

Cayuga Lake was glassy. Our boat was 'in the zone,' and we left the varsity boat 'in the dust.'"

"This summer we will take our son's family, including grandchildren age 8 and 10, with us on our fourth African wildlife tour," advises **Kristl Bogue** Hathaway, PhD '76 (Deale, MD; spinwave@verizon.net). "The first two were CAU tours to Malawi, Zambia, and Namibia, which gave us courage to go on our own to Kenya and Tanzania a few years ago, and now to Botswana. Highly recommended." **Adam Romeiser Jr.** (Lake Forest, IL; redskiball@aol.com) is "doing surgery one day a week in the inner city of Chicago at Lawndale. My younger daughter, Lillie, married last August, and we now have seven grandchildren." Most satisfaction: "I'm very busy every day and love to go to our home in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan."

Ann Savishinsky Epstein (Ann Arbor, MI; anns.epstein@att.net) writes: "Since retiring three years ago

68 Ken Miller (ken.m@pegasusontheweb.com) and Melinda, his wife of 13 years, spend about half the year at his home in Newport Beach, CA, and half the year at hers in San Antonio, TX. Ken devotes much of his time to inventing products for respiratory care. His newest product, called Proxima, is in the testing phase and would be one of over 30 patents Ken holds in this field. Ken and Melinda enjoy traveling, especially cruises like the transatlantic voyage they took in April. Ken is especially proud of his son, who is the president of his company, Pegasus Research, and his daughter, a Cornell alumna.

Paul Rohan (pr68@cornell.edu) lives in Weston, CT, and has recently retired from his career in public accounting. **George Koester III**, MBA '70 (GLKoester@aol.com) lives in Jupiter, FL, where he is busy as a mason, a Shriner, and a volunteer at Hope Center for Autism.

Conference (CALC) in Boston were **Bob Zippin**, our treasurer, **Bette Nelson** Zippin, webmaster, and our class president, **Nancy Nystrom** Frantz. A primary topic of discussion and planning concerned the likely decline in class membership following our well-attended 50th Reunion last June. Some of the suggested efforts to keep our alumni engaged in class and university events include making quarterly mailings more effective and scheduling more events such as wine and cheese get-togethers for classmates in their respective areas. E-mail lists would be provided to or by Bette to organizers for get-togethers at university sports events in an area. All volunteers and ideas would be appreciated. Thank you to our class officers for spending time and money to make our connection to Cornell and the Class of '68 a lifelong joyous experience. We enjoy hearing about your experiences, big and small. ❖ **Chuck Levitan**, CLevitan22@comcast.net.

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as senior curriculum developer in early childhood at the nonprofit High Scope Foundation, I have published three novels (*On the Shore*; *Tazia and Gemma*; and *A Brain, A Heart, The Nerve*). I live in Ann Arbor, where I enjoy daily play dates with two grandsons." **Sherry Carr**, MLR '70 (Laverock, PA; sherry.m.carr@gmail.com) gets the most satisfaction from international travel and reading. Her best day at Cornell: "Graduation day!" Sherry, one of several members of our class who escaped from the Res Club fire, has continued to work with the other survivors in pressing Cornell to create an enduring memorial to the nine residents who did not survive—the most casualties from one on-campus event in Cornell history.

In Ithaca for a few days courtesy of my wife, **Eileen Barkas Hoffman '69**, serving as neutral-in-residence at the ILR school, I enjoyed accompanying **Mel Richards** to the Savage Club's monthly meeting. Among those entertaining the members in attendance were two classmates: Mel, who sang Vaughan Williams's setting of R.L. Stevenson's "Songs of Travel," and **Adam Perl**, whose "If I Only Gave a Bribe" adaptation of E.Y. Harburg's beloved "If I Only Had a Brain" from *The Wizard of Oz* took piercing aim at the recent college admissions scandal (which has not included Cornell, so far as we know).

Other Savages present from our Cornell era included **Mike Newman '64**, ME '66, **Dick Erali '69**, **Dave Dobies '69**, the always on-key pianist **Bill Cowdery '71**, PhD '89, **John Costello '73**, **Jack Thompson '73**, ME '74, club president **John Roscoe '71**, and **Lou Walcer '74**. More Savage lore can be explored in my report about the Savage Club in London ("Savages Abroad," *Cornell Alumni News*, Vol. 82, No. 3, p. 31, October 1979), accompanied in the same number, at page 28, by the late **Allan Treman 1921**, JD 1924's "Savages at Home." Link to the issue: https://ecommons.cornell.edu/bitstream/handle/1813/27955/082_03.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y. ❖ **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

George gets great joy spending time with his grandson and some satisfaction playing golf. Hey, it's golf.

Joyce Banch Flynn may be too modest to have submitted the news of her extraordinary accomplishments, but we're happy to hear from her husband, Dan (danj.flynn@am.jll.com), who is rightfully proud to boast about her. Joyce and Dan live in Quogue, NY, on the East End of Long Island. Joyce is a retired school administrator; however, it's the new endeavor she began a little over two years ago that is quite remarkable. While Dan had been a track star and later a high school coach, six years ago he returned to competition in the champions division and Joyce returned as his number one fan sitting on the sidelines during practices and competitions. That is until one day she acquiesced to Dan's suggestion that she might relieve some of the boredom of watching him by trying to learn one event, and "the rest is history." Last year, in her first USA Masters Indoor National Championship, Joyce won two gold medals and placed fourth in the high jump. That wasn't good enough for our 72-year-old classmate, who this year won gold in the long jump (3.09 meters) and the triple jump (6.85 meters) and placed second in the 60-meter dash (11.92 secs) and the high jump (1.03 meters). Joyce continues to compete in national and international events achieving a fifth-place finish in the long jump held in Malaga, Spain, last September. Dan attributes her success to her ability to achieve an explosive start, and Joyce is training on her sprint to set new records. We're so very proud of our classmate, who you may know or have met as she has attended every Reunion since graduation. GO YOUNG RED! For more details about Joyce's accomplishments, use this link: <http://www.27east.com/news/article.cfm/Quogue/586176/Joyce-Flynn-Wins-Four-Medals>.

Congratulations to **Henry Siegel** for his appointment to the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) board in February. Henry has served our class as Reunion chair several times. Joining Henry for a class officers meeting at this year's mid-winter Cornell Alumni Leadership

69 Lots of news this month—thanks to all who took the time to write in. **Susan Wohryzek** Mittler writes, "Currently I am a New York State Regent for the 6th Judicial District working as part of the State Education Dept. By virtue of my residence in Ithaca, this representation includes the State Colleges of Cornell. I am the retired president of the Ithaca Teachers Assn., a union of teachers affiliated with New York United Teachers. In addition to my service to NYS I work as a consultant for private sector arbitration." **Kenneth LaPensee** is director of health economics and outcomes research at Paratek Pharmaceuticals in King of Prussia, PA. He's writing a novel, taking viola lessons, and traveling the world, and he has a consulting business on the side. You're a busy guy, Ken. **Philip Callahan** is still working at JPL, heading for 50 years. He took a three-week trip in the spring to the Amazon, Galápagos, and Machu Picchu.

Cathy Weisman Topal is retired and still writing and presenting. Check out her new book, *Beautiful Stuff from Nature: More Learning with Found Materials*, a sequel to *Beautiful Stuff! Learning with Found Materials* (Davis Publications). "Being a grandma is the best!" Her oldest granddaughter is with Teach For America and teaches seventh-grade science. Youngest daughter, **Claire Topal '01**, graduated from the College of Arts & Sciences. **Bernice Chase Schorr**, MS '72, "had a very satisfying career as a registered dietitian" and now volunteers feeding homeless families and helping them get back on their feet. Her best day at Cornell was meeting her husband of 50 years, **Alan '66**, PhD '71. Congratulations! **Peter Kutner** officially retired as a professor of law at the U. of Oklahoma, but actually he continues to work nearly full time as an emeritus professor. **Malcolm Tom** resides in Honolulu, HI, and is the proud grandfather of Caya, Sofia, and Cole. **Edward Wilson** moved from Vicenza, Italy, to Troy, NY, to work at Watervliet Arsenal while contemplating retirement. He's updating his private pilot's license to get "back into the air." His peripatetic children provide plenty of places to visit.

Ron Frers retired a couple of years ago, but is still seeing clients in St. Pete and Tampa one day a week in each location. He incorporated craniosacral therapy into his clinical sports massage therapy practice some time ago and is now heading more in this direction. He works with individuals with PTSD, CTE, and autism—"I am a very fortunate man and very grateful for it." His "wonderful sons, with their fantastic ladies, and seven grandchildren are all well and happy in Charlotte, NC." **Les DeGross**, DVM '69, is still working part time at the vet practice in Perry, NY, and still raising sweet corn, pumpkins, squash, and other veggies for their roadside stand. He spends

winters in California and Florida having fun with family. We were sorry to hear that their youngest son was in a terrible accident in November, but he "is gaining daily thanks to prayers and excellent care."

Ronald Schildge serves as an elder at Johns Island Presbyterian Church in South Carolina and teaches adult Christian education. The church is celebrating its 300th anniversary this year. He and wife Lyn are expecting their 14th and 15th grandchildren this year! "I love my life, my wife, and my home!" In his spare time, Ronald plays tennis three times a week and rides his bike. **Bonnie Carroll** and husband Roy commute between Oak Ridge, TN, and Washington, DC. They've been doing a lot of international travel that includes skiing and scuba diving. Bonnie sold her company in 2018 after 30 years, but is still working with the company as the chief data officer. But, she adds, "I'm 'retired' because I have a job I can quit!" **Thomas Levanduski** and spouse Jim play duplicate bridge in Albany. They also enjoy exploring Europe on their many bike trips. He sends his best to fellow Watermarginals!

John Melillo has become quite the artist—"Oil is my passion." John went to Vietnam after graduation and now has a 100 percent service-connected disability. He says he "finally found peace/solace in my artwork. It saved me!" He has an Art Business Certification from Christie's. Check him out on Instagram at "ArtfeelingsJM." Those of you in the New York area can see John's works at the School of Visual Arts in NYC, New York Academy of Art, Sotheby's Art Program, Southampton Culture Center, and the Art League of Long Island. Please note that we have a very long lead time for this column, so your news may not appear for several issues after you've sent it in. Give it some time. Enjoy the rest of the summer. Keep your news coming to: ❖ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

70 Our 50th Reunion is in less than a year! Once again, the dates are June 4-7, 2020. It's time to contact friends and classmates and start making plans to come to Ithaca next June. Our busy Reunion chairs, **Sally Anne Levine**, JD '73, and **Cathy Forster** Hogan, are anxious to hear from classmates who have ideas/suggestions for our big party weekend. Volunteers who want to help at, before, or after our 50th Reunion are very welcome to contact Cathy and Sally Anne; please use this special Reunion e-mail address: Cornell70Reunion50@gmail.com. Check out our '70 websites: class website, cornell70.org; Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Cornell70; and Twitter page, www.twitter.com/CornellClass70. If you have moved recently or have a new e-mail address, please update your contact information at cornellconnect.cornell.edu so you will receive future 50th Reunion and Class of '70 communications. I'm excited to see many of you at Cornell in about 11 months!

William McCumiskey (mccumjr@yahoo.com) and wife Maria live in Oyster Bay, NY. They also have a Golf Villa at PGA National Palm Beach Gardens, which they fill up using Airbnb when they are not there—which is most of the year, he is sorry to say. William is still teaching golf during the summers and is a substitute teacher in the winter. Their children bring them the most satisfaction in their lives. Their twins will be going to college next fall: Rosie will attend Clemson and Willie will go to SUNY Geneseo. William recalls that his best day at Cornell was when he walked Buster and two dates into Barton Hall for a basketball game. **Paul Fish** (davisocod@aol.com) is semi-retired and is working three days a week as a relief veterinarian. He plays lots of golf. He and wife Sheri live in Merrick, NY, and travel to exotic

places together. Recently they spent three weeks in China. Sheri and Paul have two wonderful grandchildren, Cece, 4, and Caleb, 1-1/2.

John Komarisky (john@mainandpinckney.com) remains active in his family-owned agriculture equipment business in Auburn, NY. He is general manager and his younger son is operations manager. John is also chairman of the Sennett Fire District, president of the Northeast Dealers Assn., and a member of the New York Agricultural Land Trust (NYALT). He and his wife enjoy traveling to visit families, going on cruises, and taking senior tours throughout the US. John's best day at Cornell was the day we graduated and he started working in the field of agriculture education and business. **Kurt Gerhardt Krammer** (Concord, MA; gerhardtkrammer@yahoo.com) works part time at an Alzheimer's clinic, which brings him great satisfaction. Gerhardt has been to Paris, Africa, and Asia. He says that his best day at Cornell was every day for four years!

In September 2018, **Don Deprez** (Paxton, MA; ddeprez@charter.net) retired after 37 years in solo private practice in ob/gyn in Worcester, MA. He graduated from Tufts Medical School in 1977, after which he completed his residency in Worcester in 1981. Don and wife Lynda celebrated their 50th anniversary last August. They have three children and six grandchildren and they enjoy European trips with the Cornell Alumni Assn. Don delights in his marriage and grandchildren while also enjoying photography, art, history, travel, and reading. Hearing Daniel Berrigan reading from his play, *The Trial of the Catonsville Nine*, made that day his best at Cornell. **Stanley Casper** (casper@CMSlaw.com) lives in Orinda, CA.

Gregory and **Amy Hill** (Chesterton, IN) announced the arrival of their first grandson, Henry, in August 2018. He joined big sister Brooklyn, who is now 4. Gregory is still working at the Burns Harbor Plant. He spent 17 years (1990-2006) running the ironmaking facility and he's now general manager overseeing the primary operations. The plant, which was built by Bethlehem Steel, will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Gregory is looking forward to retirement in the next year or two. He has lots of gardening to do in the spring and summer and enjoys setting up his Lionel trains in the winter. He is thankful that Cornell gave him an appreciation for the diversity on campus and the different cultures that exist. He also feels that it is good thing for us (and others) to remember that 1966-70 were interesting and somewhat difficult times! In hindsight, he says that his years at Cornell were an outstanding experience with exceptional learning and development.

Ken Gilstein (Bowie, MD; k.gilstein@gmail.com) is a semi-retired clinical neuropsychologist doing individual, couples, and family therapy, as well as psychological and neuropsychological testing. Ken has an expertise in mild traumatic brain injury and sports concussions. His organization is named Spectrum Behavioral Health. He has traveled to Italy, San Francisco, Chicago, and New Orleans, and his upcoming trips include London, Paris, Greece, and San Diego. In his "spare" time, he attends concerts and many professional and college sports events. He finds his work, his children's accomplishments, and his travels most satisfying. Ken looks forward to going to Cornell in January 2020 for the university's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the historic Cornell men's hockey team. His best day at Cornell was in our senior year, when he was assistant manager for the '69-70 men's hockey team. While Ken was attempting to take the sticks out of the bench, he fell on the ice and

received a standing ovation from over 4,000 fans! He suggests checking out page 68 of the book *Forever Faithful: Celebrating the Greatest Moments of Cornell Hockey* if you want more info. ❖ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

71 Many of our classmates are spending their spare time keeping their minds stretched, bodies in motion, and spirits lifted! **Louise Wolfe** (ljwofe@verizon.net) wrote that she has been "studying Chinese while studying Chinese history at Harvard, lately Chinese art history. Would love to hear what Asian studies subjects interest other alums. I love learning completely new fields. Any nearby [presumably Boston] China scholars?" **Marianne Saphra** (msaphra@hotmail.com), who lives in Ithaca with her husband, **Stephen Clancy '74**, JD '78, PhD '88, has been busy with "travel, visiting friends and family [including two grandchildren], enjoying nature, volunteering, hiking, skiing, camping, and trying to keep the house from falling down around our ears." **Robert Crystal** (crys24634@gmail.com) is the president and CEO of the Rochester (NY) Interfaith Jail Ministry, a volunteer at Cephas of Western New York, and a bell ringer at Ascension Church in Rochester. He traveled to Cambridge, Oxfordshire, Kent, and Essex, UK, to ring bells as part of the 2018 celebration of the 100th anniversary of the World War I Armistice. Robert said that visiting prisoners brings him the most satisfaction in life these days.

Nancy Seligman Goldmark (nsg52@aol.com) and her husband, **Harry, MD '73**, have retired to Aiken, SC, where they "built a small horse farm. Loving having horses and donkeys right outside our windows!" They have a 4-year-old grandson and are enjoying living in the Southeast after so many years in the Northeast. **Joan Batson** McLeod, BS Nurs '71, lives with her husband, Cliphane, in Savannah, GA. Joan said that graduation was her best day at Cornell because "then I entered the Air Force to serve." She now has a home-based business that focuses on health education. She represents a CBD product line and derives great satisfaction from helping others with pain relief using CBD products. Joan says, "My 6-year-old twin granddaughters are my delight." **Linda Germaine**-Miller is one classmate who has not fled the Northeast. She and her husband are moving from the Boston area to Connecticut. Linda has promised to send us some news once they get settled.

Scott Lawrence, who lives in North Carolina, wrote a note that focused on our classmate **Craig Ewing**, MBA '72. "Craig remains the smoothest skier in our class. Just back from a week at Snowmass, CO, with superb conditions. He just makes me envious or maybe ashamed of my skiing ability, but we have a group that shares great discussions." My quick response to that is that at least Scott is still out there skiing. (Some of us hung our skis up years ago.) **Elisabeth Kaplan** Boas (ekb7@cornell.edu) and **Art Spitzer** (artspitzer@gmail.com) are among our most reliable and active correspondents. Elisabeth said that Art is "working harder than ever as legal director of ACLU D.C. and in his spare time walks our yellow cab, Taxi (I mean lab), every morning for a couple of miles." Elisabeth has continued her volunteer work with the Cornell's Adult University Advisory Board and other nonprofits. She was recognized as having attended the largest number of CAU classes.

Herrick Lidstone (hklidstone@gmail.com) reported that he is "working, managing a law firm, and trying to retire." He also recommended a book written by a Cornellian: "Cornellians of a certain age will really enjoy **Don Stanton '72's** *Looking Back at the Cold War*." He describes