

88 It's hard to believe that almost 25 years have passed since our graduation. Our 25th Reunion will be next year and preparations have begun. Stay tuned for updates . . . and check out the Class of '88 Facebook page ("Cornell '88 Alumni"). It's a great way to get news and updates on our class.

Marc Weissman (Shelton, CT) produces a weekly community access TV show called "Looking Up: A View from the Valley," which premiered in January. Marc hosts this show, which he also developed. He says it's a unique half-hour program that provides viewers with a positive, apolitical, and nonprofit look at issues that affect the Lower Naugatuck Valley. You don't find too many positive and apolitical shows on issues these days, so for those of you in Connecticut—check it out! And if you are not in Connecticut, clips are accessible 24/7 on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and AOL's Patch (Shelton, Naugatuck, Oxford) and on a dedicated website, www.lookingupvalley.com. There's also a blog at www.lookingupvalley.blogspot.com. Marc's goal is to educate, inform, and entertain the public about local issues. This development is inspiring for anyone who has ambitions to be on TV or in the public eye in some way. Marc got the idea for the show after he completed public access training at Comcast's studios in Connecticut. He writes, "I've spent most of my adult life in this vibrant part of Connecticut, and there is no question that, collectively, the people of the Valley are the most passionate, appreciative, and family-oriented group of individuals I've ever had the pleasure of knowing."

And speaking of getting famous, **Alison Minton's** cockatoo continues to model and make TV appearances. Her "birdstar" has been in the Nieman Marcus catalog and appeared on CBS's "The Early Show" in New York City three times. Alison writes, "They even sent a car to pick him up and I got to go along for the ride." Alison's blog, www.cockatoochronicles.blogspot.com, will give you a beak, er, peek inside the world of her cockatoo, who is one of those rare birds who actually gets his own security detail while attending events. She continues to take classes at Cornell every summer and joined the Country Club of Ithaca last summer through a special membership via the Cornell Club of New York. She loves it. Alison serves on a number of benefit committees, such as the Young New Yorkers for the Philharmonic, ASPCA, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, Madison Square Boys, and more.

Todd Koppel, MD '92, lives in New York City with Marsha, whom he married last year. Belated congratulations, Todd. At the time he wrote, he had been skiing in Colorado: Breckenridge and Vail. Updating Cornell classmates while going down big hills—now that's dedication. When not writing and skiing simultaneously, Todd is a physician and runs a clinic at Trinity Hospital in Elizabeth, NJ. **Bill Waytena**, a veteran of Silicon Valley

startups, has started another company, called Telesocial. It is a new "telephony" company that enables game and app developers to integrate voice features into social networks like Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn. Telesocial was covered in the popular technology blog TechCrunch and is gaining attention with bloggers, social networkers, and developers around the world. Bill is eager to help Cornell students who study technology and to provide some advice on being an entrepreneur.

Pamela Jane Darer Anderson lives in Toronto and has been raising four girls (ages 5-14). She writes, "It is a challenge managing their busy lives (sports teams, activities), keeping our house under control while volunteering at their schools, and helping out with various events). She helps the young kids at one daughter's school learn to read and runs a magazine campaign to fundraise for her other daughter's school. Pamela and her husband built a brand new house near the beach three years ago and keep busy making improvements to the home. She still keeps in touch with her Cornell roommates on Bryant Avenue in Collegetown and would like to hear from **Elizabeth Altman** and **Dave Sharp**.

RJ Bukovac (Winnetka, IL) was admitted to the partnership of William Blain & Co. We also heard from another Illinois attorney, **Kenneth Flaxman**, who is with the law offices of Edward T. Joyce & Assocs. in Chicago. **Lisa Widmier** makes her home in La Jolla, CA, and is a managing partner at Vantage Pointe, a capital management and advisory firm. **Kathleen Reardon** is a principal in RD Architecture, a residential design firm in Houston, TX, where she lives.

As always, we appreciate and welcome updates from all of you on what's new and happening in your lives. A final note: Check out the new digital version of the alumni magazine at <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com> and make sure to tell all of your Cornell friends. It's a beautiful representation of the whole magazine and no special access or registration is required to view the Class Notes. ☐ **Brad Mehl**, bam62@cornell.edu; **Steven Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu; **Sharon Nunan** Stemme, sen28@cornell.edu.