

Cheryl Pelavin (cheryl.pelavin@gmail.com) has departed Manhattan and lives closer to nature, something she has always wanted to do. Her joy these days comes from her wildlife photography. She travels as far as she has the guts to go and edits her images carefully, reliving every second with the wild things. **E.J. Phillippi** (ephillippi@msn.com) continues to work as a consultant for the FAA on air traffic operations. He and wife Maria Sasso recently visited Alaska including the Alaska Railroad, Denali, the Arctic, and a small-boat cruise through southeast Alaska. He learned about the fishing industry and Tlingit culture. He enjoys the violin and lap swimming. If he went back to campus, he would show his wife McGraw Tower and the Arts Quad. ❖ **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Pete Salinger**, petersalinger95@gmail.com; **Deanne Gebel** Gitner, deanne.gitner@gmail.com.

67 **Mary Steinmetz** Cassidy (Elloree, SC; cassidy mary3@gmail.com) points out that the quote used in a recent Class Notes solicitation e-mail was not from W.B. Yeats after all, as many internet sources suggest. She writes, "As a retired English professor who fell in love with W.B. Yeats when I was 16 and have studied and enjoyed him ever since, I feel compelled to point out that he did not say the quote ascribed to him. If you check you will find that it might be traceable to Edgar Guest, but definitely not Yeats. No, I have not become curmudgeon in my old age, but I must defend my beloved poet. Otherwise, I am enjoying retirement greatly." **Tom Loane**, MBA '68 (Valley Forge, PA; tloane@comcast.net) retired in December 2017 and reports that "wife Nancy and I circumnavigated the globe on the *Viking Sun's* first world cruise, leaving in December and returning in May."

Jan Garden Castro (Brooklyn, NY; jancastro1@gmail.com) writes, "I'm still contributing editor for *Sculpture* magazine. Look for my Cristina Iglesias interview and Huma Bhabha review in the October issue. I am also a freelance writer for artist essays, memoirs, and art news. My son and his family and my Mom, 97, are all in St. Louis. I love to visit. What Cornellians in NYC are in the arts? I contribute to several poetry groups and have many friends in the arts." Who did she meet at Cornell? "It's not who was first but whose memory still shines: **Joe Bruchac '64** for befriending a freshman, Archie Ammons for letting me take his poetry seminar, Mr. Encyk for assigning me to read all of Henry James and James Joyce, the kind of quiet banjo player **Harry Chapin '64**, and the poets who'd meet at Noyes Lodge and who kidnapped Allan Kaprow from his own (scripted) happening in a garbage dump! Who recalls any of that?" And if she had a free day in Ithaca: "I'd love to find out if any gorges and nature are left, to walk around the lake, to participate in a poetry reading, and to visit the seedy bar where an old Surrealist named Arthur Adamov hung out."

Martin Gold (New York, NY) reports on his retiring after 45 years of practice: "At the very end of June, Sidley Austin LLP had a party for me. Almost immediately after retirement we took off for Australia. I had been invited to teach at the U. of New South Wales Law School. We lived in a little house in Sydney, on a quiet street in the area called Surrey Hills. During the other weeks, we traveled around as much of the continent as we were able, including the Great Barrier Reef, Darwin, Ayers Rock, Tasmania, and a road trip from Adelaide to Melbourne, including a wonderful less-visited place called Kangaroo Island. We're now back home, in the Hot Apple and Ridgefield, CT. I may be retiring from practice, but I am not retiring; I will continue to teach law courses,

one course each semester at Columbia, and hopefully add to my list of a dozen and a half professional articles and one book, a list which hasn't seen any additions for some time."

Steven Platt, ME '68 (Warren, VT; steve@stevenplatt.com) reports: "I retired from IBM's semiconductor division in December 2005. Now I ski in the winter and teach soaring and give glider rides at Sugarbush Soaring in the summer. I passed the technician, general, and extra FCC amateur radio license exams last fall and set up my first 'ham' radio station. Over the past ten months I have made radio contacts all over the world." Steven gets the most satisfaction from "'working' at Sugarbush Soaring as a flight instructor teaching young adults how to fly, writing a column, 'Glider Aerodynamics Puzzler,' for *Soaring* magazine, and visiting with the grandkids." As for a day in Ithaca, he'd "visit Phillips Hall, the Arts Quad, the Straight, and the old fraternity."

Elizabeth "Libby" Roth (Palo Alto, CA; ERoth@gcalaw.com) is "finding that my employment law expertise is in high demand these days in a new way. Confidential investigations are requested frequently when employers become aware of incidents. It's an interesting time in my area of law." **Avram Chetron** (avram.chetron@gmail.com), Bert Chetron during our days on the Hill, writes, "I live in Ashland, OR, equidistant from Portland and San Francisco, not close to anything except some beautiful sparsely populated countryside and wild and scenic rivers. I've done some river running recently, including a trip on the seldom-run Owyhee River in the southeast corner of Oregon. Since retiring from teaching, I've become involved in a lot of music, vocal, choral, and instrumental. I take great pleasure in singing and guitar playing and have found many venues to do so. I've also taught classes at a local OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Inst.) here in Ashland, particularly about literature of the West."

Lois Thetford (Seattle, WA; loist@uw.edu) writes: "I teach master's-level physician assistants at the second oldest program in the US, MEDEX Northwest, at the U. of Washington. I teach maternal and child health and a class on homelessness. I work with students from all health sciences to work with homeless camps and tiny house villages. Jean Rietschel, my partner of 42 years, is about to retire from being a Superior Court Judge. We'll be doing some traveling in the coming year." ❖ **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

68 **Bob Tuttle**, MBA '72 (btuttle@dekaresearch.com) and his wife, Lynn, live on Marco Island, FL, where Bob works part time managing a commercial real estate portfolio. Most of his time is spent as co-chair of the board of FIRST Robotics, a nonprofit that engages over 550,000 kids in after-school robotics teams, exposing them to potential STEM careers. Over 200 Fortune 500 companies support FIRST as several of their chairmen/CEOs serve on FIRST's board.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Cadbury (betsycadbury@yahoo.com) and her husband, Arthur Borrer, live in Pittsfield, NH. Betsy has retired from teaching, but is still active in singing groups and now has more time for travel, gardening, reading, and volunteering at the National Audubon Society's camp on Hog Island in Bremen, ME, and at Aryaloka Buddhist Center in New Market, NH. Betsy is following the path toward eventual ordination as a "Mitra" in the Triratna Buddhist Order, which involves attending retreats and maintaining a daily meditation practice, in addition to extensive studies.

Susan Mascette Brandt (susanmbrandt@gmail.com) and her husband, William, moved to Sharon, MA, from Rochester, NY, to live within minutes of their two sons and their families, which include three fabulous grandchildren. Susan loudly proclaims, "Grandparenting sure beats practicing law." She credits professors Andrew Hacker, Walter Berns, and Walter LaFerber as having the greatest impact on her while at Cornell. **Ken Hurd** (kenhurd@keha.com) and his wife, Pam, live in a very large dual-use home/studio in Lincoln, MA. Loving their neighborhood but facing the typical reasons for downsizing both their living space and the downstairs 1,750-sq.-ft. studio, they spent some time looking for a new dwelling. Unsuccessful at finding a suitable replacement, Ken decided to remodel the studio using about two-thirds of the space for a rental. You can read about Ken's project online: <https://realestate.boston.com/style/2018/08/22/empty-nesters-transform-Lincoln-studio-into-rental/>.

Mark Belnick (mab3468@gmail.com) and his wife, Randy, live in Greenwich, CT, and he is now in his 13th year as a visiting lecturer in politics at Princeton U., teaching courses in constitutional interpretation and civil liberties. Mark says that while he loves the staff and students at Princeton, he will always love and miss Cornell. Of course these days he gets his greatest enjoyment from his six grandchildren. **Carol Cormano** Kiczek (Carol@Kiczek.com) and her husband, Alexander, live in Kansas City, MO. Last year they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary along with 20 family members in New Orleans, and Carol and Alexander went to Hungary, Austria, and the Czech Republic. Carol gets her greatest pleasure from her five grandchildren. **Helen Karel** Dorman (Karel@gmail.com) still works as a real estate broker in northern Westchester, though she and Neal live in NYC. They do find time for a great deal of traveling and have recently toured India. Helen hopes there will be some future Cornellians among her five grandchildren.

I enjoy hearing from you, either through our *Alumni Magazine* solicitations or when you write directly to me: ❖ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

69 Hope you all enjoyed the holidays and are hunkered down for the winter. Please note that we have a long lead for our class column and it might be some time before your submissions are published, but they will eventually be included. Several classmates took advantage of the classes offered at Cornell's Adult University, including **Charles Cook**, **Ted Hudson**, and **Bruce Yukelson**. And a couple of our classmates, **Nancy Karch** and **Janet West** Wood, participated in 2018 Cornell study tours.

Philip Griswold writes to tell us he is "semi-retired in the desert of Sun City, AZ, with wife Maggie of 46 great years. I'm still involved in college teaching, now one course at Arizona State U. I continue my volunteer work with the Sun City Posse, a local community patrol and assistance nonprofit. I stay fit with daily cycling or swimming. Our travels took us to Italy for three weeks last year. This year it has been to the mountains of Arizona and to islands of Puget Sound to vacation with my daughter and son. I don't know whether the Theta Chi chapter was ever restored; I was always saddened by the circumstances."

Gloria Jacobsen Lang enjoys asking Cornellians for gifts to Cornell. Keep up the good work, Gloria! **Ron Gidron** is living in Madrid with wife Lourdes. They spend time in their beachfront flat in his wife's hometown and enjoy their "large and beautiful family (four children and six grandchildren)." He became a singer-songwriter while still working in marketing. He creates original music and

shares it via Spotify. **Rick Spiewak**, ME '70, and wife Judy recently moved from Massachusetts to Maryland to be closer to family. He changed jobs in November 2017 and is currently the developer for a website used by the Dept. of Defense personnel to access their Mass Transportation Benefits.

Happy to hear from **Seth Bramson**, who is an adjunct professor of history and the historian in residence at Barry U. in Miami Shores, FL. His 31st book (he is America's single-most-published Florida history book author), the history of the Florida East Coast Railway in color, is the first-ever complete history of that famous line in color. The company historian of the FEC, he is "number one in a field of one," the only person in the country who bears that official title with an American railroad. Recently elected president of the Miami Pioneers and Natives of Dade (MP/NOD) historical society, Seth adds that to his presidency of the Miami Memorabilia Collector Club, and he warmly invites any Cornellians in greater Miami or South Florida with an interest in history to contact him for information on those two groups. At present, besides teaching at Barry U. and at the Nova Southeastern U. Lifelong Learning Inst., he isn't doing much except being in the process of writing five more Florida history books simultaneously. You can check out Seth by going to Amazon.com, putting his name on the search line, and hitting enter—and then sit back and enjoy what comes up.

John Babbitt recently reconnected with **Ron Klaus** and his wife, **Nan (Shreve) '68**, who are living in Ireland. John hopes to attend our 50th—his first Reunion. We hope so too, John. **Barry Passer**, BS '72, is living in Ithaca and retired after 30 years of mechanical engineering at NCR in Ithaca, with eight patents in receipt printing and coding. He is now in this 17th year of teaching science, math, and technology in area middle and high schools. He still finds time to play tennis every day (weather permitting) at the Cornell Faculty Tennis Club clay courts in the gorge, and walk his dog in the Cornell Botanic Gardens. He also enjoys hiking up and down Buttermilk gorge a few times a year.

Save the date: 50th Reunion, June 6-9, 2019! Plans for our Reunion are well under way, thanks to the hard-working reunion committee—and they can use some help. **Jon Kaplan**, MD '74, is looking for classmates to help contact affinity groups. Please contact Jon at jonkaplan7@gmail.com if you can roll up your sleeves and send some postcards to a specific group (postcards, mailing labels, and postage supplied by our class). Cornell Fund reps Jay Noyes and Lee Pillsbury are hard at work as well on our class gift. Please note that any gift from a classmate from now until June 30, 2019, will be counted toward our Reunion gift, so get out those credit cards and checkbooks!

Check out our website for updates on Reunion, www.cornell69.org, and make plans now to attend our 50th! Please continue to send your news to: ❖ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

70 Our next Cornell Class of '70 "Party Weekend" will be taking place in Ithaca in 17 months! I am pleased to announce that our Reunion chairs, **Sally Anne Levine**, JD '73, and **Cathy Hogan**, BS '00, have been busy making plans for our Big Red 50th Reunion, June 4-7, 2020. If you are interested in helping with Reunion, have suggestions for programming, or have ideas, questions, or comments, please e-mail Sally and Cathy at Cornell70Reunion50@gmail.com.

Did you move recently? Do you have a new e-mail address? Don't miss out on future Reunion communications. Please update your contact information by visiting

cornellconnect.cornell.edu. Now is a great time to connect with your '70 friends and classmates about the 50th Reunion for the Legendary Class of 1970. Log on to our various '70 sites: our class website, cornell70.org; our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Cornell70; and our Twitter page, www.twitter.com/CornellClass70.

David and **Suzanne Grisez** Martin continue to live in Cranbury, NJ. As always, their family and friends bring them the most happiness in their lives. For the past 25 years, Suzanne (suzannegmartin@gmail.com) has had her own healthcare consulting business. She has cut back to working three days a week and has two to three big clients a year, which works well for her. Suzanne and David did a lot of traveling this year, the highlight of which was a Baltic cruise. Her daughter and family recently moved to Riverside, CT, and they are in the middle of a major house renovation, so Suzanne has been helping out.

In July 2018, Suzanne and her two grandchildren were joined by a good friend and spent a fabulous week in Ithaca at CAU (Cornell's Adult University). The grown-ups took a wonderful course entitled "1968" with Prof. Sid Tarrow. Maddie, 7, was enrolled in the science program, and Xavier, 4, enjoyed the "around the world" program. They lived in a student dorm and ate in student dining halls, along with lots of high school students on campus studying and participating in sports camps. This was an experience in itself. She would highly recommend CAU and plans to return next summer. The first person Suzanne met at Cornell was **Margo Williams** Pollak. They were roommates for three of the four years as undergrads. In late September 2018, Margo and Suzanne took a birthday celebration trip to Savannah and Hilton Head. They especially enjoyed spa and beach time and had great weather.

Wordsmith **Fred Piscop** (Bellmore, NY; tihazwa@aol.com) recently created five crosswords that will appear in

the movie *Crossword Mystery*, scheduled to premiere on the Hallmark Channel in early 2019. Although **John Macionis** (macionis@kenyon.edu) retired from teaching at Kenyon College in 2013, he continues to author and revise a number of textbooks (<http://TheSociologyPage.com>). He spends summer and early fall at his place on Lake George. John is active in a number of nonprofits dealing with the environment and affordable healthcare. He reports that he has been single for five years, which he says is both challenging and enjoyable. He finds it very satisfying to work at finding ways to make a difference in the world. Early on during our freshman year, John connected with **Richard Barron**, with whom he played in a motley group called the Dirty Old Band, and he continues to enjoy getting together with Richard. During a recent visit to Ithaca and Cornell, John enjoyed going to the Johnson Museum and walking the campus, which included crossing the gorge on the Suspension Bridge.

Ellen Saltonstall has three grown children and three grandchildren. Her youngest graduated from Cornell, and she says it was a thrill to return to campus while he was there. Ellen teaches yoga, anatomy, and Bodymind Ballwork, a self-awareness and release technique. She has also published four books: *Yoga for Arthritis*, *Yoga for Osteoporosis*, *Anatomy and Yoga*, and *The Bodymind Ballwork Method*. Family and work bring great satisfaction to her life. Should she have a day to be in Ithaca, Ellen would walk through campus and go to a lecture or concert.

As we approach the 50th anniversary of our graduation from our beloved Cornell, I have decided to retire from my decades-long role as class correspondent for Cornell's Legendary Class of 1970. It has been quite a run and I have totally enjoyed getting to know so many of our classmates through the news they have shared for the class column in *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. I deeply

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