

they figure out what to do with their home here. She continued: "Now that we are in Israel for an extended period of over six months, we are relearning Hebrew, attending classes to improve our conversation skills and increase our vocabulary. Our apartment in Israel is pretty well organized, and we would be happy to see old friends if you are visiting Israel. My e-mail remains the same."

Marian Wood Meyers sent news to the class in March 2018. Unfortunately, Marian died before we received her note. When she wrote, she said they have five grandsons, four of whom spend every weekend with them. She added that she gets the most satisfaction from being with her grandsons. When asked what she would do if she had a day in Ithaca, she responded, "Sit on a Quad and watch the students." If you'd like to learn more about Marian, go to our class website (<http://cornellclassof66.org>). Sadly, we learned that **Phil Ratner**, MBA '71, and **Douglas Wise** also died recently.

William Farley (drduke@bellsouth.net) wrote, "Since retiring, after a long career in the entertainment industry, I have published hundreds of newspaper and magazine articles and two novels. My most recent, the mystery/thriller *Team Player*, is currently available in print and as an e-book at Amazon." He also wrote that he ran for US Congress in California (unsuccessfully) on the Libertarian ticket in 2000. If he had a day in Ithaca, he would revisit whatever remains of his old haunts, including the Chi Psi Lodge.

Bob Feldman, PhD '75 (robert_feldman@hotmail.com) and wife **Sue (Goodman) '67** have been living and working in Framingham, MA, since they moved there in 2000. "I have maintained ties to Cornell by participating in CAAAN and serving on the board of directors of the Cornell Club of Boston. I organize one or two events per year for alumni who live in the MetroWest area of Boston. I also have been organizing annual summer chimes concerts at a local church, with several other alumni chimesmasters joining me, and with many Cornell alumni in the audience. Sue and I were in Ithaca for a week in September to participate in the Sesquicentennial celebration of the Cornell chimes. Lots of bell ringing and special events. We also managed to walk in some of our favorite gorges: Taughannock and Six Mile Creek. Going to Ithaca still feels like going home. (Maybe because we lived there 1979-2000). Sue continues to consult with companies on 'cognitive computing' software and gives talks at conferences. I just 'retired' from my technical instructor job, and will look for some part-time work as well as volunteer work. Our daughter, Elana, is on the faculty of UMass/Lowell in organizational behavior. Our son, David, works at a tech company in San Francisco. Our two grandsons, Milo, 5, and Evan, 1, live nearby in Boston, so we are fortunate to be able to spend lots of time with them."

If you haven't yet sent your 2019 class dues, PLEASE DO. And share your news for this column so we all stay in touch. ♦ **Pete Salinger**, peteSalinger95@gmail.com; **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, Deanne.Gitner@gmail.com.

67 Susan Jossem Mitloff (Sarasota, FL; susiebethknit@icloud.com) writes: "I have been living in Sarasota for the past 22 years after a lifetime in Rochester, NY. I'm happily married to Norm (Indiana U. '64) and I'm mother of Michael and Richard. I have two beautiful granddaughters. After teaching and having a successful tutoring business in Sarasota, I suddenly lost my hearing and, thanks to the marvelous technology of cochlear implants, I am able to continue to connect to

the world around me. I played lots of tennis, but now enjoy knitting beautiful 'wearable knits,' which I have successfully sold at shows and online. In fact, at a recent show in Rochester in October, **Stephanie Brandstetter** Smart came to see me. We were freshman corridor-mates. I have also renewed correspondence with **Jane Wolfson**. I regularly see **Toni Forman** Meltzer and **Carol Farber** Wolf, who both live in Sarasota. I volunteer at Sarasota Aerial Hospital, screening the hearing of newborn babies, and belong to the Cornell Club of Sarasota-Manatee. I would love to reconnect with **Myron Kaufman**, **Jo Barrett** Grellong, and **Peggy Fine** Davis."

Raven Clarke Lidman died at home in Tumwater, WA, on November 12, 2018. Raven met the love of her life, **Russell '66**, when they were 18 and 19, respectively. They were together for 54 years. She is survived by her children, **Shane Lidman '98** (Lisa Kagan) and **Hannah Lidman '00** (Dan Shiovitz), three grandchildren, and two sisters. Raven was a passionate fighter for social justice throughout her life. Immediately after graduating from Cornell, she volunteered with the United Farm Workers on the grape strike in Delano, CA, and then organized boycotts in Toronto and New York City. After several years as a potter, she was called back to social justice through a career in the law. Raven graduated from law school in 1978 and worked for Olympia Legal. She returned to Seattle U. School of Law as a clinical law professor, where for 26 years she taught her students to practice law with real clients and real cases. Raven worked closely with two clinical law programs, Universidad Centroamericana in Nicaragua and Pontificia Universidad Católica in Peru, was active in the Global Alliance for Justice Education, and was a trailblazer for the right to counsel in civil matters and the rights of children to have unbiased representation in custody cases. She represented friends in the first successful same-sex adoption in Washington in 1989. More recently, she served as a legal resource for the sanctuary movement in the Olympia area.

Several classmates attended Cornell's Adult University summer programs and study tours last year: **Norine Zimberg** Krasnogor, Cornell 1968; **Larry Matlack**, Mathematically Informed: The Use and the Abuse of Mathematical Models; **Robert Morse**, Treasures of the Ionian and Adriatic Seas: A Voyage from Athens to Venice; **Arlene Blutreich** Savitsky, the 2018 Midterm Elections; and **Ross Williams**, Tanzania: A Great Migration Safari.

We're still hearing about the good times many classmates enjoyed at our 50th Reunion, but now that we've made it to that milestone, and some of us even have some free time for the first occasion in years, take a moment and let us know what and how you're doing. It's your column. ♦ **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

68 Rick Simon (Rick.Simon86@gmail.com) lives in a retirement community in Mechanicsville, VA, where he moved in 2013 with his partner, Lee Bedsole, who he met after both lost their spouses of many years. Rick continues to enjoy working a couple of days each month for Draper Aden Assoc., an environmental-survey firm that enables him to keep his hand in the field of geotechnical engineering. Rick, like many of us, is an avid pickleball player and plays bridge a couple of times each week when they're not traveling—as they will be again in 2019, cruising the Greek Isles along with his five children and their spouses. Rick stays in touch with his TEP fraternity brothers, though cruising the Rhine and Danube rivers last June kept him from Reunion.

Diane Levin (dlevin@wheelock.edu) and her husband, Gary Goldstein, live in Cambridge, MA, where Diane is about to complete her 40th year as a professor of early childhood education at Wheelock College. She also heads two small nonprofits, Teachers Resisting Unhealthy Children's Entertainment (TRUCEteachers.org) and Defending the Early Years (DEYproject.org), both related to her academic work. Last year she spent nine days in Belfast, Northern Ireland, with Wheelock education and social work students studying the "impressive" conflict resolution and peace process implemented in early childhood classrooms.

Warren Chane (chanegw@gmail.com) and his wife, Victoria, live in Chatham, MA. Warren is retired from the US State Dept., though he continues to get requests to fill staffing gaps at US missions abroad. In the last few years he's served in Sri Lanka, India, and Uzbekistan. Prior to retirement, he and Victoria served in London, Hermosillo, Mexico, and Washington, DC. Now Warren frequently speaks to students and community groups about what it means to be a diplomat. Warren says he seems to have less free time in retirement than he had while he was working. **Bill Falik** (billfalik@gmail.com) and his wife live in Berkeley, CA, where he teaches three graduate-level interdisciplinary courses in law, business, public policy, planning, and engineering at UC Berkeley. With his new puppy and five grandchildren he's having a great time.

Diane Charske Hanson (hanson@team-doctor.com) is pleased to announce the publication of her new book, *Management Unleashed: Leadership Lessons From My Dog*. The book reviewers seem to agree that it's a quick read, fun, and educational. They say it helped them take an honest look at themselves and how they interact with others. They also say it not only helped them become better leaders, but to be a better pet parent as well. We enjoy hearing your stories, so keep sending them, either on the forms from Cornell or by e-mail directly to me. ♦ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

69 June is fast approaching, along with our 50th Reunion, June 6-9! The Reunion committee has been hard at work to make it a huge success. Please plan on attending and check out our website (www.cornell69.org) for updates. Note that any gift given by a classmate until June 30, 2019 will count toward our class gift, so please be generous.

Pamela Thurber Duncan, MA '85, has written a book along with five neighbors, *The Amazing Story of Arundel-in-the-Bay*, a story of a cottage resort founded on the shore of the Chesapeake Bay in 1890 through years of social change. "We are up on Amazon—it's a good read!" **Myron Bilyj** has retired from his Army career and is applying his Engineering education in a second career. Vietnam vet **Kenneth LaPensee** is a health economist at Paratek Pharmaceuticals and an independent consultant specializing in antibiotic development for MRSA and pneumonia. He is learning the viola, he says, "so I can play in pick-up bands in pubs and at parties" while finishing his novel. He would love to hear from **Nat Rabinowitz**, **Philip Reilly**, and **Megan Cornish**.

Steve Kussin's first novel, *Five Freshmen*, is set at Cornell and was recently published. "It follows five very different incoming students from orientation to graduation. The story takes place between 1965 and 1969 as the clouds of the war in Vietnam start to gather over campus. Sound familiar? How times had changed: from 'three feet on the floor' to the sword of Damocles and the draft hanging over us." The book is semi-autobiographical, and as one reviewer writes, "It's a trip back in time,"

and is available at BarnesandNoble.com and Amazon.com. Steve has been scheduled for radio interviews country-wide and some book talks as well. He's begun a screenplay version of the book and is working on a second novel (about being a high school principal for 21 years). Steve is now in his seventh year as the education reporter for WCBS Newsradio880 in New York. "Best gig I ever had!" He loves the activity at the Hudson Square Broadcast Center's newsroom. He also finds time to teach a course in the radio/television/film/new media department at Hofstra U. "I'm planning a weeklong series about the Sixties on WCBS during the week of April 15. It will culminate on April 19—the 50th anniversary of the takeover of the Straight." Wife Sharyn and Steve enjoy their three sons (all Cornellians), two daughters-in-law, two granddaughters, and three rescue pets. He'd love to hear from classmates at sk3015@aol.com and is looking forward to our 50th in June.

Hope to see many of you in June! Please send your news and notes to: ❖ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

70 Spring is blooming as 2019 moves into March and April, which feature many holidays and special days. Highlights in March are Daylight Saving Time (spring ahead) and St. Patrick's Day, followed by the first day of spring and Purim. Passover and Easter will be celebrated in April, as well as Earth Day.

Connie Fern Miller, who resides in Watkins Glen, NY, with her husband, Ted Carleton, carries on in her solo law practice, being village justice for Watkins Glen and village attorney for Burdett. She shares that both her daughters, Kate and Lane, are married to great sons-in-law! Connie and Ted enjoy many outdoor activities and trips, all while they are building a cabin on land they own in Hector, NY. They enjoy skiing at Greek Peak, cross-country skiing, swimming in their pond, camping, kayaking, and canoeing. Connie can't think of anything else she wishes she could be doing—but on second thought, she says, "Oh yes! Grandchildren would be nice." A Shakespeare course she took on the Hill had a wonderful and long-lasting impact on her.

In October 2017, **John** and **Sandra Shands Elligers** welcomed grandson Ezra, son of Andrew and **Julia Joh Elligers '01**. **Jeff Altamari** and **Joe Falconi** would appreciate and welcome hearing from any and all Sigma Chi Class of '70 brothers as they are organizing a get-together for our 50th Reunion in June 2020. Please contact Jeff at jeffaltamari@gmail.com. Jeff lives in Saratoga Springs, NY, with his wife, Janet.

Classmate **Arthur Litowitz** (New Smyrna, FL; arthur.litowitz@gmail.com) is very busy in "retirement." He helped to start a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, www.riversideconservancy.org, and is becoming a Florida Master Naturalist. He is completing the 300-hour level yoga teacher training, or Kundalini, and then will go on to the 500-hour level; he also partakes in Vipassana insight meditation. Arthur enjoys traveling, writing, photography, music (both piano and guitar), and drawing and painting. His daughter, Alaia, and her husband, Shawn, are both musicians. They are the parents of Arthur's 3-1/2-year-old grandson, Rhythm Niles. Arthur looks forward to hearing from his old Cornell friend **Bob Berley**. If Arthur could be doing anything else, he says he would like to go to Mars. He shares this quote by Daniel Berrigan: "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem!"

In 2016, **Kathy Law Orloski** retired from Xperia as a COBOL programmer in order to expand her important career as grandma of seven to full time. Specifically, she

is assisting her daughter and son-in-law, **Nigel '10** and **Katherine Orloski Watt '10**, with their twin daughters, Mae and Clelia, born December 23, 2016, and their older sister, Ezri, born November 13, 2013. Kathy and husband **Richard, JD '71**, also have five other grandchildren: their oldest son, **Richard Law Orloski '94**, has two daughters, Isabel, 9, and Olivia, 5; and **Kevin Law Orloski '99** has two children, Cole, 8, and Sage, 2. Their youngest son, **Joseph Law Orloski '03**, left his ER position at Miami's Baptist Hospital to return to the Lehigh Valley in Pennsylvania with his Floridian wife. Kathy and Rick's eighth grandchild, another granddaughter, Evangeline, was born to Joe and his wife on August 31, 2018. That makes seven girls and one boy! Many of the Orloski Cornell children do many of the new Cornell applicant alumni interviews in the Lehigh Valley area of Pennsylvania.

Our 50th Reunion will be a big weekend party on the Hill. Have ideas or suggestions for or questions about our 50th? Contact our extraordinary Reunion chairs, **Sally Anne Levine, JD '73**, and **Cathy Forster** Hogan, at this new e-mail address: Cornell70Reunion50@gmail.com. Note the dates: June 4-7, 2020. Be sure to regularly check out our various '70 sites: our class website, cornell70.org; our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Cornell70; and our Twitter page, www.twitter.com/CornellClass70. 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. Send news to: ❖ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

71 **Howard Rodman** has written a novel, *The Great Eastern*, which has been acquired by Melville House. In the words of Howard, "It's a sprawling

and lavish tale set in the 1860s and '70s in New York, London, Paris, central India, and the North Atlantic. Its characters include Captain Ahab, borrowed from Herman Melville; Captain Nemo, borrowed from Jules Verne; and the preeminent Victorian civil engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel, borrowed from real life." One early reader, the author Jonathan Lethem, described it as a "historical phantasmagoria and ripping adventure." The publication date for the book is June 4, 2019.

I recently spoke to my freshman-year roommate, **Diana Simkin** (dssimkin@aol.com), who lives in New York City and Connecticut. We had a lot to catch up on since we hadn't been in contact for nearly 50 years. We almost had lunch at the Cornell Club, but I had to cancel because of a glitch in my schedule. Diana, who started freshman year in ILR, soon changed her focus and became an Art History major. Expanding on that change in direction, she received a master's in dance education from NYU. She also earned Lamaze certification and ultimately started a well-known and successful Lamaze program in New York City. She teaches and performs at the 92nd Street Y and other locations in the NYC area. Check her out!

I learned from an October 23, 2018 *Cornell Chronicle* article that classmates **Elisabeth Kaplan Boas** and **Art Spitzer** have sponsored the naming of an Olin Library Faculty Research Study honoring Isaac Kramnick, the Richard J. Schwartz Professor of Government Emeritus. (Prof. Kramnick has also served as a vice provost for undergraduate education, a faculty-elected trustee, and a popular CAU professor.) My plea to Art for news yielded the following: "We got a new puppy! Is that news?" You bet it is! My follow-up questions revealed that Art and Elisabeth previously had "a black Lab, Justice, who

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