

he toured Argentina, Chile, and Antarctica, about which he wrote, "It is unspoiled and 'otherworldly.' Anyone who can go, should go."

Stan Sterenberg (stan.sterenberg@gmail.com) has retired from teaching math (grades six and seven) at an independent girls' school in NYC. He now substitute teaches at a number of schools, also in NYC, and does

four decades. Over the next 41 years, he contributed widely to the development of high-resolution electron microscopy of biological macromolecules, now the most powerful way to understand the structures of the biochemical "machines" that carry out the diverse functions of living cells. By the 1980s, Ken was drawn into major international collaborations, resulting in paradigm-setting

Studies field trip, which left on a three-plus-week tour of the US on August 17, 1968. **Bernice Bradin** (bbradin@Comcast.net) finally retired as CFO at Lesley U. in Cambridge, MA, last December. Since then she's been consulting, working on the board of a nonprofit, renovating her kitchen and bathroom, and, of course, traveling. Bernice and her daughter Martha, who will attend Wells College beginning in fall 2019, recently took a fabulous trip to Tokyo, Kyoto, and Osaka, Japan. Retirement has given Bernice the much-needed sleep time she lacked for so many years, as well as deadline-free days to spend with friends.

Kathy Riggs Van Wie (weihome@aol.com) and her husband, Bill, live in Houston, TX. Kathy works with three nonprofits: Faith in Practice, where she's a translator for their medical mission in Guatemala; Amistad Mission's orphanage and programs for families at risk in Bolivia; and Freedom Place, a residential and therapeutic facility for under-18-year-old girls rescued from sex trafficking. Last summer, Kathy, her son's family, and her sister **Barbara Riggs '75** traveled to the Galápagos. Great to hear our classmates are still so active. ❖ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

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occasional tutoring. He wrote, "My wife and I play competitive bridge (that's how we met), and I play not-so-competitive golf." He wrote that he's been on a nostalgia tour—searching for old friends, then reconnecting by e-mail and sometimes in person. Another teacher, **Mel Lef er**, retired in May after 45 years of teaching at the U. of Virginia and Vanderbilt U.

I laughed when I read **Joel Edelman's** note: "I'm still working more than full time as a psychiatrist/psychoanalyst, trying to help kids and grown-ups have more satisfying lives through understanding and chemistry." He wrote, "I never thought that in 2019 I'd still be sending my own kids through college; and I never thought that as a Brooklyn boy, I'd be living in the hometown (Elkins Park, PA) of my TEO big brother **Donnie Levenson '64**, BA '65." ❖ **Pete Salinger**, peteRsalinge95@gmail.com; **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, Deanne.Gitner@gmail.com.

67 Douglas Shore (Atlanta, GA; dlshore2660@gmail.com) writes: "Had a great couple of days on the Hill for the Entrepreneurship at Cornell Celebration in April. I stayed at the Statler, enjoyed excellent speakers and symposia, met many alumni (most younger than me), and had the honor of serving as a judge for the Big Idea Competition Finale at eHub Collegetown. Cornell has an amazing collection of young student entrepreneurs, and an outstanding faculty, staff, and related network of organizations in the Entrepreneurship at Cornell ecosystem. The only downside: traveling from 80 degrees in Atlanta to low 30s in Ithaca. One of the companies pitching in the eLab Demo Day competition is headed by the nephew of Cornell (and high school) classmate **Barry Strauss**—I enjoyed catching up with his family, including Barry's brother **Marvin Strauss '63**, MBA '65, and a follow-up call with Barry."

Sara Ganeless Levine (Santa Rosa, CA; sarafran@sonic.net) is a retired primary care physician—internist and pediatrician. She writes, "Our house burned down in the 2017 Sonoma County wildfires. We rebuilt ourselves and it has been a rewarding adventure." She adds that she has gotten satisfaction from "building our house and planning gardens." If she had a free day in Ithaca, she'd walk around the lake.

Kenneth Downing, PhD '74, who died in August 2018, earned all his degrees through his PhD at Cornell. While a sophomore, he met his future wife, Linda, on a ride share. A senior scientist in the Molecular Biophysics and Integrated Bioimaging (MBIB) Division, he worked at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory for more than

papers on the atomic structures of two membrane proteins. His own research group determined the structure of tubulin in 1998, a protein that helps determine cell shape and motility, and which is essential for the separation of chromosomes during cell division. His revolutionary studies gave us the conceptual and structural framework to understand a unique self-assembly system and a major target of anticancer agents. With his microscopy and image analysis he described the binding site and mode of action of the most broadly used anticancer agent, Taxol, as well as new antimetabolic agents of great therapeutic potential, and defined the structure of the microtubule among other contributions. A choir singer, he also enjoyed gardening, model railroading, water skiing, hiking, and woodworking.

I made it to Ithaca in June for my wife's 50th Reunion. For me, this was a first in that the weather was absolutely perfect. I know what you're saying—it's Ithaca, get over it. But it was. Eileen's classmates organized a boat ride up Cayuga a good distance and then back. The whole afternoon was delightful, the sun was shining, and lunch was provided by Wegmans. ❖ **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

68 Sally Best Bailey (supplylady@gmail.com) and her husband, Richard Allan, live in Elbert, CO, 8,000 ft. high, where they share the beauty of the woods and meadows with their four Great Pyrenees mountain dogs and a number of other critters. Closer to sea level, their oldest granddaughter will be starting her second year at UC Santa Barbara and their three other grandchildren are working their way through high school. While Sally wishes she could still be singing in a rock band, she's most content now being with her family and remembering weekends at Cornell with her band, The Hedge. **Richard Golding** (goldinrl@delhi.edu) and his wife, Evelyn, can practically see Cornell's campus from their home in Mechanicville, NY. Rich is retired from his full-time job teaching hospitality management at SUNY Delhi but still works there part time when he's not camping or attending professional hospitality events. These days, being with friends and family, being kind and helpful to others, and volunteering brings Rich the most satisfaction.

Timothy Albright lives in Athens, NY, where he keeps busy golfing, skiing, traveling, cruising, and still delivering new fire trucks around the country. Tim's also still active in the Athens Volunteer Fire Dept. His twin grandsons recently graduated from Siena College. Tim's best class memory was an Agronomy 461: Regional Agronomy

69 Hope you all enjoyed your summer—lots of news this time around.

Harvey Leibin retired from full-time architecture at the end of 2016 and is semi-retired, working as a consultant for a Connecticut firm that provides needed project design, management expertise, and design support to architectural teams. He and wife Flo enjoy their three children and five grandchildren and had a wonderful trip to southern France in May 2018. **Charles Antinori** is "still very busy doing general and chest surgery at Inspira Health System in New Jersey." His granddaughter Alessia is the apple of his eye. **Don Verdiani**, ME '71 (Westtown, PA) has been an EMT for the past five years. He is on the board of the Ambulance Corps and is a Red Cross disaster responder as well. Thank you for your service, Don.

Susan Wohryzek Mittler is a NYS Regent (Judicial District 6) and continues to participate in setting educational policy in New York State. Daughter **Jessica '94** is an associate professor at Virginia Commonwealth U. in Richmond, VA. Son **Craig '98** works at RBC Wealth Management in New Jersey and has two children. **David Mason** says he is "now doing all the things I wished I could be doing." He retired ten years ago as a professor of political science at Butler U., and since then is taking Spanish classes at Butler, is a docent at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, plays tennis, travels, and visits his five grandchildren. He and wife Sharon traveled to the Galápagos, Easter Island, and Spain and had plans to head to Zimbabwe this past summer. **William Shaw**, MPA/JD '73, "blessed with good health," is in the process of acquiring his family heritage land, Hogback Falls, adjacent to his home near Trumansburg and expanding his "hobby" tree farm. He is managing two commercial buildings in Ithaca and enjoys motorcycling throughout the Finger Lakes and the Northeast. **Roy Black** is director, real estate program, and professor in the practice of finance at Emory's Goizueta Business School in Atlanta. He plays the recorder, cornamuse, and lute guitar in Lauda Musicam, an early music ensemble.

George Remien is "lucky to have a tiny cottage" in Provincetown on Cape Cod, where in 2018 he and wife Delis celebrated 50 years of marriage with their children, grandchildren, and dear friends. He is enjoying his grandchildren, "chasing the biggest stripe" (that's a fish) in the Northeast and "watching spectacular sunsets off Cape

Cod Bay.” George wishes he could contribute more to his grandchildren’s college funds—“Colleges are much too expensive.” However, he adds, “while we can still walk and smile at the same time—we call that a great day!” **Ildiko Czmor Mitchell** is busier than ever taking care of her grandkids four days a week and, sadly, making more “visits to friends in nursing homes.” She planned to tackle the Appalachian Trail again this past summer with a group of Cornellians to help “jockey my car” and attend one of the Woodstock concerts “since I missed the original.” Ildiko adds, “I am saddened by the passing of my college roommate, **Peggy Greene Nicklin**.” **Jan Turk Mills** celebrated 50 years of marriage to **Robin, MBA ’69**, by taking a Viking Sun cruise around the world—“44,000 miles, 20-plus countries, and 40-plus ports. Great to be a traveler.” They have eight grandchildren, three kids, and “a great family.”

Enjoy the holidays—safe travels. A happy and healthy 2020 to you all. Please continue to send your news and notes to: ❖ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl078@gmail.com.

70 Happy Holidays to all my Cornell friends and classmates. These last 12 months have moved through my life so quickly once again (and perhaps through yours as well). I wish all of you good times, good health, and a very good 2020.

The celebration of our June 1970 graduation from our fair Cornell at our 50th Reunion is only seven short months away! You have read the dates for our 50th for the last five years, and here they are again: Thursday, June 4, 2020 until Sunday June 7, 2020! Please contact our two incredible 50th Reunion chairwomen, **Sally Anne Levine** and **Cathy Forster Hogan**, at this designated Class of 1970 50th Reunion e-mail address: Cornell70Reunion50@gmail.com. They are excited to hear from you with questions, ideas, concerns, suggestions, and, of course, offers to volunteer before, during, and after (or all of the above!) with any aspect of our 50th Reunion, large or small. And we are all looking forward to seeing you in June 2020 at our fun and event-filled party weekend at Cornell.

Beth Galston (bethg@bethgalston.com) has had a very busy 2019 and she is very pleased to tell us news of her commissions, exhibits, and press reviews. Her Floating Garden is a large-scale suspended luminous sculpture that is now permanently installed in the 32-ft.-tall atrium in the Pioneer, a 290-unit apartment building in Everett, MA. It is a glowing environment composed of six-foot translucent cast resin shapes that are styled after acorn caps, with amber-colored LEDs and a curving and twisting network of copper tubing and electrical wires. Beth’s next commission is in progress at the MBTA Green Line Extension in Somerville, MA. She is working on an artwork for the Gilman Station in collaboration with Bartek Konieczny. Additionally, Beth has Luminous Garden (Wave), which is included in Avant Gardens at the Newport Art Museum in Rhode Island. That exhibit was through September 8, 2019. A review of Avant Gardens appeared in the July/Aug 2019 issue of *Art New England*. Beth’s Luminous Garden (Aerial) was recently included in Horizons: As Above, So Below at the Portsmouth Arts and Cultural Center in Virginia. Out in the Open, at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, as well as a yearlong exhibit of public art in the Boston area, included photographs of Beth’s Serpentine Fence project. Many of these artworks can be viewed on her website: <http://www.bethgalston.com/>.

Allen London (alondon@srgmgt.com) and his wife, Margot, have a new home in Miami Beach, FL. Allen is busy working on real estate investments and management

in Florida. They have two grandsons, ages 6 and 8. Being with the boys and all of his family brings much happiness to his life. Allen notes that the first person he met at Cornell was **Steve Mitchell**, and he says that if he had a day in Ithaca he would go to the Straight! **Patrick Kelly** (pkelly42@sympatico.ca) and his wife, Angela, continue to live in Ottawa, ON. After more than 18 years, and at the age of 76, Patrick continues to offer mental health counseling support to Canadian first responders on a pro bono basis and has been named an honorary member of the Ottawa Police Assn. Congratulations! He takes continuing education courses to maintain professional certification in Med/CCC-trauma. He also really enjoys singing with the Ottawa Police Chorus at seniors and nursing homes. In September, Patrick and Angela celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary in “wonderful Copenhagen” while on a memorable Baltic cruise. Another special part of their anniversary trip was meeting the family of their current Rotary Int’l exchange student. The first person that Patrick met at Cornell was Larry Dega, then owner of the Elba Pizzeria in Collegetown, who gave him a part-time job that helped with tuition. Should he have a day in Ithaca, we’d find him kayaking on Cayuga Lake.

Time to connect with Class of ’70 friends and make a date to meet on the Hill in June 2020! More classmate, friends, and guests equal MORE FUN! ❖ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

71 How are you planning to spend the holidays? Drop us a line to share an update with your classmates; or send your holiday letter to: ❖ **Gayle Yeomans**, gay2@cornell.edu; or **Jim Roberts**, jhr22@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

72 Happy Holidays to everyone! **Patrice Kastan Schwartz** (trices6@optionline.net) sent a note saying that after more than 30 years teaching, she has been retired for seven years. She says that the timing was great, since now her four grandchildren keep her very busy. Patrice also loves playing tennis, traveling, volunteering, being active on her synagogue committees, and having more time to read. She has been able to donate her time to keeping her body healthy by exercising and enhancing her love of the arts by visiting museums, theatre, and concerts. Patrice wishes she could be doing more traveling, since her husband, Elon, still works full time. She gets the most satisfaction being with her grandchildren and spending time with her parents after moving them back to New York from Florida.

Also enjoying her own four grandchildren is **Elizabeth Post Falconi** (betsyfalconi1@gmail.com). Betsy lives in Newtown, PA, where she is retired and doing lots of volunteer work in local organizations. She is also enjoying the creation of a native plant preserve on her property and trying to keep dogs from undoing her work. Betsy and husband **Joe ’70** have been in the same house for 32 years, seeing patterns of nature and being actively involved in their community as it changes. Her best day at Cornell was any sunny spring or fall day. Betsy always loved being able to enjoy so much natural beauty between studying. **William “Wes” Schulz**, ME ’73, and wife Debbie went on a cruise of the Mediterranean, visiting Greece and Italy. The couple posted dozens of photos on Facebook, 90 percent of which were of food and desserts. Made me hungry every time I viewed one of their posts.

Robert Efron, DVM ’75 (bobyak2@aol.com) is a semi-retired veterinarian doing relief work for area clinics. Bob

finds it interesting to visit various hospitals. He is the grandfather of four, and he and his wife, Sharon, are very close to the grandkids. Bob humbly admits that he has had a great life, for which he is very grateful. He would like to hear from his dorm-mates from “old” Dorm 2, Floor 2, Phi Sigma Epsilon, and the Vet college Class of 1975.

Steven Bienstock (lawfirmone@aol.com) is senior partner at Bienstock Law LLC and president of the Montgomery County, MD, Bar Foundation. He is also the past president of the Bar Assn. of Montgomery County. Steve has been a general practice lawyer for 35 years, since starting his firm in 1984. Son **Josh Bienstock ’10** joined him in the practice and is knocking it out of the park. Josh and his wife, Jennifer, live five minutes away with Steve’s granddaughter Harper, 2. Steve and wife Heidi have been together for five years and were married last December. Heidi’s daughter, who lives in Pennsylvania, gave birth last September to their granddaughter Tenley. Steve’s daughter, Sarah, just graduated from U. of Buffalo with a psychology degree, and his younger son, **Eli Bienstock ’16**, BS ’17, is finishing up his last year at Cornell Law. Looks like he’ll finally leave Ithaca after eight years. In his spare time, Steve acts and directs, teaches, writes columns on wellness, and is on the speaker’s circuit. He says he loves going to Homecoming and, of course, our Reunions. He hopes to see all of us there soon. Send news to: ❖ **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; or **Gary Rubin**, grr34@cornell.edu.

73 As you read this, Homecoming and October have passed. Alas, it’s August as I write, so the news is as sparse as the green grass in our yard. Here’s what we have.

Denise Meridith (dpm29@cornell.edu) submitted her news online from Phoenix, AZ, where she lives. Denise has launched a virtual community and think tank for C-suite executives after spending time as a private consultant. Her new venture, “The WBCs,” is aimed at expanding into group education and activities (<http://www.thewbcs.com>). Of course, in the midst of this new focus, Denise is satisfied to be moving toward retirement, with less work and more fun. She’d like to spend a day in Ithaca photographing the gorges, lakes, and bridges. She still sees it as one of the most beautiful areas of the US. Lastly, Denise sends a hello to her roommate **Patsy Shipe** Reardon, the first person she met at Cornell. **Robert Shuman** sends greetings from Philadelphia, where he lives with spouse Joyce Lenhardt. He’s just become a grandfather and finds that “she wonderfully imposed a whole new perspective on life.” Although retired from his architecture firm, Robert continues to work full time, teaching in the Temple U. architecture department. He’s an associate professor who very much enjoys teaching and still tolerates the world of academia.

Clark Lackert has joined Carlton Fields as a shareholder in New York. He is a member of the firm’s intellectual property practice group. Congratulations, Clark! **Robert Platt**, JD ’76, president of the Delta Kappa Epsilon (DKE) alumni association, wrote of the loss of an historic tree at their house at 13 South Ave. In 1899, then Governor Theodore Roosevelt visited Cornell to plant two Norway spruces in honor of **Clifton Beckwith Brown 1900**. Brown was the first Cornellian to die in battle. He was killed on San Juan Hill during the Spanish-American War. Since both Roosevelt and Brown had been members of DKE, the trees were planted there. As the trees grew over the next 120 years, the southern tree could no longer be sustained. On June 27, 2019, the historic tree was felled. The logs from the tree have