

67 Michael Samach (Morris Plains, NJ; msamach@optonline.net) reports, “My daily life has obviously changed drastically as I’m sure almost everyone’s has. I am still a full-time working gastroenterologist but have been doing telemedicine rather than going into the office. This has been working out fairly well, though there are still parts of an examination that cannot be done virtually (I’m sure you can figure out most of them). It seems telemedicine is here to stay in some measure, even after the pandemic. We are about to slowly ramp up our endoscopy center, but this is a difficult process. Most people who are at risk for colon cancer or just need routine screens are putting their procedures off, and I am concerned we will see the negative effects of this for a few years to come. My son who lives in Tokyo has a 5-month-old daughter and it is killing us that we can’t get to see her again for a while. There are very few deaths in Japan even though they got the virus before us and didn’t lock down until after the Olympics were canceled. My two daughters live in New York City and New Jersey, respectively, and we do get to see the grandkids about once a week from a distance.”

From a story in the *Cornell Daily Sun*: “We’re in this together,” sings retired pediatrician turned country singer-songwriter **Arthur Schlosser** in his newest song, ‘Together,’ written from his home in Oxnard, CA, to inspire

physics classes. Our oldest son, who lives and works in Tokyo, received his PhD from Oxford and teaches online courses for Temple U. (in Tokyo). Our youngest son, his wife, and their children live in Seattle. He works for Foursquare.” **Charles “Chuck” Sheppard** (Springfield, MO; chucksheppard7@hotmail.com) is “still working as an ED doc but doing remote telehealth for COVID patients. I’m medical director for Mercy Life Line Air Medical Service, serving on the board of the Air Medical Physicians Assn., teaching, working in my garden, and raising miniature horses (www.7sminiatures.com). Wife Mary and I have four grandkids (wish for more). Travel is, of course, out of the question, but we miss them.”

Bob Thompson (Bethany Beach, DE; Dr.Robert.L.Thompson@gmail.com) writes, “My wife, Karen, and I have become quite well-adjusted to retirement at the penthouse condo we bought in Bethany Beach, DE, two years ago. Life is good here, and we cannot imagine anyone being luckier about where they have to shelter in place for the duration of the coronavirus epidemic. I continue to serve as a nonresident senior fellow at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and as a nonresident senior adviser at the Center for Strategic and Intl Studies in Washington, DC. Karen continues to curate the lace collection in the textile department of the Smithsonian American History Museum. Our daughter, Kristina, and

several tense hours, they were finally allowed to continue to their home in Montana and a 14-day quarantine. Despite Bill’s years of international travel and past work in public health, he admits he was really scared while trying to depart from Kenya.

David Hughes (opie@supernet.com) and his wife, Tricia, live in Lancaster, PA, having recently moved from their home of 35 years to a condo where David loves the freedom from all the “upkeeps.” Having retired in 2018 after 40 years as an orthopedic surgeon, David and Tricia have the time for tandem bike trips in the US and Europe and for RV travels, which allows them to include their two French bulldogs. **Sharon Solwitz** (ssolwitz@hotmail.com) teaches creative writing at Purdue U. She also continues to write and in 2019 had three new stories published; her novel *Abracadabra* won a prestigious award from the Center for Fiction. Sharon enjoys her annual work and play trip to San Miguel de Allende in Mexico and, of course, visiting son Seth and his family, who live in Austin, TX.

Susan Mascette Brandt (susanmbrandt@gmail.com) and her husband, Bill, followed their two sons and their families, which include four beautiful grandchildren, from Rochester to suburban Boston. Sue still keeps busy quilting, choral singing, and taking road trips. Though slowed for a while by back surgery, she is now relieved of what was a lot of pain. **H. David Reines** (bergerbri@aol.com) and his wife, Nina Totenberg, live in D.C. David stopped performing surgery after he contracted typhoid fever. Recovered now, he works part time teaching and in research and is active playing tennis, horseback riding, biking, and traveling. David serves on three boards applying his knowledge and experience to the Governors U. Vermont Foundation, the Christian College, Vellore India, and the American College of Surgeons. When we were on campus, David worked as a waiter at the Statler and nostalgically recalls the great wine and food served to the staff at the end of a shift.

Richard Gottfried (richardgottfried@gmail.com) has served in the New York State Assembly since 1970 and has chaired the health committee since 1987, where his work has included fighting for the New York Health Act and his bill for single-payer coverage. Richard and his wife of nearly 50 years, Louise, live in Manhattan, where he represents parts of the Upper West Side, Midtown, Chelsea, and Hell’s Kitchen. Richard’s leisure activities include writing Chinese calligraphy, traveling, and spending time with his two granddaughters, one 19 and the other nearing 2. Of course, he still gets great satisfaction getting progressive legislation passed. I hope you continue to send your news when the world opens. Stay safe. ❖ **Chuck Levitan**, Clevitan22@comcast.net.

69 I hope this finds all safe, secure, healthy, and dealing with COVID-19 as best you can. We have lots of news this time around—thanks to all who took the time to write.

Ildiko Czmor Mitchell feels like an “empty nester” now that she is no longer babysitting for her two school-aged grandchildren. She’s keeping busy working for the Census Bureau, planning her 55th high school reunion, and looking to complete her Appalachian Trail hike with 18 miles left in Pennsylvania. **Harvey Leibin** teaches part time at the U. of Hartford architectural program. Son Brad is an architect in San Francisco; daughter Kate teaches in Avon, CT; daughter Kara is an attorney in Washington, DC. His five grandchildren bring him and wife Flo the most satisfaction in their lives. **Paul Sutherland** teaches literacy to immigrants two nights a week. “In the

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a sense of community and cooperation during the pandemic. Currently quarantining with his wife and pets, Schlosser—known by his stage name Dean Dobbins to his audience—decided to use his musical skills and free time to write a song to help people get through the pandemic. He began his musical career at a young age, starting with the piano and saxophone when he was 8 years old. Eventually, he added the bassoon and guitar to his repertoire and played in the marching band and symphony and chamber orchestras at Cornell. He wrote his first song in 1971, after three years in medical school. ‘When I was looking for some diversion, I would go play the piano,’ Schlosser said of his time at the U. of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. ‘In one of the big lecture halls there was a piano, so I would sneak off and play the piano and I’d work out the arrangement of Beatles songs.’ Now retired, but still continuing his music career, he found inspiration for the song ‘Together’ through e-mail updates he received from Kaiser Hospital—where he interned during his time in medical school—about its response to the coronavirus. The e-mails always included the slogan, ‘We’re in this together.’

George Meyer (Lincoln, NE; gmeyer1@unl.edu) writes, “I retired from the U. of Nebraska in 2018, after 40 years of teaching and research. My wife and I remain in place these days at our Lincoln home. I am a professor emeritus, biological systems engineering, and I still peer review manuscripts. Our daughter teaches at Lincoln North Star High School. She provides daily online instruction for differentiated physical science, chemistry, and

son-in-law Tom, who have been doing mid-career Peace Corps in Rwanda, were recently evacuated along with all 7,300 PCVs around the world. Our son, Eric, and family live in Dayton, OH, where he does hearing research for the US Air Force. His wife, Amy, is a school librarian. They have three children: this fall, Emma will be a junior at Colorado State, Mia will be a freshman at the Culinary Inst. of America, and Aidan will be a freshman in high school. Karen and I have been traveling a lot in retirement. In the past year we have done a six-week trip along the Silk Road from Turkmenistan to Beijing plus Tibet; in February we took a one-month Indian Ocean island states cruise from Cape Town to Singapore (diverted to Dubai by coronavirus in SE Asia).” ❖ **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

68 Naturally in a class of our size and at our ages, it would be surprising to have totally dodged the dire physical consequences of COVID-19. Hopefully we’ve done that.

On March 16, **Bill De Cou** (billdecou@bigsky.net) literally did some dodging to return to the US from a birding trip to Tanzania. With only a few hours’ notice that the border would be closing, their guide was able to charter a plane to Kenya, where after landing they were informed that the border there was closing the next day. After considerable dialing they secured seats on an Emirates airline flight through Dubai to the San Francisco airport where, when they arrived, chaos reigned. After

age of COVID-19 I've learned to teach using Zoom." Having retired from the US Navy and the US Post Office, **Lynn Joy** is the town supervisor of Morris, NY. When not playing golf, he helps his daughter and family on their heifer farm.

Jerry Diener keeps telling himself, "I'll retire on December 31, 2020, when my oncology board certification expires." However, he expects to do occasional coverage stints to "keep the brain cells active." He is looking forward to having more time to ski, make maple syrup, and create walking trails on his property in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. "Nancy and I still have plenty of places in the world we haven't seen yet." **John Sulpizio** is keeping himself busy in West Sacramento, CA, with home projects, gym workouts, traveling, children, grandchildren (seven with two more on the way), guitar, church, and bible study. "I attended our 50th with great enjoyment at Delta Upsilon." **Don Verdiani**, ME '71, is now a member of the American Red Cross National Disaster Management Team. Well done, Don!

Moin Haroon is semi-retired in Coral Springs, FL, managing his own investments and traveling. **Alan Britten** has been enjoying the sequestration in his mountain home above Honolulu. "Retirement has been good, but I miss the challenge of critical care and anesthesia for children." **Rick Spiewak**, ME '70, is a software engineer developing websites for the Dept. of Defense and is on full-time telework for the duration, "which saves me an occasional long commute" from Annapolis. He keeps in touch with family and friends by Zoom. **Patricia Curran** lives in Newfield, NY, and "retired as horticulture educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension three years ago," but she remains an active Master Gardener. She also became a garden guide at the Cornell Botanic Gardens and stays busy "gardening when possible, volunteering on the Horticultural Hotline from home, trying to declutter the house, and reading books. Zoom training continues for Cornell Botanic guides." Husband **Nigel Dyson-Hudson** '81, BS '83, has been working at home for Lockheed for several years but has delayed retirement until they can travel. Son Terence was married on a beach in Oregon in March, which, unfortunately, they had to watch on Facebook Live due to the COVID restrictions. On a happier note, "We have flowers and bird song, despite the cold late spring weather. Three baby robins just hatched on the vine that grows on our porch wall."

Spain has been particularly hard hit by the pandemic, and **Ron Gidron**, who lives in Madrid, is finding the situation extremely difficult. "It's World War C here (for coronavirus). EVERYTHING changed. First, we fear for our lives. It's bad times to get sick in Madrid, and even worse to die in loneliness. This is hell. We can't get close to loved ones, can't hug, can't kiss. Nobody knows what the 'new normal' will be like here. No travels; we're not even allowed to go to our beach place in my wife's hometown of Alicante, where a daughter and her two little girls live." Hoping for a vaccine and treatments for the virus, Ron and wife Lourdes enjoy music, a nice family they can only see on screen, and "lots of hope because I am an optimist." Our thoughts are with you, Ron. Be well and stay safe. **Seth Bramson** is a busy guy in Miami. He still teaches at Barry U. in Miami Shores as adjunct professor of history and historian in residence. "I'm working on about five books simultaneously and buying and selling on eBay." As of this writing, his "Lost Restaurants of Miami" was in final edit and will hopefully be out in June. In addition, he has signed a contract with the city of North Miami to write its history and is working on a number of other local history book projects. He is very proud of his two successful grandsons—one in New York

and the other in Chicago. Be well, stay safe, and enjoy autumn. Please send your news to: ♡ **Tina Economaki Riedl**, triedl048@gmail.com.

70 As I write this in mid-June, I have to wonder how our country and world will be doing in September. The news circumstances have been incredibly volatile and changing every day, if not hourly. I do know that there was a busy, interesting, and fun-filled virtual Reunion back on June 5-6 that emanated from Ithaca and the Cornell online campus. I especially want to thank **Sally Anne Levine**, JD '73, and **Cathy Forster Hogan** for all they did from June 2019 until the in-person weekend was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, to plan a spectacular 50th Reunion. I also appreciate their efforts to have a unique online presentation about our class's latest gift to Cornell's Johnson Museum of Art. Along with our classmate **Beth Heydinger Treadway**'s extensive knowledge of art and art history and her long-time and close connections with the Johnson Museum, our 50th Reunion chairs were able to present a video as our special contribution to the virtual Reunion 2020. The video provided insight into Judy Chicago's portfolio *On Fire*. Beth worked with Andrea Inselmann, curator of modern and contemporary art at the museum, to acquire this fascinating portfolio for its permanent collection, using funds from the Class of 1970.

As our beloved US and the entire world move ahead toward the end of 2020, it is my wish that we find ourselves in much less chaotic and divided circumstances. We lived through many unusual, remarkable, divisive, life-changing, and memorable events while we were experiencing our undergraduate years at Cornell. Recent events have been confusing, cause for fear, and beyond understanding. As I once again read Cornell President Martha Pollack's message of June 3, 2020 to the Cornell community, I feel compelled to include the beginning paragraph regarding immediate actions to support and strengthen our community: "Like so many of you, my family and I have been reeling over the events of the past week—events for which words seem inadequate. The images we have seen and the sounds we have heard have horrified us and broken our hearts. We are ashamed of the injustices that are perpetrated in our country, every day, against people of color; and of the reality that 155 years after Cornell was founded to help heal the wounds of a broken nation, that nation is, in many ways, still so badly broken." Thank you, President Pollack. You can read her message in its entirety at: <https://statements.cornell.edu/2020/2020-0603-support-strengthen-community.cfm>.

Diana Christopulos was teaching a seminar on environmental public policy at Hollins U. during the spring term 2020. On-campus classes were canceled beginning March 13, so Diana joined so many others in learning to teach via Moodle and Zoom. It is far better than nothing, and even students who live in Mexico have been able to connect. However, she missed the personal contact. Diana and Mark live in Salem, VA, an area with only about half a million residents. She was thinking of all those in the New York metro area who experienced a much more frightening time. **Steven Rocky** (swr1@cornell.edu) continues to live on Forest Lane in Ithaca.

Carolyn Schutz Sarbello (csarbello@nycap.rr.com) has written with the sad news that her husband, **William**, died of a brain bleed on December 31, 2018. In July 2018, Bill and Carolyn had moved into a one-story home that was only three miles from their previous home of 37 years. Right before their move they had attended a reunion of Carolyn's cousins in central Florida and

included a visit to their niece in Orlando. Earlier, in April 2018, Carolyn and Bill traveled to Ireland for the first time. After their retirement in 2003, they had taken a number of trips to Europe. Carolyn continues to live in their new home, but she faces a number of challenges resulting from benign head and neck tumors, which require surgery and radiation. Her most recent radiation treatment was in April 2020. I am extending best wishes for your complete recovery, Carolyn. In 2019, **Roy and Cynthia Howe Baldwin** '72 (rebaldwin1@gmail.com) moved back to Lancaster County, PA, from Sarasota, FL. They are enjoying "the garden spot of Pennsylvania" with old friends.

Bruce Baird (Bethesda, MD; bbaird@cov.com) continues defending white collar criminal cases as senior counsel at Covington & Burling LLP at their Washington, DC, office. His son, **William** '15, has graduated from UVA law school and will be practicing law in D.C. in 2021. Bruce's daughter, Jessica, is vice president, global philanthropy at Blackrock in New York City. Bruce says that once the coronavirus crisis has passed, his wish is to hike in Alaska and Europe. **Stan and Stephanie Casper** (casper@cmlaw.com) split their time between Orinda, CA, and their second home in Providence, RI, to make sure they have all five of their grandchildren (ages 16 to newborn) in view. In 2018, Stan retired from active practice as a plaintiff's trial attorney after 45 years. He has been keeping busy with tennis, skiing, and book club. Stan is also the volunteer director of Project Avary, a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting children of incarcerated parents. He thoroughly enjoys teaching his grandkids to ski, play tennis, and hopefully be caring individuals. Stan's favorite place to dine while at Cornell was the Hotel school dining hall at the Statler. ♡ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

71 "Strange days have found us / Strange days have tracked us down . . ." So sang Jim Morrison in the title song of the Doors' second album, which arrived during the first semester of our freshman year—and how well that spooky song describes what we've experienced in 2020. This news from our classmates arrived during the spring, most of it just as the pandemic was hitting, some farther along.

Tom Brereton (tombrereton@gmail.com) sent a long letter from his home in Pinehurst, NC. After graduating, Tom earned an MAT degree at Colgate and accepted a teaching position at the Miami Valley School in Dayton, OH. He remained there for 32 years in a variety of positions, culminating in being named the head of school. During that time, he met his wife, Amy, and they had four children. "Ultimately," wrote Tom, "we grew weary of life in Dayton, and I decided to pursue other headships, leading me to head the Galloway School in Atlanta. From there, I finished my career heading the Episcopal Day School in Southern Pines, NC. I retired last June after 44 years in the world of independent education." Tom now has a part-time position as a recruiter with the Southern Teachers Agency. Unfortunately, most of his travel plans were canceled because of the pandemic, although Tom and his wife did manage a road trip to Ohio to visit her family. So far, he said, "all is well, and everyone is healthy."

Ken Margolies, MPS '11 (kam47@cornell.edu) reported that after more than 30 years in an informal partnership with Jim Potterton, helping unions to find staff, "we are now Margolies, Potterton & Assocs. LLC (union search.org). Adding outstanding associates including **Eileen Toback** '93 has allowed us to limit the time we spend working while meeting the increased demand for