

51 COVID-19 has once again decimated reunion plans for the class of '51. This time, **Lefty Stern** reports that Pappy's Boys canceled their September event with the consensus that COVID-19 was the No. 1 consideration of the group and out of their control. Masks and distancing were major obstacles to a successful gathering. The final gathering is now scheduled for the 2021 Cal football season with events being monitored as they occur. **Lefty** and **Gay Stern** are staying close to home, but the Napa-Sonoma fire forced their evacuation for eight nights in October. How are the rest of you managing during this extraordinary time? Do send me an email on your adaptability. We have all learned some challenging survival skills, and, like Pappy's Boys, we will meet again.

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52 Greetings to the class of '52. These notes are written while the pandemic is raging. Perhaps by the time you read these the situation will have improved. In the meantime, I hope all of you and your families are well, safe, and using "sheltering time" to pursue rewarding interests. I just read *A Tale of Two Cities* ("the best of times, the worst of times") in its entirety—468 pages of fine print. Challenging, but highly recommended. Our University has a new President—Michael Vincent Drake—whom we welcome and wish success and satisfaction in his new role. We lost two members of the class committee in July: **MaryLou (Willis) Berg** and **Nancy (Balch) Fischer** (please see "In Memoriam"). Notes from classmates include one from **Russ Levikow** in which he writes about reconnecting with friends from our 65th reunion. He has designed a bench in the name of a fellow crew member, **Bill Andersen**, that will be part of the new Crew Boathouse project. **Bonnie (Ritzenthaler) Wilson** wrote in favor of a 70th reunion in 2022. She celebrated her 90th birthday in August and keeps in touch with friends from our student years. **Robin (Haseltine) Robinson** lives in San Rafael, keeps in touch with **MaryDell (Fisher) Clarke**, and has been involved for some time in a project that encourages high school students to continue their education. However we observe the holidays, by Zoom or not, stay well and hopeful for a brighter New Year. Fiat Lux!

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53 **Emanuel Williams**, a resident of Atlanta, GA, is a visitation pastor in his church. As a global health-care chaplain, Emanuel has traveled to Cambodia, China, Cuba, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Spain, and Vietnam on mission trips. In 2019, at an Assemblies of God chaplain's conference, he was honored with an award for his service, which

will be given in his name annually. Emanuel runs 5K races for Christian charities, conducts Christian services for family and friends in America, and participates in Balboa High School alumni activities. Wow. **Al Manzano** writes that he and Barbara '54 are staying mostly at home, going out only for routine appointments and shopping—like everyone else. Their local daughter keeps in touch daily, but the rest of their four children, 16 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren are mostly seen over short videos. The telephone is their social life, plus nearby friends who come over. Al and Barbara keep busy gardening. He writes essays and poems and is on the Carlsbad Housing Commission. He does crossword puzzles every day while Barbara does jigsaw puzzles. Of course, for them, the game groups and clubs are all in abeyance, and they worry about how journalism and the arts are suffering. Al and Barbara miss live performances, but they know it is the life we all share during the pandemic. They join fellow Californians in their concern for the deteriorating environment. They hope for a general recovery and the end to the pandemic. Stay well '53!

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54 **Bill Morrish** thoughtfully submitted the following: "Commemorating the 30th anniversary of the class of '54 Gate, here are some remembrances of those exciting days when we celebrated our 35th reunion and some of the events that made it special: We knew that all classes were being asked to undertake a major fundraising campaign for their 35th reunion. Our committee was invited by Chancellor Heyman to the president's house to hear his pitch. He intended to create 100 endowed Chairs 'on his watch' and wanted us to support that effort. Many of us were willing, but others wanted to create some architectural monument we could show off to our children and grandchildren when someday we might take them on a tour of the campus. We had a lively but inconclusive discussion. Finally, Chancellor Heyman offered us a deal: 'If you will help me with a Chair, I will help you with a monument. You can build a gate at the campus's north entrance, and we will put in the necessary infrastructure to support it.' **Don Denton** spoke up: 'All right then, let's do both.' Silence followed. We all looked at one another. **Midge Zischke** said: 'We can do it.' There was general applause. The rest is history. We raised the largest amount of any class up to that date and gave the campus two gifts: the class of '54 Gate and

an endowed Chair in undergraduate teaching. Not bad for a bunch of public school kids who made it up as we went along."

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56 Our class has supported the Library Preservation Department with our Class of 1956 Humanities Endowment for the Library Preservation for many years. We also continue to support the class of '56 conservator, Martha Little. Now we want to continue our efforts by helping the unmet needs of the Preservation Department. These specific needs are: three adjustable height tables with stools, \$1,233 each; paper conservation vacuum suction table with humidification dome, \$23,335; Ceelite flexible light sheets, \$425; preservation pencil to direct vapor to small area, \$2,925; quick cut hot knife with three different blades, \$900; and two Dahle self-healing cutting mats, \$270. Choose an item for your donation or contribute any amount to the goal of \$31,000. Class members **Peter Van Houten** and **Wes McDaniel** have each pledged for an adjustable table and stool. Any gift will make a huge difference in continuing the Preservation Department's vital role at the University. The goal is to complete this campaign prior to June 2021, the 65th anniversary of our graduation. Send donations to: University of California Berkeley, Donor and Gift Services, 1995 University Avenue - Suite 400, Berkeley, CA 94704-1070. And Go Bears! *Class Secretary: Barbara Jopp Chinn, 5405 Carlton St., #404, Oakland CA 94618, chinnacres@sbcglobal.net*

58 **Nancy Cupit Higham** writes that one of her greatest pleasures during the pandemic has been one-hour Zoom meetings with her book club. In 2006, a band of Berkeley High School sisters had a reunion at Asilomar to celebrate 50-plus years since their graduation in 1954. Out of this rollicking reunion grew a new book club, Bookies, which includes a number of class of '58 Bears. In addition to Nancy, **Sheilah Macleod Fish**, **Margaret Snyder Lynwood**, **Marilyn Porter Foreman**, and **Marilee Goodwin Maslin** join her. Nancy reports that the group meets weekly, and they enjoy sharing fresh coping activities, books, online theater talks through Berkeley Rep, and updates on politics. Once a month they cover a book at the meeting. Nancy says that it is comforting to have regular chats and share their family doings. She pointed out that during the endless quarantine, most of the "bookies" have regular Zoom meetings with their extended families and find it a rich resource for understanding

each other's lives and viewpoints, "unlike the amount of contact in our former lives." **John Amos**, a consultant for global construction projects, reports that the pandemic has delayed or canceled many large projects and conferences around the world. The conferences are offering virtual meetings instead. During the pandemic, he has been writing articles and working on Zoom meetings for conference organizers until we can get together once again.

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61 How many projects have we managed to finish during this shutdown? **Weldon Smith** has published a novel, *The Archer's Hand*. Themes of the book include: family disintegration, World War II, crime and punishment, the attempt to recapture home, and the past, in addition to the ongoing struggle for equal rights for Native Americans and Latinx people. The book is available on Amazon. Hoping other class members will share recent accomplishments.

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67 Hi all, this is, by any measure, a short column. You know the old maxim, "No news is good news?" As we all know, it ain't necessarily so. Writes class member **Sheryl Wong**, "It's hard to have any news when you aren't going anywhere! You're right, we're all in our bunkers of varying kinds. Hope you are healthy and safe in yours. ..." Ditto, Sheryl.

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68 Class of '68 gatherings continue. Gatherings are for classmates, alumni, and friends of Cal. To join the class of '68 email list, please contact cal68@blueconnect.org and tell your friends. The Goldman School of Public Policy Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement (CCDE) was founded by the class of '68. On Oct. 17, during Homecoming 2020, CCDE co-sponsored a panel discussion on "An Election Like No Other: Ensuring Democracy's Survival," which focused on ensuring high turnout and minimizing voter suppression during COVID-19. Panelists included Berkeley School of Public Health Professor John Swartzberg, She the People Founder Aimee Allison, and California Secretary of State Alex Padilla. The panel was moderated by CCDE Faculty Director Dan Lindheim. CCDE continues to provide support for Cal undergraduates, including those in the UC Washington program. Two Cal students—Joyce Ma, who interned with the Association for Diplomatic Studies and

Training, and Kevin Rojas De Leon, who interned with the National Immigration Forum—received funding awards for the fall 2020 semester, which was held virtually for classes and internships. For a list of CCDE programs and digital recordings of public lectures, visit gspp.berkeley.edu/centers/ccde/public-events. Thanks to all those who contributed to the Big Give this past spring and those who continue to support the center. For more information, visit gspp.berkeley.edu.

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69 **Carlos Morales** shared news that he retired this past June after a 50-year career that included his bachelor's in industrial engineering from Cal and an MBA from Fordham in New York City. He worked for several multinational companies, such as Chiquita Brands in Latin America and Rhône-Poulenc and Solvay in Europe. Carlos recalls the summer of '68 at Cal with lots of tear gas, sometimes even seeping down to Larry Blake's Rathskeller where he waited on tables. He'll never forget the battle for People's Park in May '69 when shotgun blasts peeled the paint off of buildings on Telegraph. However, Carlos says he will always love his Berkeley days in part because he married a Bay Area girl. The Moraleses have been living in New Jersey since 1977, where he was transferred by Chiquita. Carlos and his wife have no plans to move, as their two daughters and eight grandkids live within 30 minutes from them, but they do plan to travel during retirement when the pandemic permits. Carlos also takes courses on Coursera, does lots of reading, and enjoys his family and the Jersey Shore.

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72 **Lif Cory Strand's** first novel, *Evolution Device*, was published on July 28. Here is an excerpt from a book review by Canadian author George Case: "*Evolution Device* is an entertaining mix of backstage drama and spiritual fantasy, imagining a quintessential 1970s rock 'n' roll success story from the not-quite-real perspective of an artistic muse who makes the music possible." Taking off from a fictionalized amalgam of Led Zeppelin, Fleetwood Mac, and Heart, mixed with a bit of Janis Joplin and a dash of the Jefferson Airplane, Lif Strand introduces an unusual (but refreshingly original) angle of Native American mythology into the more familiar Behind-the-Music elements. After Cal, Lif ran a horse breeding and training facility with her husband in Watsonville. In 1994 she moved to New Mexico where she lives in the middle of nowhere, off the grid. Her novel is available at all bookstores and on Amazon. **Susan Lokerse Singleton** is serving on the school board for Vallecito Union

School District in Calaveras County.
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76 **Vivian Kleiman** is a Peabody Award-winning and Emmy-nominated filmmaker known for tackling challenging subject matter and edgy cinematic approaches. Vivian is a longtime collaborator with landmark filmmaker Marlon Riggs. She supervised Marlon Riggs' completion of *Black Is ... Black Ain't*. Vivian executive produced the Academy Award-nominated documentary short *Last Day of Freedom*, *Maquilapolis*, and *First Person Plural*, among others. As an educator, she taught Documentary Film & Video Production to graduate students at Stanford University for nine years. She also served as the inaugural mentor for the James Yee Mentorship Program of the Center for Asian American Media. Her story editing credits include *Wu-Tang Clan: Of Mics & Men* for Showtime. She is now directing a feature-length documentary *No Straight Lines* on the history of queer comic books. Recently, she was awarded a Eureka Fellowship by the Fleishhacker Foundation for visual artists.

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80 The class of 1980 is weathering the pandemic. **Bill Pavao** checked in to say "hello." He fondly remembered his days working with your class secretary in Unit 2 food services while living in the iconic Ehrman Hall. **Steve Roscow**—newly retired from his position as an administrative law judge with the California Public Utilities Commission—is now a scratch golfer. Or, at least, his golf game has people scratching their heads. Steve recently golfed at the challenging Tilden Park Course on a smoky day with **Leo O'Farrell**, who is now working as a Census 2020 worker based in Lake County. **Whitney Skala** is in the same boat and has an email group talking Bear sports. Hotshot attorney **Mike Quigley** has been seen riding his Harley in Seoul and the surrounding area. He recently celebrated a birthday by playing golf in Berkeley with a group of classmates. **Jeff Shaffer** reminds us that the class of 1980 is celebrating its 40th anniversary. He reports that his Cal roommate, Suresh Bhatia '81, just moved to Stockton to take a job managing a medical practice. Their roommate Richard Young's '81 mom and sister are in Sacramento, and their fourth roommate, Don Ino '81 is in San Francisco. They all met in the dorms when Jeff was an R.A. at Spens-Black. A journalist based in Paris, "**Big Bill**" **Hinchberger** listens to punk rock (Ramones, Dead Kennedys, etc.) and continues to fight the power by advocating for independent contractors in the California legislature. Another former Ehrmanite, **Sue Wilcox** continues

to live the life near the Pacific on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

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81 **Andrea Kott** announced the publication of her new book, *Salt On a Robin's Tail: An Unlikely Jewish Journey Through Childhood, Forgiveness and Hope*. Chronicling Kott's childhood with a single mother whose depression and drinking pitched them into poverty, the memoir explores a lifelong confusion and conflict about being Jewish and a desire to reconnect with the community.

82 **Susan Hough** announced the publication of her new book *The Great Quake Debate: The Crusader, the Skeptic, and the Rise of Modern Seismology*. The book focuses on the debate that played out in the early 20th century about the severity of earthquake hazard in Los Angeles through the intertwined biographies of geologists Robert T. Hill and Bailey Willis.

86 **Daniel J. D. Sullivan** announced the publication of his new book, *Don't Date Crazy: The Phil-Am Dream Runs Into The American System*. The novel follows a hard-working, young immigrant from the Philippines who finds himself battling the American justice system. Through his book, the author hopes to embarrass those complicit in the system's injustices to self-reflection and move them to change the rules that hide bad behavior.

89 **Jeffrey I. Abrams**, an experienced leader in the legal and philanthropic fields, was named director of the Anti-Defamation League's Los Angeles Regional Office. An attorney and mediator for more than 25 years, Abrams has extensive experience and long-term relationships throughout the Jewish, civic, and philanthropic communities.

91 **Michele Wong McSween** has released *Gordon & Li Li Celebrate Chinese New Year*, the newest title in her Mandarin board-book series. Readers learn about the traditions and festivities of the Chinese New Year. Each page spotlights a single word in English and the Chinese character along with the pinyin and phonetic pronunciation. Michele's original board-book series was acquired by Cartwheel/Scholastic in 2018 and was released as a compilation book titled, *My First Mandarin Words with Gordon & Li Li*.
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93 **Natalie A. Pierce** was recently named a partner and chair of the labor and employment practice at Gunderson Dettmer. Natalie has rich experience

guiding technology, life sciences, and other high growth companies from startup through their lifecycle.

94 **David Tom Cooke, M.D.**, head of general thoracic surgery at UC Davis Health, was inducted into the American College of Surgeons Academy of Master Surgeons on Sept. 25. David uses cutting-edge technology to combat severe cases of lung, esophagus, and diaphragm diseases. As an associate professor of surgery at UC Davis Health, David shares his experience with using robotics, video-assisted thoracic surgery, and bronchoscopy to improve his patients's lives. David draws on this experience, his education at Cal, and the training he received in Dr. Marian Koshland's lab and Harvard Medical School to research strategies for combating lung and esophageal cancer and improving patient care. He was a past recipient of the Cal Alumni Association's Academic Excellence Award. **Julian A. Gross**, an expert on community benefits in land use development and public infrastructure, has joined Renne Public Law Group as a partner. He brings experience negotiating dozens of agreements in cities across California and the nation.

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95 **Paul Ferro** has been promoted from Chief Financial and Operating Officer to Chief Executive Officer of Form4 Architecture. As one of the firm's Principals and original Co-Founders, Ferro designs and leads many of the firm's high-profile Silicon Valley projects.

98 **Ana Jackson**, an accomplished leader with more than 20 years in healthcare program and evaluation management, has been named Chief Evaluation and Data Strategy Director at Blue Shield of California Foundation.

01 **Sandra Zalman's** edited volume, *Modern in the Making: MoMA and the Modern Experiment 1929-1949*, was published by Bloomsbury in October. The collected essays explore the experimental early years of the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Zalman is an Associate Professor and Program Director of Art History at the University of Houston.

03 **Lauren Bell** was recently appointed to a prestigious strategic advisory board to aid in COVID-19 tracking efforts at Decode Health, a predictive analytics company focused on early identification of healthcare risk.

08 **J. David Morris** was named vice president of Product and Global

Marketing at FalconStor Software, a software-defined enterprise storage leader. David brings 25 years of experience to lead new product development and marketing.

10 **Bradley Rogers** published his first book, *The Song is You: Musical Theatre and the Politics of Bursting into Song and Dance*, in October. *The Song Is You* explores the radical relationships between performers, spectators, and creators of musical theater and confronts the gendered and racial dynamics of the genre. Rogers grapples with an ethical dilemma: Are the musical's progressive politics thus rooted in its embrace of regressive entertainments?

12 **Corey Schnobrich** was promoted to associate at the Leddy Maytum Stacy Architects firm. His projects include Berkeley Way, a development project to build affordable supportive housing for families, veterans, and unhoused individuals.

16 **Isra Ahmad** was recently appointed to serve as an Ambassador for the United State of Women, a program launched in 2018 as an opportunity to work one-on-one with women across the country with the goal of building a community of women to lead in the fight for women's equality.

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