorority. "Old" news from **Arthur Litowitz** (Edgewater, FL; arthur.litowitz@gmail.com), who is a retired orthodontist and presently a yoga teacher (RYT 200). Arthur enjoys travel, organic gardening, reading, guitar and piano music study, drawing and watercolor painting, and investment portfolio management for nonprofit organizations. He's also caring for his elderly parents, practicing and teaching yoga, doing meditation (specifically Vipassana), and participating in a photo club. What would Arthur rather be doing? He would like to pursue more creative activities, including composing music, doing creative writing (especially poetry and short stories), as well as memoir and autobiographical writing. He is very interested in writing and illustrating children's science nonfiction books. Two friends who Arthur would like to hear from are **Ernest "Chip" Revel** and **Bob Berley**. Arthur has a great list of Cornell folks who had an impact on him at Cornell: Carl Sagan, Dan Berrigan, Hans Bethe, Robert Sienko, Jerome Zuckerman, Ernesta Cottrell, and Antoine Blackler.

Jeff Altamari (jefaltamari@gmail.com) and wife Janet have been in Saratoga Springs, NY, since early 2015, after Jeff retired from Cameron Int'l in Houston, TX. Jeff has been appointed to and is serving on the Saratoga Springs Charter Review Commission. He is also treasurer of the mayor's re-election campaign and on the board of directors of the Opera Saratoga, and he was recently appointed to the board of Planned Parenthood. Janet and Jeff have been traveling extensively. However, they are now focusing their time, treasure, and talent on fighting Trump initiatives. Jeff has been in contact with '70 friends **Bill Todd**, MPA '72, of Margate City, NJ; **Bob Gartside**, ME '71, who lives in Brewster, MA; and **Larry Ward**, who is in Ithaca. Jeff wishes that they could all get together to mourn the death of **Emanuel "Gerry" DeFraites**, their friend and classmate. Jeff says that professors Robert Sienko and Charles Ackerman had the most impact on him at Cornell.

On September 17, 2017, **Patrick Kelly** and his wife, Angela, celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary and his 75th birthday. They did so by finishing the 10th annual Army Run 5K, and therefore receiving their 5K "dog tag" medals from a member of the Canadian Army. 23,000 runners from across Canada and the US competed in this annual 5-10K and half-marathon event. Patrick was an integral part of Cornell's Int'l Spirit of Zinck's Night celebration on October 19, 2017 at the Heart & Crown Irish Pub in Ottawa. It was the second Zinck's Night party for the Cornell Club of Eastern Ontario. Congrats on all of the above. Send news to: ❖ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, tel., (610) 256-3088; e-mail, cfm7@cornell.edu.

71 CALC is coming. That's right—Cornell's alumni leaders will once again gather in midwinter to plan events, share ideas, and learn more about what's