This year our Alma Mater celebrates the 150th anniversary of women students at Cal. The physical celebrations may be limited by the current health crisis, but we can all celebrate in our own ways the wisdom of that decision and the way it has enriched our lives. Hail to California and Cheers to the next 150! It was my great pleasure to recently see a longtime friend and classmate, Barbara Schultz Johnson. Our daughters met in kindergarten, and, like their mothers, they too have remained friends. Barbara writes that she is still living in the Bay Area and sees a few classmate s for lunch occasionally. She follows the Cal football games and remembers going to the Rose Bowl three times while at Cal. As age 90 approaches she tries to stay active playing nine holes of golf twice a week. In the last issue I wrote that Evie Emmrich had written and published a memoir. In the interim, she sent a copy to me with a note recalling “college age fun.” The book is filled with photos, many of our various class activities—Senior Week, etc. I was reminded of the value of documenting our experiences for our families and ourselves. So, Golden Crew, start writing your story, and drop me a line for the next issue of the California magazine.

The Class of ’54 has established multiple CAA Leadership Award scholarships. At present we support three students/scholars each year. These students are recognized for outstanding leadership in their academic, work, and community environments. This year, Bill Morrish and his wife, Eva-Marie, represented our Class at the 35th Awards luncheon at Pauley Ballroom and met one of our scholars, Andrew Pham, whose parents immigrated to California at the close of the Vietnam war. Andrew has an impressive record of rising from a refugee/immigrant, under-resourced environment to positions of community service leadership. The Class can be proud of our support for this important scholarship program. We heard from Don Larson, now living in Fresno, who says that Cal was one of the greatest experiences of his life. “I was prepared to face the world. I started teaching sixth grade three months after graduation and 45 years later, retired, having spent the last 35 years at Fresno City College teaching history. The first principal hired me because he wanted a Cal graduate.” Also checking in was Art Edwards, who began his career as an aerospace engineer at Lockheed in Sunnyvale, and after working all over the country, joined Ford Aerospace in Palo Alto, where he retired in 1992. Art’s wife, Shirley Metz Holm, retired the same year as Principal of Adult Education in San Jose. They now live in Placerville where Shirley became active in homeless work and convinced Art to join her. He came out of retirement and is now active in designing and building homeless shelters in El Dorado County. Art says he will retire, finally, when all of the county’s homeless have a place to live.

After 30-plus Marine Corps years and another 20-plus in the private sector, mostly as an association manager, Bruce Pi fel has returned to his “roots” and resettled in Beaufort, SC, next door to his birth place of Parris Island, SC, after 40-plus years residence in the metro Washington, D.C., area. Wife Barbara (not a UC grad but Northeastern University in Boston—undergrad through law school) fell “madly in love” with the “Old South” on her first visit there in June 2018 and the rest is history—she bought a lot in Beaufort in November 2018, construction of a retirement home began in February 2019, and she was on board in the new house in October 2019, Bruce joining her from Maryland in February 2020. They invite any “Old Blues” to drop by for breakfast/lunch/dinner/high tea/libations/whatever when you come their way. They are available on the Internet at pi felbruce@gmail.com.

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Medical Corp Brigadier General whose last service was in “beautiful downtown Mosul” Iraq. Retirement obviously did not take since Jerry remained active as an ER doctor in Monterey; teaching pharmacy and pharmacology at UOP and writing articles about his favorite subjects—mTBI/concussion and PTSD. Jerry co-authored a very timely book we should all pick up: The Last Days of Winter: Secrets from the Seasons of Dying—a Jungian approach that connects dying with living. Jerry met his wife Carolyn at Cloyne Court and they have six grandchildren. Family travels take them to Oregon, Canada, and Germany. Honed by Cal campus survival struggles during our times together in the now notorious 1960s, Jerry offers these words to live by: “Do not give up or quit, finish it and be forever blessed, it is a worthwhile achievement.” Jerry can also be reached on linkedin. Let’s hear more life stories from our fellow Class of ’65 members.

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67 Dr. Thomas Degenhardt is completing his 41st year of orthopedic surgery practice in Santa Rosa. This has included stints as team physician for local high schools, Sonoma State University, and the U.S. ski team. He has also had the opportunity to volunteer for Orthopedics Overseas with service in Bhutan and St. Lucia. He continues to enjoy golf, helicopter skiing in Canada, and skiing with his grandchildren Zoe and Anika, ages 11 and 9. Classmate Sheryl Wong says “As we are all, I’m sheltering in place with my husband, Bob ’68, and miss seeing our grandkids.” Dick George: Jeanne and I are getting adjusted to what may become the “new normal” in our society. We are living at our home in Truckee and not going out except to enjoy walks in our sparsely populated Lahontan neighborhood. Meals, food, prescriptions, and other necessities can all be delivered locally or via Amazon, Fedex, UPS, or USPS. As a banking litigation consultant (www.bankexperts.com), I have worked for years out of my home office here and only need to travel when there is court testimony to deliver. Over the years local infrastructure and services have improved to the point of reliability previously reserved for less rural areas. (Of course, getting over Donner Pass can be a problem at times in winter). Both my daughter and her husband are getting used to “Sheltering in Place” in San Francisco while doing their jobs normally carried out in downtown office buildings. Fortunately, their clients are mostly doing the same and technology has afforded a means to communicate and carry out virtual meetings while respecting social distancing at the same time. Where it gets tough is having a couple of toddlers to manage (and especially since Grandma and Grandpa are far away in Tahoe). The pandemic is going to assist Truckee in a years-long goal of being a magnet for telecommuters. We’ll see how it rolls out but anecdotally it appears there are many more temporary residents than usual for this time of year. Best to all. Stay safe and well. LaWanda Uitan: I am here doing what a good Berkeley Graduate of ’67 does: hoping for the end of this world catastrophe. All other personal information about me is the same. I published my memoir this year, so that is news. The title is Over That Mountain. My son, also a Berkeley grad and working for Roche in Switzerland, just informed me that his two daughters’ school has closed; so it’s home schooling for them. My daughter is a math professor in Montana and is doing her classes from home. “Wow” is about all I have to say. Me, home alone with my dog, George. Sorry for all the deaths that this has caused: first the fires, now the virus. What next? I still find beauty on the Berkeley Campus. Let’s hope we can continue to count on that being there for a few more generations.

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68 Class of ’68 Gatherings are scheduled for later in 2020, dates and locations to be determined. To participate and stay informed, join the class email list at Cal68@blueconnect.org. The Goldman School of Public Policy Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement (CCDE), founded by the Class of ’68 continues to support public programs which promote civility in public discourse; community-based policy research by Goldman School graduate students and grassroots organizations; and fellowships and internships for Goldman School graduate students and for Cal undergraduates attending the UC in Washington program. In February, the Center co-sponsored events with the Chancellor’s Free Speech Initiative and Berkeley Law. With the Berkeley Conservative Society and Cal Dems, CCDE co-hosted “Medicare for All: A Debate” focusing on the current and future state of U.S. health care. Chancellor Christ was in attendance, opening the event by reaffirming the importance of the civil discourse. Participants ranged from undergraduate students to senior citizens. Also in February, with the Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice, Berkeley Law, CCDE co-hosted “Winning at Progressive Electoral Politics: Opportunities and Challenges,” with Mike Lux, Co-Founder of Democracy Partners. Berkeley Law students and members of the public described their experiences with and presented their questions about the political process. For CCDE programs, including digital recordings of public lectures, see gsp. berkeley.edu/centers/ccde/public-events. Thanks to all who support the Center. To contribute, go to gsp.berkeley.edu/centers/ccde/give-to-the-center.

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69 In 2016 and 2017 Elise Miller published two fiction books, The Berkeley Girl and The Berkeley Girl: Rendezvous in London. They were published by Sand Hill Review Press, and are based on her experiences at Cal and while studying in Paris in 1968. Elise has also been working on two nonfiction, family history books, that are...
based on her years of genealogical research. The second is just now completed. Upcoming will be more fiction, based on her discoveries about the amazing courage of the immigrant generation. With husband Jay ’ 68, Elise is enjoying frequent FaceTime calls with their children (Cal ’ 98, ’ 99, and ’ 00) and four wonderful grandchildren, ages 14 months to 12 years.

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Jamie Behrendt writes: I am one of the class secretaries for Class of 1978 and I have moved houses. My new address is below.

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Andrew F. Jones, M.A. ’93, Ph.D. ’97, listens in on the 1960s beyond the West, suggesting how transistor technology, decolonization, and the Green Revolution transformed the sound of music globally in Circuit Listening: Chinese Popular Music in the Global 1960s.

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Cathy (Yuan) Hung writes: “I graduated as a psychology major and music minor then went on to pursue a career in dentistry at Columbia University, and continued to specialized as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon with additional training. I am excited to say that my first book, Pulling Wisdom: Filling the gaps in cross-cultural competency for healthcare professionals, is out this summer. Since I am an immigrant (came in in 1991 on a student visa), I’ve moved across the country and learned the English language and different cultural settings through life and clinical experience, and now I would like to teach other healthcare professionals how to communicate more effectively with a diverse demographic. With COVID, there is a lot of fear and anti-Asian speech and acts. As we are slowly recovering as a nation, I think cultural communication is a very important topic, granted that the nation is getting more diverse by the day. Currently, I am a guest writer for American Dental Association.”

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Rhoda Faye Sicotte (née Abidog) has end-stage renal disease (stage 5) and the kidney failure is affecting her heart. She is in desperate need of a kidney donation as dialysis has not been working out and is not a long-term solution. Her story and information on how to donate a kidney is available at Help Faye Find Florberta!:

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Kwaito Bodies: Remastering Space and Subjectivity in Post-Apartheid South Africa by Xavier Livermon, M.A. ’01, Ph.D. ’06, is now available from Duke University Press. In it, he examines the cultural politics of the youthful black body in South Africa through the performance, representation, and consumption of Kwaito—a style of electronic dance music that emerged following the end of apartheid. Xavier Livermon is associate professor of African and African Diaspora Studies at the University of Texas at Austin and coeditor of Black Sexual Economies: Race and Sex in a Culture of Capital.

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In March 2020, Benjamin Edlavitch (Professional Certificate in Computer Information Systems) founded Edlavitch Law PLLC, located in Minneapolis, MN, and specializing in intellectual property strategy and electrical engineering patents. Ben is a USPTO registered patent attorney and electrical engineer concentrating in patent law counseling as well as procurement of patents in the fields of electrical and computer engineering.

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Dilshat Erkin has been promoted to vice president of Clearlake Capital Group. Dilshat joined Clearlake in 2014 and currently serves on the Board of Directors of several Clearlake portfolio companies, including Ivanti, Premiert, and Wheel Pros. He has been involved in several of Clearlake’s industrial, technology, tech-enabled services, and consumer platforms.

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Michal Kapitulnik, MLA, ASLA, is a Principal at Surfacedesign, Inc., an award-winning landscape architecture and urban design firm based in San Francisco. The firm recently released its first monograph, Surfacedesign: Material Landscapes, published by The Monacelli Press.

Since graduating from Cal, Shauna Satnick has taken the theater world by storm. During her time at Cal, she participated in TDPS productions and earned a minor in theater and performance studies. She holds a certificate in acting from A.C.T.’s Summer Training Congress and is currently a model with The Blackwell Files. Shauna is particularly excited about her debut with Bay Area Musicals in their production of The Full Monty. Running from February 15 through March 15 at the Victoria Theatre in San Francisco, the 10-time Tony-award nominated show is filled with catchy, hilarious, heart-warming, and exciting moments. Go Bears!

Jonathan Shelley, Ph.D., of Georgia Tech will receive $10,000 to partner with Common Good Atlanta, an organization that provides access to higher education for incarcerated people and their families, to teach a free college-level Shakespeare course for Atlanta residents who have been released from prison. The course will consist of rigorous analysis of dramatic texts and trips to the Shakespeare Tavern Playhouse to see live performances, and will also engage students as co-collaborators in the creation of open-source lesson plans. When the semester ends, the project team will make these curricular tools available online and encourage their use by colleges, universities, and other educational programs teaching literature and the humanities to currently and formerly incarcerated people.

We currently have no class secretary listed for the following classes: ’29–’31, ’35, ’41, ’49, ’04–’08, ’10, ’12–14, and ’16–18. If you are the class secretary, please contact the magazine office at 510/900-8250.

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