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When I was asked to do a 50th Reunion Yearbook (aka the History Project) similar to the one I did for our 25th, I immediately responded, “No! No Yearbook!” After mulling this decision over a bit, however, I began to think, “Why not?” I could start with all the documents and photos about and of the class that, as Class Historian, I have been hoarding for decades and, then, expand it to include input from classmates and an oral history orchestrated by Peter Slater. And, we could go digital! Design it for a CD or a flash drive and reproduce it, this time around, by the hundreds on the cheap. “Great!,” they said. “Oops,” I thought, when it finally dawned on me as to what I had actually committed myself. Unlike our 25th Reunion Yearbook, the production of which included the services of a secretary, professional typesetter, layout and graphics designers, and printing company, and the costs of which were all underwritten by the University, to get this project done I would have to be my own production team. This was definitely going to be a do-it-yourself project. And so it began.

As Peter and I trolled through the material I had archived over the years, the format for the project began to reveal itself: a review, albeit brief, of our years at Cornell, discussions of who we are and how we got here, recognition of classmates who have served the Class and Cornell through the years, reunion images and memories, and an examination of the imprint this very generous and special class will leave on the University. Add to this mixture all the other memorabilia I could scrounge up and call it a day.

But what a day it has been! I have spent in excess of 1,500 hours editing, researching, and fact-checking all the submissions we received. I’ve done minimal editing of your mini-bios – wanting this to be in your own voices and to avoid the intrusion of the editor – except for glaring errors of spelling, punctuation, dates, or length. Included in the Our Stories section, as well, are a few individuals who matriculated at the same time at the School of Nursing in NYC and were not actually with us in Ithaca, but who are considered members of our Class. I had to create an Addendum to the Our Stories section to accommodate the bios that were received far too late or with too little information to justify their own page.

As I did with the 25th Reunion Yearbook, this time around I made a slew of new friends who shared their thoughtful personal stories filled with joy and wonder and, yes, even pain. Thank you for your confidence. I learned a lot this time, too. New word: post-nominal. New skills: desktop publishing for the digital era, Skype, scanning, creating PDFs, digital photography, layout design, page design, design design.
Regretfully, we were unable to include your responses to “What are three things you still want to do?” We simply ran out of space. And, despite all our best efforts, clearly there will be unintended omissions, errors, typos, etc. for which I apologize. Please don’t hold the editors, the Class, or the University responsible for any inadvertent errors of commission or omission. Being a one-person production team was much more intense and involved than I had ever imagined.

You are reading this in 2012, it’s true, but because it is a History Project, Peter and I decided to be historically faithful in our use of names and places at Cornell from our undergraduate years. Thus, it’s the College of Home Economics, not Human Ecology, etc. Bear in mind, as well, when reading your classmates’ stories that they were written in 2010, which means that the ages of those fabulous kids and adorable grandkids are no longer current.

So many people to thank. Let’s begin with Peter Slater who did a yeoman’s job of organizing, collating and editing all the responses to the Themes, Trivia, and Reunion questions. He estimated that more than 2,000 pieces of text had to be transposed, arranged, and copy edited. The statements of classmates as presented in this 50th Reunion Yearbook are not necessarily verbatim. Peter edited with a free hand for the purposes of brevity, clarity, and consistency. “In every instance,” he noted, “I have tried to remain faithful to the voice of the respondent.” Peter also tracked down Andrew Hacker whose “A Letter to the Class of 1962” appears in the Introduction. Professor Hacker was as delighted to write his piece as we are to read it. Kudos all around.

Thank you, for sure, to Gary Caplan, whose personal sequel to his article, “The Fiftieth Reunion Class: Why Do They Come Back?” (The Cornell Daily Sun, June 8, 1962), introduces the Reunions section. A shout out, as well, to George Telesh for his UHaul and Spring Weekend ’59 photos, to Andrew Morris for his extensive undergraduate reminiscences, to Bob Simpson and Bill Walters who provided photos and memories of their triumphant days as Frosh ’59 crew members, to Hal Sieling for his meticulous record keeping, to Charlotte Jones Collister and to Neil Schilke for their mini-reunion images, and to everyone else who shared pieces of their lives. Many, many thanks.

Support came from other directions, too. Alex Vollmer, our Class President, and the Class Council were behind this project from day one. Along the way, Susan Doney and Debra Earl, in the Office of Alumni Affairs, and Brenda Teeter, with the Cornell Annual Fund, provided assistance that was worth their weight in gold. Their input added greatly to the depth and richness of this project. I also want to acknowledge Laurie Musick Wright, of LMW Design, who helped me brush up on very rusty desktop publishing skills and who provided all the finishing touches on the Yearbook in its digital format.

Lastly, Peter and I want to acknowledge everyone who so generously contributed to this Yearbook. In so doing, you enabled this ambitious undertaking to go from vision to reality. We couldn’t have done it without you. Thank you.

Judith Prenske Rich
Class Historian
To the Class of 1962...

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my congratulations to you as you prepare for your Gold Reunion, to be held at Cornell, June 7-9, 2012. When my esteemed predecessor, Frank H.T. Rhodes, wrote to you for your 25th Reunion, he saluted the many achievements of your class since graduation and noted that “after a quarter century of growth and change, a gratifyingly large number of you remember those on campus who opened doors to your current success, and you have remained enthusiastic and generous supporters of Cornell.”

In the quarter century since your Silver Reunion, the Class of 1962 has continued to build upon this estimable legacy of devotion and service to Cornell University. Your collective philanthropy has opened the doors to an extraordinary educational experience to scores of talented young people and helped to transform the campus, as evidenced by Duffield Hall, Nancy M. and Samuel C. Fleming Lecture Hall, Fuller Learning Center, and the Young A/V and Teleconferencing Center, all of which have been created since 1987. You have served, and continue to serve, the university as members of the Board of Trustees, the Cornell University Council, capital campaign committees, advisory committees for the university’s colleges and schools, gift committees, Reunion committees, search committees, and more.

Even as you have continued to achieve great success in your individual careers during the past 25 years, you have been remarkably generous with your time, sharing your considerable expertise and accumulated wisdom with generations of students. Even in a severe recession, the Class of 1962 has stepped up with so many other alumni, parents, and friends to help us realize the promise of Cornell. And we see your commitment in gifts of all sizes: in your Reunion gifts and in the Cornell Annual Fund, which increased both the amount of dollars raised and the number of donors during some of the worst months of the global recession in 2009 and 2010.

The qualities of leadership, vision, and generosity so amply demonstrated by the Class of 1962 have helped Cornell to do the important work of offering one of the world’s finest educations to promising students, advancing the sciences and humanities and arts, and providing life-saving and life-improving outreach around the world. On behalf of the entire Cornell community, thank you for everything you do to advance this great university.

I look forward to the honor of meeting with many of you when you return to Ithaca for Reunion in June 2012.

Best regards,
David Skorton
President
Cornell University
Welcome

I appreciate the opportunity to welcome you back to Cornell for our 50th reunion and especially to this 1962 50th Reunion Yearbook. This outstanding production is the result of the dedicated efforts of your Yearbook team, Judy Prenske Rich and Peter Slater, who should be sincerely thanked by all for their efforts.

If you’ve never attended a reunion, or haven’t returned to the campus in a while, you’re in for a wonderful experience, as those who have returned well know. Our Reunion Team, which includes Ruth Bleyler, chair; Nancy Clark, Don Juran, John Lowrie and Frank Quirk, has worked very hard to plan the activities for this special weekend and should also receive accolades for their efforts.

Reunions, perhaps especially this one, are a time to enhance face-to-face relationships with those who we’ve maintained contact over the years as well as to connect with classmates whom we may not have seen since graduation. Reunions are also a great time to re-connect with Cornell, where we received the education and had the experiences that were a large part of forming who we are today and the paths that we chose to follow.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation for the opportunity to be your Class President for the past ten years. It’s been a wonderful experience thanks, in good part, to the able assistance of your Class Council. This Class is in excellent financial shape and has an admirable history of giving back to the University, with both significant gifts as well as monetary assistance to students with financial needs.

Thank you very much! Please enjoy the 50th Reunion and this Yearbook!

Alex Vollmer
Class President
The Class of 1962
of
Cornell University
announces the
Ninety-fourth Annual Commencement
Monday, June eleventh
Nineteen hundred and sixty-two
Ithaca, New York

Cornell University
NINETY-FOURTH
COMMENCEMENT

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 1962
11 A.M.
Barton Hall, Ithaca, New York
As Time Goes By

Ah, Memory, my devious friend. I am currently in the middle of an extended e-mail conversation with a few of my Cornell track-and-field teammates about someone in a group picture taken at Penn State whom none of us can identify. What other blanks are there in my Cornell memories – and yours?

I do clearly recall that first day on the Hill, Dad wanting to hang around and I insisting that he leave so I could get on with this next stage of my life. I had, for sure, plenty to be nervous about, made even worse by a song we lowly freshmen learned during Orientation Week, a song which grimly prophesized that you’ll work “like a Turk till your eyes ache like Hell in the Grand Institution, this school of Cornell.”

And, indeed, soon enough there were prelims. Do you remember how graded ones were often left in a box outside a lecture hall and that heart-stopping moment as you thumbed through the pile to find your bluebook? The grades on mine fluctuated wildly. Sophomore year (or was it junior year?), I managed to get a 98 on a Sociology prelim and, lest it go to my head, a 28 on a History prelim. From brain to dunce in a week! Finals were another ordeal. Weren’t they 2 ½ hours, 3 hours? Sometimes you had two on the same day, which probably had the same effects as a concussion.

But Memory, why dwell on the nail-biting stuff? What about the big weekends and the fraternity parties with their bottomless cups of beer, Screwdrivers, and Milk Punch? And the hilarious ROTC parade every Fall when we marched in full uniform in downtown Ithaca while the townies hooted and threw vegetables and their little kids darted between our ranks trying to disrupt the line of march?

Who amongst us now remembers all of the rules, rules, rules, which seemed to cover everything, plus still more if you were a woman? “If she has not signed out and comes in after 10:45 p.m., it is a late registration, plus an automatic ‘late night’” (WSGA). Miss the dorm closing by two minutes and you needed a quick window entry.

After four years of terrific ups and terrible downs (five years for engineers), it was graduation time, preceded by Senior Week when you could really have a ball since all of the blood, sweat, and tears were at long last behind you. During a break from partying, did you happen to notice any of those fogyish alumni lurking about who were back on the Hill for their reunions? How in the world did they let themselves get like that?

Peter Slater
Class Historian
To the Class of 1962

I arrived in Ithaca three years before you did, fresh with a Princeton Ph.D., at a princely salary of $4,500. (In current dollars that’s $36,700, not even half what Cornell pays its beginners today.)

I was soon teaching American Politics (Government 101) in Olin M and Political Parties (Government 217) on the third floor of the long-demolished Boardman Hall. By the time you showed up, I had been given charge of my department’s Junior Honors Seminar, a snapshot of which, taken in the spring of 1961 appears on the next page. Government was a great teaching department, easily attracting more majors than any other in the College of Arts and Sciences. Nor was this because that many students wanted to become lawyers or public luminaries. Rather, the reason was that all of our professors, whether famous or infamous, truly enjoyed teaching, especially undergraduates. As a result, just about every student established a close relationship with at least one member of the faculty. In fact, it was left to you to ask one to be your official adviser. A fair number of you selected me, and I still have carbon copies (remember them?) of recommendation letters I wrote for you. I’ll be pleased to release any to you, under my personal Freedom of Information Act.

The Government Department had quite a roster, featuring Mario Einaudi, Clinton Rossiter, Walter Berns, Herbert Briggs, Steven Muller, and Allan Bloom. Yet we didn’t make a big deal of doing academic “research,” as it is currently construed. We were smart, we had something to say, and we proceeded to write it down and saw it published. I still think of what I do as “writing” rather than research, even as it is based on a lot of carefully culled information. We used footnotes when called for; but not mathematical models or stochastic paradigms. That would come later. Among other things, it would serve to make teaching much duller.

I like to think of your class as the last of the Eisenhower Generation. The United States had come out of World War II as an undisputed superpower, and the dollar ruled the globe. (Recall how we spoke of prices in Europe as being so “cheap”?)

Professor Hacker is currently Professor Emeritus in the Department of Political Science at Queens College in New York. His most recent book, written in collaboration with Claudia Dreifus, is Higher Education?: How Colleges Are Wasting Our Money and Failing Our Kids—and What We Can Do About It (Times Books, August, 2010). He is a frequent contributor to The New York Review of Books (NYRB).
This postwar era saw the creation of a new and expanded middle class, with opportunities for ascending careers opening as never before. Your class was really a pre-1960s cohort. (That better-known decade began basically in 1963, with the Dallas assassination.) For your part, you outwardly obeyed the rules, and did what was expected of you. Thus the papers you submitted had perfectly diagrammed sentences, and didn’t take many risks. Even so, the 1960s didn’t spring from nowhere. (Even then, we taught you how Hegel’s dialectic worked.) Beneath the surface, you were beginning to pose questions about race and sex and injustice, not to mention your country’s compulsion to thwart all foreign foes.

A last personal note: when I left Ithaca in 1971, it wasn’t because of the political events which roiled the campus. (My summary: they brought out the best and worst in all of us.) It was simply that sixteen years of small town life were all I needed. It was time to return to New York City, my birthplace and natural home. Cornell had been marvelous for beginning a career; in more ways than I can say, it made me what I am today. Indeed, it was that experience which impelled me to write (actually co-write with Claudia Dreifus) a book on higher education, where that Cornell is always in the background, as a model of teaching and learning at its best.

Yet in the end, central to Cornell I knew were its students, by which I mean you. While I enjoyed the company of my faculty colleagues, my fondest memories are of the classes, the seminars, the office conversations. You weren’t just bright young people. You were good, and I mean that in every sense.

Professor Andrew Hacker
January 2010

JUNIOR HONORS SEMINAR, Spring/1961. “One of the backs belongs to Owen Sloane, with Townsend Friedman, among others, on the left and Karen Nelson on the right.”
I seem to recall that there were designations for the downtown movie theaters. I remember the State, Strand, and Ithaca. Apparently, there was also a Temple theater. There seems to be some debate about which theater was which. I think that there is consensus, however, about the Strand being the “near-near” and the Ithaca the “far-far.” The State was the “near-far” and the Temple was the “far-near.” Memories seem to vary.

Of course I wouldn’t know much about this. I was always in the library working on a Chem. E. homework assignment. Some of my classmates, however, were early advocates of what we now might call multi-tasking. The game was played as follows. A group often went to the movies. Andy mostly went to the library. The group returned, told Andy how great the movie, their date, etc., had been, and then asked if they could “scribe” the next day’s problem set. Seemed to work well all around.

All theaters were on State Street except for the Temple, which was at 114-16 E. Seneca St. and existed from 1928 to 1976. A classmate, still residing in Ithaca, says that there are now 26 movie screens in Ithaca. I would predict though none can approximate the atmosphere and audience quality of the four abovementioned treasures.

I loved Cornell. And still do. I don’t understand why they removed the diving board from the swimming hole in the lake behind Noyes Lodge. Or why there wasn’t the food service that there had been at Noyes (where I had always eaten with my parents when they visited). When I was back for our 45th it looked like a bunch of offices or something. Louie’s lunch was still there! I couldn’t believe it! It couldn’t be possible! But it was the same guy with, sort-of, the same truck.

I poked my head in through the “order” window. It was the same guy! “Hi,” I said. “Hi,” he said. “Still here,” I said. “Yep,” he replied. “Can’t believe it,” said I. “Neither can I,” said he.

Andrew Morris
"Mr. Rossiter made some predictions today about 1960. He said that the Democrats, being in the majority, need a candidate who will just get all the Democratic votes and the Republicans need somebody who will get not only the Republican vote but also some Independents and Democrats. He said that since the candidate had to be pleasing to the various parts of the party but not a member of any one party himself, that the Democratic candidate would probably be Symington (whose main asset is coming from Missouri) or Stevenson. He said that if Kennedy weren’t Catholic, he would win hands down, but it will be an uphill fight for him. Nixon, he said, would be fine as far as holding the party together, but he won’t be able to pull outsiders’ votes. He said that Rockefeller has about an 8-1 chance and about a 2-1 chance if he wins New York.”

Caroline (Cal) Simon

Excerpt from Letters from Cornell 1958-62, October 23, 1958
There was a Proctor George story that involved some freshman engineers turning off the lights at the University and me standing on a wall at the men’s dorms calling for a panty raid. It was only a couple of weeks after school started and the Proctor pulled up, got out of his car, took one look at me and said “Gilbert, get off the wall and go back to your room.” I was so stunned that he knew me. He really did memorize the Freshman Register.

Hamlin (Sandy) Gilbert

I think I was so busy studying while at Cornell that I didn’t do a sufficient amount of funny things. The funniest story I remember is having not gotten permission from my parents to take flying lessons, I nonetheless took flying lessons. One Sunday I was hitching back from the airport and lo and behold, my dad surprised me by coming up to visit. By chance he saw me strolling along the road hitching back from my flying lesson. He picked me up and that was the end of flying for me. I wasn’t very good at it anyway. My instructor told me that I was the only student he had with whom he was afraid to fly.

Marion Balsam

This is not a reunion story, but a good one nonetheless. There was a woman in my freshman year, who was rumored to be calling young men in the dorms and saying, with a sexy French accent, “Ah jus wanted to hear a male voice before ah went to bed.” and having lovely and interesting conversations with these men she would never meet. I heard it talked about as I walked the quad, pre-nose job, and everyone wondered who the young woman could be. The woman was me.

Judy Rosenblatt

I occasionally visit a dear cousin who lives on Lake Cayuga. During one visit,
after I’d been away for some time, she drove me around the periphery of the Cornell campus for a sightseeing tour... She imagined I might yearn to see the site. I found the new clusters of imposing buildings unfamiliar and jarring. They clashed with my preserved image of a more intimate place. It reconfirmed my realization that the enduring essence of my Cornell experience lies in the strong human connections cemented there...old friends...and a probably romanticized memory of a beautiful and very special place.

Jane Jaffe Giddan

My daughter applied and went to Cornell for two years. While there with her for her interview, I remember seeing my fraternity house now being the admissions building. I asked permission to go upstairs. My room upstairs is now an office area. Many memories there. When I visited last year and was in the Cornell store, I saw a computer program that I was interested in and asked if I could purchase at the student price. I was told I needed to have a school ID. I told him mine was in the archives.

Morton (Mickey) Langsfeld

“The campus news is all about the expulsion by the campus patrol. Tripod is a three-legged shaggy husky dog that is somewhat of a legend around here. He moves pretty fast despite missing a front leg. The reason he is being expelled is that he chased a cat under a patrol car, which killed the cat.”

Caroline (Cal) Simon

Excerpt from Letters from Cornell 1958-62, October 7, 1958

The Way It Is.....Cornell Campus, 2010
Our Stories

1962
Who’s Here

John Abel
Michael Adams
Ada Kerachsky Albright
Priscilla Snow Algava
Richard Alther
Stanley Altschuler
Harry Ames III
Helen Rabinowitz Anbinder
Karen Palmer Anderson
Carol Shaw Andresen
Jane Gribbins Andrews
Ron Apfelbaum
Barbara Holt Apstein
Lynne Lohrey Armstrong
Stephen Ashley
Peter Austin-Smith
Arthur Aylesworth
Terry Baker
Marion Balsam
Linda Goldberg Bandler
Terry Beal
Donald Behan
Kelly Gould Behan
Rebecca Bell
Charles Bender
Elizabeth Kopsco Bennett
Aldo Bensadoun
Joel Bernstein
Charles Betz
Margie McKee Blanchard
Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler
D. Jeffrey Blumenthal
Cathryn Van Buren Bomberger
John Boothby
Duane Brauen
Fritz Brauner
Jane Brody
Vaughan Koehler Brown
William Brozowski
Howard Bruschi
Amelia Smith Bryant
John Buchholz
Harry Buckholtz
Jacqueline Browne Bugnion
Charles Bunting
Frank Burgheimer
John Burke
Jeff Burnam
John Burns
Andrew Bushko
Donna Hunt Call
W. Douglas Call
James Campbell
Kenneth Canfield Jr.
James Cantor
Gary Caplan
Byron Carlson
John Carlson
Helen Chuckrow
Miriam Littman Ciochon
Nancy Williams Clark
Frederick Claus
Frank Clemens
George Cohen
Kenneth Collins
Charlotte Jones Collister
Jan MClayton Crites
John Curtis
Charles Cuykendall
Carol Coopersmith Daly
David Dameron
Nancy McConnell Davidian
James Davidson
Fred Davis
Michele Rostan Davis
M. Patricia Rice deHart
Mary Davis Deignan
Paul Deignan
James Denman
Joyce Brown Dodge
William Dodge
Otto Doering III
Harold Don Jr
J. Michael Duesing
David Duffield
Evelyn Spieske Dufur
David Dunn
Denis Dunne
Harry Edwards
Michael Egan
Judith Ehrman
Stephen Eichler
Michael Eisgrau
Judith Lichtman Elkin
Richard Ely
Peter Epstein
Michael Ernstoff
Evelyn Eskin
Stephen Ettinger
James Evans
Alan Flaherty
Samuel Fleming
Mary Ann Huber Franson
Judith Slostad Franz
Robert Frishman
Fran Denn Gallogy
Marc Gerber
Rita Milkman Gershengorn
Jane Jaffe Giddan
Hamlin Gilbert
Chandlee Lloyd Gill
Wendell Glasier
Michael Golden
Barbara Hammond Goldstein
Alfredo Gomez
Philip Goodrich
Ann Lewis Goodstein
Elsie Sterbin Gottlieb
John Graybill
Edward Griffith
Eric Groon
Richard Grove
Albert Haberle
Lealis Hale
Clark Halstead
Donald Hamburg
Philip Handler
Francine Olman Hardaway
Fred Hart
Our Stories

Myra Maloney Hart
Frank Hawkins
Richard Heimlich
Lorna Lamb Herdt
David Hill
Jon Hinebach
D. Peter Hochberg
Nancy Simon Hodin
Harold Hoffman
Frank Holden
Helen Iler Hougy
Bob Hoyler
Ray Hutch
Michael Jahrmarkt
Peter Johnson
Barbara Woll Jones
Vann Jones
William Jordan
Donald Juran
Hal Kanthor
Jay Kasin
Katherine Simmons Kaufman
Richard Kelly
Allison Kyle Kerr
Linda Gillinsky Klineman
Lucy Fried Koster
Stanley Kozareski
Narby Krimsnatch
Peter Kuch
Morton Langfield
Joan Levy Layton-Furth
Brenda Shencup Lederman
Barbara Leibowitz
Richard Levine
Betty Allen Little
Randolph Little
Judith London
Aline Holstein Lotter
John Lowrie
Fred Luper
Arnie Malasky
Eileen Marshall
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Denny Matthew
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Robert McBride
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Faith Miller Roelofs
Bruce Rogers
Joy Harwood Rogers
Judy Rosenblatt
Victor Rubino
James Russell
David Ruttenberg
Neil Schilke
Stephen Schmal
Heinz Schmaltz
Eugene Schoenberlein
Charles Schlopp
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Ransom Shaw
Jim Shelton
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Robert Simpson
Donald Sladkin
Robert Slagle
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Vicki Custer Slater
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Michael Steinberg
Alex Steinbergh
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Edith McCoy Stovel
William Stowe
Robert Strahota
Helen Davidson Strassburg
Mary Thomas Strickler
Myra Hoffenberg Strober
Joel Sundholm
Jean Horn Swanson
Maxine Shulman Swartz
Maureen Chia-Hoi Sze
Edward Tang
Jane Barrows Tatibouet
George Telesh
Theodore Thompson
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Edward Baron
Jamie Clark
Jane Cushing McCaffrey Crumlish
Robert Cutler
Michael Dosik
Sondra Rogers Dunne
Ann Farnsley
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Following graduation, I spent the summer of 1963 in Egypt with Operation Crossroads Africa, an experience that helped shaped my interest in becoming an educator. Lynne and I married after one year at Stanford, and I moved to Cal Berkeley. We were there for the most exciting years, 1964-68 – the Free Speech Movement; working door-to-door in political precincts; participating in the anti-war movement; living in graduate-student housing for $49/month including utilities, and being broke by the middle of each month…. It was also the chance to “discover” California – hiking, National Parks, the redwoods, San Francisco, the missions, the Monterey peninsula, the Central Valley, the Napa Valley, the Sierras, the White Mountains, the bristlecone pines, snow-shoeing…. Our daughter, Britt (Cornell ‘91), was born at the end of 1967. I had postponed my active duty commitment (ROTC commission) in the Army until after graduate school and, unintentionally, until the Vietnam War heated up. I was lucky enough to experience only the culture shock of moving from graduate student life in Berkeley to Army life in Vicksburg, Mississippi in 1968 and relief in not being sent to Vietnam like most of my training class. In Mississippi, Lynne and I became active members of the NAACP, and I became a board member of the local Head Start program. Upon my discharge, I had four successive one-year contracts at Princeton as a Research Associate and Lecturer in civil engineering and architecture, 1970-1974. Our son, Bill, was born in Princeton in 1972. We lived in the junior faculty ghetto in Princeton until we bought our first home in Hopewell, NJ in 1973. In 1974, I returned to Cornell as an Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering (I am currently Professor Emeritus of Civil & Environmental Engineering), and suddenly we owned two homes and had two mortgages. By 1977, we had sold both homes and bought a wonderful house on Lake Cayuga. This home has remained a highly appreciated center of family life for these many subsequent years and has enabled the continuation of the Abel family tradition of lake living and water sports.

Starting in 1976, I was able to take many international trips, often with Lynne and sometimes with family, leveraging opportunities offered by professional conferences and activities. In 1981, I co-founded a side business, a software company that flourished and grew until the mid-1990s, when we tried to learn how to swim in waters populated by venture-capital sharks. Nevertheless, the earnings from this company helped to put our children through school, renovate our home, and support our international travel. Our most memorable sabbatical semesters were Stuttgart in 1991 and Paris in 2003. A highlight since becoming a widower in 2006: serving grandchildren Will and Natasha as “Grandpa Nanny” in Vienna in spring 2009 while my daughter taught the study-abroad program in German for Macalester College.
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International Executive with BMS (Retired)
Four (4) children (Juliet, Michele, Michael & Brian)
Eight (8) grandchildren

On graduation, I entered what is now the Johnson School of Business and graduated with an MBA in 1964. After spending many of my summers interning with Curtice-Burns, Inc., I joined their ranks in 1964 as Ass’t to the VP of Operations. In 1967, I relocated to Scarsdale, NY with wife, Michele ‘66, and one child to join General Foods as Distribution Analyst. In 1969, I joined Bristol-Myers as Planning Manager and moved to Cold Spring Harbor, NY. After relocating to Dallas, Texas and back to Trumbull, CT, we were up to a total of four children and I was serving as Operations Manager for US with B-M. Subsequently divorced, I was tasked to B-M International as Director of Special Projects. Spent five years working throughout South America, Middle East/Iran, and Europe with stops in Asia and Australia/New Zealand. I remarried in 1980 to Madelyn, and relocated to Greece as Regional Operations Director. From there to Portugal, Thailand, and Taiwan as General Manager and then, with the merger in 1991 with Squibb, I took on the responsibility of Regional Vice - President for Asia, living in Taiwan, Malaysia, Australia, and Japan. I opted out in 1994 and relocated to Scottsdale, AZ where I fill my days jogging and acting as manual laborer for Madelyn’s emerging pottery business. Presently planning our return visit to Myanmar to access the Burma Road as we await out ninth grandchild to enter this exciting world.
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Marital Status: Divorced

I am working full-time in Olin Library, Research & Learning Services Department (Reference and Collection Development merged). After graduation I managed the Men’s Dining Hall at the University of Rochester for six months. Working in Olin Library is my “third life,” the two previous employments I worked in the Catalog Department while a grad wife. There was a three and one half-year interruption when I was an Army spouse. For two of those years I worked as an office manager for the Red Cross Field Director in Karlsruhe, Germany. After the years as a grad spouse were over, we were at University of California Davis for two years. Then Cornell beckoned. My son, Adam ‘96, was born very shortly after our return to Ithaca. Daughter, Amy, arrived two years later. I was a full-time mom until Amy entered kindergarten, then returned to work in Olin Library.
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 Seeking at first to please my parents, I was a biochemistry pre-med major in the Ag School. I finally made my way through English to the arts.

I believe everyone is an artist and I see my life’s work inspiring others to create. I teach high school students and have my own studio in Hightstown, New Jersey, where I work on my painting and printmaking at every moment possible.

Constantly stepping out of my own comfort zone, I am a seeker, a risk-taker, a lover (of life) and a healer. I am very interested in growth - my own and the growth of all the individuals in my life. The preciousness of time and reveling in the present moment are very important to me.

My father, Irving Snow, would often say, “God, give me health and I’ll take care of the rest.” These words have guided me throughout my life.

My family is central and love guides me. I think positively, work to let go of hurt quickly and value forgiveness. Circles of connection and completion have become meaningful for me. Recently, I reconnected after 30 years with a former student, Cindy Glanville, who works at Cornell and our relationship has enriched my life infinitely.

“The world is grand, awfully big, and astonishingly beautiful, frequently thrilling” – Dorothy Kilgallen
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Married/Civil-unioned: Ray Repp

Vermont beckoned after Cornell and a 5-year stint with Young & Rubicam on Madison Avenue in NYC. How fortunate to find a vocation as an English major!

Becoming a big fish in a small pond allowed my wife to focus on writing, me to be self-employed at home with my own agency. We grew and wrote about organic fruit and vegetable gardening, keeping bees, composting, raising chickens and our daughter plus her menagerie of pets.

I exhibited abstract watercolors and oils for 35 years, with gallery representation in London, LA, DC, Montreal, Boston, and Vermont. I still paint but retired from exhibiting after a one-person show at the Hartell Gallery, Sibley Dome, in ’04, sponsored by the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning. My first novel, The Decade of Blind Dates, was published in ’08. My second novel, Siegfried Follies, will be published in late 2010.

Although I still train, I retired from competing nationally in Masters Swimming after 4 golds and a silver at the last Gay Games, in Chicago.

I’m a 17-year survivor of prostate cancer, thanks to good fortune, exercise, and classic Mediterranean nutrition (no red meat or dairy, except when a guest or I’m baking!). I read Jane Brody’s column in The NY Times every week.

Divorced, I met my now-husband, Ray Repp, ten years ago online. With 12 albums as a singer/songwriter/performer, Ray composed the first guitar mass, originally banned by most American bishops. His music is in Catholic and Protestant hymnals worldwide. He was involved in the then-largest lawsuit in show business history over Andrew Lloyd Weber’s use of his song, “Till You,” as the theme song of “Phantom of the Opera.”

We are active sponsors of many regional and national AIDS organizations, plus rural gay and lesbian support groups without access to city-level funding.

Since Ray is a serious chef, as am I, with complicated desserts, we entertain constantly at our homes: eight months in Palm Springs, California, and four on Lake Champlain in Vermont, near our grandchildren. (Guess which months are on the lake).

We are homebodies except for occasional overseas travel and ten days each January in sublime St. Barth’s.
I was Army ROTC, flight-obligated, when I graduated from Cornell in the spring of 1963. I spent the next three years in the US Army getting my helicopter pilot rating, flying a year in Korea (near the DMZ), and then serving for a year as an instructor pilot at Ft. Rucker, AL. Never served in Vietnam.

After service, I went to Dallas, TX and worked for three years as an account executive for Merrill Lynch. Met and married Pat Jusko, a graduate of the U. of Georgia, in 1967. Got my MBA from the Harvard Business School in 1972. Over the next 30+ years I lived in Dallas (still do) and essentially had two careers, one in marketing positions in small, for-profit manufacturing companies and the other in leadership positions in non-profit organizations. I also became involved to a small extent in board leadership work with local nonprofit activities. Pat has been a career elementary math teacher and math support specialist in the local public school districts. While I was working, Pat and I had two sons, Jon, born in 1971, and Chris, born in 1975. Over the years I was active in father-like activities – Indian Guides; coaching soccer, baseball, and basketball; attending my sons’ athletic games; advising them in their college programs; and mentoring them (to the extent a father can mentor his sons) in their post-college careers. Both boys are now married and between them we have four granddaughters and one grandson.

I retired in 2005 from the daily working world. Since then I have had a number of part-time jobs (data entry for a CPA friend, census enumerator, and bookkeeper for my son’s real-estate business). Throughout my post-Cornell years I have tended to join a few organizations and become active in them. I have been an active and well-respected member of the largest Dallas-area Lions Club for the past ten years. I currently serve as president of my church Sunday School class and have served as chair of the Church’s Board of Trustees. Three years ago I completed the training to receive my designation as a Dallas County Master Gardener. This past year I served as Treasurer of that association’s state conference. Our three local grandchildren and my various association commitments keep me busy. Pat and I travel a little bit (so far entirely within the US). One son is outside Atlanta, GA, Pat’s family is in Georgia and Florida, and my brothers are in the northeast. Ten years ago I was very active with the Harvard Business School Club of Dallas, but today I only get to attend 2-3 of their meetings each year. I have never been involved with any of the Cornell activities in the Dallas area. That’s where I am and a brief outline of how I got here.
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College: Engineering/Electrical
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Marital Status: Widower

Left Cornell in June 1964 to complete a four-year tour with the Air Force at Hill AFB, UT. I was fortunate to be the start up manager and operating manager of the new Minuteman large rocket motor test facility at Lakeside Range. I married in 1966 and we returned to Cornell in 1968 for my MEE degree. In June 1968, I began my career with US Steel in Fairless Hills, PA. We managed to have three wonderful boys, but in 1977 we divorced. Diane and the kids moved to DC to be close to the grandparents. I worked several jobs in maintenance and utilities positions at Fairless until 1980. Then I transferred to Pittsburgh working as superintendent of power and fuel in three plants. In 1983, I transferred to Lorain, OH as process engineer (energy). A year later, I became Area manager (utilities), responsible for all power and fuel operations and purchasing for that plant. Worked on through many difficult times in the steel industry. I married Glenda Kreiser in 1992 and we both retired in 1999 and moved to the Northern Neck of VA. We both became involved with the Reedville Fishermen’s Museum and antique boats. Glenda lost a six-month battle with cancer in 2006. I have the three boys, two stepchildren and three grandchildren now. I continue to enjoy life in the land of pleasant living.
I retired in 2006 at the urging of my husband, Paul ’60, who had retired more than a year earlier, so we would be able to travel more often. We’ve been having a wonderful time globetrotting and taking full advantage of nearby NYC (opera, ballet, concerts, theater, museums, etc.) between trips. When we’re at home and weather permits, we love to swim, bike, and walk. The position I retired from after 14 years was Director of Inter-Village Continuing Education, a self-sustaining program for four public-school districts in Westchester County. Graduate study in elementary education provided me with teaching credentials, but I had never wanted to do classroom teaching, so I stashed my teaching license in the bank vault and pursued other options. Although I had some interesting jobs over the years, it was the last one that I was meant to have. It enabled me to combine my background in education and my administrative experience, while working with adults. It was interesting, challenging, rewarding, and often fun. The best part was the positive feedback I received from participants.

Among the reasons I chose to retire when I did was the diagnosis of leukemia I had been given in 2001. I had no symptoms and felt fine, but didn’t know when that might change, so I decided to live life to the fullest while I could. Paul and I took some amazing trips right up to the time in 2008 when I finally needed to start treatment. And just a few months later, I was in remission and we were able to resume our world travels. Since 2005 I have been volunteering weekly at The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s (LLS) Westchester/Hudson Valley Chapter office and in 2007 was elected to its Board of Trustees. I also do fundraising for LLS through its annual “Light the Night Walk.” The small Family & Friends team I formed in 2004 has raised more than $114,000. Son Jeff ’94, an attorney living in Manhattan, continues to walk with our team but has gone above and beyond by riding his bicycle in one-day 100+-mile rides to benefit LLS.

Rounding out our all-Cornellian family is Mark ’89, a computer specialist for Cornell at CIT.
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Spouse: Einar E. Anderson

I left Cornell after two years over a dispute with my parents regarding my major. My mother’s dream was to be a teacher, a dream she abandoned during the Great Depression. However, it was not my dream. While commuting from summer school at Penn, I saw an ad in the Philadelphia Inquirer seeking a math major with two years of college. I applied for and received an offer for the job. I would work in data reduction for the space program at General Electric Missiles and Space Vehicle Department. It was an exciting environment, vying with the Soviets in space. Later, after marrying, I continued my career at Lockheed in Sunnyvale, CA, programming computers, while I supported my husband through school. California was very generous in those days with almost free education. In between having my oldest three children, I worked at GE Nuclear in San Jose where we built and sold nuclear reactors to Germany, India, and many other nations.

We moved to southern California in 1972 where I completed my degree in economics at UCLA. By then, I was investing in rental property and sought my real estate broker’s license. My career was interrupted with a move to Vancouver, BC for a year and when we returned, my marriage ended.

In 1979, I married Einar, merged our two families, and then moved to northern California where I went back into programming for a few years. I left to have our daughter in 1982. Our city had a controversial transportation issue on the ballot in 1986, which prompted me to run for City Council. I served for eight years, including two years as mayor. I continue to serve in various capacities in the community where I now live.

Our passion, however, is travel and we have been to over 100 countries and all seven continents. My husband was in high tech marketing and I was able to travel with him from time to time so we began our adventures long before retirement. I love to compare notes on travel at my favorite website: www.flyertalk.com, a group that actually meets from time to time all over the world, especially if there is a bargain involved. One of our favorite trips was following the path of MacArthur through the Pacific during World War II as our troops recaptured islands occupied by the Japanese. We also take a grandchild at age eight on a special trip somewhere in the United States. As we have nine grandchildren, that keeps us busy also. We are very much enjoying our retirement.
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Spouse:  Fred Andresen ‘59

I am happily retired in Greensboro, North Carolina – where we moved in 1973 for Fred’s work with Ciba-Geigy. Hard to believe we’ve been here almost 40 years! Our children were three, four and seven years when we moved to Greensboro; they and their families now live in Atlanta, Charlotte and Tampa... and we have eight grandchildren between the ages of five and 12.

My eclectic work history has all been with non-profits: the Greensboro Heart Association, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the Center for Creative Leadership (CCL). I did program coordination at CCL before managing the Greensboro campus’ art exhibits for ten years. Since 2006 I’ve returned to volunteer work – my first love – and “given back” to Bel Canto, an ensemble of professional singers, and the Friendship Force.

Friendship Force is an international home-stay exchange organization which has given us wonderful travel and cultural experiences since 1994. We enjoy hosting foreign guests in our home as much as visiting theirs.
My husband and I (plus Billy, the Vizsla) are now living in Southold, NY, in eastern Long Island, on its North Fork. Just got here in January, having moved from Southampton. Water is all around us, which I love. This is a real boating community, but so far we have resisted vessels more substantial than our kayaks. Biking is great here, too, with country roads and few hills (lots of wind, though). I am looking around for new volunteer work, having quit my old jobs in Southampton. I have become a docent in a lighthouse, but I stick to the ground floor. I’ve done lots of ESL tutoring in the past, so I will probably start that very soon.

Cornell was an unbelievably long time ago. How can a number like 50 describe any graduation I have anything to do with? I’ll believe it when I see it. Guess there’s not that long to wait. What have I been doing in those almost 50 years? A crazy but necessary question, so here goes:

As far as career is concerned, it’s been checkered in that I have not worked full-time since 1982. At that point I decided childcare cost most of my salary, and I only worked part-time after that. I taught English for twelve years, mostly at a community college outside Boston. I then worked for accrediting agencies (the New England Assoc. of Schools and Colleges and the NYS Dept of Higher Ed). Part time, I taught English As a Second Language. I also ran a cooking school in my home for Japanese women living in this country temporarily (my favorite job). We studied American culture and English as well as cooked American dishes. Jambalaya and gumbo were their favorite dishes that they always served to visiting family from Japan.

Personally speaking, I married at 24, divorced at 30, and remarried six years later. My second husband, Fred, and I have a son named Luke, who lives about a half an hour away and visits us when his laundry has piled up. But he’s a sweetie. Fred retired as an editor at The New York Times about 10 years ago, but kept active working as a consultant on some interesting projects until just recently.
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College: Arts & Sciences/Zoology
Advanced Degree: MD (Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, PA)
Spouse: Kathy Murray

I left Cornell after three years for early acceptance to Medical School at Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia and didn’t graduate with our class. I graduated from medical school in 1965 then had a medical internship in Chicago followed by two years service in the USAF as a flight surgeon. After my active duty, I resumed my medical studies but also remained in the active military reserve, serving in the Air National Guard for another 20 years.

After a year of general surgery, I had a 5-year neurosurgery residency, both at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and the Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx, NY. In 1974, I joined the faculty there where I practiced and taught until 1986. In 1986, I left NY and accepted a position as Professor of Neurosurgery at the University of Utah Medical School & Hospital in Salt Lake City, UT, where I completed my medical career, retiring in June 2009 after 23 years on the faculty. I remain as Professor Emeritus.

Cornell was a wonderful experience for me, even though it was a truncated by financial concerns that led me to accept an early medical school opportunity. I felt that the environment at Cornell was very exciting and stimulating academically while providing the type of nurturing and guidance needed by many of us who were on our own for the first time. It truly is a great university, as we all know, and I remain grateful for the opportunity to attend. I wish I had been able to have a four-year experience and stay closer afterwards.

Leaving NY for Utah was a wonderful move. The collegiality of the faculty, the high medical standards and great teamwork, the altruism, and the exceptional supporting staff made this a wonderful place to practice. I truly have had a very satisfying career. I have been committed to teaching and training our residents and served as Neurosurgery Residency training director for over 10 years. I specialized in problems with cranial nerves such as Trigeminal Neuralgia, and also cervical spine surgery and was able to help introduce a number of improved techniques and new surgical instrumentation specifically related to these areas.

I have been fortunate to find my true life partner and soul mate in Kathy Murray, a pediatric radiologist. We have been married for 17 years. We share a love of skiing, bicycling and bike touring. I also have had a lifelong passion for aviation and have been a pilot for 44 years. We enjoy “back country” flying - visiting, and camping, hiking and exploring remote areas, especially in Utah and Idaho. Now that I am retired I am pursuing another long held desire and building my own airplane. Life is good!
I’d always loved books, and I was pretty sure I was going to be an English major. However, my introduction to college-level English, in Professor Sale’s freshman class, was not promising. I found the novels of Henry James puzzling, and much of the class discussion was way over my head. Even ordinary conversations could be difficult: I remember once having to explain to Professor Sale, apologetically, that I wouldn’t be able to get a paper in on time. His response, delivered in his trademark drawl, went something like, “I guess that will be all right as long as you agree to wear a hair shirt for a week.” Of course I had no idea what a hair shirt was, and my face must have registered my bewilderment. But he had a twinkle in his eye, so I figured out that he was making some kind of joke.

By my sophomore year, I had learned to be a more discerning reader, and I plunged with pleasure into what in later years came to be disparaged as the writing of “dead white males,” but which to me was great, if often difficult, literature.

After graduating from Cornell, I moved to New York, worked in an office for a while, and then returned to school to teach and pursue a PhD. I married Carl Apstein, Cornell ’63, in 1966. A few years later, we moved to Boston, where Carl embarked on a career in academic medicine. He eventually became Chief of Cardiology at Boston City Hospital and a Professor at Boston University Medical School.

I joined the faculty of Bridgewater State College in southeastern Massachusetts, where I taught for 32 years. These were three exciting, often turbulent decades in American higher education, particularly in the humanities. Our curriculum expanded to include more female and African-American writers; then came colonial and post-colonial studies, gender studies, cultural studies, deconstruction, postmodernism and more. While debates about these curricular changes raged, other changes were occurring. Computers began to appear on our desks, and we realized that these new machines would revolutionize our teaching.

During these years, Carl and I had two sons, Daniel and Andrew, now married with families of their own; both, fortunately for me, have settled in the Boston area. Carl died in 2005.

Since retiring, I’ve returned to playing tennis (when my knees cooperate), and resumed piano lessons and travel, most recently to Japan. I’ve found some new interests, too: volunteering as a counselor at Planned Parenthood, working with BOLLI, our local lifelong-learning organization (can’t seem to get away from school), and, especially rewarding, spending time with grandchildren.
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College: Art & Architecture/Painting
Advanced Degrees: MFA (Cornell); MA (Stanford)
Spouse: John Armstrong

After graduating with a BFA and an MFA from Cornell, Lauri Walsh, a fellow Cornell graduate who I had married, and I moved to San Francisco, where he worked as a City Planner, and I started another Masters program at Stanford, this time in Art History. I went on to a PhD program there, passed my comprehensive exams and went to Italy to research my thesis topic. Lauri and I divorced after four years of marriage.

During the following year I met John Armstrong and we were married in Rome. My new husband was a sailor and after a few years living in Marin County, California, we built a small sailboat and sailed to Canada to live in a remote area where boating would be part of everyday life. By then we had two children, both born in San Francisco.

We sailed to British Columbia and remained for 32 years having three more children. We homesteaded on a remote island (Maurelle Island, about halfway up the coast of Vancouver Island) and did just about everything including building a dam for a hydro system to generate our own power, clearing land and building our own house, and taking our children to school by boat. We lived on a beautiful little bay, surrounded by woods, and traveled even to the nearest neighbor’s place by boat. We all have treasured those simple years in which we learned a lot about our own capabilities.

Before the children went to high school we decided to move back to town. We moved to Victoria, on Vancouver Island. I went to the University of Victoria to get a teaching credential and my husband continued to build wooden sailboats as he had been doing during our life in the islands. I taught for a while, then began a career in remote sensing, a science that didn’t exist when I was in college. I became an image analyst, and used my “educated” eyes in science instead of art. I worked in oceanography with satellite data and environmental studies with multi-spectral data. I worked in the field for 20 years, until my retirement in 2006.

With all our children living in the USA, my husband wanted to return to the States, so we moved to Port Angeles, WA, just across the water from Victoria. Our two sons are co-owners of an aluminum boat building business there. Our oldest daughter is a chiropractor in Edmonds, WA, our middle daughter is an Assistant Winemaker in St Helena, CA. The youngest is completing her PhD in clinical psychology, and living in Squaw Valley, CA. We have a total of 12 grandchildren, thus far.

Retirement has allowed me to return to painting full time, and I exhibit at a local gallery, in juried shows, and at events and festivals. I have enjoyed good health and the blessings of a large and happy family life.
My Story

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Professionally, my life has been devoted to real estate finance, investing and management. For the last 30 years, I’ve had my own business headquartered in Rochester, New York, and the “R” word is not in my vocabulary. It has been a great ride. I’ve spent a fair amount of time in Washington, DC on housing policy matters and was involved with Fannie Mae as a Director for a number of years (not the best resume-builder today!).

Home for my wife and me is a family farm outside of Rochester that is in production and where my lifelong interest in equestrian activities is centered.
I entered Cornell in 1958 as a married student with a family after serving for seven years as a pilot with the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Korean and Cold Wars. My flying duties included medivac of Korean injured, Arctic Resupply, DEW and MCL Radar Line supply, and Search and Rescue, etc.

We lived in the Newfield area until 1964 then moved into Ithaca where two of our children were born. My wife, Tish, worked in the operating room at the Tompkins County Hospital. During my undergraduate summers, I was an assistant in grad student avian field studies (climbed up the Library Tower to catch birds for experimental purposes!). In my senior year, I was a member of the Senior Men’s Ag. Honorary Society. Later, I undertook grad studies at Cornell and was Chairman of the Conservation Graduate Seminars. A family member from Nova Scotia settled in Ithaca, and worked at Cornell, and then the Ithaca Housing Authority. He married and raised a family in Ithaca so we established roots in the area.

My family and I returned to Nova Scotia in the late 1960’s where I taught at a university, and then established the non-game (biodiversity) program in the province. This program involved monitoring endangered colonial species and habitats. A highlight of the program was the restoration of a breeding bald eagle population in Massachusetts by donating young eagles from NS to that state. My wife continued to work as a nurse in NS.

In retirement, I undertook several wildlife and habitat conservation projects and was also Chair of the CCAC committee for establishing guidelines on the care and use of wildlife. My wife and I have traveled widely both before and after retiring in 1991 (Australia, New Zealand, Asia, Europe and South America). We now spend winters in South Carolina, summers in Wolfville, NS and on Cape Breton Island, NS and take yearly trips to Ithaca to visit family and old friends in the area (our version of “class” reunions).

Our son is an endangered species biologist, our oldest daughter is a professor at the U. of Manitoba, and our youngest daughter is a nurse at our local hospital. It’s been a life-long adventure that I would live through again if such were possible!
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During my 5th, “hangover,” year of Engineering Physics, I applied to medical school and was fortunate to be admitted to Penn, where I fell in love with pediatrics. Subsequently, I joined the pediatric residency program at the University of Florida in Gainesville and completed a fellowship in Genetics, Endocrinology, and Metabolism. Two memorable years in the Air Force in San Antonio allowed me to establish a genetics clinic as well as practice general pediatrics. The highlight of my first year there was convincing Gretchen, a Georgia gal, to marry me. There, we adopted our first dog, met a bunch of nice folks, started making wheel-thrown stoneware pottery, and listened to a lot of great Texas fiddle music.

In 1973, I joined the Faculty at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where I’ve been involved in helping to build our Pediatric Division of Genetics and Metabolism, seeing patients and families for genetic diagnoses and counseling, and trying to learn something about how genes affect development. Ad hoc research activity stems from evaluating patients with the common problems in pediatrics - namely birth defects, short stature, and developmental delay. I’m also funded to participate in the National Birth Defects Prevention Study and a CDC autism study. It’s been a privilege to be part of this fascinating specialty of Medical Genetics as it has grown from infancy to maturity over the past 50 years. As of 2010, I’m still not retired – just a little tired.

Our lives in Chapel Hill have been filled with good friendships and interesting experiences. I love living in a college town and working on campus. We live in a wooded area in the middle of town with a pack of entertainingly goofy dogs. Gretchen has been a professional potter and District Coordinator for the Guardian ad Litem program. Currently, she is involved in training service dogs. Our daughter, Caroline, married the son of a local farmer who keeps us supplied with delicious, grass-fed beef.

Music has been an enduring interest, starting with the Cornell Folk Festival in the fall of 1962, continuing through the Philadelphia folk-scene of the mid-60s, north Florida bluegrass, Texas fiddling, and now North Carolina string-band music. More recently, I’ve developed a passion for cooking (and molecular gastronomy), which I’ll be more than happy to discuss at length with any other “foodies” in the class.

I often recall a character in “The Sirens of Titan” who got caught up in a “chronosynclastic infundibulum,” causing him to travel through the universe, and allowing him to make only occasional appearances on earth. At those appearances, he would begin his speeches by saying something like, “I am here as the result of a series of accidents, as are we all.” A sign in my barbershop says, “Inside every older person there’s a younger person - wondering what happened!”
I have been retired for 10 years and currently live in Truckee, CA, which is in the Lake Tahoe region. I love retirement, and seem never to have enough time. I still am an active skier in the winter, as well as boater and golfer in the summer. Several years ago we bought a motor home and now spend a good part of the summer and fall traveling around the US and Canada with our two Newfoundland dogs.

I practiced ophthalmology for nearly 30 years in San Francisco after completing my residency in 1973 at the U. of California in San Francisco. I taught on the Clinical faculty at UCSF and retired with the rank of Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology. Probably some of my most satisfactory times in my professional career were spent as a volunteer ophthalmic surgeon in Third World countries. We had a complete volunteer team of surgeons and nurses, often working under very primitive, if not unsophisticated, conditions. Being able to restore sight to many disadvantaged people was a high point of my professional career. Our team worked in Brazil, Ecuador, Guatemala, Borneo, Papua-New Guinea, India, Tibet, and Viet Nam.
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After Cornell, I attended New York University School of Medicine where I met my husband to whom I was married for 23 years. We had four wonderful children and now have five wonderful grandchildren. I did my pediatric and metabolic disease training at Bellevue Hospital and at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. Since my husband was a Naval officer and likely to be moved every two to three years, I decided to join the Navy, as well. It seemed farfetched at the time, but turned out to be a terrific adventuresome career. I loved living in various places throughout the world.

In 2000, after a very satisfying 25-year career in Navy medicine, I retired from the Navy and began my current work involving children’s environmental health research at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. Other interests are photography, Argentine tango, and travel. My children live in New York City; Charlotte, NC; and Boulder/Nederland, CO. Sadly, one of my sons, Cliff, died in 2004 in a mountain hiking accident. He was committed to decreasing animal suffering. I thus took up the cause to carry on Cliff’s work and soon found that it had become my personal commitment, as well. So this is a relatively new area of interest in which I hope to be an effective advocate. (See www.CliffKaminsky.org)

I live in Bethesda, MD, close to Washington, DC. I enjoy good health and actively enjoy the social and cultural attributes of our nation’s capitol. The motto by which I seem to live is, “Why just do it, when you can overdo it.” I feel so fortunate to be able to celebrate our 50-year Cornell reunion, and look forward to seeing old friends.
Life is good. Micky and I have been married about 48 years and we have three wonderful kids and six grandsons (no granddaughters, boo-hoo!).

We’re both retired. We play a lot of duplicate bridge, traveling to many tournaments all over the country. Micky became a Platinum Life Master (10,000 points) last year and I have almost 3,500 points. It’s a big part of our lives and much of our social life revolves around the game.

We’ve done a lot of traveling. We’ve been on several Cornell trips, including Costa Rica, Tasmania, Paris, and several in the US. We have also done many ocean and river boat cruises.
I am now a llama farmer in the mid-coast area of Maine, a far cry from mechanical engineering at Cornell. I departed Ithaca in 1964 and headed out to the Midwest to work for 3M Company in St. Paul, Minnesota. But, as with many of us back in those days, I had an ROTC commitment to fulfill, so a year later I headed to Fort Belvoir, VA where I began my two-year career with the Corps of Engineers, ending up in Philadelphia during the peak of the Vietnam buildup. Many of my compatriots were called to the front lines, but I managed to finish my service in Philly, unscathed. Being so close to New York, I decided then to taste the Big Apple and I accepted a job with the international affiliate of Amoco, based in Manhattan. A year later, the New York office was transferred to Chicago where I spent a good part of the next 26 years working for various arms of Amoco in information technology. In 1969, I was transferred to London for three years where, among other things, I married Philippa, my wife of 39 years. Our son, Timothy, was born after we returned to Chicago and, not long thereafter, we began vacationing on the east coast in the summertime. Year after year, we would go to Maine and then, one year, we decided to buy some property. In the late nineties, the early retirement offers were too good to ignore and I chose to accept one. Soon we moved to Maine. Best decision of my life.

We have been enjoying rural living with 20 or so llamas and, although winters can be difficult, we still love it. I do some consulting and am the founder/director (11 years) of the Maine Llama Drill Team.
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Life has been good. Cornell provided a wonderful education and experience that helped me to accomplish many of my goals. I am still working as a technical consultant, but I spend more time than in the past enjoying time with my friends and family. The Cornell reunions are a great opportunity to renew friendships, and to meet others whom we wish we had known in college. I’m looking forward to our 50th.
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Partner: Russ Sprague ’48

At the time of our 25th reunion, I had recently been divorced and was working in Cornell’s New York Regional Office. In 1988 I moved to Ithaca to become the Director of Operations at the Undergraduate Admissions Office at Cornell. In 1989, I met my life partner, Russ Sprague. Russ brings lots of love and laughter into my life. I took early retirement from Cornell in 1995 and for the next 10 years Russ and I fulfilled a lifetime dream of exploring the North American continent in a motor home. We did it all; every Canadian province, Alaska, the lower 48 states and seven states of Mexico. What an experience! At the end of our travels, we decided to return to the “best place on the continent” – Ithaca, NY.

We live outside the city in Lansing on a 4-acre property surrounded by “cows in the corn.” I spent the first five years completely remodeling my home with two additions and redecoration of all rooms. My contribution to the task was painting every surface inside and out – about 50 gallons of paint. I have been very involved in many volunteer activities – too many. I have pulled back from most of my commitments to spend more time with Russ, our family and friends.

Russ and I have six children between us. They live from coast to coast. We are blessed with nine grandchildren. I love to read and get my hands dirty in my flower and veggie gardens. I enjoy quilting and watercolor painting. At this point in our lives, the aging process has started to rear its ugly head. Our goal is to do all we can to stay healthy, happy and active doing the things we enjoy most.
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I grew up in Vicksburg, MS, population 35,000; graduated from St. Francis Xavier Academy (a Catholic all-girls school). There were 18 in my graduating class. I won a full scholarship to Cornell with tuition and fees for four years. There was ONE reason I was able to attend Cornell and it was Rollin Perry, the Dean of Arts and Sciences. He gave me a full scholarship, and more importantly his door was always open to me during my time as a student. His support and encouragement got a kid from Vicksburg, Mississippi through four years of an Ivy League college education. A marvelous start in my professional life for which I am most grateful to Dean Perry. I worked as a journalist for 27 years, as NBC Network Correspondent, as NBC Paris Bureau Chief, Senior Producer Europe and as Director, NBC Washington.

In 1998 I earned a Master’s Degree at St. John’s College at Annapolis where I studied the classics. It was sheer dessert!!!

In April of 2007, I married Dr. George Curlin who is the light of my life.

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We live just outside Annapolis, MD. Still working full time for Stanford Research Institute, Menlo Park, CA, in the Rosslyn, VA Office. It’s a not-for-profit research and development company.
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I have been living in Maryland for the past 30 years, first at Ft. Detrick, and then in our home in Middletown. Following graduation from Cornell, I worked on Long Island for about three years before marrying my Army career husband, a pharmacist, and moving to Texas. Subsequent moves have taken us to Michigan, Colorado, Germany, Texas (two more times), Colorado again, Korea, and finally to Maryland, where my husband retired from the Army and worked in various civilian jobs before retiring permanently. During this time of traveling, I raised one daughter and two sons, who all have families of their own now and have given us four grandchildren so far.

After working at various part-time jobs while our children were in school, I decided to take a course in anatomy and physiology at our community college. I enjoyed it (having taken several biology courses at Cornell), and readily accepted the offer to teach some of the labs for anatomy and physiology the next semester. That was 17 years ago; I am still teaching at the college and loving it! In addition to teaching, I am also an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where I have been given many opportunities to serve others in my community. My husband and I look forward each year to visiting our children and their families in various parts of the country.

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I am the CEO and founder of the ALDO GROUP INC., a retail company established in 50 countries. I started the company in 1972. With hard work, good timing, and some luck, I built, with the rest of the team, a wonderful company based on Respect, Integrity and Love.
In retrospect, the summer after we graduated was truly fateful. I spent it at the Weizmann Institute in Israel, then returned to the US for graduate school. I married Judith Hurewitz (who died in 2001) at the start of my final year of graduate studies. Plans to postdoc back in Israel didn’t materialize, so we spent two delightful years at UCLA, then headed to the Weizmann Institute for a year, which turned into 40+ years. In 1971, I accepted a position as a lecturer at the fledgling Ben-Gurion University with ~2000 first-year undergraduate students. In January 2010 I retired as the Carol and Barry Kaye Professor of Applied Science, having participated in the development and growth of the institution to 20,000 students in virtually all disciplines, including ~200 PhDs per year.

Along the way I followed a rather traditional academic career of research and teaching, including 30 years of lecturing in freshman chemistry (often reminded of “Lauby’s Lectures” at 8 am MWF in Baker 200). My research interest is in the study of the chemistry of crystals. We spent sabbatical years at the U.of Illinois (1977-78), U. of Minnesota (1988-89), and Cambridge U. (1997-98), but the best of them was returning to Ithaca for a sabbatical in 1983-84 with Nobel Prize-winner Roald Hoffmann, wandering the campus and teaching a course in the same room that I had studied in 20+ years before. Many of my former teachers were colleagues for the year.

My specific scientific interest is in subject of “polymorphism” and culminated in a book, entitled Polymorphism in Molecular Crystals, published by Oxford and translated into Russian. It turns out that this phenomenon plays an extremely important role in pharmaceutical research and development, in particular in many pharmaceutical patent issues. As a result, over the last 20 years I have been active in the fascinating area where science meets the law as a consultant and expert witness in a number of patent litigations on drugs. These activities have required and facilitated a lot of travel, which I greatly enjoy. Along the way there have also been short-term appointments as a visiting professor in Barcelona, Bologna, and Johannesburg.

My recent retirement is a beginning rather than an end. I am enjoying one of a number of stays at the U. of Western Australia as a Professor-at-Large (modeled after the A.D. White Professors-at-Large at Cornell). An exciting legacy of my treasured Cornell liberal arts education is my current appointment as Professor of Chemistry at another fledgling institution, New York U. Abu Dhabi, touting itself as “the honors college of the world” with students aggressively recruited from all over the globe.

At every step along the way I have recalled with gratitude and pride my total educational experience at Cornell. It has served me personally and professionally extremely well.
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After graduation, I worked for GE in marketing. I took a two-year tour with the army at Ft. Lewis, WN. I joined IBM in 1968 as a sales rep in Boston and retired from an executive position in corporate HQ in 1993. We moved from our home in New Canaan, CT to Seabrook Island, SC where I was elected President of the Property Owners Assn. We moved to our present home in Stowe, VT in 2009 to be closer to our family.
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Spouse: Kenneth Blanchard ‘61

I graduated from Cornell and married Ken Blanchard in June 1962. I worked as a speech therapist, either full or part-time until 1976. In 1965, I earned an MA in Speech from Cornell, and in 1976 I received a PhD in Communications from U of Mass. Our son, Scott, was born in 1965 and daughter, Debbie, in 1967. We have lived in Ithaca, NY (Cornell), Hamilton, NY (Colgate U), Athens, OH (Ohio U), Amherst, MA (U of Mass), and San Diego, CA. We have a summer cottage on Skaneateles Lake, NY. We currently have four grandsons, ages 18 to 4 years, and one granddaughter, age 21.

In 1979, Ken and I founded The Ken Blanchard Companies in San Diego. We take the ideas from books Ken and others write and turn them into training programs and consulting to help leaders and managers become more effective and lead at a higher level. We currently employ 300+ people. I served as the company president from 1987-97 and currently head our innovation (Office of the Future) team. I also love to do convention/public speaking.

I am looking forward to seeing Cornell classmates again, and am amazed that 50 years have passed since we graduated. My parents and grandparents attended Cornell reunions regularly as have Ken and I. The 50-year reunion is a big deal!

Ken and I celebrated our 45th anniversary in June 2007 and we were scheduled to attend his 50th high school reunion that fall in New Rochelle, NY. Unfortunately, our plans were interrupted when our home was one of those that burned in October, 2007 in the San Diego fires. Quite a shock to say the least! Fortunately no one was hurt, and we are now re-settled in another home we love. With the fire went many of my old and new photos—very sad—including ones over the years from Cornell.

Our children and their spouses and my brother are now actively running The Ken Blanchard Companies, and we are enjoying special project and cheerleading roles. It’s a grand time of life with children and grandchildren living and working in San Diego and 9-10 weeks of east coast time at Skaneateles each summer!

Ken and I are big supporters of education at all levels. We teach at Cornell, University of San Diego, and Grand Canyon University several days each year. Our family foundation supports leadership training in middle and high schools and colleges. For fun, we enjoy boating, golf, family time, and travel. I love reading, playing the piano, making jewelry, and photography.
This is a condensation of almost 70 years in “no more than” 500 words! It begins where I am now and have been for the last 13 years, married for 50+ years to my Dartmouth husband Pete. We are both technically retired, but still very involved in our community and our respective colleges, travel a lot, and love this active out-of-doors lifestyle, skiing, biking, and hiking with Dartmouth providing most of our cultural activities. We try to keep up with our three wonderful daughters (Allison McDonald, Dartmouth ’87, Johnson School ’92, married to Jock McDonald, Dartmouth ’87; Melanie Bleyler, Cornell ’92, married to Won Cho, Cornell ’92), their husbands, and our four grandkids who live in San Jose, CA and Amherst, MA, and, our oldest daughter (Tracy) who lives close to us.

I fell in love with Cornell when our high school band formed part of the letter “C” on the football field while playing the alma mater to a full stadium. Fortunately, I found myself a member of the Class of ’62 and that changed everything, enriching my life in many ways. After graduating a semester early, my first job was teaching biology at Punahou School in Hawaii where Pete was a Naval submarine officer. I taught science and math in several locations for several years as Pete progressed in his career path. Following graduate school at George Washington University, my new career was as an environmental health scientist at the US EPA. I then spent six years as a legislator in New Hampshire.

The biggest challenge in my life has been ensuring that our oldest daughter with special needs receives the appropriate support in order to live as independently as possible. My role as an advocate for people with special needs continues in NH and Tracy now lives independently nearby.

It seemed to be a natural progression of my advocacy efforts when I was asked to run for the NH legislature, something I never intended to do with my life. The three terms were both fulfilling and frustrating, but I did leave feeling I had been successful in sponsoring and passing some important legislation, environmental and health related.

My most treasured award came to me in 2009 when I was named Outstanding Alumna in the College of Ag and Life Sciences. What a surprise! Our children from San Jose, CA, Amherst, MA and Lebanon, NH came to Ithaca to celebrate the event, along with two of the grandchildren from San Jose and a few local classmates. Cornell is a thread woven through my life and what I have gained from my Cornell experience, alumni activities and new friends is more than the sum of its parts.
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I’m retired. I got here by living longer than I wanted to work, which says something about life and work.

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Living in Northwest Indiana since Pete graduated from U of Michigan Law School in 1965.

I completed my dietetic internship at the U of Michigan Medical Center and worked there as a therapeutic dietitian for two years. We started our family then and have four children and five grandchildren. I continued to do part-time consulting work until 2000. Now I volunteer for the We the People civic education program and as an Environmental Commissioner for the Town of Dune Acres, IN, where we have a vacation home.
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I am an active neurologist working 45 hours/week in Portland, ME. Briefly, despite two sports-related concussions, I enjoyed my time at Cornell, which prepared me for Cornell Medical School.

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Received my BS degree in May 1962 and entered the U.S. Navy’s Officer Candidate School in the fall of 1962. I got my Commission in March of 1963 and went to Flight School, got my wings and made two combat cruises to Vietnam in 1965 and 1966. After the Navy, I spent six years in sales in the commercial insurance industry. In September of 1973, I went into Industrial Sales with the Nordson Corporation, where I was Territory Sales Manager for seven years, District Sales Manager for five years and Mid-South Regional Sales Manager for 13 years.

I retired in 1998 and we have made Murfreesboro, TN our home for the last 24 years. We enjoy our eight miniature dachshund show dogs and two retired Quarter Horse show horses. My wife of 47 years and I are active in three dog kennel clubs. Six of our dachshunds are American Kennel Club Champions and we have two young ones who will be shown to their Championships.
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Married college sweetheart (Kappa Alpha Theta) and lived in a fourth floor walk-up (think “Barefoot in the Park”) while at Columbia U. Worked for IBM in Elmira and Ithaca. Took temporary assignment in San Jose, CA. and never came back.

Divorced after seven years, vowing never to get married again. Met Sue, an IBMer on temporary assignment from Milwaukee, and got married in 1976. Still married (happily)! I left IBM in 1980 to begin a career in financial services, and Sue left in 1985. Sue and I founded The Brauner Company, and have worked together for 25 years (a feat that amazes most people), specializing in guiding people through life’s financial transitions. We love what we do, and have no intention of retiring.

Traveling is one of our favorite activities, as well as spending time with our three cats at our vacation home in Sea Ranch, on the Sonoma coast.

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I fell in love with science writing while serving as editor of the Cornell Countryman, then a student publication of the colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics, and combined that with a passion for public service to become the first non-physician medical columnist for a major metropolitan daily, The New York Times. I have followed a blessed one-track career for nearly half a century and written 11 books (two of them best-sellers) and lectured widely on healthy living and peaceful dying while helping my husband, Richard Enquist, rear twin sons, both married with two boys apiece.
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After graduation we lived in Plattsburgh, NY for 25 years, where we raised our four children, and Tom practiced Small Animal Medicine at Plattsburgh Animal Hospital. In 1985 we moved to the island of Antigua in the Caribbean, and Tom again practiced veterinary medicine, and I worked at Curtain Bluff Hotel.

Three years ago we moved back to Plattsburgh to be nearer family. I am retired, but Tom still does some surgery with our son, Tom, who bought the Animal Hospital when he graduated from Cornell Veterinary School. All four children are married and we have 11 grand kids.

Life is good.

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I went from NY to Illinois to Texas (42 years) through my Cornell background. All agriculture. Employed by counties, state, private companies and now self-employed. I have been married 48 years.
In 1949, I kicked over a log and picked up a small snake with the intention of provoking my mother by declaring that I was going to keep it as a pet. She was neither provoked nor amused, and simply asked where I was going to house it. “I’ll build a cage,” I replied. “What will you feed it?” she continued. I confessed that I didn’t know. “You can’t keep a creature if you don’t know how to care for it,” she chided. My mother had worked me into a corner and I had to save face by researching snake care. This resulted in two outcomes. Herpetology became a serious hobby and, more importantly, my mother and father imbued in me a sense of responsibility.

Fast forward to 1964 when I began my career in nuclear energy at Westinghouse. Acting with a sense of responsibility in my various positions at Westinghouse resulted in business successes and lasting relationships with customers. Then one day at the Harvard Business School, I entered into an argument with a professor whose thesis was that one could not be both a high end and low cost supplier. I argued that through innovation it might be possible to be both high end and low cost. My rejection of his thesis became a motivation in leading the development of a new innovative nuclear plant design for Westinghouse that was highly simplified, depended on natural forces to keep the plant safe, AND possessed superior economics. We sold four of these plants to China – now under construction – and have six plants under contract in the U.S. – the first plants sold in the U.S. in 30 years!

I retired from Westinghouse as Senior VP and Chief Technology Officer a few years ago, and continue to consult for the company on nuclear plant strategy. Two years ago, I was honored to be elected to the National Academy of Engineering and – upon being inducted – fondly remembered lessons in responsibility taught by my parents, and how innovation can overcome conventional paradigms to achieve breakthroughs.

In addition to consulting, I serve on the boards of the Carnegie Science Center (five years as chair), Pittsburgh Zoo, and Harvard Business School Association of Pittsburgh. Marilyn, my wife of 44 years, whom I first met in high school, is active with her interior design business and working in her extensive award-winning gardens. We both keep busy with the families of our son and daughter.

I also enjoy relaxing with a glass of good wine with friends or with Patti Python.
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With a bachelor’s Degree from Cornell and a Masters from Columbia, I enjoyed a fulfilling career as a Clinical Social Worker. While living on Long Island, I supervised, and then directed a Counseling Agency in Islip. Subsequently, I became Marketing Director for private alcohol/addiction rehabs and psychiatric hospitals.

My formal career culminated with a private psychotherapy practice encompassing the holistic philosophy of body/mind/spirit. The avocations of Reiki Master and Minister have added to the richness of my life. Over the years, my interests have included horseback riding, dance (tap, ballet, and jazz), boating, tennis, genealogy and worldwide travel.

Family is my greatest joy. I have twice married, with two daughters and one stepdaughter, who have given me a total of five grandsons and one granddaughter.

Cheryl, my oldest daughter, owns a trucking company with her husband, Louis. Youngest daughter, Beth, is a marketing/management consultant and trainer. Both are Cornell grads. My stepdaughter, Nicole, is a manager in an automobile company. Husband, Al, has enjoyed multiple careers as a chemist and businessman.

Having been a lifetime New Yorker, I now reside in Palm Harbor, Florida. I have traded in my New York “Type A” achievement personality for a life of playfulness, appreciation, and luxuriating in the warm embrace of Florida’s sunshine. One of my greatest joys is the blessing of friendships; discovering the new and treasuring the lifelong. My latest passion is writing a book of reflections on my multicultural heritage. I treasure my Cornell years, and look forward to this special reunion.
Despite some of life’s typical setbacks and sadness, the years since 1962 have been wonderfully eventful and fulfilling. My four sons took lovely brides, and my wife and I now have 10 super grandchildren. The five eldest are in college (Lander, James Madison, Rutgers, Syracuse and Princeton) at this writing. I could brag about them all until the cows come home.

I’m retired from a labor-relations career in Philadelphia. When my wife retired from her law firm position in 2002, we moved to our summer home near Greene, NY, where we and our five cats live just 40 minutes east of Schoellkopf Field and Big Red football.

I have a modest collection of guitars that I enjoy playing in my spare time. (Remember Wilmer and the Dukes? Sure you do! I was a Duke from 1959–’61, and we played lots of gigs on the hill. Here’s a photo of Wilmer and me in action at a Greek bash (most likely Lambda Chi somewhere on Edge-moor Lane in February of ’60.)

Some of the writing I’ve done over the past several years has been published, and two new book manuscripts are about ready to go to press. One is nonfiction and offers a look at a laborer’s life on the Lehigh Valley Railroad in the 1920’s-30’s; the other is a collection of my short fiction.

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I graduated and immediately went to work in Perth Amboy, NJ for Chevron oil. Lived in Greenwich Village in New York City and got married in 1966 to Suzanne Jones, a girl from my high school, who I didn’t know and didn’t meet until I was a senior in college. In no time at all, I was swept into the draft at age 25+ and landed in Fort Knox, KY for two years of Army duty. After the Army, we migrated to western New York State where I took a job with Occidental Chemical, working my way through manufacturing and an exciting assignment in Puerto Rico to a position in the Research Division. I became a Research Director, managing a large staff of PhDs and becoming involved over the years with virtually every chemical product that Oxy produced. Over the years, we were blessed with three healthy children. In 1977, we bought a house overlooking the Niagara River and Canada, which had the bonus of a marina on-site. We have operated the marina ever since and have always been completely “sold out” of slip spaces.

In 1998, when Oxy’s Petrochemicals Division was spun off and the Research Division was announced to be closing down in the near future, I retired and was fortunate enough to find consulting work which eventually landed me in China assisting in the construction and operation of new chemical plants there. In the meantime, we purchased a second home in Livermore, CA, which we kept until 2005, when we sold it. I continue to consult, with current interest in gaining approval from the USEPA to operate a patented process nationwide, which detoxifies sewage sludge, rendering it safe for general agricultural use. Suzanne and I have been married now for almost 44 years and continue to enjoy life sailing on Lake Ontario, volunteering for many civic functions and enjoying our grandchildren.
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I had the unique opportunity to be among the first women to graduate from Harvard Business School. I met my husband there. He is Swiss so I have lived the last 45 years of my life in Switzerland. This has required learning French, adapting to a different culture, developing a career abroad and raising my family in a bi-lingual environment. It has been a highly enriching experience, allowing for a new perspective on the United States and on the world.
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I worked in the computer industry for 35 years in Chicago, selling technical software and hardware to engineers, doctors, and educators. I was with a small company in August 2002 that went out of business. After 9/11, the prospect of getting re-hired in the computer industry seemed improbable. I started substitute teaching high school math and enjoyed it. I received a Masters degree in teaching and found a job in Vail, CO. I love skiing, had skied Vail almost every year for 40 years, and found paradise, teaching and skiing. I am still teaching full-time and do not anticipate stopping in the near future.

Sherry and I love being married. We have been married for 44 years. We had children relatively late in life and our two sons got married after they turned 30. We finally became grandparents 18 months ago and have the most perfect, sweetest, most brilliant, and most intelligent granddaughter in the world. (Completely objective.) We anxiously await more of the same.

Besides skiing, I am an avid road biker. I have ridden RAGRAI 5 times and will be riding it again this summer (2010). Training in the Colorado Rockies is easy. You ride uphill for 20 to 30 miles and then coast home. We are also very active in our small Presbyterian Church. I sing in the choir and Sherry plays in the bell choir.

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Spouse: Anne

I majored at Cornell in food science, and then went on to the U. of Illinois, earning a PhD in 1966. I then worked six years in Ohio, returning to Israel in 1972 where I worked for close to 30 years in the food industry. Since retirement, I have taken many courses in art history, history and some political science at Tel-Aviv University. I practice sports daily, also play Bridge, and draw and paint. The most exotic traveling has been to Tibet, but there also have been trips to Burma, Uzbekistan, and China.

My wife and I have a daughter and son and one grandchild.
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Highlights & lowlights in no particular order: HIGHER EDUCATION: Here’s the irony: despite my shoddy academic record at Cornell, and with only a BS degree, I served as vice president of two colleges and one university and as secretary of the board of trustees at two of them. PUBLIC RADIO: The NPR station at the U. of Northern Colorado reported to me. Based on that experience, in 1985, my wife and I launched VisABILITY, public radio’s national distributor of contributor incentives (www.visability.com). Association with public broadcasting people plus the fun of being together 24 hours a day keeps our work from becoming a job. We represent Fresh Air, A Prairie Home Companion, Morning Edition, Marketplace, This American Life, All Things Considered and most other national programs. Contribute to your local NPR station? You probably received a mug or tote-bag we supplied. Chances are we even packaged and shipped it. We’re also Car Talk’s e-commerce store – the Shameless Commerce Division.

CHILDREN & CUSTODY: I have three children, each graced with attributes we admire and enjoy. Unfortunately, the kids’ biological mother unraveled and became dangerous to us. I was awarded sole custody back when men in this difficult situation faced enormous odds in NY State. The kids and I moved to Colorado and started a new life in 1979. JANICE: Except for one friendship at Cornell, I now realize I was emotionally guarded and inaccessible to most people. This changed in 1981 when Janice Gavan married the bunch of us - a teenager, two pre-adolescents, aged 10 and 11; two dogs, three cats, a Florida alligator and me. She raised us all, serving as superb mother to the kids and mentor, confidante and business partner to me. Although I never became touchy-feely, her influence softened me considerably. OVERREACHING: Janice and I systematically taught the kids to be independent and adventuresome. We overdid it. One son climbs mountains and major rock walls all over the world. Our daughter and a friend bicycled from Seattle to Michigan, then across the Midwest and Southwest and down through Mexico to Guatemala. Having been oblivious to risk for several thousand miles, on the return trip they figured it is dangerous to peddle through Los Angeles. So they boarded a bus with their bikes, got off at Santa Monica and peddled up the Pacific Coast highway to Seattle. COLORADO: Janice and I live in the foothills, looking out over Denver, Boulder and Longmont. Our property is surrounded on three sides by the eastern tip of an 11,000-acre section of Boulder County Open Space, which then abuts Roosevelt National Forest and Rocky Mountain National Park. We have few neighbors, but deer, bobcats, eagles, elk, mountain lions and coyotes are frequent and welcome visitors. HEALTH: Some hair turned to skin and muscle to flab, but I have gained only 12 pounds since college. Living in Colorado at 5,700 feet helps one remain healthy and vigorous, so I’m hoping for another 10 good years. If I don’t get them, it’s been a great ride anyway.
I spent 29 years in government, the rest teaching. I was on the professional staff of the U.S. Senate for 20 years, then at the U.S. Department of State specializing in the environment and Africa. I drafted and administered debt for nature laws and helped to launch the Congo Basin Forest Partnership.

I was born in Washington DC and lived in Arlington, VA up through high school. (During the war we were stationed at air bases in Georgia.)

After graduating from Cornell in June 1962, I moved to Silver Spring, MD and then married Althea May in 1964. We had two terrific children: Lynne (born in 1968) and David (born in 1970). Sadly, we were divorced in 1996.

I worked at Johns Hopkins U. Applied Physics Laboratory until 1974. I worked at CSP Inc. until 1984. In both these positions I specialized in signal processing systems.


In 1996, I married Helen Hibbard. In 2002 I retired and in 2003 we moved to Shepherdstown, WV. This small town hosts a university with plenty of music, theater, history, and art to keep us very busy. We are still close enough to the DC area to keep in touch with family.
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College: Arts & Sciences/English
Advanced Degrees: MS in Student Personnel Administration (NYU); EdD in Higher Education Administration (Columbia U.)
Spouse: Elnora M. Rigik

After graduating from Cornell and completing graduate work in education administration, I worked at a number of colleges and universities around the country, including Dean of Brandywine College, and Assistant and Associate Provost and Dean of Freshman Studies at Widener University in Chester, PA (1977-2008). Along the way, I was honored with a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, a Kellogg Fellowship, and a National Outstanding Freshman Advocate, National Center for First Year Students, from the University of South Carolina. I have two daughters, Katy and Martha, from my first marriage (1968-97).

In 1999, I married Elnora Rigik who taught English Composition and Literature at Widener U. from 1970-2006. We share a lovely home overlooking a park and the Brandywine River and in Wilmington, DE. We have mutual interests in the arts, particularly movies and plays. Our favorite TV series was “The Wire” and we are dedicated viewers of PBS’s Friday Night News programs. Elnora is an excellent cook. I am very well fed.
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**Spouse:** W. Douglas Call ’62

My story has had many adventurous twists and turns. Teaching was my profession, although not long-term. Family and other occurrences intervened for periods of time. Marriage to Doug Call took place a year after Cornell graduation. I taught school and Doug finished law school. Three children arrived during the 7-year period that Doug was in the USAF JAG. Military service took us to NM, Pakistan, Germany and TX. Then we moved to the NY farm, where Doug grew up. What was to be a temporary move has turned out to be 37-years long, and we are now seriously talking about the real need to divest ourselves of this cherished, but high-maintenance home. The intervening years have been filled with family, extended family, Doug’s political experiences (which also enveloped me), teaching (special ed, elementary ed and community college), and much church-related and other volunteer work. Now, a new and unknown, but hopeful chapter stretches in front of me.

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WAH-HOO!! What a ride!! Cornell wife, three kids (Chris, Cornell ’89; Courtney, Cornell ‘94 and Matthew, Purdue ‘90), law school, Air Force JAG, County Attorney, County Sheriff, County Public Safety Director, legal practice, seminary, Town Court Judge, commissioned Lay Pastor and all else that comes along with all of the preceding! Many blessings!!

Remember: “Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, martini in the other, body thoroughly used, totally worn out and screaming - WAH-HOO!! What a ride!”
Five days after graduation from Cornell I married my high school sweetheart, Shirley Stetler. We took up residence in Carlisle, PA where she supported us while I attended law school from September, 1962 to June, 1965. After passing the bar, I served three years active duty in the US Army JAG Corps, after which we returned to Pennsylvania and I began the private practice of law in Harrisburg.

We live in Camp Hill where I have served as president of the school board and Chairman of the Camp Hill Community Foundation. I have also served as an elder at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church and currently serve as chairman of the church’s endowment committee. During the ‘90’s I was president of the Cornell Phi Kappa Psi Alumni Corporation during the time that The Gables, our new fraternity house, was constructed and dedicated.

Our daughter, Beth, was born in 1966 at Fort Hood, Texas while I was serving in the 1st Armored Division. Our son, Duncan, was born in 1971. Both of our children are Cornell graduates, Beth ‘88 and Duncan ‘93. Shirley began her collegiate studies late and graduated from Penn State in 1999.

At the end of 2007 I stepped down as president of my law firm, Caldwell and Kearns, and as president of its subsidiary title insurance company. I have gradually wound down my practice and plan to be fully retired as of the end of 2010.
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Advanced Degree: MBA (Cornell)
Spouse: Anne

Now retired after working 37.5 years for Raytheon Co. in Massachusetts. Started at Raytheon in 1966 after graduating from the Cornell business school with an MBA degree, working for the controller in Bedford, MA. Moved on as Business Manager for several large international HAWK missile programs. In mid 1970s, made a radical career change to marketing organization for Raytheon’s largest and most profitable product, the advanced PATRIOT ground-to-air missile program, in both development and production phases. Final assignment with Raytheon was as Business Manager, for 1,000-person computer engineering laboratory, which was developing software for national missile defense radars.

My major achievement and by far favorite period in life was centered on raising the three wonderful children Anne and I have: two girls (Jennifer and Noelle) and one boy (Kenny). Both girls graduated from the U. of Massachusetts, Amherst, and Kenny graduated from Humboldt U. in northern California. Both girls are married and have provided us with four wonderful grandchildren. Kenny is still single, but in a serious relationship.

Anne’s professional career was in the field of education. She was an elementary school teacher, principal of an elementary school and later in life, involved in educational publishing.
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After graduating from Cornell, I joined the Army (ROTC). After two years in the Field Artillery, serving in Fort Sill, OK, Korea, and Fort Devens, MA, my two years were up. I then attended Harvard Business School, majoring in General Management. I then had several early jobs in General Management, and got a job as Assistant to the Executive Vice President at Warner Communications. After several years in that job where I planned a major office building renovation, I got a job at the cable TV division at Warner. After a year on this job, my boss was let go, and his successor hired me as Senior VP Personnel for a 1,200-person division. As this business moved from the small towns of America into the big cities, the franchise gold rush heated up. Warner won eight major market cable franchises in one year, which was their strategy. However, due to the major financial commitments this required, they sold half of the business to American Express. After the first year, the red ink started flowing, and my boss of ten years was gone. The new CEO let many people go, and I could see the handwriting on the wall.

I left this job and concentrated on finding one with more of a helping commitment. Through taking a course in Adult Counseling I networked with a woman who was leaving her job to go on maternity leave and got her job as a counselor in outplacement, a relatively new, new, unknown business.

Since 1985, I have been an executive in the newly emerging, corporate-sponsored, outplacement field. As Senior Vice President with Right Management, a global privately-held company, I am continually involved on a daily basis in assisting corporations and individuals with the overwhelming personal, emotional, and financial difficulties involved in losing their jobs. The challenge, in which I help others in dealing with one of life’s toughest yet recurring problems, is very demanding. The recent significant publicity during the last Presidential election, 2008, has brought the personal impact and human costs of downsizing close to the consciousness of most Americans. This work – dealing with individuals, trying to instill hope and forward momentum for over 25 years – has been most gratifying.
My Story

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**Spouse:** Susan Schapira Caplan ’79

After Cornell, at Columbia, I discovered I no longer wanted to be a professor. After I failed my military physicals, my temporary job with state government became the start of a career. I served in several executive and legislative posts, ending up as the chief financial officer of the NYMTA. My first marriage produced a boy and a girl, now each with three children. My second marriage produced an uncle (now 12 years old) for the six grandchildren. During the past six years, while my wife got her PhD at Yale and began teaching, I experienced a wonderful role reversal, earning the equivalent of the PhT (Putting Hubby Through) degrees wives used to get when we were in school.

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I generally knew before entering Cornell that I would take over the family food ingredient brokerage business. I had worked in food processing plants during high school and felt it was worth a try in small business, as there could always be a fallback to a large corporation. I learned about Cornell’s double registration opportunity for the MBA after my freshman year in Food Science, and saved my free electives to be used during my senior year, taking the first-year business school courses. By having these courses count twice, I was able to complete the total hours for my undergrad degree and also my first-year hours for the MBA program.

My parents both came from Oregon and there was a strawberry farm in our background, near Portland, OR, so this business goes back a long way. I grew up in Chappaqua, NY and the house Bill and Hillary Clinton now live in was the home of one of my classmates in the ‘50s. After getting married, we lived in Stamford, CT. When the time was right, we bought land and built our home in Bedford, NY. Our office is in Mount Kisco, NY. I’m proud that I’ve managed the family business well for 40 years and am getting ready to turn it over to my oldest daughter, a science major from Duke. We have raised three daughters, all with advanced degrees and good husbands; and six well-mannered grandchildren!
After Cornell, I attended Carnegie Mellon’s quantitative business school program in Pittsburgh and two years later obtained an MSIA (MBA) degree. My first full-time job was with a Fortune 500 company in NYC in finance and systems. Later that summer, Joan, whom I had met during my last year at Cornell, and I married. We enjoyed three years of NYC theater, restaurants, etc., but then decided a lifetime of commuting was not for us. I also wanted to work for a smaller company and found one in Delaware. Seven years and two children later we were bitten by the “old house in the country” bug and moved into an old stone farmhouse on 2 1/2 acres in a more rural area of southeastern PA. That decision seems to have shaped much of my personal life since – as we continue to spend most of our spare time and money on the old house and garden – it’s a good thing we enjoy it!

The smaller company I joined in DE was soon acquired by a much larger one. After some interesting internal consulting work on reorganizations and new business ventures, I eventually left to work for several smaller businesses before becoming an independent consultant, again in systems/financial analysis. I then branched off into what was, at that time, the new and exciting field of telemedicine, providing marketing in the mid-Atlantic area for one of the pioneer equipment manufacturers in the field. I retired two years ago, am now working again, but expect to be permanently retired by the time you are reading this. Perhaps then I will finally be able to finish all those old house projects!

We always had a close family, and also usually spent most major holidays with relatives. While our children were growing up we had some great family vacations, including numerous camping trips. In addition, I especially enjoyed scouting activities with son, Scott, including 10-day canoeing/backpacking trips to Canada, and YMCA Indian Princess activities with daughter, Julie, including father-daughter weekend outings. Both children now live nearby in Maryland so we get to see them frequently. We now also have two wonderful, young granddaughters who also help keep us very busy.
I retired two years ago from my full-time job as Acquisitions Library Technician (Library Clerk) at Westchester Community College Library, where I had worked for over 20 years. I’ve kept my two part-time jobs: as Sunday Circulation Clerk at Ossining Public Library and Torah reader at a Norwalk, CT, synagogue. I began working regularly when my husband, Chuck Tappert (who received his PhD from Cornell, where we met), and I divorced in the late 1980s. We got married the day I handed in my master’s thesis, in 1966, and we then moved to North Carolina for six years, where Chuck worked for IBM. We had two children, Eric and Ann. (Ann graduated from Cornell in 1993.) We moved to Ossining, NY, in 1972, when IBM transferred Chuck to the Watson Research Center.

I met Rick Langeloh in 2003, and two years ago, we bought a condo in Ossining, and we are living happily ever after.

There are lots of details in between, but mainly it’s been various obsessions, with people and ideas, over the years, all enriching and interesting. My latest obsession, besides the fun of playing house with Rick, has been attempting to write a book combining my memoirs and biblical interpretation. I came to Torah reading late in life (at 39), and the path to it was a strange one, worthy, I think, of telling, thus the memoirs part. My immersion in the texts, studying for Torah readings, has been intense, due to the need to practice for hours and hours, which I’ve been doing now, professionally, for almost ten years. The result has been a number of new ideas that have come to me as I, in “Alice in Wonderful” fashion, have fallen into the world of the text, and I itch to share them. Will it be finished and published? Considering how just about every paper I wrote at Cornell was handed in late, may I live that long!
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Marital Status: Divorced

I originally came to Berkeley in the fall of 1962 as a graduate student. I found the weather unappealing – cold and damp (the familiar but erroneous no-seasons complaint) – and I immediately became entangled in the University’s bureaucracy. (“They won’t hold your hand there,” Andrew Hacker had warned.) Surprise, then, that apart from a few breaks, I’ve essentially been here ever since. I retired in the summer of 2006 as manager of the research library at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. It was a wonderful place to work, and I always found it especially delicious to think that I had written my senior honors paper about the separation of powers doctrine and independent regulatory agencies without once mentioning the Fed. It was also an incredibly exciting and challenging time to be working in the information profession. In retirement I remain connected to the Bank’s archives and oral history program as an interviewer and editor.

Cornell legacy to me: lasting memories, lifelong friends.
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Spouse: J. Thomas Clark ’63

I was brought up in Glens Falls, NY; Cornell opened up my horizons. Home Economics – Interior Design major with a masters degree in Education – at Cornell started me on my life’s journey. I married Tom Clark in ‘63. I taught school for a brief time, but quickly decided I was a very talented interior designer.

Professionally, Clark Design Group (formerly Nancy W. Clark, Interiors) started anew every time we moved. I would finish up the projects in that community and begin again in the new town. Most of my projects were commercial. I was actively in business for 45 years. I am very proud of all the projects that I designed; they’ll stand the test of time.

We moved several times in the early years ending up in Mattapoisett, MA and Fort Wayne, IN. From there we moved to Old Chatham, NY with stints in Farmington, CT and Rye, NY. Currently, we have homes in Old Chatham and New Harbor, Maine.

We are a Cornell family – our three children graduated from Cornell. We have devoted much of our volunteer time to Cornell. Tom was a trustee for 12 years and is now Emeritus and a Presidential Councilor. We are involved as a couple. I have been a ’62 class officer forever. I have been a member of the Human Ecology Advisory Board, and the Committee on Trustee Nominations. I currently am on the Fraternity and Sorority Advisory Board, the Food Institute Advisory Board, a life member of the University Council and committee Chairman of PCCW, President’s Council of Cornell Women. I have received the Frank H. T. Rhodes Award, the Human Ecology Award for Distinguished Leadership, and an Ezra Cornell Statue for being a benefactor.

I volunteer in our community, including as a Board Founder of the Columbia Land Conservancy, Board member of Olana, the Shaker Museum and Library and the Columbia Historical Society. I have been a judge twice for the National Endowment for the Arts and President and Board member of the Dairy Sheep Association of North America, DSANA.

Tom and I started the Old Chatham Sheepherding Company in 1993 with 115 Cornell sheep. Yes, we milk the sheep. We make our prize-winning Hudson Valley Camembert, Nancy’s Hudson Valley Camembert, Ewe’s Blue, Shaker Blue, and five varieties of Yogurt. We ship all over the United States. Our website is www.blacksheepcheese.com.

I paint, too, mostly watercolors. I have had 14 shows in the last 12 years, in Jackson Hole Wyoming and in Old Chatham, New York.
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I am retired and loving it.

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Married (in 1967) with three daughters, Jennifer, Frances and Kate. Children did not come easily or soon. First one born in 1975 and now works and lives close by (but not in same zip code) and last one in 1981. Last two went to the USNA, one went into the Navy and is now in SF as a personal trainer, nutritionist and yoga instructor and the other just got out of the USMC as a Major and is now working in DC for Booze Allen. Kathy still teaches English in Mount Vernon High School. She is very good, loves it and probably will stay forever. I started in a law firm and then shifted to the corporate world where I ended up as general counsel of a reinsurance company that went public. Thereafter, I helped a friend with his merchant bank, acquiring and disposing of assets in Lusaka Zambia, Ireland and England. Have been retired for several years with a number of volunteer activities at local colleges, teaching and tutoring and mediating in the court system.
I retired from Kimberly-Clark Corporation in Roswell, GA as a Senior Research Scientist in December 2006, and still live in the Atlanta suburb of Cobb County. My wife and I moved to GA in 1996, going from the liberal northern Philadelphia suburban community of Elkins Park, PA to a conservative southern community. We had lived for 30 years in PA, except for 16 months when I served as a lieutenant in the US army in Korea (Janet lived with a Korean family in Seoul), and later for a year in Cambridge, MA, where I received a masters degree in mechanical engineering with a major in materials science from MIT, while Janet obtained a MAT degree from Harvard.

After college, I worked in the aerospace fastener industry at Standard Pressed Steel Company in Jenkintown, PA. In 1971, I started working for Scott Paper Company in research and development. In 1996, my job as a product/process development engineer was relocated from Scott Paper Company in Philadelphia to Kimberly-Clark Corporation in Roswell, GA as part of the merger of the two companies. I was with Scott/Kimberly-Clark for 35 years until my retirement. I worked on projects in paper mills throughout this country, Canada and Europe. I have several patents, which pertain to either the paper industry or aerospace fasteners. Since my Kimberly-Clark retirement, I have had a few consulting jobs, and I am continuing to look for interesting short-term work in paper industry process development.

Janet and I began our family when in our 30s and have four wonderful children and two grandchildren, with a third in progress. We have: a daughter Jeanne (b. 1975), an organic farmer/teacher/dancer/restaurant owner who lives with her husband and our two granddaughters in northeastern Missouri; a son Samuel (b.1978), a lawyer in Washington, DC who was married in October 2009 to a Cornell graduate; a daughter Sarah (b.1981), a legislative aid working in Washington, D.C. for a US Congresswoman; and a son Joel (b.1981), a law school student and insurance salesman operating his own agency in Atlanta. Among our family members, we have one or more degrees from Cornell, MIT, Harvard, Tufts, Emory, U. of PA, U. of Iowa, and U. of New Mexico.

Raising our four children kept me busy and helped to define my leisure activities. I coached many youth soccer, baseball, and basketball teams, advised on numerous science fair projects, and still found time to play volleyball and jog on a regular basis.

I now regularly bike, hike nearby, and canoe on the Chattahoochee River. I volunteer with the National Park Service and a community food garden, and recently concluded my second three-year term on the board of my homeowner’s association.
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I live in Santa Fe, New Mexico. From 1975-1992, I lived in Washington, DC, with my partner, but we decided we wanted to move to New Mexico, which we both had known and liked very much. Once I found a decent job, we were able to make the move and I intend to live here until “the end” as several years ago we sold our home in a rural valley about 25 miles from Santa Fe, and moved into a lifetime care retirement community right in the heart of the historic core of Santa Fe. Santa Fe is ideal as to climate, access to a diverse and beautiful set of outdoor experiences, and has a rich cultural life and an interesting population. It meets our needs perfectly.

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By 2012, we will have lived in Columbus, OH for 44 years. Mike was in Human Resources before retiring. I have been with AT&T, AEP, and am still working in my consulting practice, The Collister Company, where I work with TechColumbus helping to develop executive peer relationships between CEOs, CFOs, and others. TechColumbus helps develop technology-based companies in central Ohio. I also do business development for various companies and work with the Center for Operational Excellence (COE) at the Fisher College of Ohio State U. We have two grown children, Kim Collister Legge and Scott. Kim, who has an EE from Cornell and an MBA from St. Joseph’s in Philadelphia, is an area manager for SunocoLogistics, and has two children. Scott has a BS from Ohio U., a law degree from the U. of Cincinnati, and works for Gerner and Kern in Cincinnati. He also has two children. Mike plays golf and I try to play golf, but started too late to be any good. We hope to spend more time at our place in Cave Creek, AZ in the winters in a few years.
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Marital Status: Widow

Following Ezra’s goal of “any study,” I took a myriad of them and worked as history teacher, hospital teaching dietician, power company home service rep, community volunteer and real estate broker (for over a quarter-century). Over the past five decades, the Cornell education was relevant to every field of endeavor and the long-term friendships begun there have enriched my life immeasurably.

After the company my husband Bob ’59 was working for sent us there for “2-3 years,” we were happily ensconced in a beautiful suburb of a mid-western city in the 1970s. About year five, we realized that, if we ever wanted to live somewhere of our choosing (and where our children might choose to settle as adults), we’d better figure out where that place was, and get there. After much research, we considered the Northwest. Neither of us had been there before, so we flew to Seattle, drove to the Bay area, and decided on Portland (Seattle was a close second). The move happened just days before our twins entered junior high school, our self-imposed deadline.

We’ve all loved living here, with year-round outdoor activity possible: sailing, hiking, camping, skiing, mountain climbing, beach-ing, wine-tasting, gardening…. The hoped-for goal has been achieved: two sons and their families live nearby and Foreign Service daughter and her husband have bought a home here for their retirement. “Here” is now Seattle; after nearly 30 years in the same house in Lake Oswego, a move was imminent and we chose to relocate north to be closer to family. That decision was a blessing. Shortly after moving here, Bob was diagnosed with cancer and we spent a lot of time in hospitals. He passed away in April, 2010. I have multiple sclerosis, which was kinder at first, but has hit me harder in the last few years. I have always welcomed challenges – this one is a doozy!
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**Spouse:** Jane

I retired to Texas to be near our only grandson who is growing up to be the next engineer in the family…. or the first entrepreneur. We have traveled all the states and all the continents, some for business and some for pleasure. I’ve had the opportunity to work in several countries, building bridges for and between people. Most of my work has been on oil platforms, large bridges, and other transportation improvements. Hopefully, there is more to see and do in this life, but we have been very fortunate to be in the places we’ve been so far.

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After graduation from Cornell, I attended and graduated from the University of Minnesota. I taught in the Department of Agricultural Economics as an Extension Economist for several years after graduation. I married Shirley Marti (Cuykendall) and we now have three adult children and six grandchildren and more en route. My later professional assignments include regional VP of a bank in Hornell, NY, Executive Vice-President of a bank in Jackson, MN, and Vice-President of a bank in Rochester, NY while based in Ithaca, NY. Before retiring, I served as Senior Extension Associate in Applied Economics at Cornell, as state director in Income Tax Management and Reporting, and authored several management and income tax publications in cooperation with Land-Grant Universities and the IRS. I miss my Cornell undergraduate friends.
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Advanced Degree: MA/Adult Education (U. of Minnesota). I was almost finished with an MA in English (Queens College), when we moved from NY in 1966. Had to start all over again at U. of MN, in 1988.
Marital Status: Widow

In 1966, Peter Daly ’62, the guy I met at Cornell’s freshmen orientation and married at the end of our junior year, took a position with the company that became Litton Microwave; thus, a move from New York with three boys under six in tow. Within 18 months, we landed in Minneapolis, which has been my home for 42 years. It’s a wonderful city with superb performing and visual arts communities. There are theaters and artists galore, as well as an enviable literary community with great poetry and spoken word happenings. The citizenry is engaged, voting and volunteering at higher percentages than any other state.

An arts junkie, I serve as a commissioner on the Minneapolis Arts Commission and on the Exhibition Review Committee of Minneapolis’ Central Library (designed by Caesar Pelli, with an art gallery in its midst). I’m also heavily involved in the U. of M’s OLLI, a Lifelong Learning Institute, taking three or four non-credit classes during each of three yearly sessions. Currently, I’m enrolled in a class on Einstein, another titled “Knowledge and the Brain,” and, a third, on Bach. I’ve also taught classes in public art, literature and ethics for OLLI. My recent “aha” about this chapter of my life is that it’s all about learning and new experiences. Of course, friends and family ground me and are my treasures....All three of my sons live in town as do their eight kids, my grandkids. As Emily Dickinson said, “My friends are my estate.” Since Peter died of lung cancer 12 years ago at 58 (seems SO young, now), my friends have become even more important. As a flaming extrovert, I revel in their presence.

What else? I’m a left-of-center Democrat, thrilled with Obama and his presidency. His brains, thirst for information and willingness to listen, are such a relief. And, I think Hillary Clinton is doing a superb job as Secretary of State. I’m involved and deeply interested in Minnesota’s and national politics. Can’t wait until Tim Pawlenty leaves Minnesota’s governor’s office. He’s responsible for a statewide decline in education and human services, all in his lust for power as a “No new taxes” candidate for president in 2012. Don’t vote for him!

I play a lot, have a great deal of fun, and eat way too much. Eager to see you at our 50th.
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Spouse: Elizabeth

Married Liz and we had a life plan for early retirement, based on two middle-management incomes and a small (one son) family. Somewhere I realized “Director” was a reasonable ambition since that VP title required too much additional commitment. Being one of the last “true human resources generalists,” i.e. everything in the field – negotiating with humans/arbitration cases/NLRB appearances/recruiting/salary administration/benefits administration/EEO policy/training/safety – the whole magillah – and taking all of that into upper middle management in a director capacity.

Since we retired, we have traveled throughout the 48 contiguous states, Alaska and Canada. I have been to England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Estonia, Russia, Ukraine, China, South Africa, Kenya, Zambia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Egypt, Jordan and Peru. We have taken our granddaughters to France, Monaco, Spain, Greece (both mainland and islands), and Turkey. However, central and eastern Europe, Australia, South America (particularly Brazil), India and SE Asia are still on the “to do” list. Since we retired I have been teaching courses for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UNLV, NV, Las Vegas; i.e., English origins of democracy, ancient history (Egypt/Babylon; countries north of Mediterranean); and in alternate years, globalization. Next fall (2010), I’ll teach history of Russia and early Eastern Europe and then the rest of Europe in spring 2011. In other words – keep teaching!!! Find ways to continue to “grow.”
I loved animals and still do and wanted to be a veterinarian. Did you know in those days for a female to be admitted into the Cornell Vet School she had to be the daughter of a veterinarian or live on a farm or be in some other situation for which I did not qualify? I went to Wellesley College for two years (1958–’60), and then I decided that maybe going to Cornell, continuing to major in chemistry, would help me get into Cornell Medical School. So much for that.

After I graduated, I got a job in endocrinology, testing drugs related to mineral metabolism at Sterling-Winthrop Research Institute, the research arm of Sterling Drug. I had two very good mentors, but I never had a paper published on my work there. After a year, I applied to the Peace Corps and also to graduate school. The acceptance to graduate school arrived first and I was also offered an NIH fellowship at U of North Carolina. I met my former husband there; he was a medical student. When that collapsed in about 1977 or 1978, I applied and was accepted to a program at the NIH that trained scientists to be scientist-administrators. When I completed that program, I took a job centrally in OD, NIH in the Special Programs Office, where I worked on opportunities for minorities and women in biomedical research, peer review policy, and pre-award and post-award appeals.

In August 1991, I took a position in the NIH Office of Scientific Integrity, which was established to examine allegations of falsification, fabrication, and plagiarism in Public Health Service-supported research. That office was moved administratively in 1992 to the (then) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, where it has essentially remained to this day and from which I retired in April 2010. I specialized in clinical cases and cases with biochemistry and chemistry. Our biggest findings have been clinical – one in which the respondent went to jail for the misconduct and another in which the respondent was convicted of negligent homicide for falsifying entry criteria data.

My son is a practicing attorney in Raleigh, NC. He entered practice after a tour of duty in Navy JAG. His wife, Heidi, is also an attorney, and I have two grandchildren, Pierce, almost five, and Isabel, almost two, as I write this.

And through all of this I have bred and raised American Cocker Spaniels. I am a life member of the American Spaniel Club. My focus is on the breed (conformation), not agility or companion dog. I have had several champions and many with two major points. And so, at the outset, I told you I wanted to be a veterinarian!
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College: Engineering/Engineering Physics
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Spouse: Edi Guyton

I am currently a retired professor of mechanical engineering and an ombudsman for faculty at Georgia Tech. I taught for three years at Texas A&M and 33 years at Tech. I spent about two thirds of my career at Tech as an administrator in ME and in the College of Engineering, and at two different times served as Interim Dean of Engineering. The academic life was wonderful. I live in Decatur, GA with my wife of 28 years, Edi Guyton, also a retired academic. We have five wonderful children, my three boys and Edi’s two girls, as well as three super daughters-in-law, a great son-in-law, and three spectacular grandchildren, with one more on the way. In retirement, Edi and I travel; I do a good bit of reading; and I bicycle with a good group of folks here in the Atlanta area. I am not one of those folks who have trouble with retirement; I think I was born to be retired.

Portrait of James Narl Davidson painted by his son, Peter.
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Spouse: Jane Hilburt-Davis

After graduation from Cornell, I spent the next four years at Hahnemann Medical College (now Drexel) in Philadelphia. During this time, in 1963, I married Jane Hilburt, whom I had dated since high school, and who was a graduate of Keuka College. Following medical school, Jane and I moved to Cambridge, MA where I completed three years of a surgical residency at Boston City Hospital and where our first daughter Megan was born.

During the next two years, I was in the US Army, spending a year in Vietnam, a year at Fort Meade, MD, and our second daughter Rebecca was born. Following the Army, I changed specialties and completed a residency in Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. After finishing my training, we moved to Mississippi for a couple of years of practice at the U. of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. I then returned to the Tufts Medical Center and St. Elizabeth’s Hospital in Boston where I was Associate Professor of Anesthesiology until 1989 when I became Chair of the Anesthesiology Department at the Lahey Clinic. I remained there until I temporarily retired in 2007. Since then I have been spending half time back at the Tufts Medical Center.

After 30 years raising our two daughters in Lexington, MA, Jane, who is a consultant to family businesses, and I moved into a condo in Cambridge. Our daughters and their husbands (one son-in-law is a golf pro and the other is an assistant attorney general) live nearby in Billerica. We have four grandchildren, who give us plenty of opportunity to baby sit, and attend innumerable sporting events. When not busy at work, we all enjoy spending as much time as possible at our cottage in Cundy’s Harbor Maine.
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I am living in a round, two-story house on several acres of garden. There is ample wildlife and gorgeous color all year. I make jewelry and market it at local art shows. Getting here was so unlikely and so bizarre that I hardly believe it myself!

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Spouse: Cor

After graduating from Cornell and receiving an MSW from the U. of Michigan, I worked as a medical social worker at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in NYC. After three years, I married and moved to Maine for four years before moving to Delaware in 1971. All told, we raised five children and I was a stay-at-home mom doing all the routine volunteer work and carpooling that goes along with that job.

When my first three children were teenagers and had reached the point in their lives that I knew nothing, I went back to school for a ScD in Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology from Johns Hopkins U. School of Public Health. This was both exciting and scary since I had never before used a computer. I had been accepted at Hopkins, but had not yet started at the time of our 25th reunion. After finishing, I thought it would be fun to change coasts and we moved to Seattle where I did a post-doc with the U. of Washington and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center before working as an Immunization Epidemiologist for the WA State Dept. of Health.

I am still working and commuting to Olympia and have no plans to retire in the near future.
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Spouse: Paul B. Deignan (Hotel ’62)

We retired in 2005 in Nevada, built a new house and moved across country to Gettysburg, PA. With our children all living in distant locations, we decided to move back east nearest our daughter. Long ago, Gettysburg was one of the “forks in the road” that was not taken, so after following the job during Paul’s career, we finally got to choose our destination. Food service management folks are apt to move often, and we did. We lived in 10 states, met many wonderful people and saw a good deal of this great country. Fortunately, we settled down (in Minnesota) during our kids’ school years. Now, when we’ve lived in one place for 4 or more years, I begin to wonder if it’s moving time again. Probably it’s wiser now to break that habit and just travel rather than get out the packing boxes.
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Spouse: Mary E. Davis ’62

Retired to Gettysburg in 2006 after 40 years in Healthcare Foodservice. During my career, we lived in 10 states and moved 16 times. Lived in Minnesota 16 years where we raised our four children and enjoyed many career highlights. Next move – Kendal at Ithaca!

When Mary and I married in ’62, we could never have envisioned all the good things and great people we have experienced while seeing all 50 states and some distant places. I figure I’ve served over 10 million meals and had 10,000 direct staff over the course of my career. Being selected by Restaurant & Institutions magazine as one of 50 foodservice professionals who changed how service was delivered in their segment of the industry has made all the challenges worthwhile.

Everyday, I thank God for my wife Mary. I never would have imagined when she sat next to me in Prof. Sherry’s law class that we would be true life-long partners. How lucky can a guy from NJ, who only had five cents in his pocket for tea at Noyes Lodge, get?

Another piece of luck we experienced was returning to Cornell in ’71 to work for Art Jaeger (’62 Hotel), who was director of Cornell Dining, and becoming the Hotel School’s first MPS student through the grace and patience of Prof. Myrtle Ericson. I jumped onto the work of Clint Rapole in Ready Foods and applied the principles to healthcare and working with PT students in Dining and changed everything I previously had ever been taught about getting work done.

In retirement, I continue to be active in my professional associations and truly enjoy serving as a military foodservice awards evaluator. I still can’t imagine me – I was “4-F!” – an Army Brigadier General. But I got a plaque that says so! Had a lot of fun getting my Frosh Cross Country teammates from our championship team together to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Think Cornell is making a big mistake not including “Teams” in its Hall of Fame. Also have been active with the Lions and ushering at church. Mary and I travel to see our kids and five grandchildren, plus garden play with my model trains and attend the many cultural events in Gettysburg. Most of all, we enjoy friends and family visiting and showing off Gettysburg.
My tale is this. After graduating from law school through the Justice Department’s Honors Program, I was asked to submit an application for a position as counsel to the Panama Canal Company. I did so on a lark, but was offered the position and, after checking out the pay and benefits, took it. So we lived in Panama and the Canal Zone for four years. I then returned to Buffalo, joined a large firm headed by one of Cornell’s then trustees, and later formed my own firm. I remained in private practice until retirement.

My wife, Dolores, became a NYS Supreme Court Justice in 1976, and, in 1977, the first woman in the state to sit on an Appellate Court, and the first to serve as a Presiding Justice. Following her death in 2000, I retired and moved to Naples, FL where we had a second residence. In 2004, I married Maureen, widow of Gen. Thos. Bowen. Maureen had been a close friend of my late wife. We live in great comfort and happiness in Naples and Martha’s Vineyard.
Oh my...that is a lot of ground to cover in 500 words. Here goes...I worked in Arlington, VA after graduation, married my Cornell beau in 1965 and served in the Peace Corps in Guayaquil, Ecuador 1966-1967. Returned to Alexandria, VA in 1968, became employed with a US Department of Agriculture program, bought a house to restore in Old Town, Alexandria, started a family and stayed home to raise one and then two sons. Moved to Columbus, OH in 1974 for a brief period and then to Pittsburgh, PA in 1975. Bought a house, worked part time and continued to raise two sons. My husband told me that he needed “his own space” in 1977 so that began my life as a single mom. Obtained full-time employment as a nutritionist in the WIC Program (Women, Infants and Children) in 1981 and started graduate school at the U. of Pittsburgh at the same time. Four years later, I had MS (Master of Science) and RD (Registered Dietitian) as post-nomials, continued working full-time and coped with teenage sons’ antics. Whew...glad those years are over! Lost my parents in 1987 and 1991. Lost my older son in 1999 tragically. Supported my younger son who graduated from the U. of Virginia in 1994 and the Heinz School at Carnegie Mellon U. in 1998. He married in 2003 and now lives in Arlington, Virginia with his wife and two adorable children. I continued to work as the Director of the Allegheny County Health Department WIC Program and retired in early 2011 after 30 years of service. I would like to have a few good years to enjoy a slower pace of living and to visit my grandchildren more often. I share my life with Jay Miller who was a summer sweetheart in 1955. We re-connected in 1990, and currently enjoy gardening and genealogy among other things. Hopefully, he will help me accomplish my post-retirement ambition of cleaning out the attic and garage before I die.
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Spouse: Cynthia Cheros

The bromide that “careers and lives lived only make sense in hindsight” is right. So was my dad, who advised me to always pursue the work that I would choose to do if I did not have to work for a living. As a result, only now can I provide a somewhat rational explanation for a life of unplanned serendipity.

I practiced civil engineering long enough to design and build low-cost housing in Guayaquil, Ecuador as a Peace Corps volunteer. I earned a master’s degree in political economy, basing my thesis on the impact of a low-income housing project I studied in Bogota, Columbia. Drawing on these housing experiences, I served as the Federal Bureau of the Budget examiner for the Public Housing Administration and Urban Renewal Administration during Lyndon Johnson’s presidency.

When I returned from the Peace Corps, I launched the Model Cities Program in the District of Columbia to begin rebuilding the community shattered by the 1968 riots. I then helped other communities strengthen their Model Cities programs with Booz, Allen and Hamilton. Next, I launched a new Office of Budget and Management for Governor John Gilligan in the State of Ohio. Finally, on this march through each level of government, I launched a new Department of Planning and Development in Allegheny County (Pittsburgh) Pennsylvania.

My interests broadened once again, from urban to regional, as rampant suburbanization changed the face of human settlements. I launched a research institute that was a joint effort of Carnegie Mellon University, the University of Pittsburgh, and West Virginia University and directed an Intergovernmental Cooperation Program. Finally, I wrote a book on regional cooperation, Regional Excellence, and served as the Executive Director of the National Association of Regional Councils.

Now, I am making mixed attempts at retiring, but am still driven by my passion for building regional communities. I have restarted my column, “Regional Excellence,” and am writing a new book on regional charters. I consult on intriguing regional challenges, including helping to design and launch a new regional planning organization, the Flint Hills Regional Council, in the Junction City/Manhattan/Wamego Kansas region.

I have had children long enough to be the grandfather of Tadashi and Miayko, thanks to son, Matthew, and to watch my son, Zachary, graduate from college last December. My wife, Dr. Cynthia Chertos, made a midlife shift to pursue a divinity degree, and is the part-time pastor of the First Congregational Church in Silverton, CO, a town of 500 in the middle of the San Juan Mountains where we now reside.
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People are revealed by their heroes. George Kahin was my hero from my undergraduate years at Cornell. He became my advisor on my return to Cornell after “busting out.” He was the nation’s expert on the Vietnam War, saw its perils early on, and quietly and knowledgeably argued for other paths the nation might follow long before Vietnam became a national issue. As a prodigal student I received more than equal attention compared to the clutch of military, State, and CIA types often at his door. My motivation for doing well my last two years at Cornell was that I did not want to disappoint him. I absorbed his interest in Southeast Asia and he went out on a limb and got me into the London School of Economics and then into a job with the Ford Foundation in Southeast Asia. I had a superb boss, Dick Dye (a Cornellian) who (with Bill Gates from the Harvard Development Group) got me to go on for a PhD.

Married to Barbara Woodward in 1965, we went to Southeast Asia a month later for two years where aerograms were the major communication vehicle for keeping in touch with friends and family. Both our children were born there and each has spent formative years overseas on their own. After a PhD at Cornell, I took my first academic job at Purdue because of its tradition of public service and economic policy work. (It was also one of few jobs available.) This tradition has shaped my professional life. I spend sabbaticals in Washington, DC as advisor and worker bee on policy staffs, in rule making, budget tangles and program design. I do similar things in my own state where the state university performs several government functions. My arenas are: agriculture, resources, energy and climate.

There are three things that keep this policy economist awake at night: 1. Fiscal and trade deficits that have been building for more than a decade coupled with a public unwillingness to save or to pay taxes for the services we demand, 2. An unwillingness to get serious about declining K-12 education while declaring it doesn’t matter if manufacturing declines because we are the world’s knowledge leader, and 3. Politically redefining public goods like infrastructure and education as private goods.

While academic pursuits offer decreasing relative financial rewards, I am more than compensated by being able to do what I believe is important and by being able to speak truth to power.
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Spouse: Mona S. Don

I came to Cornell with Stephen Allen Kaplan, a classmate from Germantown Academy in Philadelphia. Upon graduation, Steve went to California to study history in graduate school while I returned to Philadelphia to enroll in law school at Temple University. Steve died in March 1964.

Following graduation from law school, I was an associate in a law firm engaged in private practice (1965 to 1968), assistant district attorney in Philadelphia (1968 to 1974), and counsel to the Civil Procedural Rules Committee of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (1974 to 2007). My position as counsel to the Rules Committee enabled me to make a contribution to the development of civil procedure in Pennsylvania and provided opportunities for writing and lecturing on that topic.

My wife, Mona, and I were married in 1972. At that time, Mona was a consultant in numerical analysis at the computer center of the U. of Pennsylvania. She “retired” to motherhood following the birth of our children. At various points, she taught math at Beaver College and at the Abington Campus of Penn State and participated in numerous volunteer activities.

Our daughter, Sara, was born in August 1973. She graduated from Tisch School of the Arts at NYU and lives in Toronto with her husband (Victor Hyman) and four children.

Our son, Michael, was born in October 1975. He graduated from Cornell and lives with his wife, Sarah, and two sons in Baltimore.

My wife and I came from Jewish families, conservative and reform, respectively. Both our children spent years in Israel and became observant, i.e., orthodox. We have followed in our children’s footsteps. After 31 years living in suburban Huntingdon Valley, just outside Philadelphia, in 2006, we moved into the Rhawnhurst section of Philadelphia and have become immersed in the observant community there.

Cornell has been ever-present through the years, especially from 1993 through 1997 when Michael was a student there. We have also enjoyed programs of the Cornell Adult University, both on and off campus. As a former manager of the wrestling team, I take pride in the recent accomplishments of that team (second place at the 2010 NCAA tournament!).

Each year as the Days of Awe approach, I stop at Steve Kaplan’s grave to remember and reflect. I am grateful for the blessings of past and present.
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Ithaca, for the second time around, is a great place to live as empty-nesters. My wife, Joan, is a Lesley College 1965 graduate, a 20-year children’s clothing-shop entrepreneur, and now a jewelry designer. We have two daughters and five grandchildren. Our small house was built on the east side of Cayuga with a view of the lake, not too “far above.” We play a lot of golf, and Joan is now the better golfer because I take too many lessons and get confused when I swing!

After large company life at IBM for eight years, and GE for 22 more, George Slocum ’62 and Dave Costine ’63 helped me get work at Cornell University in development. After starting to take free courses at Cornell, I was “stalked,” in a business sense, and bought a 140 year-old company in Ithaca. This small firm, Stewart Howe Alumni Service, provides outsourced alumni affairs and development services for about 200 non-profits. Clients are mostly fraternity and sorority house corporations at Cornell, MIT and about 40 other colleges in the Northeast. Work with alumni and undergraduate volunteers provides productive fulfillment.

My job is full-time, but I often work remotely, as does Joan. I do not plan to ever fully retire. We spend two winter months in Vero Beach, FL. We also try to do maintenance on a 1,000 square foot, summer-only cottage in Pocasset, MA, during several good weather weeks. The location is one street back from a pretty harbor on Buzzards Bay, on upper Cape Cod. We might try to design and rebuild this to be a year-round vacation spot.

If I had to do things all over again, perhaps my course of study would have been more liberal. A Bachelor of Science and some arts thrown in prior to business school might have provided alternate career directions. Maybe there is still time to study again with Cornell close by. My personal life choices would not change. I like to stay fit. Coaching those soccer girls for all those years was fun. Thanks for the wonderful Cornell friends and connections. Let the fun continue. Life is a game, albeit a serious game.
After graduating from Cornell, I worked for IBM for four years before setting off on a more entrepreneurial path in the business software industry. I’ve founded five companies over the years—Information Associates, Integral Systems, Business Software Corp., PeopleSoft, and now, Workday, where I currently serve as Chairman and co-CEO. I particularly enjoy working with the employees and customers, making sure they’re happy and well cared for.

I have three grown children from a previous marriage. Two work with me at Workday, and one is a veterinarian. My wife, Cheryl, and I have adopted seven more, ranging from an almost one-year-old to a junior in high school. We also have seven grandchildren. As you might imagine, our family keeps us very busy. We live in the San Francisco Bay Area for the school year and Lake Tahoe for the summers.

My family also supports a companion animal welfare foundation, Maddie’s Fund (www.maddiesfund.org), which devotes its resources to helping create a no-kill nation. I have been very fortunate through business to be able to establish Maddie’s Fund, to support the local schools my kids attend, and to give back to Cornell. I tried to retire once, but it didn’t work well for me. I discovered that I like to work, and I wanted my younger children to see me doing it. Plus, I have a big soft spot for software innovation and helping businesses operate more effectively.
I started in public school in my small town of Castleton, went to a private school in grades 7-9 in Albany, and then back to Castleton for grades 10-12. There, I met and began to go with my future husband, Bill. I went to Cornell — thrill I was able to attend the college that was my first choice. I went on to graduate school and then began to teach Home Economics at a new junior high school. I married in 1966, changed schools, and had two beautiful little girls. I then went on to teach science, math, and elementary classes throughout the years - 36 years in all.

We watched our children grow and compete in gymnastics. They went to their first choice of college – one as a gymnast and the other as a coxswain. They graduated, married, and have three girls and two boys between them. Now (2010), our wonderful grandchildren are eight years and younger. One family lives near Baltimore and the other near Charlotte. We travel to see them a lot as well as visit many other places. We have a boat that we spend a lot of time on in the summer, and see some of our Cornellian friends when we stop in New York City for the 4th of July fireworks. I still hike and climb mountains; Billy plays golf. It seems we are always with friends doing a lot of activities.

Being on the Albany Public Library Friends Board; in church groups, Appalachian Mountain Club, and Volkssporters, as well as several other clubs, keeps us quite active. Actually, where we live, there are many things to do. “If you are bored, it is your own fault.” We love it here and have been very happy together.
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I was commissioned as a Naval Officer in March of 1963. I attended Deep Sea Diver School and spent the next two years aboard USS Grapple in the Pacific. I was subsequently attached to the Naval Underwater Ordinance Station at Newport, RI until release in 1967. I have been in the Financial Services industry since...currently as a Registered Investment Adviser with Otto & Dunne Financial Group in Northbrook, Illinois.

I married in 1970. We have two daughters, five grandchildren, and a gun dog.
After graduating from Cornell, I earned a JD degree from the U. of Michigan Law School in 1965, where I was a member of the Michigan Law Review, graduated with distinction, and earned Order of the Coif honors. I practiced law in Chicago with Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson from 1965 to 1970, specializing in labor law. I was then a Professor of Law at the U. of Michigan (1970-75 and 1977-80) and at Harvard Law School (1975-77), earning tenure at both schools. In the late 1970s, I served as Chairman of the Board of Amtrak. I was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit by President Carter in 1980. I served as Chief Judge from September 15, 1994 until July 16, 2001, and took Senior status on November 3, 2005. I have continued as an active member of the court since taking senior status. During my years as Chief Judge, I worked hard to achieve collegial relations among the members of my court. This was easily my most satisfying accomplishment as Chief.

I continued to teach even after my appointment to the Court of Appeals. Since 1980, I have taught at a number of law schools, including: Duke; Georgetown; Harvard; Pennsylvania; Michigan; the Peking University School of Transnational Law; and NYU School of Law where I have been a Visiting Professor of Law since 1990. Teaching remains the “first love” of my professional life.

I have co-authored five books, including: Labor Relations Law in the Public Sector; The Lawyer as a Negotiator; Collective Bargaining and Labor Arbitration; Higher Education and the Law; and Federal Standards of Review. I have also published numerous articles dealing with legal education, appellate decision making, empirical studies, forensic science, judicial process, federalism, comparative law, legal ethics, judicial administration, professionalism, labor law, equal employment opportunity, labor arbitration, higher education law, and alternative dispute resolution.

From 2007 through 2009, I served as the Co-Chair of the Forensics Science Committee established by the National Academy of Sciences. This was one of the most challenging and interesting projects I have ever worked on. For a number of years, I served, variously, as a teacher, director, and mentor at the Unique Learning Center in Washington, D.C., a volunteer program to assist disadvantaged inner-city youth.

The greatest joys in life are my spouse, Pamela Carrington-Edwards, my son and daughter, my grandchildren, and my close friends who have become part of my family.
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I’m still beavering away, having fun everyday with my new business 2GoMedia, a global marketing company tied to the travel world. I’m anticipating with glee a move from Florida to places unknown for at least part of every year with my wonderful wife, Jacqueline. I just can’t use the “R” word yet! Of my five children, two are still in school at UCLA and USC, so California beckons. I have helped four of my children in their business careers. I have lots of grandchildren and still more to come. I am very proud of Cornell and have remained involved with the Cornell Hotel School for more than 20 years. It has truly been a great time.
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Marital Status: Single

After graduating from Cornell, I completed my Master’s in English with honors from Columbia University. While still living in NYC, I respectively taught at Columbia University, worked on Wall Street, and conducted a special research project for the Rockefeller Foundation Trustees. After moving for some time to the West Coast with a love interest, I returned home to the East Coast.

Since moving to Philadelphia, I have been involved in politics (political science being one of my undergraduate majors) and community activities. In the most recent years, I have devoted much of my energy and resources to Planned Parenthood Southeastern Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia Zoo. Through Philadelphia Futures, I have also mentored/sponsored an inner-city African-American student whom I met when she was in the eighth grade. She has now completed her undergraduate work at Penn State University, her graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania and is the mother of one son – my “grandson” since, at this point, I am the only living “grandmother”.

I have traveled extensively and have engaged in life-long learning – informal as well as formal. Currently I’m continuing my ontological study with Dr. Fernando Flores regarding pluralistic networks. I have participated on the following Boards: Board of Directors, World Learning, Brattleboro, Vermont; Board of Directors, Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia; Board of Directors, Planned Parenthood Southeastern Pennsylvania; Board of Directors, Philadelphia Zoo Docent Council; Board of Directors (Session). Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church (3500+ members). My travels have included: North America, Central America, South America, British Isles, Europe, Africa, Middle East, Asia, Far East.

Although I have never married, I have enjoyed several rewarding long-term committed heterosexual relationships, two of which outlived various friends’ marriages. I am blessed with three siblings – one niece, six nephews – five grandnieces, six grandnephews – and one “grandson” – most of whom live within a 50-mile radius.
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Spouse: Anita Sigel Eichler

I am a retired developer of healthcare services companies. My wife and I are busy with family, friends, community services, consulting, travel, tennis, and director roles on several Boards. I also stay busy as an artist and a jazz pianist.

Our son, David, also a Cornell grad with graduate degrees from UVA-Darden and Georgetown, is a partner at Psilos, a healthcare private equity bank. He lives with his family in Summit, NJ. Our daughter, Lauren Eichler Berkun, graduated from Princeton and the Jewish Theological Seminary. She is a rabbi and an educator and lives with her family in Aventura, FL.

Our five grandchildren, ages eight weeks to nine years, are of course the light of our lives.
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Marital Status: Widower

To begin with, I’m grateful that I’ve made it (hopefully) for the past 50 years. I’m retired now, splitting my time between my homes in Florida (Sarasota) and Manhattan. This comes after a 48-year career in broadcast news and public relations.

My extra-curricular activity at Cornell set me on my career path. I was a stage manager for the Cornell University Theatre and an officer of the Cornell Dramatic Club. That gave me the chance to write, produce and narrate my very first radio program on WHCU. And I was hooked. After Cornell I went on to get my Masters in Broadcast News from the Medill Graduate School of Journalism at Northwestern University.

While still at Northwestern I worked as a writer-reporter for WLS/ABC Radio News in Chicago. I helped cover the Midwest reaction to the JFK assassination. In 1965, I left Chicago to become a radio and TV reporter and newscaster in Elkhart and South Bend, Indiana. My big break came two years later when I came back to New York to join the staff of the late, great WNEW Radio News.

I spent 24 years at WNEW, eventually becoming News Director. During those years I covered five New York mayors and most every story from the Newark riots to the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert Kennedy. In 1969, I was dropped into the original Woodstock by helicopter. I also did reporting from the Middle East, East Berlin, and Ireland. For 14 years I was a New York-based correspondent for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, as well as handling stories for the NBC and Mutual radio networks. I served as editor for Fox Television’s “Good Day New York” and for UPN9 News on WWOR-TV.

In the ‘90s I became Director of Public Affairs, handling the press for the giant Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York, retiring in 2005 to be with my beautiful late wife of 26 years, Betty Silva-Eisgrau, in her final days.

Some 50 years after graduation, I push on, handling PR clients north and south, producing videos, and am very involved in alumni affairs. I’m immensely grateful for a wonderful career and, with its joys and tragedies, a very fortunate life.

One constant: Cornell. Thank you Big Red.
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After 40 years of living in Oceanside, NY, where my husband, Michael, and I raised two daughters, we are now retired and living in Hopewell Junction, NY. Our daughters are married, have careers, and one of them is the mother of our two grandchildren. After leaving Cornell, I earned an MSW before launching a career that was highlighted with three major positions: Extension Agent for Cornell Cooperative Extension; Founding Program Director of the Richard Smith Department of Parent Education at NY Foundling Hospital and COO and acting CEO of Talbot Perkins Children’s Services in NYC. These gave me opportunities to work with a variety of communities in support of parents in every socio-economic sphere. I look back on my life as satisfying, pleasure filled and fortunate.
I left Cornell for the U. of Illinois where I studied stratigraphy and paleontology under Ralph Langenheim, finally finishing my MS in 1968, my path through graduate school seriously slowed by the arrival of LSD on campus in 1965. After two years of adventures in Berkeley, I returned to Illinois for three semesters of PhD studies in structural geology. Following the birth of our first son, Geoff, we moved back to Berkeley where I taught environmental science for a year at UCB. I was active in the antiwar movement and found myself arrested on three occasions (long hours of boredom punctuated by episodes of fear when they came in to thump a few heads). I ended up working at Woodward-Clyde Consultants in 1973, where I specialized in evaluating seismic hazards to critical structures (nuclear power plants, dams, pipelines, radioactive waste repositories and the like). The 1970s were the heyday of the plate tectonics revolution and the geology of the western US was ripe for reevaluation and synthesis.

For 15 years my colleagues and I did cutting edge seismo-tectonic research in many areas in the United States and overseas. It was an amazing group to be part of. My most significant contribution was to identify the Sierra Nevada and Central Valley of California as the geomorphic expression of an enormous westward tilted block of the Earth’s crust, bounded by faults on all sides but little deformed in the middle. The area where the Great Valley meets the Sierra foothills turns out to be seismically the safest place in the state. At home, the twins, Ben and Catia, came in 1974 – quite a surprise in those days before ultra-sound. Divorced from my first wife in 1977, eventually I married Anodea Judith in 1989. We left Berkeley and Woodward-Clyde in 1993 after all my kids had graduated from Berkeley High, and moved to Sonoma County where I now do environmental geologic consulting (cleaning up the mess other people make).

For fun I’ve hiked, backpacked and river rafted through the wilderness, traveled the world and attended several hundred Grateful Dead concerts. I’m an unreconstructed psychedelic relic and a devout Pagan pantheist. It’s been quite a ride and it’s not over yet.
It is hard to believe that 50 years have passed since I graduated from Cornell with a degree in Food Science. As I reminisce I know that the education I received at Cornell is the bedrock for my success. The pivotal experience was during the summer of my junior year when I did lab work for Lipton Tea, which is a division of Unilever. The following year, upon graduation, I was offered a research project for Unilever at their laboratories in Bedford, England. After completing the project I treated myself to a new 1962 Jaguar XKE with the proceeds. I then traveled around England, Wales, and Scotland for one month with other Unilever researchers. After returning to the United States I fulfilled my military obligations by becoming a medic in the New York National Guard. I then joined the family Food Seasoning business in 1963 and worked in all levels of management, production, and sales. My ambition was always furthering the growth of our family business, which now has manufacturing facilities in New York, San Francisco, and Toronto.

Today, First Spice is a third generation business operating for over 70 years. We make seasonings and food processing aids for the food industry including soup seasonings to nut seasonings and everything in between - meat, poultry, fish, chips, and meat analogues. Many of our products are specialty proprietary blends for over 1,000 customers over our three facilities.

In 1964, I met and married Phyllis Rosenthal and we have three daughters. When they were young I never expected to see women in the business world. But over the years expectations and values changed and they are all now working productively and successfully in our family company. Marcy Epstein (Cornell ’88) heads research and development, Vicki Miller (Brandeis ’90) is operations manager, and Wendy Epstein (Cornell ’93) does marketing and finance. Now that our business is secure and well managed, I feel the thrill of having a good education and passing it down to my children and grandchildren.

Cornell holds a special place in my heart and it seems that as far as we get from the hill, there is someone not far behind about to begin their journey of a lifetime.
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At age seven, I was diagnosed with rheumatic fever. The prescribed treatment at the time prohibited participation in competitive sports. I can’t say being excluded from sports drove me to become what would now be called a geek, but understanding how things work has always been important to me. I can still picture in my mind one of my earliest projects, to investigate what made the kitchen clock tick. The ultimate outcome was my father replacing it with one of those, then new, electric clocks. Over time I became more cautious, but I continued to dissect model trains, old radios, record players, a movie projector, Army surplus electronics and other “unwanted” items, to see how they worked.

Cornell’s engineering program served me well. Classmates will argue that much of the undergraduate Electrical Engineering curriculum at that time was useless in that it placed too heavy an emphasis on old-school heavy electrical machinery. However, Big Daddy Osborne’s courses taught me that an essential part of solving complex problems in a reasonable amount of time required making and testing approximations and assumptions. The full-grunt solution approach may get you the answer, but not in the one hour allowed for the examination or within the budget set by industry.

In contrast to the more general undergraduate education, Hughes Aircraft Company’s intense interest in the specific work I did for my Master’s degree landed me my first job. That assignment unexpectedly led to 30 years of technically challenging and lucrative employment with Hughes that repeatedly called for me to quickly become an expert in new fields. The broader mathematical and problem solving skills learned at Cornell were essential to my career success. There was no way that the faculty could have taught me all the facts that I would need during that 30-year span.

In the 1990s, Hughes’ ownership changed, and its emphasis on technology development, the work that interested me, waned. In 1996, I took early retirement to begin another career owning and managing residential income property, something my grandfather and my father and his brothers had done for most of their lives. The timing of my retirement was very fortuitous, as my subsequent ride up California’s property-value escalator has reduced my concerns about the durability of Hughes’ retirement package.

More important yet, the job with Hughes brought me to Southern California where I met my wife, raised a son and a daughter, developed an almost-athletic interest in water sports, and formed active social bonds with several other Cornell alumni and their spouses.
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My primary feeling in thinking about this response is gratitude. I am so grateful to the Cornell professors who excited me about studying and taught me to be a lifelong learner, for the friendships I developed at Cornell and have maintained through five decades, and for the experience of being in a beautiful stimulating place for four incredible, formative years. I am grateful that I met my wonderful husband at Cornell and that our marriage has grown and thrived for almost 50 years. I have been blessed with three wonderful daughters to whom I feel very close, and with whom I enjoy adult relationships and many shared interests. I have been privileged to have a wonderful career in fields that were cutting edge – computer programming in 1962, obtaining an MBA 15 years after graduating from Cornell, directing one of the first Physician Assistant programs in the country, and starting my own business in medical practice management in 1987. I am thrilled that I retired in 2007 while still active and involved in many areas so that I could focus on the next stage of my life. I have returned to playing the piano on a regular basis, a lifelong passion and love. I spend time each week with three local granddaughters and savor extended visits with two others who live at a distance. I study all kinds of subjects in formal classes, peer group settings, and one-on-one lessons. I serve on several non-profit boards and mentor young women. Perhaps most of all, I am grateful that my health has remained good so that I can thoroughly engage with the people and things I love. I try not to look forward or backward, but to stay in the moment and savor the riches that I am so fortunate to enjoy.
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After leaving Cornell in ’64 when I received my DVM degree, I moved about practicing veterinary medicine and developing a specialty interest and certification in internal medicine and cardiology. I was in several private group practices in NYC, then Berkeley, CA and finally in Los Angeles at the California Animal Hospital Veterinary Specialty Group. During this period of time, I was involved not only in clinical medicine but teaching interns and residents, managing the practice and developing writing skills so that over a period of years I became known for my Textbook of Veterinary Internal Medicine, now in its 7th edition and published in five languages.

While keeping busy at work, I remarried and have five children: Nicole (40), Andrew (38), Michael (17), Robert (14) and Richard (10). We spend a good amount of time and with my wife, Pat (Ohio State U.: BSE ‘83, DVM ‘87), we spend much of our free time in the Eastern Sierra mountains where we have a second home and where the boys ski, snowboard, hike and mountain bike. We enjoy these activities with the kids and travel with them, as well. They are very lucky to experience as many different places as they do, and to enjoy travel and the excitement of being in different countries and continents. I am still working, although this past year I have bowed out of day-to-day practice and spend more time writing and consulting for a number of companies.

My free time is limited to working, the children, and Cornell, where I have been on the veterinary school council, the University Council and, most recently, elected to the Board of Trustees as an Alumni Representative. I have maintained close ties with the school and many of our former and current faculty. This has been a fantastic opportunity to return some of the benefits I received from the school while we were all there.
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In thinking about my “life story” I find it strange and relevant that I rewind the clock back to my years at Cornell. I enjoyed my five years in electrical engineering even though it was a grind. Thank goodness there was a lot of snow back then – before global warming. I stayed inside studying. I did go outside rowing with Crew with my sweatshirt cracking because it was frozen. If I had been smarter I would have gone out for the sailing or the tennis team, sports I could have continued. (PS: My son, also a Cornell graduate, did pole vaulting!)

Hard work at Cornell landed me a job with AT&T Bell Labs. They paid for me to return to Cornell for my MS degree and later for a PhD at NYU. I married Linda, a blind date from Wells College. We had a wonderful last year at Cornell living like king and queen on my $8,000 salary from Bell Labs. I had a hard time not spoiling this by getting my degree in one semester due to all the extra credits I took as an undergraduate. I think I took 10 credit hours the first semester and 22 the second.

Eventually this ended and I worked 32 years at Bell Laboratories. Most of those years were wonderful. There were smart people everywhere and world-class experts in many fields available with a walk down the hall. I had a Nobel Prize winner on my team at one time. The sad ending is that Bell Laboratories is now a quarter of its former size and the magnificent building I worked in is for sale and surrounded by growing weeds.

After Bell Laboratories, I became a professor at Rutgers University. I worked three days a week, then two. Five-day weekends were nice. Too bad it took me my entire career to figure this out.

Now, Linda and I are really enjoying retirement. We spend half the year sailing and half in our home in New Jersey.
In Spring 2010, I’m winding down a career in printing and publishing – mostly newspapers – and sampling a few options of things to do more for interest rather than for financial potential. The newspaper industry has been much diminished during the last five years, but I’ve enjoyed a good run, starting with The Cornell Daily Sun in Ithaca and extending through 14 years at the NY Daily News and then 28 years with a consulting practice in print/publishing operations.

Cornell gave me opportunities for a lot of firsts in my life. I got to run a substantial business (The Sun) at the age of 21. I took my first airplane ride on a Cornell-chartered Piper Apache sent from Ithaca to Detroit one December Sunday in 1961 to ferry Rep. Henry S. Reuss ’33 of Wisconsin to a Cornell appearance. I even got to include my girlfriend (and fellow Sun person) on the trip.

I’m glad to have known well Deane W. Malott, Cornell’s sixth president, and to have had regular and unfiltered access to him. He was always truthful and often candid about how decisions happened, and my interviews with him were my first access to the processes of power.

Definitely Cornell and probably all major universities of our era were just embarking on the great higher-ed positioning battles that consume so much energy today. Cornell’s first director of university relations was loaned by DuPont (courtesy of CU Trustee Harold Brayman ’20) as Cornell prepared for its centennial campaign, and I valued greatly the opportunity to have candid conversations with him about what Cornell meant to students and other constituencies. My experiences during preparation for the centennial campaign are a major factor in my understanding and appreciation of Cornell today.

I moved from Cornell to ROTC-based Navy service, and then to the NY Daily News, where I drove some major operational changes. But NYC newspaper labor relations were so self-defeating that I left there in 1979 for a fascinating three years in cable television. My employer was sold in 1982, and I used a severance package to migrate into independent consulting, via which I’ve worked for about a third of the 100 largest U.S. newspapers and many smaller ones.

I’m the proud father of two daughters, with mothers to whom I’m no longer married. Neva (Cornell ’91) lives in SF with her husband, Paul Levy, and works for Chlorox in marketing. Caitlin (Barnard ’02) continues in LA, where’s she’s spent most of her life. She’s the personnel administrator for a major foundation. Spouse Patti Myers (Ohio State ’72) and I are business partners in print consulting as well as personal partners. My sister announced following my third wedding that “Alan finally got it right.” I hope so.
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Cornell has played a major role in my life. My undergraduate experience was transforming because my chemistry and chemical engineering courses showed me how molecules can be agents in the healing process, shaping my entrepreneurial career in life sciences. The influence of great professors who taught the electives I chose in the Arts College, the chance to interact with students with diverse majors, and my sampling of the vast range of extracurricular activities all contributed to my life long interest in learning.

Following Cornell, I worked in basic polymer research at DuPont, fulfilled my ROTC commitment as an Army Intelligence Officer, and earned an MBA from Harvard Business School. I then spent 22 years at the consulting firm Arthur D. Little. Early on, I founded a global technology industry information business that grew rapidly and became Arthur D. Little Decision Resources (ADLDR). In 1983, I joined the management Committee of Arthur D. Little, with responsibility for significant parts of its global operations. My true passion was the entrepreneurial challenge of building ADLDR and, in 1989, I led a buy-out of the subsidiary. After spending the next 15 years as CEO of Decision Resources, Inc., which is now continuing to grow and prosper as the leading provider of strategic information on biopharmaceutical, medical device, and health insurance industries, I sold my majority holding in the company.

Devoting significant time serving on not-for-profit boards focusing on enhancing education and healthcare quality has been my avocation for 20 years. In 2009, I stepped down as a vice-chairman of the Cornell Board of Trustees, but continue as a board member of the Weill Cornell Medical College as well as the Harvard-affiliated Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and two healthcare foundations, The Commonwealth Fund and The Picker Institute.

Nancy and I find life very satisfying, enriched by ever-changing, interesting, and stimulating individual, family, and professional experiences. Closer relationships with friends and family, especially with more free time for our children and grandchildren are cherished. In addition to pursuing new interests, we spend time enjoying our weekend home in Lake Sunapee, New Hampshire as well as our passions – investments for Sam and golf for Nancy.
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We couldn’t have known, as we walked past Rand Hall 50 years ago with the gigantic computers humming within, what power we would have at our fingertips in just a few short decades. Surprises awaited us in family, career, and location as we navigated this changing world.

After I stayed at Cornell to get an MS in sanitary engineering, I started an engineering journalism career at the Water Pollution Control Federation (now Water Environment Federation) in Washington, DC. In 1966, I married Robert Franson ’61 (BEP ’62), who had been editor of the Cornell Engineer while I was Managing Editor. After he obtained his JD at UCLA and did further legal studies in Michigan, and after the birth of our son, David, we moved to Vancouver, BC, where Bob joined the Faculty of Law at the University of British Columbia.

We went to Vancouver for an initial two-year period – and stayed for 30 years! In early 1999, various considerations indicated a move back to the U.S. After visiting a number of locations, we settled on Santa Cruz, CA, a college town with a pleasant climate, a beautiful environment, and proximity to a big city (San Francisco).

In 1966, I had begun to do freelance technical editing, and in 1973 I became Managing Editor of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, a laboratory manual serving the water supply and pollution control community. Over the following decades, I was privileged to meet and work with many wonderful people whose efforts help to protect our fragile planet. Over the last decade, we steered the book through the addition of an on-line form to make the best new methods available more quickly and widely. I retired at the end of 2007.

What to do after retirement? No problem! For over 40 years, I’ve been an active player of recorders, playing with a group weekly and attending meetings of the local Recorder Society and occasional workshops. I also volunteer for our church food pantry. Bob and I have been active in Lifelong Learners, a group affiliated with UC Santa Cruz; the group has now become an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. It affords us many learning and social opportunities, from courses on opera to adventures dining out. Bob has been President this year – that’s kept us very busy!

In early 2008, our son and his wife, Suzie, (both Cornell ’91) adopted two wonderful children, Grace and Gary, who were then four and six. Our greatest joy over the past two years has been to see the children grow in so many ways, and our greatest hope is that we can continue to be active grandparents and contribute to their happiness and development.
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We currently live at Bryce Ski and Golf Resort in the western mountains of VA where we moved in our retirement five years ago. We love it – beautiful environment, lots to do, and a wonderful community of folks. There are several Cornellians living here.

I’ve practiced occupational therapy for 46 years and am still doing some consulting. Dave and I have lived in many places as the Navy moved us about in his years as a pilot. We have three wonderful daughters and sons-in-law, three super grandsons, one delightful granddaughter, one cool dog, and three granddogs. We are involved in many volunteer activities so are still waiting to “really” retire!

Life is and has been good.

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After an initial career with IBM, I built the American subsidiary of a Swedish company to national prominence. This resulted in our being acquired by a billion dollar British conglomerate. About 85% of Automatic Teller Machines in US have our mechanism in them. For last 15 years, I have been the President of Greenwich Search Partners LLC, now d/b/a WSI Internet Consultants. We do internet marketing for small and medium-sized companies.

We live in a large beach and golf community in Florida and in my lakehouse in Kent Connecticut.
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Advanced Degrees: MA, PhD (both NYU)
Spouse: Vincent

Personally, I am retired and love it. I have very absorbing hobbies. I am a competitive shotgun shooter (sporting clays, FITASC) and just made AA class. My husband and I take lessons in ballroom dancing and Argentine tango and enjoy dancing together. We have a beautiful garden with many interesting woodland wild flowers and shrubs and interesting native plants. I have recently become very interested in photography and have been taking courses over the internet and attending camera club meetings to learn more about various aspects of photography like High Dynamic Range and landscape and nature photography.

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Spouse: Jan

Jan and I have two daughters, Lauren and Michelle. Lauren has three children and Michelle has one.

In 1964, I went into the home building and real estate development business, which was my dream. Later, I also started an equity lending business. I retired in 1999 and we moved from Mount Kisco, NY to Naples, FL in 2009.

After leaving Cornell and the Big Red Band, I continued playing trumpet in a ‘30s style Big Band.
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Advance Degree: Masters (Dominican U.)
Spouse: Kent

As a shy, innocent, 16-year-old Brooklyn girl entering Cornell, I could never have imagined where I would be at this stage of my life. During my junior and his senior year, I met my future husband, Kent ’61. His trajectory was medical school in Buffalo and, for practical reasons, I prepared to teach there. Three years later, I became pregnant with our daughter, Susan, who was born at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Manhattan, where Kent was an intern. Much to our surprise (given Kent’s grueling schedule), five months later I was pregnant again with our son, Jeff. When Jeff arrived, we lived in Maryland, where Kent worked at NIH. For the next three years, we lived in Yonkers/Scarsdale, NY while Kent did his residency at Mt. Sinai and I worked at the nursery school. Then we headed west to the San Francisco Bay area where Kent had a fellowship at UCSF.

While Kent was building his cardiology practice in San Francisco, something about the California air inspired me to start writing parodies and songs - both lyrics and music. Soon after that, I started teaching again, giving me the opportunity to conjoin my two loves: children and music. In addition to teaching third grade, I became the school’s Chorus Director and Drama teacher.

Before we knew it, our children were preparing to move on to college: Susan to attend UC Davis and, the following year, Jeff to attend Dartmouth. Susan married and settled in Maryland, has three darling children, works, volunteers and goes to graduate school. Jeff married, became a Sports Producer, first for CBS in New York and then for the Golf Channel in Orlando, where he is now Coordinating Producer.

For 27 years, I gleaned tremendous gratification from teaching, writing songs, and writing/directing plays for children. Five years ago, I finally decided to retire. The following fall, I gathered six like-minded friends and formed an a cappella singing group, “Rita & The Cosmos.” This is our fifth year of performing all over the Bay area. It’s both challenging and gratifying for me, since I create the musical arrangements, schedule the bookings, and do the publicity. For the first time in my life, I actually have a business card!

Since I retired and Kent has reduced his workload, we’ve been able to do much of the traveling that we’d postponed earlier. In the last few years, we’ve visited Europe, Asia, South America, and Mexico. We hope to travel more in the future. Much of our free time is spent reading, working out, playing golf and visiting friends and family, including my 95-year-old father, in Florida.

It’s a wonderful time in our lives. We just don’t want it to go too quickly!
We, turning 70, are surely the survivors of our generation. I feel fortunate to be here, living near our children and grandchildren, still enjoying what I do best – working with children who cannot talk – and having a community of friends, both far and near. The center of our lives in Texas is our fitness program, with a beloved trainer, who keeps us strong and quick on our feet. We might trip, but we don’t fall!

I met my husband, Norman, a psychologist and writer, when I was a graduate student at Stanford, and until now, we have always been part of and lived near university communities in Palo Alto, Tallahassee, and Toledo. (I say I will only live in a town with the letter l in the middle). He is a man of great energy and imagination, so life has never been boring. Our most recent move, to Dallas, has allowed us to have our children and their families in our lives, and hopefully to be creating some archival memories for them for the future. We adjusted well to the move, but Texas is, indeed, “a whole other country!”

It’s hard to fathom that 50 years have passed since our Cornell graduation. I have vivid pictures in my mind of those days – even as my short-term memory plays tricks on me. My favorite moments at reunions are when voices and gestures of physically changed classmates tune us right back to the entities we were.
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I left Cornell in June and married Emmy Lou Chatterton a few weeks later. My first job was as a credit analyst on Wall Street, but after only a few months I realized banking wasn’t for me. I landed a job with Time Inc. as an ad sales trainee with Life magazine in the Chicago office. After a year in a training position, I was asked to join the Time ad sales staff back in New York. I spent the next 26 years with Time in various capacities, from ad salesman to Travel Ad Manager to New York Manager and Associate Advertising Director. During this period, I had the chance to meet many business and political leaders around the world and experience how business is conducted in a variety of industries and cultures.

In 1992, I moved to Smithsonian magazine as head of the NY Advertising Office. This was also a very rewarding experience as I got to meet many of the interesting people who run the various Smithsonian museums and the National Zoo. I ended my career at the Smithsonian as Director of Advertising Services. My final assignment was to begin the process of seeking commercial funding for the Smithsonian’s website which at the time was the second largest in the world behind the site for the Library of Congress.

Emmy Lou and I have two grown children, Brad, a marketing manager at Yahoo in CA, and Kim, a property manager with Casey Management in Sarasota, FL. We have one grandchild, Emma.

Though retired for more than 10 years now, we both remain very active in the community. I am Chairman of START (Solutions To Avoid Red Tide), a non-profit grass roots organization that raises funding for red tide research and creates educational outreach programs informing the public about how to react during red tide blooms. Emmy Lou and I have both been involved with developing the funding for two documentary films about red tide. “Guardians of the Gulf” is a full-length documentary that premiered at the Sarasota Film Festival and has aired as a PBS HD-TV special on stations in Tampa and St Petersburg, FL. Our second documentary, “Red Tide Refrain,” is a shorter, 20-minute film that has appeared on the Florida Education Network that is streamed into middle and high schools around the state and is being used as an environmental teaching guide by middle school science teachers in Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

Along with sneaking in a few rounds of golf and doing some painting with acrylics and an occasional guitar session, I also am a founding Board member of the Sarasota Bay Watch, an environmental organization that sponsors restoration projects for marine habitats and various forms of sea life. All in all, it has been a very satisfying retirement experience.
I didn’t walk out of Barton Hall with the rest of you. I was already at Michigan State U. in graduate school, having finished Cornell in January 1962. In the build-up to the Viet Nam War, my husband-to-be, John Stevens, wanted to have a draft deferment, which was available to graduate students. We spent 15 years at Iowa State U., where John was a Chemical Engineering Professor. After his death, I spent several years at SUNY/Buffalo, and the last 22 at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY where my husband, Bill, has been on the faculty. My employment, as I accompanied Chem E professors, has been in school food service, volunteer management for a hospice and a hospital, and most recently as Stated Clerk for Albany Presbytery in upstate NY. The years also included overseas work in Ankara, Turkey, London, England, Brisbane and Sydney, Australia.
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Spouse: Nam S. Glasier

After graduation, I immediately entered the Army and was sent to Fort Bliss, TX for training for duty in a HAWK missile unit. Upon completion of training I was sent to Korea for a one-year tour. I met my future wife during this tour. Future tours in the Army consisted of stops at Boston, MA (Missile Master – control of National Guard and Regular Army Hercules missile units), Korea again (I got married during this tour), Key West, FL (duty at a Hawk missile unit originally stationed there during the Cuban missile crisis) and Korea once again – for duty in the Korean Military Advisory Group (KMAG). My Army service ended after my KMAG tour in 1972.

My wife and I (and three children by this time) then moved back to New York State near my childhood stomping ground. I went to work for my older brother, Walter, who owned a dairy farm, while I looked for more permanent work. I applied for Civil Service work and in September of 1972 was hired by a (then) fledgling Federal organization known as OSHA. I spent the rest of my working career (23 years) at that organization’s Washington, DC headquarters as a Safety Specialist in the standards-writing part of the agency. I retired late in 1996. A fourth child was born to my wife and me in 1973.

I spent a brief stint in 2001 thru 2003 as the property manager of a 330-unit townhouse community in Bowie, MD.

My time now is divided between spending time with my grandchildren (I have eight), playing racquetball and (in the summer) softball. The softball league I play in is for seniors (ages 60 and up). The league is quite large and entails considerable travel in the DC - Baltimore area. We’re kept quite busy with games (usually doubleheaders) twice a week. Also, since my wife still works, I get to do most of the grocery shopping and housecleaning for our home here in Bowie, MD.
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I am now retired from 39 years of private law practice in Washington, DC. While Margie, my wife, continues to work as a Veterans Law Judge for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, I have been busy writing a book based on my father’s almost-daily letters to my mother, written in 1944 and 1945, as he crossed Europe in command of three mobile hospitals during World War II. In the course of this endeavor, I quickly discovered that I knew very little of World War II and worked to increase my knowledge of the war in Europe, gaining in the process an even greater admiration of our parents’ generation. Two summers ago, I returned to Cornell for a week-long course, “Writing Creative Non-Fiction,” which helped to put me on the right track with this project.

I am fascinated by new technology, gobble up the newest “I-tech” hardware and “beta test” the newest software. As an avid genealogist, particularly with Jewish genealogy, I have delighted in the availability and accessibility of data in the online world, brought on by technological advances over the past five or six years. As a result, I no longer resemble the oft-seen bespectacled elders in archival carrels, bowed under the weight of piles of paper indices while seated before a microfiche reader. How far we’ve come.

I survived a heart attack in the summer of 2004, which converted me into a regular participant in structured exercise as part of a cardiac rehab hospital-based program. It has worked for me and I’m a vocal advocate of these preventive medicine programs. I’m determined to see the rest of the world with Margie – we love to travel (cruising in particular). We hope soon to follow my father’s footsteps from Italy to France to Germany and to Austria. At home in Alexandria, we enjoy our two dogs and our garden. On top of all this, Margie has become a serious triathlon competitor, and I have been recruited as her coach, equipment manager, photographer and biggest fan.

My children, Megan, with the VERA Foundation in New York, and Eric, a lawyer-turned-entrepreneur in Santa Monica, have given us, together, five wonderful grandchildren. And Margie’s parents, brother and family, and niece and nephews, and my large family, add so much to our lives.

I cherish my friends, old and new, from Herkimer, Cornell, my law practice, our neighborhood, and happenstance, and consider myself blessed by the number of people who remain so close to us. Some of these friendships will draw us, for sure, to our 50th! I have been blessed with a wonderful family, dear friends, good health, and a rewarding career. I continue to look forward to each new day.
My husband and I live in Amherst, MA. We came here from Bethlehem, PA where we had lived for 25 years. In Bethlehem, I was a Reading Specialist in the local school district. My husband held several faculty and administrative positions at Lehigh University. We moved to Amherst, MA when my husband became the Dean of the Engineering College at the U. of Mass. in Amherst. Amherst is a beautiful college town and we like living here very much. I took a position as an assistant librarian in one of the elementary schools here – a dream job working with books, children and teachers! Unfortunately, my job was eliminated because of budget considerations a few years ago. So now I am retired (except for occasional substituting), but this has given me time to do some interesting volunteer work. One of the most rewarding volunteer jobs is teaching adults English as a second language. The other thing I have more time for is visiting our daughter, son-in-law, and our two wonderful grandchildren who live in Mountain View, California. After 11 years as Dean, my husband went back on the faculty and now teaches only one semester, enabling us to spend six weeks during the winter in much warmer California.

In addition to going to California, we have been fortunate to be able to travel to many countries around the world including England, France, Spain, Italy, China, Canada and Israel, to name just a few. As long as our health holds out (G-d willing), we hope to continue to travel to see the world, and more importantly, to see many good friends and family.
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Spouse: Yolanda

Worked for IBM in New York for several years. Moved to Florida. Started my own high tech company. Sold it after 12 years. I have been a college professor for the last 30 years. I taught at Broward College in Fort Lauderdale, FL for 30 years. I was also an adjunct professor at Florida Atlantic University and Florida International University. Broward College has over 60,000 enrolled students and used to be Broward Community College. For several years I was chairman of the Engineering Dept. Retired in 2007. Have two sons. One is a civil engineer and owns his own company in New Haven, CT. The other is vice president at MasterCard International in White Plains, NY
The five years I spent at Cornell introduced me to diversity, politics, travel, music, rebellion, and thinking out of the box. After Cornell, I spent two years working as a volunteer for International Voluntary Services Inc. in western Algeria, designing irrigation canals, terraces and reforestation projects on lands ravaged by war and neglect. After my return, Helen and I were married and moved to Purdue U. where I pursued graduate studies. Five years later yielded three more degrees and lots of new experiences.

Our next move was to the U. of Minnesota where I spent 38 years working in the Department of Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering. I taught classes on renewable energy, fluid dynamics, instrumentation in engineering and computer interfacing, appropriate technology for international development and environmental management. My research focused on renewable energy from agricultural waste materials. Digestion was used to create methane and then convert methane to hydrogen for use in a fuel cell. As a registered Professional Engineer, I have consulted on various engineering projects.

As a Boy Scout volunteer for many years, I have trained new volunteers at the troop, pack and district level. Scouting is a great place for young men and women to learn the leadership and life skills so important in today’s world. Our son is an Eagle Scout and I am a Silver Beaver recipient.

Since retiring in 2008, I am enjoying the free time, more time with family, and more time for our love of travel.
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ADVANCED DEGREES: MSW & DSW (Adelphi U.)
MARITAL STATUS: Divorced

I have lived in Smithtown, NY for the past 41 years and have a private practice in psychotherapy and psychoanalysis in town. I was married shortly after graduation, had three wonderful sons and was divorced after almost 25 years. After graduation from Cornell I worked for DCA Food Industries, where I developed and analyzed taste panels. Once I started having children, I became a stay-at-home mom. When my youngest son was in school full-time, I went to graduate school at Adelphi University and earned an MSW. Then I began working at Kings Park Psychiatric Center and at a clinic, and then at a school district, during which time I started my practice.

I went back to Adelphi in 1984 and earned a doctorate in clinical social work in 1988. The following semester, I began a Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis at the Derner Institute for Advanced Psychological Studies at Adelphi and received my diploma in 1992.

For many years I traveled to various parts of the world during my vacations. In recent years, however, I spend two long vacations a year in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Living on Long Island has enabled me to enjoy the best of two worlds – the peacefulness and tranquility of the Island and the excitement and culture of New York City. I have been fortunate to have wonderful people in my life – both family and friends.
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After graduating from Cornell, I immediately went to work for IBM as a systems engineer in the Banking and Brokerage Office in New York City. For my first assignment, IBM handed me two stop watches and sent me to the Federal Reserve to monitor the accuracy of computer usage meters. So much for my math education! I should have known then that the business world was not for me – I was the poor human operating in seconds versus the computer working in microseconds. All was not lost though. The lead systems engineer on the account was Dick, whom I married in 1965.

When Dick and I became engaged in 1964, I was asked to transfer from the office (how times have changed!) and I started teaching in one of IBM’s Education Centers. It was at this time that I learned about management science/operations research. This field is best described as applied mathematics, and employs mathematical modeling for the optimal allocation of scarce resources. I moved from the Education Center to IBM’s Petro-Chemical Office and was able to apply my operations research knowledge by assisting in the development and implementation of industry models.

I took a really early retirement from IBM in 1969 to raise our two daughters, Stacey and Linda. But my entrance into the field of operations research turned out to be a turning point for me. I was so enthusiastic about the business and social potential of this field that I later received advanced degrees in operations research, an MBA in 1980 and a PhD in 1985 from NYU. In 1985 I joined the faculty of Baruch College, CUNY, teaching operations research and quantitative modeling. I still teach at Baruch and love it, but retirement is looking more appealing to me every day.

Dick and I have lived in New York City since 1965. We enjoy travelling (we’re addicted to France and Italy) and also closely follow the New York restaurant scene. Dick is now retired from IBM, and does free-lance consulting. Stacey, a graphic designer who has recently started a life-coaching business, lives in South Orange, NJ with her husband Ron and their two children, Trey and Michael. Linda temporarily suspended her private tutoring business in New York and earned an MFA in poetry in 2010. She currently teaches creative writing at Johns Hopkins U. and splits her time between New York and Baltimore.

Many a Saturday morning you’ll find me with Sally (Elliston) Weiner and Nora Schonberg (Eleanor Garvin) having coffee in either Gramercy Park or our local café, trading the latest news prior to a trip to the Union Square Farmers’ Market.
In my fourth year of medical school, I spent several months in Ethiopia working on a research project, and the experience determined my course in life. After completing my MD, I trained in Internal Medicine at Vanderbilt and Johns Hopkins in Infectious Diseases. For much of that time, Susan earned a higher salary than I as a schoolteacher. I was then drafted and we spent 1970-72 in San Antonio at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center. Ultimately, I remained with the local medical school for the rest of my professional career. I retired in 2007 as professor emeritus.

Beginning with a 4th-year project at medical school, I spent short terms working as a volunteer in third world countries, initially Ethiopia, and since then in Mexico, Colombia, Costa Rica, and for last 10 years in Guatemala. We support medical and construction projects for indigenous peoples. I am self taught in Spanish. Susan and I often combine volunteer work with, on my part, medical research and teaching in my area of research, life-threatening fungal infections in vulnerable patients. I have been only partly successful in my efforts to retire.

My major hobby has been the culture of native orchid species from the various countries I have visited. Because many of these originated in the high Andes Mountains, they have generally encountered frying and freezing when I brought them to San Antonio. With an ever-enlarging orchid cemetery here, and a continuing call to work in the third world, Sue and I have made our country home in Guatemala. Just outside the city of Antigua, initially one of the colonial capitals of New Spain, we have a flourishing collection of orchids growing in an acre of trees and in a tiny greenhouse. We also continue our volunteer work in Guatemala during the four-five months a year we spend there.

Our kids have translated education at Yale, Smith, Princeton and U. of Texas Law School into careers in the History Department at U. of Nebraska (Andrew) and as the legal representative at the Texas branch of the ACLU (Lisa). In Texas the ACLU will never run out of work.
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College: Arts & Sciences/Economics
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After Cornell, I spent a year at the London School of Economics and Political Science in a post-graduate business program. I then went to Columbia to complete my MBA in Finance.

I began my business career with the Atlantic Refining Company in Philadelphia and spent about 10 years in various financial positions with Atlantic and its successor Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO). During the first energy crisis in the 1970s I joined the corporate planning department to work on energy policy. One of my responsibilities was to represent the company in a worldwide alternative energy strategy workshop that led to my co-authoring an article in Scientific American on the outlook for coal. A few years later, I joined the government relations office in Washington, DC and worked on synthetic fuels legislation, environmental, chemical and coal issues. This led to planning and public affairs positions in the coal, minerals and chemical divisions of ARCO, prior to my retirement in 2000.

I have also been very active in community affairs, chairing our township historical commission for several years and serving on a number of non-profit boards.

On personal note, I married Bonnie 41 years ago (the best decision I ever made) and we have raised two wonderful children. Dean is an attorney for the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington and Anne is an account manager with an internet-oriented advertising agency in San Francisco.

We have retired to Chapel Hill, NC and have a summer place in the Poconomountains of Pennsylvania, where I spend a lot of time fly-fishing and we both play golf.
Back home for Thanksgiving break in 1958, I decided to share with my working class parents the enlightenment I’d found at college. They, beaming with pride that their first-born and first-generation American had made it to a university, with a scholarship no less, and me, bursting with naïve enthusiasm after all the “knowledge” and experience I’d gained in just a matter of weeks.

“What I found out,” I told them, “is that money isn’t everything!” My father’s face hardened into a grimace. Glaring at me, he pounded his fist on the table, once, twice, three times. My mother’s face dissolved and she began to sob. “For dis vee sent our boy to college,” she said, shaking her head. “Vee haff lost our son.”

The first few decades of my life were spent trying to figure out what is going on in my life and in the world, and trying to arrive at some conclusions about how to live. It seemed that anything I learned I had to learn by trial and error. But I gloried in the achievements and found ways to crawl out of depression and failure.

Along the way I taught courses on how our concept of “truth” has changed over time, conducted seminars on Nietzsche, Freud and Jung, and taught courses examining how various literary works convey very different meanings in different translations. One’s culture creates the context, it seems to me, and one’s language defines the limits of thought. And even that is up for grabs. If you’re looking for “truth”, if you want certainty, forget about it.

The most satisfying aspect of putting transactions together, as I’ve been doing these past 30 years, is that one arrives at a definitive result. After all the negotiation, all the nervous angst and waffling on both sides, the parties sit at a table, sign papers, and walk away with something that’s final, legal and irreversible.

Insofar as I’ve been alert, considerate and loving, I’m pleased with myself. Insofar as I’ve been fearful, oblivious and docile, I’m displeased. I’ve enjoyed a wide range of emotional, spiritual and physical experiences and can genuinely say that I would do it all over again just as it happened, so long as I could arrive again where I am today.

Since I’m in excellent health and can look forward to a workout of some sort every day, since I’ve lived these past 22 years with the love of my life, since my son and my daughter have followed their hearts from day one, and since I love my work and can set my own schedule leaving time for plenty of reading and writing, how can I possibly complain? I can’t and I don’t.
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In anticipation of retirement at the end of 2000, my wife and I investigated many possible places to retire and chose the Lake Norman, NC area, which is just north of Charlotte - a great city. We built our dream house on Lake Norman and are very much enjoying our retirement years.

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After building and selling my third veterinary practice in Connecticut in the late 1980’s, my wife, Bonnie, our four cats and Mr. Higgins, the dog, moved to Westport, NY on the shores of Lake Champlain. We saw a charming derelict house in need of TLC, something we had extended to three houses in Connecticut and our first house in Columbus, OH, where we lived while I was a Captain in the US Army and then two years more, as the veterinarian at the Columbus Zoo.

Our three sons, their families and their children, have kept us humble, their education has kept us working, and their success has made us proud.

I am now retired from full-time practice and do relief assignments six months a year. The rebuilding of the house in Westport is near finished. I am writing a book on the “Cat in Human Societal Evolution: The interaction of humans and animals in the progress of human societies.”

I continue to enjoy providing the NCSPCA my training in the medical care of small animals and skills in the building and maintenance of the structure. Add to this, plans for great adventures, hiking and sailing, most of which, like as not, will never take place. Life is good.
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Following Internship at Charity Hospital, New Orleans (known as the "Big Free"), entered active duty, US Navy Submarine Service. Following Submarine Medical School, 6-mo course in New London, CT, got married, then Deep Sea Diving School Medical Officers Course, Washington Navy Yard, D.C. Joined my boat, USS Tecumseh, SSBN Blue Crew, for two deterrent patrols in the Pacific. Then served as Medical Officer Submarine Squadron One, Pearl Harbor, for the rest of my two and a half years active duty. Jacque and I did get to the beach often enough to keep the Viet Cong out of Hawaii. Didn't you all feel safe? Back to New Orleans for residency in ophthalmology, which included a year as chief resident at Mobile General Hospital, Mobile, AL. Wanted to stay near the water, so began the practice of general ophthalmology here in Ft. Walton Beach, FL. It's been a good ride.

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After two years in Army ROTC, I worked for various architectural firms in Ithaca, Washington, DC and NYC. I then returned to school for an MBA at Columbia and went into real estate. After some years at a real estate consulting firm, Landauer Associates in NYC, I was a co-founder of Sotheby’s International Realty, heading the firm’s Manhattan division and serving as Director. In 1984, I founded Halstead Property, now a large residential brokerage company with 1,000 brokers and employees in the NYC tri-state area. In 2001, I sold the company. Although I am semi-retired I enjoy my ongoing connection with my firm as Chairman and Founder. Sadly, I lost Carol, my beloved bride of 35 years, in 2002

I reside in Manhattan, Carmel, NY and Sanibel, FL. I take great pleasure in my daughters, Heather and Hilary, and, grandson, William who all live nearby in the city.
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College: Arts & Sciences/Government
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Spouse: Jan Prokop

I was one of the few fortunate ones who “double-registered” in the Cornell Arts/Law program, doing seven years in six. I graduated with my class of ’62, then finished my law degree in ’64. Spending six years at Cornell really shaped my future, not only my career path but my interest in the arts, science and culture.

In the summer of 1962, I married my college sweetheart, Maxine Schulman, and during the next two decades we raised three amazing children (Jill, Amy, and Mark.) Our marriage ended in 1984.

I had the most amazing good fortune at the end of 1984 of meeting Jan Prokop, who had come to New York from St. Louis to establish her career as an opera singer after receiving her doctorate from Indiana University. She did so, and we were married in 1988. Our family now includes six grandsons and a granddaughter, born just hours before writing this.

While I have always held true to my personal credo that “my best clients are my family,” I did also establish a delightful, challenging and loyal group of clients in my Trusts & Estates law practice in Manhattan. I have had only one job since graduation. The law firms have changed names, but it is basically the same group of lawyers. Where I spend most of my waking hours is now called Golenbock Eiseman Assor Bell & Peskoe.

In addition to law practice and family, my energies have been focused on travel and landscape photography, along with hand-crafting furniture in my woodshop. Our travels have taken us to about 25 national parks, Kenya and Tanzania and the great capital cities, ski mountains and golf courses of Europe, photographing along the way. My collection of tens of thousands of photographs finally ended up in a recently published volume, My Depth of Field. (www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/1750597)

I have also had the pleasure of having a home in Great Neck, NY, a small apartment in Manhattan and a hideaway in the Wasatch Mountains of Utah in Park City. In these three places, I have been able to golf, ski and hike, as well as attend concerts, operas and spend time with friends, which nourish both body and soul. I have also devoted much time to learning and keeping up with fast-changing technology, both at home and at work. Anyone who uses Photoshop will know what I mean.

In sum, so many of my life’s pursuits go back to Cornell and the huge impact it has had on my life.
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College: Architecture/Architecture
Advanced Degree: MArch (Cornell)
Spouse: Maddy '65

I finished my undergraduate degree requirements in Architecture, left for a few months and came back to Cornell for my Master of Architecture degree in urban design and a minor in planning. It was also important because I had met Maddy, my wife to be, and I needed to be back in Ithaca. Both of us received degrees from Cornell in 1965. We married in September, and lived in Hartford, CT, where I got my first job, at the Hartford City Planning Commission. Planning was big back then.

In 1968, our son, Michael, was born and, in 1970, our daughter Alyssa.

In 1967, I started working for an architecture and engineering firm, became a licensed architect, and in 1974 started my own architecture firm. We designed office buildings, housing for the elderly, condominiums and schools. In 1987, I sold my half to my partner, worked for a large local architecture firm and when the economy went south in 1991 and the firm shrunk, I had to determine how I was going to Reinvent myself.

In 1991, I became the Fly on the Wall, or rather Fly on the Wall Productions. I had always loved photography and video, and came up with a concept for applying these tools to documentation of the construction process. Whether it was before construction starts, during construction or when the building is turned over to the owner, there is a need for information on existing conditions, construction progress, and how the building systems function. I developed a methodology for making the information accessible to people easily, and ever since I have been doing this and loving it!

At the time I started, I had to deliver VHS videotape to my clients. Now it is DVDs. There was no digital photography or internet. I document all the major construction at Yale for their facilities department and deliver digital photographs every few weeks. Construction photos can be as exciting as those taken after completion, and sometimes even more dramatic. It is a challenge, but also a lot of fun.

Because we enjoy it, since 2000, Maddy and I have been creating documentaries of people who graduated from the Cornell College of Architecture. We have done profiles of people who became artists, a movie producer, an astrologer, and an Indian industrialist, as well as those who became well known as architects. We also did a profile of the long-time chair of the department of Astronomy and a retired professor of sculpture. Many of these are on-line and we are very proud of our contribution to the history of Cornell and its diverse and talented students and faculty.

Our children are both professionals and have children. We are happy to have four grandchildren, two boys and two girls, each different and precious to us.
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Marital Status: Widow

I got here because I am lucky and not afraid to take risks. Because after college I moved from NYC to Arizona. Because I got pregnant out of wedlock (by my boss) and didn’t have an abortion, I had a baby who grew up and went to Cornell (Samantha Hardaway ‘93). I got here because my father told me I had to be a little bit different to stand out in the world. I took it too seriously. I got married five times, have had many loves, and have been a film reviewer, college professor, entrepreneur, PR girl, Intel manager, angel investor, technology incubator, foster parent, yoga teacher, realtor, world traveler. Sometimes in parallel. Just Google me and you will see what I mean. I have used the web to take transparency and authenticity to new levels. I am an entrepreneur, with all the ups and downs that come with it, and I have gravitated to software, the internet, and social media. From every marriage, I have taken away something wonderful: step kids, memories, knowledge, self-knowledge, love. I blog at http://blog.Stealthmode.com
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College: Engineering/Civil Engineering
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Spouse: Betsy

I came to Cornell as a child – young physically, socially, emotionally, and intellectually. I left with growth in all those areas – establishing the foundation for my adult life. I was raised essentially by my father in a small mill town where sports were the major way to recognition – not academics and not an understanding of the world. Cornell changed all that.

When I think of Cornell’s contribution to my life, it begins with crew and my wonderful freshman coach, Carl Ullrich. Carl was a great person who showed that you could be tops in your field (national champions) while still possessing compassion and wanting his team-members to succeed in life. He was always there for you – even if you were not in the first boat. Next, I learned from my fraternity (Phi Gamma Delta) brothers (and later many of our class officers from other groups) who, while they partied well (something at which I failed miserably), were often academic, social and intellectual stars. I have been fortunate to have many as life-long friends. Finally, I found a home in the Civil Engineering school – helping me to achieve the goal for public service that I have felt throughout my life. My greatest influences in the School were not professors but graduate students – Jon Liebman (now at University of Illinois) and Dave Marks (now at MIT) who made me aware of the possibilities.

The most important events in my post-Cornell life were the birth of my daughter, Meredith, meeting my second and last wife, Betsy, and the births of our grandchildren. Besides those, there were two experiences that were life-changing and go a long way in defining me.

The first is my time in the Army – preparing for and spending a year in Vietnam. As a 25-year old, I organized, trained and commanded the first unit to go to Vietnam from Fort Belvoir – the engineering center. It wasn’t a large unit but it did mature you rapidly to know that you had responsibility for these young men’s lives and well-being in a combat zone. The maturing process that I went through at Cornell helped.

The second defining experience was running the agency in NYC responsible for cleaning the air. It was a pretty wild time with the first Earth Day, passage of numerous environmental laws at the Federal level, and creation of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency. The four years in NYC government defined my career.

Now retired (with an occasional consulting assignment), I want to spend time with my children and grandchildren (making up for a lifetime of business travel and missed events), learning more (books, lectures and some travel), and enjoying time with Betsy and friends.
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College: Arts & Sciences (Government)
Advanced Degrees: MBA, DBA (Harvard Business School)
Spouse: J. Kent Hewitt ’59

Cornell in the late 1950s and early 1960s was a magical place. It provided me great foundations for a fulfilling life – a truly liberal education, extraordinary colleagues, lifelong friends, and an environment where breaking out of your comfort zone was encouraged and supported. We tucked away a lot of information during those 4 years, but my most valuable lessons were in critical thinking, careful research, and informed decision making.

Fifty years, two husbands, and three children later, I am still excited about getting up every day, engaging in meaningful work and play, reading, exploring, and keeping in touch – especially with Cornell friends. In between...

I married my high school sweetheart and moved to Stanford where he was in law school. With diploma and new baby in hand, we returned to our Chicago roots. In the next 10 years, we had two more children and I took over the Hart family real estate business. I loved every aspect of the work. It really clicked for me and whetted my appetite for more formal business training. It took a few years before the stars were aligned, but in 1979, I enrolled in Harvard Business School’s MBA program – in my late 30s, with three children, and lots of business experience.

Following in my grandfather’s footsteps, I decided on a career in retailing post-MBA in spite of the urging of a couple of my professors to stay on in the doctoral program. My marriage was coming apart and I needed to focus on work and family. I spent four years with the Jewel Companies and loved the supermarket biz. In 1985, when a colleague asked me to read his business plan and consider joining him in the new retail start up, I said “yes” to five crazy, exhilarating years launching Staples.

After the IPO, I acted on my professors’ 10 year old proposal. I have never been sorry. After 5 years in the DBA program at Harvard, I was fortunate to land a position on the faculty and have been loving the work in entrepreneurship ever since.

Though I lost two of my closest Cornell friends when they were quite young (Kathy Cavanaugh and Brenda Clucas), I never lost my connection to Cornell. I have been privileged to be a member of University Council, PCCW, the Board of Trustees, and am now a Presidential Councillor. I cannot think of any organization or group of colleagues that could top this.

My husband, Kent, is a Cornellian and my two daughters also chose Cornell. What a thrill for me to see that their affection for the institution is every bit as strong as mine.
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Spouse: Inge Lehmitz Hawkins

I live in Tavernier, FL, in the Florida Keys, with Inge, my wife of 43 years. We also have a lake house in Brevard, NC. I started my career as a case officer in Germany in clandestine collection with the DIA and went on to become a foreign and war correspondent for The Associated Press with stints in India, Indonesia, Philippines and Beirut, where I headed coverage in a number of live fire situations including the Turkish Invasion of Cyprus and the 1973 Middle East War. For over five years I headed the international financial information company AP-Dow Jones based in London. In 1980, I became a senior executive with the newspaper conglomerate Knight-Ridder in Miami, eventually moving to Hong Kong as president of the Access Asia Group. I am CEO of the company I founded in 1995, Hawk Associates, Inc. (an international investor relations and financial consultancy). I sit on the board of several public and private companies. I am the author of the adventure thriller, Ritter’s Gold, published by the New American Library. Inge and I have two daughters and four grandchildren.
I was born in Syracuse the day after “Pearl Harbor” and moved to Ithaca in 1947 when my father opened his own eyeglass store. My school was in Varna and consisted of one room and a teacher for four grades. I was motivated to pursue a government career by JFK’s call to action and the influence of Professor Arch Dotson. I moved to Washington, DC in late 1962 and eventually ended up in an intern program at the Department of Commerce. About the same time I met Sonja Tolbert (a teacher from Virginia). As my career at Commerce advanced, my family started to expand with four children in 5 ½ years.

In 1970, I was offered a government fellowship to get an MBA at the Maxwell School/Syracuse U. Upon returning, my work evolved from professional to management assignments. In 1975, I was selected to participate in the Federal Executive Development Program and as a result was recruited into the Office of the Special Trade Representative. During the following six years I became the senior career official of that office, conducting major bilateral trade negotiations, leading the agency’s executive team, and playing a major role in the negotiation and Congressional approval of the Tokyo Round multilateral trade agreements. As my children approached college age, it became clear that my government salary would not finance their future education so I accepted an executive position with Motorola in 1982.

Motorola wanted my help in revitalizing its international businesses. As Director for International Strategy, I created the framework for growing the company’s offshore markets and investments. With the strategy in place, I joined International Operations to lead its implementation. The last 10 years of my career were focused on Asia Pacific, ultimately being based in Singapore, where I led the company in establishing operations in China, India, Indonesia, and Vietnam and built the presence of Motorola across the region to become the corporation’s primary source of sales and profit growth. In 1998, my wife and I moved to Maui, intending to settle in one place for our retirement years.

Within a year we decided to buy a place in Pinehurst, NC near our growing number of grandkids (five). We commuted from west to east 3-4 times a year, until 2004 when my son announced his first child was on the way. So goodbye Maui and hello Fountain Hills, AZ. Shortly thereafter our second daughter (with four sons) became very ill and we reorganized our lives to help her as she fought for her life. In 2009, she passed away, the most heartbreaking moment in our lives. We continue to try to play as large a role as possible in the lives of all seven of our grandkids.
In 2003, Bob retired from the Rockefeller Foundation and we moved to a home on 24 acres of woods and farmland in Freeville, 15 miles from Ithaca. Bob has an appointment at Cornell as International Professor of Applied Economics and Management, Adjunct in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. We love living in the country near Ithaca and keep busy with all kinds of gardening and yard work.

We are active members of Forest Home Chapel and I volunteer at the Kitchen Cupboard, make sleeping bags for the homeless with My Brother’s Keeper at the Dryden United Methodist Church, serve as a member of the Campus Club Quilt Group, and the leader of the Campus Club Bird Study Group for 2010/11. We have enjoyed renewing acquaintance with other Cornell classmates who have also retired to the Ithaca area.

Our older daughter, Lisa Morse, is a 4th grade teacher in the Urban League of Pittsburgh Charter School. She and her husband, Travis, have two sons, Colin, 13 and Ian 18. Ian will be a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences at Cornell in September, 2010.

Our younger daughter, Jennifer Herdt, will begin a new position as Professor of Christian Ethics in the Yale Divinity School on July 1, 2010. She and her husband, Jan Hagens, have two children, Cora, 9 and Adam 5.
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After graduating from Cornell with a BS in Chemical Engineering in 1963 (5-year program at the time), I started a 35-year career with Exxon (Standard Oil of NJ at the time) in July 1963. Worked in chemicals manufacturing in variety of positions at the Exxon refinery and chemical plant in Linden, NJ until 1977. Then I moved to Exxon Chemical Worldwide Headquarters in NYC, working in business planning for Exxon Chemical’s worldwide Lubricating Additives business, a position I continued in until I retired at the end of 1998. While in Exxon Chemical Headquarters, the office was moved to Darien, CT in 1979 and I moved with my family to Trumbull, CT. When Exxon Chemical moved its headquarters to Houston, TX in 1991, the Lubricating Additives business was moved to Linden, NJ and my family and I relocated to Basking Ridge, NJ. After retirement, I returned to school at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, and, starting as a freshman in 1999, earned a BS in physics in 2003. I worked part time at Rutgers in the physics department doing research in nano technology until May 2007 when I retired for good. I now enjoy playing golf and singing in a 90-voice mixed German chorus (The Schwabischer Sangerbund) with weekly rehearsals and two major concerts a year.

As to my family, my wife, Judy, and I married in 1974 after an 11-year courtship. We have two children, Aimee Joy, born June 1976, and David Douglas, born November 1977. Aimee graduated from Villanova in 1998 with a degree in Business Administration. She currently works for Phillips-Van Heusen in Manhattan as a planner for women’s accessories and lives in Northern, NJ. Doug (David Douglas) graduated from Cornell in 1999 with a degree in Chemical Engineering and works for Infineum Corporation (a joint venture between Exxon and Shell combining their lubricating oil additives businesses) in Linden, NJ in Technical Sales. He is married to Anna Turkenich and their daughter, Ellie Aspen Hill, our first grandchild, was born March 25, 2009. Since they live a mere 15 minutes from us, we now enjoy baby sitting once or twice a week.
After graduating in 1967 with a Cornell MBA, I worked in marketing for the Vick Chemical Company (VapoRub, Nyquil etc.). The company made an acquisition in Binghamton and, much to the horror of my fellow hot shot marketing buddies, I was sent for 18 months to upstate NY. Having grown up in Ithaca, it was not Siberia but more Brer Rabbit returning to the briar patch. Towards the end of my assignment I came up with a life changing idea..."Wouldn’t it be great to return to my old hometown and work for the Ithaca Gun Company which had become a small leisure-time conglomerate?"

Fired up and ready to go, I arrived unannounced in front of the company president’s secretary and pitched myself as God’s gift to marketing, there ready to help. Somehow I got through the door and met the president who, instead of throwing me out, listened to my ideas for 1½ hours and we established a relationship. At the time there were no jobs available in Ithaca, but six months later, after our family had returned to New York, he offered me the job as president of a recreational company, Alpine Designs, in Boulder, CO. I had never been to Colorado, knew little of the backpacking, camping and ski business, but I was game for the challenge.

Now, as I look back, I feel very fortunate to have spent virtually all my active business life and now my retirement years in one of the most exciting, entrepreneurial and beautiful cities in the country. I spent 15 years in the recreational business, 10 running my own company, and 12 years helping pioneer the concept of electronic monitoring of prisoners who have been put on house arrest with an ankle bracelet. It has been a fun ride and I look forward to many years of continuing education, travel and tennis.
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College: Engineering/Mechanical Engineering
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Going back about 35 years, I became an intellectual property attorney at Squire, Sanders and Dempsey in Cleveland, OH, and thereafter set up an intellectual property law practice named D. Peter Hochberg Co., L.P.A. I worked hard in the beginning and continue to do so. It has been exciting and challenging. One of the interesting aspects of my practice is the travel that my office administrator/wife and I take every year to attend conferences, meet clients, and work on projects all over the world.

I had been a serious runner, and ran over 30 marathons. However, hip problems made me retire, but I try to maintain my fitness on a daily basis.

We have five children and 10 grandchildren, but they live in different parts of the country, which are far from us. We see them as much as we can.

We have an interesting house filled with art objects, antiques, and souvenirs from our travels. It is a large house to accommodate our children and grandchildren when they assemble here en masse.
I am currently living in the same house in Lexington, MA that I’ve lived in since 1967 (there have been numerous “remodelings”) with the same man I’ve been married to for almost 50 years. This may sound boring, but I consider it a major accomplishment. I met Mort soon after arriving on the hill. We were pinned in November, 1958 and engaged in July, 1959. I married Mort as a Junior, we both graduated June 11th, and baby #1, Lori, was born June 13, 1962. We left Ithaca in August for Ft. Eustis, VA where we spent the next two years and where baby #2, Mark, was born. Fortunately I was young with a lot of energy. After Mort’s army discharge we moved to Rochester, NY where baby #3, Debbie, was born and I remained a stay-at-home mom. Mort’s career took him to Boston, MA so the family moved to Lexington in August, 1967. The “children” are all married professionals now with families of their own. Lori and Debbie live locally and Mark in Buffalo, NY. I have seven grandchildren.

In 1975, after 10 plus years doing volunteer work, I went to graduate school, graduating in 1979 with a Masters degree in Social Work. Over the next 23 years, I worked full-time as a Clinical Social Worker and Director of Social Services in a variety of settings with clients of all ages (pre-school special needs, Early Intervention Program, Mental Health Centers, hospital, rehab & long term care settings, Visiting Nurse & Hospice Program). In addition I had a private practice “on the side.” I stopped working in August, 2002 because Mort was diagnosed with a blood disorder and my mother required more time and energy. Happily, Mort has been fine; his condition well controlled. My mother died in 2007 at the age of 94. Her care over the last five years of her life was time consuming, challenging and sad. Although I had always expected to return to work, at this point I’ve become used to a more flexible schedule, vacations, travel, time with grandchildren, so who knows. My career was rewarding, challenging and at times draining. Over the past six years I’ve taken courses at Brandeis, The Museum of Fine Arts, have begun playing duplicate bridge and have done a lot of babysitting.

Mort and I enjoy biking, hiking, walking, tennis, golf, travel, music, theater, being with family and friends. He’s still working, but has flexibility and seems to manage it all. We continue to enjoy close relationships with Cornellians. I am aware that I’ve been so fortunate with my marriage, family, friends, career and life, and hope that good health allows Mort and me to continue to enjoy the activities we love.
I met my wife, Anne Ginsberg Hoffman ’63, at my fraternity’s party for freshmen women at the Ithaca Hotel on December 7, 1959. Fifty years later, on December 7, 2009, we celebrated at Per Se, one of the top restaurants in NYC.

I double-registered in the Arts School and the Law School, my wife got her Masters, and we left Cornell with four degrees, after spending an idyllic year in our apartment on Lake Taughannock. I spent 14 years at Legal Services, 10 of them as Director in Passaic County, New Jersey, and 30 years in private practice. I became active in party politics and for many years our house was campaign headquarters: we held meetings, had candidate forums, and the press knew to come to our house for the voting returns and post-election interviews. I was the local Planning and Zoning Board attorney for 14 years and Campaign Treasurer for numerous elections.

I have two daughters, both happily married, and five grandchildren, all amazing. One daughter is a law librarian for a major firm in Washington DC. We have been visiting her (and her husband and daughter) almost once a month for close to 20 years. The other daughter is now in Israel with her four children and her husband who is studying to become a rabbi. She was a flutist in her first life, a registered nurse in her second, and she has been recruited to become a part of next year’s Cantorial class. We go back and forth to Israel like it is Pennsylvania.

In between all this family visiting, we have managed to go to all 50 states, and we have been to many countries. We love to stay at Bed and Breakfasts whenever we can, and we can give some very good advice about them and about itineraries in general. We always try to attend a symphony concert on each trip because music is an important part of our lives. We have been subscribers to the New York Philharmonic since 1980, and we have been going to Tanglewood at least once a year since 1979. We like to visit Presidential libraries when we travel in the U.S., and, wherever we go, we seek out the best restaurants. We are very excited that we were able to get reservations at NOMA in Copenhagen this July (2010) to celebrate my 70th birthday and my retirement, because NOMA was just named the Best Restaurant in the World! We will give you a report at our reunion.

I have been meeting with applicants to Cornell for over 40 years because I am so grateful for the doors that Cornell has opened for me. Cornell gave me the foundation for a life that has been rich in stimulation, culture, variety, and involvement.
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Spouse: Donne Erving Holden ‘64

I was born in 1940, grew up in Cleveland, OH, attended Hotchkiss, and then Cornell. (Almost flunked out, thank you Sherwoods). I received my MD, married, did a general surgery residency at UH, Cleveland), and then went into the Air Force.

I had five (four living) children (all married; 6 grandchildren; one CWRU graduate).

I worked for the Veterans Administration (1977-97), retired, consulted, and am now working for my wife (OBGYN). Two cancers. Happy to be alive; enjoying every day.

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Dave and I will celebrate our 48th wedding anniversary this June, having married five days after graduation. By the grace of God, we are still together and have two wonderful children. Our son, David, (Cornell BS ’89 & MS ’91[Eng Physics]) lives in Chicago. Our daughter, Kathy, (Cornell Hotel ’92) and family (two grandchildren) are in the Atlanta area. We enjoy “retirement” in a wooded suburb just north of Pittsburgh, being visited daily by turkeys, deer, raccoons, hawks, etc., which are great chase targets for our black lab. We’ve traveled quite a bit; I am currently content to stay home. For 21 years I had the best job ever, teaching French, some science, and running a gifted program at our local high school. My current activity list includes: American Guild of Organists, Community Bible Study, PEO (philanthropic educational sisterhood), Pittsburgh Concert Chorale, ESL teaching, French conversation group, and assorted church activities. If you share any of these interests, let’s talk at Reunion!
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Although officially retired and living in Northern Virginia, I am now an Adjunct Professor teaching electronics at Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC), playing clarinet in several musical groups, ballroom dancing, volunteering at church, traveling, spending time with my kids and grandchildren, doing lots around the house and social activities.

After getting my BEE, I worked for Bell Labs in Holmdel NJ, got my MSEE at NYU, got married, worked for Westinghouse in Pittsburgh, then Ford in Michigan. In 1976, I came to DC to work for the USDOT doing R&D in urban transportation control systems, and subsequently worked for the Coast Guard, and Architect of the Capitol. I had the opportunity to travel to all six continents, particularly when I was Chief Engineer for the worldwide Omega Navigation System (replaced by GPS in 1997) while with the Coast Guard. During my time on Capitol Hill it was common for me to see many people who most people only see on TV, and often to have to push through all the tourists who probably came long distances for their once-in-a-lifetime visit to the Capitol. “Just another day at the office” for me! During my private-sector jobs, I worked on command and control systems for automated airport and urban transportation systems both in the US and abroad, and earned 12 U.S. patents.

In 1998, I remarried and, with my four kids and Nancy’s two, we are now expecting grandchild #15. All of our children and grandchildren live in the area. Nancy is from Wyoming, and she introduced me to western attractions where I, as an Easterner, had not been before - Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, the Tetons, etc. In return, I introduced her to my home state of NJ. (Let’s see, who got the better deal?!). She said, “Let’s take dance lessons” and we have been ballroom dancing ever since.

I have not been to any Cornell reunions, but have been back to campus a few times. The first time was many years after I graduated, and it was a strange feeling to stand at the top of Lib Slope feeling like I had never left, despite the many things that had happened in all the intervening years. Several visits later I was at Cornell as part of my honeymoon in 1998. Since Nancy had taken me to see the University of Wyoming, this was my chance to show her Cornell (which she really liked!).

Even though we are both retired, we still live in Northern Virginia, less than an hour outside Washington DC, and with our great location (traffic congestion notwithstanding), consider that we are already in our retirement home.
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We have lived in Rochester, NY for the past 43 years. We have a daughter, Kristina, a son, Erik, and two grandchildren. Thirty-nine years ago I founded a company, Synergy Global Systems. We have 220 employees with offices in Syracuse, Rochester, and Buffalo. I am still CEO and chairman. I am also chairman of Eastside YMCA in Penfield, where we have taught more than 5,000 children to swim since opening in October, 2006!
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After Cornell, I went on to NYU Law School and for the next 12 years or so practiced law, specializing in securities and tax, until one evening, an epiphany. In coming down the office elevator with one of my senior partners, I took a look at the two huge red-well folders he was lugging home and said to myself and then to my wife, Roberta: “That’s it, I’m not going to be doing that when I’m his age!” (He was probably all of 50 at the time.) Shortly thereafter, I followed my entrepreneurial instincts and formed a commercial finance company, providing financing and structured product to middle-market companies. In 1999, I sold the company to a larger finance company that was, in turn, acquired by the mother of all finance companies, GE Capital. After three interesting years of productivity – interesting in the sense of trying to preserve an entrepreneurial culture in highly structured institutional environments – we took the platform out and in 2003 formed my current company, Northlight Financial, as a hedge fund structured finance company where I continue to serve as managing member with no present intention of retiring.

Roberta and I have been married for 48 years. We have two sons, two daughters-in-law, three grandchildren. We live on the Upper East Side in New York City and spend a fair amount of our time in East Hampton and West Palm Beach. Our interests, as a family, are fairly conventional: enjoying our broader family, theater and film, reading and some travel, particularly to LA where one our sons lives with his wife and daughter. Northlight has also done a considerable amount of financing in media and entertainment, so we get to see our LA family on a regular basis.

My continuing competitive athletic interests are not quite so conventional. I started competing in road running during law school and, from the late 80s on, supplemented that with triathlons. More injuries than I care to dwell on, but I still don’t like to lose to anyone my age and have no present intention of picking up a golf club.
I was born and raised in Oneida, NY, graduating from Oneida High School in 1958. I was active in Boy Scouts, earning the Eagle Badge and attending two National Jamborees. I attended Cornell from 1958 to 1963, completing the mandatory five-year program in Civil Engineering. Following graduation, I worked for AT&T prior to reporting for active duty as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army. I married Diane Anguish on April 4, 1964, and we were together during my service in Germany. Following my discharge, I ran my father’s business while he was disabled. I joined O’Brien & Gere Engineers in September, 1966 as a Design engineer. Our daughter, Jennifer, was born in 1968, and our son, Peter Scott, was born in 1971. During our time in Oneida, I was active in the First Presbyterian Church and served as Scoutmaster of Troop 2. We spent 12 years remodeling a pre-civil war era farmhouse. In January 1978, just after we finished our remodeling, I relocated to the Philadelphia region to lead the firm’s Mid-Atlantic operations, and we have resided here since that time. In 2007, I retired after 41 years with O’Brien & Gere, having served as an Executive Vice-President for the firm’s Mid-Atlantic Region, CFO, Treasurer, Board Secretary and Corporate Director. We have three grandchildren, Peter Kent (9), Griffin Andrew (7) and Maisy Evans (4), who live about 10 minutes from us. We are blessed to have them live nearby, and we spend lots of fun times with them. Jennifer is an elementary physical education teacher (and also lives nearby) and Peter Scott is a landscape architect. Both graduated from Temple University. We have owned a residence on Lake George since 1993, having started our summer visits to the Lake in 1975, which is also the year I took 14 scouts from Troop 2 in Oneida to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

During my career with O’Brien & Gere, I was responsible for the design of many environmental and water resources projects, including three new major water impoundment dams, rehabilitation of over 60 existing dams, three wastewater treatment plants, solid waste processing facilities, cleanup of contaminated industrial sites and forensic analyses of failed dams. However, the most important part of my life journey has been, and continues to be, my family. They are number one. Besides spending time with our family, Diane and I enjoy our time at Lake George and traveling. We have visited most of the Western US National Parks, spend two weeks each year in Sedona, AZ, have taken cruises to Alaska, Europe, the Caribbean, and the Panama canal, and have visited Hawaii three times. We also enjoy our winter visits to the family camp in Tug Hill, NY to snowmobile as a family.
I have been happily working in architectural design and construction since leaving Ithaca in 1963, with marriage and children and various relationships since becoming widowed making for a full and mostly enjoyable life. After Ithaca I worked for architects in Syracuse for a couple of years before returning to Boston to do the same there. My family and I moved to Falmouth in 1971, where I remain in the same house we bought back then.

My practice is “Barbara Woll Jones, Designer/Builder” (since 1965). I am self-employed with the practice concerned primarily with residential design.

Severe back problems led to emergency surgery in 1992, which put me in a wheelchair as a paraplegic for a while; am delighted to be able to write that thanks to amazing physical therapy, which continues to this day, I am fully mobile and can walk reasonably well.

I adore being on the water and sailed for years – my balance was impaired enough after 1992 that I stopped sailing and only six years ago was back on the water, this time in a power boat.

Hard to believe, but I have survived three of the four men, all 6-12 years older than I, who have been in my life in since I was widowed in 1984. I am now involved with a (younger by 10 years and healthy!) sailor whom I met last summer right after he finished a 33-month circumnavigation of the earth – life is good. We have much in common and he makes sailing again possible for me – I can’t tell you how much this means!

With the difficult economy getting in the way of my dream of practicing architecture full-time until I choose to retire (....!) and this relatively new person in my life, I am gradually figuring out how to live and what to do with my life – tandem biking, more boat time, lots of travel, continuing with boards/activities, some work – many options.
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After Cornell, I attended Howard University College of Medicine, and received my MD degree, with honors, in 1966. My internship and residency in internal medicine included training at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, NY and Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, NY, after which I fulfilled my two-year military service at Langley Air Force Base Regional Hospital in Hampton, VA. Following two years of group practice and a teaching and administrative position as Director of Internal Medicine Ambulatory Clinics at Jewish Hospital and Medical Center of Brooklyn (later Interfaith Medical Center), I opened my solo internal medical practice in Brooklyn.

After nearly 40 years of clinical practice, I retired in January 2009. I am enjoying a leisurely retirement, which includes taking advantage of New York’s cultural, recreational, and culinary riches, in addition to spending time with family and friends, both in Brooklyn and Vermont where we have a second home.

My family includes Judy, my wife of 43 years; daughter, Karen; son, Glenn and daughter-in-law, Rachael; and grandson, Sam, age two. We are lucky to have our children and grandson living nearby in Brooklyn. After Judy retires, we will resume traveling to some of our favorite places in France and Italy.
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Summary: from immature to almost mature to quirky.

My only intention at Cornell was to get a Navy commission through NROTC. In the Navy, I entered flight school and, after lots of training, went to cold, nearly isolated Quonset Point, RI. Deployments were always on the Intrepid (CVS-33), flying in single-engine propeller-driven planes. Flight instructors were in very short supply and I jumped at the chance to go to Pensacola where I taught basic instruments until I left in 1967 to become a stockbroker in Atlanta. While in Pensacola, I married my wife – now 40-some years – who happened to be my broker’s daughter. We also had a daughter, Anne.

Merrill Lynch in Atlanta was a disappointment. I anticipated education, then analysis and useful investment service, but encountered only a sales-driven, customer-be-damned business model. (I turned down law school for this?) To get the training I believed I needed to do my job, I enrolled in night courses in accounting at nearby Georgia State University. Shortly, I realized accounting education is fundamentally inconsistent with being a broker. I was learning very good reasons not to sell the company’s product. Consequently, I resigned in 1970 to become a full-time student, living on savings and the GI bill, without health insurance. I also rejoined the Naval Reserve, a decision I never regretted.

Graduate school seemed good for me. I was out on skinny branches, no job and depending on successful completion of a masters and a CPA certificate, so I worked very hard, ultimately receiving financial support for a PhD instead of a CPA certificate. (I finally took the CPA exam in 1982 – can you believe I was 7th in the country?) We also had our second child, Mary, during this time – yes, without health insurance, which is another story.

Starting at Florida State University as an assistant professor in the summer of 1974, I worked my way up through publish-or-perish to professor and was having some success as an expert witness in the investment suitability area, mostly against brokers –including Merrill, of course – but scared to death of cross examination. I took a year’s sabbatical to do this full time. In the end, it all worked out well.

In 1987, I retired from the Naval Reserve and in 1997 from Florida State. We live on my income as an expert witness and on a pension.
I graduated Cornell with no better idea of what to do with my life than when I entered. I took a fund-raising job for four months and then applied to Columbia grad school (anthropology and linguistics) to evade the draft. Dropped out after three semesters, got drafted, enlisted for four years to evade Columbia. Language school, then desk job at NSA, no Vietnam.

Met Carol six weeks before leaving the Army. Soon engaged, needed a career. Computer programming sounded good, so landed a traineeship at US Dept. of HEW, figuring to stay two-three years. Retired after 25 years there (by then it was HHS). Off-and-on consulting, still mainframe programming, ever since. Quit most recent job, February 2010. Still living in the Maryland suburbs of D.C., same house (too big now for just Carol, me, and Max, the cat) since 1983.

Three children: Adam ’94 (1971), aspiring operatic tenor with web design day job; Josh (1973), brilliant but jobless computer geek; Rebecca (1981), currently nannying, the only one married. No grandchildren thus far. Grrr!

Senior year bridge addiction led to 20 years as a tournament player, with some success. Began choral singing in 1976, currently in four groups. Voice lessons for five years, some solo gigs. Studied music theory/composition at Catholic U. (1977-79). My singing groups and one larger chorus have performed six of my compositions.

Started playing softball at age 39. Was playing three mornings and three evenings a week by age 60, now down to three mornings and one evening. Team manager, league commissioner and county senior sports association VP. Also write schedules for several leagues. What fun! Shoebox full of Maryland Senior Olympics medals in softball, volleyball, table tennis and one-mile walk.

Important lessons learned:
1. If you don’t want the answer, don’t ask the question.
2. In order to stay young, don’t tell lies, don’t toady, don’t worry about someone else’s money.
3. Division of labor is a major factor in a successful marriage. The one who is more particular about a given area becomes responsible for it.
4. What there is to apologize for is not what you said or did, but the consequences of it. Good intentions are moot.
5. Whether it’s relationships, work, play or volunteering, the deeper the commitment, the deeper the satisfaction.
6. If you never have schedule conflicts, you’re under-committed.
7. It begins and ends with family and friends.
Greetings from Rochester, NY, where my wife, Ann, and I have lived most of our lives. After graduating from Cornell, I attended the U. of Rochester Medical School, and decided on pediatrics as a career. I completed two years of pediatric residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital, and a third year at U. of Rochester Medical Center. Given a choice of the draft or enlistment, I chose to enlist and spent two years as a pediatrician at Andersen Air Force Base on Guam. Ann and I were married the day before we left for Guam and we had a remarkable two-year honeymoon. Although I criticized the military culture at the time, and counted the days toward civilian life, in retrospect it was an exciting, adventurous and most enjoyable time in our lives. We returned to Rochester where I took an 18-month fellowship and then began my career as a general pediatrician with a special interest in learning and attentional differences. I continue to work full-time and still enjoy the challenges and opportunity to be of help to families.

I had met Ann during my residency – she was a social worker on the pediatric unit and currently works as admissions social worker at a nursing home.

We both consider our four children to be our great treasure and legacy. All four attended East High School in the city, and then all attended Haverford College. Foreign travel has been a part of all their lives. Two currently live in Philadelphia, one in Bangladesh and one in Shanghai, and we have enjoyed travel to interesting places to visit them. We are proud that each of them is a caring, productive individual and they have chosen partners with similar qualities.

Those of you who remember me will recall my interest in Gilbert and Sullivan, and I have great memories of the Cornell Savoyards. That interest has allowed me to develop a major collection of 19th-century G & S memorabilia, which provides much satisfaction. I have been able to curate two exhibitions at the University of Rochester Library Department of Rare Books, one of which is available online at www.lib.rochester.edu/index.cfm?page-4090. I also enjoy gardening and maintaining the yard of our home, which we have lived in for 33 years.

Ann and I returned to Cornell several times, in earlier days to see the Cornell Savoyards with our children when they were young, and more recently on day trips. I am impressed, even overwhelmed, at the growth of the University, but still manage to visit Stimson Hall each time I visit, and have great memories of my time there, and especially Professor Bill Wimsatt.
My final year at Cornell was 1960/61. I then worked full-time in several accounting positions while attending Adelphi University in Garden City, NY. I graduated with a BBA in accounting in 8/67, and went to work for Arthur Andersen in NYC. In June 1971, I joined Citibank and headed an audit team covering Europe and Asia Pacific, concentrating for the first time on all their non-banking subsidiaries in the regions. I married Cindy in May 1972, and she traveled with me until we were called back to NYC in 6/74. I left Citibank (and NYC for the second time) in 9/77 to take a position in banking in Seattle, WA.

I retired from First Interstate Bank in 7/91, and was the “love slave” until Cindy retired from Microsoft in 7/96. We previously had gone “bust” in the pizza business in the 80s, then I worked as controller in insurance, then audited for a while for Paccar Financial before returning to banking. After one year as empty-nesters, I went to school and obtained an Associate degree in Gunsmithing.

We have three sons and one grandson at this time. We currently live in an apartment condo in downtown Bellevue, WA, just east of Seattle. We have a vacation home in Leavenworth on the east side of the Cascade Mountains where I maintain my gun making shop. (An old friend has said that he always thought I would eventually wind up in either Leavenworth or Bellevue – but never imagined I’d wind up in both).

We do volunteer work in the community and really enjoy retirement. Other hobbies include golf, skiing, hunting and fishing, and of course international travel whenever the spirit moves and the economy allows. LIFE IS GREAT!!!
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Currently retired and glad of it! Spent 23 years working in Children’s Services (child abuse investigations), retiring as the State Director of Child Welfare for Broward County, Florida. Have lived in Florida since graduating. Took time out for ex-husband to fly fighter planes for the Navy from San Diego and returned to Florida to raise children, work, and play. Love it – especially summers! Married to Steve for 30 years. We travel, laugh and enjoy family and friends.

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We live in Hopkinton, MA. Military and business career took me all over the world, yet we always maintained our house in Hopkinton; eventually moving back into it, and here we happily remain.
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I’m living where I want to live – minutes from Washington, DC most of the time and in Denver, CO, part of the time – and with the person I want most to be with. I (we) got here by criss-crossing the country a few times, from Ithaca to Los Alamos, NM, then briefly in Las Vegas, a couple of years in DC, back to New Mexico, east to Massachusetts, west again to La Jolla, CA, finally coming to rest here on the banks of the Potomac. Life so far has been an interesting journey. I still have miles to go.

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Currently, I am retired, living in the Sarasota, FL area. I have been happily married for 48 years; have three married daughters, and six wonderful grandchildren. Fortunately, we enjoy good health.

After graduation, I taught in a suburban Rochester school system until the birth of my first child. After my early child-rearing years and varied volunteer experiences, I joined a market research firm, which specialized in qualitative and quantitative market research nationally for Fortune 500 and Fortune 100 companies. As vice-president, my responsibilities included everything from sales, research design, implementation, to final reporting.

Since my retirement, my husband and I enjoy travel, theater, and all of the other musical and visual arts available in this culturally enriched community. We stay in touch with Cornell through our local Cornell Club, Cornell friends, and campus reunions.
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Currently live in Santa Monica and work part-time as an entertainment contract specialist. I draft and analyze contracts, do research and obtain book and article rights in connection with motion picture and television production.

Prior to working on my own, I spent over 20 years in the legal department of major motion picture studios and later in the entertainment department of a boutique law firm that was merged into Loeb & Loeb.

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The journey for the past 50 years has been very successful and enjoyable for both my career and private life. Career details can be obtained from the staff of the President’s Advisory Council. Private life will remain private. “Brevity is the soul of wit.”
As the most celebrated member of the Class of 1962, I am assuming that all of my classmates are familiar with my incredible life story. You’ve seen me on the cover of *Time* and *People* and, of course, in the award-winning Ken Burn’s documentary “Supernova: Narby the K.” To do justice to my saga a lot more space is needed, but the editor insisted that I confine myself to one page. So here goes.

Things went well enough at Cornell – a 98.8% cumulative average, three-time All-American in football, that memorable standing-room only piano recital in Bailey Hall, acceptance into that secret secret secret society – just to name a few. But my life really starting taking off following Cornell. Leaving the Yemen branch of the family (a few of whom also ended up in Ithaca) and my West Virginia roots behind me, billions of dollars were made, lost, and recouped while majestic reputations were being ruined and revived in rocket science, cinema, winemaking, and major league baseball. And, eat your hearts out, I have had a wonderful family life with my three wives: Zelda, who disappeared in the South Pacific; Lettice Sing, who disappeared in the Arctic, and, for now, Claudia. My six exceptional children toil in my vineyard.

As for what I would have done differently while at Cornell, I probably should not have gotten into a fist fight with Proctor George during the notorious late-night panty raid of freshman year, and I certainly should not have decked him. He always had it in for me after that. Following Cornell? There are a few little things to be proud of: Nobel, Pulitzer, and Man Booker International Prizes; Benjamin Franklin Medal; Academy, Tony, Lasker, MacArthur and Winery of the Year Awards; and two-time American League Most Valuable Player.

I am really looking forward to the 50th Reunion. The last Reunion I attended was the 40th where I successfully passed myself off for a few hours as a member of the class of 1997, which was celebrating its 5th Reunion. I even won a dance contest (jitterbug category) with a twenty-something partner. But I was ousted when I inadvertently mentioned that my Quantum Mechanics course had been in Boardman Hall.

My Things to Do list has become an obsession: Win the NYC Marathon. Get elected President of the United States. Have the third volume of my autobiography (which takes my story to 1992) top *The New York Times* best seller list.

But Narby the K is really just getting started. Keep following me in the evening news and check back at the 75th Reunion for another update. Catch you then.
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After graduating and receiving my army commission, I went off to the Maxwell School at Syracuse for a master’s degree in economics and public administration. This was followed by two years on active duty, one year of which was spent in Vietnam, definitely a broadening experience. Afterwards, I briefly worked in the Office of Business Economics (now BAE), where I met my future wife, Patricia Trustan. I was able to convince the Department of Agriculture to hire me and send me to the University of Minnesota for a PhD in economics. Pat joined me there and we married in 1968.

In 1971, we left for a five-year stint in Canada, where we both taught economics at the U. of Western Ontario. Deciding against staying and becoming Canadian citizens, we returned to the U.S. in 1976. I went to work in the nascent Department of Education’s policy office evaluating financial assistance programs for post-secondary education for a few years and eventually moved over to the Environmental Protection Agency. During this period, Pat went back to school and became a CPA. At EPA, I shifted horses and became an aggie again, first working on the regulation of pesticides and then on policy issues relating to the environmental impacts of agriculture, forestry and mining, eventually becoming the director of a small staff in the Agency’s policy office dealing with these issues. I did occasional stints in the former Soviet Union countries teaching environmental economics, taking part in OECD meetings on agro-environmental issues and, toward the end of my government career, becoming heavily involved in climate change mitigation.

We both retired in the summer of 1999 and have subsequently been doing part-time consulting and adventure travel. When not engaged in those activities, I spend my time doing art, fly-fishing, managing wildlife populations and some sailboat racing.
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After graduating from Dental School, I served two years in
the USAF in Cheyenne, WY. Came back and joined my
father in the practice of General Dentistry in downtown Philly
in 1966. I was a third generation dentist (1902 until I retired in
2003). Married in 1964 and have three children, Mark, Liz and Ben. All married. Three
grandchildren: Jordan, Max and Olivia. I have lived in the suburbs of Philadelphia
(Meadowbrook, PA) since 1968.
When I first visited Cornell as a high school junior, it was love at first sight. College years had their ups and downs, but I mostly remember the ups. Though a star student in high school, I entered the next level at Cornell, which was filled with hundreds of students who were also stars. The good news was that I met so many wonderful, interesting, and intelligent people. The bad news was that I was no longer a star. In retrospect, it was too difficult to study much with all the distractions of the Ivy Room, parties, and so many other activities which took time away from studying.

I loved majoring in political science, studying history, literature, and taking Fine Arts 101. I learned to love classical music more than ever while “studying” in the Music Room. I can still remember seeing “Tosca” at Cornell as well as hearing David Oistrakh.

After graduating from Cornell, I worked on the Washington DC staff of the newly formed Peace Corps. This was an exciting time in Washington. I was torn about actually going overseas with the Peace Corps. I wanted to go, but not being one for jungles and bugs, I decided against it.

Skip on to living in New York, married with two daughters and later divorced. With two small children to help support, I decided on a career in academic therapy - private therapy with dyslexic children. They were mostly from the NYC private school population, generally bright, and came from interesting families. It was thrilling to help change the lives of these children.

So who is the 16-year-old, star-struck Cornellian now? I am a mother of two wonderful grown daughters, wife of husband number two, grandmother to three small children, six step grandchildren, an opera loving, Italian studying, passionate traveler who is in the process of retiring. Though I am still fiercely loyal to Cornell, both husbands and daughters went to Yale.

I still play lots of tennis, (still taking lessons) and hope to hold on to what I have, wishing to improve. Happy to report that up until now my health has been good, only sidelined sometimes by a broken wrist, broken shoulder, and other minor tennis ailments - tennis can be a dangerous game!

And now the friends – I had many close relationships at Cornell and still see several old friends from my class and others. We all hope to keep doing what we’re doing and to have good health for ourselves and loved ones in the years to come.
After graduation in January, I came home to Rochester, NY where I worked as a psychiatric social worker at the Rochester State Hospital. I met my husband when he was working there during medical school. I worked there for a few years until we moved to Boston where our two sons (now surgeons) were born. From there, we went to North Carolina where my husband spent two years in the Air Force. We returned to Rochester in 1970 and our daughter (now an attorney) was born here.

I stayed home raising our children until the youngest was in junior high school and then I took a job as a nursery school teacher (wasn’t called “pre-school” in those days!). After several years, I moved on to work at a mental health agency as a coordinator of volunteers.

During these years, I enjoyed singing in a small women’s group, volunteering with newly arrived Russian immigrants, playing tennis, and teaching English as a Second Language on a volunteer basis to elderly Russian immigrants.

“Where I am now” is still in Rochester six months of the year and, from November – May, in Longboat Key, FL where my husband and I enjoy a wonderful life. I play bridge, tennis, golf, and attend numerous concerts, lectures, plays, and the like. I sing in two chorales and volunteer in a first grade.
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I have a wonderful cv that started at Cornell and is growing to this day. After medical school and internship I decided to travel for a few months (Europe and Israel). This was right after the Six Day War and an exciting time in Israel. Upon my return I joined the faculty of Rockefeller Institute and started research on acute phase reactants and the basis of resistance to infection. The lab was great, but I wanted to get back to patient care and did Cardiology at Tel Hashomer in Israel. Living in Israel was the best. However, on a visit back to the States I was drafted into the pharmaceutical world and became Assoc. Medical Director of Pfizer. The opportunity was terrific. I learned the industry from early drug development through to FDA approval and marketing. After a couple of years I transferred to American Home Products (eventually Wyeth) where I stayed for over 12 years, principally working in Preventive Cardiology – otherwise known as cholesterol lowering – and then developed the first major therapy for osteoporosis.

My first retirement in 1985 lasted just a few months as Pfizer brought me back as director of Licensing & Development for Biotechnology. So I entered the world of venture capital, intellectual property, due diligence and basic research... but this time with several $billion backing my searches. This was just when Biotech was taking off and became the foundation of what I do to this day since I retired from Pfizer in 1994. In addition to the business side, I enjoy teaching medical students how to interact with patients and do the complete history and physical exam.

I traveled frequently and widely during the pharmaceutical years and only realized my apartment was small when I started working from home. I’m in a larger one now and can entertain without having to put the papers, computer and files away. I enjoy hosting charitable functions here as well as frequent dinners that allow me to show off my cooking and baking skills. No one has yet had GI upsets although some have gained a little weight from the brownies and desserts.

At present there is no special man, but he would be welcomed. I’ve switched over to golf from tennis and happily pull my cart and walk the course. It’s great exercise and since I rarely hit way under par I get to swing a lot. Those that hit under par don’t have as much fun as I do.
As our 50th reunion approaches, I am where I want to be. Still in love with the woman I married in the chapel of Anabel Taylor Hall in June 1963. Still dedicated to journalism, my life’s work, at Dow Jones & Company. And still devoted to family, now expanded beyond our two sons to include their wives and five grandchildren, all of whom live close to Princeton, New Jersey, where we have been since 1980.

Blessed with good health and good fortune, I have done with my life what I wanted to do.

In truth, I majored in The Cornell Daily Sun, spending scores of hours weekly as a reporter, sports editor and managing editor. After Cornell, I earned a master’s degree at Columbia University’s Graduate School of Journalism, before a brief stint on The New York Times foreign desk and a year in Europe and North Africa freelancing on a Pulitzer Traveling Fellowship.

In 1966, after two years of active duty as an Army lieutenant, I got a job as a reporter in The Wall Street Journal’s Washington bureau. There followed assignments as labor editor, military correspondent, and chief economics writer and Outlook columnist. I traveled constantly covering presidential campaigns, labor battles, the war in Vietnam, turmoil in Iran, oil policy and conflict in the Mideast, international economic summits and the opening of China.

In 1980, I joined a small management team to launch an electronic publishing division that anticipated the Internet. Eventually, I ran the division, birthplace of Factiva and the wsj.com, and was appointed to the Dow Jones management committee. I also oversaw the company’s global newswires operations and served as vice president of Dow Jones for news and staff development.

Today, I am president of the Dow Jones News Fund, a foundation dedicated to promoting careers in journalism, and chair the Cornell Alumni Magazine committee while serving as a trustee or director of a number of nonprofit organizations, including the Princeton Public Library, the Princeton Symphony Orchestra, and National Junior Tennis and Learning of Trenton.

None of this would have been possible without the love and support of Neil Ann or the knowledge and self-confidence that I acquired at Cornell in the classroom, in Army ROTC and in the Sun newsroom a half-century ago.
Cornell prepared me well for life in that I felt secure there as well as challenged. Succeeding at Cornell gave me the confidence to move ahead as a young adult into marriage and career.

After I completed my master’s at Harvard, I followed my instinct in employment choices, which led me to teaching in several settings, including high school completion English to Marines, organizational writing at Southern California Edison, American and comparative government in community colleges, and English as a Second Language at San Diego State University for ten years.

As to family, I married and had children early and now enjoy the company of my husband, Dave, and our sons’ families. We’ve lived in California most of our adult lives, where we expect to remain.

I enjoy my occasional trips to Ithaca, Cornell, and the Finger Lakes area, and share Cornell memories with my son, Bob, who graduated in 1990.
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Spouse: JoAnn

I became a member of the Technical Staff at Bell Laboratories upon graduation, reporting for duty at the Columbus (OH) branch laboratory then known as the “crossbar capitol of the world” because that was where Western Electric manufactured those electromechanical marvels that routed the world’s telecommunications. I supervised a team developing the next-generation electronic switching systems, with responsibility for memory systems. I obtained an MSEE at Ohio State University and was working on an MBA when offered a promotional transfer to AT&T Headquarters in Basking Ridge, NJ. Managed network planning for enhanced services, systems engineering for large business systems, university technical relations and various AT&T-related ventures prior to retirement. Then researched, wrote and published For the Birds, the history of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and Sapsucker Woods. Continue to have close ties to both the Lab of O and the College of Engineering, teaching an annual workshop for the former and serving as Director Emeritus of the latter’s Alumni Association.
I am in the best place of my life ever. In a relationship with Bob Davis, a fantastic, kind and lovely man, for the past several years I find myself living a life where dreams come true. I re-located to California from my beloved New York City to become a grandmother over nine years ago and as much as I miss New York, I have no regrets. Nothing beats being near my two daughters and three grandsons, ages six, eight, and nine. Besides, now it’s Little League baseball season.

Living with Bob in our beautiful home in Los Altos, CA created the atmosphere for me to realize my life-long dream to write a book, Connecting the Dots: Breakthroughs in Communication as Alzheimer’s Advances. Based on my more than 20 years of experience as a psychologist in long-term care settings, it was published in December 2009. I am writing my second book, also on Alzheimer’s and caregivers. Each day, I discover more about the publishing industry and publicity. Not to mention the internet.

I never envisioned my life as unfolding the way it did – after all, I married at the age of 19 before I graduated mid-year in 1962. When I marched that June at graduation, I was five months pregnant with my older daughter. The guys I had dated at Cornell were totally shocked when they saw me in maternity clothes.

After my two children were in elementary school, I obtained my MA and became a high school guidance counselor for 12 years. Divorced after 35 years of marriage, I realized that you’re never too old to learn. And grow.

I guess that’s the key for me. To be open and focus on the positive side of life’s sometimes unpleasant experiences, rather than dwelling on the negative, keeps me going.

Here’s to our 60th reunion, too!
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Marital Status: Widow

After graduating from Cornell, in the absence of any clearer direction to head, I chose to become a secretary. It was a practical decision, and saw me through some tough times following marriage, the birth of two children, and law school (evening division). During law school, I was driven to excel, winning the moot court competition and serving on law review, all while holding down a full-time job working for the Massachusetts Senate. My children survived somehow, but they now represent the two extremes of rationality. My daughter has been diagnosed with various psychological disabilities, but produced two beautiful and creative granddaughters by two different husbands. My son has managed to avoid marrying two terrific gals and is opposed to having children, which I view as the ultimate in rational behavior.

The law degree led to a graduate degree in tax law, teaching, positions at law firms in Michigan and New Hampshire, and finally to my own firm in Manchester, NH. My legal career has continued well past the normal retirement age, albeit at a much more relaxed pace. The relaxed pace enables me to pursue my long-suppressed love of painting and drawing.

There are no men left in my life. I divorced the father of my two children back in the late ‘60s, when divorce was still a radical choice. I felt adventurous, and, looking back, I was. That was also the beginning of my separation from Catholicism. A few years later, I married again, as a Jew, because he was Jewish. Neither my conversion to Judaism nor the marriage was destined to last, but the presence of a spouse helped me with the law school adventure. Then, in my forties, I began living with a man who was a 1959 Cornell graduate, and whose path I may have unknowingly crossed during the one year that we overlapped. We had five years together before he died from lung cancer. At that point I was finally motivated to give up smoking.

I found my raison d’être in the Sierra Club, and am still active with that organization. I campaigned for Goldwater back in ’64, distributing literature from the baby carriage that contained my Irrational One. My concern for environmental issues has gradually turned me into a liberal on all issues, including abortion and the death penalty, yet I am not a partisan of any particular political party – it’s just really hard to find anyone in the Republican Party anymore who supports progressive causes or the environment.

Today, however, my life is mostly about art. I paint professionally – i.e., I paint in the hope that someday my paintings will find public appreciation. Few actually sell. But they are not bad. I would buy them myself if I were still in collector mode.
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Spouse: Phyllis Blair Lowrie ’64

Right now I am a contentedly retired 70+ year-old ex-businessman with four grown children and seven grandchildren. I am also a happily married husband of 12 years to a former Cornellian who has two grown children (one also a Cornellian – ’91) and five grandchildren. We live in Virginia; however, often as not, we can be found in Florida in the winter, and at our home during the spring, summer and fall at Wintergreen, which is a resort in the Blue Ridge Mountains, or traveling around the country visiting kids and grandkids or cruising to some exotic local that we may not be able to get to in a few more years.

Most of the time our focus is on the family although seeing the many friends we have made through the years also brings us much pleasure in Richmond and during our travels. It is interesting to see how many of them are like us in that their orientation is on their current lives rather than past glories or future concerns. Most are just glad to have their health and family to watch over and seem to have found many personal pleasures to keep the days rolling by, whether it be wrapping up careers, traveling, volunteering, playing golf or just helping others in unique ways.

My life since leaving the Hill in 1962 was highlighted by a wonderful business career and two less than successful marriages. Fortunately, the third marriage was the charm probably because I was finally able to marry a CU home economics major 38 years after graduation who loves singing the old Cornell songs as much as I do, likes to periodically visit the school for reunions or the on-campus Adult University program in the summer and looks great in a Cornell tee shirt or sweat shirt. However, the first two marriages weren’t complete failures as they gave me four children who play a big role in my life especially as the parents of some really special grandkids.

My business career began in June of 1962 as several of us newly minted grads went to work as summer salesman for the Vick Chemical Co. From Vicks my path went through three years in the Navy and various sales, marketing and management positions with Vick, Morton Frozen Foods, Durkee Famous Foods and Reynolds Metals Co. I retired from Reynolds as a Senior Vice President in 2000 after managing their Consumer Products Division for 11 years.
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Spouse: Carol Perlmuter Luper ’64

I am the founding partner of the Columbus, OH law firm Luper Niedenthal and Logan. The firm is listed in Best Lawyers in America and Ohio Superlawyers. I am a Board certified business bankruptcy specialist.

I married Carol Perlmuter ‘64 on July 26, 1964. We have three adult children – Steven, Douglas, and Betsy, and seven grandchildren—three boys and four girls ranging in age from 3-14. Carol has been a local TV news reporter in the Columbus market for more than 31 Years. She was recently inducted into the Ohio Associated Press Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

I’ve been active in the Commercial Law League of America and have served as its President. I’m the longest serving board member of the Jewish Community Center, and have served on the board of the Columbus Academy, a private school for nine years.

I’ve performed lead roles in several community theater productions, including “The Pajama Game,” “Guys and Dolls,” “1776,” and “Kiss Me Kate.”

My hobby is cooking and I am a gourmet cook.
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Spouse: Ronnie Steinglass Malasky

At Cornell I spent too much time playing bridge and too little time studying and socializing. I continued with bridge for a while after starting work as an actuary with MetLife where I met my wife, Ronnie (Harpur College ’66). I gave up bridge in the late 60s for about 25 years to have a family and make a living as a pension actuary with two consulting firms. After retiring in 1997 as the manager of Watson Wyatt’s Stamford, CT office, I went back to playing bridge in tournaments. My regular partner in major tournaments was someone I met through my Cornell roommate. I also started a retirement hobby of teaching bridge on cruise ships. Ronnie and I go on two long cruises a year (about a month each) plus some additional traveling. (My wasted time at Cornell playing bridge was not quite so wasted after all.) My first assignment as Bridge Director on a cruise ship was from someone I met playing bridge at Cornell!

Our traveling includes bridge tournaments across North America and places we can’t get to on a cruise (generally inland areas in Africa, China, Italy, Peru, Thailand, Scotland, Wales, and Eastern Europe). We have been to all seven continents and most of the places we wanted to see.

We retired to Longboat Key, FL in 1999 where we play tennis, ride bikes, and scuba dive. Some of our travel is geared to scuba diving locations. We visit our two sons, a married one in Brooklyn (back to my roots) and our other one in San Francisco. (No grandchildren yet.) We love the theatre and get to about half a dozen shows in New York a year, primarily dramas. We go skiing with our children once a year.

A few years after retiring I started doing some part-time work as an expert witness dealing with pension actuarial matters. That has been very different from working with corporations on their pension plans. I also got involved in various volunteer activities, including serving as President of a unit of the American Contract Bridge League, 10 years as a guide at Mote Aquarium in Sarasota, FL, a trustee of one of our town’s pension plans, and helping the Town of Longboat Key deal with pension issues.
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Advanced Studies: Administrative Dietetic Internship
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Marital Status: Divorced

I moved to Michigan after completing my dietetic internship in order to work at the Kellogg Center for Continuing Education in East Lansing. Later, I transferred to Wilson Residence Hall at Michigan State University (MSU) where I was Student Personnel Supervisor. In 1966, I married Ray Hopper, a Residence Hall Manager. We divorced in 1984. He passed away in February 2009. We had three children – Rick is now in Beverly Hills, MI; Tom and Sue both live here in Okemos. In 1985, I began working in the MSU Financial Aid Office. I was a financial aid advisor for several years before returning to my hometown, Lockport, New York. I continued to work there as a financial aid advisor at the Niagara University Financial Aid Office.

After retirement, I volunteered several years as Treasurer for Grace Episcopal Church. When my children all returned to Michigan from Virginia and Colorado – two to Okemos where they had grown up - I was encouraged to return there also. I am now living in a condominium and enjoying being close to family – especially my three grandchildren.

I stay active with a fitness routine, golf, duplicate bridge, and church choir. I love to attend athletic and school events that my children and grandchildren are involved in. I enjoy the benefits of living near a great university with more cultural offerings than I can fit into my schedule.
I retired to Florida and reside in a beautiful area called Fernandina Beach. Moved from Ridgewood, NJ, the summer of 2002. Life’s been a great journey; lots of wonderful experiences. Married 44 years this coming September (2010) to the Love of My Life, Jacqui. We have three terrific children and two healthy and very active grandsons. God has blessed us greatly.

After completing the 5-year engineering program, I graduated with a BME (Mechanical Eng) degree. At Cornell I was on an NROTC (Navy) scholarship, fenced five years, was in Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, and did an internship with P&G. Worked for one week with P & G after graduation, then went on a 5-year leave to complete my Navy commitment.

The Navy was no doubt the most exciting period of my life, 1963-69. I went to flight school and was designated a Naval Aviator in March 1965. Assigned to a West Coast Squadron, VA-216 the Black Diamonds, flying A4 Skyhawk aircraft. Deployed Nov. 1965 aboard the USS Hancock. Flew missions in Viet Nam in support of our troops and effort there. Returned home to marry Jacqui. My Squadron then deployed to the Med aboard the USS Saratoga. We got caught up in the ‘67 Arab-Israeli conflict. In June 1968, went to Pensacola as a flight instructor, leaving Naval service (1969) to rejoin P & G.

Worked six years at P & G in manufacturing and then in sales. While there I completed my MBA at Rutgers at night (ugh). Left P & G to join my father for eight years as a manufacturer’s representative and then in my own venture as a dealer of Access Control and Security Products; did not last long. Then joined a Japanese firm for four years with a move to Panasonic in 1984. Worked at Panasonic for 17 years as Eastern Region Manager in CCTV (closed circuit television), finally National Sales & Marketing Manager-CCTV Government Sales just before retiring in 2001.

Our children are spread out: Donalyn is in California (SF area), married to Scott, with a son S. Mason Hellar, born October 2008; Heather is in Sparta, NJ, married to Andrew, with one son Aidan, born December 2004, and expecting in October 2010. Chris (our son and still single 2010) completed his 5-year Navy commitment May, 2009 as a Submarine Officer (USS Dallas) in Groton, CT and now is living in Brooklyn, working for ConEd. As a result, Jacqui and I do a lot of traveling.

Retirement has not been quiet. I have done a lot of volunteer work driving for the DAV, taking our warriors to the VA Hospital in Gainesville, and playing in a men’s bridge group. I formed an investment group and was secretary/treasurer then president of our North Hampton Homeowners Association in Florida.
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College: Engineering/Electrical Engineering
Advanced Degree: MS/EE - 1964 (Cornell); MBA - 1970 (Harvard U. Business School)
Spouse: Penny

After graduating from Cornell with a Bachelor’s in Electrical Engineering and a Master of Science (EE), I was in the US Air Force from 1964 – 1967 (via ROTC) with Air Force Systems Command in Lexington, MA. After a year with a defense electronics contractor, I attended Harvard Business School from 1968 – 1970 and joined the Boston office of Coopers and Lybrand (Big 8 accounting firm), transferring to its Phoenix office in 1973. I have worked for Cavan Real Estate Investments, a commercial property developer, since 1980, developing commercial property in Phoenix, Albuquerque, Colorado Springs, and Newport Beach, CA. Recent company activity has been focused on the greater Phoenix area, and I continue to be active in the business.

I have been married to Penny since 1964, and have two daughters. Carrie has two sons, Matthew (15) and Michael (12); Tori has one son, Devin, who was born in 2010. All of us reside in the same zip code, so we get together often. Leisure time is spent in Sedona, AZ; Maui, Hawaii; and Rocky Point, Mexico.
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College: Home Economics/Child Development
Advanced Studies: Graduate level education courses (SUNY/Cortland)
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Like many of my fellow Cornellians, I found my years in Ithaca to be among the most transformative of my life. The large, beautiful (and sometimes intimidating) campus populated with students and faculty from all over the United States and beyond provided an unparalleled opportunity for the “broadening experience” that young people were encouraged to value as a part of our college education. It’s a pleasure to recall the faculty who so inspired us. In the College of Home Economics, the names of Urie Bronfenbrenner, Nell Mondy, and Jean Warren come readily to mind. In the Liberal Arts area, who could forget Professor Mario Einaudi, who delivered his dynamic lectures in such a rapid-fire stream of Italian-accented English that I could barely jot down all the notes I wanted to take. No sleeping in that class! Added to this were the noted speakers who visited campus regularly. I remember especially Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who preached a sermon at Sage Chapel to a standing-room only congregation on November 13, 1960, entitled, “The Dimensions of a Complete Life.”

The Cornell experience enriched the active years that followed: marrying a Cornellian, moving a few times, raising a family, and participating in the work force in a variety of educational settings from pre-school to elementary school teaching to the community college level. One of our sons is a graduate of the Cornell Class of 1988. We are now retired, but still happily busy. Our deepest satisfaction is watching our five lively grandchildren grow to adulthood and begin their endeavors as citizens of the world. Jim and I will celebrate our Golden Wedding Anniversary this year.
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Spouse: Elizabeth Gillespie

After graduating from Cornell, I went to work for IBM where I spent 18 wonderful years in financial management positions including three years in Paris as controller of all of IBM plants in Europe. The European experience was unbelievable as I traveled extensively and learned a tremendous amount about different cultures, i.e. managing employees from eight different countries. After IBM, I held senior financial and operations management positions at Amerada Hess, Lillian Vernon, and Equitable Life Insurance Company. I moved to Atlanta in 1992 as Controller of Equifax (the credit company). I left there to be CFO of Nova Corporation, a leading payment services company. I returned to Equifax as CFO and “retired” from Equifax in 2004.

I use the word “retired” in quotes as I have kept busy consulting and being on numerous boards. I am currently on four boards. I’m chairman of the board and Chair of the Compensation Committee of Prommis Solutions LLC (a private company specializing in processing foreclosures and bankruptcies). I’m on the board and Chair of the Audit Committee and member of the Compensation Committee of PRGX Global, Inc (NASDQ-PRGX). I’m on the board and head of the Finance Committee of Kings Ridge Christian School. I’m also on the board and head of the Audit Committee of MAP International, a nonprofit specializing in providing medicines and preventive care to people in need in over 130 countries world wide.

In my spare time I enjoy playing golf, traveling, and taking my 15-year-old son, Ryan, to sporting events. I have two older children from my first marriage, Philip III and Tricia, and seven grandchildren.

I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at our 50th.
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College: Arts & Science/Economics
Advanced Degree: MBA (New York U. Graduate School of Business)
Spouse: Deborah

Retired from JP Morgan (in the good old respectable banking days) as a Senior Vice President after a career of 34 years in commercial and retail banking. Lived in Rockville Centre, NY and was a member for 25 years and captain of Defender Hose Co. NO. 1 and a member of the Kiwanis Club. Moved to Huntington, NY until retiring to Harrison, ME in 1996. We live in a classic, antique New England farm house, i.e. “big house, little house, back house and barn” that was built in 1815 on 18 acres looking out at Mt. Washington. We share our land with two golden retrievers and have two American quarter horses which we board two miles from home.

In Harrison I serve as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals and have been a member of the Lions Club and the Library Board.

I have actively dabbled in photography, Civil War memorabilia collecting, gun collecting, cruising the coast of Maine in our down east lobster boat, playing with our horses and participating in ranch penning and sorting cattle competitions. Life has been very good to me – three children and five grandchildren and a wife who is a life partner and gourmet food artist. We are thankful for all of our blessings.
As a Cornell faculty child and an Ithaca High School graduate, I grew up roaming the Cornell campus. After graduation I first taught social studies and coached at Ovid, NY (now South Seneca HS) for a year, then started working at Cornell. Started as Assistant Alumni Director (during the Centennial Year celebration), moved to the Financial Aid Office as Director of Student Employment and the Director of Freshman Aid. Then became Cornell’s first Director of Student Information Systems, and finally served as University Registrar. Cathy and I also served two years as Head Residents in the freshmen dorms. During my employment at Cornell I also did radio, television and public address for most major athletic events on campus. After 12 years at Cornell I accepted a job at the University of Colorado – Boulder, and served in a number of different positions. The longest stint was as Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Administrative Services (Admissions, Registrations, Records, Financial Aid, etc.). Retired after a combined 32 years and continue to live in Boulder.

Time is now spent on house projects, golf, skiing, hiking, mountain biking, yoga and physical workouts, tennis (if my knee cooperates), home owner association duties, domestic and foreign travel (England, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, Tanzania, Caribbean Islands, Venezuela, Panama, Mexico, Canada, Peru, Ecuador and New Zealand), and attending University of Colorado athletic, theatre, and musical events. We also spend a lot of time in SW Florida. We owned a place in Bonita Springs for nine years and now rent a house on Manasota Key every fall. We get back to Ithaca almost every year since my sister, Heather, and her husband still live there part of the year. Our biggest joy of late has been our two grandchildren who both live in the San Francisco Bay area. We try to see them four to six times a year. Our daughter, Meg, (born in Ithaca, Nov. 1967) has a BA from UC Santa Barbara, is married to Jim Bingley, and has a son Billy. Our son, Evan, (born in Ithaca, Sept.’69) has a BA from the University of Colorado-Boulder and a MFA in Creative Writing from San Francisco State, is married to Miran Kim, and has a daughter, Irene (named after my mother).

We always enjoy seeing Cornellians from all over the world, and especially love to show them (a great number of Phi Gams and Delta Gammas have taken the offer) this unbelievable, beautiful and diverse State of Colorado!
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Spouse: Judith Letson

Career – After Cornell, joined IBM in Rochester, NY as systems engineer. Five years later, left; joined Dave Duffield ('62) and John Robinson (Colgate) as part owner of Information Associates (IA) – provider of business software to higher education (including Cornell). After 12 years, acquired by a division of Westinghouse Corp, but then bought ourselves back after three years. Another three years later, acquired by MSA (Atlanta based) business software company. At that point, I departed IA and after nine months started another company, Pinnacle Software with several staff from IA – still business software for higher education. Ten years later, sold Pinnacle Software to Paetec Corp, telecommunications business, and then retired.

Personal – Before leaving Cornell, I married Judy Letson (high school sweetheart) and had two of our three children in Ithaca. A few years later, our third child was born in Rochester. We raised our family in Rochester. Once out of college, they each left for other environs. Derek is married to Jennifer with three children (Mitchell, Emily and Matthew). Derek works in the space industry. Jennifer is in health insurance sales. They live in Paradise Valley, AZ. Having retired, we moved to Scottsdale, about 10 minutes away from them and have been able to watch these three grandchildren grow up from close range. By our reunion time, Mitchell will be in college. Emily will be entering college and Matthew will be a senior in high school. Sherri lives in a suburb of Hartford, CT. Not married, but with her family of two dogs. Sherri is an attorney in the insurance business. Dan lives in the Silicon Valley, married to Holly, with three daughters: Ginger and twins, Teagan and Jasmine. Dan is president of a small technology company. Holly is a homemaker. We spend our summers in Maine, but when we are in AZ it is a short flight to visit Foster City for a few long weekends spaced over seven months each year.

Life styles – We like to golf, hike, travel, garden club and book club (Judy) and socialize with the many folks we know in Rochester, York, Maine and Scottsdale. If we had our lives to live over again, I don’t think we’d change a thing. It has been a great life – we are most fortunate.
After Pete and I were married in September of 1962, we moved to Boston for two years. He attended Harvard Business School while I worked for William Underwood Company in Watertown, famous for its deviled ham.

From Boston, we moved to Pittsburgh where Pete had accepted a job. I found a position as head dietitian for a school district. We were only there a short time when Pete was asked by his company to move to Mexico for two years. The two years turned into 14 and two of our children were born there. It was a wonderful experience that changed our lives. However, by the end of 14 years, it was time to provide a stateside education and experience for our daughters. Pete found a business to buy in Tulsa and we moved there in 1980. It is definitely home after 30 years.

My career has centered around volunteer work. I became a very active volunteer while living in Mexico as I didn’t have, nor was I eligible for, working papers. I continued my volunteer work upon returning to the States and am still very involved, even though I’ve been trying for a long time to do less! My focus here in Tulsa is the arts, both visual and performing. I have served for many years on the boards of the art museum, Tulsa Opera, Tulsa Ballet, and the Performing Arts Center. I have also been involved with other non-profits in various and sundry ways. Being on the volunteer side of the aisle has given me the flexibility to travel and to support Pete in his role as Chair of the Board of Trustees at Cornell. As you can imagine, this is a very time-consuming commitment for both of us...we have the distinction of being the first Cornell “couple” to serve in this capacity.

In terms of travel, we seem to be “on the road” constantly and have traveled extensively during our almost 50 years of marriage...North America, Europe, Canada, South and Central America, Asia, Middle East, Far East, Africa, and Australia. However, we still have numerous destinations on the list.

We spend a fair amount of time in Aspen where we’ve had a home since the early ’70s. We love the beauty of the mountains and the variety of activities available. We also spend a little time in the CA desert.

We have three daughters: Annie (Cornell ’87; MBA/Harvard Business School), president of our company, lives with her husband, Rich Smalling, and two daughters in Austin, TX; Kathy (Penn ’88, MBA/Johnson School at Cornell), works part-time for our family company, and lives in Houston with her husband, Greg Geib, and their two sons and daughter; Sally (USC’91, PhD in clinical psychology U. of CA) and her husband, Jeff Snipes, live in Kentfield, CA. with their two sons and daughter.
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I live a simple, car-free life: working half time; growing vegetables and fruit on my allotment; visiting family and grandchildren in Manchester and Edinburgh; studying and writing about my and my children’s family history (much of which is located here in London). And that’s about it! How have I got here? By no special route, plans or intentions - it’s just the way it has turned out.

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Spouse: Josef Michl

For 20 years I’ve been happily ensconced in Boulder, CO, where I’m now winding down from a life mostly of “professional volunteerism” (lobbying for environmental, urban planning, and other good causes, serving on government and organizational boards and advisory groups, writing research reports on local and regional issues....), a life I began long, long ago at both state and local levels in Salt Lake City (decidedly against the prevailing current in Utah, which at that time placed the proper woman squarely in the home caring for husband and children, out of harm’s way and the world of men)! After 40+ years of marriage to a wonderful mad scientist and after having had three beautiful children, I continue to happily straddle life in the great American West and in various points abroad, where my Czech-born husband works much of the time.
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Spouse: Dorothy

I graduated from Cornell and was married five days later. Ten weeks later, we traveled to Lubbock, Texas, where I entered USAF pilot training. I liked flying and never had to make another decision. I retired from TWA in 2000.

Along the way we lived in Patchogue, NY; Lubbock, TX; Merced, CA; Sault Ste. Marie, MI; Kansas City, MO; Bellport, NY; Stony Brook, NY; Houston, TX; and after 11 years of moving, landed in Brookfield, CT, where we have lived since 1973.

Our children, Jennifer and David, graduated from the Cornell School of Hotel Administration in 1986 and 1990, respectively. We have three granddaughters who I hope will attend Cornell.

I live a quiet life. My wife, Dottie, is the active one with a multitude of volunteer projects, commissions, etc. I am a member of the Brookfield Lions Club and help out through the Lions. I go to the local YMCA on a regular basis, hang out with friends and often get some exercise.

My sordid hobby is playing poker. I go to the CT casinos a couple of times a month, and to Las Vegas a couple of times a year. I win enough to cover expenses and not much more. But I have fun.
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Leaving behind dear friends and the rest of the real world in June 1962, I submerged into four years of med school at Harvard, three years of internship and residency in internal medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital and two years of training in Clinical Research at the National Institutes of Health.

Emerging back into the light of day in 1971 I realized, among other things, that I had met the love of my life in Washington and we were married in June of that year. After three years on the faculty at Harvard we headed out to Denver where I ran the Emergency Department at the U.of Colorado General Hospital and did some clinical research on how to predict who would survive out of hospital cardiac arrest. In 1977, we returned to New England to join the faculty of the Dartmouth Medical School as Chief of the Medical Service at the White River Junction Vermont Veterans Hospital. The steady stream of shattered bodies, souls and spirits has been a daily reminder of the profound costs of war. Nothing short of a proven eminent threat could ever justify even the small sample of ruined lives I’ve been witness to.

Thirty-two years later, Nancy and I find ourselves in the same house at the end of a dirt road surrounded by fields, gardens, and forests. I am semi-retired – officially Professor of Medicine Emeritus – still seeing patients two days a week and doing a bit of teaching now and then.

Since 2002, Nancy and I have taken advantage of our increased flexibility to satisfy our yen for adventure by doing some volunteering in medically underserved areas. This has led to riding elephants in rural Thailand, witnessing incredible hardship in urban Guyana, seeing, firsthand, patients being treated for the often fatal bite of Belize’s fer de lance viper, chasing chickens out of examination rooms in the Honduran hills and caring for patients with bizarre pathology escaping from Congo over the Virunga volcanoes to our small clinic in rural Rwanda. While the experiences have made us feel incredibly fortunate to be US citizens, they have also confirmed our belief that each culture has its own precious elements and that, our own skills and resources notwithstanding, there is much to learn from others.
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Well-prepared by Cornell, I received my PhD in June 1965 and became a chemist at 3M in MN. I spent my entire career at the bench and retired as a Corporate Scientist, Dec. 2007. After 15 years in pharmaceuticals, I turned to industrial fluorochemicals. It has been an exciting career. In 2009, I received the American Chemical Society award in Industrial Chemistry, primarily for my synthesis of nimesulide (by chance, the first COX-2 inhibiting non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agent) and for being the first 3Mer to reach 100 US patents (currently 138). Cheryl, a Corporate Scientist in pressure-sensitive adhesives, retired at the same time. We both continue to work part-time for 3M. Our new spare time goes to exercise, gardening, and our Airedale, Sherlock. We preserve our own fruits and vegetables.

With homes in two delightful small cities (Afton, MN and Ojai, CA), we enjoy, and are good at, problem-solving and maintenance. My main hobby is sculpture (wood, stone, ceramic) and Cheryl’s is cooking. For our 26th wedding anniversary, we are taking a Baltic cruise, primarily to visit art museums, our favorite part of travel.
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The “Where are you now?” part is easy. I’m a healthy, happy wife, mother and grandmother (of five perfect grandchildren!) living in South Florida. My husband is retired and, though we’re active in our little community and in local volunteer work, we reserve time for our favorite past-time: travel. “Adventure travel” will probably begin to slow down (Is anyone else 70?), but that’s OK because we prefer self-planned and self-propelled trips anyway. We’ve rented apartments in Paris, Provence, and the Riviera for June (2010). Can’t wait!

The “How did you get there?” part can be attributed to just plain luck or fate. After graduation, I worked as a fourth grade teacher and then as an editorial secretary for AT&T’s NASA program (Bellcom). Bill and I were married in 1964 (He was an excellent choice!) and lived in Virginia, my home state. The “bright lights” soon attracted Bill, so we moved to New York in 1967 where he worked for Chemical Bank and Merrill Lynch. Life for me in suburban Westchester County was the typical housewife story (not “desperate”!): two children (Julia, born in 1967, and Tom, born in 1970); PTA; Junior League; tennis (Though I played a lot, I was never any good!); carpools (no distracting cell phones in those bygone days!) and business dinners.

After vacationing with the family in South Florida, we finally bought a home in North Palm Beach and retired here. Living in this area is a great calling card for the kids, so our “inn” is happily filled for Christmas and Easter. Because my tennis days have come to an end (two broken right legs, a few sprained ankles), I’m trying out the more sedentary game of bridge. (I’ll be a “beginner” forever.). I love reading, I frequent Weight Watchers, I try to maintain our “tired” house, I’m active at the Episcopal Church, I walk 3.3 miles a day, I work on our Village’s Art Lecture Series, I play with miniatures (dollhouses, shadow boxes) ...

What else is on the agenda? See how dull I am? But, the important thing is: I’m “happy in my skin” (as the expression goes), our whole family is lucky to enjoy good health (knock on wood), and the “Journey” of these fifty years has been terrific!
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Spouse: Neuza Furtado

On graduation day, after four years of NROTC, I received my commission in the U.S. Navy. I spent two years on a destroyer escort out of Newport, RI, then one year learning Russian in Washington, D.C. I spent my last two years of service at a naval intelligence station near Tokyo, Japan, with land and sea assignments, and mustered out in 1967.

Upon graduating from medical school, I matched with the U. of Michigan Affiliated Hospitals for internship and residency in internal medicine, and received my board certification in 1975.

The next year I married Neuza Furtado, who was working in school administration in Rio de Janeiro. We moved to Lewiston, ME, where our two girls were born, and where I had an office practice for six years. We moved back to my hometown of Wilmington, DE, and, after nearly two years as a staff physician with the DuPont Company, I went back into office practice. For the next 20, in the office and in the hospital, I took care of patients with heart, lung, GI, urologic, neurologic, infectious, skin, joint and psychiatric problems – the whole gamut of internal medicine. During this time our girls grew up, graduated from college and, more recently, married. Christine works for SONY Corp. in London, Jennifer for Comcast Cable Co. in Los Angeles.

Since I retired, in 2003, Neuza and I have been spending winters in Rio de Janeiro. We usually travel within Brasil, most often to the southern city of Curitiba, where many of Neuza’s relatives live. This year we also went north, to Natal, and enjoyed a number of great beaches there, along with the marvelous local cuisine.

I ski in the winter, golf in the warmer weather. When we’re in Wilmington, I take advantage of the U. of Delaware’s Academy of Lifelong Learning, which offers dozens of courses in a wide variety of subjects, all taught by volunteers. I read two newspapers, watch a little TV, subscribe to Netflix, putter around the house and walk several miles a day. Every so often, we take a cruise.

Looking back at my years at Cornell, I think what a marvelous experience it was. There was all that beauty – the lake, the hill, the gorges – that surrounded us. Classes were stimulating, from Edward Whiting Fox’s “Survey of Western Civilization” to Arthur Mizener’s “Shakespeare” to Walter LaFeber’s “American History”– and so many more. We learned how to think critically, to express ourselves forcefully, to seek out answers for ourselves when curiosity was awakened.

Cornell has always been, and will always be, a very large part of who I am.
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When I was in high school, I had no idea what I wanted to do or be. Guidance counselor meets with me and tells me that since I got a few points higher in math, chem, and physics than in the other subjects I should be an engineer or something. (The other possibility was a forest ranger!) As a Cornell senior it was clear that I still had no idea what I wanted to be. Staying in school forever always seemed particularly attractive!

Took a graduate-level, year-long course in biochemistry and decided that I would do that. During spring recess, however, a neighbor, a pediatrician, purely by coincidence, asked me in for coffee. He asked me what I was doing at college. I told him. He said, “Have you thought about medicine?” I answered, “What??!!” He told me that if I was a biochemist I might get stuck on that pathway. If I was a physician, however, I would have many more options! Sounded intriguing. Thought about it on the drive back to Cornell. I talked up the idea about medical school with some of the top students in that year’s Chem. E. class. Four of us decided to apply to medical school. Three got in.

Went to Albert Einstein in the Bronx. After five years as a Cornell Chem. E. this was basically “no sweat.” Stayed there as a straight medical intern. Then wondered if anesthesiology might be a good outlet for my engineering background and my M.D. degree? It wasn’t! Spent one year at Columbia P&S and then entered the Army as an anesthesiologist. Following discharge I spent a glorious five months traveling around South America. No house. No kids. No nothing. Then to San Diego for an Internal Medicine residency followed by two years in a Cardiology Fellowship in San Francisco. One day I got call from someone visiting from Winnipeg. Did I want to have lunch and talk about joining the faculty at the U. of Manitoba and helping to bring echocardiography to Manitoba? Thought I would try it for six months or so. Decided to try to find out where Winnipeg was.

It is now 35 years later. Nothing bad at all about being a big fish in a little pond. And you only have to leave the house one half-hour before show time to get to the symphony. Or the theater. Or an incredible jazz performance. And the practice of medicine remains a gloriously proud profession relatively uncontaminated by the goings-on in the old U.S. of A.

Personally, I am almost as well as ever. Still working full time as a U. of Manitoba Prof. of Medicine (Cardiology) and still loving every bit of it. I have no thought about retiring and can’t understand why anyone would ask such questions. I am going to stay where I am unless circumstances change. Meanwhile, I am hoping that they never will!
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Aiming for a career in exobiology, I went to Illinois for a PhD in biophysics. I met my wife, Judi, on Cape Cod while working summers at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole. After a year as a post-doc physicist with the Air Force doing missile re-entry spectroscopy, I changed my direction from outer space resources to Earth resources and joined the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences in environmental remote sensing. This remained my research focus during my years at VIMS and at the U. of Toronto. I met the Lord Jesus Christ while in Canada, and this event led to a focus on helping Christians embrace science as a service to humanity. In 1983, we moved to Chesapeake VA and Regent U., where for 16 years – as a professor and administrator in the School of Government – I taught environmental policy. I now work as a departmental chair in the School of Undergraduate Studies.

In family life, we enjoy three married children and ten grandchildren. Our older son is an aerospace engineer with the Navy, our daughter is a medical doctor’s wife, and our younger son, an electrical engineer, is technical vice president of SkyAngel, delivering IPTV. Judi and I love Colorado and Hawaii on vacations. She is an educational consultant in special education, serving public school and home school students. All our children home school their children.

Over the years I have enjoyed lots of musical activities – folk music, church music, and ragtime piano composition. After Cornell and cross-country running, I ran an occasional road race, but became a regular racer after a heart attack and bypass surgery in 1982. Although I needed further surgery in 2000, my health is otherwise excellent and I’ve run a dozen marathons since 1999, along with the usual 5ks and 10ks. In the last few years I have been in touch with SAE brothers from Cornell, and with fellow cross-country runners from Cornell.
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After three years of teaching English to high school students, Peter and I started our family. Susan was born in 1966 (graduated from University of Illinois in 1987). Michael was born in 1969 (graduated from Cornell in 1991). Susan and Mike have given us two very precious families: a son-in-law and daughter-in-law who are loved as our own, and five captivating grandchildren, 5, 8, 10, 16, and 20.

Except for some substitute teaching when the kids were in high school, and giving piano lessons during those child-rearing years, I have volunteered my time and energy to many different facets of serving the Lord. My life took an about face when I was 40 and discovered the joy of knowing Jesus. Since then I have led countless Bible studies for women, couples, and children. I have been a deaconess, a church board member, a leader of church prayer ministries, a member and leader of mission teams to the Czech Republic, a prayer counselor, a mentor of single moms, an adult leader to teen age mission trips, and numerous other roles.

I have valued my Cornell classes and teaching in literature. Still one of my greatest enjoyments is reading...and also creating a home and garden. But by far the BEST is walking with the Lord as a wife, a mother, a grandmother, and a friend.

Peter retired a year ago, and now we are searching for new paths in the coming years. We are so thankful to be healthy! We are looking forward to discovering what lies ahead.
Following graduation, I spent two years in the Army (ROTC at Cornell) then took a job as a computer programmer with Systems Development Corp. in Santa Monica, CA. More importantly, I also married Barbara Dohren (Arts ’63) at that time. After two years I left for graduate school (Mathematics Dept.) at the U. of Washington. In my first year there the university opened up a graduate program in Computer Science and I switched over, eventually becoming the second Computer Science PhD from UW. Shortly before getting my degree, we also had the first of our four daughters, three of whom eventually graduated from Cornell. I worked in the computer industry as a technical manager for the next decade, living in San Diego, then Newport, RI, then Annapolis, MD, mostly working in support of U.S. Navy development programs.

Two years after moving to Maryland I entered government service with the National Security Agency (NSA), working principally in computer/IT managerial or technical director positions, retiring as a Senior Executive in 2001. I immediately went to work for Computer Sciences Corp., still focused on NSA work, serving as director of the Technology Futures organization. I re-retired in 2008 and then joined Perot Systems (now Dell Perot Systems) as their Technical Director for National Security programs. Barbara has worked as a software manager for Raytheon for the past 20+ years, also in support of NSA programs, and we both continue to enjoy our jobs. I also teach graduate school classes in Cryptology, Network Security, and Information Security as an adjunct Associate Professor at the U. of Maryland.

Our oldest daughter raises horses (and our two grandchildren) on a farm northeast of Baltimore. Two daughters live in Manhattan, one a real estate attorney and the other a taster for the Wine Spectator magazine. The fourth lives in Gilford, NH, working as a patent attorney. We have lived in the Annapolis area since 1977 (aside from a three-year assignment in northern England in the mid-80s), living on the water and enjoying the community. We have made numerous trips back to Cornell over the years, particularly while our daughters were in attendance, but most recently to a 2009 Homecoming reunion of Lambda Chi Alpha brothers from the ‘50s and ‘60s.
I retired from law in 2000 and have lived in Las Vegas full time since 2000. In my first year of law school, I became a professional blackjack player, studying Thorpe’s *Beat the Dealer* instead of law books. However, after marrying during my second year, my wife became pregnant during my third year and, after graduation, I had to get a real job. So, we moved from San Francisco to her hometown of Detroit. I was hired by a Detroit law firm and worked for them for 23 years in Detroit.

During those 23 years, my wife gave me a second son and then contracted cancer and died. Eighteen months later, I married my second wife (who came to the marriage with two sons of her own). At our wedding, the four boys were six, five, four and three; the two youngest had the same first name. Three years later we had a fifth son. We were divorced in the late 1980s, and I moved to Florida and opened an office for my Detroit law firm. I retired 12 years later and moved permanently to Las Vegas.

Four of the five boys are married and the oldest and youngest have given me two grandchildren each. The last grandchild arrived in February, 2009 and was the first female born into my immediate family in the 93 years since my mother was born. She had waited 93 years and was able to see her only granddaughter during that year of 2009. She passed away just before her 94th birthday. My five sons live in five different states (MI, IL, CO, ID and CA), so I travel a big part of my retirement visiting them and relatives in Florida. I also travel for my other two loves: gaming and traditional jazz.
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I am currently (2010) Professor and Chairman Emeritus, Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (ENT), Mayo Clinic College of Medicine; Regent Emeritus, U. of Minnesota; and Trustee Emeritus, University of Minnesota Foundation

My wife, Dr. Ingrid Vaga Neel, practiced at the Olmsted Medical Center in Rochester, Minnesota. We have three married children – Carlton, Harry, and Roger – and seven grandchildren.

My hobbies are fishing, sailing, shooting, and alpine and water skiing, medical writing, piano, and reading.
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My short story is that I have been in the world of education now for over 46 years, first as a middle and high school teacher and then as a program developer/program evaluator and grant writer. For the past 30+ years, I have run my own company, Ira Nelken & Associates, Inc., which does program evaluations and grant writing. I have also taught at the university level in education.

My first passion is art (I work in watercolor, pastel, pen and ink and charcoal) and have been doing so for the past 37 year – selling my work at times. My second passion is reading voraciously: in the sciences, history and investment economics. I’m also quite into Sudoku and *The NY Times*’ crosswords. I walk at least 40 minutes a day (a result of having coronary artery disease, a heart attack and very successful double bypass surgery fifteen years ago). My wife and I like to travel a lot and have been throughout the U.S. and Canada, Mexico and Central America, a bit of South America (Peru and Brazil), much of Western Europe and the British Isles, and the Near East. By the time of the reunion this also should include Morocco, Greece, Turkey and the Aegean.

I have four grown children (three with my first wife, whom I met at Cornell, and one with my second wife to whom I’ve been married for about 35 years) and eight grandchildren (presently aged 1 month to 13 years) whom I love dearly.
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I have been at the Ford Foundation for 15 years. I am Director of a program called Quality Employment, which is designed to help low-wage working families move up the economic ladder. With a $22 million annual budget, we support grantees who work to improve the quality of low-wage jobs; insure that workers get the government supports (tax credits, child care, health care and food stamps) they are entitled to and that reinforce their low wages; and help workers get the education and training they need to move up to better jobs.

When I started at Ford in 1994, I was the Women’s Rights Program Officer. I came to Ford from the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, where I had been the Executive Director for six years. The activity I was proudest of at NOW LDEF was building a national network to support and secure passage of the Violence Against Women Act in 1994, which resulted in over $1 billion in funds to help women deal with violence in their lives.

My husband is a law professor at NYU Law School. We are both still happily working and will celebrate our 50th anniversary in December 2011. We have a grown daughter, Ellen, and two grandchildren, Henry, who is now 15, and Leslie, who is 11.
Our living in Ithaca (and moving from Rye, NY where we lived for 33 years) story stems from the late 1980s when Carolyn and I were mulling over where to live long-term (a fun discussion over the years without any resolution). When the second of our two children also chose to attend Cornell (Nancy ’90 and Scott ’93), we decided that Ithaca was the place to be. An easy decision, actually, since we met and were married here.

In 1991, we found the ideal lakeside property, using it seasonally (letting it freeze in the winters...yes, it does get cold in Ithaca) until 2002 when we constructed a proper year-round lake house and a second building up the road with a rental floor and a top floor for my consulting firm’s offices.

Since moving here permanently, we have been more than just a little active in both the broader Tompkins County communities and in several Cornell endeavors, as well. In addition, the lakeside house has been a wonderful spot for the kids and our five grandkids to visit as frequently as possible. There is so much to do in this area, and we are discovering more all the time. Plus, there is simply no end to festivals, concerts, plays, lectures, and all kinds of adventuresome activities the year round.

Though we have often discussed retirement (real “retirement”), it has not happened yet. For example, Carolyn continues to be quite active with Cornell in her post-Trustee endeavors and has only recently completed her successive terms on the board of the Family & Children’s Services, based in Ithaca. My energies are quite consumed these days by continued client-consulting work, teaching as a visiting lecturer plus coaching/advising students on careers at the Johnson School, continuing to be active in several Cornell councils and committees, and serving on three not-for-profit boards (hospital, Chamber, and Sciencenter) in Tompkins County.

Looking forward, we have reserved a future place at the Kendal at Ithaca for residential living – they have beautiful residential facilities just north of the Cornell campus.
After graduation, I joined 20 Cornellians touring a musical for the US People-to-People program, performing in Jamaica, Haiti, Venezuela, and Brazil. A “Life Highlight.” My dream was acting, but three summers in production and management at NY’s Shakespeare Festival convinced me that I wasn’t dedicated or wealthy enough to pursue it. (Not to mention “talented.”)

Cornell granted me a teaching assistantship in rhetoric and public address, which came in handy later, when, facing the draft, I enlisted in the Army to pick my specialty. I trained for journalism and broadcasting at the Defense Information School, and stayed to teach – rhetoric and public address. Small world.

The teaching ended when I was sent to Vietnam, assigned to Armed Forces Radio Service, Saigon (later fictionalized in “Good Morning, Vietnam”). I was a studio-based newsmen, so I stayed relatively safe. Once, in a survey, I was identified as the most listened-to English-speaking newscaster in Southeast Asia. Since AFRS was the only radio station broadcasting in English, I took it with a large grain of salt. My work – plus teaching English to Vietnamese high school teachers in off-duty time and serving as chazan (cantor) at weekly and holiday Jewish services in Saigon – made this 15-month period another “Life Highlight.”

I returned to Cornell to complete my MA with a theater assistantship. Then I went to NBC after classmate Mike Eisgrau told me about a training program for journalists. Innocently going to Personnel instead of the News Department, I wound up a Page, but quickly moved to Unit Manager – the operations and financial person who works with the producer to get the show on-the-air within the constraints of the budget.

I became Manager of Production at the NYC flagship station, then moved to the network, where I served as Production Manager for “Hot Hero Sandwich” (it won the Emmy for Outstanding Children’s Programming), and later for “NBC Nightly News” with John Chancellor and then Tom Brokaw. When I tired of traveling on sudden emergencies, I moved into staff management in News Administration, where I completed my 25-year career at NBC.

That was about 20 years ago, and I’ve enjoyed my leisure, especially as I’ve been able to share it with Vivien, whom I met on a beach in the Hamptons some 37 years ago, married, and, with whom, basically have “lived happily ever after” in Manhattan’s ultra-convenient Theater District. Another “Life Highlight!” And, as we age, we can get some exercise by walking to the East Side, where all the doctors seem to be. Well, that’s life!
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After graduating from Cornell I entered the service and was sent overseas. I served 3 years as an Army Paratrooper in Germany and during that time traveled throughout Europe. On one of those trips to Berlin I met Regina, my wife to be; we married and moved back to the States, started a family, and I launched my business career. I spent over 30 years in the high-tech industry, which involved numerous assignments requiring extensive travel in Europe, South America and Asia Pacific. I’ve lived here in the Boston area for over twenty years and have three grown children living in the area. I recently launched a “second career” in Boston real estate. Our family enjoys the outdoors, including jogging, biking, boating and fishing. We have a summer home on Cape Cod offering the opportunity to enjoy all that the Cape has to offer.
My first job was at Doubleday, the book publishers, at 575 Madison Ave., in NYC. It was very interesting work, but low paying, so when my roommate, Mary Falvey, came to New York the next year, I joined her at IBM as a Systems Engineer. I worked for two years at the office in NYC at 2 Broadway.

I met my husband, Chuck, in NY in 1964 and we were married in 1965. When our first daughter was born in 1966, I stopped working, and was a “stay-at-home” mother for 23 years. Living in NYC was great, but by the time we had three daughters, it was time to move to the suburbs. We moved to Huntington in 1976, and have been in the same house for 34 years.

When I thought about having a second career, I decided against publishing or computer work in favor of music education. I had taken piano lessons in high school at the Northwestern Preparatory School of Music; the only music course I took at Cornell was music appreciation. I got my Master of Science in Music Education at Long Island University in 1989, and began teaching that fall in the public schools in Brentwood, which is the largest school district on Long Island.

I’m very lucky to be in a wonderful elementary school where I teach “general music” in grades 1 through 5. It is a dream job, because it doesn’t feel like a job. The kids love music, and I love teaching them, and, of course, along the way, I’m hopefully instilling in them a life-long love of music. For example, I’m taking my advanced recorder club (yes, I play the recorder) to a New York Philharmonic performance at Lincoln Center. I get to sing, dance, play the piano and just have fun every day. I plan to keep on working for a few more years.

My husband, Chuck, has been retired from Telerate Systems, a division of Dow Jones, for ten years. We spend our vacations traveling and visiting our grandchildren. We have three daughters: Laura, a Senior VP in Marketing for Showtime in NYC, and her husband, Lou Rodriguez, who has his own consulting business, have one daughter, Nicole Parker Rodriguez, who was born in 2007. They live in Pleasantville, NY. Alison lives in Manhattan and is a film producer. Her company’s latest film (2010) is “The Private Lives of Pippa Lee,” starring Robin Wright Penn. Her other films are “A Decade Under the Influence” and “This Film is Not Yet Rated.” Catherine and her husband, Greg Gould, have a son, West Carter Palmer-Gould, who was born in 2008. They live in Denver. Both Catherine and Greg are in computer-related jobs.
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It has been a terrific journey. I owe a wonderful life to Cornell. I met my wife, Wendie, when I was a senior and she was a freshman. I decided to remain at Cornell in the law school so that we could graduate together in 1965. We were married my last year of law school and Wendie’s last year as an undergraduate. We proved – in my Dad’s words – that two can live as cheaply as one if one doesn’t eat! While in law school I continued to take as many graduate courses as possible in the ILR School. As consequence, I met David L. Cle, a nationally known and respected arbitrator and mediator. Dave invited me to join his Paterson, NJ law firm at $110 a week in the Fall of 1965. For the opportunity, I turned down much higher salaried positions with large NY and NJ law firms. But it was worth it. I learned so much from Dave and his partners and stayed at his firm until Dave passed away. In 1979, I joined Grotta, Glassman & Hoffman, a boutique labor law firm; and, in 2006 we merged the Grotta firm into Fox Rothschild, a national law firm headquartered in Philadelphia. I still represent management and am proud to list Cornell and Princeton as clients. I continue to love my work.

Wendie and I have a great life together. We have a second home in Boca Raton and each year we take one or two exciting trips to interesting places abroad. But, the love of both our lives is our two children, Jon (Tulane 1989) and Lauren (Cornell 1992), their spouses and our five grandchildren – Jessie, Jack and Joe (my son’s) and Sydney and Oscar (my daughter’s). We are lucky that our children and grandchildren live with ten minutes from our NJ home. Jessie was Bat Mitzvahed in October 2009 and we took her to Paris because of her interest in fashion design. Now her brother, Jack, has said that after his Bar Mitzvah, “I’d like to go to Australia and New Zealand.” I’ve told Jack that I have been thinking of “Cleveland or Detroit.” This is a negotiation I may happily lose!?!?

To sum up – my life to date has been great and I believe I am indebted to Cornell for both my family and my profession. Wendie and Lauren have told me that they graduated from the real Cornell (A&S) while I graduated from a trade school (ILR). My retort – the trade school has given all of us a wonderful life.
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Right after graduation, my friend, Diana Gunther Nolan ’62, and I drove to San Francisco. We’re still best friends! In September, I moved to NYC and worked for NASA’s Institute for Space Flight Studies, translating “science” into English, a real challenge. Then I worked in publishing at Holt, David McKay and the Dial Press. In 1970, Michael and I moved to San Francisco. We started our own literary agency. We’re still enjoying discovering new writers. We’ve had a few best sellers, including Cynthia Freeman’s A World Full of Strangers, Dan Millman’s Way of the Peaceful Warrior, and Jay Conrad Levinson’s Guerrilla Marketing series.

Michael and I created the Painted Ladies series of six books about Victorian homes painted in three or more colors. There are Painted Ladies in every state in America – and people still send us photos of their newly painted Victorians, hoping for the next book. We’ve also written a few other books including Michael’s three on publishing and my Fun Places to Go With Children in Northern California.

We also founded the San Francisco Writers Conference, now in its 8th year. And the third San Francisco Writing for Change Conference will be held in November.
I transferred to Cornell from Vassar at the beginning of my junior year after I was married to Jerry Porter, then a graduate student in Mathematics. In 1963, I received an MA in Sociology and Jerry received his PhD. We moved to Cambridge, MA where Jerry was an Instructor at M.I.T. and I received a PhD degree in the Department of Social Relations at Harvard, concentrating in Sociology. Our first child, Daniel, was born in 1966, two days after turning in my PhD thesis. We then moved to Philadelphia. Jerry joined the Mathematics Department faculty at the U. of Pennsylvania, eventually being promoted to Professor, and I started teaching in the Sociology Department at Bryn Mawr College, rising through the ranks to Professor. Our family increased by two children during this time. Rebecca was born in 1968 and Michael was born in 1970. We each taught at our respective universities for over 40 years. Although we are both officially retired, I am still teaching part-time at Bryn Mawr as the Katherine McBride Professor of Sociology.

My field of study was originally intergroup relations. My first book was entitled *Black Child, White Child: the Development of Racial Attitudes* (Harvard University Press). In 1990, I became involved in research on the AIDS epidemic. That research has consumed my life for the past 20 years. My area of research is AIDS and injection drug use, and most of my professional publications are in this area. I also have volunteered extensively at the community level. I have volunteered since its founding at Prevention Point Syringe Exchange, helping to manage the needle exchange sites and doing street and shooting gallery (places where groups of people inject) outreach in North Philadelphia. I have also volunteered with Congreso de Latino Unidos and the Philadelphia Committee to End Homelessness, providing AIDS education to high-risk individuals in welfare offices, homeless centers, and drug treatment facilities. I am currently doing AIDS and hepatitis C education for exchangers at Prevention Point. I volunteer as a food stamp pre-screener at one of Philadelphia’s district health centers, as well as serving on the board of Women Against Abuse. I am the Vice-Chairperson of the Mayor’s (of Philadelphia) Drug and Alcohol Executive Commission. These activities have not only complemented my research and teaching, but, more importantly, put something back into the community. In the AIDS courses I have taught for the past 20 years, all my students are required to volunteer at AIDS agencies. Learning by experience is critical in understanding this epidemic.

We have led an interesting life. We have traveled widely, particularly in Third World countries, where we trekked through several mountain ranges, and lived in South Africa. To borrow an aphorism, “Life is a journey, not a destination” and I have been lucky to have wonderful traveling companions in my husband Jerry, my three children, their spouses, and my six grandchildren.
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I have lived and worked in London for nearly 40 years. I came here in 1972 from Boston where I had trained as a psychiatrist and a child psychiatrist at Harvard Medical School. Along with my then future wife, Karen, London was where we both wished to train in psychoanalysis with adults, adolescents, and children. The psychoanalysis here was different from what was available in the States, with a strong emphasis here on Klein and Jung.

It has been overall a most rewarding and enjoyable life from a pretty white 18th century farmhouse overlooking the Thames and a house by the Mediterranean in Provence as well as summers overlooking the Gulf of St Lawrence in Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. Both our sons have gone their own routes – Pierre as a movie producer with Merchant Ivory Productions after Princeton ’00, then independently, and Alex as a musician and composer. They and we divide our time on both sides of the Atlantic and both coasts. Do let us know if you are planning to come to London!
I wish I could say it was all planned out, but that’s not the case, and probably rarely is. I came from a fairly ordinary background, and like many students in the ‘50s, neither of my parents had attended college. Cornell had a real impact on me and greatly expanded my horizons and aspirations. I left Cornell with my undergraduate degree and an MBA and spent a short period of time with Ford at one of its plants, and then did my two-year ROTC Army requirement. I enjoyed my time in the military, had a fair amount of responsibility, and the best part, I met the love of my life, Betty Mauldin. In less than five months, we were married. (It took four months for her mother to organize the wedding!)

After the military, I spent five years with Booz Allen Hamilton, a management consulting and IT firm. By this time I was learning that I did not want to spend the rest of my life working for large organizations (Ford, the U.S. Army, and Booz Allen). I found myself unhappy with corporate decisions that I did not agree with, and reacted negatively to some of the political machinations that are part of corporate life. I wanted to be able to control what I was doing, and that is not doable while working for someone else. So I eventually went into business with some partners, building on a business model that I had learned at Booz Allen, but with some very different twists. I guess I consider myself an “accidental entrepreneur” because I was highly motivated by what I did not want in my career. The company was a great success, with terrific growth, profitability, and reputation. I had a great 35 years as its CEO. People loved working for the company, and we eventually converted the firm into an employee-owned organization. It is now part of a public company, which I guess was inevitable, as people wanted to monetize their efforts in building the company. It was a home run! I had two other entrepreneurial ventures, one another home run and the last a strike out with the bases loaded. I guess two out of three isn’t bad, but two out of two would have been a lot better.

Betty and I have been active in our community, Alexandria, VA, supporting a variety of not-for-profit organizations. We have also stayed active and involved with Cornell, which has been rewarding and allowed us to remain in touch with many Cornellians. We spend part of the winter on Hutchinson Island, near Stuart, Florida, like to travel, play some golf, and spend time with our daughters and their families.
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College: ILR  
Advanced Degree: MBA (Cornell)  
Spouse: Susie

Careerist, husband, father and grandfather. Spent 32 years with a single employer reaching the top of the ladder in my career field. Now dedicated to foundation and non-profit roles. In 1962, married Barbara Easton who died of ALS in 1996. Remarried to Susie Mulcair in 2002. Three children, Paul III (MBA/Cornell/1988), Timothy, and Allison. Travelled extensively worldwide, thus I do not have the conventional retiree line usually given that I would like to travel in the free time of retirement.

Susie and I live approximately half-time in Fort Lauderdale, FL and the other half in the 1000 Islands where we have a home on the mainland and an island cottage. We enjoy immensely our collection of wooden boats and cruising the 1000 Islands during the summer.
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College: Arts & Sciences/Mathematics
Advanced Degrees: MA, PhD (Princeton U.)
Spouse: Marketta

I'm a mathematician, an academic, following a path I started down in my first year at Cornell, when I found myself in an innovative freshman class in which senior faculty took turns introducing us to some serious ideas in classical mathematics. At Cornell, as an undergraduate, I learned from giants: I. N. Herstein, Walter Feit, J Barkley Rosser, Philip Morrison, Hans Bethe ... how could I become a lawyer after that?

Not being ready for a real job, I went straight to graduate school at Princeton. There I studied number theory and got married to a lovely Finnish maiden, Marketta. With Vietnam hanging over our heads, after some negotiation and a couple of narrow escapes from my local draft board, I completed my degree and got my first job, at Johns Hopkins. We had our first kid in 1967, Andrea, an absolute charmer who traveled with us to conferences, making friends and working the cafeteria at mealtimes, begging for food (her favorite was peas) at other tables. Our second, Jessamyn, came with my second job, at Temple University. She was almost as cute, but messier.

During the years that followed, we worked and played (tennis, golf, squash, badminton etc.). I've dabbled in university administration, written educational software (google COW), taught 1.3 zillion students, proved some theorems, taught in Japan, and enjoyed all of it. Marketta is the universally acclaimed best and most experienced tour guide in Philadelphia, having charmed and informed visitors from all over the world.

Our daughters grew up and went to good universities (Penn State, Princeton and Columbia, pretty good, but they’re not Cornell). Andrea is a mother of two boys, unearths local artifacts as a part-time archeologist, teaches part-time and volunteers for everything educational in West Chester Ohio. Jessamyn has one boy and one job, as a faculty member in East Asian History at Penn State. That’s enough to keep her out of trouble.

I’m still at Temple, but thinking about moving on to my next job, retirement. That will most likely be the toughest.
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College: Industrial & Labor Relations
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Marital Status: Single

After four years of teaching first grade I moved to Boston, MA where I became a Director of Human Resources for several agencies within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I retired from the Commonwealth in 1996 as Assistant Commissioner for Administration and Finance for the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Having built a home on Cape Cod in the 1970s, it seemed an appropriate time to move there and help my parents. This was the start of a new career as a real estate agent. My mother is still with me at the age of 101! The past five years have been devoted to care giving.

On the Cape I’ve had an opportunity to try my hand at gardening, which I love. Every spring brings new challenges. Being able to work in the yard is such a pleasure after years of working in an office and the plants never complain.

The education I received at Cornell opened many doors throughout my career for which I am most appreciative. The diverse student population exposed me to a variety of cultures and new ways of thinking. I not only gained an excellent education but a sense of confidence in myself that has been helpful throughout life. Many of my fellow Cornellians have remained lifelong friends.
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Marital Status: Single

My life has been a surprising one. After I left Cornell (I had stayed to study Chinese and get an MA in Comparative Sino-Soviet Government, 1965), I began a government career in Washington, D.C. But soon after, captivated and radicalized by the movements of the ‘60s – Civil Rights and anti-Vietnam War, and my older sister’s unconventional ‘65 marriage to an African-American – I left Washington for the streets of NYC where, in the late ‘60s, I marched and organized for community control of the schools and early feminism. Sure that women could now Do Anything (and because a fellow said karate was too hard for women), I joined an all-male karate school, and began, to my surprise, a 20-year love (and struggle-for-equality) affair with the martial arts: Goju, Shotokan karate, Aikido, Arnis, and T’ai chi.

To support other women, I ran my own all-women’s karate school (1974-88) –The Women’s Center Karate Club – and with several friends, helped form the Women’s Martial Arts Union, and later, the National Women’s Martial Arts Federation. (Both NWMAF and the karate school still exist.)

During this period, I began writing, at first because others were curious about my unusual martial arts life – another surprise turn since I’d always been a reluctant writer. I published a young adult book The Martial Arts (co-author Richard Chin), and under the pseudonym Rebecca Moon, Right On! An Anthology of Black Literature (co-editor Brad Chambers). Over the next years, I wrote various articles on women in the martial arts, women warriors in history, and in the 1990s began publishing personal essays and a memoir. In 2001, finally deciding to take writing “seriously,” I studied Creative Nonfiction in the U. of New Orleans’ MFA program, which had a residency in Prague (this, too, delightfully unexpected), and received my MFA in 2004.

I’ve been teaching writing at Hunter College in NYC for over 20 years, first, ESL (I got an MA in TESOL from Hunter in 1991), then freshman comp, and recently creative nonfiction. I’ve also taught Poets & Writers funded workshops as well as the Gribner Nonfiction Manuscript Workshops in the U.S. and Prague.

Various projects now in the works include an anthology of Hunter student essays and a memoir focused on my taking over the care of my sister’s two bi-racial teenage sons in 1987 after my sister’s death. These projects, however, proceed slowly as I deal with my latest unpleasant surprise – ovarian cancer, to which I’m hoping to give a knock-out punch.
My life had been moving along just great these past umpteen years – wonderful lawyer husband, fabulous kids (Stacey, Cornell ’93, Wharton/MBA ’99; Daniel, Cornell ‘96, Emory Law/JD ’04), engaging profession (editor/writer; executive director of an environmental public advocacy group), spacious aerie abode in Manhattan, comfy vacation home in Saltaire, Fire Island; and great friends – until it took a horrific turn in 2005 when my son succumbed at age 31 to the stage-4 brain tumor that he had been battling for six years. This was an excruciatingly painful loss that we are still struggling to live with. But, life, alas, does go on.

In the intervening years, my daughter has moved to London to live and work and become a serious long-distance cyclist, providing us with yet another excuse to travel to Europe and beyond even more than we had in prior years. Bruce is still practicing law and playing winning competitive tennis, total hip-replacement notwithstanding. I continue to take summers off as I have for the past 50 years, devoting the season to honing my skills on outdoor tennis courts (even won another trophy in 2010!), and to filling my life with family and friends, reading, theater, travel, photography and gardening. It’s more than enough. Almost.
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Reading Hemingway and Fitzgerald in Professor Sale’s American Literature course led me straight to Charles Scribner’s Son’s on Fifth Avenue in New York City and my first job in publishing. After a long and happy career in book publicity, where I worked with wonderful books and authors ranging from C.P. Snow, Alan Paton, and P.D. James to Alan Shepard, Jack Welch, and Donald E. Westlake, I retired last year and am now loving life in NYC. I’m taking Spanish lessons, exploring the neighborhoods and parks of my hometown, going to the gym, museums, concerts, operas, plays, movies and reading the books I never had time to read when I was working with them. To avoid being totally hedonistic, I am very involved with a wonderful charity, Goddard Riverside Community Center, where I am Vice President of the Board of Directors. I enjoy visiting with family and friends, including some fellow Cornellians, and I continually wonder how I ever had time to work.

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SPOUSE: Michael Roberts ’61 (Electrical Engineering)

I am a national/international expert on educational technology. And it all started at Cornell with Harry Levin, my professor in Child Development, later my boss in Project Literacy (a national project to develop an innovative reading curriculum). Harry told Joan Cooney that I was “the teacher” that should help design a new TV program for children and, in 1968, I became an adviser to “Sesame Street” and then “The Electric Company.” Many years later, it was the Sesame experience that led to my placement as a policy fellow in the library and learning technology program at the US Department of Education. My first assignment was to write a report on how computers were being used in schools. Six weeks later, I was the expert, having talked to everyone in just about every educational computer project in the US. Then on to the US Congress Office of Technology Assessment, where I prepared three landmark ed-tech reports (1988, ’89 and ‘91) and was recruited by the Clinton Administration, where I became the first director of Educational Technology. When I left office on January 19, 2001, I had five programs in place with $980 million annual budget.

After retiring from government (12 years at OTA and 8 years at the Department of Education), I have continued to stay involved, serving on boards of companies and non-profits (Sesame Workshop) as well as advising government agencies, foundations, and others. I love helping to solve problems, mentoring others, and I love not being in charge or dealing with deadlines.

Michael and I have two wonderful children, Rachel and David. David and his wife, Jamie, are expecting twins, a boy and a girl, in October (2010). Our friends have extolled the virtues of grandparenthood and we are so ready for this.
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My life story is the story of Now. Rocky and I (married in 1990) are semi-retired seasonal migrants. We work full-time in Boston in the Spring and Fall and we play full-time in Jackson Hole in the Winter and Summer.

In Boston I work for Shipshape Gardens. We design, install and maintain gardens in the Back Bay, Beacon Hill, and the South End. I love this job! Rocky works at the Draper Lab, where he’s been all his life, doing rocket science. He loves that job, too. But more than that we love to ski all Winter – downhill, cross country, backcountry!! and, most recently, skate skiing. One day we may have as much gear as Chuck and Gerry Miller Jennings (Nursing, 1962) – who are responsible for introducing us to ski mountaineering – and the impetus behind my most favorite ever week at the Campbell Icefields Chalet in British Columbia. In Summer we kayak and eat lobsters in Brooklin, ME and then head to Jackson Hole for kayaking, hiking, swimming in cold mountain lakes, golf, and tennis.

The story of my Former Life is: divorced working mother for many years in California and New Hampshire. Business career in private investment banking and acquisitions with entrepreneurial and corporate entities, primarily in the health care field. Ultimate job was buying dialysis service centers around the country for National Medical Care. Favorite jobs were teaching blind people to read print with the Optacon in Palo Alto, CA, vice president of Bourgeois Fils & Co., Inc. in Exeter NH (Series 7 certified), volunteer for Family Advocacy Program at Boston Medical Center, JV tennis coach at The Winsor School, and my current job. Not so favorite was my own market research company.

In between all this I continue dabbling...Took up the cello ten years ago, went to Elderhostel orchestra camp at the Kent School, CT and played in the Community Music Center of Boston’s chamber orchestra. I play tennis at the Badminton & Tennis Club and Longwood Cricket Club; won the Low Net Ladies Championship at Jackson Hole Golf and Tennis; won first place in the First International Rollerblade Marathon from Anaheim to Irvine CA in the Over-50 category (first out of one!); ran the Casco Bay marathon in 4 hours in 1986, a point of pride in my 10-year running career.

By the time you read this, I will also have participated with my 40-year-old son, Scott, in the Now is the Zero Year Babies celebration (August 2010): a self-supported 600-mile bicycle tour from Jackson Hole to Glacier National Park. I, too, of course, am a Zero Year Baby!
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Home base now is Prescott, AZ, a lovely smallish town at 5,000 feet in the Central Arizona Highlands. Two days before graduating from Cornell, I married Thomas H. Roelofs, EE class of ’59. We stayed in Ithaca, my home town, until Tom graduated with a PhD in 1964 and I became a mom to our daughter, Robin. Then, with the encouragement of Dr. Wilbur and Pearl Meserve, we moved to Honolulu where Tom became a professor of EE at U. of Hawaii at Manoa. Our one-year experiment lasted 30 more years during which time we bought a house, had our son, David, and Tom advanced to full professor. Life in the sunshine was good. After the kids were in school, I earned an MS in Botany from UH and helped to start the Hawaii Nature Center.

Tom retired from UH in May 1995 and died of cancer in Prescott in July. While trying to reassemble my life, I learned that Tom’s cousin, Chuck Dann, based in San Francisco, had also lost his spouse to cancer that year. We decided to join forces and were married in Prescott, July 4, 1999. Our combined family includes our five “kids,” their spouses and significant others, and two granddaughters. Chuck’s kids are in Seattle, Portland, and the US Army at Fort Huachuchua. My kids are in Prescott. Robin owns her own accounting business and David is a pilot for Virgin America and the father of Faith Angel Roelofs Eslava Polanco, the light of my life.

Chuck and I spend our time volunteering at the Unity Church of Prescott and as docents at the Highlands Center for Natural History. We also travel through the wonders of the west in our fifth wheel with our dog, Lani, when we can. Chuck is a private pilot and part owner of a Cessna 172 which takes us out for the “$50 hamburger” often. I am a Master Gardener, especially interested in growing vegetables and landscaping with native plants. I’m also studying Spanish and plan a trip to visit family in Lima, Peru in fall 2010. The highlight will be visiting Machu Picchu to celebrate my 70th birthday. Life doesn’t get better than this.
I guess I really started to become a person when I entered Cornell in 1958. Prior to that I found school pretty easy and did as little as I could to get by, devoting most of my time to hanging out with friends and playing sports. When I arrived at Cornell and realized that everyone there was smart and mostly hard working, I realized that I could not just skate by anymore and fear stepped in. Although I did not become a workaholic, I actually began to study and get my assignments done for fear of being thrown out. It worked, because I did not fail anything and I graduated in four years with grades that were good enough to get into NYU Law School.

When I arrived at law school in 1962, I realized everyone there was also quite smart and even more dedicated than the students at Cornell. I knew I really had to work and I did, because I had no intention of being thrown out nor did I like being intimidated by the law school professors. What those seven years at Cornell and NYU Law School did was mold me into a hard-working and conscientious student, which was far from where I started. That has enabled me to run a successful law practice and feel satisfied with my work, which has carried over into my personal life and all the things I do. I consider myself very fortunate to have been able to attend Cornell, where I made a lot of good friends and started my maturation process. It was a little scary, it was a lot of fun, and it was worth it. I am still in touch with many of my Cornell classmates and hope to continue to see them as those relationships mean a great deal to me.
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I left Cornell after sophomore year to go to Cornell U. New York Hospital School of Nursing in New York City. It was great fun and a great education. I married a medical student, Terry Rogers. We proceeded to move about the country (Philadelphia, Texas, Ohio, Seattle, and Massachusetts) as he pursued his residency, was in the service, and started a practice.

Having been bitten with the love of the West Coast, we returned to Seattle with our three children. Terry and I separated in 1980 and, in 1988, I married Bob Parker, a native Seattleite! So here I am! As Perry Como sang, “The bluest sky you’ll ever see is in Seattle...” The only problem is that we don’t see it quite often enough!

I feel very blessed with a good life, good kids and grandchildren, and Cornell friends that I still see out here on the West Coast.
Acting has been my great passion for as long as I can remember, and has led me to travel, to love, to grow, and, I hope, to contribute.

Twenties/Thirties: After graduation, I studied acting in New York, and then traveled to London to continue my studies at the Central School of Speech and Dramatic Art. Returning to NY, I pursued my dream. I had some wonderful breaks and some crushing disappointments. On a romantic level, I met and fell in love with a young actor with whom I lived for seven years.

I remember this time as filled with incredible highs and lows. Acting opportunities and achievements alternated with failures and fear. I battled depression, apparently part of my family background. Luckily, I was introduced to Transcendental Meditation, which changed everything for me. Burt Reynolds said, “I don’t know what TM did for me, except that it saved my life.” Mine too. Thirty-five years down the line, it just keeps getting better and better. Thank you, Maharishi.

Forties/Fifties: I received an MA in Educational Psychology and taught high school and college for several years. Acting was still coursing through my blood, so it wasn’t long before I was pulled back to the theatre. In 1988, I became a performance artist in the schools, and, soon after, started my own business, Mystery & Mayhem, (mysteryandmayhem.com.). I got to be writer, director and actor and hang out with kids. In other words, I kept on doing what I loved to do as a child: play make-believe. These also were years of great loss; my parents and my brilliant and talented baby sister, a Fulbright Scholar, who could act me under the table. Romantically, I became involved with a very complex man, but he could not fully commit and, apparently, neither could I.

Sixties: I’ve continued to build my business and, returned, once again, to acting. I signed on with Abrams Artists, have worked in both TV and theatre, and I’m part of a professional theatre company. I just bought a lovely loft in Manhattan, with a wall of windows, lots of sunlight, and high, high ceilings.

Some of the things I’ve loved best through the years are: children, the many soulful cats who’ve shared my life, four men, a handful of precious friends, travel, good acting, old houses, hats, bags, and fabrics, meditation, ordinary people, trees. I’m grateful, as well, for my good health, wonderful family and heritage, my incredible education, including, of course, my sweet and memorable years at Cornell. Life, so far, has been an interesting journey, and, to the extent that I can, I have every intention of keeping it that way.
In an objective sense, I am President of the organization that I began working for in 1979 and got here through a series of blind alleys all of which, with hindsight, formed a pattern. After college, I went to Cornell Law and after that I entered the Army as an officer thanks to ROTC. It was during the Vietnam War and through a chance meeting with my ROTC summer camp instructor and Frank Quirk, a classmate, that I got a job on the Commandant’s staff (sounds fancy but it was to operate the Army Intelligence School Bookstore, which Frank had running like a top).

After the Army and after working in a local Bobby Kennedy for President group, in a fit of idealism, I joined the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) legal services program and ran a branch office in my hometown for several years. After burning out, I ran for State Assembly and lost but had a great adventure learning much about politics. During the campaign I met an attorney who was a partner in a New York City commercial firm and, while I loved the firm, I realized that I had gotten into practice too late to be the lowest person in the firm’s hierarchy and left to join a foundation funding clinical programs in law schools. The foundation was very successful but had a sunset provision which had me looking for work in 1978. By chance, I met a law school classmate who was working at the Practising Law Institute (PLI) which I knew because I used this group to pass the Bar exam. I was happy to have a job there and this is where I am today having been appointed Executive Director in 1982 (title is now President but job is the same). I love what I am doing and this is a job that has changed regularly over time and is still a wonderful challenge.

Perhaps a more important aspect to me in answering where I am is more subjective. I am in good health, have a job I love, work in a city that is exciting, get to walk 4 miles through Central Park every day (want to come back as a dog in Manhattan), get to read what I want, go where I want in terms of travel, and enjoy this with a wonderful companion and with a son who is my namesake and who is working and living in the same New York City.
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Due to allergies and asthma I had to give up teaching vocational-ag. After working as a probation officer and then a cheese plant supervisor, I went into business with my late wife preparing income taxes and accounting. She died of cancer shortly after retirement and my second wife died in 2007.

It may not sound like it, but I have had a wonderful life. I had the pleasure of being married to two wonderful women and will be married to a third by the time of the reunion. I have five grown children and two grandchildren plus stepchildren and stepgrandchildren. I am enjoying retirement in the beautiful South West. I am square dancing, traveling and doing lapidary.

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I am married. I have three children, five grandchildren. I live in downtown Chicago. I am a real estate developer. Life is good.
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Moved to Detroit in 1964 to work for GM where I had a variety of engineering executive assignments over the next 40 years. Lots of proud accomplishments involving leading outstanding organizations that: engineered a production hybrid vehicle (in 1982), defined strategies for integrating computers into future vehicles (in 1985), implemented systems engineering into GM and established a Regional Engineering Centre at GM of Canada. Then, I became the technology spokesperson for GM and had a lot of interesting interactions, including a TV interview on “60 Minutes.” After retirement in 2003, I established the SAE Automotive Resources Institute, an 85-member consulting organization. In 2010, I started independent consulting in the automotive industry.

I have had the pleasure of staying connected with Cornell over the years. I served on the Engineering College Advisory Council from 1986-2003 and chaired the Council for 10 years. I also have been on the University Council over the years and am now a Life Member.

SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) has been an important part of my professional life. I served the Society in numerous capacities and became president in 2001. Ro and I traveled the world during the time I was President since SAE is an international organization. It was a special way to see the world because there were SAE members in every location to provide guidance and assistance.

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While I majored in government at Cornell, I spent a great deal of my time writing sports for the Sun. It was my most enjoyable Cornell experience, but for some reason I never viewed journalism as a career option. Instead, in the fall of 1962, I moved to Washington, DC – I still live in that area – to do graduate work at American University. I intended to get a PhD and teach government at the college level, but I never completed my dissertation so instead I went to work for the federal government.

I worked in human resources for 30+ years, first with the National Labor Relations Board and later with the U.S. General Accounting Office. At the NLRB, I was involved in internal labor relations on the management side. At GAO, my main area of expertise was employee relations – assisting managers in dealing with employees whose performance and/or behavior did not meet agency standards. I supervised others in that area, conducted supervisory training, and did hands-on work. During my time at GAO, I also was a member of two task forces – one, which implemented the GAO Personnel Act of 1980 and the other, which established the agency’s pay-for-performance system, and I supervised the retirement function. A major dividend of being at GAO was that I met my wife, Deb, there. We married in 1981.

I retired in early 2002, but have been doing employee relations work, mostly part-time, as a consultant. I am currently the unofficial (and self-appointed) secretary of my high school class (Ithaca High School, ’58) and membership chairman of the Friends of the Library chapter at our local library, and am beginning to get involved with an organization called Chevy Chase At Home that assists people who want to remain in their own homes rather than move to a retirement community. I was a Council Member of the Village of Martin’s Additions (the part of Chevy Chase, MD where Deb and I live) for 10 years, including a term as chairman, and am still involved with the Village. (Deb is the Village’s Assistant Manager.)

I garden – I was treasurer, vice president, and president of a garden club – and play table tennis and tennis. (I played softball until 2009.) Deb and I like to travel, having visited most of the 50 states (most recently Alaska), England, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, and South Africa.
My proudest achievement: I emigrated from Germany in 1952 at the age of 19, with only an eighth grade education. I worked in the New York City water supply tunnel at Downsville, NY, and at that time I spoke only limited English. After completion of the tunnel work in 1954, I volunteered for the draft and spent 14 months in Korea. I received my U.S. Citizenship in Seoul, Korea. After leaving the Army, in January 1956, I acquired my High School Equivalency Diploma. This enabled me to apply for higher education under the G.I. Bill. Cornell University gave me the opportunity to start in 1958 as a two-year adult special student. I was able to transfer to the four-year degree program in 1960 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1962. To have obtained a degree from Cornell, and from such unpromising beginnings, is my proudest achievement. For this I have to thank both Cornell and the G.I. Bill for the opportunity. I also owe a special mention to Professor Kendall S. Carpenter who took a personal interest in my progress.

I was married in 1957 and my wife, Martha, worked at Cornell while I was a student. After I graduated from Cornell, I first did real estate appraising and then became a staff appraiser in savings banking. From appraising, I moved into mortgage banking and by the time of my retirement was Senior Vice President and Chief Lending Officer at Inter-County Savings Bank in New Paltz, NY. We have two sons, ages 45 and 47, and have three grandchildren.

During my four years at Cornell, we lived at Schwann’s Trailer Park and enjoyed the company of other couples in the same situation.
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Went to work for Gulf Oil Corporation immediately after graduation and worked in engineering and refinery management in the US and Asia. In 1986, Gulf was bought out by Chevron and I was afforded the opportunity to retire early. I jumped at the chance and have been enjoying my retirement ever since. After retirement I became an active volunteer with local organizations. I spent many years as a Literacy Volunteer and have run a volunteer income tax preparation program for the IRS for the last 20 years. I have a number of hobbies, including bicycling, amateur radio, traveling and fiber arts. I have combined my hobbies of bicycling and travel and spent time doing both in the US and Europe.

We live in a suburb of Philadelphia in southern New Jersey and have a small cottage at the New Jersey shore where we spend much of the summer.
Like all of us, I had dreams. My dreams were somewhat simple compared to some – a family, a place in the country with some land to interact with, and a chance to travel and experience the wider world, particularly the great “outdoors.” I did hope to make some contribution to that wider world, although I have to admit that this was not primary. It could be said that I was looking for a lifestyle that measures success by “quality of life” rather than recognized achievements. Now, I’m happy to report that those dreams have become reality!

My “tale” brings me to where I am today – retired along with Lucy, my wife and best friend for over 40 years. In earlier years we raised two children (a boy and a girl) and spent much time tending our “homestead” on the New York/Massachusetts border while I taught Jr/Sr HS science and Lucy did part-time nursing. We still spend a good amount of time on the “homestead” which consists of a 200 year-old farmhouse on 44 acres of land in the rolling Berkshire hills. For many years we raised most of our own food and sold Christmas trees. After 15 years of teaching, I was ready for a vocational change and found a new “niche” - between the users and builders of computer systems as a “Systems Analyst” with New York State government. Life changed further when the children became independent and Lucy and I were free to do more traveling. In 1996, we gained more freedom when I took early retirement from NYS. We have done much “active” traveling in the United States and abroad. This has included volunteer work with organizations such as “Habitat for Humanity” and “Global Citizens” and trekking in places like Nepal, Peru and Patagonia. Currently, we have a comfortable fifth wheel travel trailer and still do some work with “Habitat” along with spending much of the winter in New Mexico and southern California.

An appreciation for the spiritual side of life has always been a part of my story. My “faith journey” began with Catholic parochial schools in Brooklyn and Long Island. At Cornell I was in the Newman Club and, years later, was active in religious education, being an advocate for reforms within the Catholic Church. Seeing religion as man’s response to mystery I can appreciate an environment that encourages us to get closer to the source of life within and about us. In recent years, I have been an active member of a “congregational” church and can value the spirit that flows “when two or more are gathered.” However, some of my most spiritual experiences have been in God’s “outdoor cathedral.” Another “cathedral” that helped foster my personal and intellectual growth is that beacon of knowledge and kindred spirits set on the hill above Cayuga’s waters. I will be forever grateful for having had the opportunity to sojourn there.
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SPOUSE: Judy Schwartz

Professionally: After 1962 graduation, attended graduate school in Science Education (Cornell Agriculture), taught high-school biology, and returned to Cornell – Law School this time! After passing NYS Bar Exam, spent 25+ years in legal publishing. In earlier-than-planned “semi-retirement” became an adjunct instructor of introductory law course at local community college (taught “live” at both urban and suburban campuses; taught “on-line” through SUNY Distance Learning Network; co-author of course textbook); was also a seasonal tax preparer and an editor/revisor of NYS statutory law books.

Personally: Married, with two daughters and five grandchildren. Regular CAU participant (mostly summers on campus, but also Alaska and Canadian Rockies “off-season”). Regular (10 gallons+) blood donor.

Now: Being a full-time grandpa. Writing my memoirs. Trying to decide whether to sit on the front-porch glider or on the front-porch rocking chair!
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Spouse: Carol

After Cornell, I served two years Active Duty in the US Army at Fort Ord, CA, then I returned to Long Island, NY where I became a sales agent for Farm Bureau Insurance. After various positions, I served as Sr. VP of Marketing for the Farm Family Ins. Companies. During this period, we had two boys and two girls. Moved to Florida in 1975 where I worked as an insurance agent with Farm Bureau and later as a real estate agent with Century 21. Along the way I was divorced and married my current wife, Carol. We raised her two children and now have 14 grandchildren between us!

After our youngest went to college, Carol went back to Central Michigan for her PhD in Mathematics and I “retired” to my “dream job” of working in a hardware store! After stints in a Sears Dealer store and at Lowes, I joined Home Depot 10 years ago where I still enjoy getting paid to talk with people.

Along the way, we have tried to make the most of living! We enjoyed living aboard a 37’ sailboat (an Endeavour) for three years, and traveling extensively (all US states, Canadian provinces, Mexico and Europe). One of our best trips was a seven-week camping trip to and through Alaska in 2006. I am also the author of a book, The First People, an historical fiction novel about the very first people to reach and explore North America. I have also read hundreds, if not thousands, of books. All along the way I have been active in my church, have been both a Rotarian and Kiwanian, helped with Little League and Boy Scouts, and have enjoyed watching all our children become successful individuals with wonderful families. We now enjoy living in Greensboro, NC, along with Willie and Ana, our two daschunds.
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PhD/ Social Sciences-2006 (Tilburg U.)
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After Cornell and HBS I spent three years in the USAF working on space systems in Los Angeles. After that, I joined Ogilvy and Mather (advertising agency) in NY and then a couple of years at McKinsey & Company. In 1971, I joined Franklin Mint Corporation and spent 14 years working in Philadelphia, London, Munich and Tokyo. In 1985, I formed my own company – a consulting and venture firm in Princeton, NJ dealing with marketing to cultural minorities. I ran the company for 18 years. Eventually, I grew tired of doing that. So it was time to finally get a PhD, which I did at Tilburg University in The Netherlands. After that, I looked around this area and connected with Montclair State University. I have been a college professor for about two years now. I am going to take the Fall semester off to co-author a book about Buddhist Psychology, Meditation and Health with a colleague from Europe. I have three grown children in their 40s, all married with children. With my second wife I have a daughter, 16 years old.
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Marital Status: Widow

I spent the year after graduation in NYC, living and teaching in the Bronx – at the Institute for the Education of the Blind – while getting my Masters at Hunter. A second grade class, which included children with and without vision issues, near Utica, NY was my next stop. At the end of that year, I married Bob Shaw who was in the Air Force and based nearby. I continued to teach until our children arrived, Christine in 1965 and Scott in 1967. During our family-at-home years, I taught preschool for 18 years before joining the staff of a library in the children’s department. I think this was finally my niche, combining my love of children and books, as well as allowing me to be the people person that I am.

In 2003, after 15 years of care giving for family seniors, we moved from Ohio to Illinois. This was a huge leap, leaving our home of over 28 years. But, change can be good, and the light at the end of the tunnel was to be near our two grandchildren and to be a part of their lives. What a good decision that was, to have the joy of being near them, and because Bob died in 2007, after a roller-coaster month fighting lung and brain cancer. It was a blessing that I was here near family, had a full-time library job, and now lived in an easy to care for town house.

Of course, life is different in this new chapter. But, I have many friends here now – and, I enjoy any time I can spend with my daughter’s family. There are so many happy and exciting and fulfilling things to do each day. I am fortunate to be healthy and energetic, and eager to keep moving forward.

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Thankfully, the journey continues.
I’m writing this after reflecting on how lucky I’ve been after an evening row on the Navesink River. I do most rowing (in my Maas 24 “open-water racer”) in early morning: calmer water; few power boaters. I started rowing in 1993.

Mary Guthinger and I married in 1963, the day after graduation and commissioning, and headed to Mare Island, CA to serve at the Naval Nuclear Power School. We had met when John Neuman, Bill Troutman, Ransom Shaw, and I drove Jerry Barlow’s car to Cortland during spring vacation, 3/26/60. Luck was on that trip.

My outlook was most shaped in the summer of 1958 as a railroad section-hand by those who taught me both perseverance and how tough “unskilled” laborers have it. These were reinforced by summer Navy ROTC duty on destroyers, with Marines, aviators, and submariners. Wonderful “interviews” (pre-Mare Island) with Admiral Hyman Rickover and LCDR James Watkins emphasized professional excellence and dedication. While learning both from amazing officer colleagues at Mare Island, I led departments in metallurgy, physics, reactors, reactor operations, and nuclear accidents. In 1969, I was allowed to resign as LT, USN, and left “nuclear,” seeing no feasible disposal of nuclear waste. (Still true, I think.)

After a National Science Foundation Fellowship and a Cornell PhD, in 1972 I began 29 “Bell System” years, again with amazing colleagues, beginning with Bell Labs Murray Hill Research. In 1979, wanting to add “people” focus, I went to the business side – Western Electric, AT&T, Lucent – managing corporate-level programs. My real calling, however, began in 1983, leading a tiny core-group to partner with Bell Labs, the Business Units, and support Divisions. I was “managing” the company’s “Forward Looking Work” at Bell Labs – emphasizing packet, fiber networks for voice, data and video.

I retired from Lucent & Bell Labs in 2001, but continued working, forming consultancies, including with Lucent, and Holmdel’s school district; some pro bono. I enjoyed teaching a year each at High-Tech and then Holmdel High Schools; then served on Holmdel’s Board of Ed. Mary teaches in Holmdel.

Mary and I concentrate on enjoying family, especially our four kids and their families (six grandkids): Jim, BS ’86, MS, both Kansas, a computer consultant in Holmdel, NJ; Anne, Cornell ’88, MBA, NYU, an investment manager in Washington, DC; Mark, Cornell ’93, MBA, NYU, a management consultant in Stamford, CT; Ben, Cornell ’97, MD/MPH, Columbia, an ER doctor in Anchorage, AK.
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After Cornell: I joined the Peace Corps and was sent to the Achimota School, Ghana, to teach physics and math. In graduate school, my thesis advisor was recent Nobel Prize winner John L. Hall. I did post-doc work at the University of Virginia. My first faculty job was at the State University of New York at Buffalo. Then, I joined a small high-tech company (Extranuclear Labs, now Extrel) in Pittsburgh. After eight years, re-entered academia as a faculty member in newly-formed Robotics Institute, School of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University. Still having fun.

Last few years I have been mixing research, teaching, and developing joint graduate programs with overseas partners. Leaving tomorrow (May, 2010) for first trip to Kazakhstan where, insha’Allah, our team has been selected to create the entire undergraduate curriculum for the school of applied natural sciences in their new from-the-ground-up national university.

One ex-wife, one daughter (in law school), one loving life partner, a sweet-hearted sweetheart who is a faculty member in Obstetrics & Gynecology at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School.
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Marital Status: Divorced

Life in the real world after Cornell started out with two years in the Army as an officer in the Quartermaster Corp. My first year was spent refining my beer drinking skills in the Gasthäuser of Germany and my wine skills in the wine cellars of France. It was a glorious experience that I thought could never be repeated. My second year in the service was spent in Fayetteville, NC at Fort Bragg, the home of the 82nd Airborne Division. Not quite as plush as Germany, but it was a fine place to hone golf skills. Thankfully, I exited the army to go to graduate school the same month my unit was deployed to Viet Nam. I was lucky to avoid that gig – and did in fact support our efforts there – but upon reflection, I feel we were duped by DC.

After UMass, I moved to New York City to attend Columbia Graduate School of Business. While at CBS I was elected as President of the student body. It was an honor and experience I will never forget. The opportunities there are enormous. I loved being there almost as much as I did living in Ithaca, although I must admit that my goals were more serious in terms of academia than they had ever been at CU.

Exiting school in June 1967, I headed to my first real job in Los Angeles. I finally had to make it on my own. Ten years later, after stints at a number of Fortune 500 companies, I recognized that corporate life was not for me or me for it. I had an opportunity to switch from marketing consumer products in supermarkets to restaurant marketing and at the same time to consulting rather than being an operator. For the first four years I worked for a friend, then I started my own consulting firm.

Along the way, I was married for over 20 years and have two wonderful children. My daughter, Cynthia, is the oldest by a half year and has a son Jacob who is my only grandchild. My son, Scott, lives near my daughter but also owns a home near me. I live in Carlsbad, CA and the two of them are north of LA in Camarillo and Calabasas.

My career in consulting resulted in my developing new food products and new restaurants for various national restaurant chains. I worked primarily for quick service or family restaurant chains, such as Burger King, Boston Market, Sizzler and McDonald's. After 20 years and 9-11, it became clear that the journey was over. So I am retired now and enjoying life more than ever.

I expect to attend my 50th reunion and see many friends who I have kept in contact with over the years and some that I have not. I also expect to miss some who will not be with us.
I went to Cornell because it was in a beautiful place, had a wonderful faculty, a daily newspaper and was co-ed. My interests were in comedy writing, politics, taxation and golf. While at Cornell, I worked on *The Cornell Daily Sun*, became enamored of economics and politics, joined Sigma Delta Tau, a sorority filled with fabulous women who have become life long friends, and roomed for three years in the dorms with the late Dorothy Gulbenkian, whose way with the French language and a tennis racquet left everyone breathless.

Instead of writing TV comedy I ended up with a management internship in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and lived in Georgetown during the New Frontier and then attended Harvard Law School where I was one of 22 women in a class of 435 and wrote a weekly humor column. I clerked for a fine Philadelphia judge and went on to work as a lawyer for the School District of Philadelphia. I married a law school classmate and started a career as a tax lawyer. My children were born in 1967 (Tony) and 1970 (Jenny). I served as Dean at the new Institute for Paralegal Training in Philadelphia. Establishing curriculum for paralegals led to developing programs in continuing education for paralegals, lawyers and judges. I became the Director of Research and Development for ALI-ABA, a national legal-continuing education organization. Later, I became the director of the American Law Network, a satellite video network.

I was a founder of a primary school, The Philadelphia School, which opened in 1972 and which my children attended. In 1983, I found myself a single mother with gifted teenaged children and jobs, which included judicial education director for Pennsylvania and Executive Director of the Center on Professionalism at University of Pennsylvania Law School.

In 1990, I became part owner of a small farmhouse South Western France. Summers spent in the Lacam have added to my life a whole new dimension and a world wide network of friends.


I travel a great deal. I love to write, read, cook, embroider, and work with my camera and computer. I enjoy live theater and films, and learning. I am happiest laughing, playing with children, trying out new technologies and enjoying beautiful places.
My Story

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Dianne and I live in retirement in suburban Detroit, empty nesters in an older six bedroom home. We have wanted to downsize for several years, but I am so comfortable in our home and the resale value has fallen so dramatically that we will probably stay put a while longer.

After graduation and several months with the Southern New England Telephone Company, I responded to a suggestion that I move to Detroit and join the 1963 National Club champion Detroit Boat Club crew in a bid to represent the USA at the 1964 Olympic Games in Japan. I learned a lot about rowing at the Boat Club, but the crew was not good enough to win at the Olympic trials in New York City. I had taken a job with the Chrysler Corporation to support myself while in Detroit and found automobile design and testing more interesting than telephone line engineering.

I married in 1966, but was divorced in 1975 when we could not agree on whether or not to have children. I remarried in 1977 to Dianne Stewart, an elementary school teacher, and we adopted James Lee in 1984. I elected to stay in the Detroit area with Chrysler for 37 years and only left through early retirement when a major downsizing of the Daimler Chrysler Corporation found me in an expendable job. I did contract work for several years and finally completely retired in 2005. I moved eight times during my years with Chrysler, all in the Detroit/Ann Arbor metropolitan area.
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Retired from the CIA in 1992 after a career in government, including stints with the military (Special Forces, Vietnam, 1964-1966), USAID (Tay Ninh Province, Vietnam, 1967-1968), and USIA (Thailand, 1969-1972). Was presented with the W. Averell Harriman Award for “outstanding contributions demonstrating intellectual courage and creativity in the conduct of foreign affairs” while serving with USAID in Vietnam, and the Secretary of State Award for “exemplary valor during enemy attack in Vietnam”.

After USIA, worked with U.S. companies in Thailand for several years, mainly in their manufacturing and marketing operations. In 1980, family and I returned to the States. Since retirement from the CIA in 1992, pursued various business projects which provided adventure and intellectual stimulation, but, as yet, no real financial reward. These projects took me to Russia and China many times and ranged from trying to bring Soviet technology to the U.S. to selling a clean-ash technology for China’s coal-fired power plants. One project is still flourishing: a website for Chinese citizens over 50 years of age (www.china50plus.com), which is meant to emulate the type of services, products and information offered by AARP in the U.S.

Married Yu Mei Lin in 1969, and we have three daughters and three sons-in-law, all of whom attended Princeton University. They produced 6 grandchildren, some of whom are more naughty than others. (Like finding my outgoing mail at the bottom of the laundry chute in the basement.) One son-in-law is currently (May, 2010) running for Congress from New York’s 1st District, and one is in Hollywood as a screenwriter for some previous and upcoming major productions. A third son-in-law is an international tax lawyer. Since 1988, I have also helped with my wife’s retail stores in Washington, DC (6 locations), ending up as the company’s Chief Operations Officer.

In January, 2010, I joined a wildlife conservation group, Wildlife Alliance, which manages and supports armed ranger patrols in tropical forest reserves in Thailand and Cambodia. They also set up, fund and technically support alternative-livelihood projects for rural villagers who would otherwise poach endangered wildlife and cut protected trees to support their families. Took a trip to Cambodia to observe all of the group’s activities on the ground and wrote a series of articles with photos and videos for the www.wildlifealliance.org website.

Graduated from Cornell in 1962 not knowing what I wanted to do in life, and I still don’t know. But, the journey has been interesting, and I much appreciate now the type of intellectual and analytical skills imparted by my Cornell education. And I still keep in touch with old fraternity-mates, glad for these lifelong friendships.
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We are retired and living in the Pittsburgh area where our kids and grandchildren are, with a second home on the ocean in northeast Florida. Sharon and I married right after I left Cornell in 1964. I began a career with Alcoa, which took us to Tennessee, Georgia, Sao Paulo (Brazil), Melbourne (Australia), and Pittsburgh several times. Sharon spent those years as a homemaker and volunteer, leading a number of important organizations in the U.S., Brazil, and Australia. I retired in 2002, after over 37 years with Alcoa and was an executive vice-president at the time of my retirement. During my career we were able to travel all over the world. In retirement, we took a wonderful around-the-world trip in 2009, visiting iconic world heritage sites with several other couples. We have sailed several times in the Windward Islands and the British Virgin Islands. Since retirement, I have continued to consult for Alcoa for several years and I sit on a few boards, both for-profit and not-for-profit. Sharon and I are both active golfers.
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Spouse: Victoria Custer Slater ’62

My personal life has had, most happily, a single arc. In 1963, I married a classmate, Victoria (Vicki) Custer, whom I had the great fortune to meet at the start of the spring semester of our senior year. We have been together ever since, with our fiftieth anniversary on the horizon.

My entire professional life has been in academe, but, in this case, there has been a double arc. The first part of my career was primarily as a research scholar in American history with a faculty position at Dartmouth College. I also enjoyed teaching, especially lecturing and mentoring, and I was able to help some of my students go on to distinguished careers. Later on, at another college where I am now Professor of History Emeritus, I would win the Sears-Roebuck Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence.

The second arc of my career has been in academic administration. It is, in many respects, more stressful than research and teaching, but there is something addictive about tackling major challenges, whether curricular, financial, logistical, human, etc. and trying to solve them. My current position is Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at TCI College (formerly RCA Institutes), which was founded by Guglielmo Marconi and is one of the largest private two-year colleges in the United States. The hours are long, but I like the high-level responsibilities of the job (such as recently helping to create a major in Robotics), as well as the remarkable vibrancy of mid-town Manhattan. Health permitting, I hope to stay at it for a few more years.

Outside of academe, I had the opportunity to work as a part-time journalist, writing for seven years a featured column of commentary, “High-Wire,” for a White Plains newspaper. It was very satisfying as the editor gave me license to talk about whatever I wanted – from bebop jazz, one of my passions, to the New York Yankees, another one, to, in a darker vein, September 11, 2001. It made me regret not having been involved with the Sun as an undergraduate.

Close to seventy as of this writing (the proverbial “three score years and ten”), I sometimes feel that I have acquired the gravitas that only years of experience and seasoning can bring. But at other times I feel like I am twelve years old.
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I met Peter Slater at Cornell - senior year - and we married in 1963. We are still together and he still makes me laugh. We have one son and are godparents to two daughters of close friends. No more children at home - but two spoiled cats.

After Cornell graduation, I attended graduate school towards a PhD in economics at MIT and UC Berkeley, but dropped out when I realized that I wasn’t devoted to theoretical economics. At that time I wasn’t sure what I should study instead, but my lack of career direction fit the mood of the ‘60s. Along the way I evaluated “Great Society Poverty Programs,” taught Head Start, prepared taxes with my best friend who owned an H & R Block franchise, and ran an in-home pottery studio.

Inspired by our experience in dealing with my son’s special needs, I returned to school and obtained a degree in counseling. I was a college counselor for adults returning to school and for many years was a school social worker.

With semi-retirement, I became a service coordinator for developmentally disabled adults and the film librarian/clerk in my favorite local public library. As a reward for finally quitting smoking, I took singing lessons. I’m still working at the library and volunteer at the SPCA, create bead jewelry for fun and sale, and sing in a community chorus, of which I’m on the Board.

We own a small condo in a Victorian building near the beach in Cape May, New Jersey, and go down whenever we can to eat well and stroll the beach.
As I write this mercifully brief tale of my life after Cornell, I am 69 years young and feeling truly blessed. I am very happily married to Priscilla Hinebauch (yes, sister of Jon Hinebauch ’62) and we’re both in good health. We have three wonderful children, each with families totaling eight grandchildren, and we’re proud of them all. Our primary home is in Houston, TX but we spend just about half the year at our second home “above Cayuga’s waters” in Aurora, NY.

Most of my professional business career has been devoted to banking, energy, venture capital, and farming. It has been quite a variety of stimulating experiences and mostly rewarding in all respects. Most of my interests and efforts now are focused on private investments and farming along with a healthy dose of charitable activities and travels with Priscilla.

Cornell remains a very special part of my life as I still enjoy following and supporting its continuing success. Whether it is attracting great students from Houston, touting its top-tier ranking as a world-class university, or cheering on its winning athletic teams, I am proud of our alma mater. Moreover, the legacy lives on thanks to our youngest son, Andrew ’95.

For those of you, especially Phi Gams and former teammates, who would like to drop by to renew friendships, please don’t hesitate to call.

My wife and I reside in Mequon, WI, where we have made our home since 1984. Prior to then, we resided in Texas, Illinois, Indiana, California, Pennsylvania, and New York.
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As I write this, I feel very blessed. I have enjoyed a very stable life with my husband (a winner) and family as my first priority, but also with the independence and confidence of a successful real estate career. We did the whole suburbia thing on the North Shore of Long Island with carpools, Little League, etc. and watched our three children have unbelievable successes. I couldn’t get them to Cornell; my husband couldn’t get them to Columbia, but we did get Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and Michigan out of it! With career commitments (Stephen is head of Interventional Radiology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Larry is a cardiologist in Westchester, and Laura has her own business as a New York art consultant, specializing in contemporary art), they got late starts at marriage. We have just enjoyed the May marriage of my daughter and we are now preparing for Stephen’s wedding in September, while also enjoying my first granddaughter from my middle son!

Chuck and I are living full-time in New York City, thoroughly enjoying the music (that has always been a part of my life), lots of lectures and museums, and even getting in routine walks around the reservoir of Central Park, my new backyard.

I have always had this love of Cornell...grateful for my time there. It was a fantasy time. If I had a regret it would be that I transferred to Columbia in my third year when my father was so seriously ill. At the time, I felt I had to be home. Too bad….lots of wonderful moments at Cornell were lost.

I think Cornell gave its students an understanding of the unlimited opportunities in life; it required confidence, independence and commitment and critical thinking. I will never forget the government lectures of Hacker and Rossiter. Those lectures brought me into a new major with government and history.

Cornell will always be a part of me.
The impact of our 50th Reunion is the realization that we must be much older than 50; how did that happen so quickly? I live in Boca Raton, FL, frequently play golf, am married for almost 40 years, have two sons, am still working, and still loving it all. When I arrived at Cornell in 1958, I only looked ahead. Now I also look back, especially at the choices I made starting at Cornell. As a Chem E, I worked late most nights doing homework with the help of much smarter students like Andy Morris and Steve Garrell; but I made it through and enjoyed the social and educational life for five years.

After several years in New York, my wife, Ann, and I moved to New Canaan, CT where college roommate, architect Harvey Kaufman, redesigned our house, which he did again in Florida. My younger son was delivered at Yale, NH Hospital by Dr Dick Berkowitz (Cornell ’61), which was frightening since I’d last seen him wearing a toga at a Tau Delt fraternity party. He saved my son’s life and we’ve remained friends. We skied regularly at Stratton Mountain, VT from a town house, which we now use more in the summer since moving to Florida. We love Vermont where my wife had lived as a child with the Trapp family. Fred Hart visited and became a tree hugger, wrapping his arms and skis around a pine tree off one of the trails. My hobby while in New Canaan was to coach youth sports (ages 10-18), primarily baseball, which I did for many years.

I’ve had an exciting business career, first with Exxon and, then, with CEA, an energy and environmental control company. In the mid 1970s, after the second oil embargo, I was appointed with 33 other executives as members of the Coal Industry Advisory Board of the International Energy Agency to help the world get off oil and on to coal. The Board was very interesting, but not very successful. In the 1980s, I joined with several European executives to form a boutique M&A firm with which I’m still active as Chairman and CEO. We expanded with offices in 35 countries and I have been fortunate to travel extensively. I’ve also been on several corporate boards, an Arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association, and a Board Advisor to the Columbia University Graduate School of Business.

As I look forward, I see my family all grown, but many opportunities still ahead. I’ve been fortunate that in looking back in anticipation of our 50th, there are very few things I would do differently if I had that choice.
With children grown and grandchildren in my life, I’m still involved with volunteer work in Evansville – the University of Evansville, the University of Southern Indiana, and the Women’s and Children’s Hospital. As a long-time supporter of the Department of Theatre at the University of Evansville, I chaired a successful multi-million dollar capital campaign to fund the renovation and expansion of the school’s theatre complex. Later, I created a fund to endow the Theatre Society’s Assistantship program, which provided annual support for students within the department. As a travel consultant, I oversee the National Unified Auditions tour every February when twenty-four universities travel coast to coast to audition prospective theatre students.

I am currently Board Chair of the New Harmony Project. The Project supports writers of selected scripts for stage, television, and film which celebrate the hope and resiliency of the human spirit. We create a place where exploration, discovery and support are paramount. In all, I still find real pleasure in saying a careful “Yes” to work.

It seems that few people happen by the Southwestern corner of Indiana. If you do find your way, there’s always room with the Steenbergs.
Like many in our generation, when I graduated from Cornell, I went immediately to graduate school, in my case to Johns Hopkins University where I had decided to study modern German history. During my first year in graduate school, I fell in love with another history student, Salme Harju, and we were married in the fall of 1963. We both continued to pursue our degrees at Hopkins. In 1966, we spent a year in Germany with the aid of a fellowship from the German Academic Exchange Service. Returning to a much changed U.S. in the summer of 1967, we spent another year at Hopkins. Our son, Will, was born in 1968, shortly before I began to teach in the history department of Williams College. We got a taste of small town, small college life in three years at Williams and then returned to Baltimore for a year where Salme taught at Goucher, and I picked up some history contract work from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. We moved to Evanston, IL the following year. After teaching for a year at Northern Illinois and two years at Northwestern U., I took a position at the Institute of European Studies, now IES Abroad, where I have worked the last 33 years and have been the Executive Vice President for Academic Programs since the mid-nineties. Our daughter, Katharine, was born in 1973. Salme also taught at Northwestern, and then Northeastern/Illinois, where she eventually served as President for 12 years.

Three years ago, we sold our house in Evanston and moved to the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago so that we could be closer to the cultural activities in Chicago. My accomplishments include publication of my dissertation about right-wing German students in the nineteen twenties and thirties, a translation of a major biography of Max Weber from German to English, and articles about contemporary issues in study abroad in professional journals. I also edited a collection of essays about the European Union. As the chief academic officer in a prestigious and rapidly growing study abroad provider, I have set up study programs on six continents and New Zealand and played a leadership role in professional organizations.

I’ve been to a lot of interesting places, have made friends in a long list of countries, and have had some interesting adventures. At the same time, we’ve watched our wonderful children grow into adults and are now enjoying the active lives of our two granddaughters. Chicago, with its extraordinary theaters, musical organizations, museums, and great restaurants, continues to offer new opportunities, and we are fortunate to have a second home in beautiful Amelia Island, Florida.
I came to Cornell from Wyoming Seminary, a small prep school, in a small town in northeastern Pennsylvania. I was very unsophisticated. While at Cornell I focused on studying and sports – wrestling and what is now called Sprint Football. I was on scholarship and worked up to 40 hours per week while at school. I flirted with electrical engineering and literature before deciding on economics. I ended up with decent but not great grades. I had very little social life despite being in Tau Delta Phi. With girls, I ended up zero for Cornell. I managed to be admitted to Harvard Business School, got an MBA, and stayed on one year in the DBA program. I then got married to a Wellesley College graduate and moved to Cleveland in 1965, where I spent the next six years working in mathematics and business at Republic Steel, Carling Brewing, and McKinsey. I got another Master’s in the evening and kept out of the draft.

My wife, Judy, and I moved back to Boston in 1971 without jobs to advance her poetry career and experience a real city. During this period I wrestled and played poker a lot, both of which I had continued throughout life. I caught on in a leadership role with Resource Planning Associates, a young environmental and energy policy consulting firm in Cambridge, and spent the ’70s consulting in Washington, primarily in helping to establish the petroleum strategic reserve. Judy and I had two children – David and Shauna – but could not keep the marriage intact. After another three years of meandering (including another marriage), I settled down in 1980 with Rebecca Bedell, another Wellesley College graduate, and we have been together 30 years. In 1990, we had a daughter, Laura, who has brought us much joy and who has just gone off to start her freshman year at Occidental College. Rebecca finished her PhD at Yale in Art History and has become a professor and scholar at Wellesley College. I am proud of her many achievements.

I have primarily been in real estate since 1980, founding a local firm called Resource Capital Group (now RCG LLC). We have about 30 people and develop and own properties in Greater Boston and Western North Carolina. I still work regularly and try to add value to our properties. My son, David, and a lot of friends work at RCG and it is a real fun place to work. I am spending more time vacationing (kayaking, biking, hiking, and running) in Maine and in Europe with my family and siblings. I have three grandchildren with a fourth on the way. I am active in supporting the wrestling teams and libraries at Wyoming Seminary, Cornell, and Harvard. And this year (2010) Cornell Wrestling may win the NCAAs! I am hopeful that the best years are still in front of us.
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Now: Wonderful marriage to Lois, involved in suburban Philadelphia law practice, still close to Cornell roommates, son David, four stepchildren and seven grandchildren, president of homeowners’ association, busy advising clients, traveling, golfing, hiking and enjoying the camaraderie of a wide circle of friends.

How I Got Here: Law School at Penn, first marriage producing son, David, Army Reserves, partner law firm in Philadelphia, sole practitioner (now four attorneys) in Jenkintown, PA, marriage to Lois in 1989, experiencing the death of parents. Watching how technology changed the legal practice from carbon paper (cc.), dictating to a steno, mimeograph machines, stand-alone word processors, Xerox, faxes (my wife said little pieces of paper were rolled up and sent through the wires), computers, email, scanning, iPhones, etc., etc. Ever faster, no longer the luxury of “It’s in the mail” and no time for reflection. Too much speed!!!

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After leaving Cornell, I worked as an analyst for the NSA, married an Army officer, and began a varied (but interesting) nomadic-type life. For 30 years, while Joe was in the military, we globe-trotted as assignments changed. Along the way, we raised three children, saw much of the USA, and were stationed also in Europe and the Far East. When we returned to civilian life, we settled in the New York City area where we continued our chosen careers (Joe as an engineer and I as an executive secretary). In 2003, we happily retired and moved to Southold, NY where we keep busy with hobbies, volunteering, and visiting our children (who have chosen to live in the South and the Far West).
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Where am I now? Living a wonderful, active retired life half-time in Coral Gables, Florida and half-time in Southern California. How did I get here? By living a happy, interesting, and very rewarding life as wife, mother, and career woman. Being a mother has been the highlight of my life. I adore and am enormously proud of my two children, a daughter who is a gifted and dedicated elementary school teacher, and a son, who is an engineer and program manager in civilian life and a Major in the U.S. Army Reserves. I loved my career with Lockheed Martin Corporation so much I used to say I’d go to work every day even if they didn’t pay me! I retired in 2001 as Director of Commercial Marketing, after rising through the ranks in international market research and strategic planning. In 2007 I received the “Glass Ceiling Award” from the Jewish Museum of Florida in recognition of my career success in a mostly male environment.

Currently, I derive special satisfaction from mentoring and tutoring both at a local high school and at an elementary school. I’m told I am making a difference in the students’ lives. I also enjoy the rich cultural life where we live, studying French and Spanish and attending other classes, exercising; traveling; and spending time with my four wonderful grandchildren.

I feel extremely grateful for my life, and am truly blessed.
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I could never have imagined when I was growing up in Brooklyn and then New Rochelle, NY, and then attending college in New York State, that I would be living in southern California. Les and I moved out here in 1996 to take advantage of the wonderful weather, and we have never been sorry. We lead an active, outdoor life, do some European traveling every year, and visit our two sons and their wives in San Francisco and Scarsdale, NY. Of course, our two delicious grandsons, Jake (born in 1998) and Leo (born in 2009) are our pride and joy. We see them either in California or NY at least three times a year. Both Les and I have had serious health issues, but we have survived and persevere. My memories of Cornell are wonderful.
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Our careers, children, and grandchildren have flourished since the 25th reunion. Of great pleasure were our “African“ years. During the 1990s we lived in Zambia, Transeki (a South Africa “homeland”) and Botswana three different times for a total of about two years. We both taught our specialties and traveled a great deal in Southern Africa. The high point for Judy was when five anesthesiology residents visited in Botswana and worked with her at Princess Marina Hospital. The high point for Ron was to bring together University of Baltimore and U. of Botswana MBA students in an on-line discussion forum in the Marketing Management course.
My life has been a sequence of passages. When I came to Cornell in the fall of 1958, I really did not have any real goal. Cornell opened my eyes, both from what I learned in class and from the excellent friends I made. I learned enough Astrophysics Astronomy to realize how the Earth fit into the universe. From Geology I learned evolution of plants and animals and how the Earth itself evolved. Scientific understanding replaced my vague unease with narrow, self-serving religious-based explanations. Norman Malcolm’s course on Freud, from the perspective of Wittgenstein, opened my eyes to Philosophy during spring term of my senior year. With the support and encouragement of my Cornell girlfriend (Carol Hewitt), and to the consternation of my parents who wanted me to stay in the east as a businessman, in the spring of 1962 I decided to get a PhD in Economics and be a professor. I applied to the U. of Chicago in the summer of 1962, right before going on active duty in the Navy, while my references still remembered me. In 1964, I began the hardest and most stressful and exciting five years of my life. Four of my U. of Chicago professors earned Nobel prizes. In 1967, while still a graduate student, I started teaching at the U. of Illinois in Chicago where I have remained. I stayed in the Navy reserves for 20 more years and retired as a Commander in 1984.

In 1975, I met Diana Adams and, after a courtship partially spent racing on my Star Boat Spray II and at her second home in Sawyer, Michigan, we were married in 1978. In 1980, William Adams, our first son, was born, followed by Houston Adams in 1982. While our boys were in school I worked with them on math and spent time on the board of the Ancona School. Diana worked with them on English and other subjects. We also took a number of excellent road trips. This phase of our lives passed before we knew it.

As I think back to my Cornell days, I am struck with the changes that have crept up on us. I can also remember the stress and danger the fall after we graduationed of the 1962 Cuban missile crisis where we fully expected to go to war. It was a narrow escape for the world! The technological progress has been profound. Personal computers and the knowledge available on the internet have leveled the world-wide playing field. Our manufacturing base has moved off shore. The United States is not the power it once was. On a personal level, as I see the end of the runway of life looming, I seek out old friends and savor the time that Diana and I have left. We spend more time in Sawyer and less in Chicago in our apartment on the 30th floor overlooking the Museum of Science and Industry. Dealing with the deaths of both my parents and my sister has sobered me, especially the realization that I could do nothing about it.
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I was adopted at birth by parents who survived the Depression and raised in central eastern Ohio. Educated by teachers too old to serve in WW2 and veterans with the “can do spirit” of the ’50s. Turned down a Naval Academy appointment because with “bad” eyes could never command. CU engineering for two years and then had no money. Worked my way at Ohio State, GW Med, U. of Cincinnati, then Viet Nam as Navy Battalion surgeon and in naval hospitals at San Diego/Camp Pendleton. Practiced 10 years in Orange County, taught at UC Irvine for fun. Recruited to Bakersfield to be Medical Director and taught 10 more years at UCLA. My wife, Mimi, produced a TV show called “You Be the Doctor” and I was host and on-set medical commentator with syndicated TV show three times per week for 12 years.

Survived a five-vessel cardiac bypass with complications, bought out my partner in a local Tulare county radio station, and built the only talk-news format radio station in county serving 500,000 folks. Radio station served the community the “old fashioned” way: weekly interviews with mayors, college presidents, community leaders and Ag chairman. Mimi host of 15-year radio show, “Body Talk,” featuring the current top authors from The NY Times best seller list.

We are both very community committed to the central valley of California which produces 25% of the USA food and is the largest milk-producing county in the US. Serve on the Tulare County Farm Bureau in Rural Health AND Ag Crime unit. Active co-chair of CAAAN in valley with dramatic upward rate of matriculating students with enhanced minority recruitment. Privileged to serve on multiple advisory boards including the Harmony Magnet Academy (chartered by Cornelian alumnus founder Sandy Weill) and the National Academy Foundation (first RURAL Academy of Engineering).

Fifteen years ago, after my adoptive parents had died, I found my birth family, which now includes a younger brother, twin sisters, and my younger sister. We are best of friends!

Our two children have navigated the twists and turns of education, skill development, career decisions and life-mate choices. The oldest, Kurt, is director at KGO-TV in San Francisco and younger son, Brent, is a corporate jet pilot.
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After living in beautiful Williamstown, MA for 40 years, raising two daughters, and teaching in the local high school, Jack and I loaded the covered wagon and crossed the country to settle in California. Much as I loved living in New England, including the winter, and found it wrenching to leave long friendships and small town life, adapting to California has been quite easy due mainly to the nearness of daughters and grandchildren and the climate of the Bay Area. Instead of slipping into a gentle retirement, we have been figuring out how to create a new life that was not dependent on our children. And this meant making new friends and discovering new ways to be engaged in the world. The first year was spent writing a new cookbook all about pumpkins and some of the second spent revising another with a co-author. But I’m almost ready to retire from my foodie career and focus on cooking for family and friends.

Where I am now is very different from where I would be if I had stayed in Williamstown. I have taken up hiking year round either for the pleasure of it or to lead elementary children on nature discovery hikes at a beautiful estate, Filoli, in Woodside. I am growing vegetables in my tiny backyard and am amazed at the productivity of this small space. I’m so distressed about the schools in California it has motivated me to work at the state level trying for some changes. I am also tutoring reading in a local school with a lot of kids who are English Language Learners. I figure the parents are so busy working, raising their children, and raising money for educational foundations that it is up to the grandparents to work for the changes in the system.

I love living near San Francisco and we go there regularly. I’ve become a Unitarian, which I probably have always been. I’m celebrating my 70th birthday by hiking the Grand Canyon (up and down) with some east coast friends. A mule and guide will help us through this adventure. Re-locating to a lively area has been a good thing in many, many ways. But being near my grandchildren and children has really been the best part of making this big move.
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Of the three areas that I operated in at Cornell – academics, athletics, and social – least important to me was the academic side of my Cornell experience. I used to joke that the Hotel school crammed two years of worthwhile education into four years! But I guess that I did learn a great deal and went on and earned an MBA at RPI in the ‘80s and even wrote All Together, a book that I published about my 1964 Olympic quest. Available through Amazon or me personally.

The social side of my Cornell experience was at Psi U where I was social chairman for three years, but really don’t remember much. In my three and a half years at Psi U I was proud of the diversity and quality of the brothers.

But my major interest at Cornell was in athletics - rowing. I arrived at the boathouse with some experience and good advice from my prep school coach who told me never to tell anyone about my experience. This resulted in an undefeated frosh year and I was elected captain of that boat. I took a forced sabbatical my sophomore year, but went on to stroke the varsity heavyweights in my junior and senior years - ending with a win at the National Championships.

Off to the Navy and a tour in Viet Nam. I was recruited as a Naval Officer to try out for the 1964 Olympics and – with the Vesper Boat Club – won the Olympic Gold in Tokyo as stroke of the eight. After four years of wonderful amateur rowing, I accepted the Head Coaching position at Columbia U. After three years, I left to start a rowing program at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. We had wonderful young men and we excelled immediately, winning seven small college national championships. One highlight of my cadet coaching was when we raced Cornell and won on the inlet. At one point I was offered the Cornell Head Coaching job, but opted to stay with the fledgling new program at the Academy. In recognition of my accomplishments in coaching, I was selected to the alumni halls of fame at Kent, Cornell, the CGA, and the National Rowing Association. I was also selected to be the ABC-TV color-man for the 1968 and ‘72 Olympic Games.

Along the way, I learned “fund-raising” and served as Development Director at the CGA Foundation and also for Olympic Regional Development Authority, the local Hospice, and a rehab center. I live in Lake Placid where I founded a new Rotary Club and have been a volunteer for numerous organizations. I am proud to be an Adirondack 46er, meaning I have climbed to the summit of all the high peaks in the Park. My wife Barbara and I live in the shadow of the Olympic Ski Jump. Come visit!
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After receiving MBA, moved to Washington, DC area in 1964 and have lived there ever since. Worked seven and a half years for US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as a Financial Analyst and Branch Chief in their Division of Corporation Finance. Attended law school at night and received JD in 1969. Married Anne (Vassar 1965) in 1970. Three children: Jeffrey, 29, and Hilary, 28, (both U. of Maryland), and James, 27 (Catholic U.). Joined Washington, DC office of Kirkland & Ellis in 1972, became a partner in 1977, and practiced securities, corporate, and partnership law there until 1991 when I rejoined the SEC as an Attorney-Fellow in their Office of General Counsel. Spent 1992-93 in Warsaw, assigned as a senior advisor to the Polish Securities Commission, assisting them in the development and regulation of their stock market. Returned to SEC in 1993 and became Assistant Director in the Office of International Affairs where I managed the SEC’s technical assistance and training programs for emerging securities markets until my retirement in 2005. Upon retirement, I established, Strahota Capital Markets, a sole owner LLC, and have spent 40-50% of each year continuing to provide securities and corporate governance assistance to developing countries, primarily Serbia, Ukraine and Vietnam. I try not to work from November through March because I am a very passionate U. of Maryland and ACC basketball fan.
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After Cornell, I moved to New York City and taught junior high math. I got married and we had two daughters, Sandra and Judy. A few years later I went back to graduate school, eventually getting a PhD in math. Then I taught at St. John’s University (New York) and at York College, City University of NY, getting divorced along the way. I enjoyed my work very much, and retired last year. Now I am pursuing two long-time interests, choral singing and studying Chinese, and some grandma stuff now that Sandra and her husband have a son.

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I am happily retired after having held a variety of interesting jobs. I have children and grandchildren I am proud of. I have had the good fortune to travel to large parts of the world, including a few I never dreamed I’d be able to see. I have good friends. It has been an interesting life so far and I do not expect that to change.
For most of my time at Cornell I thought I wanted to be a high school social studies teacher. Then, in the fall of senior year, the Dean at ILR told me some faculty had recommended me for a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. Did I want to get a PhD, he asked? The question changed my life.

Sam Strober, the man who later became my husband, thought my getting a PhD would be great. “You can teach in college, instead of high school,” he said. My parents were shocked, but when I told them my future husband approved, they came on board.

Being female was not a problem in getting my first job, at the U. of Maryland, but in 1970, when I tried to get a job at Berkeley (my husband had accepted a job at Stanford), they would not hire me on the regular faculty. By then I had two children, an infant and a two-year old. The chair of the economics department said he couldn’t take a chance on hiring a woman with such young children in a regular faculty position.

The day he said that was the day I became a feminist. Instead of studying wages, productivity, and unemployment, I began studying women and work. Why were women excluded from certain jobs? Why did women earn less than men? I would seek answers to those questions for my entire career.

In 1972, I became the first woman to be a regular faculty member at the Stanford Graduate School of Business. Shortly thereafter, several women students at Stanford asked me to help them start a research center on women’s issues. I sought funding from the Ford Foundation to set up such a center and when the funding came through, Stanford approved the center. I paid a heavy price for that success. Neither my colleagues nor my husband were comfortable with my feminist outlook. I was turned down for tenure at the Business School and shortly thereafter, my marriage fell apart.

Out of those two crises, came two wonderful new chapters. The School of Education at Stanford offered me a tenured position and I happily spent the rest of my career there, teaching, writing, consulting, and working for women’s advancement.

On the personal front, in 1990, after several years of being single, I married Jay Jackman, who had been a classmate of my first husband and an usher in my first wedding. My family is large: two children, three stepchildren, three daughters-and sons-in law, and five grandchildren. I am grateful beyond measure.
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Other Degrees: Certificate of Culinary Arts (International Culinary Arts & Sciences Institute, Chesterland, OH)
Marital Status: Widower

Following graduation I went to work at Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank, CA. This was the location where the U-2 spy plane was designed and – since the Gary Powers flameout over Russia had already taken place – the plane was no longer a secret and occasionally we would witness a takeoff and landing at the Burbank Airport. Bob Wasilewski and I shared an apartment in the San Fernando Valley while we both worked at Lockheed. After a layoff six months later, I began what was to be a 38-year career in the steel industry – Jones and Laughlin and its successor company LTV Steel. I was married in 1965 to Mae Belle Finnie with whom I was a neighbor in Avalon, PA. Spring of 1967 saw us moving to a small farm town in Hennepin, IL where J & L was building a new plant. Hennepin was then a town of about 300 people – about 120 miles from Chicago – and was surrounded by acres of corn and lots of hog farms. Hennepin was so small that the phone system had one switchboard located in a private home and was operated by the resident.

In 1967, we moved back to Pittsburgh. Our only child, Stewart, was born there in 1970. About the same time, I was assigned as project engineer for the Pittsburgh Works coke operation. The EPA was in its infancy, but great pressure was exerted on the steel industry and coke plants in particular to reduce emissions. Thus began my 30+year sojourn into the coke-making area.

The period of the late ‘60s to the mid-‘80s were what I term the very active years aside from work. I became heavily involved in the Cornell Club of Pittsburgh and, of course, in children’s activities – Little league, Indian Guides, etc.

In early 1980, I was appointed the staff engineer for coke making at J&L. In 1984, J&L merged with Republic Steel to form LTV Steel Co. In 1985, we moved to Hudson, Ohio. There I continued as the staff engineer until May 2001.

Stewart received his Bachelor’s degree in horn performance from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and his Master’s degree from Yale in 1994.

After I retired in 2002, I received a Certificate of Culinary Arts from the International Culinary Arts and Sciences Institute. I cooked in a small restaurant, which was the hardest job I ever had.

My wife passed away in 2004 from complications of breast cancer. I have vacationed in recent years in Finland, Ireland, China and Germany.
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I live with my husband in a Prairie-style home in Chicago. Two daughters and seven grandchildren are nearby. I would have preferred Ithaca where my father grew up and Cornell where my parents met. My earliest memories are walking through gorges and searching for elephant’s toenails and turtle backs on the shores of Cayuga. All 10 of us learned the Cornell Alma Mater in the car as we drove to Ithaca from Pennsylvania, Virginia, Georgia, and Massachusetts. To attend Cornell was imprinted, if there was financial aid.

A Cornell National Scholarship allowed me to get a BS in Home Economics. A graduate teaching and research assistantship provided support for an MS in food and nutrition. Encounters with furry scurrying guinea pigs and rats in the nutrition lab, and a two-cent balance in my checkbook after printing my thesis, convinced me that five years for a PhD and a teaching position in a small women’s college were not for me. I spent the next four years as a lay associate in Lutheran Campus Ministry, first in Bowling Green, OH, and then in Hyde Park, home of the U. of Chicago. There I met my husband, Howard, an electrical engineer and an excellent professional violinist.

For the past 40 years, we’ve lived in Morgan Park, a surprisingly family-friendly neighborhood. Our daughters attended the Chicago public schools and Northern Illinois U. before returning to the community to raise their families and live near many of their childhood friends. I spent my time volunteering for the PTAs, local school councils, and Girl Scouts; hosting Howard’s chamber music groups; and playing violin duets until 1996. While most of my friends were retiring, I began working fulltime for the Chicago public schools as a citywide parent/community coordinator. My office was in the main headquarters, a staging site for many an educational drama. Meetings and workshops took me into all parts of the city to listen to parents’ concerns and find out what was really happening. I returned to the volunteer world in June 2006.

Life has been far from idyllic. Living in an urban environment has unique challenges. The past 50 years have seen some improvements in human rights, but the growing economic problems, continuing violence, disregard for a fragile environment, and intolerance of other cultures threatens us all. Cornell gave me knowledge to understand and do my part to improve the world for our children.

On a hot stormy Ithaca-summer weekend in 2008, 100 of our Horn family gathered to bury my parents, both Cornell graduates, on East Hill. My grandchildren walked the gorges and stood at the foot of Taughannock Falls during a deluge. We closed the burial singing our Alma Mater in harmony one more time. The torch passes on!
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OMG!! How do I tell you what’s been going on for the last 50 years? I got a message on Facebook in 2008 from a guy who graduated James Madison HS with me in 1958, “Hey, Max - where have you been for the last 50 years??” Messages went back and forth, he told me about his kids, his wife, life before retirement, hobbies and interests. I wrote back the same, nothing too personal. Next message arrives: he sends me his phone number, says, “Call Me.” End of report.

I don’t Twitter, Facebook, or blog. The internet is a research tool that I often make use of, and e-mail is excellent when you have a son with one child and one on the way in San Mateo, CA, a stepson with twins who all live in Pacific Palisades, CA, and another stepson in Berkley, CA with one child. My two daughters reside on the east coast. Jill, a writer and Prof. at NYU, lives in Montclair, NJ with her two boys. Younger daughter, Amy, lives in Short Hills, NJ with two very tall, lanky teen boys and an especially engaging and fun two-year-old boy!

There have been two successful 22-year marriages in my life, and I am still friends with my first husband, Donald Hamburg, and his wife, Jan. Don was my Cornell boyfriend for four years, and we were married five days after I graduated from the College of Home Economics. I enrolled in the Graduate School of Education a year later for my MEd. My husband, Jerry, and I celebrate Passover at a seder at Don and Jan’s every year, and we share photos and Mac-books of our growing entourage of grandkids.

My days of teaching and volunteering at hospitals and classrooms are long gone, and I enjoy my life with Jerry in our loft/condo in Greenwich Village, steps from SOHO, NOHO, and TRIBECA. Travels to Peru, Panama, Greece, France, Morocco, and Turkey as well as regular California visits to the grandkids keep us busy. We hope to travel on safari to East Africa in the coming year. Jerry and I recently purchased a beautiful beach condo in Sarasota, on the West Coast of Florida. We spend between one and three weeks a month there throughout the winter, and enjoy kayaking the calm waters of the Gulf at a nature preserve minutes from the apartment. Jerry is not retired and is able to work from Sarasota with ease, thanks to a Blackberry, a fax, SKYPE, a computer, and an office he has set up in the apartment. We’ve made some new friends in Sarasota and often go to visit them at their lakefront homes in New Hampshire and Saratoga. This time of my life is the premium. We are trying to live each day to the fullest and hoping we both will be vital, alert and healthy to be able to continue to enjoy all that we have.
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I am pretty happy with my life. There were rough spots, but it was not WWII or the revolution in my country. I feel lucky to be alive with wonderful children and grandchildren. I have a good and rewarding career as a pediatrician. I have been painting watercolor, acrylic, mixed media and Asian brush painting. I really started this around the time of retirement and have enjoyed it very much. I had my first art show with another painter in June 2010 in Lubec, ME where I spend my summers. I feel I have paid back my good fortune and contributed to society – a good life with twists and turns like the river.

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We are now both retired and have been living here in California (Silicon Valley) for over 30 years. We have been doing a lot of cruising (Baltics, South America, Mediterranean, Australia, and New Zealand) and traveling. We will be going to China this fall (2010) and visiting the World’s Fair in Shanghai. This photo of the two of us was taken in 2006 onboard the Crystal Symphony during a spring cruise to South America.
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Before graduation, Hilton International Hotels hired me for the new Kahala Hilton Hotel, in Hawaii, where I spent five years as Restaurant Manager, then Human Resources Director, Executive Housekeeper & Assistant to the General Manager. Westin Hotels recruited me as Area Director, Operations, including six months training primitive Waianae Coast residents for work at the new Makaha Inn.

Following marriage and children, I founded Hawaii Hotel Consultants, LLC. (HHC). During these seven years living in Charlotte, NC, I purchased a 5,000-tree, commercial apple orchard in Vale, NC, simultaneously working in the country as an apple grower and in the city as hotel consultant.

Back in Hawaii, I joined Aston Hotels & Resorts as General Manager of the new Aston Waikiki Beach Tower & Aston Waikiki Beachside Hotels. Community service included State Chairman of American Red Cross, Chairman of ASSETS School Board (Gifted & Dyslexics, K-12) & Chairman, Girl Scout Council, Hawaii.

My political phase began in 1990, elected as State Representative to Hawaii State Legislature, later as Hawaii State GOP Chair, & then the Republican National Committee. Additionally, I served as Hawaii Chair, American Legislative Exchange Council. Returning to the business world in 1998, I took my consulting business out of mothballs, and it’s been full speed ahead ever since; NO intentions of retiring!

My company (HHC) specializes in overall renovation & project management for hotels. After submitting a major proposal to Owners, if chosen, we proceed with design, selection, specification, purchasing & shipping of all FF&E items, then move to on-site coordinating with contractors, hotel management team, and oversight of the entire physical renovation, concluding with the installation of all items.

For years, I lectured extensively in Hotel Management at U. of Hawaii; Colleges of General Studies & Business Administration. As Coordinator of Institute for Technical Interchange at the East-West Center, I trained future Asian country hotel managers and, from 1986 to 1997, was president of Cornell Society of Hotelmen, Hawaii Chapter.

Elected as a Trustee of Cornell University (1992-1996) I was proud to serve my alma mater, and later was appointed, by the Governor, as Regent of the University of Hawaii (2003–2009) serving as Chair of Finance and later Facilities Committees.
I survived the nightly bombings in Hamburg, Germany as a little boy, where my father died in 1944. I was five. We came from Pinsk, Belarus (White Russia). The White Russians fought Stalin for decades, and it was to escape from him that we went to Germany. We came to Clifton, NJ, in November 1949, to where my father used to live thirty years before. We had the clothes on our back, and nothing else.

When I was 12 yrs old I had four jobs at the same time to help support the family. I delivered papers every day, cut grass, worked on a pony track on weekends, and swept floors at a tire store after my paper route for 80 cents per hour. I then started changing truck tires for three years, a real hard job, then worked at City Hall engineering after school, as my fame spread, drafting and surveying.

In my high school of 4,000 students, I held almost every top position; class president, president of the student council, Chief of proctors, Capt of the football and track teams. Mayor of Clifton for Youth Week. On the football field, I was the highest scorer in the state, and everybody’s All-America. Sixty scholarship offers followed. It was rough going, as every recruiter’s money was abundant, and I was a gem for any recruiter to land. Appointments to the three military academies were also secured.

My coming to Cornell was supposed to put Cornell football on top, like I was to win the games for Cornell single handed. Lefty James always played his seniors first. That was his philosophy. That also put a damper on my desire to play for him for two years.

I did make it to the Cornell Medical College and graduated in 1967. I went into the space program with the Navy afterwards, and did flight training in Pensacola. The program was cut in the late ‘60s so I went into Orthopedic Surgery in Philadelphia in 1971, and stayed with the Navy for 24 years.

Presently, I am Chief of Orthopedic Surgery for Florida Health Care Plans in Daytona Beach, FL. where I’ve been since 1993.

I have a wonderful wife for 30 years now, Madelyn, and wonderful kids, two boys and two girls. Only the younger girl is married, and we will soon have a grandson.
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I am now retired after a career in technical and general management of foundries manufacturing titanium investment castings for aerospace and commercial markets. A good quality education was key to success in my subsequent career. My wife and I are very proud of celebrating 50 years of a great marriage and our two children have done very well in all respects.
I’m currently retired after about 40 years of work as a transportation planner. After Cornell, Columbia, and a stint as an army officer in Thailand, I began work as a transportation planner at a consulting firm in New York City. I got married in 1969 to Lois, who worked at the same company, and we had two children (both born at Cornell Med). We stayed in NY for about five years, during which time I did a lot of interesting travel for work – including foreign stints in Venezuela, Iran, and Chile.

We moved to the Boston area in 1973 and stayed there for 17 years, raising our children, and I continued working for the same firm until 1986, when I ran the local office of another large engineering firm. In 1990, I got an offer to move to San Francisco from another firm and we decided to move since we loved the city and thought it was time for a change of scenery (our interview was during 60-degree weather in the middle of December). That job did not work out, but I quickly got another, which soon led to running the San Francisco office of a large company.

In 1998, I got tired of consulting and took the position of Head of Transportation at the Presidio, a newly-created national park at the former San Francisco army post. After six years there, I began part-time consulting on my own and eventually stopped working in 2007.

Now I’m busy with my two granddaughters (who live locally), golf, piano, writing, volunteer work, taking adult coursework, and my number one current activity which is bicycling and bike advocacy.
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After graduating from Cornell, I got married to a Cornell undergrad that summer, who went with me to Stanford from which she later graduated. I got my law degree and went on to 40 years of practice and then retired with a bit of work on the side.

From my days in high school onward, I have always been motivated by the wish to realize the nature of existence. When I lived in San Francisco in the late 1960’s, I began to actively explore it. This continues as the main motivation now. What seems to have been “my life” has opened more and more until when I see it with clarity, it is just “life” or “aliveness.”

There are still veils of obscuration, of living in habitual confusion, but these are also what life has for us until we live in our awareness fully. This is joyful opportunity to keep opening and be able by opening in this way to bring benefit to others.

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My husband Mel and I moved to California in 1978. I’ve become a true Californian enjoying an active outdoor life. I stayed at home while our four children were growing up and then jumped into volunteer work. Our three grandchildren live nearby and I love being part of their day-to-day lives. Mel and I are still going strong. We spend part of our summers in the east, travel our fair share for adventure, and visit our out-of-town children in Colorado and Rhode Island. While it was long ago and I am far away, Cornell is an important part of my life. I’ve been active at the College of Human Ecology. Two of our four children and several nephews are Cornell alums. We’re an avid Cornell family.
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I now live in Central Illinois. I started my trek in Ithaca in 1958. Since graduation, I have lived in Enid, OK; Memphis, TN (twice); St. Louis, MO; Plainfield, NJ; Canandaigua, NY; Ballwin, MO; Decatur, IL; Bloomington, IL (also twice); Chatsworth, IL; and Carlock, IL where I presently live. Along the way I had four daughters. With all the moves, yes, I do seem to define my life by the different places I have lived. I am very fortunate to have been able to make many friends from many parts of the country. It has been difficult starting over so often, but there is growth with each change. My first marriage ended in divorce after 32 years. My second husband died suddenly after four and a half years. I married my present husband and settled into his lake home in 2006. I have known Ron for 37 years, this makes our lives intermingled in many ways.

I have always considered myself a professional volunteer. I have held many leadership jobs over the years, mostly in the medical and school areas. (I always thought it would be much easier going to work from 9-5). I was employed as a host-home specialist for Project OZ, licensing homes and placement for children in emergency trouble. I have been a caregiver for a close friend who had a debilitating stroke at age 44 in 1996 – she died in 2004. I am now employed as the business manager/treasurer for Prairie Fire Theatre, a musical theatre in Bloomington/Normal. I do everything from taking ticket reservations, writing the grant reports, maintaining a database for 3,000 people, and all the bookkeeping.

I love to travel and have been to Australia and New Zealand with a stop over in Fiji; Greece and Turkey, and China, Hong Kong, Bali, Thailand. I spent five winters in Florida and summers at my cottage on Aylen Lake, Barry’s Bay, Ontario, Canada. Ron and I have been to Mexico three times, and are making many small trips all over the country. He will be retiring in January 2011, so we have many places to see.

I have four daughters, seven grandchildren, eight step-children, 14 step-grandchildren, and five step-great-grandchildren. WOW!!
Upon graduation, I returned to the USDA test food kitchen in Beltsville, MD where I had completed an internship the previous summer. I knew from my summer experience that this job was neither fun nor challenging and it was also a job in an area with little opportunity for a Food and Nutrition major. With the encouragement of friends in the area, I applied to teach elementary school in Prince George’s County, Maryland.

In August 1962, I began my career in education teaching fourth grade. I went back to the U. of Maryland and Bowie State U. for evening classes and took the necessary courses to be licensed. I earned my Master’s in Educational Administration. The classroom for me was fun, rewarding, and lots of hard work. After seven years, I was promoted to assistant supervisor and then vice-principal. In 1974, I became an elementary school principal. I worked in two different schools with the last one being a magnet school, which drew much acclaim for student achievement due to a wonderful staff.

After 28 years, I retired from PG County. My husband, Don, was a supervisor in Environmental Education and he also retired. Together, we decided to explore positions for me in the Indianapolis area (extended family ties) and I was selected as an elementary school principal in a suburban district of Indianapolis. My intent was to complete several more years and enjoy a second retirement income! However, education in Indiana was vastly different than Maryland and I found myself with wonderful students and parents, but beating a “dead horse” in terms of an aging teaching staff who were unwilling to meet the challenges of new curricula and a changing student population.

My husband died of cancer in 1994. In 1995, I decided it was time to retire permanently from education after 33 years. I decided to try a career as a realtor. However, when real estate was not fast-paced enough, I began taking temp jobs. I had many varied experiences and ended up being hired permanently by Paul Harris Stores, Inc. (a woman’s clothier) in the construction department. I worked there three years and traveled to many shopping malls throughout the eastern United States. This was the perfect job for one with a love of shopping and no family to leave behind while traveling. After three years and the lure of travel gone, I resigned as Senior Project Manager. I then went into the accounting world and eventually established my own small accounting/bookkeeping business doing work for several small businesses. It is part-time work for me and I love it.
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I came to West Virginia University in 1964 as a doctoral student in engineering (Theoretical & Applied Mechanics) and started teaching undergraduate classes in 1966. I became fascinated by the potential for actually designing educational processes, and transferred to the doctoral program in Education, where I became the first graduate of a program in Engineering Education.

My mentor and I ran the Engineering Education program for about a decade, and spent about 20 years developing and measuring instructional materials in statics, dynamics, and strength of materials. Later, I was also assigned to teaching machine design courses, as well as freshmen engineering. I accepted a “retirement incentive” in 1998, and since then I have been involved in teaching in a “Life-long Learners” program, and in matters related to the Monongahela River and local history.
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As I write this, I am in Antofagasta, Chile on an extended consulting assignment. This location/adventure, however, is only the latest (and, hopefully, not the last) in a long string of mostly wonderful, sometimes extremely challenging, personal and professional experiences since leaving ‘The Hill’ in 1964.

Starting in Puerto Rico, continuing on to Venezuela, Angola, Trinidad, Spain, Ecuador and Nigeria with several stops in the US for good measure, it has been a wonderful professional career. I’m sure that I’ve experienced the extremes of the world’s communities, even though I’ve only seen a fraction of them. I am looking forward to continuing to experience more of what life and the world has to offer. I’m a firm believer in keeping physically engaged and mentally active in order to go out with a bang rather than a whimper.

Along the journey, I married a German PanAm stewardess and we have two wonderful, successful, entrepreneurial children who are currently operating a vegan deli and health food store in Rincón, Puerto Rico. Son, Daniel (CU Hotel ’00), has a four-year-old son, Ezra (don’t ask – he claims the name has no connection!) who will take the world by storm one day. Daughter, Rebecca (BA Art History-UC Santa Cruz), remodeled a barber shop into a retail vintage clothing shop in Brooklyn, NY which she ran for four years before her brother convinced her to come to his tropical paradise to manage the health food store.

Professionally, I am a Registered Professional Engineer in three states and a solo practitioner providing structural and construction related forensic services for the past fourteen years for insurance company claims representatives and trial lawyers. I provide technical assistance for resolving claims and offer expert witness testimony in arbitration and trials. My services utilize engineering skills learned at Cornell, construction experiences gained working around the world, management skills running projects and a consulting firm, and communication skills working with an incredibly wide variety of individuals – laborers in Venezuela and Nigeria to CEOs of major corporations.

Personally, I am long distance road biker and have participated in many century (100 mile) rides. I’ve visited Belize, toured the Galapagos and Machu Picchu, rafted the Colorado River and safaried in Kenya. I would gladly do any of those again – if there weren’t so many more places left to experience!!

When my time comes, I’m hoping to go with a glass of great wine and a “Woo-Hoo, it was a great life!!”
After attending Cornell on a Navy scholarship, I went right into active duty in the Navy, went through flight training, and spent seven years flying fighter jets during Viet Nam.

I lost my first wife, Jane, at the end of 2006 after 43 years of marriage. In 2007, I met the lady who would become my second wife and married her in March of 2008. At the beginning of 2009 I sold my commercial real estate development company to my employees and then retired. Now, my wife, Alicia, and I have bought a 35-foot power cruiser and travel down the Intra-coastal Waterway to Florida for the winter, living on the boat and having a ball playing golf and avoiding snow storms in Virginia. The accompanying photo is of me taken at our wedding on Kiawah Island.

These words will be read by few, and remembered by none. So I’m totally free to express myself with strict unstinting honesty... even though that’s impossible.

Where am I now, and how did I get there? How does a housefly choose its next perch?

My proverb: “Beware the vaporousness of reality, and the solidity of fantasy.”
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June 12th 1999. I haven’t been here for a very long time. The new Frosh ’59 Empacher shell is sitting in cradles. We’re here for its christening…and to feel like 19 again. We gingerly get onto our slides. Peterson, our cox, gets us into the inlet. We start rowing. My mind wanders.

Greenwich Village 1965. I’m an engineer at Colgate Palmolive, and two years has been enough. I return to school.

Peterson calls a third Big 40. Jeez.

Oslo, Norway, summer internship 1966, working for Ford…a business I spent years prepping for. I decide to work for a European car company. Armed with MBA, BME, and car-guy mentality, I sign on with Saab in 1967. Saab does no product planning. Swedish engineers decide everything. 1968. I’m in Trollhättan at a conference of biggies discussing the new Saab 99. My first trip. Saab’s MD is blathering about the 99, and asks for opinions. The Swedes are quiet. I stand up, and politely tell the MD that the new 99 sucks. Stony silence, followed by a “Well, if you’re so smart, why don’t you find out what your buyers want, and show us what to do”? What a mandate. For 25 years, and more than 100 trips to Sweden, I have the most fun of my life working with Saab designers and planners. I’m involved in the development of every model that Saab introduces in this country.

Peterson calls for 40 easy ones. Cool.

Connecticut September 1967. I’m the fourth member sharing a house with a young married couple. The third is Christine. Here I am starting out, and I fall into this ready-made family…and a relationship with the lady who will become my wife. UK June 1968. Christine and I are visiting her parents for approval of our living together, but Daddy does not…Daddy says he approves, but Mum does not. Daddy is a vicar. He’ll marry us 12 years later in his 13th century church.

Peterson is turning the boat around. I reminisce once more.

April 1992. Saab downsizes, and moves to Atlanta. I’m Director of Planning, but don’t go. I’m retired. July 1995. We’re in our Grafton, Vermont summer home full time and starting new lives. In August, we open Rutland’s funkiest clothing boutique. We’re in Vermont to stay.

Peterson now has us gliding toward the dock. It’s been 37 years since he’s berthed one of these ships. Carl Ulrich, our former coach, is there to guide us safely in. It’s 1959 all over again.
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Life After Cornell: I married and had two daughters and twin sons – the joy of our lives. They all live within a mile of us with our eight grandchildren. We enjoy many family times together. We have a wonderful place on the water in Bethany Beach, Delaware, where we enjoy time in the summer (and off-season, too, since it is so close) and we have a place in Florida to get away from the cold in the winter. I have been an interior designer for the past 35 years and am still very active. I have specialized in residential and country club design and still am enjoying it. We play golf and tennis and are enjoying life!

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We have retired to the beautiful Lake Sunapee/Dartmouth area of New Hampshire. Essentially, I first came to NH with my family on vacation in the early fifties to a resort called Twin Lake Villa in New London. I went back to work there from Pennsylvania in the summers of 1957-58 at the age of 17-18. I remember sending reports about the business activities of the resort to the School of Hotel Administration as was required the summer before attending Cornell (1958). When I left the restaurant business in 1968, I came to Boston to get closer to NH. I met my wife, Becky, who is from Winnetka, IL, in Boston in 1969 and, after our marriage in 1970, we decided to build a vacation home in New London on a lot we purchased from the resort in 1974. We retired to NH in 2004. Instead of expanding our vacation home for a primary residence as we had always planned, we moved to a town close by where we are today. We sold that vacation home in April 2010 because our kids were not interested in using it, which severed our ties with Twin Lake Villa after nearly 60 years. Since we sold it to the sons of good friends who had stayed in the house many times it was not as sad a day as it could have been.
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I’m practicing law on a part-time basis, while spending the rest of my time in various other enjoyable pursuits, including golf, bridge, theater and travel.

Sharon and I just celebrated our 47th wedding anniversary. We have three children: Elizabeth Maciag (BA Dartmouth ‘87, MBA Northwestern ‘91), who is married, has two children, and resides in Mountain View, CA; Lynn Morgan (BS Cornell ‘89), who is married, has three children, and resides in Potomac, MD; and Suzanne Klein (BS Cornell ‘96; MS Columbia ‘01), who is married, has two children, and resides in Manhattan.

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For the past 23 years I have been at Columbia, as the curator of the art collection and the director of the Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Art Gallery. It is my intention to retire before the end of the calendar year, but I am distressed by what remains to be done before that can happen. One of the things I want to do in retirement is to take more birding trips –before I am too decrepit! I took up birding about 10 years ago, and since Sam’s death have taken two or three trips a year. In March 2010, I was in northern Colombia. This past Christmas (2009) we were in Panama with several New York friends and my son Jeremiah! This was the first time he’s gone along with us. It may be the last as he now has a very serious girlfriend. Aside from her, his chief interest is photographing burlesque performers and performances. Thankfully, he has a day job, which is doing IT work for New York Hospital.
While I’m tempted to try to set this to the tune of “Now I am the ruler of the Queen’s Navee,” I will refrain. Pete Weis (’60) and I got married in July 1962; I started graduate school at NYU that fall. In June 1967, I gave birth to our daughter, Jennifer, the day after receiving my PhD in biology (how’s that for family planning!). In Sept., with one new baby and two new jobs, we moved from Queens to Newark, NJ where riots had recently taken place and where I started as Assistant Professor at Rutgers-Newark. I went up through the ranks at Rutgers, while moving to the suburbs (Maplewood, NJ) when the kids (Eric arrived in 1969) were school age. I’ve spent my career at Rutgers, going elsewhere on sabbaticals and leaves. I’ve been in Washington, DC as a Congressional Fellow in the US Senate (Environment and Public Works Committee), as a “rotator” at NSF, and visiting scientist at EPA. I’ve stayed involved in public policy (environment), while keeping a home base at Rutgers. I’ve had about 20 doctoral students, the last one of whom graduated in 2010. While research is mostly focused on estuaries in NY/NJ, we’ve also studied salt marsh inhabitants in New England, the mid-Atlantic, and Florida, and mangroves in Indonesia and Madagascar. Recently, I’ve discovered the fun of writing books for the general public. *Salt Marshes: A Natural and Unnatural History* came out in 2009 and *Do Fish Sleep?* should be out in 2011. As of this writing, I am not retired, but will be by reunion time. I hope to continue writing anyway.

I’ve been involved with the women’s movement in various ways over the years; my “15 minutes of fame” was, as President of our NOW chapter, filing the charges that led to girls being allowed into the Little League in the mid ’70s. Recently, I’ve been administering an NSF grant at Rutgers to improve the situation for women in science.

I get great enjoyment from music, including choral singing and participation in productions of Gilbert and Sullivan (starting with the Cornell Savoyards), other light opera and musicals. Now that we live in NYC we have all the resources of the city surrounding us.

We enjoy travel, and have done two trips a year for over 15 years. Even though we do not love long plane trips over the Pacific, we seem to gravitate towards Asia and have gone to Thailand, Indonesia (4 times!), India, China, Bhutan, Viet Nam and Cambodia, as well as Fiji, French Polynesia, Australia and New Zealand. Now that our daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughters live in Los Angeles, there’s even more reason to take trips in that direction and visit them along the way. By the time reunion happens we should have another grandchild – this one on the East Coast. We are healthy (as of spring 2010!) and enjoying life in the Big Apple (plus eastern L.I. in the summers).
I left Cornell after a year and a half and worked a few odd jobs before marrying Pat, whom I met on a “blind” coffee date our Freshman year and dated on and off until I left Cornell. (Thank you, George Lovelace, for introducing us!). I attended Fairleigh Dickinson U. night school, planning to become a math teacher and coach. I found I liked my interim career of roofing and after a few years started my own company.

We sold our house of 32 years in Wyckoff, NJ and moved to a condo in Ocala, FL and our family summer home in the lower Catskill Mountains of NY. We moved to Venice, FL in 2001 to be nearer the beach and kayaking.

I left Cornell after two years, married, and had three sons. I graduated with a BA in Metropolitan Studies (concentration in Public Administration) in 1979 from Ramapo College of NJ. I worked for Fair Housing Council of Northern NJ for seven years as a housing discrimination investigator, project director and housing counselor. Then eight years for IBM Corporation as a Senior Secretary Specialist. I returned to the non-profit field for a few years as Development Director for the Community Resource Council in Hackensack, NJ.

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I find myself at almost 70-years-old feeling deeply grateful for where I am, both literally (looking at a lake in central Wisconsin) and in other ways (being healthy, happy, productive, at peace). I’m even able to appreciate most of the things that have shaped my life along the way! Here are a few of them: I’ve lived in several states, from New York to Pennsylvania, to Michigan, Texas, Georgia, Illinois, and Wisconsin. I’ve given birth to three wonderful sons, and have acquired two wonderful stepdaughters through marriage.

After a divorce in 1982, I was lucky enough to marry a great guy, my husband, Bud, and we’ve been married for almost 23 years. I have worked in a variety of professions: a home economist for a gas company, a nursery school teacher, a mother, a potter, an art therapist and a marriage and family therapist. I’ve been able to study subjects that interest me. I studied art education at Penn State, art therapy at Vermont College in Montpelier, VT, and marriage and family therapy at University of Georgia in Athens, GA. I earned my Ph. D. in 1994, doing my research on the influence of divorce on college age children. I’ve also learned a lot from less formal study in the areas of pottery, the natural world, spiritual direction, icon writing, cooking, and gardening.

At the moment I’m mainly occupied with gardening and pottery. I just became a Master Gardener and will be volunteering on community projects with other gardeners. I belong to a pottery cooperative in Warrenville, IL, called Clayspace and spend the majority of my time in the winter creating pots. I also like to cook for family and friends who come to visit us at our summer home in central Wisconsin.
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When I chose Cornell, I knew there were no varsity sports for women, but thought it was not important. After two years of club and intramural teams, I realized that I wanted better competition. I learned of a field hockey team in Rochester and started driving up to Rochester to play on weekends. After graduation, I moved to Rochester and continued to play and attend tournaments where the national teams were selected. I was selected to the US 1st or 2nd team from 1960-75, and went on four overseas tours with the US team – 1962 to England (while still at Cornell) and three world tournaments – 1967 in Germany, 1971 in New Zealand, and 1975 in Scotland.

After getting my MS degree in biophysics from the U. of Rochester, I started teaching physics at Brighton High School near Rochester. Of course, I also coached the field hockey team.

Now that I am retired, I spend winters at my condo in Venice, Florida where I play tennis outdoors everyday – weather permitting. Up north the rest of the year I also play tennis about four times a week – indoors or out, depending on the weather.

I am also still involved with field hockey – as an umpire. The junior teams play in the spring and the high schools in the winter.

Sometimes my joints get a little sore, but I’ll keep going as long as I can!
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I worked fulltime as a computer programmer and systems analyst for many years. After the pressures of working full-time and dealing with family issues were over, I was able to enjoy my retirement years. One company I worked for was Enron. Thankfully, I moved most of my shares of stock from Enron to the IRAs that I had established here in Las Vegas. There was a time period when I was the full-time caregiver for my very disabled husband. I had no training for that job, but I did the best I could. I keep busy with toastmasters. I enjoy taking OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) classes at UNLV.

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Patty Knowles ’64 and I were married in June 1965. We commuted from Princeton to Philadelphia where I worked with GE in utility sales, trying fruitlessly to sell nuclear power plants to Philadelphia Electric.

Then...off to Fort Belvoir, VA to start my two-year ROTC commitment – basic engineering officer training and assignment to the Army Nuclear Power Program there. After completing a 16-week nuclear power engineering course, I got orders to Vietnam – make sense? I spent a year as an engineering officer with a civil affairs team attached to a battalion, then brigade, of the 101st Airborne Division. Kind of like a Peace Corps assignment, but I got shot at.

We stayed in the Washington area after the Army. I worked for six months with the Atomic Energy Commission in reactor development and then with a series of consulting firms – working on projects for the federal government in energy, transportation, and government/contractor relations. I lasted the longest at LMI – 26 years, 17 of them as an officer, responsible for increasing the company’s work with civil agencies.

Meanwhile, Patty and I settled in Bethesda and Rockville and raised three great daughters: Karen, a family practitioner, married with two sons; Julie, an advertising exec; and Leslie, an environmental consultant, married with two daughters.

Sounds idyllic and it was, until Patty was diagnosed with ovarian cancer at age 43. After two years of chemotherapy and surgery, the cancer went into remission for six years. It reoccurred. She tried some experimental treatments unsuccessfully and died in 1993 at age 51.

Not in my life plan. After a number of years of dating, in 2002, I married June Watts, a widow with two sons: Glenn, COO of a design firm, married with a daughter, and Gary, vice president for compensation at an IT company, who is also married, and has a son and twin girls.

I retired in 2001, resumed singing, volunteer as an IRS/AARP tax counselor at low income retirement homes using some of my CFP training, and spent five years researching, writing, and publishing a family history, as well as my memoir, for June and our children and grandchildren. Like many classmates, I try to stay fit; I play tennis and travel.
I came to Cornell in 1958 from Jamaica, Queens, NY. My parents were immigrants from central Europe, but I was born in New York City. (My children say that’s obvious to anyone who meets me, even today, after 40+ years living in Western New York.) I graduated with a B.S. in bacteriology and landed a job in the NYC at Haskins Laboratory, a privately funded research facility. Some years later I received published abstracts of the work I had contributed to and was pleased to find I had been included as a co-author.

I started dating Rick Yellen in 1959 when I was 18. It was his senior and my sophomore year, and I never dated anyone else after that. We married when Rick finished law school. We had three kids in the 1960s as we settled down in Buffalo and began our adult lives. Our children, Robert ’86, Jonathan, and Diana, were and are so much of our lives, especially in those early years. Rick had a growing practice, our kids were becoming bright and interesting people, and I had begun to think about what more I might do.

I went to Architecture School in the 1970s, and worked in a private practice and for the local county as an architect until retiring in the 1990s. From time to time, I lent a hand to political candidates I respected. We travelled some (never enough), we saw our kids go to college and graduate school (terrific places, just like all of your kids) and become the independent, confident adults we always hoped they would; and we lived a great and love-filled life. We now have five granddaughters, each one exceptionally bright, beautiful and talented (just like all of yours). Our oldest granddaughter, Samantha, class of 2015, is a fourth generation Cornellian. (Hooray!!)

Now, in our 70s, Rick and I remain the couple we have always been. Health issues flair up, but we still play gin rummy (I usually win), travel, visit our kids and grandkids - most importantly, we live a great life.
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I live in Portola Valley, CA – a little town near Stanford – a great place with interesting people and gorgeous natural beauty – with my husband, Phil. We were married in Annabel Taylor Hall. I knew he was The One… and he still is! We have shared a wonderful life – a great partnership in all ways. Every day I still can’t wait for him to come home and have dinner! Speaking of dinner… we love great food and wines. When we travel, food and wine are highlights and often define a destination. We actually took one trip to Spain just to have dinner at El Bulli (Google it!). We also cook at home together most nights and love it.

My life has been defined by art… a passion since childhood. At Cornell I took many art-related courses – life drawing with the architects, pencil studies of the plaster Greek statues in a campus basement, art history. After teaching first grade for four years (we had to eat!), I began a business called “Creations by Hildi.” Hildi was the name I chose to sign my work and one of the first “designer” logos. I licensed my copyrighted-art to 32 different manufacturers of home furnishings and clothing. When we moved to California, I maintained a studio in New York and commuted once a month (the buyers were all there!). At present, to my amusement, items by Hildi are now “vintage” collectibles on eBay!

The Hildi business aside, I have enjoyed being an enabler – like 32 years of carpool! Our daughters are 16 years apart (actually a great way to enjoy each with less chaos). They are both Cornellians (no pressure from us) and wonderful people. Horses – and daughters doing competitive riding – also took enabling!! I ran our local pony club (a 40hr/week volunteer job) organizing 50 kids and horses every weekend. I trailed girls and horses all over California and had so much fun!

I can usually be found by looking for our three corgi dogs (they follow me everywhere). I am in a group of fellow artists who paint and learn and enjoy together. Phil and I also travel a lot, and live in our second home in the South of France – where I love to paint (and eat!) – one quarter of the time. Our three grandchildren are an everyday experience – catching moments with them as they grow – since they live next door!! Life is good!!
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company in Silicon Valley (eight years)-> back to venture capital
in Silicon Valley (25 years!). Currently, General Partner Emeritus
at USVP (US Venture Partners), where I have been for 20+ years, and attempting to
phase down active involvement. Served on the boards of directors of ~30 companies,
10 of which became publicly-traded, involved in a variety of businesses from medical
devices/services and biopharmaceutical development to telecom and computer
systems, semiconductors, Internet advertising, enterprise software, and uranium
exploration and, undoubtedly, some other categories I have thankfully forgotten.
Also Chairman of eCornell (the University’s distance learning subsidiary) for 10
years, and on Boards of Trustees at Castilleja School in Palo Alto, Cornell University,
and Palo Alto Medical Foundation. So much for the professional story.

On the personal front, still happily married to my Cornell sweetheart, now
approaching our 50th “Golden” anniversary (another “!” or maybe “!!”). Two great
daughters, both Cornellians, one in her early 40s, the other in her 20s, and three
grandchildren, 3, 5 & 8. The older daughter and the grandchildren live in what was
originally the “gardener’s house” on our five acre, 140-year old “estate” in Portola Valley
where we have essentially been since we moved to California 33 years ago (another
“!”). The younger daughter married her Cornell boyfriend in a beautiful ceremony
on our property in 2009 and is helping support him as he finishes up his PhD in
astrophysics at the U. of Florida. For the first 20+ years after Cornell, it was heads-
down make-it-happen professionally, with only occasional short vacations: bare-boat
sailing in the Caribbean or skiing at Tahoe or the Rockies.

Re-surfacing in 1985 (after selling the medical device company that I had run for
eight years), we took our first non-business trip to Europe, fell in love with the
South of France and have gone back every year since. In 2001, we bought a second
home in Saint-Tropez, France, about 600 meters from Tahiti Beach, and now spend
11-12 weeks a year in this wonderful little Provencal town on the Mediterranean.
Also a lot more other travelling recently, including trips to Spain, Morocco, Thailand,
Peru, Easter Island, India, Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, Bhutan, Tanzania and St
Barth’s. “And I say to myself, it’s a wonderful life!”
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After graduating from Cornell, I earned my MD degree at New York University School of Medicine. Then I did a surgical internship and residency at Presbyterian University Hospital in Pittsburgh and St. Luke’s Hospital Center in New York City. Upon completion of my surgical training, I served two years in the United States Air Force as a surgeon during the Viet Nam War. The first year was as Chief of Surgery at Davis Monthan Air Force Base Hospital in Tucson, AZ and the second year as Hospital Commander at Thule Air Force Base Hospital in Greenland. After leaving the Air Force, I practiced General and Vascular Surgery in Tucson, AZ. I married Barbara in 1976. I am now enjoying retirement in Scottsdale, AZ.

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I attended the U. of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, graduated in 1966 and did a pediatric residency followed by a stint as a clinician and instructor until 1973, during which time I developed an interest in behavioral pediatrics. But I wanted to be a “real doctor” in private practice. When I got a recruitment query about a college town in the Finger Lakes, I thought “Ithaca!” and responded. It wasn’t Ithaca. It was Geneva, NY. But they really needed a pediatrician, and my nearly 38 years of practice have been very satisfying. In the ’90s I did a part-time fellowship in Developmental/Behavioral Pediatrics at the U. of Rochester and became board-certified in that sub-specialty in 2002, when it was first offered. Nowadays, I limit my practice to the sub-specialty (and no more night calls), but still participate in the multi-specialty group I helped build.

I took up the French horn in 1991, my first such attempt. I now play in a number of ensembles as an amateur, and do occasional paying gigs such as weddings and graduations. My husband and I also sail, cruise on motorboats, and compulsively collect watercraft. We are rabid Democrats.

I hardly dated at Cornell, but I’ve been married twice, most recently in 1998 to Bill Crumlish, with whom I am blissfully happy. My daughter, Laurie, attended Bucknell and Harvard Law, is married to Peter McTeague, and has three sons; my son, Kevin, attended Lehigh and is married to Elaine Kwon.

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Looking back 50 years...seems like a very long time, but it has been a good time. We really aren't that old, are we?

My husband, John (Purdue 1962) and I have lived in Columbus, OH in the same house for the past 40 years after living in Philadelphia, Chicago, and Los Angeles. Our three children, Kimberly (43) and twins Jeffrey and Jonathan (41), are all married, with two children each, and living in Columbus. We love having our adult children and six grandchildren (ages 8 to 13) nearby. We attend many football, soccer, lacrosse, basketball, baseball games, and dance and piano recitals. Columbus has a lot to offer in music and art so there is more to do than we can manage now.

It seems I have been working off and on in the Human Ecology field since graduation. I began as a Home Economist with utility companies and then taught food purchase and meal planning to food stamp recipients, microwave cooking classes (remember when they were new!), and pre-school. These part-time positions gave me the opportunity to be a stay-at-home mom, and I do not regret this for a second. As the children’s tuition escalated, I began a fulltime 13-year challenge in the health insurance field.
Now I am working as a long-term care ombudsman, advocating for residents in nursing homes and assisted living. May be advocating for myself before too long!

Throughout the years I have always volunteered with school groups, school boards, children’s advocacy, community groups and boards, church groups, and Cornell alumni.

Nothing spectacular about my life, but I must say it’s been rewarding in so many ways. Cornell gave me the skills, confidence, and maturity to be the person I am today.

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Becoming a Professor, teaching Sociology (and later Women’s Studies), along with research/writing in these fields was the right career for me. I taught at a number of universities (Columbia, Barnard, Queens College, CUNY, U.C., Santa Barbara, U.C., Berkeley, San Jose State U. and Sonoma State U.). In the 1960s and 1970s, I was active in university and feminist protest and wrote about it. I also studied and wrote about third-world political and economic development. I wrote two academic books reflecting these interests.

I moved to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1972, and found a permanent position at Sonoma State University. Settling in Berkeley, I a found an intellectual/political community with many alternative life style possibilities, and a place like Ithaca with scenic beauty and opportunities for the outdoor activities I enjoy. In 1981, as a single woman supported by family and friends, I adopted a mixed-race baby boy born in Louisiana. Through research on mid-life, long-term single women, I came to accept my own singleness, and in 2005 published The New Single Woman. I’m currently retired from teaching and at work on a memoir (integrating some research) tentatively titled, Creole Son: An Adopted Mother’s Story of Nurture and Nature.

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Robert Engle
Walter Ensdorf
Emily Eynon
Jock Farnsworth
David Feigenbaum
Miriam Lockspeiser Felton
Forrest Ferguson
Suzan Nudelman Ferrer
F. Lauren Flewelling
Howard Flomenhoft
Marion Lahti Freeman
Townsend Friedman Jr.
Patricia Barwick Fuca
Timothy Fuller
John Gillam
David Goldman
Donald Gowan
Robert Grattidge
Geoffrey Green
John Hanson II
Samuel Harkness
Bruce Hawkins
Elizabeth O’Connell Hax
In Memoriam

Joel Heine  
Christopher Hemmeter  
Gloria Henke  
Joann Nantz Heppes  
Klaus Herdeg  
George Herzog  
Alfred Hicks  
Anthony Hoffman  
Neil Irving  
J. Nevin Isenberg  
McKinley Jackson  
Arthur Jaeger  
Karl Jensen  
Ralph Johnson Jr.  
Gary Johnson  
Helmut Karbiner  
Stephen Kaplan  
Susan Kaufman  
Ellen Henshaw Kaufmann  
Donald Keel Jr.  
S. Robert Kelder Jr.  
John Kimbark  
Stephen King  
Anne Kingsley  
Diane Sekuler Klaiman  
Peter Kopach  
Nicholas Krukovsky  
Vincent Kubly  
J. Larry Lacksen  
Robert Lamson  
Donald Lawrence  
Jane Wuerntenberger Lehowicz  
Catherine Welch Losee  
J. David Loucks  
James Lynch Jr.  
Robert MacDougall  
Ian MacLeod  
Fred Maxey Jr.  
Barbara Nelson McDavid  
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David Mengers  
Grant Metcalf  
W. Stephen Middaugh  
Loretta Von Thaden Miller  
Edward Moody  
Alton Mott  
Carolyn Johns Mullins  
Nicholas Mullins  
Kirsten Kerrick Murphy  
John Nelson  
Michael Newport  
William Newton  
John Neylon  
William Nichols  
William Norton II  
P. Geoffrey Nunn  
Maryanne Mahoney O’Brien  
Joann Oppacher  
Richard Overgaard  
Harris Palmer Jr.  
Michael Parnes  
David Patchin  
Kathryn Cavanaugh Patterson  
Joseph Patton  
Clarence Pell III  
James Perrin  
Gerald Pfister  
Ralph Phillips  
Donald Pieper  
Jerome Pomerance  
Nancy Sterns Protos  
Peteris Pulsts  
Paul Rapoport  
Caroline Abbott Ras  
Nancy Saunders Raymond  
Robert Reinstein  
Jack Reubens  
Gary Richardson  
H. Mark Richman  
Ronald Ringwald
Anne Ripley  
Bill Roberts  
Robert Robohm  
Madelon Keshin Romley  
Mark Rosen  
Cheryl Chadbourn Schell  
Ernest Ryan  
George Salabes  
Walter Schaich  
Ralph Schmollinger  
Eberhard Scholtz  
Martin Schubkegel  
Thomas Schumacher  
Clara Shaw Schuster  
Frances Messik Schwartz  
Gary Schwartz  
Miriam Rosenberg Schwartz  
Alice Byer Scott  
David Scudellari  
Kerrick Securda  
David Sellers  
Michael Shagan  
Donald Shaghalian  
Robert Shaw  
Susan York Sheldon  
Joel Siegel  
Frederick Slaugh  
John Snyder  
Alden Speare Jr.  
Zipporah Stambler  
Kenneth Steklasa  
H. Clement Steyler Jr.  
Frances Zale Stieglitz  
Dieter Straube  
Vuko Tashkovitch  
G.D. Thomas  
Robert Tibbetts  
Edward Tinker  
Robert Tober  
Keith Todd  
Robert Tyler Jr.
Maiden/Married Names

Allen, Betty/Little
Allensworth, Sara/Michl
Barnett/Brenda/Solomon
Barrows, Jane/Tatibouet
Bollinger, Alice/Miller
Belsky, Elizabeth/Stiel
Berquist, Peggy/Palmer
Brown, Joyce/Dodge
Browne, Jacqueline/Bugnion
Chia-Hoi, Maureen/Sze
Clickner, Grace/Maynard
Coopersmith, Carol/Daly
Custer, Vicki/Slater
Cushing, Jane/Crumlish
Davidson, Helen/Strassburg
Davis, Mary/Deignan
Denn, Fran/Gallogy
Dockerill, Larrie/Rockwell
Eisenberg, Annette/Stiefbold
Elliston, Sarah/Weiner
Eskel, Betta/Hedlund
Federer, Barbara/Meredith
Fried, Lucy/Koster
Gillinsky, Linda/Klineman
Goldberg, Linda/Bandler
Goldfarb, Linda/Roberts
Gould, Kelly/Behan
Gregg, Martha/Mount
Gribbins, Jane/Andrews
Halsey, Nancy/Young
Hammond, Barbara/Goldstein
Hart, Myra/Maloney
Harwood, Joy/Rogers
Hewitt, Carol/Shaw
Hoffenberg, Myra/Strober
Holstein, Aline/Lotter
Holt, Barbara/Apstein
Hopzafel, Ruthie/Fortcamp
Horn, Jean/Swanson
Huber, Mary Ann/Franson
Hunt, Donna/Call
Iler, Helen/Hougyy
Jaffe, Jane/Giddan
Jones, Charlotte/Collister
Kerachsky, Ada/Albright
Kingan, Bette/Witt
Koehler, Vaughan/Brown
Kopsco, Elizabeth/Bennett
Krieger, Loretta/Yellen
Kyle, Allison/Kerr
Lamb, Lorna/Herdt
Levine, Susan/Kane
Levy, Joan/Layton-Furth
Lewis, Ann/Goodstein
Lichtman, Judith/Elkin
Littman, Miriam/Ciochon
Lloyd, Chandlee/Gill
Lloyd, Judith/Stiff
Lohrey, Lynne/Armstrong
Mayer, Lois/Tuckman
McClayton, Jan/Crites
McConnell, Nancy/Davidian
McCoy, DeeDee/Stovel
McKee, Margie/Blanchard
Milkman, Rita/Gershengorn
Miller, Faith/Roelofs
Miner, Judith/Steenberg
Nankin, Marilyn/Schuster
Olman, Francine/Hardaway
Padgitt, Patricia/Wellington
Palmer, Karen/Anderson
Peery, Sue/More
Prenske, Judith/Rich
Rabinowitz, Helen/Anbinder
Redleaf, Helen/Neuborne
Revitch, Judith/Porter
Rice, Patricia/deHart
Rogers, Sondra/Dunne
Rostan, Michele/Davis
Schade, Marilyn/Stewart
Schmidt, Karen/Tschanz
Schultz, Dorothy/Hitchcock
Schlegel, Nancy/Meinig
Schroeder, Lynne/Murray
Schulman, Maxine/Swartz
Shaw, Carol/Andresen
Shencup, Brenda/Lederman
Shulman, Judith/Weis
Simmons, Katherine/Kaufman
Simon, Nancy/Hodin
Slostad, Judith/Franz
Smith, Amelia/Bryant
Snow, Priscilla/Agava
Spieske, Evelyn/Dufur
Standish, Anne/Uhe
Sterbin, Elsie/Gottlieb
Stillman, Roberta/Wisnosky
Strand, Gail/Wiley
Thomas, Mary/Strickler
Van Buren, Cathryn/Bomberger
White, Charlotte/Spencer
Williams, Nancy/Clark
Wills, Sandra/Van Veltzer
Woll, Barbara/Jones
Zesch, Helen/Ward
Zimmerman, Ruth/Bleyler
If You Could Relive Your Life, What Would You Do Differently While at Cornell?

Difficult to say. I was in culture shock, having arrived from China just five years before.

Maureen Chia-Hoi Sze

Spend more time learning the English language before attending courses.

Aldo Bensadoun

I would have spent a gap year, preferably overseas, before entering Cornell. I was very young when I started at Cornell and could have taken better advantage of what I found there if I had been a year older.

Michael Steinberg

I would have come to Cornell as a freshman instead of a transfer student. The freshman year is so vital for establishing college friendships. I would have majored in nutrition instead of education.

Kelly Gould Behan

Avoid starting in Engineering School, instead taking more Liberal Arts courses.

Richard Stern

I wish I had the foresight to know I was not cut out to be a Chemical Engineer and that I could have enrolled as a freshman in Arts and Sciences. It would have given me an opportunity to take more courses from some of the College’s great professors in Government, History and English.

Bob Strahota

Take an easier major than Chemical Engineering. Probably History of Science or Biochemistry. Spend the time saved at Cortland or another mecca for lovely, unspoiled females.

Stephen Wald

I enjoyed my time at Cornell very much where I started out as a Chemical Engineer and then switched to Civil Engineering. Became tired and bored with carrying a slide rule (you remember the precursor to the hand held calculator?) and graduated with a major in Economics. I guess if I were to do it over again I would have started out in Arts and Sciences so as to have a broader educational experience.

Robert McBride

I went to Cornell on a scholarship that was only good in the Engineering School. If I could do it again, I would have majored in History and Literature and taken a Foreign Language. On the other hand, if I was going to do that, I probably could not have afforded to go to Cornell. While at Cornell I regret not having placed more emphasis on developing my social and interpersonal skills. I was too shy and too focused on grades.

Stan Altschuler

Considering that my professional career focused on transportation, I would have obtained an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering and a Masters’ in Public Administration.

Theodore (Ted) Thompson

I would have majored in Agricultural Engineering as I went into that field.

James Russell
I would have changed my major to a more mathematical engineering.

*Peter Nathan*

I would take Electrical Engineering, Computer Science or Mathematics instead of Mechanical/Nuclear Engineering; I would not smoke cigarettes like I did when I was there; and I would go to Fort Lauderdale over Spring Break even though I couldn’t afford it.

*Philip Young*

Although I was very interested in Government, my major, because of the excellent professors I had, I would want to major in a subject in which I learned not just knowledge and thinking skills, but how to do something inventive, such as mathematics, science, or engineering.

*Betty Allen Little*

I’d focus my energy and intellect in a professional direction probably in an area leading to a career in health care.

*Nancy Simon Hodin*

I think would have liked to have studied Psychology and scientific journalism as an undergraduate since subsequently I have become a clinical psychologist and an author. I wouldn’t want to change the experience of the wonderful friends I made in Phi Sigma Sigma where I found my home away from home.

*Judith London*

I would have majored in Child Development and Family Relationships.

*Ann Lewis Goodstein*

I would have gone to the School of Industrial and Labor Relations, instead of the College of Arts and Sciences. The work that I moved to in Human Resources and Organizational Development would have come sooner and more easily had I attended ILR.

*Jim Cantor*

Attend the School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

*Ransom Shaw*

About a year ago, I finally realized what my major at Cornell should have been: Hotel and Restaurant Management. Of course, see the world, etc. I think it never occurred to me because, in those days, it was hard to imagine a woman as the manager of a large hotel. Now, a woman is managing the Hilton Waikoloa, which is huge. My parents would only pay for a major of their choosing so I doubt they would have paid for Hotel, alas, just as they would not pay for ILR where I thought I might be a financial executive, like my dad. I have always regretted not graduating from Cornell. That said, however, I did love UCLA.

*Karen Palmer Anderson*

I would have transferred from Hotel to Arts and Sciences. I had way too few electives in Arts.

*Russell Geiger*

Major in Architecture.

*Loretta (Lori) Krieger Yellen*

I would choose a different major. Maybe Medicine.

*Alfredo Gomez*

Studied and taken a more liberal degree, such as Bachelor of Science in the Arts and Sciences College.

*Mike Duesing*

Taken more courses in different areas.

*Llynne Lohrey Armstrong*

As an undergraduate I had no interest in law and as a graduate student viewed patents as a boring at best, and a corruption of the true search for knowledge at worst. I have learned otherwise, and although I have had tremendous satisfaction out of my academic career, if I could do it again, I would strongly consider studying law somewhere along the way.

*Joel Bernstein*
I would have taken more classes in English Literature, Art and Foreign Languages and fewer in Home Economics. I would not have majored in Education.

_Fran Denn Gallog_

Take even more Art classes.

_Nancy Halsey Young_

Majoring in Biology probably would have been a better idea, with plenty of electives in Philosophy, English, and History (just for fun). I’ve always wondered what would have happened if I had tried out for baseball - I think I would have enjoyed that as well.

_Art Aylsworth_

I would have minored in Zoology and invested in IBM.

_Howard Bruschi_

I would have taken many more Liberal Arts Courses and fewer in Science.

_Fred Davis_

Take more challenging courses outside my major. Take more fun courses outside my major. Get to know at least 1 or 2 faculty as friends.

_Myra Maloney Hart_

I’d try to take more Liberal Arts coursework.

_Richard Tilles_

I would have majored in creative writing (if then offered as it is now [Ed.: it was not offered,]) and taken more studio painting courses, which I did for no credit.

_Rich Alther_

Stay at Cornell to attend business school rather than going somewhere else.

_John Carlson_

I would have treated theater as an extra-curricular activity, and majored in a more “serious” field than Speech & Drama.

_Robert Newman_

I would have stayed a fifth year and doubled registered in the Agriculture Engineering program and got a degree in Agriculture Engineering also.

_Duane Brauen_

I would take Chemistry so it would have been easier to attend medical school if I so chose.

_M. Patricia Rice deHart_

Might have pursued career in medicine.

_Charles Betz_

Maybe I’d major in international business.

_Mary Davis Deignan_

I would have become more inquisitive about continuing into graduate studies at Cornell.

_Randolph Little_

I would have stayed on at Cornell and taken every single course that intrigued me and that I would need later in life, but who has foresight that good

_Nancy Williams Clark_

My four years at Cornell were far too short. However, my innate wisdom at that young age (matriculated at 17) led me to live them to the fullest... My only regret, what I would have done differently, if possible, would be to have taken far more courses – so much to learn, so little time!

_Jane Barrows Tatibouet_

I would have happily extended my time to broaden my education.

_William Dodge_

Finish the four years. I have a graduate degree but not an undergraduate degree. Missed the enjoyment of the junior and senior years with friendships and taking a major.

_Morton (Mickey) Langsfeld_
Take a full four years of undergraduate college before entering professional school – two years was too fast, too soon.

*Albert Haberle*

I left Cornell after 3 years without graduating to accept a medical school position. The decision to do so was driven by financial issues, but I have often wished I could have had 4 full years at Cornell. It would have been a growing experience and broadened my education.

*Ronald Apfelbaum*

Take four years to graduate instead of doing it in three. Cornell friends have been a lifelong treasure.

*Janet (Jan) McClayton Crites*

I would have stayed to graduate.

*Ray Hutch*

I’d pay more attention to what was available to me, educationally. Wish my parents were paying for me to go to CU full time, NOW!

*Carol Coopersmith Daly*

I would have taken advantage of more of the educational opportunities at Cornell. I appreciate them more now than I did when I was a student.

*Bruce Rogers*

Spend summers there to take advantage of the educational opportunities.

*Evelyn (Enny) Spieske Dufur*

I would try to enjoy more of the wonderful opportunities in the area outside of the academic realm and would take additional courses in history.

*Jacqueline Browne Bugnion*

Studied harder. Appreciated my parents more. Not signed up for Freshman ROTC at 8:00 a.m.

*Dave Duffield*

I think I would have been involved more in service activities, taken Government courses and spent time in Cornell in the summer. I might have taken more Math (calculus and linear algebra). When I entered the Ph.D. program in Economics at the University of Chicago in 1964 after my Navy service, I had to take calculus with the freshman to catch up. In the two years since I had left Cornell, Economics as a graduate field had become substantially more mathematical and statistical.

*Houston Stokes*

I’d never again sign up for freshman-year meal plan!

*Allan Schwartz*

I would not take so many credits my freshman year…21 with 3 sciences…the advisor I had did not really “advise” me that this was not a good idea!

*Duke Wellington*

I would have taken Clinton Rossiter’s course in Government. Everyone who took it seemed to enjoy the course. I also would have taken a course in economics. Like everyone else, I now recognize the impact the economy has on our daily lives.

*Wardlaw Miles*

In hindsight I would have preferred taking American History rather than World History.

*Roberta Stillman Wisnosky*

I wish I had taken some Horticulture courses then. Our present large garden and orchard would be better.

*George Moore*

At Cornell, if I could do it over, I would have studied Spanish, Statistics and Flower Arranging, all of which would have been very valuable life skills.

*Jane Brody*
I would not let a prestigious full professor talk me out of taking Beginning Spanish freshman year.

Alison Kyle Kerr

There are many things I would do differently. Considering academics, I would have taken some Business courses and Accounting courses.

D. Peter Hochberg

I would study science. I took not a single science course at Cornell. My understanding of science feels fuzzy-headed.

Myra Hoffenberg Strober

I wish I had taken some courses in Music Appreciation, Art Appreciation and History.

Richard Grove

I wish I had studied Spanish in addition to the many other courses – I did take French.

Margie McKee Blanchard

Probably wouldn’t change much if “going” Cornell again, except take Spanish and become good at it. Spanish is the second language in the food industry and food plants today!

Byron (Bing) Carlson

Taken French and spend more time seriously studying.

John Burns

Learn to speak French.

Barbara Ragnhild Woll Jones

Take a German class.

Grace Clickner Maynard

Concentrate more on Foreign Languages.

David Dunn

While I was at Cornell, I would have taken more Art classes and would have worked harder to have more self esteem.

Priscilla Snow Algava

Study more Music.

Bryan Neel

I’d like to have taken more Arts courses.

Mary Ann Huber Franson

Take several Ornithology courses.

Robert Peter Mogielnicki

I would take more Literature and Art classes and if I could conquer the fear of Chemistry I would take classes in the Department of Foods and Nutrition, to do private counseling later in my life. I loved bringing up my children, and teaching early childhood, but it grew stale after 10 or 12 years surrounded by kids, kids, kids.

Maxine Schulman Swartz

I would have branched out more in what I studied.

Francine Olman Hardaway

Take advantage of so many more of the vast offerings.

Helen Zesch Ward

I would have taken more courses in areas in which I was not conversant. Additionally, I would have become more aware of career opportunities available to me.

Lucy Fried Koster

I would have worked harder at learning to write, gone bird watching, learned more science, gotten to know more international students.

Caroline Simon

Spend more time in classes that would be of interest to me over the next 50 years.

Stephen Ettinger

Keep the core textbooks.

Jim Shelton
My undergraduate and graduate years at Cornell provided the experience that shaped me the most for life. Fortunately, I met my wife there – I should have studied more (especially my first two years), and probably partied less!

Stephen Ashley

I think I would have taken my education more seriously and taken more advantage of what Cornell had to offer.

Edith (DeeDee) McCoy Stovel

I would concentrate more on my studies, but would hesitate to do much else differently or I might not have met Paul! We were “just friends” at Cornell and had many friends in common, but we didn’t start dating until after we had both graduated.

Helen Rabinowitz Anbinder

What would I do is tough. What I would have wished is somewhat easier. I would have wished to be a better student in architecture. That would have made things much easier and enjoyable. Otherwise, I got a lot out of Cornell.

Philip Handler

I would be a better student at Cornell. I wasn’t mature enough to adequately focus on academics as I developed athletically and socially. I failed to get the optimum education from my years in Engineering Physics although what I did retain served me well in the automobile industry.

Robert (Bob) Simpson

Would have studied more and partied less at Cornell (really?). I would have learned to ski while I was so far north. I would have graduated with a teachers’ certificate in hand, all ready to go into education.

Sue Perry Moore

I would spend more time studying and participating in additional activities.

Joel Sundholm

There’s not much that I would change, although life would have been a bit easier if I had studied more, and procrastinated and partied less.

Fritz Brauner

At Cornell, I’d focus more on the academics, though the flesh is weak!

Donald Sladkin

Studied harder my freshmen year.

Andrew Bushko

Work harder.

Gary Caplan

I would like to think I would have studied harder and partied less during my freshman year, but then I probably wouldn’t have met Peter Yarrow who later became part of Peter, Paul and Mary! I realize now that what I learned at Cornell was how to learn!!!

Tom Seaman

I would not have left Ithaca on Thursday night three weekends in a row in October of my Freshman year. Nearly caused a flunk out.

Marc Gerber

Should have studied harder.

Elizabeth (Liz) Belsky Stiel

I would have studied much harder and graduated with a better average. I also would have taken advantage of more extra-curricular activities.

Elizabeth (Betty Kopsco Bennett

I should have studied more.

Helen Davison Strassberg

I would study more.

Helen Chuckrow

Study more.

Charles Cuykendall

I might have sought a bit better balance between my commitment to the Sun and my responsibilities as a student.

Richard Levine
Study better.  
Davidd (Buzz) Ruttenberg

I would study harder, with more of the drive and purpose that I found in my 30’s and 40’s. I would also have tried to sample more of the other activities available at Cornell. Looking back, it seems as if I wasted too much time on things social, but maybe the socializing was important to my growth at that point in time.
Aline Holstein Lotter

I would have participated in more extracurricular activities and taken the academics more seriously.
Katherine Simmons Kaufman

Take my studies more seriously.
Jay Kasin

Take academics more seriously, not try to get the most grade for the least effort. Treat friends, especially girlfriends, better. Shut up once in a while.
Don Juran

Studying harder would be a plus.
Hal Sieling

Studies harder, Developed closer friendships.
Stephen Schmal

Study harder.
Linda Goldberg Bandler, Frederick Claus

Edward (Ned) Griffith,
Brenda Shencup Lederman

Study harder, but in Chemistry, how could one study harder? I also was fortunate to know a lot of people who were smarter than I was who helped me very much through Quant Anal and Physical Chemistry. I remember the first test. I got a 39. The average was 42!
Nancy McConnell Davidian

I would try not to take the Number Theory course twice. Interestingly, my lowest and highest grades at Cornell were in that course. (I like to think the low grade, not the high grade, was the outlier.)
Elsie Sterbin Gottlieb

I would probably do more of the homework which was assigned.
Wallace Venable

Get to know my professors and do more serious study, in order to not miss the great opportunities at Cornell, and be more outgoing.
John Munday

At Cornell I did not take enough advantage of interacting with professors. They were a force to listen to, but not anyone to really get to know or interact with.
Hamlin (Sandy) Gilbert

Become better acquainted with professors.
Cathryn (Cathy) Van Buren Bomberger

I would establish closer contact with professors.
Michael Eisgrau

I would play more and study less. When I attended Cornell, I was committed to going on to medical school and also wanted to have a well-rounded Liberal Arts education. So, I majored in Philosophy and managed to squeeze in the pre-med classes. In those days, very few women were admitted to medical school. Thus, I was focused on getting the best grades I could. Ergo, I don’t recall much “playing.” The good news is that Cornell was such a glorious place at which to study that I certainly don’t feel deprived at having had my nose in the books most of the time.
Marion Balsam
I studied too much - should have had more fun at Cornell. And participated in more extra-curricular activities.

*Jane Gribbin Andrews*

I would have had more fun and worked less.

*Philip Goodrich*

If I could relive my life at Cornell, I would spend less time going down the Willard Straight hill on cafeteria trays and more time taking naps on the soft couches inside the warm Straight library or going to the “Dairy Bar”.

*Stanley Kozareski*

I would have played more.

*Judith Ehrman*

I would spend less time working and more time socializing and studying. I would attend smaller classes and pick the right major immediately. I would put a point on the board.

*Alex Steinbergh*

Do a worse job of evading soft subjects in course menu. Party more.

*Mel Siegel*

Not study so hard.

*Chuck Bunting*

I would not stay up so late studying. I only managed to accomplish this by Senior year.

*Donna Hunt Call*

I actually started Cornell at 16. With a birthday late in the year and growing up in Montreal, that was not unusual, but a real shock when I got to Cornell. I was just ga-ga at all that went on. Fortunately, my older brother, Fred Harwood, was there, and helped me out. The first thing I did was change my age to 18! I wish I had taken advantage of all the opportunities that were available to us at Cornell. I do remember hearing Linus Pauling and some famous speakers. I wish I had toured the Ornithology Lab, Vet School etc. Of course we did have to study pretty hard!

*Joy Harwood Rogers*

I would take more advantage of some of the unique opportunities to explore things outside my field of study – some of the speakers who came to campus, some classes on topics I knew nothing about, perhaps participation in more extra-curricular activities. All this assumes I could have found the time.

*Mary Thomas Strickler*

I was too intense a student. I should have spent more time exploring the different student cultures and activities.

*Vicki Custer Slater*

At Cornell, I would take more advantage of the wide breadth of available cultural opportunities, e.g., concerts, lectures, and other learning experiences, as well as sports events. (I never attended a baseball, basketball, or lacrosse game while a student.)

*James Campbell*

I’d be less concerned with fulfilling requirements and more with discovering and following my own interests.

*Gail Hanna Strand Wiley*

I would spend less time on doing lab reports and more time on social activities.

*Bob Hoyler*

Attend more cultural events. There was way too much studying -- the result of averaging 19 credit hours per semester.

*Peter Johnson*

Lived on campus from the start; worked less at “jobs”; joined more extracurricular activities.

*Charles Scholpp*
I probably would not do too much differently if I were to relive Cornell again with the exception of not being too much a “townie” at times.

Byron McCalmon

At Cornell I would try not to be an aloof wise ass.

John Burke

Mature sooner.

Harry Clifton Ames, III

I would worry less about grades and more about other aspects of life on campus, e.g. play more sports, have larger circle of friends, etc. I don’t regret not living in dorms.

Jeffrey Blumenthal

I would take better advantage of the cultural activities available.

Chandlee Lloyd Gill

I would have taken advantage of many theatrical and musical opportunities that were available at Cornell. I was so preoccupied with doing well in classes that I didn’t allow myself the freedom to participate in those activities.

Rita Milkman Gershengorn

Attend more functions, lectures, church and sports.

Bill Brozowski

Be more involved.

Frank Clemens

Perhaps I should have joined the card-playing gang and learned to play Bridge... but how ever did they find the time? Otherwise, I wouldn’t change a thing.

Jane Jaffe Giddan

I would study a lot more, play less Bridge, and socialize more with non-Bridge players.

Arnold Malasky

Aside from more focused studying, I wish that I had become more involved in the richness of the many opportunities available as part of the Cornell experience.

Chris Napjus

By a stroke of good fortune, in my senior year I discovered Telluride. If I could relive my Cornell years, I’d surely find and enjoy it much sooner.

Sara Allensworth Michl

I enjoyed my time at Cornell and have few regrets. I made a lot of long-lasting friends. We still communicate and come to the reunions, although the reunions that I attend are the Class of ‘63 for reasons that I was a 5-year engineer and we all graduated in 1963. If anything that I might have done differently, I might have drunk just a few less brews and taken in more of the cultural activities.

Harry Buckholtz

This isn’t a meaningful question because I wouldn’t be who I am if I had studied something else or socialized differently while at Cornell. But perhaps less drinking and more exercising.

Jeff Burnam

More activities--less carousing!

Richard (Rick) Kelly

I don’t believe I would do things very much differently if I had a chance to relive my life at Cornell. Perhaps I would be a bit more restrained in my pre-graduation celebration as I got thoroughly drunk, became very sick and needed several days to fully recover back in 1962.

Wendell Glasier
Other than misbehaving periodically, I’m satisfied with the major decisions I made at Cornell. I could say I should have done more extra curricular things, but I had my hands full keeping up with all of my engineering course work.

Neil Schilke

At Cornell I regret that I did not have the time to enjoy the many activities that were available to us as students. Unfortunately, the Chemical Engineering Curriculum kept me a little too busy.

Eugene Schoeberlein

I worked extremely hard at Cornell just to stay enrolled. The engineering program was almost beyond my capabilities and there was no time for enjoyment of, nor participation in, campus activities. I was exhausted upon graduation. The MBA program was excellent and shifted my career aspirations toward general management.

John Thorne

Take part in more campus life; meet more of the people I was in school with – most of my “free time” was spent rowing up and down Cayuga lake

David Nisbet

There were only men cheer leaders back then but they used women at the bonfires. I wish I would have tried out for that as I was asked to do. Eat more ice cream – chocolate chip that formed a chunk of chocolate in your mouth since there were so many mini chips in it.

Anne Standish Uhe

While at Cornell I wish I had taken advantage of the many departments off the main campus. I never visited Cornell Plantations.

Marjory Reid

I would have enjoyed the natural beauty of upstate New York and skied more.

Peter Epstein

With all we had to do it would have been difficult, but I would try to find time to take more walks and relax and enjoy the beauty of the area.

Carol Hewitt Shaw

Do more touring in the surrounding area.

Ann Farnsley

The only thing I would do differently is to work harder at making more friends. Some of my best friends are from Cornell, and we still manage to get together every few years to catch up and enjoy each other’s lives and stories.

Michael Egan

My only regret is that I did not form and maintain long-term relationships with more of my classmates.

Judith Lichtman Elkin

I would have developed more social contacts with my mechanical engineering classmates and kept in touch through relevant technical and professional organizations.

George Cohen

Get to know more non-American students.

Evelyn Eskin

Get to know more individuals outside of my fraternity and the School of Hotel and Restaurant Management. Study some languages.

Sid Watt
I am not sure I would do anything differently in my Cornell years. I think the fraternity/sorority system as it existed during our years had some real benefits – a way to find a manageable size core group of friends, provide leadership opportunities, etc. But it also reduced contact with other students, and I think some of the changes Cornell has made in housing, etc. may be a better balance than what existed for us in the late fifties and early sixties.

*Frank Quirk*

Wishful thinking, but it would have been helpful if I'd found my own voice earlier. On a more pragmatic level, I do wish I'd known enough to sit in on some Vladimir Nabokov lectures.

*Miriam Littman Ciochon*

I think I would not have joined a fraternity, preferring to develop a wider range of friendships. I would have studied harder, of course. I would have tried to sneak into Nabokov's classes that were not open to freshmen.

*Barry Proner*

Have a better balance of fun and study. Maintain better record to stay connected with faculty and fellow students.

*Larry Stoneburner*

I would not change my years at Cornell except perhaps to have been a better sorority sister.

*Faith Miller Roelofs*

Spend more time developing/cultivating personal relationships outside of job focus/interest.

*David Dameron*

I would make a greater effort to make women friends, particularly to get to know some of the independent women on campus. I would also attend my graduation!

*Annette Eisenberg Stiefbold*

Be kinder to a couple of friends I hurt, accept a NY director's offer to introduce me to Lee Strasberg, spend less time with a man I really didn't love, and have less fear of getting close to one I did.

*Judy Rosenblatt*

Thank more of the people who helped us through the lean years.

*Peter Austin-Smith*

I would have preferred to spend junior year abroad.

*Joan Levy Layton-Furth*

I went to Italy in the summer of 1960 (Rome Olympics) and as I was preparing to return for my Junior Year, my parents offered to let me stay during the fall (at my sister's urging; the same sister who insisted I take advanced ROTC so I could serve as an officer). I just couldn't pull the plug and now miss the opportunity. My son, however, did spend a semester in Rome (living near Campo dei Fiori) and so maybe I didn't miss it.

*Victor Rubino*
I would take advantage of the cultural events on campus. I would get to know more about the world from interacting with the multicultural community of students that were there. I would have selected another Cornell beau for a spouse.

Joyce Brown Dodge

I would NOT change the choice to live in Balch Hall for three years with my wonderful roommate Judy Carnes, and dear friends Judy Benjamin, Nancy Holden, Donna Buddenhagen Roeder, Marcia Mugglin, Abby Sweeney, and Sue? next door who helped me knit socks! We at Gamma Lambda (Gracious Living Hall) laughed a lot, and listened to each others’ woes. I hope at Reunion we can renew our old ties. Nor do I regret changing from Nursing to Zoology with French and education concentrations. I probably was too headstrong to take orders as a nurse. I couldn’t have studied any harder, but wish I had had time to take more courses and do some kind of travel program. Current students have so many more opportunities. I’m glad I graduated before the era of extreme pressure and huge costs.

Helen Iler Houggy

Gotten to know Carolyn Chauncey ‘64 better in my Junior year so it wouldn’t take 35 years to meet her roommate whom I eventually married 38 years after graduation. And to have never started smoking.

John Lowrie

Write editorials for The Cornell Daily Sun.

Willis Ritter

While at Cornell I got a great technical education, but I look back and wonder how I could have been so naive with regard to the war in Vietnam. If I had the political sensitivities then that I have now, I’d have been a printing press of protest.

Michael Ernstoff

I wish I had the vision and gumption to challenge the discriminatory social rules (curfews etc) and dress code that the female students were subject to, and which changed shortly after we graduated.

Judith Shulman Weis

I’d be myself and not try to fit into the feminine mystic mold going out of style as I graduated. I’d stay in the orchestra instead of waiting on tables and washing dishes. I’d cut a few classes to attend “Romping and Stomping”.

Jean Horn Swanson

I would have become more serious about involvement in a collegiate sport, as I believe that is one of the profound advantages of university life.

John Curtis

I would play football. I had done that in high school with some success. However I was concerned about grades at Cornell and passed up the chance to play in college. I always regretted that decision but it seemed right at the time.

Marvin (Moose) Shaub

I grew up in Columbus, Ohio, home of Ohio State football, and knew I couldn’t compete at that level. When I saw Cornell football, I thought “maybe” I could have made the team.

Fred Luper

I would have played four years of football at a different position. I would also have chosen better role models.

Denis Dunne

Remained on the Cross Country team in junior and senior years. Remained in ROTC for junior and senior years.

Michael Adams
I would not have joined a fraternity and I would not so readily have accepted the “wisdom” of my track and cross-country coach.

Eric Groon

I would have avoided those two concussions and helped the lacrosse team to a winning season.

John Boothby

Participation in varsity track-and-field took up a lot of time (with indoor track and cross-country added, it was a three-season sport), and was often frustrating due to the deficiencies of that era in coaching and facilities. We would have died for what today’s Cornell track-and-field, a perennial powerhouse, has in both categories. In retrospect, my time might have been better put to other endeavors, such as getting involved with the Widow or Cornell Sun.

Peter Slater

Work and train harder at rowing (crew). Pass my Statistics course the first time around.

William (Bill) Walters

My primary extra curricular activity was rowing with Crew. I think a smarter activity would have been joining the sailing or tennis teams. Sailing and tennis are activities I enjoy today.

James Evans

Ski more and watch some crew races.

Barbara Leibowitz

I should have started playing golf back then, rather than waiting until last year; that way, I would have fifty plus years of addiction, instead of just one.

Donald Morgan

I met my wife in my sophomore year and we were married after my second year of law school. We spent our first year of married life on campus, and the plans we made together laid the foundation for even more happiness than we had envisioned. I would change absolutely nothing.

Harold Hoffman

I can’t think of anything I would change while at Cornell. It set the foundation for my life-long career in education and public policy and was where I met Michael, my husband!

Linda Goldfarb Roberts

I honestly think I made the most of my Cornell days. I enjoyed my courses, felt prepared to go on to graduate school, and was involved as much as my time and interests permitted.

Judith Slostad Franz

I’m extremely proud of what I accomplished at Cornell.

Kenneth Canfield Jr.

Nothing.

Donald Hamburg, Frank Hawkins, Stephen Ploscowe, G. Dean Smith

I would do nothing different.

James Denman

I would do nothing differently while I was at Cornell. I had a wonderful and worthwhile experience.

Ira Nelken

Probably nothing. My Cornell experience was full of hard work, rewarding experiences and friendships, many of which have lasted to this day.

Jon Hinebauch
I’m content so I’m not second guessing anything!  

*Michael Jahrmarkt*

I would not do anything differently - sounds boring, but it is the case.  

*David McKelvey*

I wouldn’t change a thing.  

*Marilynn Schade Stewart*

I don’t think that I would change anything. Of course, if it were “knowing the things I know now” then it’s a different story.  

*George Telesh*

I am very happy with the way Cornell and life in general has unfolded. No major redo’s for me!! We were all very lucky to come of age during the “golden” years of the last half of the 20th century.  

*Robert Slagle*

I couldn’t have changed anything at Cornell. I was who I was. Of course, looking back, I wish I had been different, but I wasn’t. So I did the best I could with what I was, which better be enough for me.  

*William Jordan*

I assume that I would be the very same person so I probably would not do anything different at Cornell or after Cornell. I’ve been pretty blessed in this life, so I really can’t regret anything.  

*Stanley Zoslow*

No major regrets.  

*Richard Heimlich*

Relatively little.  

*John Graybill*

Very little.  

*Paul Regan Jr.*

I can honestly say that there is nothing I would do differently. I loved being at Cornell in the College of Home Economics. I felt very fortunate to be able to attend a school of the caliber of Cornell while being in a state college (the only way I could afford to go to Cornell).  

*Barbara Hammond Goldstein*

Given the times we were living in with only a hand full of us African-American undergraduates, I wouldn’t have done anything differently.  

*Amelia (Amy) Smith Bryant*

I was a geek in high school and I guess a geek at Cornell, but I was very much at home at Cornell so I wouldn’t change anything. Being a geek I was much more accepted by geeks and non-geeks at Cornell.  

*David Hill*

Assuming the complexion of Cornell was the same, I would not do anything differently if I relived my life and returned to Cornell circa 1958-1962.  

*Harry Edwards*

I missed a lot while at Cornell because of my lab and work schedule. Given the circumstances, there just isn’t much I could do differently.  

*Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler*

I was very active and involved at Cornell. I graduated in the middle of my Mechanical Engineering class without going on Probation which I was told would happen during the 5 years at Cornell. I would not change a thing.  

*Don Mason*
If You Could Relive Your Life, What Would You Do Differently in the Years After Cornell?

Why would one wish to relive a life? Our life is now.

Richard Timan

I wouldn’t do much different, who can tell what other changes something different might bring.

Chandlee Lloyd Gill

The ups and downs made me into the person I am today.

Judith London

I’d probably do the same things. Not having knowledge of the future, I wouldn’t know any better! I’m really enjoying my life and intend to keep right on doing it!

Michelle Rostan Davis

There is not a lot I would change. I got married immediately after graduation and it would have been good for me to have been independent for a while, but I do not regret my marriage and had I not gotten married then I would not have the family I have now, and may not have had the jobs and the experiences and the interests I have had.

Mary Thomas Strickler

I made some unexpected choices and feel very fortunate about the way this path has evolved. There’s no telling where other roads might have led.

Jane Jaffe Giddan
I would not do anything differently for, as Yogi Berra famously said, “If you come to a fork in the road – take it.” I always have.

Jane Barrows Tatibouet

I mostly “did it my way” with no regrets. We traveled the world while “young,” with lots of time to savor the memories.

Janet (Jan) McClayton Crites

Nothing differently: life is a journey and I would not have traveled any other path.

Richard Stern

I think I’d grind it out the same way, all over again.

George Telesh

I’d probably do just what I did, with perhaps more forethought.

Elizabeth Pomada

There are definitely ups and downs in life, but I don’t like to imagine doing things differently because then people I love would perhaps not be in my life.

Edith (DeeDee) McCoy Stovel

While we can always ponder the “what if’s,” I really cannot think of anything significant I would change.

John Carlson

I can’t honestly say I would want to do things differently. I have had a wonderful life with the usual ups and downs, but mine has had many more ups than downs!!

Tom Seaman

Early in my career, I sometimes wondered if I had made the correct choices – not only of college at Cornell (I followed my father and grandfather, who were both Cornell Civil Engineers), but also of career path after leaving school (although both my father and grandfather remained in the Engineering field). The Civil Engineering field, especially in construction, is, in itself, not particularly exciting (although many important things are created in many interesting places) nor particularly rewarding financially, but as I have aged (matured?) I have come to appreciate the rich tapestry of experiences that I have had since leaving Cornell and I feel quite satisfied with what I have done and accomplished since leaving.

Alexander Vollmer

Life has been good; I probably wouldn’t change anything significant in the years that followed.

Carol Coopersmith Daly

Not much. It’s a been a pretty good life.

Joel Bernstein

Not much. I have been extremely fortunate in the choices I have made in my life - especially choosing Cornell, my wife and O’Brien & Gere.

Peter Johnson

I have had a very satisfying life - married 40 years (so far), a great wife, two daughters, five grandchildren.

Jeff Burnam

Not much. Cornell was a great place for an education ... of all sorts, but it was graduate school where I really learned to be a student and enjoy learning. I have been very fortunate in life. I’ve had good family and friends, enjoyed both vocation and avocation, and been to some spectacular places.

James Davidson

Not much different.

Chris Napjus

Can’t think of anything major I would do differently.

Dave Duffield
I’m not sure I’d have done things very differently after graduating from Cornell. I wanted a large family and a stimulating career, and seem to have managed both. My children grew up to be really solid human beings and good friends to me and to one another, all of which brings me great satisfaction.

Marion Balsam

Nothing different.

Lealis (Lea) Hale

After Cornell, things went along quite well both personally with the family and friends and as a viable career path given my particular skills and interests.

Hamlin (Sandy) Gilbert

As for the years after Cornell, they couldn’t have been better.

David Hill

It’s all been good.

Albert Haberle

There’s very little I would change. I’ve led a very happy, fulfilling life.

Nancy Schlegel Meinig

All has been pretty wonderful.

Ann Farnsley

Very happy with my life after Cornell too.

Don Mason

I feel totally fulfilled and satisfied with my life both during and after my years at Cornell.

George Slocum

I have had a wonderful life and would not really do anything differently.

Sandra Wills Van Velzer

Nothing. Life has been great so far.

David (Buzz) Ruttenberg

Absolutely nothing. I feel I have led the perfect life, and am the luckiest person in the world.

William (Bill) Walters

I love what I do and Cornell gave me the advantage to do it. I could always do and see more – how much luckier, however, would I have been?

Steve Ettinger

I am now living the perfect life, teaching math and skiing and biking in the Colorado Rockies.

Chuck Bunting

I lead a varied life family, sports, travel, and volunteering. I wouldn’t do anything differently.

Bill Brozowski

Nah – I’m not going there. I’ve been pretty lucky all things considered.

Harry Buckholtz

I have enjoyed my full life and wouldn’t change a thing.

Eugene Schoeberlein

I have been so fortunate that I would not change my life’s course.

Michael Eisgrau

I am happy with what I have contributed since my time at Cornell.

Anne Standish Ulhe

Would not change a thing. Very happy with my life and choices.

Robert McBride

I’m happy with what I’ve done with my life.

Helen Davison Strassberg

I’m real happy with the way things worked out so I probably wouldn’t change anything.

Bruce Rogers

I would not change a thing.

Helen Zesch Ward

The list is too long to ponder. However, I am happy with most of what I did and accomplished. I’ve had a good life.

Hal Sieling
I would not mind being able to rewind a few events, but I don’t think that is worth dwelling upon. The one thing I would not change is the woman I married in 1967.

Frank Quirk

I’m not sure I would want to live it differently. I could develop alternate interesting and satisfying scenarios – but I really don’t think much about what might have been.

Michael Steinberg

In the years after Cornell I don’t know if I would make any major changes in my life. I am quite happy with the way things have turned out. In hindsight, I could have made some better investment decisions, but it hasn’t hampered my lifestyle very much.

Arnold Malasky

Apart from failing to buy Apple, Microsoft and Starbucks at the IPO stage, there is nothing I would change post-Cornell

Bob Strahota

No real regrets. In hindsight, some business decisions should have been different, but on balance, no real changes.

Marc Gerber

Maybe I should have put in less overtime at 3M, but then maybe things wouldn’t have turned out so well. So I’ll go with ‘no change’.

George Moore

I would not have moved to Phoenix…or maybe I would have…I don’t think that way. Not sure I would do anything differently.

Francine Olman Hardaway

I would have done little differently.

William Dodge

Nothing different.

Charles Scholpp

Not a thing!

Sid Watt

Nothing.

Andrew Bushko, Charlotte Jones Collister
Frank Hawkins, Jon Hinebauch, Jay Kasin,
Bryan Neel, Stephen Ploscowe, Barry Proner

Nothing differently.

Kenneth Canfield Jr.

Probably nothing.

Maureen Chia-Hoi Sze

Nothing of significance -- no regrets.

Edward (Ned) Griffith

No regrets.

Art Aylsworth

I’m OK with the past 50 years.

Elsie Sterbin Gottlieb

Probably nothing, except perhaps move to San Francisco sooner.

Richard Tilles

I have no regrets. Some heartbreaks, but nothing I wouldn’t do again.

Katherine Simmons Kaufman

I have no regrets. My life and career have been very rewarding.

Frank Holden

I regret some decisions, but all of them have taught me something and made me who I am.

Gail Hanna Strand Wiley

I would still have become a businessman to support myself as an artist.

Rich Alther
I really have no regrets or desire to do things differently after Cornell. I tried to balance my life as a mother with my desire to have a career. I cut in and out of work life as the needs of my children and husband changed. Obviously, had I majored in Hotel, my life would have been entirely different but not necessarily better.

Karen Palmer Anderson

I used to think that I should have attended medical school but now, after becoming an epidemiologist, I realize that I may have still ended up as one even if I had achieved an MD first.

M. Patricia Rice deHart

Do medical research, although in this evening stage of life, I’m finding that sponsoring medical research with the bucks accumulated may be a more better result than doing the work myself.

Stephen Wald

I would not have gone on to Princeton for a doctorate (it was so terrible that I left after a year and a half), but a Midwestern university instead where I would have had a worthwhile and enjoyable experience.

Ira Nelken

I would not have left Vanderbilt for Johns Hopkins. Vanderbilt has excellent training and a really hospitable environment...Hopkins at that time had all of the arrogance of the Northeast and relatively little foundation on which to base their claims of superiority...at least from the view of a postgraduate fellow in infectious diseases. The faculty were fine, but the house staff were not.

John Graybill

I would have gone to graduate school at the University of Toronto instead of the University of Wisconsin; and I would have been even more indifferent to the strictures of our culture than I have been.

Eric Groon

Go to graduate school.

Brenda Shencup Lederman

I would have gone straight to law school after the Navy.

Russell Geiger

Finish my PhD thesis.

Lynne Lohrey Armstrong

Studied literature at Dublin.

Michael Adams

Very little except to have gotten a PhD so today I could teach full time at a university Business School.

Rick Sommer

I would not have gone directly from Cornell to graduate school where, like many others in the Arts and Sciences, I was often inefficient, spending far more time completing the dissertation for my PhD than was necessary. (On the other hand, it was Berkeley in the ‘60s, a great place to linger!) Those graduate students who had some “real world experience” under their belt – whether in business, not-for-profits, the military, etc. – generally had skills in time management and action planning that I would only fully develop years later when I moved into academic administration.

Peter Slater

Accepted the US Navy offer to enroll me in the Officers Candidate School after Cornell in lieu of enlisting in the US Army Reserve where I fought for six months in the battle of Fort Dix, NJ. Attended business school or completed other graduate study after military service. Played baseball longer, perhaps at Cornell, and learned to be a catcher in lieu of playing third base. I tried it a couple of times, but I blinked when the batter would swing at a pitch. So I went back to the infield.

Mike Duesing
I had an offer to work for IBM early in my career. I turned the offer down. I often wonder what my career path would have been if I accepted the offer.

Roberta Stillman Wisnosky

I wish I had been more aware that I was very well suited to a career in the legal area and would have gone to law school

Lucy Fried Koster

I might have become a professional mountain climber. I enjoyed Krakauer’s *Into Thin Air*, Herzog’s *Annapurna*, and Simpson’s *Touching the Void*, and I did climb Mt. Fuji, in Japan, and Mt. Katahdin, in Maine (both non-technical climbs). but, considering that lots of people get killed doing that, it’s a good thing I didn’t.

Donald Morgan

I would have attempted a career in law, with the realization, gained through hindsight, that it could be practiced in the entertainment field.

Robert Newman

Perhaps gone into journalism or law as a career.

Stephen Schmal

Gotten a law degree

Gary Caplan

I think I should have given private practice a longer trial as the firm was a good one and is now, after many permutations and combinations, part of Hogan& Hartson which is about to merge with another major firm. The road not taken.

Victor Rubino

If I had changed my major to a more mathematical engineering, I would have worked in the computer industry and would never have been a lawyer.

Peter Nathan

If I thought I could make a living in the theater I wouldn’t have gone to law school.

Fred Luper

I would have gone into a different professional area, had I known what I would be best suited for. It’s taken me practically a lifetime, but I wish I had realized, early on, that I would really have thrived best as a wildlife biologist or ecologist. But, again, looking at the big picture, I’ve had a pretty rich life to date and hope to continue in this vein for the time remaining.

Kenneth Collins

I might have started my present business, Fly on the Wall Productions, a little earlier, but overall, the timing was very good, and who knows what might have happened if I had chosen another path earlier. I probably would not have wound up where I am, and that might not have been nearly as good.

Philip Handler

I am pleased with my life after Cornell; I might have left my corporate career earlier; my outplacement work was much more satisfying and gratifying than my prior work.

Jim Cantor

Career wise, I would go into investment banking rather than law, as I wisely counseled my son to do. He became a partner at Goldman Sachs and retired at age 48.

James Denman

Travel for a year after graduating instead of going to work one week after graduation.

Philip Mazzilli Jr.

Travel more overseas when young and learn a second language.

Harry Edwards
I would have traveled more while I was younger and before my children were born. I would have gone into business rather than education.

*Fran Denn Gallogy*

I think I would try to get into library work sooner, including getting my MLS.

*Carol Hewitt Shaw*

I wish that I had pursued an international assignment sooner in my career.

*Neil Schilke*

Start my own law firm 15 years earlier (at 35 instead of 50).

*Willis Ritter*

I would have liked to discover my love of teaching at the community college level sooner so that I would have gone to graduate school and qualified for permanent employment at the college.

*Elizabeth (Betty) Bennett Kopscio Bennett*

Started a career in architecture much earlier in my life.

*Loretta (Lori) Krieger-Yellen*

I would have started earlier in my career as an artist and would have either joined the Peace Corps or spent more time living abroad as a single person.

*Priscilla Snow Algava*

Have the courage to do more of what I wanted to do before doing everything I had to do. I’d like to have been able to work in the field of social services for another 5 years.

*Nancy Simon Hodin*

Stayed in the teaching field.

*Sue Perry Moore*

Kept up piano studies.

*Joel Sundholm*

Learn to speak French.

*Barbara Ragnhild Woll Jones*

I would have learned chess at an earlier age.

*Allan Schwartz*

Publish all those geology articles that languish to this day in draft form.

*Richard Ely*

I wish I had written more and published, learned to dance and learned more about music. I might have run for elective office.

*Caroline Simon*

Take more personal risks.

*Ransom Shaw*

I would have been more of a risk taker.

*Amelia (Amy) Smith Bryant*

I should have taken more entrepreneurial risks with greater potential rewards, and would have enjoyed that, rather than accepting the security of working in large, established corporations.

*John Thorne*

Take more risks, show up more, and think less (which would have helped me get out of my own way).

*Judy Rosenblatt*

After graduating, I wish I had gone out on my own and gotten a job to become a bit more self confident and independent.

*Faith Miller Roelofs*

I’m not sure. I had a couple of opportunities to step out on my own but the corporate life was still more comfortable and the rewards were enough to keep me in the fold. I got half way through an MBA at Chicago and I regret not completing it but I’m not sure it would have made a huge difference in my professional life. There are many things about my personal life that I would probably do differently if I had it to do over again but overall, things turned out well.

*Terry Beal*
I would have tried to make a significant contribution to leave as a legacy. I’m proud of who I am and how I have and am living my life. I know I do make a difference in many lives, but I do it in small everyday ways.

_Linda Gilinsky Klineman_

Leave the East earlier; perhaps work a little less and explore the world a little more.

_Ronald Apfelbaum_

I would have lived in Europe for an extended time and invested in Microsoft.

_Howard Bruschi_

Spend more time away from work.

_David Nisbet_

I would spend less time working and more time learning. Learning makes life much more interesting and enjoyable.

_Stanley Kozareski_

I would spend more time with friends and less time at the office. I would develop a global vision at the expense of fewer local visions. I would not watch NFL Football.

_Alex Steinbergh_

I would have adopted more children.

_Vicki Custer Slater_

I might have sought better balance between my work as a journalist and later as a news executive and my family, which often got short-changed

_Richard Levine_

Less travel–more home life.

_Richard (Rick)Kelly_

I would have worked less and spent more time with our kids.

_Philip Goodrich_

I would spend less time working and more time with family and friends.

_James Campbell_

Make family-time a higher priority, every evening, coming home earlier.

_Jim Shelton_

More activities with children.

_Frank Clemens_

I wish I had played a larger role in raising my children

_Richard Heimlich_

Spend more time with my children.

_John Buchholz_

I would find a better balance of work time, volunteer commitments, and family. I would learn to say, “NO!”

_Judith Franz Slostad_

I would spend more time on fun things (like the kids and grandchildren and travel) and say “no” to more “would you volunteer to do this” questions which often left me being “too busy to do (the fun things) right now.”

_Bob Hoyler_

I would have looked for volunteer opportunities in the community.

_Ada Kerachasky Albright_

I wish I had developed interests like I have now rather than worrying about business and career.

_Jeffrey Blumenthal_

Less corporate commitment and more “give back” to society.

_David Dameron_

I’d make a better effort to keep in touch with old friends and partake more in personally enjoyable pursuits. I’d try to spend less time engaged in the hectic pace of everyday life.

_Donald Sladkin_
Keep up with friends and other associates, long ignored but not forgotten.  

_Nancy McConnell Davidian_

I would place greater emphasis and value on establishing, leveraging and maintaining my contacts and personal relationships over the years.  

_Philip Young_

Maintain Cornell friendships better than I have.  

_Nancy Halsey Young_

Stayed in touch with classmates.  

_G. Dean Smith_

Maintain better contact with college friends.  

_Robert Peter Mogielnicki_

I would work harder to sustain friendships with female friends made at Cornell.  

_Annette Eisenberg Stiefbold_

Thank the many friends and colleagues who made our lives so very rich for knowing them.  

_Peter Austin-Smith_

Come to reunion sooner. (The 25th was my first reunion.)  

_Myra Maloney Hart_

I wouldn’t change much, save be more sensitive to others.  

_W. Douglas Call_

Shut up once in a while. Be nicer to family and to co-workers perhaps not as quick mentally as I.  

_Don Juran_

Be healthy, wealthy and wise.  

_Joyce Brown Dodge_

I’d enjoy my life more.  

_Jean Horn Swanson_

Laugh more and worry less!  

_Grace Clickner Maynard_

I would have played more. I would have listened as well to my heart as I listened to my head.  

_Judith Ehrman_

I would get a pilot’s license, spend more time in Colorado’s high country, study martial arts, take painting classes and spend about half my time as a nonprofit volunteer. I still may be able to do some of these things when I retire. But I don’t want to retire yet.  

_John Burke_

Work smarter.  

_Frederick Claus_

Spend less time getting ready and more time doing it.  

_Mel Siegel_

Try to process more.  

_Evelyn Eskin_

I would have tried to be more tactful when asked to go against my better judgment.  

_Randolph Little_

I wish I could have taken it slower, that launch into adulthood. I made irrevocable decisions before I knew how to make good decisions.  

_Aline Holstein Lotter_

My years since Cornell have been very rewarding and full. They seem to have passed all too quickly. There is little if any I would change, except not to have married my first wife in 1970. I did it right the second time in 1978 when I married Diana! Who said there are no second chances!  

_Houston Stokes_

I would not have married so early. What was the rush?  

_Myra Hoffenberg Strober_

Waited longer before getting married  

_John Burns_
Sometimes I wish I hadn’t married so young, only 20 and right after completing my two degrees at Cornell. I would have liked to travel with people my age, backpacked around, and just been young and free and in my 20’s.

Maxine Schulman Swartz

Marry once.

Harry Clifton Ames III

Married my second wife sooner.

Donald Hamburg

Not moved so much – very time-consuming and costly. But in a way I had to move, because I was changing. Through all the changes, we have been blessed.

John Munday

The years after Cornell have also been rewarding, thanks to family, professional and community service. Basically, I have no regrets, but would have also enjoyed more time on a horse or skis. Also, one can never spend enough time with their family.

Stephen Ashley

Learned to play golf better. Gotten involved with alumni activities sooner.

John Lowrie

Returned to campus with family much earlier and have been more active in alumni affairs before disability.

Larry Stoneburner

I think I did things differently after Cornell, realizing how much I’d been given by the opportunity to be there. I’ve been very involved in alumni activities since graduating: CAAN, Clubs, Federation, Alumni Council, our Class, fund-raising, etc. It all culminated in being honored by the College of Agriculture and Life Science as Outstanding Alumna in 2009.

Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler

I would have gotten back to choral singing and light opera productions much sooner than I did after having kids and living in the suburbs. I would have started taking research trips and frequent vacations to exotic places (e.g. Indonesia, Madagascar, Southeast Asia) much earlier.

Judith Shulman Weis

I wish I had done more pre-travel studying before we left home.

Margie McKee Blanchard

I would not really change a thing, except visit my parents and brother and sister more often in western New York.

Duane Brauen

I think I would be kinder to my father in his last days. He died suddenly and unexpectedly in 1971.

Wendell Glasier

In the years immediately after graduation I would have interacted more with my parents on a social level, i.e., gone with them to concerts, ball games, weekends at the shore, etc. In my professional life, I would have spent more time and effort to record completely the results of my projects before moving on to the next one.

George Cohen

I would have gone into NYC more with my children, as my parents did with me during the years I grew up in Brooklyn, taking me to plays, the ballet, the opera, the circus, museums, concerts, Chinatown, the Automat—well, it would have been too late to take them to that one.

Helen Chuckrow

While I loved all the traveling it’s been nice to be able to spend time at home.

Barbara Leibowitz
What Are You Proudest of in Your Personal Life?

Learning to accept what life brings us as a gift.

Richard Timan

There are several proudest moments. Becoming an American citizen in November 1957, and the keynote speaker at the Paterson, NJ courthouse. Beating the Montclair football team in 1957, for the first time in my high school’s history, and scoring 20 points in the game.

George Telesh

I’m proudest of having received a good education and having been able to put it in effect.

W. Douglas Call

The experience of serving Cornell as a trustee. Since the majority of trustees, present and past, seldom lived further than 500 miles from Cornell, I was proud to bring a fresh perspective that hopefully enriched the committees and board. Having lived for over 30 years as a Caucasian minority in Hawaii, this awareness was valuable as trustees addressed the wonderful diversity that is Cornell. Since distance made casual trips to campus impossible, every hour spent there as a Trustee was an education as I re-discovered the living, then current campus. When assigned to the Buildings and Properties Committee, I scheduled four days of preparation, walking almost every physical facility. Of equal importance was the opportunity to meet and know the Faculty, Administrators, and Staff of those years.

Jane Barrows Tatibouet

My high school guidance counselor told me it would be a waste of time and money to apply to Cornell. When I got in, he said, “Don’t go, you won’t make it.” The day I led our ’62 graduation procession as the Senior Class President was my moment of greatest pride.

Jon Hinebauch

Marriage; five kids; great professional and personal life and then being voted your Alumni Trustee to the Board of Trustees of our Alma Mater.

Stephen Ettinger

My family and the close relationships we all share. I’m also very proud of our support for the Meinig Family Cornell National Scholar program.

Nancy Schlegel Meinig

Ongoing learning.

Judith Ehrman

My talent as an artist.

Ann Farnsley

I have lived my life with honesty and integrity. As a career was not on my agenda after college graduation, my working life only spanned 13 years. During that time I had the great opportunity and privilege to be a teacher and mentor to everyone I supervised.

Kelly Gould Behan

Personally: I’m loyal, honest, kind, and basically generous. I’ve done what I could to take care of my family and I nurture and value the winged artist in me.

Judy Rosenblatt

My integrity and the respect I have earned from others in both my personal and professional life. Also my wife, kids and grandkids.

Morton (Mickey) Langsfeld
I treated people in my life as I would have wanted to be treated.

James Russell

I was able to live a healthy and productive life, both personally and professionally.

Stanley Zoslow

The things that went well. Activities on behalf of Israel, family and friends.

Barbara Leibowitz

Making a difference in the lives of the students and teachers participating in We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution, a civic education program throughout the nation. I received the Liberty Bell Award from the Indiana State Bar Association and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Lawyers Auxiliary as recognition for work with this program.

Cathryn (Cathy) Van Buren Bomberger

More than 25 years working on short term medical volunteer trips in the third world, especially Latin America.

John Graybill

I’m proudest of my kids, my wife, my friends, my church work, and my community work.

John Burn

Two years of service as a Peace Corps teacher in Ethiopia, 17 gallons of blood donated, 20 years of volunteer service to the Regional Food Bank.

Theodore (Ted) Thompson

My family and my non-profit work.

Edward (Ned) Griffith

Obtaining the only recordings of Common Ringed Plover in North America (on Baffin Island).

Randolph Little

My wife and family are what I am proudest of, as well as the experience of being a Naval Aviator.

Don Mason

My family and my country, and I have always had great friends.

Frank Hawkins

Army Commendation Medal. Birth of my children and grandson. Completed several half marathons and a few Triathlons including back to back Bud-Lites. Raced in the six thousand mile La Carrera Panamericana vintage car race. Award for service to Boy Scouts of America. Helped raise over a million dollars for the preservation of SAE at Cornell. Received SAE award for alumni service. Long-time officer for class of ’62.

Hal Sieling

Nearly 50 years after being on the Cornell Track team, I ran with my daughter in the Pittsburgh 5K Great Race. Until 6 weeks before the race, I had done absolutely no running since college. We crossed the finish line together, beating her previous best time by 2 and ½ minutes, and out of 50+ runners in my age group I placed 6th.

Howard Bruschi

Participated in 16 marathons and over 100 triathlons.

Ray Hutch

No question that the best thing I did was pick the right bride, but on the totally personal side, the thing I’m proudest of is running a marathon.

Neil Schilke

Like many, I am most proud of my children and the job they are now doing as parents. The biggest surprise in my personal life is that I discovered I am a pretty good competitive swimmer. Remember, there was very little emphasis on women’s sports when we were at Cornell.

Joy Harwood Rogers
Being able to earn an MBA at night school while starting a career in NYC in banking and starting a family all at the same time, followed closely by learning to ride a western horse and successfully pen and sort cattle starting at the age of 67.

Robert McBride

Making and keeping friends.

Miriam Littman Ciochon

The many wonderful friends I have.

Marjory Reid

Health, friends and a sense of humor.

Michael Adams

Having very few regrets about things I did in the past and being able to live a great life in retirement. Having a family who has accomplished many things throughout difficult times. Having many friends whom I continue to see through the years.

John Lowrie

The love, loyalty, and fulfilling times that I have shared with my wife, children, and very close friends.

Harry Edwards

Friends and family.

Michelle Rostan Davis

The relationships I have with my family and friends.

Jean Horn Swanson

I am thankful for rich and loving family life and lots of wonderful friends from all over.

John Munday

I think having many friends and family whom I love. I don’t think one should build ones life around one’s career, although I must admit I sometimes did. I recall the time when I came home late from the Senate and wouldn’t give a clear answer to a question my 8 year old daughter asked. She said “You’re home from work now, you can say ‘yes’ or ‘no’”!

Jeff Burnam

It has been a good 50 years, filled with family, work, and travel. There are lots of things to be proud of.

Chandlee Lloyd Gill

My marriage and my kids.

Andrew Bushko

I am very proud of my relationship with my family. from my mother who will be 100 years old in September 2010 to my youngest granddaughter who just turned six. It takes a lot of patience, creative energy, compromise, and time; it does not just happen. The rewards are phenomenal.

Linda Gilinsky Klineman

Nurturing a healthy family.

Frank Holden

Raising a wonderful family.

Donald Sladkin

Our family.

Grace Clickner Maynard

My family.

Lynne Lohrey Armstrong,
Peter Austin-Smith, Nancy Williams Clark,
Fred Davis, William Dodge, James Evans,
Marc Gerber, Michael Jahrmarkt, Jay Kasin
Brenda Shencup Lederman,
Stephen Ploscowe, Ransom Shaw,
Michael Steinberg, Mary Thomas Strickler,
Anne Standish Uhe, Nancy Halsey Young
My wonderful family.  
Byron McCalmon

Having a loving family and enjoying the respect of clients and friends.
Richard Stern

Spectacular, successful family.
Bryan Neel

The success of my family as individuals, and as a unit.
Loretta (Lori) Krieger Yellen

The most rewarding part of my personal life is my family.
Bob Strahota

My family. My sons and their families are healthy (good genes), have a value structure that I think is constructive, and have been a pleasure for me.
Stan Altschuler

Raising family.
Charles Scholpp

Maintaining our family.
Frank Clemens

My expanded family. I treasure our often fun-filled times together.
George Slocum

Getting married. Getting connected with high school classmates after many years.
Stephen Schmal

With all our troubled times, I’m still optimistic about life, and I’m proudest of my family’s successes.
Mary Davis Diegnan

Other than the excruciating time of watching Barbara, my first wife, slowly die of a horrible disease we have been blessed with a healthy and intact family.
Paul Regan Jr

Supporting my family through some tough times. And finding my beautiful wife Betty.
Michael Eisgrau

That I put myself through Cornell and law school without assistance from any source. That I have three children of whom I am proud. That I married an extraordinarily talented and successful woman, and am now, following her death, remarried happily and able to live in two of the most pleasant communities in the US. That I have traveled and lived a varied and interesting life.
James Denman

The fact that my best friend, Joan Eaton, accepted my marriage proposal. Coaching girl’s soccer for 18 years and taking and completing the soccer coaching instruction through the “C” license in Connecticut. Even though I never really played soccer, I learned more from 13 year-old soccer girls than any other group of people.
Mike Duesing

Having a fun, busy married life with my wonderful husband.
Evelyn (Enny) Spieske Dufur

Marrying Christine, the light and love (or luv, since she’s from Yorkshire, England) of my life.
William (Bill) Walters

My marriage.
Rebecca Bell

I’m proudest of the accomplishments of my wife.
Fred Luper

That my wife Rebecca Bedell has lived up (almost) to her full potential; that my children are all happy; and that I have managed to stay in reasonable health and shape and at my college weight for the last 50 years.
Alex Steinbergh
Cheryl and I have achieved an exceptional relationship on every level (intellectual, emotional, physical, etc.), especially in having the same sense of humor.

George Moore

My marriage and my kids.

John Burke

Nurturing and “developing” my family, both emotionally and financially, so that Janet and I and the kids all remained or matured into independent, caring, competent adults.

George Cohen

My wife, my family.

Philip Mazzilli Jr

In my personal life, I am most proud of my relationship with Nancy and our family and the lifestyle and environment we have created for ourselves at our homes in California and France.

Philip Young

The successful and satisfying marriage relationship that my husband and I have created, and of the health and successful lives of our children. I’m also proud of learning more and more each year about balancing an openness and understanding of others with an ability to know and voice my own opinion.

Gail Hanna Strand Wiley

Being married to the same person for all these years would have to rank right up there.

Jeffrey Blumenthal

Our successful marriage.

Robert Newman

Surviving the “old house” bug and managing to stay happily together with wife and family all these years. (I say this because when we were hunting for an old house every other house we looked at was for sale due to the owner’s divorce.)

John Carlson

Staying with wife and family.

Bill Brozowski

Figuring out, to some extent, who I am (a lifetime task) and finding a long-term partner who understands me, believes in me, and helps me be the best person I can be. I am also proud that I continue to care about the world around me, to stay engaged, and to try to give back a little of the good fortune that has been bestowed on me.

Kenneth Collins

We were a dual-career couple and marriage long before it became a practice. We have managed careers, family, personal life and have loved every minute.

Charlotte Jones Collister

In my personal life I am proudest of my children for having successfully avoided drugs and societal problems and for having applied themselves to making great careers and creating wonderful families. I am also proud of my wife Carol for having the guts to pursue her dreams later in life and making an impact on how people can better learn math (wish I had her at Cornell!).

Tom Seaman

Our immediate family, which largely because of the immense effort of my wife, Neil Ann, is the joy of our life.

Richard Levine

The support of my wonderful wife.

John Curtis
My wonderful wife and kids and grandchildren.

Ira Nelken

My terrific husband, children, and grandchildren.

Judith Revitch Porter

My wife of 17 years, Dr. Kathy Murray - the type of person she is and her multiple accomplishments continue to amaze me. My sons and the type of people they have become.

Ronald Apfelbaum

Being a father and househusband, so that my wife could pursue her career as a novelist (eventually reaching best-seller status).

Richard Alther

I am proudest of a great marriage – 33 years and counting.

Fritz Brauner

Being married to the same beautiful woman for 35 years and raising two wonderful daughters; becoming a competent skier (bless those shorter skis).

Donald Morgan

A lifetime of service with a commitment to honesty, integrity and honor. Wife of 37 years with whom I’ve partnered in 6 successful businesses because we “identified our weaknesses and played to our strengths.” Children and their life mates with similar core values.

Larry Stoneburner

My 38 year marriage to the girl across the street and fellow high schooler, Mae Belle, who passed away in 2004.

Joel Sundholm

I am proud of how my wife and I have continued to grow as a couple, and after 40 some years, it is still getting better. A fun thing I am proud of his hiking to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro while in my sixties.

Frank Quirk

Marriage of over 40 years and happy family life.

Mary Ann Huber Franson

Staying happily married for the past 45 years and raising four lovely, accomplished daughters.

Chris Napjus

Carolyn and my wonderful marriage (dating from 1964) and our two kids and the terrific family lives that they have created.

John Neuman

I have been happily married for almost 48 years and my husband and I have produced two wonderful children and three adorable grandchildren.

Rita Milkman Gershengorn

A 48-year marriage, children and grandchildren, wonderful friends and good health.

Robert Slagle

My 48 years with Dave, our three daughters and their families.

Judith Slostad Franz

A modestly successful HR career required spending 50% of my time “on the road,” but Liz and I kept our marriage together for what is now 49 years.

David Dameron

My wife and I are very proud of celebrating 50 years of a great marriage and our two children have done very well in all respects.

John Thorne
I’m proudest of my 50-year marriage, my 3 adult children and the relationships I enjoy with them (hopefully with their spouses too though one never knows) and my seven grandchildren.

Nancy Simon Hodin

Our marriage partnership of 45 years.

Philip Goodrich

Being married to the same gal for over 50 years, having 3 children who have all done well in their business and personal lives.

David McKelvey

My adventures. Five marriages and many loves. I’ve been to all the strange parts of India and Africa, and when I travel I don’t go on cruises. I am also proud of being a parent and a foster parent. There are two birth children and three adult foster children in my life.

Francine Olman Hardaway

I am proudest of my role as a mother. Being a mother is my most important and most satisfying role in life. Seeing my children now as parents themselves is a great reward.

Annette Eisenberg Stiefbold

My children and the people they have become.

Faith Miller Roelofs

My children.

Barry Proner

Raised children who, in the main, have chosen a traditional life which seems to be resulting in their being happy in their homes and productive in their careers. It has given me pleasure to serve my community and, in particular, to save an old Odd Fellows retirement home, see it expanded, and open to the seniors of my city who wanted to stay where they had lived and raised their families. I was very proud to be mayor of my city.

Karen Palmer Anderson

My contributions to the women’s movement and environmental movement – doing my bit to make the world a better place. I’m also proud of working with Pete to raise our two children who have become wonderful adults.

Judith Shulman Weis

My kids, who are truly wonderful human beings.

Barbara Ragnhild Woll Jones

My children.

Helen Chuckrow

I am most grateful for our children and my long-term relationship with Ken.

Margie McKee Blanchard

That all of our children have turned out well and have a really good work ethic. I wasn’t the greatest disciplinarian that ever had the responsibility of children, but they all have done well.

Harry Buckholtz

Our children and their educational and athletic successes.

Richard (Rick) Kelly

I am proudest of being a good husband and father. Even though our son suffered from ADD and ODD, with attentive care by his mother and support from me, he earned his Eagle Scout rank and served with the Michigan National Guard in Iraq.

Robert (Bob) Simpson

I am so proud of our three daughters and especially our special needs oldest daughter who has achieved so much in her life.

Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler
My long and happy marriage and helping to raise a special needs child who, after many challenges, earned a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering.

_Peter Slater_

I never gave up on my son. I had encephalitis 20 years ago, and was able to come back and resume an almost normal lifestyle.

_Vicki Custer Slater_

Raising good children, despite difficulties.

_Gary Caplan_

I am most proud of my youngest son who fought so hard to make it into this world, and is now a successful College Professor, and also a teaching Golf Professional.

_Rick Sommer_

Our only child has grown up to be a truly fine person.

_Richard Grove_

My child, an attorney.

_Nancy McConnell Davidian_

Most proud of how my son has turned out: it is blessed “to see thy blood warm when thou feels’d it cold.” (Yes, Shakespeare.)

_Victor Rubino_

Raising a competent and happy son.

_Terry Beal_

My very happy marriage, raising my son, and my recent participation in personal essay writing groups. An essay of mine was published last year in the _New York Times._

_Jane Gribbin Andrews_

I’m proudest that my son graduated from Cornell in 1999, 37 years after I did and 37 additional years after my father did in 1925, all in Engineering.

_David Hill_

My children: the joy of raising them, and the joy of appreciating them as young women.

_Amelia (Amy) Smith Bryant_

That both of my children turned out to be outstanding citizens, hard-working, very caring people.

_Bruce Rogers_

I am proud and fortunate to have a wonderful husband and a smart, caring daughter.

_Barbara Hammond Goldstein_

Raised a great daughter, found a wonderful life partner.

_Mel Siegel_

Parenting two children who are loving and intelligent adults

_Myra Hoffenberg Strober_

I raised two wonderful daughters.

_Joan Levy Layton-Furth_

I’m happy that my two daughters are productive citizens and really nice people.

_Edith (DeeDee) McCoy Stovel_

I take great pride in having raised two children to become capable, caring women.

_Judith Lichtman Elkin_

Becoming a parent to my two lovely daughters tops the list. I learned so much about myself and how to be a mother at the ripe old age of 20 and onward.

_Judith London_

That I brought up two wonderful sons on my own.

_Lucy Fried Koster_

Surviving the “Me” decade of the 1970’s, growing professionally and personally after my marriage dissolved and raising two sons as a single mom.

_Joyce Brown Dodge_
In my personal life, I am proudest of my family. I love my wife, children, and their spouses, and am real happy with the way both Ethan and Seth have turned out as people.

Arnold Malasky

Producing two terrific daughters.

Elsie Sterbin Gottlieb

Raising my two sons to be Grade A husbands and fathers.

Stephen Wald

I’m especially proud of my long and happy marriage to Paul (a rare accomplishment these days) and of our two bright and caring sons.

Helen Rabinowitz Anbinder


Houston Stokes

How my two sons have turned out. My marriage.

Alfredo Gomez

Having a successful and loving marriage and two children that are successful and productive, my daughter being a critical care Registered Nurse and my son being unit manager for a medical equipment company.

Duane Brauen

That I’ve never given up, that a woman of my wife’s quality and integrity loves me, and that my son and my daughter have a depth and sense of adventure that they assume is natural. Also, that my running days included a 4:11 mile and a 2:30 marathon.

Eric Groom

I am proudest of having a great home life, and two children, a son and a daughter, who are talented and good people.

Philip Handler

Finding a woman with whom I’ve enjoyed decades of marriage that has produced two self-confident economically-independent children, a son and a daughter.

Michael Ernstoff

My marriage and my two children, Christopher and Courtney.

Lealis (Lea) Hale

I am proud of my wonderful marriage to Michael and our two wonderful children, Rachel and David.

Linda Goldfarb Roberts

My two children are by far the greatest source of pride in my personal life; both have settled in the United States following Polytechnique studies in Switzerland and PhD studies in the U.S. – my son in computer science at Stanford, my daughter in Climatology at MIT. My current activity, although strictly volunteer, is the most rewarding. A Director of American Citizens Abroad, I am actively involved in representing the interests of American citizens residing overseas.

Jacqueline Browne Bugnion

In my personal life I am proudest of my two children. Adam ’96 is a tenured professor at MIT and Amy (who has an amazing gift for working with children) is an Assistant Director in the Belle Sherman after school program.

Ada Kerachsky Albright
I am proudest of how my wife and I adopted two kids, a son and a daughter, and helped them find out who they are as people and where they fit in the world.

Hamlin (Sandy) Gilbert

I’m most proud that I have been able to love my adopted kids as much as I think I could ever have loved any biological children. I wasn’t sure I could do it. I’m also proud that I learned to speak pretty good conversational French when I was stationed in France in 1963-1965.

Sid Watt

Raising three children who know how to think for themselves.

Don Juran

My children are totally amazing- but I think they are who they are just because of the people they are, not because of me. Chris, CU BA ’87, MBA ’88, manages to be a mother, wife and an elite coach, guiding and motivating determined athletes around the country....Scott, CU BA ’90 is a senior commercial officer for the International Trade Administration, under the Dept. of Commerce.... My children were fourth generation Cornellians – there were eight of us in all. Still had to pay tuition though!

Carol Hewitt Shaw

My two kids – Rebecca and Daniel, for having become responsible, caring, independent, loving children despite the flaws in their upbringing by their parents.

Alexander Vollmer

Our 3 children.

Marilynn Schade Stewart

My 3 children.

Maureen Chia-Hoi Sze

To have raised, with my wife, 3 wonderful children.

Aldo Bensadoun

Having helped guide our 3 children as they grew and through their educational years.

Donna Hunt Call

Three wonderful, happy, balanced and productive adult children and their spouses and children!

Janet (Jan) McClayton Crites

Continuing to love and looking forward to spending time with my husband, having good and open relationships with my 3 daughters, developing individual relationships with my granddaughters, maintaining many friendships.

Evelyn Eskin

I am proud to see my three daughters work and successfully continue our family business.

Peter Epstein

We raised three sons (not easily I might add!) and they have all turned out to be good human beings. We also have three lovely grandchildren. I have been honored for my volunteer work: in 1979, I was selected as Outstanding Member of the Wyckoff Jr. Women’s Club for organizing kitchen volunteers for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Care Center in Paterson NJ. I was selected to be in the 1979 edition of Outstanding Young Women in America.

Patricia Padgitt Wellington

Pleased to have raised 3 daughters, all with advanced degrees, good husbands, and well mannered grandchildren!

Byron (Bing) Carlson

So predictable: my marriage and three sons are what I’m most proud of.

Carol Coopersmith Daly

We raised three sons and they have all turned out to be good human beings. We also have three grandchildren who are good kids. I coached and played recreational soccer, and volunteered at Habitat for Humanity in Ocala, Florida. I am an avid online bridge player.

Duke Wellington
Helping close friends when they really needed it the most; three fine sons; and various long term scholarship programs at three alma maters.

Willis Ritter

The success my wife and I have had in the raising of our three wonderful children, two girls and a boy.

Kenneth Canfield Jr.

Four fine “children” raising fine grandchildren.

Jim Shelton

In my personal life, I am most grateful for the opportunity I had to live in various parts of the world with my husband while he was serving in the Army, and for being able to raise three healthy children, two boys and a girl.

Elizabeth (Betty) Kopsco Bennett

My family. My children are terrific and my grandchildren are even better. They are fun, funny, smart, beautiful and aware of the people around them and the needs of society.

Katherine Simmons Kaufman

I am very proud that my wife and I were able to raise our four children to be successful and decent citizens.

Wendell Glasier

I am proudest of successfully raising five children, two of whom have MDs and two who have PhDs.

M. Patricia Rice deHart

Our children. They have all become delightful folks, and I love to spend time with them, which is not easy, since four out of five live out of state.

James Davidson

My five sons and their families are (so far) able to survive in this economy.

Peter Nathan

My kids and grandchildren.

Bob Hoyler

My children and grandchildren.

Donald Hamburg

My family. My wife, children and grandchildren are everything to me.

Peter Johnson

My children and grandchildren.

Richard Tilles

Helping to raise three successful older kids and now seven younger adopted ones.

Dave Duffield

My children and grandchildren and the schools and educational programs I have started and nurtured.

Caroline Simon

I would not say “proud of” but grateful for my husband, Dave, who has stuck with me like Gorilla Glue for decades, for my son and daughter, for our family’s health, and for the faith in God that puts me on solid ground and gives me peace. And yes, I am proud of our kids. Kathy and David (Cornell ‘89 and ‘92), who are trustworthy, honest, hardworking, and a joy to be with. We enjoy watching our grandchildren discover their talents and interests.

Helen Iler Houggy

My children and grandchildren – they are the most important legacy we leave behind.

Richard Heimlich

My children and grandchildren and their accomplishments.

John Buchholz

Watching one’s family – children and grandchildren – grow, become educated, married and start another generation provides great happiness and pride – in amounts that are immeasurable.

Stephen Ashley

Cornell Class of 1962
My children and grandchildren. Very happy that I was able to care for my parents in their last years.

*Harry Clifton Ames III*

My children and grandchildren are all wonderful people whose accomplishments I am very proud of.

*Fran Denn Gallogy*

Our kids and grandkids.

*Linda Goldberg Bandler*

Finally getting a perfect granddaughter and anticipating more grandchildren.

*Chuck Bunting*

My two daughters, Alisa and Carin, my son-in-law, Michael, and grandson, Drew. I am also blessed with a loving mom who is 94, my loving husband, Martin, three wonderful sisters and an amazing family.

*Priscilla Snow Algava*

Having a great family with three children who are true friends as well as siblings, and grandchildren who think their nana and poppo can do no wrong.

*Myra Maloney Hart*

My three children Geoff, Ben and Catia, my granddaughter Seraphine Ely, and my stepson Alex Wayne.

*Richard Ely*

Two wonderful children (Beth Campbell Fine ‘88 and Duncan Campbell ‘93) with great spouses, and two grandchildren.

*James Campbell*

I have made a commitment to better health for me; through diet, nutrition, vitamins, stress management and physical exercise, I am in the best physical shape of my life. My two children, Eric and Lori, have made me proud of both of them. My son, Eric, has been a successful entrepreneur twice, and recently completed a project in Uganda, where he and others created a cell phone pilot. My daughter has two children, a girl and a boy who have made me a happy grandfather.

*Jim Cantor*

I am proudest of my family: my wife Susan, daughter Holly, Cornell ‘91, married to David Kotler, Cornell ’90 with three beautiful grandchildren; son David, William & Mary ‘95, Emory University Law School ’98; and daughter Julia, Ransom Everglades Prep School 2012, and who knows maybe Cornell ’16.

*Russell Geiger*

In my personal life, I am proudest of my three sons, two daughters-in-law (one son is still single), and my three darling grandchildren. (No. 4 is now on the way.)

*Ann Lewis Goodstein*

Two wonderful children and three amazing grandchildren.

*Wardlaw Miles*

Our two children and three grandchildren give me the most pleasure.

*Jane Jaffe Giddan*

Family: wife Carolyn, three children and three grandchildren.

*Charles Betz*

We raised three wonderful children who have given us four delightful grandchildren.

*G. Dean Smith*

My two children and five grandchildren. Too bad they all live in New York City, but the flight is easy.

*Sue Perry Moore*

Stable and happy family life – wife Judy; daughters Lili and Anne; and five grandchildren.

*Allan Schwartz*

I am proudest of my children, all of whom are successful in their various fields and my five promising grandchildren. I believe that the most important thing about someone’s life is what their descendants accomplish.

*Marvin (Moose) Shaub*

My wife, two daughters, five grandchildren and gundog.

*Denis Dunne*
My family, including two children and five grandchildren, is a source of delight.

Harold Hoffman

My three children and five grandchildren.

David (Buzz) Ruttenberg

My family: three grown children, and six grandchildren.

John Boothby

My four children and five grandchildren, all loving and caring and a pleasure to be with.

Marion Balsam

Our four children and eight grandchildren

Helen Zesch Ward

The first half of my life was devoted to bringing up my three children. I am very proud of the intelligent, informed, athletic, caring and special adults they have all become. I feel close to all of them, and to my ten grandchildren as well. The second half of my life is still developing.

Maxine Schulman Swartz

Ranking near the top are closeness to most of my family and my ten grandkids.

D. Peter Hochberg

**What Are You Proudest of in Your Career?**

Going broke big-time and working it out, paying all the bills, not taking a Chapter, learning from the experience, going back at it, making different mistakes, but lesser ones, earning way too much when luck’s share was bigger than mine.

Stephen Wald

Surviving, and even thriving, when a great career unexpectedly “went south.” In the world of corporate mergers and acquisitions, loyalty and pride in being a part of a team – whether a department, a division, a company, or a greater community – is a devalued concept.

Allan Schwartz

Career wise, I have had absolutely wonderful challenges and experiences and can’t image doing much differently.

Byron McCalmon

I don’t want to use hindsight to second guess a thousand choices. If I had to do it all over I suppose I might do something entirely different based on my current set of values. At the time, however, they were all the right decisions.

Jeffrey Blumenthal

Choosing exactly the right career.

Miriam Littman Ciochon

Which career? Women always have several. I guess I am proud of trying many very different roads, having a modicum of success in each, and never being bored while undertaking them.

Loretta (Lori) Krieger Yellen

My commitment to being a parent and trying to do a good job at that. I’m also very satisfied with the work I have done over the years to help other people and to introduce some of them to the satisfaction of self-expression in art.

Gail Hanna Strand Wiley

My talent as an artist.

Ann Farnsley

Returned to acting, which was always my dream, at 62 and pursued it again.

Judy Rosenblatt

My ethics in my career and my success while adhering to them.

Ira Nelken

In my career, I don’t have a blockbuster achievement but I was always honest and pleasant in dealing with people and feel that almost everyone working with me liked me.

Arnold Malasky

I was innovative, responsible, and respected for the work I did.

Linda Galinsky Klineman
Being respected for accomplishments and appreciated as a manager when many “experts” said those two factors couldn’t both be achieved.

John Lowrie

In my career, I am proudest of the reputation that I have built of being a highly-competent, uncompromisingly-highly-principled person that people respect, know they can trust, and one whose counsel they value and seek.

Philip Young

I had a beneficial impact on a number of persons who worked for me and who participated in programs I managed. Most persons who have been associated with me would refer to me as honest and as a person with integrity.

Stan Altschuler

My relationships with customers, vendors and contractors and with so many friends.

Marc Gerber

I sold residential real estate in Portland for 26 years. A broker told me that it was “refreshing to see someone be successful in this field without being a pushy b…..” It was nice to have integrity and hard work noticed.

Jan McClayton Crites

In my professional life I am proudest of the Better Business Bureau Business Integrity Award.

Fred Luper

My professional integrity.

Michael Jahrmarkt

My integrity and the respect I have earned from others.

Morton (Mickey) Langsfeld

My reputation for integrity and honest.

David (Buzz) Ruttenberg

Being good at what I did. Being a good supervisor. Retiring at the right time.

Stephen Schmal

I enjoyed mentoring people. Many of my mentees are CFO’s of companies here in Atlanta. I’m still mentoring today with management people of the Boards I’m on.

Philip Mazzilli Jr

Twenty years of International Management and mentorship of in-country personnel.

Michael Adams

The opportunity I had to mentor young people in my career field.

Marjory Reid

As a career was not on my agenda after college graduation, my working life only spanned 13 years. During that time I had the great opportunity and privilege to be a teacher and mentor to everyone I supervised.

Kelly Gould Behan

I’m proud that regardless of not being able to earn much money or gain acclaim. I used the knowledge I gained, both from my degree areas and the many other courses, to help others and to learn even more from them.

Jean Horn Swanson

Helping other succeed.

Frank Clemens

I feel very good that my education enabled me to have a career that allowed me the opportunity to be innovative and make a recognized contribution to society. I am most proud of the feedback that I have received from younger professionals whom I mentored, who worked with me, and who report having learned things that they are able to bring to new work sites.

Judith Lichtman Elkin
Inspiring a few of the people to whom I was supervisor or manager to believe in themselves and go on and have rich careers in their own right.

Kenneth Collins

That I decided to stay in field sales management, instead of going into upper management, because it gave me the opportunity to recruit, train and help develop young people and talent into successful sales and account managers.

Duane Brauen

Being of help to others while providing support for my family and others as well.

Richard Timan

The mentoring and nurturing I did of the many people who worked for me who now have responsible and exciting careers.

Richard Tilles

I believe we have made positive progress in both learning about and teaching people how to be better leaders.

Margie McKee Blanchard

My ability to remain flexible and take on new challenges even to this day.

John Carlson

I try to be productive, and to use my skills in a way that helps society.

Donald Behan

Enjoying nearly every assignment in my corporate experience.

Terry Beal

My ability to enjoy my work and to improve on ways to do the job.

Helen Chuckrow

Hard work, very hard work, paid off in my achievement of every vocational recognition.

Paul Regan Jr.

Work ethic and innovative projects accomplished.

Frederick Claus

The thing I am most proud of in my career is not the success that I have had in individual jobs, but my ability to be successful in a variety of fields.

Mary Thomas Strickler

The success I have achieved through a strong work ethic and thinking creatively in all I tackle.

Sandra Willis Van Velzer

Being successful (to my own way of thinking); many positive relationships.

Charles Scholpp

That I have always managed to have great jobs and have always been successful with them.

Frank Hawkins

Making Senior VP of Marketing at the age of 28 and always working with integrity. I am also proud of simply making the choices to be doing what I enjoy doing!

Tom Seaman

Rising through the ranks at Lockheed Martin. I was hired as a bilingual secretary (with a Ph.D.!), after writing a thank-you note in Spanish following the interview. After two years, I was promoted eight ranks and then continued to advance until my retirement as Director of Commercial Marketing twenty-three years later. I believe I enjoyed the respect and esteem of my colleagues throughout my career, and the feeling was mutual.

Annette Eisenberg Stiefbold

I am proudest of the level of confidence and responsibility that I was given by my superiors and its resulting in my earning enough money to enjoy a comfortable retirement.

Hamlin (Sandy) Gilbert

My ability as a general manager in manufacturing to have been able to provide good jobs to thousands of hard working and wonderful employees.

John Thorne
Having 3,000+ employees over 25 years (300 at any one time) who, despite up’s and down’s, loved coming to work. (TROY-BILT Rototillers, then DR Power Equipment, NEUTON Battery-Electric Mowers, and SUNWARD Solar Home Systems, all direct-marketing/mail order enterprises, sold sight-unseen).

Richard Alther

Advancement.

Charles Cuykendall

I was very fortunate to be the leader of companies on three different continents during my career. I am very proud that today there are several thousand good paying jobs in each of those places that are a direct result of my efforts.

Robert Slagle

That I had the opportunity to spend my last ten working years as the CEO of a very successful company.

Richard Grove

Starting my own company from scratch and employing many wonderful people for 10 years.

Jon Hinebauch

Having built, essentially from scratch, a highly successful company with over a thousand employees that did and still does meaningful work that benefits society.

Frank Quirk

My entrepreneurship. I started my Interior Design Company over again every time we moved.

Nancy Williams Clark

Hired while still at Cornell, my first job vanished when confronted with gender discrimination. I went in another direction: had four children in the years after Cornell, and started my own business which I ran for 15+ years.

Mary Davis Deignan

Starting my own business, enjoying it for 20 years, retiring before I needed to.

Evelyn Eskin

Building a great business, and having a positive impact on the lives of clients, friends, and associates.

Fritz Brauner

I have been helpful to entrepreneurs and entrepreneurship. I am an entrepreneur, and now I am a mentor.

Francine Olman Hardaway

I have been an entrepreneur in consulting and real estate development and have shown creativity in each field; it’s not how smart you are, but how many good ideas you implement. I mentor my son David and several close friends at the office and play non-zero-sum games every day.

Alex Steinbergh

I’ve managed the family business well for 40 years and am getting ready to turn it over to my oldest daughter, a science major from Duke.

Byron (Bing) Carlson

A small Canadian research company I helped develop.

Lynne Lohrey Armstrong

Created a company that provides financial and moral satisfaction to numerous individuals and families around the world.

Aldo Bensadoun

Helping to build several highly successful technology companies and the thousands of jobs that resulted.

Dave Duffield

I worked for Exxon Chemical for 35 years, met great people and friends and retired comfortably.

David Hill
Fortunately, I finally left conventional businesses such as IBM, GE, and Cornell to support not-for-profit fraternity and sorority house corporations at Cornell and 40 other colleges. The serendipity occurred when I bought a very old business that had been doing alumni affairs and development on an outsourced basis since the 1870’s.

Mike Duesing

Leading Transco Energy Company and later, Evocation, Inc., through challenging times was the most gratifying experiences of my 35 years in the world of big business.

George Slocum

I served the same employer and its communities for over 38 years

G. Dean Smith

Writing a lot of damn good computer code, and surviving 40 years of bureaucratic lunacy with my sanity and sense of humor intact.

Don Juran

Still doing the vegetable and horticulture business.

Bill Brozowsk

Developing, selling, and maintaining software for large universities, some of whom are still using it 40+ years later. Twice Leaving IBM (for whom I still have tremendous respect) for the world of start-up companies – with great success.

Dave McKelvey

Successful introduction of several new products that turned around the profitability of clients. Opening of a few new restaurants based upon the concepts I developed.

Hal Sieling

I enjoyed working with my father trying to start my own business. Since it was not a success, I found interesting employment working for two different Japanese firms marketing and selling technical video products.

Don Mason

Helping an organization by applying my knowledge of importing and exporting to its business.

Ransom Shaw

To have been so involved in life-changing projects and the development of unique processes we used in construction.

John Curtis

Software contributions I made in computer-aided tomography and SONAR trainers.

John Burns

To be among the first women to work in a high-tech position. At first, the secretaries did not know what to make of me, but I think later they realized that one could be a woman and still solve scientific problems.

Karen Palmer Anderson

With 3M’s support, I have been able to convert many new ideas to inventions.

George Moore

Good preparation at Cornell for jobs that I generally enjoyed throughout my career (what better than to get paid for what you like to do). Award of 12 U.S. Patents for inventions in my field.

Bob Hoyle

My accomplishments at Bell Laboratories (13 Patents).

James Evans
Catalyzing successful Bell Labs developments of information age technologies. Included introducing a systematic quantitative & balanced planning & management methodology across and down into all the business units and supporting corporate divisions of AT&T Network Systems, sustained through 8 semiannual cycles, leading to an excellence in operation that encouraged formation and spinoff of Lucent. Lucent's huge success in its first years I think had been set up by this process. But (again my view), unfortunately, the Lucent top leadership lost its way and began acting as though they believed “Wall Street Think.”

Jim Shelton

Being conferred with 16 U.S. Patents on a wide variety of chemical and engineering inventions. Many of the ideas occurred to me while jogging during noon hours at work. My other accomplishment was the ability to see whole new chemical processes early in the process development stage and translate them into full-scale manufacturing operations. Guess that is why I went into research.

Harry Buckholtz

The development of several specific products and the production processes that enabled these specific widely used products to be produced more economically by the consumption of less energy and less wood pulp. Billions of sheets of these paper products have been produced, and continue to be produced, with greatly reduced impact on the environment by utilizing the processes I developed.

George Cohen

In the early 1970’s, I was asked by my management (at Hughes Aircraft Company) how we might capitalize on the good visibility aspects of reflective liquid crystal displays to solve the problem of displaying radar images under bright sunlight conditions. My suggestion was to build a matrix array of a multitude cells. An interdisciplinary group of circuit designers, semiconductor experts, and display engineers was assembled, and we subsequently figured out how to make the first liquid-crystal based television display. (U.S. Patent 3,862,360) in 1973. The effort lead to my authoring a paper at an IEEE Electron Devices conference, where Cornell Professor Lester Eastman’s reacted with not-too-subtle surprise when he learned I was presenting a paper; I was not one of his better students.

Michael Ernstoff

Led the development of an innovative, highly simplified, super safe commercial nuclear power plant. After a decade of development, testing and licensing, 4 units were sold to China – now under construction – and 6 units are under contract in the U.S. – the first nuclear plants sold in the U.S. in 30 years.

Howard Bruschi

Helping to conceive, develop, and bring to the US market some very exciting SAAB automobiles.

William (Bill) Walter

Fighting for the best possible safety restraint systems in Chrysler vehicles in the 1960’s and 1970’s as a design engineer and supervisor. Set belt usage was around 10% and it was difficult to get concessions from other areas in the vehicle competing for the same real estate.

Robert (Bob) Simpson

Being considered the ultimate troubleshooter for our nation’s long distance network.

Randolph Little
Getting elected SAE President in 2001. SAE (the Society of Automotive Engineers) is an 110,000 member, international organization.

Neil Schilke

Receiving the Joseph Becker Award from the Association of Iron and Steel Technology in 2009 for distinguished achievements in coal carbonization and coal technology.

Joel Sundholm

Served New York’s citizens by facilitating freight and passenger transportation in the eight counties of northeastern New York.

Theodore (Ted) Thompson

My national success as an investment expert witness is most satisfying and, to me, most surprising. I testified in numerous state and federal courts as well as industry arbitration forums. I was the expert for the multi-state litigation against Prudential Bache’s limited partnership syndications, worked for Arizona, Pennsylvania and Florida securities commissions, and was the expert in many class action cases.

William Jordan

The most rewarding part of my professional life is my work since 1991 providing securities market and regulatory assistance in more than 40 developing countries. I’ve received awards from Poland and Vietnam for assistance in the development of their securities laws, and from USAID and the Financial Services Volunteer Corps. My travels also have enabled me to see some of the world’s greatest sites, including the Great Wall, Pyramids, Machu Picchu and Ha Long Bay.

Bob Strahota

I managed a world class, high profile, high-risk securities processing operation very well for the world’s largest global custodian bank.

Sid Watt

Being one of the last “true human resources generalists,” i.e., everything in the field – negotiating with humans, arbitration cases/NLRB appearances recruiting/salary administration/benefits administration/EEO policy, training/safety – the whole megilla – and taking all of that into upper middle management in a director capacity.

David Dameron

My Distinguished Toastmaster Award from Toastmasters International. I received bonuses from Bank of America for my contribution on a few conversions Committees.

Roberta Stillman Wisnosky

Helping to establish and maintain relative harmony in historically volatile labor relations environments.

John Buchholz

That I have been able as a civil engineer, working in a very contentious environment, to contribute, on behalf of my clients, to a better understanding of issues that separate people and companies, so that resolution of the differences between them can be equitably settled.

Alex Vollmer

The opportunity to operate successfully at senior executive levels in the federal government and a major U.S. multinational corporation.

Richard Heimlich

That I helped protect the safety and health of our country’s working men and women by helping in the OSHA promulgation of standards for safety in agriculture and for the General Industry standard for the protection of workers who are required to enter confined spaces.

Wendell Glasier

Changing the Veteran’s Administration – for the better.

Frank Holden
Throughout my career, I have taken great pleasure in recruiting and seeing younger, bright people grow and take responsibility – both in their personal lives and professionally. My public policy work enabled me to work with several HUD Secretaries in developing homeownership initiatives for underserved communities.

*Stephen Ashley*

Designing housing for the elderly that responds to their needs and helps to extend and enrich their lives.

*Philip Handler*

That many of the people who grew up in houses that I designed for their parents came back to me when they wanted houses of their own!

*Barbara Ragnhild Woll Jones*

A historic renovation design project in Beacon Hill, Massachusetts.

*Helen Zesch Ward*

Changing the face of America--the Painted Ladies books brought color onto houses from California to Maine – even Alaska and Hawaii. And not just on Victorians, but everything from apartment complexes to skyscrapers.

*Elizabeth Pomada*

That my professional decisions were never motivated by money which I believe is a pretty deceptive measure of success. Instead, my satisfaction has come from doing good things with good people for organizations I admire. Although we became more than comfortable, affluence was an unintended byproduct of a career that tended towards public service.

*John Burke*

Feeling that I did make a difference in New Hampshire while spending 6 years in the legislature.

*Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler*

In politics: seeing to the successful completion of international adoptions when I worked in the U.S. Senate. In environmental sustainability: teaching and writing for the Philadelphia Zoo on such issues.

*Judith Ehrman*

Work on Governor Carey’s staff during the mid-70’s NYC near-bankruptcy.

*Gary Caplan*

Serving in the Clinton Administration was truly an honor and an incredible experience.

*Linda Goldfarb Roberts*

That my professional life in the not-for-profit sector could contribute to the betterment of the environment.

*Mary Ann Huber Franson*

The projects I designed that improved the environment and provided adequate supplies of water to the public. Also the individuals I mentored during their tenures with O’Brien and Gere.

*Peter Johnson*

My 200 + research contributions to biology and the understanding of the ecology and behavior of estuarine animals. I’m proud of my book *Salt Marshes: A Natural and Unnatural History* (2009). I’m proud of my participation in advisory committees to state (NJ DEP) and federal (USEPA, NOAA, National Academy of Sciences) agencies to help shape environmental policies, and in serving professional societies – e.g. being the President of the American Institute of Biological Sciences.

*Judith Shulman Weis*

I had a wonderful opportunity to teach and do solid research aimed at environmental monitoring and conservation, and through it all to know bunches of very dedicated people.

*John Munday*

In 1977, I was the first to identify the Sierra Nevada and Great Valley of...
California to be a single fault-bounded tectonic entity, which I called the “Sierran Block.” Now days it mostly referred to as the Sierra Nevada microplate.

Richard Ely

My role in establishing the Hawaii Nature Center and now supporting the Highlands Center for Natural History. My Cornell education and the “school of hard knocks” enables me to do these things.

Faith Miller Roelofs

Fostering regional cooperation to address the common challenges that cut across human settlements as well as helping to prepare the next generation of regionalists to continue this work.

William Dodge

I served on the Boards of Directors for Fair Housing Council, Wyckoff Family YMCA, and South Venice Civic Association. After becoming a member of the Unitarian Congregation of Venice, I was honored in 2008 to be chosen as Outstanding Local Representative for the UU Service Committee (a national award). I am President of the Neversink Association in Claryville NY, a local conservation organization. I wanted a hobby in retirement and took up painting in 2007. I have won Best of Show and several Merit awards for my watercolors and pastels (now need to find the time to do more!). I help lead my NY art group.

Patricia Padgitt Wellington

I currently build rock creations in New York. I recently built a rock patio for the Frost Valley YMCA so that disabled people can have a solid place to sit and cast for fish in their pond. I raise rainbow trout in New York. I also make and sell lanai shell party lights and fossilized sharks’ tooth jewelry.

Duke Wellington

My career was/is a volunteer career and I’m proud of the difference I’ve helped to make in others’ lives and in my communities.

Nancy Schlegel Meinig

The contributions of time, as well as the personal hands-on service, that my family and I have made to the greater community of our city, state, and country.

Jane Barrows Tatibouet

My current activity, although strictly volunteer, is the most rewarding. As a Director of American Citizens Abroad, I am actively involved in representing the interests of American citizens residing overseas. Many U.S. laws are detrimental to the interests of U.S. citizens living abroad.

Jacqueline Browne Bugnion

Being the President of the Hospital Service League for two years, and giving twenty years of volunteering there.

Anne Standish Ulhe

Did pro-bono career counseling at both the Cornell Club and Harvard Business School Club of New York.

Jim Cantor


Charles Bender

Success, accomplishments, and contributions to our country’s security while at NSA.

Chris Napjus

My naval service.

Denis Dunne

Air Force service. Various industrial, financially sound, projects. I am very satisfied with the great variety of life experiences I have had the pleasure of enjoying.

Harry Clifton Ames III

My promotion to Captain in the U.S. Cavalry.

Stanley Kozareski
Serving my country.

Donald Sladkin

Graduating from medical school without a cent in my pocket. And swimming a mile in full gear at flight training in Pensacola, whereas I couldn’t swim more than 150 feet in a bathing suit just before that.

George Telesh

Service in Vietnam and being Chair of the Lahey Clinic of the Tufts University School of Medicine.

Fred Davis

Being a good caring physician interested in the well-being of my patients for one. But I am proud of what I have been able to do for others—individuals or companies—whether developing drugs or negotiating the deals, etc.

Barbara Leibowitz

Rewarding practice with many long-term patients who are also friends. Chance to serve as President of Florida Society of Ophthalmology where I met many Eye MDs across the state.

Lealis (Lea) Hale

The mission was always quality care and service NOT the money: 10,000+ deliveries to happy mothers.

Larry Stoneburner

My career as a pediatrician for 29 years in Portland, Maine.

Maureen Chia-Hoi Sze

I always worked as a Pediatric Nurse. I am proud to have been the first Pediatric Open Heart Nurse in New York City. Here in Seattle, I worked for Head Start and the State Head Start Program. It was challenging and also rewarding to actually make a difference in peoples’ lives and their future.

Joy Harwood Rogers

In my medical career I was able to help many very sick people regain a productive life.

Stanley Zoslow

Giving my best to my patients over thirty-one years of medical practice.

Donald Morgan

My work over all the years with all my patients.

Barry Proner

Being a caring physician.

John Boothby

My fortuitous career as a physician in the United States Navy, which I chose only because my husband was a Naval officer and I figured “If you can’t beat ‘em, join ‘em.” It was a great 25-year adventure which I’d gladly do all over again. I initially was attracted to Navy Medicine in order to simply practice good health care without concern for the business aspects of medicine, running an office, having responsibility for anything other than providing excellent pediatric care. However, I must have gone wrong somewhere along the way, as I eventually became an Admiral, with lots more responsibility than just for myself.

Marion Balsam

It has been a real privilege to have had a job at a veteran’s hospital which allowed one to go to work each day feeling as though one was actually likely to help others medically—particularly others who have not necessarily had the privilege of an Ivy League education, but instead were sent through the meat grinder of military service when they were just leaving childhood.

Robert Peter Mogielnicki

Professor and Chairman of Otolaryngology (Head and Neck Surgery) at the Mayo Clinic; twelve years of service on the University of Minnesota Board of Regents.

Bryan Neel
The opportunity to be a role model and educator to young physicians in training; the recognition I have received from my peers; the opportunity to create useful techniques and devices which have helped many patients, the relationships I have had with many of my patients.

Ronald Apfelbaum

A full career as a professor of medicine in Infectious Diseases, with 400+ peer reviewed articles, book chapters, etc, involvement in preclinical and clinical investigations of new antifungal drugs for life threatening diseases during the time of the outbreak of AIDS and increasing immune suppression for hematologic malignancies, transplants. I was working in an obscure area (cryptococcal meningitis) when AIDS hit US, and the number of cases went from 600 a year to many thousands; mentoring a series of students from Latin American countries who came to the US for lab and clinical training. I am now professor emeritus and so out of the laboratory.

John Graybill

Teaching my patients in my psychotherapy practice to see the best in themselves.

Amelia (Amy) Smith Bryant

The opportunity to practice veterinary medicine for many years, to teach and be part of a very active and fun filled career. Writing 8+ textbooks, being with young students, writing many clinical research treatises and working with dogs, cats and people all these years has been great.

Stephen Ettinger

The courage to go back to school for a doctorate in my late 40’s, finishing, and making a new career in a challenging discipline, epidemiology.

M. Patricia Rice deHart

My academic and professional accomplishments in social work, psychotherapy, and psychoanalysis.

Ann Lewis Goodstein

I feel satisfied that as a clinical social worker I’ve been able to connect with a diverse range of people in challenging situations in ways that facilitated their growth, eased trauma and altered circumstances.

Nancy Simon Hodin

Helped children for 30 years coping with dyslexia.

Joan Levy Layton-Furth

I’m still pleased with the role I played as interpreter for professionals at the juncture of speech-language pathology and psychiatry, and proud of becoming a full professor, and then Professor Emerita, in the Department of Psychiatry at the (then) Medical College of Ohio, with only a Masters Degree. I feel good about the fruits of my career. I’ve brought language to the lives of countless non-verbal children and contributed to the literature on autism and communication in child mental health.

Jane Jaffe Giddan

Obtaining a masters degree, becoming a registered dietitian and the Director of the Allegheny County Health Department WIC Program where I worked for 30 years.

Joyce Brown Dodge

Earning a Ph.D. in Psychology at NYU and the publication of my first book in December 2009, Connecting the Dots: Breakthroughs in Communication as Alzheimer’s Advances, are the highlights of my career. So far.

Judith London

Forty-six years as an occupational therapist helping patients relearn skills for the job of living.

Judith Slostad Franz

My “Personal Health” column in The New York Times has helped millions of people live better lives from the cradle to the grave.

Jane Brody
Eight years as Paris bureau chief for NBC News.

Rebecca Bell

That I was able to practice my craft at the highest level and never compromised the integrity of the journalism produced

Richard Levine

Being a truly objective professional journalist. I view professionalism not for any one great story–but for the consistency of one’s body of work.

Michael Eisgrau

I am on the brink of retiring from the career I always wanted. My goal was to hand out my own shingle and specialize in family law. As I prepare to close the office, it has been very satisfying to review all the files of the individuals I have served.

Harold Hoffman

Contributions to legal and financing techniques for municipal finance, e.g. creation in 1984 of “Capital Appreciations Bonds”; mentoring younger lawyers.

Willis Ritter

Enjoying the respect of clients in my law practicer and friends.

Richard Stern

Merging the substance of the law with new technologies in continuing education.

Caroline Simon

I built several law firms and trained a lot of young lawyers who have gone on to successful careers.

Bruce Rogers

My record in law school and as a lawyer, winning competitions, finishing high in my class and high on bar exams and building a reputation as a good lawyer – all that kind of stuff. Awards and plaques. But I am also gratified by the contribution I have been able to make for the good of our environment, through the various offices that I have held with the Sierra Club.

Aline Holstein Lotter

That I did well and honorably in my career in law.

James Denman

My career as a lawyer.

Stephen Ploscowe

I began and furthered my intellectual property law practice.

D. Peter Hochberg

Helping so many clients with their legal problems.

Donald Hamburg

My long career (19 years) as a Federal investigator of research misconduct in federally supported research.

Nancy McConnell Davidian

That the clients who were producing the motion pictures I worked on were very appreciative of my efforts. One major actor/producer/director publicly thanked me at the screening for the cast, crew, and media for all my efforts in making the project possible.

Lucy Fried Koster

My CPA designation and my learning a manual skill (gunsmithing).

Jay Kasin

Civilian – Serving for 28 years as counsel to the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants, an outstanding association of professionals; and serving two terms as a Hearing Committee Member for the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Military – 30 years service (3 active and 27 reserve) in the U.S. Army JAG Corps, attaining the rank of Colonel and serving four years as Staff Judge Advocate, 79th USARCOM.

James Campbell

Trying things that were uncomfortable: running for office, arguing a case before
Teaching, mentoring young professionals, and working with my law clerks at the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

**Harry Edwards**

I have moved back and forth between government and teaching political science, which is what I am doing now at Georgetown University.

**Jeff Burnam**

That the courses I taught during my teaching career were appreciated and meaningful, and that, in the current phase of my life, I’ve been able to run a successful business based almost entirely on client referrals.

**Eric Groom**

I am delighted to have had many careers – from stay-at-home mom (albeit rather briefly), to real estate broker, to supermarket executive, entrepreneur, and university professor. Each chapter has been exciting, challenging, fulfilling, and energizing. I am proudest of the students whose lives I have touched in a positive way.

**Myra Maloney Hart**

The professional consulting opportunities I have had across so many different industries and cultures and having been part of assisting in a great deal of constructive change for about 38 years. And now, to be teaching at the graduate MBA level is a fulfillment of a long-existing professional dream.

**John Neuman**

Being able to make a difference in the lives of many very bright students as a professor in the Department of Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering at the University of Minnesota. They have gone on and done great things.

**Philip Goodrich**

Establishing non-game program now biodiversity in Nova Scotia. My students, both undergraduate and graduate, are definitely among my career successes.

**Peter Austin-Smith**

My influence on my students after 30 years of college teaching.

**Alfredo Gomez**

I believe I was a pretty good teacher and took a lot of pride in the accomplishments of my students.

**James Davidson**

Guiding my students and watching their transformations to mature adults. This is especially important to me since many of my students are the first in their family to attend college.

**Elsie Gottlieb Sterbin**

Being the founding director of Stanford University’s Center for Research on Women, now called the Clayman Institute for Research on Gender.

**Myra Hoffenberg Strober**

My college teaching, my volunteer work, and my research have had an impact on the lives of individuals both in preserving health and creating hope and esteem. I am particularly proud that many of my students have developed careers in public health.

**Judith Revitch Porter**

Generating and transmitting knowledge, especially chemistry. I have enjoyed fun and excitement of “doing science” and teaching it to university students from undergraduates to postdoctorals. I get a great deal of satisfaction meeting especially young people all around the world who relate how much they have learned from my book.

**Joel Bernstein**
I learned to love Economics as a field at Cornell. At the University of Chicago, I sharpened my skills during my M.A. and Ph.D. training. It has been very rewarding teaching generations of students at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where I have been since 1967. I am an applied econometrician, write software (B34S) and have the freedom to work on problems that interest me. I have learned so much over the years. As of 2010, I have 96 publications including 5 books. Don’t tell the Dean, but I really do not “work,” they just pay me for what I really want to do.

Houston Stokes

I did some decent enough university research and teaching, advised a few successful students, and have already achieved the retirement goal I set for myself after Peace Corps service – contribute to sustainable development overseas – while still getting paid.

Mel Siegel

To my surprise, my scholarly publications in American history, written twenty, thirty, and forty years ago, continue to be cited in scholarly and popular works (even term papers), and also appear on the required reading lists of college courses in the United States and Europe. As for teaching, I well remember receiving at the end of one of my Dartmouth College courses on American Intellectual and Social History a standing ovation from the students in the lecture hall.

Peter Slater

Getting a Ph.D. in my mid 60s and basically re-inventing myself as a college professor at Montclair State University.

Marvin (Moose) Shaub

My late-in-life “career,” which is only part-time, as a faculty member at a community college has enabled me to teach students of widely varying backgrounds and ages. Many of them are the first in their families to attend college, and are trying to pull themselves out of poverty and low-paying jobs to become healthcare professionals. I am thrilled to be a small part of their transition to a better life.

Elizabeth (Betty) Kopsco Bennett

My many years of affiliation with Onondaga Community College and their wonderful faculty and staff.

Grace Clickner Maynard

In my career, I am proudest of a study I ran that evaluated off-campus higher education for the NYS Education Department. I used Westchester County as an example and working on my own, hiring consultants as needed, I located and assessed some dozen satellite campuses. This study was used by the Department to modify regulation.

Jane Gribbin Andrews

Helping students in academic trouble.

Andrew Bushko

Played a role in increasing international understanding and enriching students’ lives.

Michael Steinberg

As a college and school counselor, I made a difference in students’ lives.

Vicki Custer Slater

Supporting a brilliant and dedicated staff of librarians in Olin who teach and help students and faculty with their research. I consider the library and its resources to be the lifeblood of the university.

Ada Kerachsky Albright

Turning a small, sleepy continuing education program with declining enrollment and a deficit into a big, thriving, successful program. I still hear
from former participants who tell me what a difference I made in their lives and how much they miss me.

*Helen Rabinowitz Anbinder*

I have worked hard and received much gratification from teaching both high school and college students and creating art.

*Priscilla Snow Algava*

In terms of career, my teaching job gave me the opportunity to be creative and have a lot of fun, organizing hundreds of field trips for high school students. I was never bored and looked forward to each school day. It was like a tax rebate to be employed by my home school district! My only career pursuit now is being a substitute organist on Sundays.

*Helen Iler Houggy*

Teaching 36 years to the best of my ability.

*Evelyn (Enny) Spieske Dufur*

By teaching for 27 years, I’ve touched the lives of countless children - in a positive way, I hope. Since retiring, I have reenergized my creative juices by continuing to write songs and parodies and by directing an a cappella singing group of seven women, who perform in different venues in the Bay area.

*Rita Milkman Gershengorn*

I was a special education teacher for 15 years at a private school in New York City – Churchill. A wonderful place.

*Elizabeth (Liz) Belsky Stiel*

I’m glad that I have been able to help some children succeed in learning to read – something that will help them for the rest of their lives.

*Barbara Hammond Goldstein*

I’m glad I have written cookbooks and taught children.

*Edith (DeeDee) McCoy Stovel*

Changing careers at age 62 and enjoying high school teaching.

*Chuck Bunting*

I am proud that my work as a librarian with children and their families has been such a positive experience. It is pretty neat to introduce little people to books and reading!

*Carol Hewitt Shaw*

In my work in Children’s Services, I made a difference in a few children’s lives and tried to insure that in my part of the world all kids got an equal chance at success.

*Katherine Simmons Kaufman*

My career: nothing exciting to report, but that is a good thing in my profession as an airline pilot.

*Wardlaw Miles*

Who Was Your Favorite Professor at Cornell?

Editor’s note: Information about professors was sometimes incomplete, which is not surprising after a fifty-year interval. Communications with classmates and Internet research filled in many of the blanks, but not all. As a result, some professors are identified by discipline (especially where the college is obvious) and others by school or college.

M.H. Abrams, the Romantic literature professor showed us the difference between analogy and metaphor by singing and dancing to Cole Porter’s “You’re the Top” and “You’re the Cream in My Coffee” in top hat and tails. A second favorite memory is that of Peter Yarrow playing guitar and singing to me and my roommate in the Cornell hospital when I had pneumonia right after Christmas break my freshman year.

*Elizabeth Pomada*
Professor M. H. Abrams, Literature. Wow! Aside from being able to make the books come alive while analyzing them to death, which is what was done in literature courses, he gave us a list of books to read for when the course was over – sort of a list of his favorite books: *Blind White Fish in Persia* and *The Private Memoirs and Confessions of a Justified Sinner* were two of the titles.

_Helen Chuckrow_

Alan Atwell, Art

_Judy Rosenblatt_

Harlan Banks, Botany

_Michelle Rostan Davis_

Robert Beck, Hotel Administration

_Richard Kelly_

Robert Benson, Visiting Professor of Medieval History from Wesleyan U.

_Ira Nelken_

Matthew Bernatsky who taught Beverage Management 252 at the School of Hotel and Restaurant Management. I’ve come to appreciate his course even more as it has stood the test of time better than most engineering courses.

_Howard Bruschi_

Walter Berns, Government

_Jeff Burnam, Michael Jahrmarkt_

Harold Bierman, Johnson School of Management.

_Philip Mazzilli Jr._

Arthur Bloom, Geology

_Chris Napjus_

John Booker, Mechanical Engineering

_Alfredo Gomez_

Mary Boynton, freshman English teacher and ornithologist

_Barry Proner_

W. Lambert Brittain, Child Psychology

_Nancy Halsey Young_

W. Lambert Brittain, Child Psychology, who taught classes about the creative development of children. He was a mentor to me and encouraged me to follow my interest in art education by going to graduate school.

_Gail Hanna Strand Wiley_

Urie Bronfenbrenner, Human Development and Psychology, an incredibly bright and interesting man.

_Linda Gilinsky Klineman_

Urie Bronfenbrenner, Human Development and Psychology and Jeremiah Wanderstock, School of Hotel and Restaurant Management. I still have many of my class notes and long ago exchanged letters with each of them.

_Jane Barrows Tatibouet_

Urie Bronfenbrenner, Human Development and Psychology.

_Helen Rabinowitz Anbinder, Amelia Smith Bryant, M. Patricia Rice deHart, Evelyn Spieske Dufur, Judith Slostad Franz, Chandlee Lloyd Gill, Grace Clickner Maynard, Carol Hewitt Shaw, Barbara Hammond Goldstein_

Urie Bronfenbrenner, Human Development and Psychology, and George Healey, English

_Barbara Hammond Goldstein_

Urie Bronfenbrenner, Human Development and Psychology, and Harry Levin, Psychology

_Linda Goldfarb Roberts_

Stuart Brown, Philosophy

_Judith Shulman Weis_

Stuart Brown, Philosophy, David B. Davis, History, and Walter LaFeber, History. All extremely stimulating.

_Sara Allensworth Michl_

Stuart Brown, Philosophy and Urie Brofenbrenner, Human Development and Psychology.

_Nancy Simon Hodin_
Paul Buck, head of the Food Science Department in the College of Agriculture. He always had a faith in me that I would succeed and flourish in the food industry.  
*Peter Epstein*

Helen Cady, Housing and Design, Clinton Rossiter, Government  
*Nancy Williams Clark*

Henry (Harry) Caplan, Classical Languages and Literatures  
*Jean Horn Swanson*

Anthony Caputi, English  
*Mary Thomas Strickler*

Anthony Caputi, English, was my advisor for my undergraduate major, comparative literature. In 1992, he was a leader for a CAU theater trip to the Shakespeare Festival at Stratford, Ontario. I was taken aback when, upon seeing me, he smiled, hugged me and lifted me into the air. Tony was both a scholar and a very warm person. Professor Harry Caplan taught classical literary criticism. I can still see and hear him as he recited the opening of Milton’s “Paradise Lost” in the first class. He made me aware of the magnificence of the English language.  
*Harold Don Jr.*

Kendall S. Carpenter, Agricultural Economics, who was my undergraduate advisor. He never failed to give sound advice and counsel and also to apply the right amount of stick when necessary.  
*Stephen Ashley*

M. Gardner Clark, Industrial and Labor Relations, I loved his course on economic history. It was his encouragement that led me to become an economist.  
*Myra Hoffenberg Strober*

George Cointe, our Fencing Coach, was a big influence.  
*Don Mason*

Bart Conta, Chemical Engineering.  
*Charles Betz*

Richard Conway, Computer Science in School of Mechanical Engineering.  
*Philip Young*

Dick Conway and Bill Maxwell, Industrial Engineering.  
*Dave Duffield*

Dick Conway and Bill Maxwell, Industrial Engineering, and Milton Konvitz, Industrial and Labor Relations.  
*Terry Beal*

Alice Cook, Industrial and Labor Relations. At age 70, I still talk about Professor Cook who had as much influence in shaping my world view as my parents had.  
*John Burke*

George Ferris Cronkhite, English.  
*John Boothby*

Bob Cullen, lightweight football coach.  
*David (Buzz) Ruttenberg*

Kathleen Cutlar, Home Economics, and Matthew Bernatsky, School of Hotel and Restaurant Management  
*Mary Davis Deignan*

Professor Louise Daniels who taught introductory biochemistry to nutrition majors in Home Economics.  
*Carol Shaw Andresen*

David B. Davis, History, my mentor.  
*Peter Slater*

I had many excellent professors, but I remember most fondly an administrator at ILR, Donald Dietrich, who was unusually supportive and empathic.  
*Vicki Custer Slater*

Archie Dotson, Government.  
*Bruce Rogers*
Archie Dotson, Government, and Harold Bierman, Johnson School of Management.

Bob Strahota

Douglas Dowd, Economics—funny and smart...and an easy grader.

Victor Rubino

It’s a tie: Wendell Earle, Agricultural Economics: Marketing and Philip Morrison, Physics -- two brilliant, sensitive educators and human beings.

John Buchholz

Lester Eastman, Electrical Engineering.

Bob Hoyler, Edward Tang

Thomas Eisner, Biology, and Isabel Peard, Education.

Myra Maloney Hart

Bill Erickson, Electrical Engineering.

Mike Duesing

Bill Erickson, Electrical Engineering: he told it like it is.

Michael Ernstoff

Myrtle Ericson, School of Hotel and Restaurant Management.

Paul Deignan

Richard B. Fischer, Environmental Education.

Elizabeth (Betty) Kopsco Bennett

Richard B. Fischer, Environmental Education. He helped me at a critical “turning” point and added greatly to my appreciation of nature.

Charles Scholpp


Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler

Edward Whiting Fox, who taught History of Western Civilization, with 1,000 pages of weekly reading and his sweeping, grand, eloquent lectures that left me breathless and all of us applauding, but resulting in my first-ever “D,” for the initial paper. I was both spellbound and terrified, being on full scholarship which required me to remain in the top quarter of our class until Spring ‘62 semester, my squeaking by with a B- average.

Richard Alther

Edward Whiting Fox, History, and Achim Bonawitz, German Literature

Eric Groon

William Gates, Sanitary Engineering.

Peter Johnson

Helen Gifft, Home Economics.

Cathryn Van Buren Bomberger

Nancy Schlegel Meinig,

Sandra Wills Van Velzer

Perry Gilbert, Zoology.

Ronald Apfelbaum

Joseph Golden, Speech and Drama.

Michael Eisgrau

David Grossvogel, French.

Helen Iler Hougyy

Donald Grout, Music Department.

Larry Stoneburner

Andrew Hacker, Government.

Donald Hamburg, Stephen Schmal

Andrew Hacker, Government, with Clinton Rossiter, Government, a close second.

Frank Quirk

Andrew Hacker, Government, Steven Muller, Government, Thomas Eisner, Biology, and Walter LaFeber, History.

Miriam Littman Ciochon

Andrew Hacker, Government, and Elisabeth Hill, Visiting Professor in Russian Literature.

Joan Levy Layton-Furth

Kurt Hanslowe, ILR and Cornell Law.

Stephen Ploscowe
Herbert Hardwick, Agronomy. Not only did he expect you to know the course material, but he expected you to put your answers on paper in reports or examinations with proper grammar, sentence structure, and spelling. He was preparing his students to compete in the real world after graduation.

Duane Brauen

George Healey, English.

Ann Lewis Goodstein
Katherine Simmons Kaufman
Arnold Malasky, Robert (Bob) Simpson

George Healey, English, for Shakespeare. Remarkable combination of wit and knowledge and ability to raise enthusiasm of is audience from the lectern. Great discussion of honor as seen by Falstaff and Henry V.

John Graybill

George Healey, English, and Frederick Marcham, History.

James Campbell

George Healey, English, and Urie Bronfenbrenner, Child Development.

Fran Denn Gallogy

Bill Hershey, History Teaching Assistant.

Denis Dunne

J.P. Hertel, who may have been in the administration. He interviewed me for entrance to the college, and later helped me obtain several scholarships. So it was his wonderful assistance with many of my early problems that lead me to consider him as the one person who really made it possible for me to graduate.

Peter Austin-Smith

Bill Hewitt, Transportation Materials.

John Curtis

Shirley Hockett who taught freshman calculus. She would announce “unannounced” quizzes. Her husband was Charles Hockett, a professor at Cornell and later Rice.

Joel Sundholm

Charles Hockett, Linguistics and Anthropology, and Robert Ascher, Anthropology and Archeology.

Don Juran

Donald Kagan, History.

Frederick Claus

Alfred E. Kahn, Economics.

Evelyn Eskin, Edward (Ned) Griffith,
Robert McBride, Alex Steinbergh

Alfred E. Kahn, the best economist on the planet. Also learned from Procter George.

Stanley Kozareski


Caroline Simon

John Kingsbury, Botany.

Faith Miller Roelofs

May Kinsolving – a great mathematician and role model.

Elsie Sterbin Gottlieb

Alexander Kira, Architecture, who fed this starving architect many delicious home-cooked meals in my fifth year.

Barbara Ragnhild Woll Jones

Milton Konvitz, ILR

John Neuman

Milton Konvitz, Industrial and Labor Relations, Steven Muller, Government, and George Healey, English, who taught British Literature.

Edith (DeeDee) McCoy Stovel

Walter LaFeber, History.

Richard Heimlich, Theodore Thompson

Walter LaFeber, History, and Clinton Rossiter, Government

Janet (Jan) McClayton Crites

Walter LaFeber, History, because of the ways he interested the students.

Betty Allen Little
A three-way tie: Walter LaFeber, American History; Brian Tierney, Medieval History, and James Turnure, Art History

Donald Morgan

Walter Le Feber, History; Clinton Rossiter, Government, and Uri Bronfenbrenner, Human Development and Psychology

Rita Milkman Gershengorn

Samuel Leonard, Zoology; R.T. Fox, Floriculture

Barbara Leibowitz

Che-Yu Li and Jack Blakely, both Materials Science; Ed Keasler, Naval Science; Neil Ashcroft, Physics, and 12 others.

Jim Shelton

Sam Linke, Electrical Engineering.

Harry Clifton Ames III

Ted Lowi, Government

Frank Hawkins

Ted Lowi, the last memory of whom involves his vaulting over the hood of a parked car to get to a very attractive red-haired woman.

Gary Caplan

Alan McAdams, Johnson Graduate School of Management

Robert Slagle

George A. McCalmon (my dad), Chair of the Speech and Drama Department and also the Director of the University Theatre.

Byron McCcalmon

George A. McCalmon (Dr. Mac) and Joseph Golden, both Speech and Drama; and Clinton Rossiter, Government.

Fred Luper

Philip J. McCarthy, Statistics, ILR.

James Denman

James McConkey, English.

Robert Peter Mogielnicki

James McConkey, English, a great teacher and a wonderful person.

Richard Timan

James McConkey, English, a gentle soul who provoked deep thought and elicited great respect. He taught a course on Hemingway and Faulkner. I still remember his comment on the difference between the two. Hemingway, he said, did one thing very, very well and continued to repeat it. Faulkner had the courage to choose “a quest for failure.”

And there is a History course indelibly imprinted in my mind – Introduction to Western Civilization, as given by Professor Edward Fox. (Yes I still have the books, and each one was edited by Fox.) I remember we were expected to do a book and a civilization a week – an incredible amount of work. But so worth it. Fox was an exceptional educator and memorable lecturer. I remember he ended the first term with a lecture about the interval in Europe between World War I and World War II. He closed with a description of thousands of marchers in the streets of Paris chanting “A bas la Guerre, A bas la Guerre!” We felt it and saw it. Not one student moved or said one word.

There was also an administrator who made a big difference for me. Rollin Perry, the Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences, was the ONE reason I was able to attend Cornell. He gave me a full scholarship and, more importantly, his door was always open to me during my time as a student. His support and encouragement got a kid from Vicksburg, Mississippi through four years of an Ivy League education. A marvelous start in my professional life for which I am grateful to Dean Perry.

Rebecca Bell

Duncan McIntyre, Industrial and Labor Relations, who once told me that he would flunk me if I didn’t hand in papers on time. “Mr. Levine,” he lectured me in front of the class, “I know you intend to be a newspaper man, and I would submit
that you can’t put out the Tuesday paper on Wednesday.”

Richard Levine

Jean McKelvey, ILR

Harry Edwards

Robbie McLeod, Psycholinguistics.

Marvin (Moose) Shaub

Frederick Marcham, History.

Andrew Bushko

Frederick Marcham, History. He was for sports, and he cared for his students.

George Telesh

Jerrold Meinwald, Chemistry. Jerry’s delight in the beauty of chemical synthesis still inspires me.

George Moore

Wilbur Meserve, Electrical Engineering

Denny Matthew

Wilbur Meserve, Electrical Engineering. A very warm human being and a great mentor.

John Carlson

Royal Montgomery, Economics, and May Kinsloving, Mathematics.

Houston Stokes

Philip Morrison, Physics.

Mel Siegel, Wallace Venable

John Moynihan, Mechanical Engineering, probably because he had a scotch terrier as did we.

David McKelvey

Steven Muller, Government.

Annette Eisenberg Stiefbold

Steven Muller, Government, and Andrew Hacker, Government.

Willis Ritter

Anil Nerode, Mathematics. He is still active in his professional work.

Donald Behan

Maurice Neufield, ILR.

David Dameron

David Novarr, English, who reminded me of my (college professor) father.

Robert Newman

Fred Ocvirk, Mechanical Engineering.

George Cohen

Nathan Pattillo, Fine Arts.

Richard Tilles

Isabel Peard, Education.

Margie McKee Blanchard

Isabel Peard, Education, and Steven Muller, Government.

Priscilla Snow Algava

My engineering professors all blend together. Felix Pierce is the one Mechanical Engineering professor I remember. The course I enjoyed the most was the Shakespeare course I took in my fourth or fifth year when I finally got a liberal arts elective. I don’t remember the professor’s name.

Stan Altschuler

Nelson Pike, Philosophy.

William Jordan

Robert Plane, Chemistry.

D. Peter Hochberg, Richard Stern

Robert Plane and Michell Sienko, Chemistry, Hans Bethe as recitation instructor in Physics.

Maureen Chia-Hoi Sze

I had several good professors at Cornell, but one that stands out is Robert Plane, Freshman Chemistry 105. Professor Plane could speak to a full lecture hall, in fact three sections, twice a week, 500 students each, about the size of my whole high school – and you’d think he was talking only to you in a small seminar
Byron (Bing) Carlson

Arthur Pratt, Vegetable Crops: “A weed is any plant growing where you don’t want it!”

Tom Seaman

Robert Raimon, ILR.

G. Dean Smith

Katherine Reeve, Children’s Literature. She wrote children’s books and knew authors. I learned a love of children’s literature and now my daughters and their children have that same love.

Anne Standish Uhe

Eugene Rice, History – and my undergraduate advisor.

Michael Steinberg

Verne Rockcastle, Science and Environmental Education.

Maxine Schulman Swartz


Donna Hunt Call

Clinton Rossiter, Government. I audited his course.

Fred Davis

Clinton Rossiter, Government, stands out, but they were all good.

Joy Harwood Rogers

Clinton Rossiter, Government (tragic ending to his career).

Allan Schwartz

Clinton Rossiter, Government, and Earl Brooks, Johnson Graduate School of Management.

Paul Regan Jr, George Slocum

Clinton Rossiter, Government.

Marion Balsam, Carol Coopersmith Daly, Judith Ehrman, Jon Hinebauch, Harold Hoffman, Marilynn Schade Stewart, Roberta Stillman Wisnosky

Colin Rowe, Architecture

Lynne Lohrey Armstrong, Philip Handler

Charlie Russell, Head of the Department of Communications in the College of Agriculture, Harlan Banks, Botany, and George Peabody, Speech, College of Agriculture, all of whom had a major influence on my career.

Jane Brody

William Sale Jr., English.

Francine Olman Hardaway

It’s hard to say – maybe William Sale of the English Dept. Also George Healey, Professor of English and Curator of Rare Books. Although I never took his course, I worked for him in the Rare Books Dept. and graded exams for his course.

Alison Kyle Kerr

Norm Scott, Agricultural Engineering.

Philip Goodrich

Harold Shadick, Chinese Literature.

Ann Farnsley

Lauriston Sharp, Anthropology, and a member of the original Kon-Tiki expedition.

Hamlin (Sandy) Gilbert

Ray Sheldrake, Crop Science.

Bill Brozowski

Dennis Shepherd, Jack Booker and Felix Pierce of the Mechanical Engineering School in my undergrad days. In recent years, Al George has earned my great respect for his work to establish a systems engineering curriculum at Cornell; I was pleased to be able to help him do that.

Neil Schilke
Thomas Silk, Accounting and Assistant Dean in School of Hotel and Restaurant Management.

Ransom Shaw, Sid Watt

Marcus Singer, Zoology.

Charles Bender

Daniel Sisler, Agricultural Economics.

Michael Adams

Julian Smith, Chemical Engineering.

David Hill

Laura Lee Smith, School of Hotel and Restaurant Management.

Charlotte Jones Collister

Tom Sokol, Music and Glee Club.

Bryan Neel

Alan Solomon – taught Fine Arts 554 Twentieth-Century Painting.

Joel Bernstein

Alan Solomon, Fine Arts, for opening the world of modern art and personal friendship to this eager student.

Jane Jaffe Giddan

Alan Solomon, Fine Arts.

Loretta (Lori) Krieger Yellen

It’s a tie between Adrian Srb, who taught Human Genetics, and Richard B. Fischer, my advisor in the College of Agriculture. I did adore Prof. George Healey, English, and I was a loyal Saturday 8 am attendee at “Rompin’ and Stompin” with Pete Yarrow.

Judith London

Though I never met Will Strunk and I never took a class from him, I’ve fallen in love with the elegance and simplicity of The Elements of Style. Therefore, Professor Strunk has to be my favorite, most memorable Cornell professor that I never knew.

Art Aylsworth

L. Joseph Thomas, Operations Management, Johnson Graduate School of Management.

John Thorne

H. C. Torn, Electrical Engineering.

Randolph Little

H. C. Torn, Electrical Engineering, Nelson Bryant, Electrical Engineering, Bill Erickson, Electrical Engineering.

John Burns

Stanley Warren, Agricultural Economics.

Charles Cuykendall

John Wells, Geology.

Richard Ely

Stephen Whicher, English.

Susan Richman

Richard White, Civil Engineering.

Marc Gerber

L. Pearce Williams, History.

David Dunn, Eugene Schoeberlein.

Peter Nathan, Stephen Wald

L. Pearce Williams, History. He was a compelling lecturer.

Harry Buckholtz

Robin Williams, Sociology and my mentor.

Judith Revitch Porter

William Wimsatt, Zoology. I did bat research with him in my senior year. He was a terrific guy.

Stanley Zoslow

Prof. York [first name not known, Ed.] in Unit Operations who taught me how to write concisely since he gave two grades, e.g. a 90 for technical answers and a 70 for writing, and then multiplied the two to get a failing grade of 63. As a 5th year course, we all learned how to write concisely which is what is required in business.

Rick Sommer
Can’t remember her name, but she taught a Housing and Design course in the School of Home Economics.

*Joyce Brown Dodge*

A Thermodynamics professor – unfortunately can’t remember his name. Now I really hated thermo, and I didn’t do very well in it; so I was quite nervous when I asked him to write a rec to medical school for me. He paused, then commented, “I always wanted to go to medical school. I’ll write you a good recommendation.” It worked.

*Lealis (Lea) Hale*

I think I would have to say that my favorite professor at Cornell was the gentleman (I can’t remember his name) who taught the course I took in Ag Economics. He had a great sense of humor and always kept things interesting. Our lectures were constantly being interrupted by the trash collectors and he used to call them by the names of two prominent Member of Congress at the time. It was hilarious!

*Wendell Glasier*

Would have to the man who taught the Civil Engineers surveying (can’t recall his name). When we first came to Cornell, the Engineering Quad (at least Hollister Hall – the eventual home of the Civil Engineering school – now Civil and Environmental Engineering) hadn’t been completed – remember the Quonset huts? – so we spent our first year in Lincoln Hall. Stifling dormers where we had our drafting classes, but we learned surveying (or some form of it) manipulating our Dumpy levels on the grass of the Arts Quad. More time was spent, I’m sure, eyeing the co-eds through the lenses of the levels than was used to learn the fine art of surveying!

*Alexander Vollmer*

My Music Appreciation T.A., whose name I’ve long since forgotten, but he used to tell us stories of how he would hitchhike into NYC to see the Metropolitan Opera and get standing-room tickets. When I graduated from Cornell, I lived in NY went to many operas (at the old Opera House) and also got standing-room tickets.

*Peggy Bergquist Palmer*

British Literature course on Saturday mornings taught by???

*David Nisbet*

Taught Cellular Physiology

*John Munday*

My Professor of Creative Design at Sibley, who allowed me to express whatever design talents I might have possessed (or not possessed) despite the fact that all of my ideas probably would not have worked. The professor who taught English Literature 101 for non-majors... very funny guy, and one from whom I actually learned something about English Literature (a knowledge which has been most useful, since I’m married to a Brit).

*William (Bill) Walters*

All the Government professors and the man who taught Human Zoology 101.

*Larrie Dockerill Rockwell*

**What Is Your Favorite Book?**

Edward Abbey, *Desert Solitaire: A Season in the Wilderness*

*Lynne Lohrey Armstrong*


*Larrie Dockerill Rockwell*
Mary Thomas Strickler

Vladimir Aituganov, *Fables of Love and Art.*
Marvin (Moose) Shaub

Nancy Schlegel Meinig

Maya Angelou, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings.*
Jean Horn Swanson

Marwan Shaub

Rebecca Bell

All of Jane Austen
Jane Gribbin Andrews

Anything by Jane Austen and Dick Francis.
Vicki Custer Slater

My favorites are mostly fiction: Austen, sci fi, mysteries, novels by Japanese authors, but lots of others.
Helen Davison Strassberg

Muriel Barbery, *The Elegance of the Hedgehog.*
Linda Goldfarb Roberts

*Bhagavad Gita*
Francine Olman Hardaway

The Bible.
Amelia Smith Bryant, Frederick Claus

The Bible... You can always read it and find an aha moment.
Tom Seaman

Judith Ehrman

Mary Davis Deignan

Dan Brown, *The Da Vinci Code;* anything by Michael Crichton
David Nisbet

John Buchholz

Bryan Burrough and John Helyar, *Barbarians At the Gate: The Fall of RJR Nabisco.*
Jim Cantor

Joseph Campbell, *The Masks of God* (all 4 volumes.)
Richard Ely

Susan Richman

Truman Capote, *In Cold Blood.*
Hal Sieling

Lewis Carroll, *Alice in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass* (as well as almost any mystery).
M. Patricia Rice deHart

David McKelvey

Julia Child, *Mastering the Art of French Cooking.*
Peggy Bergquist Palmer

Tom Clancy, *Hunt for Red October* and most of Carl Hiaassen’s books.
Lealis (Lea) Hale

All the books by Tom Clancy.
Wendell Glasier

Jim Collins, *Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap...and Others Don’t.*
Dave Duffield

Stephen Wald

Richard Heimlich
Robertson Davies, *The Deptford Trilogy.*
   Terry Beal

Nelson DeMille, *The Charm School.*
   William Jordan

Jared Diamond, *Guns, Germs, and Steel.*
   Mike Duesing

Jared Diamond, *Guns, Germs, and Steel.* (A Cornell freshmen reading selection.)
   Frank Quirk

Any Charles Dickens or Nelson DeMille novel.
   Victor Rubino

Lorraine B. Diehl, *The Late, Great Pennsylvania Station.*
   Michael Eisgrau

Fyodor Dostoevsky, *Crime and Punishment.*
   James Denman, Alex Steinbergh, Bob Strahota

Fyodor Dostoevsky, *The Brothers Karamazov.*
   Marilyn Schade Stewart

   David Dunn

   Robert Peter Mogielnicki

Anne Fadiman, *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down.*
   Jane Brody

Richard Feynman, *Feynman Lectures on Computation.*
   Mel Siegel

F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby.* I first read it at Cornell in Prof. Robert Elias’s American Studies seminar on the 1920s, but did not fully grasp the book’s complex nuances and exquisite phrasing. That came 10 years later when, as a History professor at Dartmouth, I had it on the reading list for my own seminar on the 1920s. Even today, after having reread The *Great Gatsby* many times and published a significant scholarly article about it, just a quick dip into this extraordinary novel is likely to bring some new appreciation of its richness.
   Peter Slater

   Barry Proner

Ken Follett, *The Pillars of the Earth.*
   Eugene Schoeberlein

   Robert McBride

Milton and Rose Friedman, *Free To Choose: A Personal Statement.*
   James Campbell

Timothy Gallwey, *The Inner Game of Tennis* – not just for the tennis but for a philosophy on life, too.
   Morton (Mickey) Langsfeld

Just about every one of the Elisabeth George novels of Detective Inspector Thomas Lynley of Scotland Yard.
   William (Bill) Walters

   D. Peter Hochberg

   Evelyn Spieske Dufur, George Slocum

   Carol Coopersmith Daly

Zane Gray, any book
   James Russell
John Howard Griffin, *Black Like Me.*

*Sid Watt*

John Gunther, *Death Be Not Proud* and James Patterson’s mysteries.

*Stephen Ploscowe*

A.B. Guthrie Jr., *The Big Sky.*

*Denis Dunne*

David Halberstam, *The Best and the Brightest.*

*Robert Slagle*

Ursula Hegi, *Stones from the River.*

*Evelyn Eskin*

Joseph Heller, *Catch-22.* Not the greatest ever written, but I read it several times during my Army enlistment, and it helped to reassure me that it was the Army, not I, that was nuts.

*Don Juran*

Mark Helprin, *Winter’s Tale.*

*Loretta (Lori) KriegerYellen*

Ernest Hemingway, *The Old Man and the Sea.*

*Edward (Ned) Griffith*


*Larry Stoneburner*


*Priscilla Snow Algava*


*Jim Shelton*


*Philip Young*


*Rita Milkman Gershengorn*


*Joel Sundholm*

Westerns by Elmer Kelton, Louis L’Amour, and J. Frank Dobie.

*Bill Brozowski*

Stephen King, *The Green Mile.* (Sorry it isn’t a classic.)

*Duane Brauen*

Barbara Kingsolver, *The Poisonwood Bible.*

*Jane Jaffe Giddan*


*Gail Hanna Strand Wiley*


*Eric Groom*


*Donald Morgan*

Lao-tzu, *Tao-te Ching* (second, any by Stephen Hawking)

*Ira Nelken*

Steig Larsson, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo.*

*Maxine Schulman Swartz*

Harper Lee, *To Kill a Mocking Bird.*

*John Boothby, Myra Maloney Hart*

Doris Lessing, *The Four-Gated City.*

*Richard Alther*


*John Curtis*
Spy novels by Robert Ludlum and other authors. 

Rick Sommer

Primo Levi, The Periodic Table.

Joel Bernstein

Norman Maclean, A River Runs Through It and Other Stories.

Maureen Chia-Hoi Sze

William Manchester, The Last Lion: Winston Spencer Churchill, two volumes.

Jacqueline Browne Bugnion

Thomas Mann, The Magic Mountain.

Judy Rosenblatt

Hilary Mantel, Wolf Hall, a fictional biography of Thomas Cromwell, is the most recent book that I have read that I would single out.

Michael Steinberg

Daniel C. Matt, God and the Big Bang: Discovering Harmony Between Science and Spirituality.

Roberta Stillman Wisnosky

Patricia McCormick, My Brother’s Keeper, and Thomas Wolfe, Look Homeward, Angel.

Frank Holden

David McCullough, John Adams.

Margie McKee Blanchard, John Thorne

David McCullough, Truman.

Marc Gerber

David McCullough, Truman and Leo Tolstoy, Anna Karenina.

Harry Edwards

David McCullough, 1776.

Don Mason

Ian McEwen, Atonement.

Stephen Schmal

Patrick F. McManus, Never Sniff a Gift Fish.

Philip Goodrich

Jon Meacham, Franklin and Winston. 

Paul Regan Jr.

James A. Michener, The Source.

Katherine Simmons Kaufman

James A. Michener, Centennial.

Peter Johnson

James A. Michener, historical novels about familiar places like Centennial and Chesapeake.

Charles Scholpp

All James Michener – they kept me company on long road trips.

Michael Adams


Caroline Simon

Margaret Mitchell, Gone with the Wind.

Helen Rabinowitz Anbinder

Margaret Mitchell, Gone with the Wind. I read the book when I was twelve. It left a continuing awareness of the devastating power that race, politics, and economics can have on personal lives. And Scarlett was my first role model, a woman who, with great flair, rebelled against social expectations.

Myra Hoffenberg Strober

Margaret Mitchell, Gone with the Wind or Laura Hillenbrand, Seabiscuit: An American Legend.

Nancy Halsey Young

Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin, Three Cups of Tea: One Man’s Mission to Promote Peace…One School at a Time.

Carol Shaw Andresen, Charlotte Jones Collister, Janet (Jan) McClayton Crites, Judith Slostad Franz, Jay Kasin

Robert Mundell, International Economics. Professor Mundell was my thesis chair at the University of Chicago. He won the Nobel prize in 1999, based on the
research in this book. I am mentioned in the forward. Professor Mundell had a major impact on my life.

Houston Stokes

Anton Myrer, Once An Eagle.

Richard Levine

Vladimir Nabokov, Lolita.

Alfredo Gomez

Vladimir Nabokov, Pnin.

Helen Chuckrow

Edwin O’Connor, The Last Hurrah.

Byron McCalmom

Plato, The Republic.

Jeff Burnam

Alexander Pushkin, The Captain’s Daughter, which I read in Russian.

George Telesh

Ayn Rand, Atlas Shrugged.

David Hill, George Moore

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, The Yearling, which I read in High School.

Peter Epstein

Michael Roach, How Yoga Works.

David (Buzz) Ruttenberg

Tatiana de Rosay, Sarah’s Key.

Charles Betz

Philip Roth, Indignation.

Fred Luper

Jalal al-Din Rumi, Coleman Barks, and John Moyne, The Essential Rumi.

Richard Timan

Anything written by John Sandford.

Neil Schilke

Anne Schmauss, Mary Schmauss, and Geni Krolick, For the Birds: A Month-by-Month Guide to Attracting Birds to Your Backyard.

Randoph Little

Any mystery novel and, of course, all of Pete Schuck’s.

Richard Stern

Helen Schucman, A Course in Miracles.

Ann Farnsley

Annemarie Selinko, Désirée.

Elizabeth Pomada

Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows, The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society.

Joy Harwood Rogers

Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows, The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society; Elizabeth Strout, Olive Kitteridge; Elizabeth Gilbert, Eat, Pray, Love One Woman’s Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia, and Marcus Zusak, The Book Thief.

Sue Perry Moore

Adam Smith, The Wealth of Nations.

G. Dean Smith

Ahdaf Soueif, The Map of Love.

Edith (DeeDee) McCoy Stovel

Garth Stein, The Art of Racing in the Rain. A wonderful tale, told by Enzo, a mixed breed terrier, of his Master Plan to return after death as a human and of his earthly life with his race car driving master (although Enzo would describe it the other way around) and his master’s wife and daughter. An alternately funny, sad, hopeful story of love told by a dog.

Alexander Vollmer

John Steinbeck, The Grapes of Wrath.

Harry Clifton Ames III, Karen Palmer Anderson, Richard Tilles, Anne Standish Uhe

John Steinbeck, The Grapes of Wrath. It is even more pertinent today as we see the effect of the world economy on those who struggle day-to-day for the basics of life.

Linda Gilinsky Klineman

John Steinbeck, The Grapes of Wrath. And we think times are tough now! Thanks for sending it, Cornell.

Faith Miller Roelofs
John Steinbeck, *Tortilla Flat* and *Cannery Row.*

Harry Buckholtz


John Burns

Kathryn Stockett, *The Help* is what I am currently reading in order to relive some of what I experienced moving to the “South” i.e. Virginia after graduation in 1962. Still marvel today at how segregated things were back then in the 1960’s… my lifetime! Enjoy reading Jane Brody’s health/nutrition books and columns in *The New York Times.* She was a freshman corridor mate in Risley Hall in 1958.

Joyce Brown Dodge

Irving Stone, *The Agony and the Ecstasy:* A biographical novel of Michelangelo

Nancy Simon Hodin


Elsie Sterbin Gottlieb


Gary Caplan


John Graybill


Willis Ritter

Jeffrey Toobin, *The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court.*

Harold Hoffman

Anthony Trollope, *Phineas Finn.*

Stephen Ashley

Ivan Turgenev, *Fathers and Sons.*

Bruce Rogers


Howard Bruschi

Leon Uris, *Trinity.*

Chris Napjus, John Neuman

Kurt Vonnegut, *Cat’s Cradle.*

Hamlin (Sandy) Gilbert

All of Theodore White’s *The Making of the President.*

Jon Hinebauch

Herman Wouk, *Winds of War,* and its sequel *War and Remembrance.* These two novels should be required reading for any college-level World War II history course.

Allan Schwartz


Robert (Bob) Simpson

What Is Your Favorite Movie?

The African Queen.

Linda Goldfarb Roberts

The African Queen and other Humphrey Bogart movies like *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre.*

Harry Buckholtz

The African Queen and, of course, *Sleepless in Seattle,* which shows off our city so well!

Joy Harwood Rogers

Airplane for a comedy (“and don’t call me Shirley”), *Shane* for a Western, *Psycho* for a mystery, *Midway* for war, and *2001: A Space Odyssey* for sci-fi.

Donald Morgan

Amadeus.

Nancy McConnell Davidian
Amadeus, Twelve Angry Men, A Man for All Seasons, In the Heat of the Night, almost anything by the Marx Brothers.

Don Juran


Elizabeth Pomada

The American President.

Jim Cantor

An Angel at my Table, directed by Jane Campion.

Terry Beal

Animal House.

Denny Matthew

Animal House – a realistic “documentary” film about fraternity life in the early 60’s.

Wardlaw Miles

Animal House – hard to believe it wasn’t shot in Ithaca.

Bob Strahota

Avatar.

Carol Shaw Andresen

Avatar. I enjoyed it as a technological achievement in making such a movie, but the story line was weak.

John Thorne

Bananas, a Woody Allen film.

William Jordan

Band of Brothers.

Frank Hawkins

The Battle of Algiers.

Joan Levy Layton-Furth

A Beautiful Mind.

Robert (Bob) Simpson

Ben Hur.

Alfredo Gomez

The Benny Goodman Story.

Marc Gerber

The Big Chill.

David (Buzz) Ruttenberg

Black Orpheus.

Marvin (Moose) Shaub

The Blind Side.

John Curtis, James Russell

The Blues Brothers.

Philip Handler

The Bridge on the River Kwai.

Stephen Schmal

Bronco Billy.

Frederick Claus

Burnt by the Sun.

Larrie Dockerill Rockwell

The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari – a classic German silent film which, as one recent reviewer put it, “burst upon an astonished world in 1920.”

Peter Slater

Casablanca.

Peter Austin-Smith, Joel Bernstein, Gary Caplan, David Dunn, Fran Denn Gallogy, Jane Jaffe Giddan, Edward (Ned) Griffith, Richard Levine, Stephen Ploscowe, G. Dean Smith

Casablanca – “Here’s lookin’ at you, kid.”

Marion Balsam

Casablanca. But, as we see 40 movies a year, there are lots of good movies.

Chandlee Lloyd Gill

Casablanca and The Lord of the Rings.

John Graybill

Casablanca for tears; Blazing Saddles for laughs.

Alison Kyle Kerr

Casablanca, Citizen Kane, A Night at the Opera, High Noon – these were at Cornell. The White Countess, The City of Your Final Destination, The White Ribbon – these are post-Cornell.

Barry Proner
Casablanca, Shadow of a Doubt, and Singin’ in the Rain.

Susan Richman

Casablanca, The Wizard of Oz, and anything with Danny Kaye.

Caroline Simon

Casablanca, Some Like It Hot, Chinatown, Annie Hall, Fargo, L’Avventura, Jules and Jim, 1900, and The Human Condition.

Michael Steinberg

Chicago, Out of Africa.

Joyce Brown Dodge


Stephen Wald

The Count of Monte Cristo – a 1934 film starring Robert Donat. First saw it in German in 1948

George Telesh

Dances with Wolves.

Byron McCalmon

Die Brücke (The Bridge – a 1959 West German film) – I saw it in the Straight Theater.

Joel Sundholm

Dirty Dancing.

Marilynn Schade Stewart

Doubt.

Fred Luper

Driving Miss Daisy, starring Morgan Freeman and Jessica Tandy.

Grace Clickner Maynard

Dr. Strangelove.

Art Aylsworth, Robert Slagle

Dr. Strangelove, MASH (years past); The Hangover (recent).

Lealis (Lea) Hale

Dr. Zhivago.

Ann Farnsley, Bruce Rogers, Richard Tilles

Dr. Zhivago – directed by David Lean.

Chris Napjus

An Education.

Sue Perry Moore

Elmer Gantry.

Nancy Simon Hodin

Ferris Buehler’s Day Off.

Jim Shelton

Funny Face.

Myra Maloney Hart

Giant.

Maxine Schulman Swartz

The Godfather, Parts I and II.

Arnold Malasky

Gone with the Wind.

Stephen Ashley, Rebecca Bell, Jacqueline Browne Bugnion, Janet (Jan) McClayton Crites, Loretta (Lori) Krieger Yellen

Gone with the Wind – I was in love with Clark Gable for years.

Myra Hoffenberg Strober

Gone with the Wind and To Kill a Mockingbird.

Willis Ritter

The Graduate.

Stanley Kozareski

The Gran Torino and all other Clint Eastwood movies.

Bill Brozowski

The Great Escape – with Steve McQueen.

Morton (Mickey) Langsfeld

The Green Mile (Tom Hanks).

Duane Brauen

Guys and Dolls.

Peter Epstein

High Society and the first Pink Panther.

M. Patricia Rice DeHart

An Inconvenient Truth.

Robert Peter Mogielnicki
In the Heat of the Night.
   Amelia (Amy) Smith Bryant

It Happened One Night, Tracy and Hepburn movies, Casablanca, etc. for oldies; Blade Runner.
   Helen Davison Strassberg

Kramer vs. Kramer.
   Harold Hoffman

La Strada.
   Elsie Sterbin Gottlieb

Last Tango in Paris.
   Judy Rosenblatt

Lawrence of Arabia.
   Hamlin (Sandy) Gilbert, Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler

Les Choristes – among recent movies.
   Mary Davis Diegnan

Life is Beautiful and Slum Dog Millionaire.
   Edward Tang

Love Actually.
   George Moore

The Magnificent Seven.
   Frank Clemens

The Magnificent Seven – the original 1960 movie. A great work on excellence and principle.
   Howard Bruschi

The Magnificent Seven and Pretty Woman.
   Neil Schilke

Mamma Mia! – It’s such a “feel good” movie.
   Linda Gilinsky Klineman

Midnight Cowboy.
   David Hill

Monsieur Ibrahim.
   Richard Timan

Moonstruck.
   Barbara Ragnhild Woll Jones

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington, starring Jimmy Stewart, and Glory, starring Denzel Washington.
   Larry Stoneburner

My Big Fat Greek Wedding.
   Charles Cuykendall

My Man Godfrey.
   Robert Newman

North Face – about a 1936 attempt to climb the Eiger.
   Evelyn (Enny) Spieske Dufur

On the Waterfront.
   Andrew Bushko

On the Waterfront, The Graduate.
   Aldo Bensadoun

On the Waterfront, 8 ½.
   Victor Rubino

The Outlaw Josie Wales.
   James Campbell

Out of Africa.
   Karen Palmer Anderson, Faith Miller Roelofs

Patton and The Sound of Music.
   Sid Watt

The Pawnbroker.
   Judith Ehrman

The Pawnbroker and The Night Porter.
   Eric Groon

The Perfect Storm.
   Charles Bender

The Piano.
   Priscilla Snow Algava

The Princess Bride.
   Judith Stoslad Franz

Pulp Fiction.
   Philip Young

Putney Swope.
   Mel Siegel

Cornell Class of 1962
The Quiet Man and The Man from Snowy River.

Denis Dunne

Raise the Red Lantern.

Francine Olman Hardaway

Rebel Without A Cause – starring Jimmy Dean, Sal Mineo, and Natalie Wood, all of whom died violently and all too young.

Allan Schwartz

Repo Man and The Last Polka are tied.

Jeffrey Blumenthal

A River Runs Through It.

Bryan Neel

Schindler’s List, Some Like It Hot, Chicago.

Rita Milkman Gershengorn

The Searchers – with John Wayne.

Peter Johnson

The Secret Garden with Margaret O’Brien.

Helen Chuckrow

Shane, Stalag 17 and Caddy Shack. I don’t really have a favorite, but these rank right up there.

David Nisbet

Stalag 17.

Jon Hinebauch

Singin’ in the Rain.

Helen Rabinowitz Anbinder, Marjory Reid, Judith Shulman Weis

Sleepless in Seattle.

Philip Goodrich

Some Like It Hot.

Ann Lewis Goodstein

Something’s Gotta Give.

Nancy Halsey Young

Something’s Gotta Give, The American President.

Gail Hanna Strand Wiley

The Sound of Music

Margie McKee Blanchard, Cathryn (Cathy) Van Buren Bomberger, Mike Duesing

The Sound of Music – especially after visiting with Mrs. Von Trapp at her lodge in New Hampshire!

Tom Seaman

Splendor in the Grass. It was just as good seeing it 48 years later!

Houston Stokes

Star Wars (first one), Godfather I, The Dead Poets Society, and Chariots of Fire.

William (Bill) Walters

The Sting – love Robert Redford.

Katherine Simmons Kaufman

The Sting – Paul Newman and Robert Redford, as always, were terrific.

David McKelvey

Superman (first one) and Titanic.

Wendell Glasier

The Third Man (1949) and Midnight Cowboy (1969).

John Buchholz


Michael Ernstoff

To Kill a Mockingbird.

John Boothby, Richard Stern

To Kill A Mockingbird, The Godfather; Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner, Schindler’s List, The Graduate, and James Bond flyers (wonderful escape!).

Harry Edwards

Tom Jones

James Denman

True Grit (original version).

Robert McBride

Twelve Angry Men.

Roberta Stillman Wisnosky
Two Women – with Sophia Loren. Lynne Lohrey Armstrong

The Usual Suspects. Peter Nathan

A Walk in the Clouds. Anne Standish Uhe

War and Peace. Alex Steinbergh

The Way We Were, screenplay by Arthur Laurents. The story could have taken place at Cornell. Also, Out of Africa. Its soundtrack features some of Mozart’s most gorgeous works. Peggy Bergquist Palmer

The Way We Were, Stalag 17, The Bank Dick. Hal Sieling

What About Bob? Helen Iler Houggy

West Side Story. Stan Altschuler

When Harry Met Sally and The Mirror Has Two Faces – and anything else nonsensical and poignant (is that an oxymoron?) where I can rest my brain and feel good. Judith London

Where the Boys Are. Michael Eisgrau

The White Ribbon, The Lives of Others. Carol Coopersmith Daly

The Whole Nine Yards. Dave Duffield

A Woman Under the Influence Evelyn Eskin

All John Wayne. Michael Adams

Any movie with Meryl Streep. Rich Alther

Steven Spielberg’s best. Richard Heimlich

Any of the 1950's vintage Alfred Hitchcock, Jimmy Stewart, Cary Grant, Doris Day, etc. films. None of the recent ones. Bob Hoyler

Anything with Audrey Hepburn. Nancy Schlegel Meinig

I’ve been enjoying apocalyptic and sci-fi movies recently, and started writing a movie script in this genre. John Munday

Any of the older Woody Allen movies. Ira Nelken

I like the quirky, the romantic, and clever revenge flicks. Vicki Custer Slater

I don’t have a favorite movie, but my all-time favorite actress is Audrey Hepburn for her classic beauty, style, demeanor and contribution to the good of society. Alexander Vollmer

What Is Your Favorite Music?

Louis Armstrong and Oscar Peterson. Frank Hawkins

Fred Astaire singing. Classic Ballads, Hard Rock from the Sixties and Seventies ABBA, Mozart. Mike Duesing

Louis Armstrong and Oscar Peterson. Frank Hawkins

Cornell Class of 1962
Fred Astaire singing, Classic Ballads, Hard Rock from the Sixties and Seventies

Vicki Custer Slater

“Autumn in New York,” “The Boxer, “Everybody’s Talkin’,” “Four Strong Winds,” “Gentle on My Mind,” “Imagine,” “Midnight Sun,” “Moonlight in Vermont,” “Recuerdos de la Alhambra,” “Stranger in Paradise,” “Summertime,” “That’s All Right Mama,” and “They Call the Wind Maria.” These are some of the tunes from a list that is endless.

John Buchholz

Hoyt Axton and Mama Cass.

Francine Olman

Charles Aznavour, The Beatles.

Aldo Bensadoun

J.S. Bach.

Jean Horn Swanson

Bach’s first Brandenburg Concerto.

Stephen Schmal

Bach’s Brandenburg concertos.

Marilynn Schade Stewart

Bach’s Brandenburg concertos. Their magnificence never fades, never disappoints.

Myra Hoffenberg Strober

Bach’s Goldberg Variations, Beethoven’s Symphony #7.

Evelyn Eskin

Bach’s Magnificat.

Helen Chuckrow

Bach’s Mass in B Minor.

William Jordan, Judith Shulman Weis

Bach’s The Well-Tempered Clavier.

Richard Tilles

Bach and Mozart, Schubert’s Lieder, Wagner’s Die Meistersinger, Verdi’s Don Carlos, the Beatles, and Chicago blues.

Michael Steinberg

Band Organ Music. I built and play a hand-cranked monkey organ, manually punching many of the paper rolls which I play.

Wallace Venable

Baroque Classical.

Eugene Schoebberlein

The Beachboys, Fats Domino, Little Richard.

Lealis (Lea) Hale

The Beatles.

Peter Epstein, Jim Shelton.

The Beatles and Mozart.

Willis Ritter.

The Beatles’ “Imagine” with its association to Central Park might win the award for most hopeful. Beethoven’s Ode to Joy of course has to be on the list! Lucy Simon was in my nursing school class. She and her sister Carly frequently came in and sang for patients. Their music has always been high on my radar.

Joy Harwood Rogers

Beethoven.

Alfredo Gomez

Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony

Helen Rabinowitz Anbinder

Beethoven’s Sixth and Ninth Symphonies – Gina, my wife, is a classical music buff and got me turned on to it.

David Nisbet

Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony

Stephen Ashley, Andrew Bushko

Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony and Led Zeppelin’s “Stairway to Heaven.”

Gary Caplan
Beethoven’s *Ode to Joy.*
  *John Boothby, Mel Siegel*

Beethoven’s Violin Concerto.
  *David (Buzz) Ruttenberg*

Beethoven’s and Mozart’s Piano Concertos.
  *Bryan Neel*

Berlioz’s Requiem.
  *Robert Peter Mogielnicki*

Big Band orchestras and Sixties Rock.
  *Chuck Bunting*

Big Band Swing
  *Marc Gerber*

Bluegrass.
  *Fred Davis*

Bluegrass that is good pickin’.
  *Robert McBride*

Bluegrass and Rock and Roll.
  *Harry Clifton Ames III*

Bluegrass as a generic type and Bach’s Orchestral Suites, which I first heard because one of my Cornell roommates loved them.
  *Arnold Malasky*

Bluegrass to French horn concertos, which is the range of my musical tastes.
  *Byron McCcalmon*

Blues, old Rock (Jimmy Reed, Chuck Berry, Ray Charles), and Jazz (Adderley, Brubeck, Peterson).
  *James Campbell*

Bobby and the Counts.
  *Wardlaw Miles*

Brahms’ First Symphony and Motown classics.
  *Harry Edwards*

Brahms’ Symphony No. 1 in C Minor plus anything by Sinatra.
  *Joel Sundholm*

Sarah Brightman (various performances).
  *Marvin (Moose) Shaub*

Broadway musicals.
  *Morton (Mickey) Langsfeld*

  *Myra Maloney Hart*

Carmen, *La Traviata, La Boheme, Aida*, *Brandenburg Concertos* and much more of classical. I did love the music from the old TV series “Victory at Sea” regarding World War II [Ed.: by Richard Rogers] -- have not heard it in a long time.
  *John Graybill*

Carnegie Hall orchestras.
  *Jim Cantor*

Eva Cassidy, multi-faceted singer—jazz, gospel, ballad, folk — who died at 33.
  *Richard Alther*

Eva Cassidy.
  *Gail Hanna Strand Wiley*

Celtic.
  *Carol Shaw Andresen*

Celtic Sojourn music from WGBH, Boston, which I get in Arizona via a live stream on the internet.
  *John Thorne*

“Chariots of Fire” theme.
  *Peter Johnson*

Ray Charles.
  *Bob Strahota*

“A Chorus Line.”
  *Jane Brody, Fred Luper*

Classical music outpaces all others for me – Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Gershwin (that’s a leap), etc.
  *Judith London*
Classical.

Elizabeth (Betty) Kopsco Bennett,  Mary
Davis Diegnan,  Judith Ehrman,  Michael
Eisgrau,  Ann Lewis Goodstein,  Harold
Hoffman,  Carol Hewitt Shaw,
Rick Sommer,  Houston Stokes,
Jane Barrows Tatibouet

Classical – Mozart, Tchaikovsky

Denny Matthew

Classical, especially Mozart and Bach.

Faith Miller Roelofs

Classical only, everything from Perotin to
the present. For listening, chamber works,
especially Quartets by Haydn, Mozart,
Beethoven and Bartok. For singing, Bach,
Monteverdi and Josquin des Pres.

Don Juran

Classical – Brahms’ Second Symphony,
Mahler’s First Symphony.

Roberta Stillman Wisnosky

Classical chorale, all periods, but
especially Renaissance and Baroque.

Helen Davison Strassberg

Classical and chorale – Brahms’ Requiem
and Bartok’s Concerto for Orchestra and I
never get tired of Peter and the Wolf, which
used to be played frequently in the Music
Room at Cornell.

M. Patricia Rice deHart

Classical, especially Verdi’s Requiem
performed at the Aspen Music Festival.

Jon Hinebauch

Classical guitar like the Los Angeles
Guitar Quartet; great chorale works

Helen Iler Houggy

Classical piano, harp.

Donna Hunt Call

Classical and Big Bands (whatever
happened to WHCU which played
wonderful music back in the sixties and
early seventies?).

Peter Austin-Smith

Classical and old-time Bluegrass.
(During our Cornell years, it was the
Kingston Trio.)

Grace Clickner Maynard

Classical, opera, and Country. I also
loved Tom Lehrer when he visited Cornell
for Spring and Fall Weekends.

Marion Balsam

Classical, Opera, Rock, Alternative, Country.

Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler

Classical, Jazz, ShowTunes, Golden Oldies.

Ada Kerachsky Albright

Classical, Jazz, Rod Stewart, Michael
Buble, Big Band, Swing and Country.

Nancy Schlegel Meinig

Classical, Bluegrass, and still like to dance
to the Rock and Roll of our generation

Frank Quirk

Classical, but I still love the Rock and Roll
of the Fifties.

George Telesh

Classical and Johnny Cash.

Stephen Ploscowe

Classical music (Mozart, Beethoven, etc.)
and traditional Jazz (Dixieland). I still
play clarinet in both types of groups, and
do ballroom dancing (but no, not like you
see on “Dancing with the Stars!”).

Bob Hoyler

Classical Music more than any other
genre for listening, particularly Bach,
Beethoven, Brahms, Mozart, Schumann,
Rachmaninoff, Haydn and Copland. I also
like Bluegrass, some Country, Popular
Ballads, Sinatra and Michael Bublè, the
Beatles, Elton John, John Williams’ Movie
Scores and Show Music.

Robert (Bob) Simpson
Leonard Cohen, especially “Hallelujah” sung by him or Rufus Wainright.  

*Carol Coopersmith Daly*

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Bobby Comstock and the Counts.  

*Michael Adams*

Country Classics.  

*Randolph Little*

Country and Western.  

*Bill Brozowski*

Country and Western. My dogs love it.  

*Nancy McConnell Davidian*

Country, Western, and Classical.  

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Der Rosenkavelier and just about anything by Richard Strauss.  

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Detroit Symphony Orchestra or the Kettering High School Wind Ensemble (featuring trombonist Zach Schilke) and good old Rock and Roll.  

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Doo Wop. (Probably “Whispering Bells” by the Dell Vikings.) Also the Donna Diana Overture from Emil Nikolaus Freiherr von Reznicek’s opera, Donna Diana. (Think radio themes for shows like “Challenge of the Yukon.”)  

*Robert Newman*

Fifties, Sixties, and Seventies songs.  

*Richard (Rick) Kelly*

Folk, Bluegrass, Old-Time for playing; those plus Acoustic Jazz for listening. Favorite all-time rock band has to be The Band.  

*Art Aylsworth*

Bob Dylan’s “Blonde on Blonde” and Mozart’s Requiem.  

*Eric Groon*

The Four Freshmen (for popular) and Rachmaninoffs Piano Concertos 2 and 3 (for classical).  

*Donald Morgan*

Bob Dylan, Emmy Lou Harris, and Eric Clapton.  

*Maxine Schulman Swartz*

French Chansons Populaire – Yves Montand, Edith Piaf, Charles Trenet, etc.  

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The Grateful Dead (live). **Richard Ely**

Arlo Guthrie’s and Pete Seeger’s “Precious Friend.” **Larry Stoneburner**

Haydn’s Quartets, Mahler’s Fifth Symphony, Bach’s Cello Suites, Shostakovich, Schubert’s Trout Quintet, Thirties Jazz. **Barry Proner**

Hello, Dolly. **Charles Cuykendall**

Buddy Holly **Alex Steinbergh**

Buddy Holly (at Cornell); The Eagles (now). **Hamlin (Sandy) Gilbert**

Buddy Holly, The Beatles, most Opera, Ballet and Symphonic Music. **Edward (Ned) Griffith**

Indian music, various forms. **Richard Timan**

Italian Operas, anything by Mozart **Peggy Bergquist Palmer**

Jazz. **Michelle Rostan Davis, Jane Jaffe Giddan, Richard Heimlich, Maureen Chia-Hoi Sze, Anne Standish Uhe**

Traditional Jazz instrumental recordings from 1917-1967. **Peter Nathan**

Jazz, especially Bebop. I am stuck in the fifties with Parker, Gillespie, Davis, Coltrane, Monk, Roach, Mulligan, etc. Favorite track: “Autumn in New York” from the 1956 album, Clifford Brown All Stars. **Peter Slater**

Jazz and Blues **Ann Farnsley**

Jazz and Swing. **John Carlson**

John Phillip Sousa. **Philip Goodrich**

k.d. lang singing “Crying” following the death of Roy Orbison. **Paul Regan Jr.**

The Kingston Trio. **David Hill, Nancy Simon Hodin**

Lady Gaga. **Philip Young**

Mario Lanza. **Loretta (Lori) Krieger Yellen**

“Lara’s Theme” from Doctor Zhivago. **Karen Palmer Anderson**

Les Miserables score. **Bruce Rogers**


Mozart. **Rebecca Bell, Jeff Burnam, Janet (Jan) McClayton Crites**

Mozart’s Piano Concertos. **Joel Bernstein**

Mozart’s Clarinet Concerto in A Major. **Susan Richman**

Mozart’s Clarinet Concerto, K. 622. **Richard Levine**

Mozart and Beethoven. **James Denman**
Mozart’s *Magic Flute*, all Leonard Cohen.  *Stephen Wald*

Musical Comedy scores.  *Caroline Simon*

Musical Theater stuff.  *David Dameron*

Nanie, Paul Simon, Brahms, Mahler.  *Larrie Dockrell Rockwell*

“Nessun dorma” from Giacomo Puccini’s opera, *Turandot.*  *Lynne Lohrey Armstrong*

“A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square.”  *Richard Stern*

Oldies but Goodies music from the Fifties and Sixties. I live in Tennessee, so Country.  *Duane Brauen*

Oldies, Show Tunes, Sixties Rock.  *Rita Milkman Gershengorn*

Oldies.  *Sandra Wills Van Velzer*

Opera.  *Elizabeth (Liz) Belsky Stiel*

Operas, especially Puccini.  *Jeffrey Blumenthal*

Operas, especially the easy ones: Puccini and Verdi.  *Sue Perry Moore*

Opera and Argentine Vals (waltz) and Milonga.  *Fran Denn Gallogy*

Opera and Folk.  *Barbara Ragnhild Woll Jones*

Pachelbel’s Canon in D and Dvorak’s Serenade for Strings in E Major, Op. 22. I first heard Pachelbel’s Canon at the Air and Space Museum in Washington D.C. before the playing of the movie *To Fly*. It is a simple piece but quite enchanting.  *Wendell Glasier*

Pavarotti on the car player driving down the highway.  *Chandlee Lloyd Gill*

The Platters and Roy Orbison.  *Victor Rubino*

Prokofiev, Piano Concerto No. 2.  *Frank Holden*

Puccini’s *La Boheme.*  *Howard Bruschi*

Rachmaninoff.  *Charles Betz*

Rachmaninoff’s Piano Concerto No. 2 in C Minor.  *John Neuman, Mary Thomas Strickler*

Rachmaninoff’s Piano Concerto No. 2 in C Minor – I’m a romantic.  *Michael Ernstoff*

Ravel’s “Bolero.”  *Frederick Claus*

Rhythm and Blues, Reggae, Classical.  *Sid Watt*

Rock and Roll of the Sixties is always a favorite, plus folk songs of Joan Baez, Tom Paxton. And symphonies by Beethoven, Mahler.  *Edith (DeeDee) McCoy Stovel*

Richard Rodgers “Victory at Sea.”  *Denis Dunne*

“The Field Behind the Plow” by Stan Rogers.  *William (Bill) Walters*
Rolling Stones – “Exile on Main Street” is my favorite album.

Harry Buckholtz

Romantic Slow Jams as well as Jazz.

Amelia (Amy) Smith Bryant

Jordi Savall’s “La Folia, 1490-1701” or Neil Young’s “Chrome Dreams” (tie).

George Moore

Schubert’s Piano Trios

Jane Brody

Simon and Garfunkel.

Linda Goldfarb Roberts

Frank Sinatra’s “I Did It My Way,” as this song really does describe me and my life to date.

Stanley Zoslow

Bob Sinclair (when I’m on the beach in St Tropez) or Classical (when I’m painting).

Nancy Halsey Young

Sixties Music.

Evelyn (Enny) Spieske Dufur

Sixties Music (most).

Margie McKee Blanchard

Sixties Rock.

Dave Duffield

Slack-Key Guitar Music and other Hawaiian Music, plus Steel Band Music from the Caribbean.

John Munday

Bedrich Smetena’s “Die Moldau.” Just a wonderful melodic, soothing piece of music.

Alexander Vollmer

Southern Rock.

Katherine Simmons Kaufman

The Statler Brothers.

Robert Slagle

Barbra Streisand – almost anything she has sung. Also, the musical, “Cats.”

David McKelvey

“Take Me Out To The Ball Game” – for what it represents: Spring/Summer and eternal hope that your team will win!

Allan Schwartz

Tchaikovsky, especially Piano Concerto No. 1.

David Dunn

Verdi’s La Traviata.

Linda Gilinsky Klineman

Verdi’s Nabucco.

Jacqueline Browne Bugnion

Vivaldi, Mozart, Pachabel’s Canon Suite.

Joyce Brown Dodge

Old Western Music, Sons of the Pioneers, New West, etc.

Tom Seaman

World Music, Blues, Jazz, Classical, Zydeco, Salsa, Klezmer, and others.

Philip Handler

Any music with a good beat.

James Russell

I love the sound of silence.

Judy Rosenblatt
FAR ABOVE Cayuga’s Waters.
A fiftieth reunion is like a New Orleans funeral: spirited – even joyful – music at a solemn commemoration.

At reunion we will sing and dance, laugh and joke, and tell riotous stories about our youthful and not-so-youthful indiscretions. Our looks will belie our ages, and the grandkids will all be smart and beautiful. We will be wonderfully surprised when seeing how friends’ lives have turned out, and appropriately proud as we recount our own.

We alumni will follow the parade route, sometimes alone, sometimes together, passing the sights: the old remembered buildings and the new unfamiliar ones, the gorges, the statues, the pathways, the lake, the slope and the town. The missing things will bring nostalgia and the old will bring comfort, but the new may be jarring.

Like a funeral, reunion is a time for paying respect – respect for the institution that inspired us, the friends who influenced us, and the times, good and bad, that shaped us. It is a time of remembrance for what has passed and those who could not come.

The magic of round numbers makes this an ending – the last time so many of us will be together – even if some return in later years. Fewer and fewer will be able to speak at first hand about Zinck’s and Jim’s and Tripod and Boardman Hall, for we were among the last to see them.

But let us not forget that reunion is an anniversary of a commencement, and this one, too, can be a new start. We can decide to do the things we have not yet done and go to the places we have not yet been. We can vow to “…not go gentle into that good night.”

Gary Caplan
5th Reunion – 1967

10th Reunion - 1972
25th Reunion – 1987

30th Reunion – 1992
35th Reunion – 1997

40th Reunion – 2002
A Look At Our Fabulous 45th!

It was a “wing-ding” weekend (spread over four days, actually) chock full of activities ranging from University lectures and talks, the Class Forum (kudos to Professor Walter LaFeber), to athletic endeavors, bemoaning (and admiring) changes to the campus, a little tomfoolery, and a lot of fun and food. And, oh yes, mustn’t forget the reminiscing! Had absolutely something for everyone.

Be sure not to miss our 50th. Guaranteed to be even bigger and better!
50th Reunion Yearbook 2012

Reunions
Reunion Stories

As a child, I attended several Reunions with my mother (May Bjornsson ’34) – a real inspiration.

H. Bryan Neel, III

As an undergraduate, I experienced four Reunions, serving as an employee at the 50th Reunions held from 1959 to 1962 for members of the Classes of 1909, 1910, 1911, and 1912. And, yes, they seemed positively ancient! Are we really that old now? My experience at those early Reunions really puts things in perspective as we approach 2012.

Jane Barrows Tatibouet

I was the first Reunion chairman for our class. But because I was a senior at the Medical School, I think everyone left me alone, as I probably couldn’t do much.

George Telesh

We drove from Washington DC to Ithaca for our 5th reunion. Since the dorm was not yet open, we bunked out for a night in a motel with some of my fraternity brothers and their wives so as to save a buck or two. I can’t remember how it happened, but the bottles of bourbon that we had brought with us in our suitcase broke and soaked virtually everything in the suitcase, and we had to hang these bourbon-soaked clothes all over the motel room to dry. That night the room smelled worse than the basement bar at Phi Gam on Spring weekend! It was the last time we were invited to bunk out in those guys’ room.

Philip Young

At the 5th Reunion, we sat in a stream and used a beer cup around the neck (class gift) to throw water at one another.

Evelyn (Enny) Spieske Dufur

Among my recollections is that at one of the first Reunions, a raucous record (!) blared long after midnight. An exasperated class spouse finally went to the player, confiscated the offending record, and deposited it in the mailbox just outside UHalls.

I also recall a classmate’s comment: “I love coming to Reunions. I can be uninhibited and everyone says ‘He hasn’t changed a bit!’”

A tent exchange went like this: “Jane Doe. Isn’t that your maiden name?” Answer: “It still is.”

Janet (Jan) McClayton Crites

There is the priceless Class Picture at our 10th Reunion showing our eldest daughter, then age three, standing on the bleachers to the side of the class. Another great reflection is that our youngest daughter, Amy, also attended our ’62 reunions as a child and ended up graduating in 1995. She became friends with the daughters of several classmates with whom we still hang out. New stories are now developing for the future.

Mike Duesing

When I dyed my hair blond at the 10th Reunion and no one knew whom I was.

Patricia Padgitt Wellington
I’ll never forget our 10th. I was employed by Cornell Dining at the time and “worked” serving my classmates.

Paul Deignan

I remember the “terrible” band we had at our 10th (?) Reunion, until we asked them to play some rock-and-roll. Out came “Jeremiah was a Bull Frog” and the start of a great party.

Neil Schilke

During the 10th or 15th Reunion, when I believe we stayed in University Halls, I recall a group of us sitting around, against the walls of the large study room on one of the floors while Mike Eisgrau noodled at a piano and we just enjoyed and/or sang along. It was really “warm and fuzzy.”

Robert Newman

For our 15th Reunion in 1977, I volunteered to help with events. I was a faculty member at Cornell in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, which had a long tradition of the undergraduate students holding an annual pig roast in the spring. I thought that I could leverage that experience (and the department’s roasting equipment) to organize a pig and lamb roast for the Saturday of this Reunion. The key to success was that I could hire some of our students who knew how to do the preparations and the overnight roasting. The roast turned out to be a reasonable success, and there is probably a class photo in the files taken at that event, held at Myers Point Park on Lake Cayuga.

Some may have wondered why this type of event was not repeated for subsequent Reunions. The back story not known to most of the satisfied 1977 attendees is that in the gap between graduation and Reunion the pair of students whom I had hired insisted that they needed to leave town for some reason now forgotten by me, although accepted at the time. But that meant that I needed to pick up the live pig and live lamb from the Cornell farms, deliver them to slaughter, and bring the carcasses for processing and cold storage to a willing butcher shop.

Both animals were nervous, perhaps foreseeing their destiny, so the bed of the department’s pickup truck became thoroughly fouled, leaving me with a seriously unpleasant cleanup job upon the return of the borrowed truck after supervising the slaughter and butchering of the two animals (together with a sleepy-eyed USDA inspector). On top of that, the student employees had asked me to retrieve the lamb skin, so for the next few days, I was salting a bloody hide in my basement. Slaughtering, truck cleanup, and tanning are definitely not in my job description as a member of the Class Council! Now it has been revealed why I was cured from volunteering to organize future culinary events for our reunions.

John Abel

While attending 15th Reunion, I went to an event at Bailey Hall. Because people were grouped and seated by class, it was possible to look around the hall and see a very graphic example of the aging process. For example, the Class of ’77 is where I used to be, the Class of ’62 is where I am, and the Classes of ’52, ’42, ’32, etc., are where I am going. You couldn’t help thinking, “Did I really look that young?” – Class of ’77 – and “Am I really going to look like that?” – Classes of ’37, ’32, ’27,

Fritz Brauner

I attended the 20th Reunion with my father who was attending his 50th Reunion – he was Cornell Civil Engineering Class of 1932 – and we enjoyed a wonderful weekend.

Denny Matthew
I was surprised that I didn’t feel like an “outsider,” at our 20th Reunion. Never felt part of the “in” group while I was a student. And I thought that the women had aged lots better than the men. At that 20th, I met with a friend from Minnesota who was at Cornell on a Bush Fellowship – she ended up in the 1962 class photo!

Carol Coopersmith Daly

When discussing this question with Ronnie, who was with me at my 20th Reunion, she reminded me how old the 50th Reunion class looked. I wonder if we will be the same way in 2012?

Arnold Malasky

I met a former college flame at the 20th Reunion who asked me why I had not introduced her to my daughter. This “daughter” was Rebecca, my wife-to-be.

Alex Steinbergh

At our 20th Reunion I got hit in the mouth by a softball and had a fat lip for the whole reunion.

Linda Goldberg Bandler

At the 20th Reunion, our 6 year old daughter came out of our dorm early in the morning on a beautiful day yelling “Hello World” at the top of her lungs – embarrassing.

Evelyn (Enny) Spieske Dufur

As Reunion chairman for the 20th, 25th and 30th Reunions, I have many stories to tell. For me, the best memories come from working with and meeting so many classmates that I had not known during my undergraduate years. This is a fabulous class with many outstanding people. Thank you for the privilege of helping you enjoy your Reunion time “on the hill.”

Kelly Gould Behan

I had a great time at the 25th Reunion. We had a softball game. It was quite amazing how many former athletes had turned into spastics, but the weather was beautiful and we laughed a lot.

Bruce Rogers

My best Reunion memory was working with our Class of ’62 fundraising Committee to raise over $5,000,000 for our 25th Reunion.

George Slocum

The 25th was a great Reunion. It was fun to learn about classmates via the Twenty-Fifth Reunion Yearbook.

Cathryn (Cathy) Van Buren Bomberger

It was amazing to me, when attending our 25th Reunion, that former classmates were still so recognizable, both in looks and behavior. It was so much fun to reconnect.

M. Patricia Rice deHart

At the 25th Reunion, I loved the name tags with our pictures from the Freshman Register. Without those pictures I would not have recognized anyone!

Barbara Hammond Goldstein

Surprised at the number of folks who were having difficulty with “transitions” in their lives at 25th.

Charles Betz

Attended the 25th Reunion and enjoyed it. Surprised how great everyone looked and the improvements in campus housing.

Stanley Kozareski

The first Reunion I attended was our 25th. I was able to pick up quickly with old classmates and I was impressed with how genuine the relationships were. The visit to Ithaca was enhanced by the fact that I had two daughters going to Cornell at the time – one stayed on to work Reunions just so she could meet all my old friends and see how the older generation had fun.

Myra Maloney Hart
At Cornell, I had a huge crush on a fellow sophomore and actually did date him once. I thought he was devastatingly handsome. At the 25th Reunion, I ran into him. Not only did he not remember me, but he looked like Tim Conway! The handsome man at my side was my husband!

Karen Palmer Anderson

Barbara and I attended the 25th Reunion and we had a wonderful time with many old friends.

Stanley Zoslow

Went to the 25th reunion, which was wonderful. We spent time with Jane Brody, with whom I worked on the college magazine, and President Frank Rhodes. We revived friendships with people like Bobbie Horowitz. Had a great time.

Elizabeth Pomada

My best memory of the 25th Reunion was seeing a large number of people from my Ithaca High School class. One-sixth of our class matriculated to Cornell in 1958, reflecting the large number of offspring of Cornell employees. Also, it was a highlight to visit my father’s former business downtown and find that he was still missed there, 11 years after his retirement. I regret not tracking down Dr. Heimlich, the inventor of the Heimlich maneuver, who was attending his own class Reunion while we were there.

Richard Heimlich

Some time in the 1960s, I bought a pair of red and grey print slacks with Cornell lettering and the Big Red bear on them. Lord & Taylor sold these for all of the Ivy Eight. I managed to still fit into these slacks at the 25th Reunion in 1987 and they attracted quite a few stares when I wore them to the Class Dinner and several receptions. Even got a warm smile from President Rhodes. The pants have since been retired.

Bob Strahota

At our 25th Reunion, I was really proud to stand on stage with Frank Quirk, George Slocum and Mike Duesing and present our Class gift to President Frank Rhodes. (Ed: see photo, Our Legacy.) Then, the next morning, we gave President Rhodes a Class of ’62 jacket and pronounced him an honorary member of the Class.

Neil Schilke

At my first Reunion, my 25th, I was terribly embarrassed at my inability to recognize, let alone identify, a classmate. At the time, from the reactions of the group around us, it was obvious to me that I should have known him, but I was drawing a complete blank. Today it is not so embarrassing; now I can attribute it to a senior moment.

It’s about midnight in Donlon Hall, and my son (11) and daughter (9) have long ago been put to bed in their own dorm room when the fire alarm klaxon sounded. Not knowing it was a false alarm, (overheated pop corn popper in the lounge), my wife and I began frantically searching for our children among the people flooding out of the building. When we found my son and asked him about his sister’s whereabouts, we got the typical “I don’t know” teenager shoulder shrug. The story has a happy ending; she slept through the whole thing. I bet you can’t do that.

Michael Ernstoff

learned that living in the dorms for the 25th Reunion is an experience that I do not need to repeat.

Richard Grove

At the 25th reunion, I went to the clinic because I thought I had pneumonia. The furniture was the same furniture that was there when I was in school. The doctor had not been born yet. I did have pneumonia, but the doctor missed it. He sent me home with my x-rays. My own
doctor told me that I had pneumonia.

Fred Luper

The 25th Reunion was the last time I saw my good friend John Ziegler, ’62. He passed away recently—I still don’t know what happened.

David Dunn

Most inspiring—watching an alumni lacrosse game at the 30th or 35th Reunion being played by individuals from not only our class but from earlier classes. Funniest—watching at a fairly recent Reunion a good friend and very good Ivy League baseball player take a spill while running down the first base line to try to beat out a hit.

Sid Watt

I remember my return to Cornell for the 40th Reunion. We had arranged to meet with a few Tau Delts for lunch in Collegetown. This clearly was a chance for a walk down Memory Lane. I thought I would see what was on the menu these days at Bill’s Place just across the bridge from the gorge. There was no Bill’s Place! Just some trendy soup-and-sandwich place. Looked across the street for the bicycle rental shop. Couldn’t be found!

Anyway…I did meet the group at the restaurant. Of course, it was a new restaurant and clearly nothing like that had been there before. There were some guys seated at a table near the entrance. With some squinting, refocusing and time-lapse compensation, one or two began to look like (and turned out to be) people I might have known in the past.

What we talked about was unimportant. What I remember, however, years after the fact, was that each of us could sum up what we’d done since graduation in two minutes or less (if we spoke slowly!). Life had a pattern into which we were all molded. The stories varied in their particulars. The milestone events, of course, did not. The succinctness of the summaries still strikes me and remains the most memorable impression of that entire Reunion.

Andy Morris

Most inspiring Reunion: 2002. Watching my beautiful late wife Betty tramping the hills of Cornell--just four months after a liver transplant.

Michael Eisgrau

In 2002, our 40th Reunion—a hot, sleepless night in a Risley dorm room and driving
At our 40th Reunion, my wife said she was not going to walk way down the hall in Risley in the middle of the night to use the designated ladies room when a perfectly good bathroom was just down from our room (although it happened to be designated for the men). She said all the men were well used to finding a female in their bathroom at home at 4:00 in the morning. She told me she never did see a man during her middle of the night sojourns.

John Lowrie

At the 40th Reunion, it was sad to see the state of the paths down to the Gorge which I so dearly loved to travel. Talked to Vicki Custer Slater and found out that she had a horrible experience at Berkeley, similar to mine at Princeton (both 40 years after the fact no less!). Not recognizing Baker Hall (where I nearly lived my life for four years) because of the massive building extension unto it since we graduated. Discovering that the house in Collegetown I had lived in as both a Junior and Senior still didn’t look any different than it had 40 years ago. (It was still a dump!) Discovering the Llenroc was still there as always on the way down to Ithaca! Talking to Steve Garrell (one of my sophomore roommates) who still had a full head of curly hair (mine was and is pretty much all gone).

Ira Nelken

At the 45th Reunion I arrived early for the cocktail party and dinner in Duffield Hall on Friday evening after a rehearsal of
Waiters Alums at Statler, right next door. There were only a few people there. A man about my age came up to me, looked me in the eye, smiled, and said “Hi.” I looked back at him, trying to figure out who he was. After a moment of non-recognition I gave up and asked. He turned out to be a fraternity brother, who had been one of my three roommates junior year in a Cayuga Heights apartment, and someone I’d canoed with in Maine just after graduation. He had grown a beard, which, I pleaded, rather ineffectively, had thrown me off. I felt stupid, despite his generous avowals of understanding.

Donald Morgan

The best Reunion I experienced was the 45th, not because of the reunion itself (which was wonderfully organized – again - by our incomparable Reunion Chair, Ruth Bleyler), but rather because I was able to spend the weekend with my ex-Cornell roommate, fellow Class Officer, all-around good guy and best friend, Harris Palmer, who passed away in early 2010.

Alexander Vollmer

At the 45th Reunion, I really enjoyed meeting my high school classmates and Chuck’s Cornell classmates that we know in common.

Faith Miller Roelofs

The 45th reunion was just wonderful.

Bill Brozowski

I found it very depressing three years ago, when I observed how many people in the Class of ’57 (at their 50th reunion), were using canes and walkers to get around. I hope that will not be the case for our class.

Rita Milkman Gershengorn

I think I have attended three or four Reunions including the last two. My wife and I have both noted the change over the years in the tone of the Reunions from what attendees have accomplished to whom they are as people. Many of our classmates have accomplished a lot in their lives and yet are very down-to-earth folks.

Eugene Schoeberlein

All the Reunions I have attended, including in off-years through the Continuous Reunion Club, have been wonderfully enjoyable. Cornell Reunions are the best.

David Hill

Reunions have always been fun and a way to reconnect with friends new, and old. I do have a very embarrassing story, but I won’t share it here!

Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler

It’s embarrassing when someone comes up who clearly remembers me and gives me a warm greeting calling me by name, when I have absolutely no idea who the person is.

Judith Shulman Weiss

One slightly embarrassing moment was
Loved doing the Reunion Row at the Collyer Boathouse.

Chuck Bunting

I showed my son, age four at the time, how to high jump in the pit at the stadium.

John Curtis

All three Reunions that I attended were fun and a chance to connect with old friends and make new friends from our class.

Linda Goldfarb Roberts

All Reunions were pleasant, particularly enjoyed seeing old Phi Psi brothers.

James Campbell

Our gang of friends just has a good time.

Harry Buckholtz

Just so much fun being with people who have shared four great years. Even people we didn’t know while at Cornell are fun to meet and talk with at all our Reunions.

Charlotte Jones Collister

It is great to get back on the Cornell campus but it is never the same as I remember it. One can never really go back in time.

Houston Stokes

Reunion is a time for seeing old friends that you knew while on Campus, but it is also a time to see Cornell friends you have made since graduation. I think that I have made more Cornell friends from all the classes that I have met by going to Reunions than I ever did while an undergraduate. Always remember that a Cornellian is a Cornellian for life: no matter where in the world you are, there is this bond. We all have the same fond memories even though we may not have been on Campus at the same time.

Nancy Williams Clark

Seeing the old Pi Lambda Phi house turned into the office of admissions.

Richard Stern

I have always regretted the expansion and development of the campus. It’s personal! I like the way it was in the early 60’s.

Robert Slagle

Once upon a time I went to a Reunion and ate pasta salads at every meal until the last day when my body refused to cooperate. The same experience happened with cheap wine as well. Good thing Reunions are not about food and wine or they’d be pretty horrible.

Jeffrey Blumenthal

Attended a Reunion about 20 years ago and was startled at how old everybody else looked!

Michael Egan

Martin and I were sitting in Willard Straight at the Sunday breakfast and I overheard Shirley, the current wife of Andy Algava ‘61, my former husband, telling the people they were sitting with how she worked hard to save my marriage to Andy. An interesting interpretation of what actually happened! Wow!

Priscilla Snow Algava

What happens in Ithaca stays in Ithaca.

Lealis (Lea) Hale
“You Guys Are Really Doing Great....!”

During Reunions at Cornell there is an opportunity for alumni, who participated in a sport, to revisit their “old memories.”

Surely some things are the same. But, after 25-50 years, many places, buildings, even the nature of the sport will have changed. Old alumni think, “I remember this or that” and, of course, all the hard work. But we often remember many things differently – even thinking that things might be easier now than in our time.

As for the old crews, the University uses a fair amount of caution about everything including concern about having “old alums” putting their foot through the bottom of a shell to the ever-present possibility of a cardiac incident. Still, the University recognizes that it is the “old alum” who will most likely donate a new shell, so it takes the chance.

“Any of you old alum who would like to take a row, why we will arrange to have some boats available.” And they do, and it is something that many of the old crewmen look forward to doing. Unlike some sports, rowing is generally safe for older alumni.

So it was on my 25th Reunion that there were some seven of us from the Varsity and JV Lightweight Crew there at the boathouse. An eighth was recruited easily enough from some of the older guys hanging about the dock. But we also needed a coxswain. and, for a few minutes, no one could be found. There were also a lot of coeds about the dock. For many of us, this was new, although most of us seemed to think they were some of the older rowers’ daughters. But then we watched them carry out a boat and quite easily row off into the Inlet.

A petite blue eyed blond coed came up and said, “Do you gentlemen need a coxswain?” “Well, yes, I guess so.” And, with a voice like a Marine Sergeant, this little coed pointed out our designated shell and shouted, “Up on your shoulders,” and the rest of the “orders” to get the shell out on the dock and moving down the inlet.

A few slow 20-stroke runs and a few a bit faster. It felt good – most of us Lightweights were well into 190 lbs, but still in good shape. A few faster 20-stroke runs. Then, as if by chance (although I am sure it was preplanned), the women’s crew pulled up alongside.

“Would you gentlemen like a short 60-stroke race?” their coxswain called across the water.

And, without hesitation, our coxswain said, “Sure!”

“Gentlemen, we’ll start then settle at 30 to 32, then perhaps take it up a bit.”

Our coxswain leaned over and said to me as I was stroking, “Keep it fairly slow and long until everyone gets back into the zone, then we will see how it goes.”

“Ready all. Ready. Row!” And we did!

You could tell that this bunch of older men really wanted it! It had been a long time. The competitive spirit was there... And More
again with just the beginning of sweat and fatigue. At the 20th stroke, we were four seats up on the Varsity women’s crew. They were rowing long and strong and were much smoother, but we were ahead! We were holding our own at the 30th stroke though we had upped the stroke rate a bit and there was some mild roughness developing – fatigue.

Then our coxswain, who was actually sounding a bit surprised that we were ahead, shouted out, “Way to go! You guys are really moving, you are really doing really great!” Then she added, “FOR YOUR AGE!”

It was over.

You could feel the boat drop on the next three strokes. No lift! The next 20 strokes were just dull slogs, the women’s crew smoothly, ever so smoothly, just walked away with every stroke.

Sometimes one really cannot go back.

Albert Haberle

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**MINI-REUNIONS**

ENJOYING THEIR OWN MINI-REUNION (left to right): Willis Ritter, Neil Schilke, Sam Fleming, Larry Kupperberg, Frank Quirk, and Fred Hart during a Cornell Adult University cruise on the Aegean Sea. They are shown above at the ancient city of Ephesus, near the Aegean coast in Turkey, in September, 2008.
FROSH ’59 CREW members leaving the dock in Ithaca in the newly christened shell, Frosh ’59, that they donated to the University on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of their championship season. Left to right, Tony Hoffman, Bob Simpson, Gary Brayshaw, Fred Hart, Ted Hoag, Bill Walters, Chuck Schmid, Bill Stowe, and Steve Peterson. The 1959 Cornell Freshman Crew was undefeated in intercollegiate competition and won the International Rowing Association competition in Syracuse in June 1959. Bill Stowe went on to row for the US Olympic crew that won the gold medal in 1964!


SHARING MEMORIES of their glory days as members of the Track and Field Team at our 45th reunion in 2007, above (left to right), Paul Deignan, Peter Slater, Bruce Rogers, and John Munday.

IT’S A “JAMMA” PARTY for members of the Kappa Kappa Gamma pledge class of 1959 who got together for a mini-reunion at the home of Nancy Williams Clark on her sheep farm in Old Chatham, NY in the winter of 2010. Above (front row, left to right): Margie McKee Blanchard, Nancy Schlegel Meinig, Judy Ehrman, Charlotte Jones Collister; (second row, left to right) Nancy Williams Clark, Peggy Berquist Palmer, Sandy Wills Van Velzer, Diane Teal Riddell, Cathy Van Buren Bomberger; (third row, left to right) Helen Westin Bross, Barbie Wohl Jones, Betsy Mayberry, Alison Kyle Kerr, Lynn Schroeder Murray, and Midge Lorig.
Leadership can take many different forms. Over the past 50 years, we, as a Class, have distinguished ourselves in the variety and excellence of the wide-ranging services we have provided the Class and the University.

As Class Officers, we have overseen the business of this Class, established Class Fund projects, kept classmates abreast of class activities, and organized and run reunions. As alumni, we have volunteered our time, effort, expertise, and professional counsel to Cornell on every conceivable issue and subject. We have assisted the admissions process by helping to attract and mentor prospective students, been actively involved in fund-raising on all levels, even reentered the college classroom as guest lecturers sharing our professional experiences and specialized skills; and we have served on administrative and advisory boards to foster a relationship between the University and various constituencies such as industry, community and government.

There’s more. As alumni, we have been deeply engaged in a vast array of activities, including leading discussion groups in our hometowns and hosting regional alumni gatherings, thus serving the interests of the University’s vast alumni network. We have also taken active roles in the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO), served on the Cornell Alumni Association, and participated on the Cornell University Council, to cite just a few.

This discussion would not be complete without taking special notice of those classmates who, as University Trustees and Presidential Councillors, have demonstrated leadership on yet another level. Class of 1962 Board of Trustee members have included Stephen Ashley (1998-2014), Stephen Ettinger (2007-2011), Samuel Fleming (1997-2009), Myra Maloney Hart (1999-2007), George Slocum (1988-1992), Jane Barrows Tatibouet (1992-1996), and Philip Young (2001-2009). Presidential Councillor is a distinction conferred for life and is the highest honor the Board of Trustees can bestow. Councillors give their wisdom and advice on large matters of University interest at the request of the president. David Duffield, Samuel Fleming, Myra Maloney Hart, and Phillip Young are Presidential Councillors.

It is very satisfying to write that there are actually too many of us who generously have given time and expertise to be able to single out everyone on these pages. Still, we ask all of you to stand up, be counted, and be recognized for everything you have done, are doing, and will do for our beloved Alma Mater.

THANK YOU!
The first officers of the Class of 1962 – president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary – were elected in June, 1962 by a newly created Class of 1962 Men’s Alumni Council whose main purpose was to run a Class dues drive. The president then appointed the Cornell Fund representative, the reunion chairman, and the class correspondent for the Alumni News. Their term of office was five years. A subsequent ad hoc meeting with women classmates resulted in several women being appointed to class officer positions: co-reunion chair and class correspondent for women for the Alumni News. From 1967 onward, all classmates attending official class reunions elected Class Officers for five-year terms from a slate proposed by a Nominating Committee, which was, in turn, named by the Class President.

The following list of officers was compiled from written documents and from the “aging” memories of classmates who served as officers. Willis Ritter (secretary, 1962-72) has confirmed that the first Class Council was officially created in 1977.

OFFICERS OF THE MEN’S ALUMNI COUNCIL for the Class of 1962 are shown above. Kneeling (l.to r.) are C. Willis Ritter, secretary, and John F. Abel, president. Standing are George G. Telesh, reunion chairman; Fred Hart, treasurer; and Richard J. Levine, class correspondent for Alumni News. Missing are David S. Kleger, vice president, and Owen J. Sloane, fund representative. 

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Class Officers: 1962-Present

1962-1967
President:
  John Abel
Vice President:
  David S. Kleger
Treasurer:
  Fred C. Hart
Secretary:
  C. Willis Ritter
Class Fund Representative:
  Owen J. Sloane
Reunion Chair:
  Karin Nielsen McNamara
  Edith McCoy Stovel
  George G. Telesh
Class Correspondents:
  Jan McClayton Crites (women)
  Richard Levine (men)

1967-1972
President:
  Jonathan Hinebauch
Vice President:
  Aileen Glanternik Murstein
Treasurer:
  Fred C. Hart (1967-70)
  Michael L. Hays (1970-72)
Secretary:
  C. Willis Ritter
Class Fund Representative:
  Jane Barrows Tatibouet
Reunion Chair:
  Byron McCalmon
Class Correspondents:
  Jan McClayton Crites (women)
  J. Michael Duesing (men)

1972-1977
President:
  Marge McKee Blanchard (1972-74)
Vice President
  Neil Schilke (1972-74)
  Hal D. Sieling (1974-77)
(Exec.) Secretary-Treasurer:
  Michael L. Hayes (1972-1974)
  Neil Schilke (acting, 1974-75)
  J. Michael Duesing (acting, 1975-77)
Reunion Co-Chairpersons:
  Aileen Glanternik Murstein (1972 -75)
  Nancy Williams Clark (1975-77)
  Frank Quirk (1975-77)
Cornell Fund Representative:
  Michael L. Eisgrau
Class Correspondents:
  Jan McClayton Crites (women)
  J. Michael Duesing (men)

1977-1982
President:
  Neil A. Schilke
Vice Presidents:
  Nancy Williams Clark
  Hal D. Sieling
Secretary-Treasurer:
  Frank Quirk
Reunion Co-Chairs:
  Kelly Gould Behan
  Donald F. Behan
Cornell Fund Representative:
  Alan M. Flaherty
Class Correspondents:
  Janet McClayton Crites (chief)
  Elizabeth O’Connell Hax
  Jack Loose
Class Council:
  John F. Abel
  Nancy Williams Clark
  Janet McClayton Crites
  J. Michael Duesing
  Michael I. Eisgrau
  Fred C. Hart
  Jonathan M. Hinebauch
  David S. Kleger
  Richard J. Levine
  Byron G. McCalmon
  Karin Nielsen McNamara
  Aileen Glanternik Murstein
  Frank J. Quirk
  C. Willis Ritter
  Neil A. Schilke
  Hal D. Sieling
1982-1987
President:
Neil A. Schilke
Vice Presidents:
Linda Goldberg Bandler
Nancy Williams Clark
Hal D. Sieling
Secretary:
J. Michael Duesing
Yearbook Editors (1985-87):
Judith Prenske Rich (Editor-in-Chief)
Peter G. Slater (Class History)
Elizabeth Belsky Stiel
Treasurer:
Harris H. Palmer
Class Correspondent:
Janet McClayton Crites
Reunion Co-Chairs:
Kelly Gould Behan
Donald F. Behan
Cornell Fund Representatives:
Frank J. Quirk (Campaign Chair)
George Slocum (Major Gifts Chair)
Class Council:
John F. Abel
Donald F. Behan
Kelly Gould Behan
Nancy Williams Clark
Janet McClayton Crites
J. Michael Duesing
Michael L. Eisgrau
Alan M. Flaherty
Fred C. Hart
Jonathan M. Hinebauch
David S. Kleger
Richard J. Levine
Bryon G. McCalmon
Karin Nielsen McNamara
Aileen Glanternik Murstein
Frank J. Quirk
C. Willis Ritter
Neil A. Schilke
Hal D. Sieling
Owen J. Sloane
Edith McCoy Stovel
George G. Telesh

1987-1992
President:
Frank J. Quirk
Vice Presidents:
Nancy Williams Clark
Richard J. Levine
Nancy Schlegel Meinig
Stephen A. Ploscowe
Hal D. Sieling
George S. Slocum
Secretary:
Judith Prenske Rich
Treasurer:
Harris H. Palmer
Co-Treasurer:
J. Michael Duesing
Class Correspondent:
Janet McClayton Crites
Reunion Co-Chairs:
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Alexander Vollmer
Cornell Fund Representative:
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Class Council:
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Linda Goldberg Bandler
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Donald F. Behan
Marjorie McKee Blanchard
Nancy Williams Clark
Janet McClayton Crites
J. Michael Duesing
Michael L. Eisgrau
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1992-1997
President:
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Immediate Past President:
Frank J. Quirk
Vice Presidents:
Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler
D. Jeffrey Blumenthal
Nancy Williams Clark
Michael L. Eisgrau
Evelyn Eskin (Reunion Forum)
Myra Maloney Hart
Jonathan M. Hinebauch
Allison Kyle Kerr
David S. Kleger
Richard J. Levine
Karin Nielsen McNamara
Nancy Schlegel Meinig
Harris H. Palmer
Judith Prenske Rich (Newsletter)
Neil A. Schilke
George S. Slocum
Alexander Vollmer
Secretary:
Joann Nantz Heppes
Treasurer:
John L. Neuman
Membership:
J. Michael Duesing
Class Correspondent:
Jan McClayton Crites
Reunion Co-Chairs:
Charlotte Jones Collister
Judith Prenske Rich
Cornell Fund Representatives:
Byron McCalmon
Stephen A. Ploscowe

1997-2002
President:
Fred C. Hart
Immediate Past President:
Frank J. Quirk
Vice Presidents:
Nancy Williams Clark
Charlotte Jones Collister
C. Michael Duesing (Membership)
Mike Eisgrau
Evelyn Eskin (Reunion Forum)
Samuel Fleming
Phil Handler
Myra Maloney Hart
Jon Hinebauch
Alison Kyle Kerr
Richard Levine
Nancy Schlegel Meinig
Harris Palmer
Stephen Ploscow
Frank Quirk
Judith Prenske Rich
Neil Schilke
Elizabeth Newell Spicka
Sandra Wills VanVelzer (1997-98)
Alexander Vollmer
Robert Wood
Secretary:
Joann Nantz Heppes
Sandra Wills VanVelzer (1999-02)
Treasurer:
John Neuman
Class Correspondent:
Jan McClayton Crites
Reunion Co-Chairs:
Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler
D. Jeffrey Blumenthal
Cornell Fund Representative:
Byron McCalmon

2002-2007
President:
Alexander Vollmer
Immediate Past President:
Fred Hart
Treasurer:
John Neuman (2002-06)
Robert Wood (2006-07)
Secretary:
Sandra Wills VanVelzer
Class Correspondent:
Jan McClayton Crites
Reunion Chair:
Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler
Cornell Fund Representative:
Ruth Holzapfel Fortkamp
Newsletter Editor:
Mike Eisgrau
Historians:
Judith Prenske Rich
Peter Slater
Webmaster:
Charles Bunting (2002-06)
Alan Flaherty (2006-07)
Membership/Outreach:
  J. Michael Duesing
Class Council:
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  Stephen B. Ashley
  D. Jeffrey Blumenthal
  Catherine Van Buren Bomberger
  Nancy Williams Clark
  Charlotte Jones Collister
  Evelyn Eskin
  Alan Flaherty
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  Alison Kyle Kerr
  Philip S. Handler
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  Myra Maloney Hart
  Jonathan M. Hinebauch
  Donald R. Juran
  Katie Simmons Kaufmann
  Richard J. Levine
  John Lowrie
  Byron McCalmon
  Nancy Schlegel Meinig
  Martha Gregg Mount
  John L. Neuman
  Harris Palmer*
  Stephen A. Ploscowe
  Frank J. Quirk
  Willis Ritter
  Neil A. Schilke
  Richard Sommer
  Elizabeth Newell Spicka

*Deceased 2010
GOLDWIN SMITH HALL, first floor, June 2010
Our Legacy
1962
Our Legacy

The accomplishments of the Class of 1962 will stand through the ages. We will be remembered as Cornellians who loved this University and unstintingly gave of ourselves professionally, personally, and financially wherever and whenever needed. (See Leadership). We represent all that is good and meaningful and fabulous in a Cornell class! That is our legacy. And we’re proud of it.

As a Class, we are notable for our financial generosity to the University, repeatedly supporting the Class Gift Fund and Cornell, including the Cornell Annual Fund, in both public and private formats. Distinctly separate entities – the Class Gift Fund (CGF) is operated by the Class, the Cornell Annual Fund (CAF) is under the auspices of the University – they do overlap in many areas.

The Class Gift Fund is comprised of contributions solicited as a separate check-off when paying Class dues. Since its inception in 1978, CGF has been used to underwrite small projects in several categories – the arts, athletics, education, environment, and scholarship. Over time, additional specified gifts from classmates have significantly enhanced these special Class projects. As of June 2011, the Class Gift Fund has provided about $90,000 for the Hoy Field Baseball Scoreboard, Class of 1962 Photography Fund at the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, College of Arts and Sciences Lecture Series, Honor with Books, planting of trees on campus, a grant to the Lab of Ornithology, and the Frank and Rosa Rhodes Class of 1962 Tradition Fellowships.

Individual support of Cornell has been impressive, indeed. Through June 2011, the Class has raised $117,752,094 (the 5th highest of any Cornell Class!) in annual giving, reunion campaigns and major gifts. In 1987, as part of our 25th Reunion Campaign, the Class raised over $5.5 million from 738 classmates. At the time, it represented a new Cornell and national record for the most money ever raised by a single class. In 1997, we set a Cornell 35th Reunion Campaign record for dollars raised with $17,493,607, which still stands at Cornell.

Additionally, classmates also have made a number of major gifts, both private and public. Public gifts include the funding of buildings, classrooms, auditoriums, and learning centers. Private gifts have included sponsorship/endowments of professorships, scholarships, art works and collections at the Johnson Museum of Art and the Cornell libraries. Twenty-three members of the class have established scholarships; nine members of the class have established program or position endowments.

We can indeed be proud of this legacy. We may be celebrating our 50th, but we’re not done yet. We thank you one and all.
Class Gift Fund

Class of 1962 Photography Fund – Johnson Museum of Art
Since establishing the Class Gift Fund in 1978, the Class has purchased 22 major images by a variety of distinguished and renowned American and European photographers, including iconic images by Edward Steichen, Lotte Jacobi, Andreas Feininger, and Bruce Davidson. Our photography collection is used by students for research purposes and by the museum for exhibitions and for loans to other art institutions. Individual photos are displayed regularly.

Exhibitions of the entire Class of 1962 Photography Collection have been mounted at reunions at the Johnson Museum of Art, most recently at our 45th (above).

Olivia Parker (1941-)
*Still Life*, 1978
Dye Transfer Print

Bruce Davidson (1933-)
*Women in Cabin*, Alabama, 1965
Gelatin Silver Print
Mitch Epstein (1952-)
*Houston* from Exotics Series, 1974
Dye transfer print.

Doris Ulmann (1882-1934)
*Man with Fish*, ca. 1933
Photogravure on paper.

Eadweard Muybridge (1830-1904)
*Plate 629* from Animal Locomotion, 1887
Collotype on paper.

Edward Steichen (1979-1973)
*Henri Matisse*, 1913
Photogravure.

Peter Henry Emerson (1856-1936)
*Twixt Land and Water*, 1886
Platinum on wove.
Edward Steichen (1879-1973)  
*Anatole France, 1913*  
Photogravure

Edward Steichen  
*Vitality-Yvette Gilbert, 1901*  
Photogravure

Edward Steichen  
*William Howard Taft, 1913*  
Photogravure

Edward Steichen  
*E. Gordan Craig, 1913*  
Photogravure

Timothy H. O’Sullivan  
(ca. 1840-1882)  
*Black Canon, Colorado River,*  
*Looking below near Camp 7, ca. 1871*  
Albumen Print
Horst P. Horst (1906-1999)
Mainbocher Corset, 1939
Gelatin Silver Print

Lotte Jacobi (1896-1990)
Albert Einstein, 1938
Palladium Print

Lotte Jacobi (1896-1990)
Minor White, Deering NH, ca. 1962
Gelatin Silver Print

Lotte Jacobi (1896-1990)
Untitled No. 10, Photogenic Drawing

Unidentified Artist
Niagara Falls, ca. 1880s
Albumen Print
Andreas Feininger (1906-1999)
Hawkweed Seeds, 1937
Gelatin Silver Print

Laura Gilpin (1891-1979)
Canyon from Balcony House,
Mesa Verde National Park, ca. 1920s
Gelatin Silver Print

Laura Greenfield (1996-)
Alli, Annie, Hannah, and Birit, 1998
Dye Destruction Print

Larry Merrill (1948-)
Birch Tree in Front of a Gray Brick Wall,
Manhattan, 2009
Digital Print

Lou Stoumen (1917-1991)
Sitting in Front of the Strand Theater,
Times Square, NYC, ca. 1940
Vintage Gelatin Silver Print
Frank and Rosa Rhodes Class of 1962 Tradition Fellowship

From an original endowment of $60,000 ($21,000 from the Class Gift Fund, $24,000 from six classmates, and $15,000 through a matching grant to the University) in 1995, our Tradition Fellowship is valued today at about $106,500, helped along by additional gifts from the Class Gift Fund and individual classmates. The money is held by the University in the Long Term Investment Pool.

For more than a decade, the Class has been helping to fund one of the most practical national student aid programs on the Hill. The Frank and Rosa Rhodes Tradition Fellowship provides up to $4,000 per year to students who fulfill work and volunteer requirements, as well as maintain a specific grade point average. But what's unique about this program is that the monies go toward reducing student loans. In other words, if a student qualifies for four years, he or she can reduce his/her student loan bill by much as $16,000. Since 1995, we've helped nine students to do just that.

We've tracked down a few recipients and hope you will be pleased by what they have to say.


“This is a great honor - I take a lot of pride in having been a Cornell Tradition Fellow, especially one named for President Rhodes.

I was a student in Arts & Sciences, class of 1999. I double majored in music and biological sciences (with a concentration in biochemistry). I was active in a number of activities, but by far, the most important (and best!) one was my involvement in the Big Red Marching Band and Big Red Pep Band. I was a conductor of the Pep Band my sophomore year and was a two-time drum major of the Marching band. As you probably know, the Big Red Band(s) is/are the largest student-run groups in the Ivy League (and, I'd bet, amongst the largest student run groups in the country) and to this day, the opportunities I got as a part of those groups continue to influence me.

I played in the Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble, and participated in a few Brand X Theater productions (including conducting the pit orchestra for “Little Shop of Horrors”). I worked part time in the music library on campus. I also volunteered for the Red Carpet Society, at Loaves and Fishes soup kitchen, and was an A & S Dean’s Scholar. I was in Golden Key and Mortar Board honor societies.

After graduation, I moved to NY for medical school (at Weill Cornell) and graduated in 2003. Following that, I stayed at Cornell for my pediatrics residency, which I completed in 2006. After that, I moved to DC with my then-girlfriend (now-wife) Samantha Klein (Frank) ‘96 for my fellowship in pediatric cardiology at Children’s National Medical Center, which I completed in 2009. During that time, I did research at the NIH. After my regular fellowship, I did a one-year senior fellowship in advanced cardiac imaging, and I have since stayed on as an attending doctor in pediatric cardiology at CNMC and am an assistant professor of pediatrics at George Washington University.

Aside from work, I have taken up running and have completed a number of races in NYC and DC, including the 2007 New York City Marathon. I have played in a number of community bands and have been active in CAAAN. I am on the advisory board of the Big Red Bands Alumni
Association (BRBAA), having served previous terms as treasurer and now as resource chair.

Most importantly, I am the extremely proud father of 17 month-old Max, who has enjoyed his trips to Ithaca so far (hopefully with many more in his future)."

Sahar Shirazi ’01, ’05 (Fellow recipient: 1995-96, 96-97):
Originally from Beaumont, Texas, now living in Brooklyn, NY, Sahar attended Arts & Sciences, majoring in psychology with a concentration in Women’s Studies. Sahar earned her law degree from Cornell Law School, where she was an editor for the Legal Information Institute’s liibulletin-ny. Sahar also served as a law clerk for the United States Attorney’s Office in the Northern District of New York. She is a commercial litigator at Stagg, Terenzi, Confusione & Wabnik in Garden City, NY.

Brett Fedigan ’07 (Fellow recipient: 2003-04):
“I am from Auburn, New York. I graduated with a degree in Applied Economics and Management in May 2007 (Cum Laude). The summer after my Sophomore and Junior years, I completed internships at Pershing LLC and Bank of America respectively. During my senior year at Cornell, I applied to a year-long scholarship in Germany through the Congress Bundestag Youth Exchange Program for Young Business Professionals. Over 500 people applied and I received one of their 75 spots on the program to spend my 2007-2008 year in Germany. The program was divided into 3 phases: 2 months language course (I was placed in Cologne), 4 months as a student at a University (mine was the University of Magdeburg), and a 5 month long internship (which I completed at a software company called Tarakos GmbH). When I came back to United States, I started working as a Financial Advisor with Merrill Lynch in Syracuse, New York. Recently (editor: spring, 2011), I decided to leave this job on amicable terms to pursue a career more aligned with my long-term goals and interests. I am actively applying to jobs at the moment. I have no spouse or children.”

Betsey Howland ’09 (Fellow recipient: 2006-07, ’07-08, ’08-09):
Betsey grew up on the family farm in the hamlet of Candor, New York, a half mile south of Ithaca. She’s the youngest of five daughters, and she admits that she didn’t want to go to Cornell because it was so close to home. But when she decided that she wanted to major in animal science with a concentration in dairy management and agricultural business, the other schools she looked at could not come close to the education she could get at the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

As an undergraduate, she was a member of Sigma Alpha, the only professional agriculture society in the Ivy League, and was a mentor to first-year students, helping them adapt to the Cornell experience. She was also on the event staff at Lynah Rink—a good way, said Betsey, to watch all the action on the hockey rink. “I don’t have to wait on line for tickets, and I get paid to watch the game!” Besides our fellowship, Betsey was also the winner of four other scholarships.

Today, she lives in Waterville, NY, working as a loan officer with Farm Credit East, a cooperative that specializes in providing financial aid services to agricultural businesses and farm communities.

“I grew up on a dairy farm and appreciate what farmers do and want to help them make a go of their businesses. You guys are part of the reason I was able to do what I do. Every dollar helped.”
From 1978 -’84, the Class donated a total of $5,500 for the baseball scoreboard, identified as a gift from the Class of 1962. By 2002, however, $40,400 was needed to replace the original scoreboard with a modern version. Of that total cost, $22,000 came from the Class Gift Fund; and 24 individual classmates made additional gifts of $18,400 to complete the financing of the project. In addition to a large Class of 1962 legend on the scoreboard itself, there is a bronze plaque at the entrance to the field acknowledging the Class’ gift and listing the names of the individual donors.

Here’s another historical tidbit: “Give My Regards to Davy,” written by a trio of Cornell roommates in 1905, actually refers to a fictional encounter between an anonymous student and David (Davy) Fletcher Hoy, the registrar and secretary for the committee on student conduct, over the student’s binge drinking. In as much as that is our scoreboard on Hoy Field, “Davy” is definitely our boy! (Source: Wikipedia.)

**Environment**

Dutch elm disease and old age wiped had out more than 175 trees on campus. The Class officers felt support in this area was particularly appropriate so that future generations could share the same experiences that we had back in the ‘50s and ‘60s. The Class of 1962 Planting, located north of Anabel Taylor Hall, began in 1978 and was completed in 1980.

In September of 1981, the Class committed to the funding of Area 14, a prime location between Uris Library and Willard Straight Hall in the Central Avenue Redevelopment Project, as part of the overall project to convert Central Avenue to a mall without any vehicle traffic.

In 2005, the Class gave a grant to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in support of its new search for the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, long thought extinct.
Reunion Campaigns

In 1987, as part of our 25th Reunion Cornell Campaign, the Class raised over $5.5 million. At the time, it represented a new Cornell and national record for the most money ever raised by a single class. In 1997, we set a record for dollars raised with $17,493,607, which still stands for a 35th Reunion campaign at Cornell.

FRANK QUIRK (at left) and Neil Schilke hand over the "big gift" to President Frank Rhodes at our 25th Reunion.

PROUDLY PRESENTING a $17 million gift to President Hunter Rawlings at our 35th Reunion are (l-r): Fred Hart, Stephen Ploscowe, Charlotte Jones Collister, Nancy Williams Clark, Byron McCalmon, George Slocum, and Jon Hinebauch.
Major Gifts

In case you haven’t had a chance to see these particularly notable and highly visible gifts from classmates, here they are:

DUFFIELD HALL, named for Cornell Engineering alumnus David Duffield ‘62 EE, is one of the country’s most sophisticated research and teaching facilities for nanoscale science and engineering.

FULLER LEARNING CENTER, the gift of classmate Nancy Lawrence Fuller ‘62 and her husband, H. Laurance Fuller ‘60, is a two-story structure that serves as the educational and outreach focal point of Weil Hall, the new Life Sciences Technology building at Cornell.

SAMUEL C. ‘62 AND NANCY M. FLEMING provided funding, among their other generous gifts, for this beautiful lecture hall in the Fuller Learning Center.

PHILLIP AND NANCY HALSEY YOUNG, both ‘62, provided a gift for this teleconference center, which bears their name and is located in the Fuller Learning Center.
"While I enjoyed the company of my faculty colleagues, my fondest memories are of the classes, the seminars, the office conversations. You weren’t just bright young people. You were good, and I mean that in every sense."

— Professor Andrew Hacker, 2010