

## Membership Report

2021: Another crazy year! There was a good deal of confusion about dues last year when the *Cornell Alumni Magazine* terminated publication and was replaced by the new, free, digital alumni news, **Cornellians**. In addition to numerous stories and articles you will find links to **Class Notes** and **In Memoriam**. For access, go to [cornell1964.org](http://cornell1964.org) where it is the first listing on our home page. Check it out!

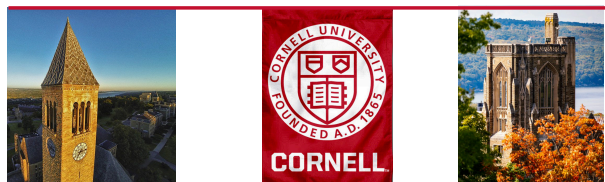
Although membership in all classes was down last year, we did better than most. We were #3 out of 75 classes with 361 classmates participating, even though the younger classes are much larger, of course. We thank you all but do hope that this year we will bring our numbers closer to our usual higher level.

Dues help to defray some of the costs of reunion fees, outreach to classmates, class events, mailings, and class projects, so we hope you will decide to support the Class of '64 by sending them in, by mail or online.

*As always, thanks for your support of Cornell and our Class!*



Barbara Lutz  
Brim



Linda Cohen  
Meltzer

## Class Notes

I hope you were able to access our new column format using the new online procedure. Here's a reminder of what to do: Begin at our class website [cornell1964.org](http://cornell1964.org). Click on **Class Notes** under **Cornellians**, select the issue you want, then click on the 1960s and scroll down to 1964. Everything you had come to rely on in the column you will now find there--plus we now can post more news than we could with the print format, a full third or so more. So please take advantage of our greater space by opening up with your latest news and then some. When sending me news, I prefer that you use the tried-and-true news form that comes with this publication because of the built-in prompts. Or, if you have especially long news to relate, send me an email: [blamont64@comcast.net](mailto:blamont64@comcast.net). Whichever process you use, please remember to indicate whether you want your email address published.



Bev Johns  
Lamont

## CU on Facebook

The 114 members of our Facebook group are staying in touch with other classmates and learning about Cornell happenings, including numerous successes, challenges, and opportunities for participation in online webinars.

Join us and you, too, can share your own news, photos, memories, etc., especially important now that our in-person connections are so limited. Go to: [facebook.com/groups/cornell1964](https://facebook.com/groups/cornell1964) to join us!



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# Cornell Class of 1964

## News - Spring 2022

### President's Message

58 years, but who's counting? 2021 was a year like no other, albeit that 2020 started to prepare the Class of 1964. Significantly restricted, as our classmates' age group was squarely in COVID's cross-hairs, we began engaging you by Zoom on subjects of common interest led by classmates with more than a modicum of relevant experience. These included: **COVID-19** through the eyes of Cornell Medical School grads and classmates, **Ed Goodman**, epidemiologist (one of Tony Fauci's first trainees), and **Bill Klingensmith**, diagnostic radiologist, followed by **The 2020 Election and Its Impact** by **Edie Lederer**, the AP's "eyes and ears around the world," most recently at the UN; **Facing the China Challenge** as seen by **Marty Whyte**, China Scholar, Professor Emeritus at Harvard, and author and **Bill Lacy**, Provost at UC Davis and author; and, finally, **Capturing the Rebirth of Native Culture, Environmental Crises, and American History** through the widely recognized stories of **Joe Bruchac**, winner of many awards and author of over 170 books! For those of you who missed reengaging with these knowledgeable classmates, the links to their programs and personal stories are on our Class Website [cornell1964.org](http://cornell1964.org).

This April, your class officers will discuss how we might best preserve our intent that the Class of 1964 John F. Kennedy Memorial Award will continue in perpetuity as our legacy to the University. As many of us are mulling the dreaded mandatory distribution of our 401ks and other estate planning devices, the JFK Legacy provides a satisfactory degree of permanence. This may encourage you to designate a meaningful portion of any discretionary estate you may be fortunate enough to have accumulated. A few years back, when I served as president of a charitable organization, we learned of a simple "ask": We ask that you consider dedicating, in this case to the JFK Award, a mere 2% of your estate. In five short years our charity had been bequeathed \$20 million. Many donors gave more than 2%, but even the most modest of donations were/will be warmly accepted.

As always, if you have questions or suggestions, let us know. For instance, you might know of a classmate who might be a great candidate for sharing their expertise and post graduation story on a Class Zoom.

*Aloha, Ken*



## Class of 1964 John F. Kennedy Memorial Award

Our JFK Memorial Award continues to gain strength. This year, the Award committee received 35 applications. Two-thirds were from women and half from students of color. Our team is composed of three classmates - **Judie Pink Gorra**, **Stan Morgenstein** and me, and five exceptional JFK Award alumni - **Jared Genser**, '95, **Katie Dealy**, '00, **Phil Caruso**, '08, **Karl Hausker**, '79 and **Itai Dinour**, '01. Our deliberations this time focused on how our award might best influence the larger national conversation. Last year, our winner, **Alice Soewito**, was applying novel strategies in seeking solutions to critical international environmental challenges. This year, we chose a student whose life's work is devoted to the long-overdue racial reckoning without which the American democratic project cannot thrive.



Cynthia Wolloch

Our winner is **Conor Hodges**. Conor graduated in December and is pursuing an online MPA through John Jay College. He was a College Scholar with majors in Government, History and American Studies, and minors in Law & Society, Inequality Studies, and Crime, Prisons, Education & Justice. He was the University's inaugural Racial Justice in Public Safety Fellow and continues as a consultant to the President's Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC). An excerpt of his undergraduate thesis won third place in the Virginia Military Institute's annual scholarly competition for best Cold War History articles and is being considered for publication by the *Journal of Military History*.

Conor made a series of reform recommendations to the Public Safety Advisory Committee resting on his findings that reliance on law enforcement as a catchall crisis response resource leads to racially disproportionate harm and distrust. PSAC's report led to Cornell's beginning to implement an alternative response system which is already being studied by several other universities.

Outside of Cornell, Conor served as a combat medic in the United States Army and was honorably discharged following two heart surgeries. He is also a trustee and director of the national Telluride Association, where he contributes to the management of a \$73 million endowment and a variety of scholarship and summer programs for high school and college students.

One of Conor's references called attention to his "commitment and capacity to be a transformative leader in building a more just world." Another called him a "tremendous resource," saying, "He will be an extraordinary representative of the University." We were delighted to present Conor's award at a ceremony during Cornell's Volunteer Leadership Week in late March.



Conor during a military exercise

Recent developments at Cornell augur well for our Award's future. Engaged Cornell has greatly expanded its scope and has become the David M. Einhorn Center for Community Engagement, incorporating our on-campus partner, the Public Service Center. The Center's directors have committed themselves to ongoing engagement with us and have responded favorably to our bold request for aggressive backing and partnerships, buy-in, recognition and coordination throughout the Cornell ecosystem. A parallel development is a move to ramp up alumni engagement across the University. Finally, the University has announced its capital campaign with the

mission statement, To Do the Greatest Good, which echos our Class's own nearly six-decade commitment.

Three big tasks now engage our attention: Securing the institutional framework within which the JFK Award operates on campus; re-envisioning the award and adjusting its parameters for a new generation; and settling the Award alumni's role in its future governance. We are already

making progress on these fronts and we invite your input. Feel free to address your comments and suggestions to [cwolloch@yahoo.com](mailto:cwolloch@yahoo.com).

Finally, some news about some of our treasured Award alumni. Katie Dealy has been working diligently over the past year with senior administration to re-imagine the role that Cornell's alumni, particularly those who have gone into public service, can play in the life of the University. And Itai Dinour, the latest JFK alum to join our committee's ranks, is deeply engaged with the Einhorn Center, our home on campus, through his position with the Einhorn Collaborative in New York City. Katie's and Itai's presence on campus gives us assurances that our work remains as relevant as it ever was. Thanks to them both, and to you, for continuing to support the JFK Memorial Award.



Conor Hodges

## The Annual Fund

Thank you, Classmates! We are delighted to report that over 300 class members supported the Annual Fund during the past fiscal year. Together we contributed close to \$250,000 to the University. In addition, we raised another \$8,000 for the JFK Memorial Award.

Please consider designating the JFK Memorial Award when you make your next gift to Cornell. This award helps recipients to pursue a broad array of public service careers. It will become the Class of 64's legacy to future Cornellians!

We welcome your support.



Michael Troner



Phyllis Rivkin Goldman

*With much appreciation, Michael and Phyllis.*

## A Surprise From the Past!

Susie Mair Holden, Editor

We have late-breaking news, which may seem strange for an annual publication and even stranger that it concerns an event that happened over 61 years ago! It involves a little mystery and the day we arrived on campus in September of 1960. Bev Johns Lamont, our Class Correspondent, received a very interesting email recently from an anonymous "random person who peruses *Life Magazine's* photo archives" and came across a trove of 143 pictures taken by the legendary photographer, Peter Stackpole. The pictures are of many of our classmates moving into Risley Hall that September day.

Jim Lamont, Bev's husband, onetime journalist, circulated the email and pictures to some class officers, trying to understand what Stackpole's assignment was. I immediately recognized Susie Lamme and Erna Hofmann, who were in many of the pictures, because they were both my roommates, and they look the same! Many other classmates, mostly women, are there, too, including Carol Britton and Anne Meade. The pictures follow them as they meet their roommates, unpack with their parents, open a bank account, and venture into the baggage room of Risley.

Bruce Wagner and Jim contacted Susie Lamme Laessig, who remembers being stopped with her parents on Triphammer Bridge by a journalist and photographer, asking if they could follow along for an hour or two that day for their story. It turned out to be most of the day.

The pictures never made it to the pages of *Life*, but we have them now on our website [cornell1964.org](http://cornell1964.org) for you. This snapshot in time is incredibly evocative; and even if you were never near Risley Hall that day, I am sure they will bring back strong and poignant memories of that exciting time when we said goodbye to our parents and embarked on our Cornell careers.

Bev will report in more detail in her **Class Notes** column. Enjoy and send along any identifications!