PRESIDENT’S LETTER

Dear PRA Members,

Winter is almost over and Spring is in the air. Polaroid news is in the air as well. Have you noticed the fanfare being generated by the current owners of Polaroid? New products carrying the Polaroid name were introduced at this year’s Consumer Electronics Show, and I get several news emails a day due to these activities. And it’s not only about new products. The company fulfilling US orders for the old Polaroid film received their last shipment of 10,000 packs of film from Enschede in February. This film was made before the Enschede plant closed, and is the last of the products that we all knew so well. The new owner of the Enschede plant has announced plans to produce a “re-invented” Polaroid film this year, so who knows what that will bring? Our Polaroid is gone, but the Polaroid name continues to be in the news.

Plans for our 25th Anniversary celebration (described below) are proceeding well. At press time we had already received over 300 reservations. If you have not sent your reservation, it’s not too late. Send it in today and come for the big reunion!

Steve Berry, PRA President

PRA 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Who’s the “Oldest PRA member attending the lunch?” or “the youngest?”, How about “traveling the farthest?” or “the earliest seniority date?” See who these lunch-attending Polaroid retiree members are and if you’re one of them win a tax free $100! We’re also planning a special wine toast and a take home engraved wine glass as we did for the 20th.

Wednesday, May 12th is the date and it’s coming up FAST. Recall that we reduced the lunch price to $15 to encourage attendance. Imagine $15 for roast beef or baked schrod, what a deal. Thanks again to Lantana who have agreed to waive the 20% house charge for this special event in recognition of our long relationship.

See the list inside for those who have signed up so far, send in your reservation today, don't be left out. Jim Grunst is standing by to receive your mail.

See you there,

Roger Clapp Co-chairman, 25 PRA Anniversary Committee
Can anyone help?

I have a problem with a Polaroid Museum Replica Painting. For my 25th Anniversary award, I selected a Claude Monet painting — “Red Boats, Argentenie”. About 7 years ago, it started to show bubbles. The film bubbled away from it’s backing in a few areas. This so detracted from the painting that I had to remove it from our living room. My Question is...How can this be fixed? Does anyone have a remedy? Also, has anyone had a similar problem? Thanks for your help in advance..

Please contact Tom Hickey at tomandreg@comcast.net, anyone on the PRA Board or Bill Rosen, editor PRA Newsletter 112 meadow lane, Randolph, MA 02368

We have a Polaroid Group on Facebook!

Have you checked out the Polaroid Group on Facebook? Ok, Ok, I know what many will answer. We’re the older (oldest?) generation. Many of us retired before computers were a big thing, and so we never got into computers much. And even if we did, Facebook is for the young kids, right?

Well, never-the-less, for those of you that do have and use computers, take a look at Facebook. As I prepare this note for our Spring Newsletter, there are about 100 members in the Polaroid Facebook Group. They are having fun posting pictures and sharing comments about their Polaroid experiences. I especially like the picture which includes a young Ed Wade posted by Ray Munchmeyer (who is also looking very young in the picture).

And since I’m talking about computers, I should mention that our Website Committee is working on an update to the decade old WWW.PolaroidRetirees.org website. It has been a challenge to update the old website and some people have difficulty accessing it, but it is still there with lots of current post- ings in the Bulletin Board section. We’ll tell you more about the new website, when it is up and running.

A third computer application which should be mentioned, is the Polcommunications email list on Yahoo. Since this was started in 2001, some 800 Polaroid members have been added to the list. Over the years about half have dropped off due to changing interests, but over 400 members still share information and comments with each other on the list. If you would like to join this group, just send an email to me (SteveBerrydhs@yahoo.com), tell me who you are and where you worked at Polaroid, and I'll add you to the list.

And if you don't use computers, it's not too late to start. Take a course at your local Senior Center or Adult Education facility and join the 21st century. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one at your local library.

Steve Berry

Annual Elections for PRA Board Members

The PRA Board consists of 18 members elected to three year terms. The terms are staggered, such that six terms end each year. Board Members may be re-elected twice, to serve a total of nine years. This year, all six members whose terms are expiring have indicated a willingness to run again, and will be re-nominated at the May 12 Business Meeting. They include:

Steve Berry, retired 2001, Purchasing, PRA President
Roger Clapp, retired 1996, Engineering, Film Divs.; Treasurer, past PRA President,
Doris Harriman, retired 1995, Film, Finance Divs.
Florence Jones, retired 1996
Lucille Kelly, retired 1983, Film, Battery Divs.
Richard Rosenblatt, retired 1996, Chemical Supply Appointed to complete the term of Clark Bryan
Partial List of Attendees at The Spring Luncheon !!!

Pat     Alliot  Rosalie  Cravotta  Carol  Hall  Josephine  McCormack  Joe  Rosa
Roger   Ambuter  Dick  Cunningham  John  Alden  Hall  Leo  McCormack  Peg  Rosa
Linda   Anderson  Katherine  Davis  Marie  Hanley  Susan  Curran  Carolyn  St. Lawrence
Barbara  Anceone  Mary  Curtin  Wayne  Hall  Richard  M.  McDonald  William  Rosen
Bill     Aucoin  Lois  Dailey-Bickford  Gall  Hallquist  Nancy  McGovern  E.  Richard  Rosenblatt
Ray     Bancroft  Charlie  Davis  George  Hamilton  Ed  McNeil  Phil  Ruddick
Roger   Barns  Rich  Davison  Doris  Harriman  George  McNeil  Diane  M.  Salidas
Charlie  Barr  Maria  de  Chaves  Jack  Harrington  Bob  McNeil  Peter  G.  Salidas
Barbara  A.  Beane  Bob  DeArruda  Corinne  Hart  Rosie  McNeil  Elaine  Savage
Deborah  L.  Beane  David  D.  Delaney  Judy  Hatfield  Marc  McPherson  Crom  Schubarth
Bob     Bell  Ed  Denk  Dick  Hennessy  Julie  McPherson  Ruth  Schubarth
Joanne  Belloffato  Milt  Dentch  Jack  Hennessy  Doug  Mitchell  Karl  Schwartz
Joe     Belskis  Lou  DePalma  Paul  E.  Henry  Pat  Mock  Myron  A.  Seiden
Maryann  Belskis  Selda  DePalma  Tom  Hickey  Jack  Mohr  Mona  Sheingold
John    Bennett  Bob  DeVellis  Mary  Ellen  Hickman  Jean  Mohr  Roger  Shepherd
Phyllis  Bennett  Bill  Dias  Ron  Hill  Jerry  Mollenhauer  Judie  Sheridan
Janet   Benson  Bob  Dickson  Barbara  Hitchcock  van  Marie  Montague  Tom  Silva
Dick    Bento  Jean  DiGusto  Steenwyk  John  Morine  Barbara  Skelly
Kay     Bernazzini  Marilyn  DiLillo  Bill  Hocking  Don  Morrison  Francine  Snyder
Louise  Berry  Art  Doiron  Richard  M.  Hollis  John  Morse  Herbert  Snyder
Steve   Berry  Al  Donaghy  Pauline  Houston  Ed  Motzua  Marie  Spear
Diego   Bickford  Mary  de  Chaves  Russell  Houston  Joe  Mussare  Peter  Speck
Connie  Biber  Chuck  Donohue  Ron  Hudd  Dennis  Murphy  Al  St. Germain
Robert  K.  Bickford  John  Doyle  Marianne  Hurley  James  E.  Murphy  Dick  St. Lawrence
Jane    Blackburn  Cam  Driscoll  Al  Hyland  Jim  Murphy  Larry  St. Ong
Jack    Blake  John  Duffy  Touie  Jackson  Joan  Murphy  Norma  Stanavic
Bob     Blanchard  Olive  Dufresne  Richard  James  Nora  Murphy  Peg  Stanavic
Joe     Boisclair  Terri  Duggan  Phyllis  Janko  Timothy  Murphy  Betty  Stephens
Arthur  Bontempo  Tom  Duggan  Derek  Jarrett  George  Murray  Lou  Strenck
Jerry   Bonvouloir  Bob  Dunn  Jenkins  Larry  Jessarelli  Kenny  Stysten
Peg     Bonvouloir  Charlie  Durrhah  Dave  Johnson  Mary  Ann  Nangeguni  Mike  Sugue
Sheryl  Beaumont-Booamant  Bob  Duva  Edy  Johnson  Nangeguni  Nick  Tammaro
Roger   Borgehsani  Jeff  Eaton  Florence  Jones  Paul  Nangeguni  Lene  Tangay
Arthur  Bourquin  Mike  Eden  Joe  Jones  Paul  Norton  Ann  Tennis
Barbara  Boyd  Theo  Ellis  Gary  Kaidanov  Paul  Norton  Jack  Tennis
JoAnne  Boyle  Strenck  Sal  Emma  John  F.  Kaminski  Casey  Norvaisa  Dick  Terry
Chris   Brayton  Tom  Ewright  Gene  Kanter  Reggie  Nysko  Bill  Thomas
Herb    Briss  John  Esquirol  Warren  Kantrowitz  Dave  Oberhauser  Oleta  Thomas
Bev     Brogna  Doreen  Fairbairn  Eva  Karger  Cathy  O'Brien  Eric  Thorsgeren
Carmel  Brown  Regina  Fenesse  Lucille  Kelley  Jim  O'Brien  Joe  Toronto
Charles  Brown  Joan  Fiore  Walt  Kelly  Dave  O'Connell  Phil  Tower
Henry   Brown  John  Fiore  Bill  Kennedy  Gene  O'Connell  Carmen  Trindall
Marvin  Brown  Jeanne  Flukeyciger  Tom  Kiely  Barbara  Odiore  Dick  Trindall
Merit   Brown  Joe  Flukeyciger  Irene  Kilroy  John  Odiore  Victor  Trivisano
Fred    Brustrum  John  Flynn  Jim  Kilroy  Dick  Oglivie  Mal  Trojan
Dick    Bryant  Frances  Foley-Sahlas  Robert  King  Harriet  Oglivie  Paul  Trojano
John    Burgarella  Elizabeth  Foote  June  Knowles  Dick  O'Gorman  Dennis  Trundy
Walton  Byron  John  A.  Forbes  Bud  Krueger  Paul  Olson  Jack  Tyson
Broncille  Calzi  Stan  Ford  Harry  Laird  Priscilla  Olson  Joe  Valente
Carl    Camelo  Earl  Forman  Tom  Lallman  Dottie  Palani  Sam  Valente
Tony    Camerlon  Don  Foster  Lorraine  Langston  John  J.  Parus  Leo  Van Glabek
Ed     Caplan  John  Foster  Lorraine  Langston  Joseph  Patron  John  Waldron
Joe     Carchedi  Dee  Frelis  Bill  Quinlidian  Mary  T.  Parus  Dick  Varney
Eddyhe  Carrierre  Margarette  Freeman  Kay  Lawrence  Ken  Pawl  Donny  Vecht
Frank  E.  Carta  Tony  Freitas  Max  Lawrence  Cell  Pennell  Al  Visco
Helen   Carta  Nathalie  Fultz  Kent  Lawson  Ken  Pennell  Nancy  Vitali
Al     Cailloue  Robert  B.  Furtado  Mary  Ledden  Jan  Peterson  Paul  Vitali
Willy   Chester  Ed  Gaffey  Phyllis  Ledrew  John  Petrelis  Sylvania  Viti
Connie  Church  Ed  Galvin  Eugene  Lee  Larry  Plummer  Frank  Voss
Eileen  Ciampi  Joe  Gantert  Sheila  Lee  Bob  Pochini  John  Waldron
Peter  E.  Clancy  Arthur  Garland  Emie  Long  Peggie  Prebensen  Dottie  Watson
Pam    Clark  Kathy  Greish  Paul  Leach  John  Prendergast  Drew  Webb
Roger   Clapp  Bill  Gavin  Myrna  Lubin  John  R.  Prendergast  Dolores  Weir
Al     Clark  Keith  Gredich  Paul  Lubin  Theresa  Prendergast  Kelly  Donald  Weir
Arthur  Coates  James  George  Tom  Lynch  Bob  Price  Charlie  Whalen
Louis   Cocciamoglio  James  George  Tom  Lynch  Loretta  Quaglia  Harry  Williams
Vincent  Cocco  John  Gilmartin  Frank  MacDonald  Kathy  Radley  Fred  Williams
Anita   Coiff  John  Gonski  Bobbie  MacKenzie  Bob  Radochia  Dick  Wilsack
John    Colantuone  Bob  Gofee  George  Marin  Bob  Rainie  Bill  Wilson
Edd     Coloney  Mable  Graham  Bob  Maleszyk  George  Reimann  Barry  Winson
Ann    Condon  Annie  M.  Grant  Gray  Bob  Manning  Nancy  Reimann  Dick  Young
Dick    Condon  Hazel  Gray  Victoria  Marcellino  John  Reuter  Rob  Young
Olive   Condon  Hazel  Gray  Vincent  Marcellino  John  Reuter  Rob  Young
Ann    Correia  Joseph  Joseph  Bob  Maric  Tom  Rodriguez  Bob  Zuccaro
Bill    Coyle  Margaret  Guido  Joan  Martins  Chris  Roman
Linda   Coyle  Matt  Guzzetta  Louis  Martins  Ed  Roman
Philip  Cravotta  Larry  Hagan  Ed  McCauley  Joe  Rosa
German bank buys back Polaroid site - Polaroid name continues in the News

By Richard Conn/Daily News staff Daily News Tribune

Excerpted by E. Richard Rosenblatt / PRA

The German bank that holds the mortgage on the 120-acre former Polaroid property, bought back the land Friday Oct. 9, 2009 at a foreclosure auction. Helaba Bank, which holds the $70 million note on the Main Street property, bought the land for $42.5 million. There were only a "handful of qualified bidders," according to auctioneer Michael Saperstein.

The site had been owned by a venture between New York based-Related Companies and Polaroid - Watch City Development LLC - which planned to build the Commons at Prospect Hill, a 1.7 million square foot mix of shops, offices and restaurants at the site.

Polaroid, though, filed for bankruptcy last December and the company has reportedly tried to exit the project. According to published reports, financing for the project has also stalled. Mayor Jeannette McCarthy said in the weeks before the auction that she believed Related, was trying to stay in the project. McCarthy said yesterday that the result of Friday's auction was not unexpected and said she expects the bank to eventually find a buyer for the property.

McCarthy said the eventual developer of the land should be committed to those same type of traffic improvements along with preserving the 20-acre Berry Farm on the property, transforming an old railroad bed into a recreation trail and giving the city an easement for an eventual connection to the interstate. "I'm still concentrating on the same four things," McCarthy said. "The community issues are still there."

Polaroid Unveils New Product Line-Up at CES

Excerpted by E. Richard Rosenblatt / PRA

LAS VEGAS - 2010 International CES – January 7, 2010 – PLR IP Holdings, LLC, owners of the Polaroid brand, today launched a new product lineup at the 2010 International Consumer Electronics Show (CES), including new instant digital products, the long-awaited return of classic Polaroid instant film and a modern version of the OneStep instant film camera, plus new flat panel televisions and more. Polaroid demonstrated the new products at CES booth #13614, located in Central Hall at the Las Vegas Convention Center. Additional in-booth activities included an appearance by Lady Gaga, who was recently named creative director for a specialty line of Polaroid products, an exclusive exhibition of classic fine art photography from the famous Polaroid Collection, and live celebrity portrait sessions by renowned contemporary Polaroid photographer, Maurizio Galimberti. “Everyone loves digital cameras, and we all love the spontaneity of instant prints. Polaroid is bringing its own brand of instant together with digital, with a strong dose of the fun, simplicity and value that Polaroid is known for,” said Scott W. Hardy, president of PLR IP Holdings, LLC. “Polaroid’s new lineup of instant digital cameras, classic instant film cameras, instant mobile printers, online photo sharing service, flat panel TV’s, and much more gives people everything they need to easily capture, create, print, share and enjoy their instant photos and digital images anyway they want.”

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The Return of Polaroid Instant Classics

Supported by a strategic relationship with Summit Global Group, a longtime Polaroid partner, and The Impossible Project, the manufacturer of classic film for Polaroid film cameras, Polaroid will offer a completely redesigned, modern version of the Polaroid OneStep camera, the PIC 1000. The PIC 1000 will be available in a range of fun colors and use classic Polaroid Color 600 Instant Film to produce the brand’s classic white border instant pictures. The Polaroid Color 600 Instant Film will work with both classic and new Polaroid cameras and will be offered in packs of 10 pictures. The new classic PIC 1000 camera and instant color film will be available at national retailers in 2010.

Exhibition of Classic Polaroid Photographs

To help celebrate the brand’s long history in imaging, Polaroid will hold an exclusive exhibition of classic Polaroid photographs, featuring selected works from The Polaroid Collection of Photography. The full Collection features more than 1,200 works by artists who used Polaroid cameras and film because of their unique aesthetic potential. CES attendees will have a chance to view selected works from the Collection by Ansel Adams, Andy Warhol, William Wegman and many others at Polaroid’s booth throughout the event. Sotheby’s will offer the full Collection at auction in June 2010.

“Apart from their broad appeal to amateurs all over the world, Polaroid images have such a unique personality of their own that fine artists like Maurizio Galimberti, Ansel Adams, Andy Warhol and others featured in the Polaroid Collection of Photography have made them a central part of their own work,” said Jon Pollock, CMO, PLR IP Holdings, LLC. “Polaroid is very proud of this legacy, and we’re working now to give people many more ways to express themselves and experience their world visually, with the fun, simplicity and value that the Polaroid brand stands for.”

ABOUT POLAROID

Across several generations, people regard Polaroid as one of the most trusted, well-respected and recognizable names when it comes to instant photography. Polaroid began more than 70 years ago with polarized sunglasses, evolved into instant film, camera and camera accessories, and in recent years has expanded well beyond into flat panel televisions, portable DVD players, digital photo frames, digital HD camcorders, waterproof digital cameras and more. People can expect to see new products from Polaroid that will deliver the fun, instant gratification and value that the brand has long stood for. Polaroid is a registered trademark of PLR IP Holdings, LLC. For more information, visit www.polaroid.com.

Lost Polaroid Retirees may be due Money from the PBGC

Former Polaroid employee and PRA member Steve Silen, called our attention to the fact that the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation lists the following members as lost and requests that they or their beneficiaries (should they be deceased) contact them. Steve was able to trace one member and help her get a five figure amount from the PBGC.

For more information, call the PBGC at: 1-800-400-7242

ALPE, ROBERT
BULLOCK, RONALD
CARROLL, MARILYN
CHAPUT, MARY
COLLINS, EDNA
CRONIN, DOROTHY
DAWKINS, BARBARA
DEJURA, PATRICK
DROZ, DANIEL
EVANS, WILLIAM
FICHERA, MICHAEL
GANNON, NANCY
GIANTE, LYNN
GREGORIOU, VASSILIOS
GRENNER, GERD
HINES, ERROL
HOWELL, JOHN
JOHANSSON, PAMELA
JOHNSON, PAULETTE
MACDONALD, ANN
MARTISHIUS, JOANN
MCTERNAN, GERALD
MEIERJOHANN, FRIEDRICH
MOORE, PATRICIA
NASIS, CHRISTY
NEEDHAM, CHRISTOPHER
NELSON, GARY
OLLIS, JOHN
PRATHER, GWENDOLYN
RICHET, CLARENCE
ROBINS, DAVID
ROGERS, ERNEST
STAEDTER, MELITTA
THIBAULT, JENNINE
WILLIAMS, JOHN
William Cousins writes... I am now in the Chicago area. Enjoy family and friends where Marilyn and I grew up. Maybe we can get back to one of your meetings to see all the friends we had at Polaroid.

Jane Rollins writes... I am just about the happiest retiree. I worked at Polaroid for 40 years and now realize -- I worked to retire !!! To the Board..You're simply the best..

John Prendergast writes...Well its 13 years since I left Polaroid. The day I left I felt very sad leaving all my close friends of 32 years. I worked in W2 roll film 2nd shift and W3 P60, QC, SX70, W5 QC, (practically everywhere). We have done many trips with our friends through New England. I still dream of Polaroid and all the wonderful people I worked with.

Joan Westcott & Neil Dufresne write... We have been living in Florida going on 10 years. We have never regretted our move here. We are very active and have met such a wonderful group of people from all over the US and the world. We do take time out of our fun to volunteer for Hospice and it has been very rewarding for us. Neil also volunteers for the Florida Golf Association working the tournaments especially the ones for the kids. Golfing is still our great love and hopefully we will be golfing far into the future. P.S. We just experienced 2 weeks of winter down here in January, how did we ever do it for 6 months up North? We are now happily back in 70's daytime.


Robert Totaro writes... I left the company in 1985 to run my art gallery in Wellesley which I had started in 1982. This summer the gallery will be 28 years old. We inventory about 4000 works of art from North America, Italy & France. Website  www.jtodd.com

Eric Thorgerson writes... I retired in June 1998. I consulted for the company until Sept. 2001. I was the Corporate ombudsman the last year and a half. Taught at Northeastern University in the Chemical Eng Dept and became acting chair from 2002/2006. I continue to have a relationship with the dept and also do some consulting work. I have been the board chair of the Chapel Hill school in Waltham for the past 7 years. I married in 2003 to Elizabeth Foote also of Polaroid and we are enjoying life immensely.

Karl Schwartz writes... Our oldest grandson, Derek, was accepted as a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point in the class of 2013 this past June. He will be the 50th class after mine since I graduated from there in 1963. I and my classmates will shepherd his class during their 4 years at the academy, culminating with their graduation in 2013. I will be privileged to attend all the significant events during that period of time.

Bob Radochia writes... On the day I arrived at Polaroid on February 4, 1959 it never entered my mind that I would remain at Polaroid until January, 2006. The sixties, seventies and eighties were exciting years at Polaroid and to have been part of it was something special. Now, four years later, I realize how much Polaroid has defined me and still is part of my life in terms of how I solve problems, make decisions, and carry out a task. The Polaroid relationships established with so many continues on and whenever we meet many feel a sense of having been part of a unique experience that only we can appreciate. It is the Polaroid experience we share and
Life After Polaroid

the PRA volunteers that makes the PRA such a success. Change is not a part of who I am. I worked at Polaroid for nearly 47 years, married to my wife Joyce for 45 years, lived in the same house for 40 years, lived in the same town all my life, and have never been to Florida. As far as life after Polaroid, there is no such thing because Polaroid lives on in our subconscious; I am still working on my to-do-list. My list includes spending a few mornings at the local library browsing through periodicals and researching mundane things; instead, I spend time in the children’s section with my grandsons looking at books about trains and trucks. I thought we would travel to distant lands; instead, I spend time traveling the streets of Boston with my Senior MBTA pass and grandson via buses, subway trains and trolleys. Thought I would transition from hockey to golf by now but due to my seniority in the three groups I skate with I have been grandfathered on these teams as the token old guy. Thought I would spend more time in my hammock in Maine but I usually find some other family member in it when it comes to my turn. I planned to build bird houses and other little things with all the scrap wood I saved in my garage over the years; instead, I end up rearranging the wood a few times a year as clutter takes over the garage. I have not given up the thought of becoming a gardener or learning to play the piano even though I have not taken the first steps in pursuit of these endeavors. As they say, "where does the time go? I don’t know, but I am certainly enjoying every minute of it.

To all the people I have had the pleasure to have known at Polaroid over the years, thank you for your part in making so many fond memories of Polaroid that I cherish so much.

IN MEMORIAM

Allayer, Rene’ Lucien - Rene’, 66, died Jan 7, 2010. He was the husband of the late Gael E. Bokelman. He was an Instrument Technician for Polaroid in Norwood for over 32 years. He retired in September of 2006. He leaves 3 children, 1 grandchild, and a sister.

Bachelder, Roger C. Sr. - Roger, died Aug. 29, 2009. He worked for Polaroid Corporation for many years. He is survived by two sons, a daughter, eight grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

Baxter, Arthur G. - Arthur, 84, A PRA member, died on Dec. 25, 2009. Husband of Ann C. (Ford) Baxter. In addition to his wife, he is survived by 5 children He also leaves seven grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and a brother. He retired from the Polaroid Co. as a production supervisor.

Bennett Massey, Joan M. (Devine) - Joan, 68 died Dec. 26, 2009. Wife of the late Michael Bennett and James Massey. She is survived by 2 children, 5 brothers an sisters. Also survived by 6 grandchildren. She was a retired employee of the Polaroid Corp. where she had worked for 30 years.

Berryman, Robert - Robert, 73, died Nov 3, 2009. Husband of Victoria Hubbard. Former husband of Barbara Davis. Survived by 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. He was retired from Polaroid Corp. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Bittner, Jean Pettitt - Jean, 91, died Dec 23, 2009. Jean was reportedly the only female draftsman at the time she worked for G.E. on top secret drawings of the first jet engine. She also worked for Polaroid in Cambridge, as a draftsman until the war ended. She is survived by her children, two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Willard H. Bittner.

Bonney, Doris Hamel - Doris, 96, died Oct 13, 2009. She was married for 55 years to the late George P. Bonney and is survived by her daughter and 3 “grand pups”. Doris worked as a secretary at Polaroid Corp. She is remembered as an independent spirit who embraced life with passion and enthusiasm.

Brooks, Richard (Dick) - Richard, died Nov 9, 2009. For over 20 years Dick was a senior level engineer and executive with the Polaroid Corporation where he designed, built and managed the fine chemical manufacturing division. He is survived by his wife Linda A. (Counihan), 6 Children and 8 grandchildren.

Brunelle, Billy C. - Billy, 69, died Sept 16, 2009. Husband of 49 years to Shirley Ann (Richard) Brunelle. He was an Electrical Engineer for the Polaroid Company in Cambridge and Norwood. He is survived by his mother Hazel and his wife Shirley Ann, his two son , his two granddaughters a good friend Philip Neri; his siblings, nephews and friends.

Burns, Marguerite (Cunningham) - Marguerite, 90 died Dec. 22, 2009. Wife of the late Paul R. Burns. Mother of 2, grandmother to 11 grandchildren and 9 Great Grandchildren, and a sister. She was a long time employee of the Polaroid Patent Department.

Byrne, Thomas V. - Thomas, 74, died Jan, 25, 2010. He was a product sales manager at Polaroid Corporation for 18 years before retiring in 1984. Besides his wife of 47 years, Janice M. (Rousseau) he leaves four daughters; two brothers, and a sister, and seven grandchildren.

Caruso, Lucy M. (LeFort) - Lucy died Feb 1, 2010. Wife of the late Robert B. Caruso. She leaves 4 children, a sister and 2 brothers. Grandmother of one. Great grandmother of 2. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and Godchildren. Late retired employee of Polaroid Corp for 20 years.

Cecchini, Mario J. - Mario, 74, died July 5, 2009. He was employed as a mechanical engineer for the Polaroid Corp. in Waltham for over 25 years before retiring in 1984. in addition to his wife of forty-five years, Carol (Paluzzi) Cecchini, he is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, two sons and daughters-in-law, eight grandchildren, a twin sister, Mary Cecchini , a brother and two sisters-in-law, and several nieces and nephews.

Charette, George - George, 78, died Nov. 6, 2009. He was a master electrical engineer for Polaroid Corp. until retiring in 1981. He is survived by a daughter, a son and 3 grandchildren.

Cigliano, Corrado - Corrado, died August 29, 2009. He worked for Polaroid Corporation in Waltham He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, two daughters, a brother Antonio Cigliano of Naples.

Comstock-Gerber, Stacy (Thompson) - Stacy, 91 died Dec 25,2009.
She worked for Polaroid for many yrs. Wife of the late William Gerber. She is also survived by her sister, care giver and many cousins.


**Crotty, Michael J. Sr.** - Michael died Feb 2, 2010. Husband of Theresa (Pessotti). Father of 2 children, grandfather of 1, brother of 7. Also survived by Many nieces and nephews. For more than 27 years, he worked as a technician for Polaroid Corp.

**Daly, Christopher D. Sr.** - Christopher, 83, died Feb 4, 2010. Survivors include his wife, Cecilia; 4 daughters, a son, a step-daughter; 3 brothers, 2 sisters and 11 grandchildren. He was an assistant to Dr. Edwin Land at the Polaroid Corp.

**Dennis, John J. Jr.** - John, 76, died November 3, 2009. He was a Research Engineer for Polaroid Corp. until his retirement in 1995. Husband for 47 years of the late Carol A. (Barrett) Dennis. He leaves 3 children, a brother, and 11 grandchildren.

**Dombrowski, Edward J. Jr.** - Edward, 59 died Jan 21, 2010. He leaves a daughter, 4 sisters and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. He held the position of Scientist at Polaroid Corp. and was the author of many patents for thermal imaging systems.

**Eastman, Walter F.** - Walter, 88, died Jan 31, 2010. He worked as a senior research buyer and developer for the Polaroid Corporation for many years. He is survived by a son and daughter, along with four grandchildren, and 3 nephews He was predeceased by his wife, Eleanor M. (Worringham) in 2008.

**English, Joseph Grew** - Joseph, 72, died August 13, 2009. Son of the late Robert McCalla English, State senator from New Hampshire, and the late Anita Grew English. Grandson of the late Honorable Joseph C. Grew, Ambassador to Japan at the outbreak of World War II. He worked at the Polaroid Corporation in Cambridge, MA as a technical assistant for the late Dr. Edwin H. Land. Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Penelope English, his two sons, His sister, Ann English Hutchinson, is deceased.

**Ezen, Henry J.** - Henry, 89, died Dec 25, 2009. He retired from Polaroid Corporation as a project manager 1984. Predeceased by his wife Mae E. (Vacca) Ezen. He is survived by his daughter, 2 grandchildren, and two great grandsons, and his companion, Mrs. Ella Lee Boyland. He is also survived by seven nieces, and five nephews.


**Flaherty, Daniel J.** - Daniel, 66, died Jan 20, 2010. Husband of Judith (Cashman). He leaves 2 children, a brother and a sister, grandfather to 3. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

**Garifales, Theodore J. "Ted"** - Theodore, 69, died Jan 21, 2010. He was the husband of the late Alice F. (Sylvia) Garifales. He worked as an instrumentation specialist at Polaroid for 28 years until his retirement in 2001. He is survived by three sons; two brothers; a granddaughter, and a niece.

**Griffin, Beverly J. (Medor)** - Beverly, 74, died July 25, 2009. She worked in customer service for many years. She was proud of her Indian heritage and was a member of the Abenaki Indian Tribe. The family includes eight children, 18 grandchildren and two great grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

**Hatch, Fred E. Sr.** - Fred, 83, died July 11, 2009. He had been employed by Polaroid for 13 years. He is survived by his wife, Valerie D. (Frigault) Hatch, two sons, a daughter, a sister, nine grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.


**Kerivan, Joseph E.,** - Joseph, 78, died Jan 2, 2010. A retiree from Polaroid, Survived by his former wife Beverly (Lanigan) Kerivan, and their 3 sons, former wife Elynor (Caliri) Kerivan and their 3 children, many grandchildren, 2 nephews, a niece, and a large extended family.

**Kerns, Anna J.** - Anna died Dec 23, 2009. She leaves 3 siblings, aunt of 4 and great aunt of 7. She excelled in academics and had a BS in Chemical Engineering and a PhD in Physical Chemistry from Northeastern University. She worked in product development at Polaroid for more than 25 years in manufacturing and development laboratories. Her last position was Senior Research Scientist. She also enjoyed wood carving, painting and making music.

**Lawson, Elizabeth Gayle** - Elizabeth, 71, died July 18, 2009. She worked for the Polaroid Corporation as head of telecommunications at for many years. After her retirement she became a well known artist and an active member of the Hull artist community. She is survived by her 3 brothers and sisters, two sister-in-laws, two nieces and five nephews as well as many wonderful friends.

**Lyles, Carolyn Maxine** - Carolyn, 71, died Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009. Predeceased by her husband Cecil Ray Lyles. She was a sales representative with Polaroid Inc. She leaves her Mother, 2 sons, a granddaughter, and a brother.


**MacDougall, Paul Stanley** - Paul, 57, a PRA member, died Jan 20, 2010. He was employed by Polaroid Corp for many years. He was an avid runner, who ran many races around the New England area, including the Boston Marathon four times. He is survived by his wife, Ellie MacDougall, two daughters; two brothers, two sisters, twin grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, cousins, great nieces and great nephews.

**Maguire, Anne Frances** - Anne died July 17, 2009. She is survived by one brother, and a nephew. She worked for many years at the Polaroid Co. retiring in 1987. She will be dearly missed by all her friends and family.

**Mann, Edward C.** - Edward, 85, a PRA Member, died Dec 31, 2009. He joined the Polaroid Corp July 1952, retiring in 1985 as Engineering Section Manager. He leaves his wife of 63 years, Barbara A. (Flint) Mann, a son, two daughters, 5 grandchildren, four great grandsons and one great granddaughter.

IN MEMORIAM

McLaughlin, Mary Frances (Bakey) - Mary, 101, died Friday, Jan. 8, 2010. She was employed at Polaroid in Cambridge. She is survived by 2 children, a son-in-law, seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and generations of nieces and nephews.

McLaughlin, Lillian C. (Wheldon) - Lillian, 88, died Friday, Jan. 29, 2010. She was formerly employed in the lab at the Polaroid Corporation, retiring in 1980. Wife of the late Joseph F. McLaughlin, she leaves 5 children, also survived by 15 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Molleo, Richard T. "Sarge" Jr., - Richard, 60, died Jan 6, 2010. He was the husband of Linda G. (Kevorkian) Molleo. He was formerly employed as a chemical processor at the Polaroid Corporation. Survivors include his wife; two brothers, a sister, his mother-in-law, his nieces and nephews, and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Morton, James E. - James, 69, died Nov. 12, 2009. He was a retired Sourcing and Procurement Executive for Polaroid Corporation in Cambridge. He was a member of the Marshfield Road Runners and ran 30 marathons. He is survived by his wife Patricia M. (Sullivan) Morton, a daughter Heather M. Gillis and her husband Michael, 2 Grandchildren, 8 brothers & sisters. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Murphy, Terrence M. - Terrence, 78, died Jan. 31, 2010. He worked as a design engineer for Polaroid. The husband of Roberta (nee Van Der Vliet), he leaves 5 children. Grandfather of nine, also survived by a brother and four sisters.


Nottleson, Warren Jerome - Warren died Jan 6, 2010. He worked for Polaroid before forming his own CPA firm in 1990. He is survived by his wife, Frances Winch Nottleson, 2 sons, a daughter, a stepdaughter, and 2 stepsons, a brother, and twelve cherished grandchildren.

O'Leary, Charles J. - Charles died May 30, 2009. He retired from Polaroid where he was an electrical engineer. Husband of Phyllis (Hetzol) of Bristol; He leaves 3 Children, 2 stepchildren, 7 grandchildren, 3 brothers and sisters.

Ouellette, Robert Peter - Robert, 65, died Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010. He was the husband of Aline M. (Arsenault) Ouellette. He is survived by a daughter, and a son, and he also leaves behind four grandchildren; his brother, a sister, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.


Potter, Douglas E. - Douglas, 79, died on Jan. 3, 2010. He was the husband of the late Marjorie Youngberg, the late Roberta Prescott and is survived by his wife Helen Lee Hunter Macaleer. Also survived by his 3 children, 4 stepchildren and his 14 grandchildren. Previously worked for DuPont, Owens Corning Fiberglas, & Polaroid.

Shelton, William "Bill" ASA, JR. - Bill, 85, died July 20, 2009. After college, He became fascinated with photography and film development. While living in San Francisco, He met the famous photographer and author, Ansel Adams, who was a lifelong advisor and friend. While living in Cambridge Mass., He worked for Polaroid, where he developed the Polaroid Big Shot Camera. He was preceded in death by his sister, Betty Louise Shelton. He is survived by his cousin, Willis Moore and wife Jane; special friends, Betty T. James, Mary Frances McCullah, and Dr. John R. Moore.

Simpson, Ernest R - Ernest, 72 died Dec. 14, 2009. A long time retired employee of the Polaroid Film Div. in Waltham. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Rose (Martel) Simpson, 4 children 7 grandchildren. 2 brothers and sisters.

Sorano, Vincenzo “Vinnie” - Vincenzo, 83, died, Nov 10, 2009. Husband of the late Catherine E. (Cutcliffe) Sorano. He retired from Polaroid in Waltham after 20 years in the HVAC department. He is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law, and his 10 grandchildren.

Stevens, John P. “Jack” - John, 68 died January 5, 2010. A longtime employee of the Polaroid Corp serving as managing engineer before his retirement in 1999. Husband of Judi (McMath) Stevens, he is also survived by two sons, a daughter, grandfather of 6. Survived by many nieces and nephews.


Sunar, Erdogan - Erdogan, 80, died Jan 6, 2010. He leaves his wife, M. Susan lvoino-Sunar. Born in Ankara, Turkey. His name meant “Brave Fighting Falcon. He was a pilot who flew F-104 jets all around the world for the Turkish Air Forces as well as NATO. He melded his mechanical engineering degree with a keen interest in photography in a career at the Polaroid Corporation. He had the honor of working in the Cambridge laboratories directly with both Dr. Edwin Land and Ansel Adams. In addition to his dear wife, he left a battalion of now bereft family-of-the-heart in many states and countries on three continents; including many nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters. He retired from the Polaroid Company in 1995.


Trumbour, George W. Jr. - George, 87, a PRA member, died Dec.11 2009. He was a P47D Thunderbolt fighter pilot in the Pacific Theater during WWII. He began with the Polaroid Corporation in 1946 working with Dr. Edwin Land developing manufacturing operations around the globe. Promoted to Divisional Vice President in 1975, he managed SX-70 camera manufacturing operations in Norwood until retirement from Polaroid in 1981. Predeceased by his wife Mary (Samsevitch) of 63 years. Father of 6, Grandfather of 10, and great grandfather of one.

Vatalaro, Maria R. (Tortora) - Maria, 77, died Aug 10, 2009. Wife of the late Michael R. Vatalaro. She worked for Polaroid in Cambridge for many years. She is survived by her two children, 3 grandchildren. Great-grandmother of 2.

White, Norman J. Sr., - Norman, 77 died Dec. 28, 2009. He was the husband of the late Phyllis (Tarves) White. He worked for over 35 years as a machinist for the Polaroid Corporation in Waltham. He is survived by his 6 children, 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Also survived by two brothers, and three sisters.

Zografos, Irene Fortes - Irene died Jan. 27, 2010. Wife of the late Dennis Zografos. She is survived by her cherished family and her five Grandchildren. She leaves a sister and a brother and two sister-in-laws. She worked at Polaroid and made many lifetime friends.
THE FALL LUNCHEON WAS A BIG SUCCESS!
MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE PRA 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MAY 12, 2010

PRA SPRING LUNCHEON
PRA 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
MAY 12, 2010

AGENDA
8:30 - 9:30 am.  REGISTRATION - Coffee & Pastries
10:00 am.  MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - Grand Prize Drawing
11:00 am.  CASH BAR - SOCIAL HOUR
12:00 pm.  SEATED FOR LUNCH
1:15 pm.  RAFFLE DRAWINGS

Make Check Payable To:
Polaroid Retirees Association, Inc

I enclose my check for $__________  @ $15.00 per person.

Send reservation form & check to:
James Grunst  9 Baskin Road, Lexington, MA  02421   Phone: 781-862-5448

Entrée  Roast Rib of Beef  Served with a horseradish jus
Selections  Baked Boston Scrod  Served with a New England Ritz Cracker Topping on a bed of Rice Pilaf
           Chef’s Choice of Vegetable and Breads
           Appetizer, Classic Caesar Salad,  Dessert, Carrot Cake, Coffee or Tea.

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Please Note: We will be unable to offer refunds for reservations cancelled after May 05, 2010
In the event of an emergency, please call James Grunst  781-862-5448

YOUR TICKET(S) WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE RESERVATION TABLES NEAR THE ENTRANCE

Please Note - Due to local fire laws, Lantana’s has limited us to 600 people. Please send your reservations in as soon as possible. We must return any reservations received beyond the 600 figure.

Directions From Boston: Take I-93 South ("Southeast Expressway") formerly 128 North - to Exit 5A (Randolph, Route 28 South). Turn right at the first set of lights onto Scanlon Drive (Shell Gas station on the corner). Lantana is at the end of Scanlon Drive on the right.

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Polaroid Questions And Answers
Do you have Polaroid related questions that you'd like answered? Send them to the newsletter team and we'll try to answer some in our newsletter, or we will post them to see if other readers can provide answers.

The Trades Breakfast Meetings will be at Bickfords Family Restaurant at 325 Montvale Ave, Woburn, Mass about a block from Route 93, directly across from Spuds. The schedule for the remainder of 2010 is as follows: Apr 13, and May 11, Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14. For the year 2011 is as follows: Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10. Meeting time is 8.30 AM. Hope to see you there. Any questions call Bob Sheehan at 781-246-2065.

The first Saturday of each month former employees of the New Bedford site get together for breakfast. We meet at Percey’s restaurant on Rte 18 in Middleborough at 8:30 AM. Spouses, significant others, etc of the employees are always welcome. Contact Edyie Johnson (edyiej@comcast.net) for more information or to be put on my distribution listing.

Save The Day, SPRING LUNCHEON, WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010

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If you know any former employees of the “Old Polaroid” who are not members of the Polaroid Retirees Association, please tell them about us and give them a copy of the application that is in this Newsletter. Urge them to join - it only costs $10 a year, and for that they get four newsletters, invitations to our luncheons twice a year, and a copy of our membership list with e-mail addresses. Our major requirement is that they worked for the “Old Polaroid,” which means that they had a seniority date of before July 2002.

Urge your old Polaroid friends to join!

Bob Bacon New Member Recruitment