Congratulations to Alma Winters, who turned 100 years old on December 13, 2019!

A Class of ’51 mini reunion did occur last November in Berkeley. The event coincided with Pappy’s Boys’ regular conclave the night before at the Doubletree Hilton. Fresh from their meeting were Pete Schabarum of Indian Wells accompanied by daughter, Laura Vandivort, Jim Marinos, still a practicing attorney in San Diego, and our erstwhile leader Lefty Stern, of Santa Rosa. Cal’s retired history Professor Leon Litwack, lawyer father, Rhoda, made the event memorable with stories of Leon’s publishing and his new books soon to be in bookstores. Nancy and Ed Paul came from Alameda joining fellow sailors in nautical discussion. Evelyne and Rich Rominger came from their farm in Winters. Rich was given the UC Davis medal last year which is the highest honor the university presents to individuals. He served as Deputy Secretary of Agriculture under President Clinton. He and Evelyne have worked tirelessly in advancing California’s agriculture and viability. More to come on other notable attendees. In the meantime, how interested are you in the possibility of a 69th reunion? Contact is made through your email. Be sure that Berkeley Foundation has yours.

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The Axe is back! And a Bowl game victory as well. It brings back memories of our Pappy Waldorf days when we went to the Rose Bowl repeatedly. Maybe next year. I asked Bob Rowell if he still does The Rowell Family Tailgate party, and the answer was a resounding Yes! In fact it is bigger than ever with the participation of many family members. After the Big Game one of Bob’s grandsons, who is on the Cal team, came by with teammates to join in the celebration. On another athletic note, MaryLou (Willis) Berg happily reported that one of her grandsons saved the life of a teammate who collapsed on the play field. He immediately applied CPR and continued until the paramedics arrived. He was praised by them for his prompt and invaluable action. Evelyn (Goodnight) Emmrich called to say how much she had enjoyed our 65th reunion, and how she looks forward to a 70th. She has recently published a memoir, He Tried Three Times, which recounts the memories of her long marriage and family life. Kathy England, the daughter of Paul Randall Larson, wrote a note about her father. (See In Memoriam.) Paul was a mechanical engineer who traveled widely and was “a die-hard Cal alum to the very end.” He was married to his childhood sweetheart, Juanita “Boots” Hosking, who was also a member of the Class of ’52. Hail to California!

Class Secretary: Elaine (Hartogian) Anderson, 1326 Devonshire Dr, El Cerrito 94530, 510/222-3419

The Class of 1954 lost a highly respected member this past August—Class Secretary Don Denton. He was a Head Yell Leader as an undergraduate, who continued later in life as a force in numerous alumni activities. (Please see the In Memoriam section of this magazine.) Jim Griffin continues to oversee his construction company based in Fremont, which is responsible for recent renovations of Wheeler Hall auditorium and a gender-neutral locker room at Haas Pavilion. Dana Scott, past professor of logic and mathematics at Stanford, Princeton, and Oxford, returned to Berkeley in 2004, first as visiting scholar in math, and now as distinguished research associate in the Philosophy Department. Jim Jorgensen, who lives in Camas, Washington, was a nationally syndicated radio host specializing in personal finance and retirement. He is the best-selling author of six personal finance books, including The Greying of America. His latest book is a novel entitled Blind Will that takes place during WWII. Another author, our Class President, Bob Merrick, is giving away an updated eBook version of his popular 300-page paperback book, Stand Alone, Inventor and Make Money With Your New Product Ideas! His eBook is free on Amazon.com. Our Class of 1954 Endowment Professor Richard Allen, who is director of the Berkeley Seismology Lab, gave an amazing lecture during Homecoming weekend. It was all about the lab’s “My Shake” earthquake early warning system that Governor Newsom had officially announced the day before. The Governor urged everyone to download the app “My Shake” on their smart phone which would expand the growing system. It works to give us a few seconds’ warning of an earthquake and makes our phones part of the detection and reporting system statewide. As a result of the questionnaire we sent out last fall following our 65th class reunion, many classmates have become reconnected. If you are not receiving emails from the Class of 1954, please let the Class Secretary know and you won’t miss out on the news, happenings, and gatherings of your classmates.

Class Secretary: Beryl Smith Voss, 1330 Jones St #604, San Francisco 94109, berylvoss@gmail.com, 415/673-2074

Our classmate Beverly Fitch McCarthy was presented with the Stocktonian of the Year Award for 2019, at a surprise ceremony December 11, 2019, outside The Haggin Museum. She is a well-known arts patron, educator, former city councilwoman, and school trustee. She is a strong advocate for women’s rights, whose recognition coincides with the centennial of the year that California granted women the right to vote. The person that nominated her described her as a “self-proclaimed feminist who has performed outstanding service to the Stockton community for decades.” She will be recently recognized during a dinner in her honor in early February. We are very proud of you, and CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Class Secretaries: Bob Leslie, 40 Windward Hill, Oakland 94618; Rosemary Mehan Mein, 3748 St. Francis Dr, Lafayette 94549

Julie Banning Allen: I continue with much of what I have been doing for the last ten years—serving on several boards and on LAFCO, the county commission concerned with, among other things, the preservation of ag land and open space. California’s brand-new groundwater management plans will reflect back on LAFCO’s mission with at least one important question: What does it mean to preserve ag land or manage a city when the water supply is drastically reduced? This is the most important question at the core of our community. I believe that over the next 20 years the regulation of groundwater will be the greatest driver of change in this part of the world—for curtailing the growth of cities as well as for severely reducing irrigated acres. The ranch hums along famously. All fences are intact and the “new” bull, now a big boy, is content to stay behind them with his girls and their eight beautiful new babies. All is peaceful in the pastures. For fun, I continue as a singer, walker/hiker, and righteous gym rat. I walk or go to the gym for cardio six days a week. I am in good health—all original equipment and nothing hurts for long. I had no big trips this year but am looking forward to China in the spring. Sandra Sayre Flattery:
Can’t believe we have two grands in college and the triplets are now 11. We are taking them and our 13-year-old grandson to Costa Rica in February for a grandparents trip. John Lovewell: In October I was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of The Institute of World Politics, an independent graduate school of National Security and International Affairs in Washington, D.C. The school offers M.A. and Doctorate degrees in various aspects of intelligence, military affairs, and statecraft to diplomats, warriors, and intelligence professionals. The founder and president is Dr. John Lenczowski, another Cal grad and former NSC Advisor on Soviet Affairs to President Reagan. Daniel McIntosh: Happy New Year and all the best for the New Decade! Sheryl Wong: I saw and met a number of people who are in our class at the Redbox Bowl Tailgate. All Cal classes celebrated a great Cal win over Illinois … 35–20! Here’s to a great Tailgate. All Cal classes celebrated a great Cal win over Illinois … 35–20! Here’s to a great Tailgate.

Two of our classmates were recently recognized in University publications. Alan Mendelson was featured in the Library’s fall 2019 issue of Fiat Lux. Alan is the chair of the Library board’s campaign committee, and also on the Board of Trustees of the UC Berkeley Foundation and the Board of Advisors for the College of Chemistry. He reflected on his Berkeley experience and concluded with the thought, “Like anything in life, if you put in effort and time and so forth, you wind up getting more out of it than you actually give.” We can take Alan at his word, but it is hard to believe that Alan has gotten more from Cal than he has given. Our permanent Class President Dan Asera was in the Alumni News section of the Berkeley Haas magazine. Dan is professor-in-residence at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and was awarded the 2019 Campus Life Achievement Award for Excellence in Academic Impact in recognition of his contributions to faculty and student interaction. As professor-in-residence, Dan helps improve communications between faculty and students in UNLV’s residence halls. He also leads Haas and Cal alumni chapters in Las Vegas. Cal’s football team kicks off the 2020 season on August 29th at UNLV. I’m sure Dan will be at the game. The only question is on whose side of the field will he be sitting.

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Classmates gathered on Dec. 7 at Crossroads Dining Commons on campus. Following brunch with students, classmates heard from Glenn DeGuzman, UC Berkeley Resident Life Director, about how Residential Life staff support the academic and personal success of students living in the university housing system. Also discussed was how Cal is committed to expanding the number of residence halls. Upcoming Gatherings in 2020 are March 14 on campus, as well as June 6 and 13 in the North and South Bay Area, respectively. To participate and stay informed, join the class email list; contact Cal68@blueconnect.org. The Goldman School of Public Policy Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement (CCDE) founded by the Class of ’68 continues to offer financial stipends to Cal undergraduates who attend the University of California Center in Washington, D.C. CCDE also supports community-based policy research by placing Goldman School students with local grass-roots communities to increase the engagement of marginalized community groups, such as the homeless and formerly incarcerated, in the policy-making process. In addition, CCDE continues to support Goldman School master’s degree thesis projects on a range of topics, including addressing disparities in voter turnout and strategies for increasing investment in affordable housing. Thanks to all who support the Center.

Ralph C. Thomas III received the “Distinguished Alumnus Award” from his alma mater, Frederick High School in Frederick, Maryland. After graduating from Berkeley, Ralph received his Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School in 1978. He is an Air Force veteran where he served one year in Vietnam. He was asked to be one of the initial groundbreakers of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. in 1982. He subsequently took a break from his law practice to serve 13 years as NASA’s Associate Administrator for Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, where he won numerous awards for developing and overseeing programs that dramatically increased NASA contract dollars going to small, minority, and women owned firms. Ralph received the Presidential Rank of Distinguished Executive Award, which is only awarded to 1 percent of the 6,000 senior executives in the federal government. In addition, Ralph was awarded the “Special Honor Award” from the World Association for Small and Medium Enterprises in Mumbai, India. Since 2005, Ralph has been a government contracts litigator representing primarily small high-tech government contractors.

Margaret S. Race, Ph.D., has been named as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences. Margaret is a senior research scientist at the SETI Institute and is being recognized for distinguished contributions to the science community.
underlying planetary protection, including astrobiology and outstanding contributions to risk communication in exobiology and solar system exploration. In her work at the SETI Institute, Margaret is concerned with planetary protection, space policy, and interdisciplinary aspects of mission planning—especially to Mars and other solar system bodies. Her work focuses on the scientific, technical, legal and societal issues of ensuring that missions to the Red Planet and other solar system bodies do not either inadvertently bring terrestrial microbes along, which would complicate our search for indigenous extraterrestrial life, or return uncontained microbes or materials to Earth. In addition to her current work on planning human missions beyond Earth orbit, she’s also done research on public communication about biosafety and high-containment labs—the type that will eventually be used for the quarantine of returned samples from Mars. Over the years, Margaret has taught at Berkeley, Stanford University, San Francisco State University, St Mary’s College, and Santa Clara University. She was also the assistant dean at Berkeley’s College of Natural Resources. She and the rest of the 2019 Fellows will be officially recognized on February 15, 2020, at the AAAS Fellows Forum during the AAAS annual meeting in Seattle, WA.

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Bob Katte, who lived in the luxurious dorms circa 1976/77, checked in after reading the Class Notes. Several members of the Class of 1980, including your class secretary, were headed to the Redbox Bowl at Levi Stadium, with Cal playing Illinois. Leo O’Farrell continues working on his golf game, having recently played the tough Lake Chabot course in the Oakland hills. Mike Neal ’81 and Jeff Templin ’81 are living the life in the wine country of Sonoma County.

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Andrew Shapiro was recently elected Chairman & President of the Mill Valley Library Foundation, where he has served in other board leadership roles over the prior six years. Andrew’s activist investment management firm, Lawndale Capital Management, recently celebrated its 26th anniversary. Andrew continues to regularly speak at national conferences and director education programs on corporate governance and activist investing topics. He just completed a multi-year tenure as Chairman of the Official Equity Committee in the Premier Exhibitions/AMSI Titanic bankruptcy cases. Patricia H. Wheeler has published Therapy Dogs in Action: Their Stories of Service and Love (2019). The book contains over 80 heart-warming stories as told from the dogs’ perspectives plus 20 testimonials from people who have seen the dogs at work. Pat’s dogs have worked with all ages and at a variety of facilities and programs, and with people with physical, social, emotional, and cognitive issues throughout the East Bay. Her earlier book, published in 2012, was Successful Tails: The Wonders of Therapy Dogs. Pat has over 4,000 hours of experience as a therapy dog handler with her dogs and is a tester/observer for the Alliance of Therapy Dogs.

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Kevin Carter was recently appointed Vice President & Managing Principal for Huitt-Zollars, Inc. Huitt-Zollars is a full-service consultant servicing all market sectors: transportation, urban development, federal, public works, institutional, and higher education; with professionals in all engineering disciplines and architecture. Kevin manages the Thousand Oaks office. Previously Kevin worked for the City of Glendale for 16 years and a design-build contractor prior to that.

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Kara Vuicich, MCP, started as an account executive at Swiftly, a software-as-a-service firm that improves transit reliability through real time passenger information and performance analytics. She lives in Albany, with husband David Badwin, M.A. ’99, and their three children.

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Rebecca Kagan Sternhell was promoted to the position of Director of Federal Affairs by Mayor De Blasio of New York. She was most recently the Deputy Director and General Counsel for the Office of Federal Affairs. She previously served as the Deputy Assistant Administration at the U.S. Small Business Administration. Prior to that, she served as Assistant Corporation Counsel in the Division of Legal Counsel and in the Mayor’s Office of Federal Affairs for the New York City Law Department in Washington D.C. where she handled both legal matters and legislative affairs. Before 2012, she was a law clerk for the Senate Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law for Senator Al Franken. Sternhell also worked as an analyst for the New York City Office of Management and Budget, and was Coordinator of the College Group at the Met, a program she developed at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Piotr Kula is now associate partner at life sciences consulting firm Beghou Consulting. An expert in data analytics, he helps pharmaceutical and medtech companies quickly process, manage, and analyze large volumes of commercial data using the latest technology. Recently, Kula was integral in developing Beghou’s cloud-based analytics platform, ARMADA. He works in the firm’s Emeryville office. Kula, who has worked at Beghou for nearly a decade, is back at UC Berkeley as an MBA candidate.

On May 5, Little, Brown will publish Union: A Republican, a Democrat, and a Search for Common Ground, co-written by Chris Haugh. A work of nonfiction, Union details a series of road trips that Chris, a Democrat, took across 20,000 miles and 44 states with his Republican co-author, Jordan Blashek, to better understand what divides Americans and what still unifies us. Union can be pre-ordered at Barnes & Noble or Amazon.

Katie Miller has been recognized on Commercial Observer magazine’s list of the Top 20 Architects, Engineers, and Contractors under 35 in the October issue. Katie has four years of experience in the planning and design of stormwater and green infrastructure, and is a staff engineer in Dewberry’s New York City office. After earning her bachelor’s in civil engineering from Berkeley, Katie earned her master’s degree in environmental engineering from Stanford University. She is a licensed professional engineer in California and New York, and is a certified floodplain manager. She leads the Emerging Professionals group in Dewberry’s New York office in addition to being a key organizer for the office’s participation in the New York City Exploring Program, teaching local high school students about engineering.

We currently have no class secretary listed for the following classes: ’29–31, ’35, ’41, ’49, ’04–08, ’10, ’12–14, and ’16–19. If you are the class secretary, please contact the magazine office at 510/900-8250.