

castles, churches, and strongholds to satisfy even my love of antiquity. Old Town Tallinn may have the greatest concentration of medieval artifacts, but even the more remote island of Saaremaa had its share (not to mention its own meteor crater). Thanks to my relatives, my Estonian got a good workout, and I got an insider's view of much of the country. Trekking through a bog was a new experience, though I passed on the even more unique chance to take a dip in one of the dark brown bog pools as my son and cousin did. But, without a doubt, the most moving aspect of the trip was visiting my ancestors' gravesites as well as going to places where my mother and father last lived some 80 years ago."

Your co-correspondent **Pete Salinger**, MBA '68, and his wife, **Ruth (Dritch) '67**, continue in various volunteer activities. They have recently traveled to Italy, Aruba, and Argentina. They have also recently become pseudo-grandparents, due to a young family from Germany who moved onto their block. They write, "It's been fun, and sometimes a little tiring, to invest time with two little girls, 7 and 3. We wouldn't trade it, however—it's very rewarding." Pete writes that he read a *Curious George* book to the 7-year-old—the same book his dad used to read to him! ☐ **Pete Salinger**, pete.sal@verizon.net; **Susan Rockford Bittker**, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Deanne Gebell Gitter**, dgg26@cornell.edu.

67 **Carole Newman Allen** (Arlington, MA; allen@massmed.org) is a retired pediatrician and was appointed in November 2012 by Gov. Deval Patrick to the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission, charged with helping to reduce healthcare expenditures. She's also on the board of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Her granddaughter, Tabitha Richey-Allen, was born in December 2012: "Thanks to the repeal of DOMA, her moms, who work for the US Foreign Service, will now receive federal benefits after they are legally married this summer, probably in Minnesota. Son **David Allen '97** and his husband, **Michael McGrann '96**, are both teachers and live in New Jersey with their 5-year-old son Theo, whom **Tom '66** and I took to Disney World last month." Carole would like to hear from **Skip** and **Patty Clark McCann** and **Susie Loveland Hodes**. She adds: "We all plan to get together this summer on Martha's Vineyard. I also will see **Ellen Schmidt Greenblatt**, another classmate who lives in California, and I keep in touch with **Libby Roth** in Palo Alto. Sad to learn that **David Mordovanec** passed away in 2010."

Chuck Sheppard (Springfield, MO; chucksheppard7@hotmail.com) wrote back in October that he had just gotten back from the AMHA National Show and was headed to the international Air Medical Transport Conference to give lectures." He adds that he was named Distinguished Alum of the Year at his 50th high school reunion. **Sherry Carr**, MILR '70 (Laverock, PA) has been "reading, gardening, traveling, exercising, and being an attentive grandmother." Last year she traveled to Sri Lanka and Greece. "Why? Because I haven't been there before," she explains. Sherry also attended **Laraine Testa Zappert**, PhD '76's recent wedding. **Richard Weldgen Jr.** (Webster, NY; rhw8@cornell.edu) observes: "I'm enjoying retirement so much I've started a new company, Dramatic Landscape Lighting. The big project this year was lighting 13 25-ft. metal sculptures for Albert Paley. The pieces were on display in the mall on Park Avenue

in New York City through November. My free time is spent with my granddaughter Zazie."

"Not quite semi-retired, more like 10 percent retired," reports **Davis L. "Dave" Turner** (Mission Viejo, CA; dlt506@aol.com). "I'm working as an engineering consultant in the 'vertical transportation' industry—that's elevators and escalators. Still working because I enjoy it. Made contact with **Gordie Booth**, ME '68, and **John Bruns**, and attended my 50th high school reunion, so I guess I'm on a nostalgia kick. Barbara and I have two grown and married children and one granddaughter, 3 years old. We have enjoyed and continue to enjoy being grandparents." As for what he'd rather be doing now: "Just what I've been doing." **Mady Hirschfeld Schichor** (Washington, DC; mhschichor@comcast.net) writes, "I just moved from Connecticut to the heart of Washington, DC." Mady is retired and spends her time traveling and playing with her granddaughter. In response to the what-would-you-rather-be-doing query, she confirms, "I'm doing it!" More news to come in the next issue. ☐ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St., NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

68 It seems that three activities are occupying the time of our classmates as we approach and enter retirement. World travel, spending time with our grandchildren (and their parents), and giving back to our communities and organizations of interest are keeping us very busy.

Steve Unger, ME '70, recently retired and has been traveling, bonding with his grandchildren, and volunteering on nonprofit boards. He had a great time at Reunion with ten of his fraternity brothers from Tau Epsilon Phi. **Bob Tuttle**, MBA '72, is working part-time in commercial real estate and medical product development, but spends much of his time as co-chair on the prestigious board of directors of First Robotics, an after-school program for over 300,000 kids nationwide. He also volunteers at the See Science Center in Manchester, NH, where he and his wife live. **Thomas Noble** is cutting back on his working hours as a gastroenterologist and is enjoying golf and gardening in the "great climate" of South Carolina, where he moved last fall. Tom and his wife, Marcia, also take time every few weeks and drive north to Virginia and Pennsylvania to spend time with grandchildren and three married children. Tom's looking forward to making a trip out West to reconnect with his crew-mates (oarsmen).

Barry Shaw is also cutting back on his working hours as an orthodontist. This gives Barry and wife Annette more time to spend with their first grandchild, Dori Julianna, born recently to daughter **Natalie Shaw '00** and her husband. **Nancy Kaye** Litter balances her time between her interior design business, volunteering at the Getty Center in L.A., and, of course, her three granddaughters. **Alan Stoll**, MPA '70, is still working as a principal in TWM & Affiliates, healthcare advisors and investors, but he's spending more time with his two grandsons on the West Coast and his two granddaughters on the East Coast. Alan was honored to serve as "executive in residence" at Cornell's Sloan Graduate Program in Health Administration, bringing him to campus several times last year and in 2014 to fulfill a two-year commitment.

Mary Lou Janicki Curivan is the associate dean in the Office of Academic Affairs at Notre Dame College in South Euclid, OH. Her enjoyment of working with the students extends to

volunteering for the Sorority Alumnae Association, which has elected her president for 2013-15. She's also the advisor to her local chapter of Kappa Delta at John Carol U. **Louise May** Gruber has had the pleasure over the years to work with authors who are also Cornell alums in her position as VP/editorial director of Lee & Low Books in NYC. Louise has recently traveled to Machu Picchu, the Amazon, and the Galápagos and hopes that she'll soon do more traveling as she enters semi-retirement. **Corky Nunn** is still working with Microsoft in San Jose, CA, but his real passions seem to be playing gigs with his rock band, the OverCommitments, and watching his adult sons play amateur hockey. **Paulette Stewart-Johnson** rediscovered her passion for the piano and singing upon her retirement after 32 years as a high school biology teacher. She's putting her training at the Eastman School of Music prep school, where she was an honors graduate, to good use performing in and instructing her local church choirs. Paulette and her husband, Eric, split their time between their idyllic homes in Florida and North Carolina.

Tom Silliman, ME '70, is the CEO of Electronics Research Inc., but still makes time for his passion of whitewater kayaking and cattle roping. Tom and wife Sally have recently built a new home on the ranch in Lynnville, IN. **Mark Taylor** is still playing tennis in Atlanta, GA. Now retired, Mark and wife Suzy are playing more duplicate bridge and are in their final push to attain the coveted Life Master designation. Mark recently visited his newborn granddaughter in San Francisco. He's looking forward to playing tennis at the Cascadilla courts, playing bridge at the downtown Bridge Club of Ithaca, and, of course, seeing classmates at our 50th Reunion, June 7-10, 2018.

I'm looking forward to the next few months in Delray Beach, FL, and getting together with Florida-based Cornell friends. E-mailing me with your news will still get to me and to your classmates. Tell us what you're doing and where you've been. ☐ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

69 Thanks to classmates who took the time to get in touch! **Seth Bramson** is America's single most-published Florida history book author. His 22nd book came out in August 2013. He is also the only person in the country who bears the official title of company historian with an American railroad. Seth is currently working on the history of Aventura, FL, the history of Greater Miami during World War II, and the history of Miami Beach High. He writes proudly of his grandsons: "Number one grandson, Joshua Nemeser, passed both the New York and Florida Bars on the first try and is an attorney with Weil, Gottschalk in New York. Grandson two, Harrison Seaman, finished his second year at U. of Miami with a 4.0 and was one of only five sophomores to be selected for an internship during the summer of 2013 with Goldman Sachs."

Steve Kussin (sk3015@aol.com) has been an education reporter for WCBS Newsradio 880, here in New York, for three years, broadcasting reports three times a day, five times a week. "It's been a wonderful experience—talking about something I have a passion for to so many people." He also teaches in the Dept. of Radio-TV-Film at Hofstra U., does some consulting, and is finally completing a novel that he began eons ago and hopes to turn into a screenplay. Steve adds, "Sharyn and I are coming up on our 42nd anniversary. All three of our sons are Cornell graduates. **Todd '97** is a

lawyer, **Eric '01** is a VP with the New Jersey Devils, and **Lonnie '07** is an assistant director of student affairs in the graduate school of business at Fordham U. We also have two granddaughters (Rebecca and Kaylee) via Todd and his wife Alyssa. I have started to reconnect with classmates after 40-plus years. After hearing me on the air, they've tracked me down—and we're back in touch. How did the time slip by? Would love to hear from more!"

Marsha Gold has taken her interest in craft collecting to a new level and published a book, *Craft a Life*, that talks about her contemporary craft collections and travels in a personal way that includes text and 130 photos. "For people like me, 'stuff' is much more than material things. It reflects fine craftsmanship and a heritage to preserve and pass on." Check it out at <http://www.blurb.com/books/4334038-crafting-a-life-travels-through-my-collections-pap>. The eBook can also be found on iBooks. **Cathy Weisman Topal** is still teaching a course at Smith College called the Teaching of Visual Arts, but has retired from the laboratory school. Her sixth book, *Creative Minds out of School*, commissioned by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and Massachusetts After School Partnership, was published recently. "It is a good book for parents and teachers with no art background, but a love of art." Cathy adds, "After a family of girls, girls, girls, we suddenly have three grandsons under the age of 3. It is such fun to be a grandparent. These little ones are so amazing—figuring out how to walk, swing, climb, eat, and work every device. I am in awe. We know so much about brain development in the early years, how come we are not investing in our children in those years? We know that the payoff would be dramatic. It is crazy." Cathy has also

been busy traveling to the Balkans and taking a walking tour of Italy.

Reunion is June 5-8, 2014! Here is an update from our class presidents, **Steve and Ingrid Dieterle Tyler**: "We're off and running! Your three terrific reunion chairs **Charlotte Bruska Gardner**, **Lee Moseley Kleinman**, and **Linda Schwarz Negrin** are hard at work planning a fantastic 45th! Class headquarters will be at the Townhouses on North Campus—across from RPU student union—a good gathering space with pretty courtyards. Each unit has two bedrooms, one bathroom, a living room, and a kitchen, and is partially air-conditioned. We also have great venues for our events. Now is the time for all of you to make sure you have the dates on your calendars and think of ways you can help the class. Our class VPs, **Alan Cody** and **Agnes Brown**, are organizing the affinity groups. This is one of the most important ways you can help. We know classmates return when they know there are classmates of similar interests who will be there. So please start thinking about whether you can be a contact for your university sports team, intramural team, honorary society, freshman dorm, fraternity/sorority, fellow RA's, choir, band, tour guide, etc. Alan (almorrow@aol.com or amc343@cornell.edu) has more information he can share with you, and Cornell is happy to help with all the names you need to make the job as simple as possible. If you have an interest and want to learn more, you're welcome to attend the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston at the Marriott Copley Place on January 17-19, 2014. There is a class dinner on Saturday night, which will be an additional kickoff for reunion. Any suggestions are welcome! Please check our website frequently: <http://cornell69.org>."

Happy New Year to all! ☑ **Tina Economaki Riedl**, triedl048@gmail.com.

70 As another year begins, I wish you good health and much happiness. And I also invite you to note that our 45th Reunion is just a short year and a half away. Our reunion year will coincide with the 150th anniversary of the founding of our beloved Cornell and will be a particularly exciting weekend to be back on the Hill. Plan to attend, June 4-7, 2015, and to bring along friends from the Class of 1970 when you journey back to Ithaca.

After 35 years working for the US Navy, mostly on submarines, **Bill Johnson**, ME '75 (Manassas, VA; wmj23@comcast.net) has retired from federal service and formed WMJ Assocs. LLC. "I provide consulting services to government and industry for matters concerning the set-up and management of what has become known as 'open architecture.' My efforts in transforming the Navy's approach to complex system acquisition were included as a case study in the book *Collaborate or Perish* (2012) by Bratton and Tumin." Bill continues to play organized softball and basketball and is also becoming more active in what has become his avocation: herpetology. He adds, "My grandson Marcus is a seventh grade basketball and soccer star. I'm hoping he considers playing for Cornell some day. I reunion with my fellow Algonquin Lodge members every year."

Kenneth Gilstein (k.gilstein@gmail.com) and his wife, Paula, live in Kalaheo, HI. Kenneth works for the Kauai Dept. of Education doing clinical, cognitive, and neuropsychological evaluation, as well as supervising master's level psychologists. He also has a small private practice. Early in June 2013, his oldest son received his master's in speech pathology from San Jose State U., while his youngest son, Dylan, got his bachelor's from Western Oregon U. Middle son Matthew is a sommelier for restaurants in Maryland. Kenneth would like to be spending more time with his sons. And he would also like to hear from **Paul Fish**.

Byron Diggs (Cambridge, MA) has a medical practice in internal medicine and psychiatry. He likes to travel and has been reading more, hanging with friends, and enjoying time with his 13-year-old daughter. Byron says he finds himself suddenly single, suddenly on Medicare, and practicing denial. When he wrote, he was planning a trip to Ithaca with Cornell friends and learning about the music his daughter listens to. He would also like to be fishing, hanging out at the beach on Martha's Vineyard, and learning to play the saxophone. Byron would like to connect with **John Rudder**, MBA '68, **Carol Anne Wakeley** '71, **Warren Lem** '69, **James Keene** '74, and **Bill Wise** '68.

John Cecilia, MBA '79, lives in Lake Bluff, IL, and works in both Libertyville and Chicago. He works part-time with the Youth and Family Counseling Agency and is building his own private practice in psychotherapy and counseling for adults. John is recovering well from surgery to remove an external stomach tumor in March 2013, and when he wrote, he was on a special drug to keep it from returning. He was able to attend Reunion last June as part of the Continuous Reunion Club (CRC). **Bill Fogle** (Mesa, AZ) continues to tirelessly research the history of Delta Kappa Epsilon. His big news on that front is that the memorial tablet of DKE brother **Clifton Beckwith Brown 1900** has been located. He was killed in the Battle of San Juan Hill, Cuba, on July 1, 1898. The tablet had been

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