

briefly at our picnic in the Cornell Botanic Gardens, née Plantations (still located on Plantations Rd.). President Pollack, who also introduced herself in our 50th Reunion book, showed herself to be at home already at Cornell, and those who heard her, especially at Bailey, were pleased that she is now in charge. One stop not to be missed after the picnic was a visit to the renovated Dairy Bar in Stocking Hall, where the ice cream was fabulous, far better than I, for one, ever remembered. Some of us who find it hard to resist that particular substance also made sure to include a Purity break during our campus stay. And those who remained in the Botanic Gardens Saturday afternoon to enjoy many delightful horticultural attractions, including some rhododendrons still surprisingly in bloom, were treated to the Hangovers' **Allan Treman 1921 Memorial Concert**.

Other Reunion highlights included the appearance Saturday afternoon of the "Science Guy," **Bill Nye '77**, and a forum sponsored by the Class of '72 featuring the documentary *Agents of Change*, which was followed by a discussion including some participants in the '69 Straight takeover. I've long heard complaints by some that there's not enough to stimulate the mind at Reunions, but this year there were lots of academically oriented programs and forums. I even took advantage of a continuing education program at the Law School, which may raise questions about my priorities.

Two other long-standing Reunion events that seemed rejuvenated this time were the sprightly Savage Club Show on Thursday night, which included classmates **Adam Perl** and **Mel Richards**, and Cornelliana Night, which featured lots of singing, mostly by younger alumni on stage, who, to me, looked to be current undergrads. Lots of colleges, fraternities, sororities, teams, and groups of all kinds hosted receptions, and the beer tents on the Arts Quad were pounding out music of various kinds long into the night, joined by the traditional informal performance by student a cappella groups in the lobby of Goldwin Smith on Saturday night. The *Sun* reception may have reflected the paper's reduction in printing to three days a week this year, because you could only find a notice of the gathering in . . . right, the *Sun* Reunion edition.

Change remains the constant at Cornell. Noyes Lodge is now a Language Resource Center, but there is a Noyes Fitness Center right next to Hans Bethe House. With the total demolition of the U-Halls and the completion of the new houses on West Campus, only memories remain of the haunts of freshman men back in '63, such as the Murderball Ground and the Barf Bar.

Our class organized campus tours and a very popular tour of the Johnson Art Museum. I found myself on an architectural tour of the Arts Quad, where several buildings have been renovated or extended, and, in at least one instance, re-named. And I did find myself climbing Libe Slope on my way to some function; we met friends near the top, and the chance to take a breath was refreshing.

We'll resume regular class news next time, so please send me updates and your own impressions of our 50th Reunion. For obvious reasons of space, we cannot mention here everyone who made it back to campus, but hope to hear from you soon. ♦ **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

receiver in the fall for his high school teams in Arlington, VA. Mike's still hard at work as he recently became president of EMCUBE Inc., a small elite technical/engineering consulting company supporting US missile systems.

William Wise (billywisemd@hotmail.com) enjoys life in Newton, MA, playing klezmer music with his regular trio and freelancing. Of course another of Bill's great joys is teaching his four grandchildren to play checkers. Bill still prepares a variation on the tuna fish salad that he learned from fellow freshman **Chuck Hepburn**, with whom he also did some "off the wall" musical duets. He says if he had a day in Ithaca he'd play some klezmer clarinet at Cornell Hillel and then consume lox and bagels. Well, Bill, we're pretty sure you could fit that in at our 50th Reunion, June 7-10, 2018. **Steve**, MBA '70, JD '71, and **Sharon Lawner Weinberg**, PhD '71 (Sharon. Weinberg@nyu.edu) live in Scarsdale, NY. Sharon is a professor of applied statistics and psychology at New York U. In 2016 she published two textbooks, *Statistics Using IBM SPSS: An Integrative Approach* as a third edition, and *Statistics Using Stata: An Integrative Approach* as a first edition. Her co-author, **Sarah Knapp Abramowitz '89**, was one of her former graduate students. Steve is now executive managing director at RF Binder Partners, a NYC public relations firm, having retired as a partner at the law firm Cooley LLP.

Carol Corman Kiczek (alex@Kiczek.com) and her husband, Alex, live in Kansas City, MO, where they do extensive volunteering that includes Catholic church activities such as feeding the homeless and visiting shut-ins. Carol's also one of only two women engineers and conductors volunteering as a sightseeing driver for the North Kansas City Railroad. She continues to provide care to a disabled adult who they brought from an institution into their family 38 years ago. Carol does all this and still finds time to be with her 13 grandchildren and occasionally go fishing. Carol attributes her skills as a financial manager to the blind professor of Ag Economics.

Jay Goldstein (JayGoldsteinMD@AOL.com) and his wife, Laura, live in Newton MA, where Jay's still a working dermatologist three days a week. One evening each week, Jay feeds his passion for rock music as a drummer in a classic rock band called Brogue. Jay and Laura vacation a few months a year in the Turks and Caicos Islands, where he rocks it out as a member of the Bar Band. You might remember Jay's rock bands, the Human Element and the Rain, that he says had the greatest impact on him during his days at Cornell. He stays in close touch with **Jay Waks**, JD '71, and **Howard Weinstein**.

Charles Alexander (Alistersolutions@aol.com) and his wife of 41 years, Pamela, live in Aromas, CA. Charles's company, MacAlister Property Solutions LLC, invests in residential Lots of Record in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties and also consults on large custom homes on the Monterey Peninsula. He continues to add to his skills by pursuing a degree in energy and construction management at Cabrillo College in Aptos, CA. Charles is particularly proud of his son, Nicholas, who is an auditor for East West Bank in San Francisco, which entails travel to Hong Kong and NYC. **Paul Rohan** (Westport, CT) is an audit partner at a national CPA firm. Paul dined with **Bob Cantor** last year and corresponds with **Bob Arnold**.

Can you believe it? About nine months to our 50th Reunion! ♦ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

writing the Civil War novel he wanted to write as a fifth grader. "210,000 words later, I'm only halfway through the saga, which is about my great-grandfather who served in the Army of the Cumberland from 1862-64 and marched to the sea with Sherman. (I did not know about him in fifth grade.)" Daughter Miranda earned a full-tuition scholarship to Randolph College in Lynchburg, VA, where she is a junior with a major in English/creative writing and minors in Chinese and art. Son Lachlan was on the wait list for admission to Cornell's Class of 2021. Ted enjoys his writing project, family, exploring nature, and reading.

Another Virginia resident, **Lee Stone** is involved with Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, "a fraternal organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of heroes who fought and worked to save the Union, organized in 1881." He has published *Independent Loudoun Virginia Rangers* with www.waterfordfoundation.org. Lee earned an MA in history from U. of Essex, 2004-05. Congratulations to **Richard Lysle's** daughter, **Lily Rae, JD '17**, who earned her Law degree in May. **Laurie Haynes Sieminski** reports that she is still teaching patchwork quilting and designing and making quilts for many charitable causes. Husband **Adam**, MPA '71, resigned from his position as head of the US Energy Information Administration in January to take up a full-time post at the Center for Strategic and Int'l Studies (www.csis.org/energy). His favorite pastime is with Friends of Peirce Mill, a volunteer-run organization that supports the last remaining water-powered flour mill in Washington, DC.

Thomas Levanduski and spouse James Reed are busy playing contract bridge in the Albany area, and they enjoy biking trips in Europe. **George Reynolds** fondly remembers his great professors and his association with WVBR—"Great people." **Gabriel Rothberg** is retired in Los Angeles, and he and his wife love spending time with his three girls and ten grandchildren. **Rick Greenberg** reports that he recently bought a beautiful painting by **Janine Wesselmann**, who has become a "world renowned artist with paintings in galleries worldwide."

George Remien and wife DeLis are busy with all three children and seven nearby grandchildren (ages 23 to 3 months) and caretaking elderly parents. "A tiny cottage on Cape Cod serves as a getaway." They travel, garden, and are into photography and feel truly blessed. However, "with all we do, we wish we could be doing it with a 37-year-old body and our 70-year-old wisdom." We hear you, George. DeLis and George married in his senior year—"She was my greatest support and it is still great coming home to her." **Cathy Weisman** Topal urges all pre-K to sixth grade teachers, art teachers, and grandparents to check out her new website, www.thinkingwithaline.com. She is still writing and doing professional workshops here and abroad. Cathy does lots of traveling and went on the Cornell trip to the national parks last fall. Daughter **Claire Topal '01** is a principal with Red Tomato Consulting LLC, a company that provides services to nonprofits.

Les DeGross, DVM '69, is still practicing large animal medicine in Perry, NY, and "loving it." He and wife Betsy raise sweet corn, pumpkins, and squash for their roadside stands. In the winter they spend a couple of months in Florida and California and love watching their grandchildren grow. "Life is good." **Kenneth LaPensee** is working part time for an emerging pharmaceutical company after a 40-year career in health insurance and pharma. He would like more time to work on his Vietnam War novels, practice German, and play the viola. He

68 Mike Baron's (mike@emcubeinc.com) greatest satisfaction these days comes from watching his son David play centerfield in the spring and wide

69 Hope you all enjoyed the summer. Thanks for all the news! **Ted Hudson** lives in Centerville, VA. He retired from the Bureau of Land Management, Dept. of the Interior in 2009 and has been researching and

adopted a little girl from China in September 2001. He would love to hear from **Megan Cornish** and **Philip Reilly**. **Jan Turk Mills** reports from Fort Meyers, FL. She enjoys boating with husband **Robin**, MBA '69, and singing in a choir. They do quite a bit of traveling, especially in July and August (too hot in Florida!), to visit eight grandchildren in California and Ohio.

Doug Yoder is still deputy director of Miami-Dade Water & Sewer department, the largest utility in the southeast US, working in particular on issues of climate change and sea level rise. He recently authored a chapter of the book *The Water Problem*, published by the Brookings Inst. He and wife Margaret "are fortunate to be in good health" and do some traveling (last trip was to Antarctica). Son Todd is a federal criminal defense attorney in Miami. **Dan Taubman** has been serving as a judge on the Colorado Court of Appeals for 24 years. He is actively involved in promoting access to justice in Colorado and coaches and judges "We the People," a high school competition about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. In his spare time he participates in a gourmet club.

George Bubrick is retired and enjoys his son's high school career as an all-county QB. "He is one of the top high school quarterbacks in South Florida," writes George, and he hopes to attend an Ivy League school. **Don Verdiani**, ME '71, became an EMT and is involved with the national and international Red Cross in their disaster responses. He is also still on the crew of a tall ship, the *Kalmar Nyckel*. **Richard Roveland** had "a fulfilling career as an economist in NYS government." His Economics degree from Cornell gave him sufficient credits to qualify for the NYS requirements, and he advanced from trainee to associate economist before retiring. **Richard Poznysh** completed his final term on the Ocean Spray board of directors after serving for 14 years, 12 as an audit committee chair. He's trying to spend as much time as possible at his second home in Woodstock, VT, to work on becoming a true "Green Mountain Boy."

Ron Frers is excited about transitioning his clinical sports massage therapy practice to BCST (biodynamic craniosacral therapy) and will be working in the areas of the autism spectrum, concussive injuries, and PTSD. Best of luck, Ron. He plans to travel more and was planning a trip to Niagara Falls and Cornell, as well as to Charlotte to spend time with his seven grandchildren. He would love to hear from **Bill Bandura** and **Richard Erali**. **Steven LaRocca**, BArch '70, plans on retiring next year. He's had a busy career in architecture: 12 NYC schools and Westchester County projects. Son Jason joined his firm in January, and son **Jonathan '03** is an associate architect in Houston. Architecture must be in the genes! His two young grandchildren, he says, "are a joy."

Autumn is such a beautiful time of year—enjoy the colors! Please continue to send news to: ♦ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

70 As the years go by (or should I say fly by?), we receive news about the deaths of friends and classmates more and more often. Sadly, on February 14, 2017, our classmate **Julie Mather Schnuck** passed away due to a glioblastoma brain tumor. She was the wife of **Scott '72**, with whom she had three sons. In 1975, Julie and Scott moved to St. Louis when Scott joined his family's business, Schnuck Markets, where Julie was a valued partner in the floral department. Julie was active with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology (her grandchildren called her "Birdie," because of her love of birds) and the Audubon Center at Riverlands in West Alton, MO. After her glioblastoma diagnosis, in the spring of 2015, Julie

boldly agreed to be Patient 1 in a personalized, revolutionary vaccine to fight such incurable brain tumors. She and Scott were instrumental in establishing the Julia M. Schnuck Personalized Immune Vaccine Trial at Washington U. All those who knew Julie, who was born in Franklinville, NY, loved her personality, especially her quick wit. Her keen business sense was much respected. For further information, find her obituaries through the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and the Lupton Chapel of St. Louis, MO.

Virginia Vanderslice, MS '73 (ginny@praxiscg.com), who founded Praxis Consulting Group of Philadelphia, has been honored with the ESOP (Employee Stock Ownership Plan) Assn.'s Life Service Award. It's a prestigious award for a person who has contributed greatly to ESOP, as well as to the employee ownership community. Having more than 30 years of experience working with employee-owned companies, Ginny has helped spread awareness that employee ownership is of great benefit to employees, companies, and the nation. She is on the faculty of the Center for Organizational Dynamics at the U. of Pennsylvania, where she teaches organizational change. Ginny is academic director of Leading in an Ownership Setting at Penn, which she founded as a program for top executives at employee-owned businesses. Her PhD in social psychology of groups and organizations is from SUNY Buffalo.

After 12 years in Geneva, Switzerland, **Philip** and **Judith Segel Benedict** have moved back to the United States ("for better or worse"). They are now living in Center City Philadelphia. While in Geneva, Philip was director of the Inst. of Reformation History of the U. of Geneva. Both are now retired. **Suzanne Grisez** Martin (SuzanneGMartin@gmail.com) continues to run her management consulting firm, although she has started cutting back to working three to four days a week. She specializes in healthcare and works with clients in the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Manhattan. Late this past spring, Suzanne and her husband, David, enjoyed a Disney cruise with their daughter, Stephanie (Williams College '95), her husband, Richard (Oxford), and their two grandchildren, Maddie, 6-1/2, and Xavier, 3-1/2. She says, "The trip was as good as its reputation!" Suzanne would like to hear from **Alison Kerr** Durehed and **Stephen Arbogast**. Two of Cornell's government professors, Andrew Hacker and Ben Anderson (also her thesis advisor), had a great impact on her.

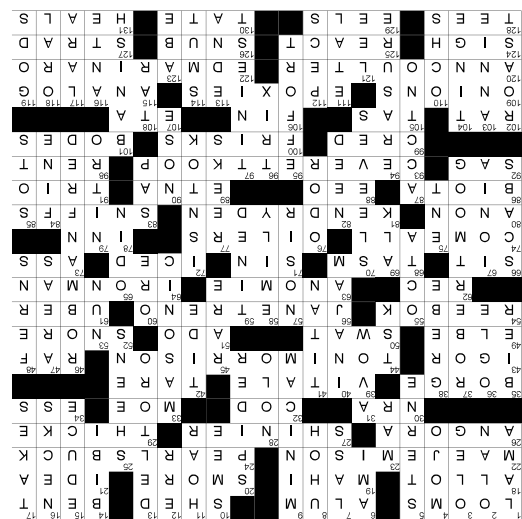
Neil Murray, who may retire soon, is still the chair of computer science at SUNY Albany. He resides in Niskayuna, NY. He would like to hear from his friends **Alex Skutt**, **Ricky Jay '71**, and **Bill Cutler, PhD '70**, a mathematics PhD student who he says had a big impact on him at Cornell. **Rebecca Kvam** Paquette (rebecca.k.paquette@gmail.com) continues to work for the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in their psychiatry department, but she plans to retire in March 2018. Becky and her husband, Peter, live in Hanover, NH, and are enjoying grandparenthood! In 2016, they traveled to Normandy, England, and Scotland. They took a road trip through the Canadian Maritimes and Quebec in 2017. When **Marie Sposito** Cerino and her husband, Bill, visited Hanover, in fall 2016, they had dinner with Becky and Peter. Professor of Child Development **Urie Bronfenbrenner '38** had a great impact on Becky (and on me as well!).

Sharon Sauerbrunn Doyle, MFA '72 (Newmarket, NH; sedoyle87@icloud.com) is working on a novel about Charlemagne while trying to sell a mystery. Her daughter, Fee (aka Felicity), writes for *THIRSTY* and son Andrew does theater in the Pacific Northwest while supervising future Cornellians Flynn 2034 and Dash 2036! Sharon and husband Bart would like to travel more. In fall 2017, they went to see the Villainy site at the end of Newfoundland, as well as Nova Scotia. Sharon is still in very close contact with "The Quad," **Sally Margolick** Winston (who just published a book), **Phyllis Rabineau** (recently retired and now on the board of an outsider art museum in Chicago), and **Laura Dingle** Avery (who just welcomed a sixth grandchild). The Quad lived in Clara Dickson freshman year. They were in Donlon the night that curfews were lifted for the "co-eds." In October, they will be gathering in Newmarket at Sharon's mill condo for the fall colors at their tenth gathering since 2005.

Our 50th Reunion will be June 4-7, 2020. In the meantime, check out our class website, cornell70.org; our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Cornell70; and our Twitter page, www.twitter.com/CornellClass70. Send news to: ♦ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, tel., (610) 256-3088; e-mail, cfm7@cornell.edu.

71 A warm Class of '71 welcome to another Cornellian: **Richard Leland** (richardleland@me.com) reports that his grandson, **Jackson Schultz '21**, was accepted early decision to CALS and is now on campus. "If he completes his coursework in four years," notes Richard, "he will graduate shortly before our 50th Reunion."

Thomas Nally (tnally@abettercity.org) checks in from Brookline, MA, with this update: "I continue to stay busy managing studies of transportation and design issues as planning director at A Better City in Boston. No two days are alike, and no two years have been alike for my 27 years here. I wish I could retire, but that possibility is several years away—I'm still too busy trying to change the world." Also still at work in Massachusetts is **Bruce Spear**, PhD '74 (bruce.spear@comcast.net), who is a senior associate at Cambridge Systematics and lives in Methuen. **Stephanie Hill** (sbh5237@verizon.net) writes, "I am excited to work with my youngest son on a virtual reality startup—part three of my career!" She says she enjoys her three grandchildren, "who are techies too," and would like to be in touch with classmate **Alexis Deveau**.



Answers to the crossword on page 30 by Fred Piscop '70