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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear PRA Members,

Seasons Greetings to you all. Big things are afoot for the PRA this year. As you will note in the message below, the PRA will be 25 years old this year, and we are planning a big reunion at Lantana's in May. It may be the biggest gathering of past Polaroid members since the big event at Boston College to celebrate Polaroid's 50 anniversary, and we hope you will be able to join us. Send in the reservation form that is in this newsletter today!!

The May event will include our annual business meeting, at which we will elect members for our Board of Directors. The 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 with terms expiring have indicated a willingness to run again, and will be re-nominated. They include: Steve Berry, Roger Clapp, Richard Rosenblatt (appointed to complete the term of Clark Bryan), Doris Harriman, Florence Jones, and Lucille Kelly.

I am saddened to end this letter, with the news of the loss of Peter Bass on December 9th. Peter was a member of our Board and a past president of the PRA. He had previously served a full stretch of nine years as a PRA Board Member, and after being off the board for several years, was elected to a new term in 2009. Peter was probably known by more PRA members than any of us, and will be missed by us all.

Steve Berry, PRA President

PRA 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Wednesday, May 12, 2010, the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Polaroid Retirees Association is coming up fast! In order to encourage attendance in these difficult times, we have reduced the price for the lunch to \$15 (from the regular \$20). Our thanks to Lantana who have agreed to waive the 20% "house charge" for this special event in recognition of our long relationship.

In order to provide more time for rekindling old friendships, we will have a very limited business meeting and no speaker. In addition to our usual raffles and drawings we will also award a \$100 prize to the oldest PRA member attending, the youngest PRA member attending, the PRA member who traveled the longest to attend, and the PRA member attending with the earliest Polaroid seniority date.

Send in your reservation today with your menu choice - see inside!

Write it down.... Wednesday, May 12, 2010; Lantana in Randolph, \$15

Roger Clapp, Treasurer, Co-chair 25th

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE PRA 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MAY 12, 2010

PRA Retirement Survey Results

October, 2009

The survey: When one approaches retirement, the question often arises, "what am I going to do with all that time?". Many and varied have been the responses to that question, and part of the purpose of the PRA is to have our members share ideas on retirement including what activities they are involved with. This will provide new thinking and new options to other members for activities they might choose to engage in during their retirement years. The possibilities of retirement activities may only be limited by one's ability to imagine that those possibilities exist. Studies have shown that the more active you are, the more healthy and long lived you tend to be. We want to use the results of this survey as one more vehicle to provide ideas to enrich the retirement years of our members.

- Hoped for 4% response, but achieved 2% (39 responses)
- About 2/3 of the responders travel annually, split just about evenly between domestic and international
- Almost all who responded (36 / 39) are snowbirds, traveling to Florida in the winter from several weeks to six months.
- About 2/3 are involved with their grandkids.
- There are more than a dozen different hobbies pursued.
- Sports are not as important as in earlier parts of life., as fewer people are involved.
- Volunteering is big with many members involved with more than one organization. In fact, volunteering is the biggest single activity our retired members are involved with. The number of different organizations and the different services provided are very broad.
- About a quarter are running a business.
- More than a third work, mostly part time.
- A few teach.
- A little fewer than a third attend some form of classes.
- A touch less than half are dealing with health issues.
- Most common advice shared:

Keep busy and active (8) (never been so busy)

Stay healthy, follow up on any and all medical concerns quickly (3)

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PRA Retirement Survey Detail Results

October, 2009

Number of Respondents: **39** Number of years retired: **3 - 26, w/ bunches at 8 - 16 & 20, 21**

Activities that occupy your time in retirement?

Travel: Where **Domestic locations: 25; International locations: 24**

How Often: **Most common answer is annually**

On Your Own: **37** Group Travel: **16** Type of Group: **None identified**

Snowbirds: We spend **1 to 6 mos.** in: **Florida (35)** during the winter
and / or **1 to 6 mos.** in **Massachusetts (35) or New Hampshire (2)** during the summer

Family Activities: Grandkids: **32** Other: **Children; Family Reunions**

Hobbies: (**see separate Hobbies list**)

Sports: (**see separate Sports list**)

Volunteering: (**see separate Volunteering list -- many volunteer at more than one place**)

Reading (incl book club): **31** Exercising: **29** Home improvement: **21** Socializing w/ Friends: **25**

Running a Business: **9** Type of Business: **Sports marketing, Ariel photography for real estate, Real Estate, Design, Sale & installation of marine equipment, Consulting, Mfg & Sales of ski tuning equip, Service to the Troops, Selling stamps to collectors, Tree Farm, Tax Filing**

Working: Full Time **3** Part Time **16** (**see separate Working list**)

Teaching: **7** Subject: **Stained glass, Photography, Geology, Industrial technology, Chemical Engineering, Career counseling HS & college kids, Foreign Policy, Cooking, Poultry**

Attending classes: **11**

Writing: **4** Topics: **Poetry, Novel, Local newspaper, Autobiography**

Dealing with health related issues: **17**

Religious activities: **12**

Other: **4** (specify): **Photography Club, Give blood monthly, Conservation Organizations, Tracking personal finances, Spending time on the computer**

Would you like to lead / teach a group of PRA Members in a retirement activity? **3**

Subject: **Math, Outdoors, nature, travel, Crocheting & knitting, Cake decorating & cookie baking, Floral arranging, Nutrition**

Would you like to be considered as a candidate for the Board of the PRA in the future? **2**

What else would you like to say about your retirement that you think might benefit other PRA members?

Keep busy and active (8) (never been so busy)

Stay healthy, follow up on any and all medical concerns quickly (3)

So many ways to use your work experience to help others

Give a lot of thought to where to live in retirement because it is hard to change

Keep active and make someone smile and laugh every day

Enjoy your golden years

Find something to do on a part time basis; there's something to be said for working

Stay close to family and friends and help them

Stay active and exercise; keep a sense of humor

Community service fills my time and gives me a real feeling of helping my fellow man

Find something you enjoy and jump into it; one is never too old to make a difference

Live each day to its best

Everything in moderation

Enjoy every day because it could be your last

Don't let yourself retire from the challenges of life; you're the boss - do what you love that is constructive; be a contributor every day in some way; everyone has something unique to offer

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Supporting Lists:

Hobbies:

Photography (14)
Gardening (12)
Woodworking (3)
Camping (2)
Computer and Internet (2)
History & Industrial Archeology
Investing
Music
Motor Racing (auto & cycle)
Sports Writing
Stained Glass Work
Stamp Collecting
Toy Collecting

Sports:

Attending Sports Events (11)
Boating (incl canoe & kayak) (9)
Fishing (5)
Golf (5)
Bowling (3)
Hiking
Skiing
Dancing
Motorcycle Riding
Horseback Riding
Tennis

Working Full Time:

Engineer
Host at restaurant
Administrative specialist

Working Part Time:

Real estate
Fund Raising
Lunch lady at Middle School
Maritime artisan at Plimoth Plantation
Apartment inspector
Covering and promoting motor races
Coating and drying consultant
Geologist assistant
School bus operator
Funeral attendant
Maritime electronics
Real estate photographer
Inside sales support
Human Resources

Possible Teachers for PRA Members:

John Fiore Math
George Ehrenfried Lecturing on outdoors, nature, travel (especially Iceland) (age 95)
Elizabeth Parise Crocheting & knitting, Cake decorating & cookie baking, Floral arranging, Nutrition

Volunteers for future PRA Board:

Richard Rosenblatt
John Fiore

Volunteering:

Format:

Organization

Type of service provided

Church

Talks on marriage @ Pre - Cana
Delivering food to the needy
Pack and deliver food
Choir
Chairman, Church Council
Educational activities
Treasurer
ESL teacher
Maintenance

Retirees Organization

Board member (2) and Officer

School

Fund raising
Help in Principal's office
Organized and ran 50th class reunion

Condo Association

Pool duty

Racing Hall of Fame

Coordinating committee member

Outdoor organization

Lecture at meetings, run trips

Hospital

Gift shop
Drive people to their medical appointments

Small business consultant (SCORE)

Counsel on business plans

Lifelong Learning Institute
Lead seminars

Executive Service Corp
Consulting to non - profits

Symphony orchestra
President of the endowment board

VFW Post
Book keeping

Volunteer Fire Department
Everything!

Lions Club
Provide aid to the blind

Town Government
Sell advertising for monthly newsletter
Member of Economic Development Committee
Activities Coordinator, Council on Aging
Computer projects
Computer training at Senior Center

Bowling League
Run it

Yacht club
Work on boat electrical problems

Boat Owners Association
President

Wind Symphony
Treasurer and Board member

Oncology service
Assist patients, file records

Wind Ensemble
Librarian

Canal Commission
Active member

Boat Club
Facilities upkeep

United Way
Fund raising

Community service organization
Consulting

Rotary Club (2)
Social director
Member
Cook for Soup Kitchen

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

Life After Polaroid

Send in a few lines (we are limited for space) about your "life after Polaroid". Remember to include your name and years of employment at the "old" Polaroid.

Send your "Life after Polaroid" information to:

Bill Rosen - *Editor, Newsletter*, 112 Meadow Lane, Randolph, MA 02368
or you can email pranewsletter@comcast.net

There will be a raffle at the Spring & Fall Luncheons (attendance not necessary) for the PRA MEMBERS who send in information about their "Life after Polaroid"

TWO PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AT EACH LUNCHEON FOR \$100.00 DOLLARS.

Alfred Follen writes...First of all, I want to congratulate and thank all of the fine people who founded and run the retirement association, well done!! I worked at 784 Memorial Drive under Tom McCole's auspices (Great man!!). Sorry to miss the dinners as they conflict with my social time. Seems as though Wed's are taken up with lunches with my brother, sister & inlaws. (most enjoyable). On Tues ev's I play horse-shoes and on Fri eve's I take my children to dinner. So you see I'm pretty busy. Stay healthy & happy.

Bob Gannon writes..."I started working at Polaroid in 1979 and was thrilled to be working at such an innovative company. It seemed to go hand in hand with my passion for photography and little did I realize that this first job would lead to 30 years of memories. Going from a young process engineer in the reservoir for over a decade, then moving to various finance positions and ultimately to treasury, it was a great ride. After leaving Polaroid in early 2009, I took the opportunity to reassess and although treasury may still be in my future, I could not resist turning to a new area of interest. Living in Weston MA. for almost 18 years provided a great commute to almost all Polaroid facilities. It also connected me to some of the best teachers in the state. Having two children almost through the school system allowed me to meet and work with some of the remarkable professionals making up the school district's teaching and administrative staff. It became apparent to me, that a great way to help the teachers, community, students and their parents was to form an association that uses local teaching strengths to help better prepare local high school students for college. Our newly formed association named MetroWest College Prep (www.mwprep.com) is forging its way into a new educational arena where current active licensed English and math high school teachers bring their skills outside of the classroom to help local students better prepare for college. We now offer small group SAT Test prep courses in the local Metrowest area and are bringing on more and more services as they are needed. I could not have founded such a group without the years of training my Polaroid experience provided. My years of interactions with technical folks,

finance, HR, sales, marketing, and even legal has allowed my to successfully complete such a new venture. The skills acquired and the people met throughout the years at Polaroid have provided the strength, support and confidence to allow me to better pay back the community that has served me and my family so well."

Sylvana (Vitti) Reekie Fisher writes...In 1975 I was Widowed - I was floundering! My good friend Sheryl advised me to join her at a great company - Polaroid! While working there, I met a man, Jim Fisher. We married. We bought an old house in total disrepair. It was right on Nantasket Beach in Hull. At one time, it had been the Summer home of the Fitzgerald - Kennedy Family. Jim renovated it into 4 apartments. We called it the "Ark". We sold and retired to South Carolina where we lived 10 fun filled - years. I spent 12 happy years at Polaroid retiring in 1988. I am widowed (again) -- and floundering.

Regina (Reggie) Hammond writes...I started at Polaroid in 1967 at Main Street in Waltham. Left Polaroid in 1974 and returned in 1975. My career began as a secretary and ended up as a Product Marketing Manager in Cambridge for the Industrial Films in Waltham. With a deep love of Polaroid my decision to leave Polaroid was not an easy one. I was at home with people I grew up with and leaving meant I was leaving my family. However I did finally leave in 1993. When I left I wasn't sure what I would be doing but I knew at the time it was the right decision. Soon after I began working for BBN (Bolt, Berenek and Newman) in Cambridge and became a Product Manager for a Cryptographic Module. I stayed through acquisition upon acquisition for almost 6 years. I was then recruited by Symantec in Waltham as a Program Manager and stayed with them until 3 years ago when they had a lay off. I am now working for Textron Defense Systems in Wilmington, Ma as a Sr. Software Analyst. My life after Polaroid has been great. The skills that I have learned over the last several years would not have happened if I had not left Polaroid when I did.

Photos - Fall Luncheon - 2009



New And Returning Members — Welcome To The PRA

William J. Adams
 William R. Babineau
 Robert W. Batchelder
 John Belmonte
 Joseph P. Belskis
 Diego Betancourt
 Martin R. Betts
 Donald S. Bjerre
 David J. Bowles
 Eric J. Brown
 Richard W. Bryant
 John W. Carrington, Jr.
 Alfonso A. Cautillo
 Gerard Chaloux
 Arthur P. Chiasson
 John A. Cicciu
 Al Clark
 Lenard Cohen
 Clinso Copeland, Jr.
 William T. Cousins

Mary P. Curtin
 John R. Davis
 Jerry W. Dejongh
 Gerald DiBello
 John Doncaster
 Charles M. Donohue
 Samuel Drevitch
 Ollie Dufresne
 Terri R. Duggan
 Kenneth R. Egan
 Charlotte M. Elow
 Oguz G. Erkan
 Laurier A. Fauteux
 Sylvana Fisher
 James M. Flaherty
 William J. Flaherty
 Richard J. Fraser
 Robert Gannon
 John Gillooly
 Joseph Giovanello

Leo Golden
 David C. Hall
 John A. Hall
 Maryann Hall
 Regina Hammond
 Robert L. Haring
 Judy A. Hatfield
 Richard W. Hennessy
 William A. Heskey
 Barbara P. Hitchcock
 Jean (Frederiksen)
 Holbrook
 Richard M. Hollis
 Stephen J. Holmes
 Elaine Igoe
 Karen K. Jensen
 Peg Kercher
 Sharon (Shari) H. King
 Ken Koseki
 James Lane

Dawn Larson
 Lewis J. LoBue
 Richard A. Lombardi
 Ernest W. Long
 James Lynch
 Brenda A. Malinski
 Joseph McCarthy
 Patricia A. McLeish
 Edward J. McNeil
 Randall L. Miller
 Marie G. Montague
 Patricia C. Morrison
 Brian D. Murphy
 William J. Murphy
 Robert S. Nowak
 Dorothy F. Palazzi
 Elizabeth Parise
 Frank Patierno
 Joseph R. Peters
 Richard A. Peterson

Robert J. Petrelis
 Bradford W. Pires
 Jason Proman
 Maureen Reilly-
 Nathanson
 Cheryl G. Rothstein
 M. Francine Sahlas
 Ruthanne Sergi
 Julius "Juke" J. Snyder
 Peter C. Spear
 Robert C. Stanley
 Roy Strong
 Daniel J. Sugrue
 David P. Swanson
 Kenneth V. Tacelli
 Dennis T. Trundy
 David E. Van Allen
 Joseph J. Vasta
 James M. Vozzella Jr.
 Bernard Zuckerman

Partial List of Attendees at The Fall Luncheon !!!

Dick Adams	Larry Chelmow	Arthur Garland	Van T. Kosta	Cleveland Morris	Myron Seiden
Jim Adams	Willie Chester	Glenda George	Ken Kramer	John Morse	Dennis Shea
Bill Aitken	Ed Chirokas	Jim George	Stan Kuzborski	Tom Mullaney	Roger Shepherd
Carolyn Aitken	Ron Ciecuch	Bob Gerry	Evelyn Labanara	Raymond	Allan Shepp
John Amaro	Peter E. Clancy	John Gilmartin	Eva Langille	Munchmeyer	Richard Silva
Archie Arpiarian	Louis R. Coccimiglio	Mike Glennon	Laraine Langston	Dennis Murphy	Kay Simonds
Jim Avtges	John Colantuone	John Gonski	Jim Larden	William Murphy	Pete Spear
Arthur Aznavorian	George Colantuoni	Bob Graf	Kent Lawson	Loreto Muscarella	Narvous Stamps
Bob Bacon	Richard Coppa	Mable Graham	Al Libby	Joe Nangeroni	Peg Stanavich
Skip Baldwin	Anna Correia	George Granville	Jim Livingston	Paul Nangeroni	Bob Stanley
Ray Bancroft	Tom Crittenden	Annie Gray	Charlie LoBue	Tom Nee	Frank Stieger
Charlie Barr	Mort Cronin	Jim Grunst	Marigold Louis	Carol Norquist	Grace Stone
Muriel Bartlett	Dick Cunningham	John Alden Hall	Tom Lowney	Warren Norquist	Joseph Stone
Walter Bartlett	Katherine Curran	Mary Ann Hall	Paul Lubin	Casey Norvaisa	Kenny Stymest
Pete Bass	Charlie Davis	Reggie Hammond	Doug Lyons	Cathy O'Brien	Lee Tanguay
Bob Bell	Bob Dearruda	Bob Haring	Guy Maccarone	Jim O'Brien	Olin "Tex"
Phyllis Bennett	David D. Delaney	Geraldine Haring	Denice MacDougall	Gene O'Connell	Taylor
Dick Bento	Ron Delaney	Jack Harrington	Stan MacDougall	Ann Marie O'Kane	Dick Terry
Kay Bernazzani	Ed Denk	Jerry Harrington	Bobbie MacKenzie	George O'Leary	Joseph Terry
Steve Berry	Bill Dias	Corinne Hart	Hugh MacKenzie	Paul Olson	Emmy Thidemann
Bob Bessette	Jean DiGiusto	Judy Hatfield	Ruth MacKenzie	Priscilla Olson	Hank Thidemann
Donald Bjerre	John L. Dirks	Jerry Hathorne	George Macrina	Dottie Palazzi	Joe Toronto
Jack Blake	Chuck Doherty	Jack Hennessy	Angela Mahoney	John R. Pendergast	Phil Tower
Jerry Bonvouloir	Arthur Doiron	Paul E. Henry	Monis Manning	Jan Peterson	Bob Tricca
Peg Bonvouloir	Al Donaghy	Tom Hickey	Joe Maressa	John Petrelis	Paul Trudeau
Sheryl Booth-	Joe Dow	Maryellen	Joe Mariano	Jim Polechronis	Dennis Trundy
Beaumont	John Duffey	Hickman	Mary Marzuolo	Joe Potter	Sam Valente
Al Bornemann	Olive Dufresne	Bill Hocking	Fred Mays	Peggie Prebensen	C. J. Valle
Frank Bourbeau	Terri Duggan	Ted Holloran	Josephine	Bill Quinn	Marie Valle
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Dave Bowles	Bob Eaton	Al Hyland	Leo McCormack	Bob Radochia	Dick Varney
Jo Bradley	George Ehrenfried	Brint Ingram	Susan McCusker	Joe Rainho	Donny Vecht
Herb Briss	Theo Ellis	Touie Jackson	Richard M.	Sylvanna Abigail	Al Visco
Bev Brogna	Doreen Fairbairn	Melba James	McDonald	Reekie-Fisher	Leo Wagner
Merit Brown	Harry Fatkin	Richard James	Hugh McGrail	Bob Regan	John Waldron
Shelly Buckler	John Finitis	Bruce Johnson	Patti McLeish	Al Ricci	Dick Walsh
John Burgarella	Fred Finnemore	Edyie Johnson	Ed McNeil	Pat Riley	Vivian Walworth
Walter Byron	Joe Flueckiger	June Kahaly	George McNeil	Bill Rosen	Don Weir
Charles Caizzi	John Flynn	John F. Kaminski	Mike McNeil	Carmela Rosen	Donald Weir
Carl Camelo	Rita Forte	Gene Kanter	Avi Mehta	Jo Roth	Fran Weir
Ed Caplan	Dick Fraser	Eva Karger	Delores Mello	Ron Roth	Paul White
Joe Carchedi	Dee Freddie	Jim Kenney	Fred Messina	Bob Ruckstuhl	John Williams
Edythe Carriere	Tony Freitas	Tom Kiely	Lou Modestino	Neil Sanders	Dick Wilsack
John Carrington, Jr	Natalie Fultz	Irene Kilroy	Jack Mohr	Karl Schwartz	Dick Young
Frank Carta	Ed Galvin	Jim Kilroy	Jean Mohr	Dewitt Scott	Robert Young
Helen Carta	Joe Gantert	Bob King	Marie Montague	Elsie Scott	Ramon Yusi
Al Cautillo	John Gantz, Jr.	June Knowles	Barbara Morris	Leola Scott	Bob Zuccaro

Raffle Winners - Fall Luncheon - 2009

\$250 "Life After Polaroid" Winners

Frank Cusack, Edwin & Dorothy Walker

\$50 Prize Winners

Walter Bartlett, Morris Manning,
Katherine Curran, Tom Crittenden,
Tom Hickey, Tom Lowney, John
Hall

Luncheon Ticket Winners

John Kaminski, Muriel Bartlett, Al
Hyland, Bob Stanley, Kent Lawson

\$150 Grand Prize Winner

Dottie Watson

Bottle of Wine Winners

\$100 "Paid Up Dues" Winners

Daniel Buldini, Richard Chutoransky, Edward
Vaccari, Harvey Mills, Larry Plummer

Lorraine Langston
Roger Shephard
Elsie Scott
Dick Varney

Larry Chelmow
Dick Fraser
Theo Ellis
L Madestino

June Knowles
Regina Hennessey

IN MEMORIAM

Andrews, Joan M. (Gonsalves) - Joan, 68, died October 24, 2009. She was an executive for Polaroid Corporation for many years before retiring. Survivors include her mother, Catherine (Gonsalves) Lopes; her daughter, Kelley J. Andrews; a son, Randy A. Andrews; a brother, Gilbert Lopes and his wife Christine; her uncle, Richard Gonsalves; 2 grandchildren; several nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Belcher, Walter T. - Walter, died August 28, 2009. Husband of Dorothy (Deane) Belcher. Father of Walter K. Belcher and his wife Ellen, Diane C. Phillips and her husband Bob, Nancy A. O'Connell and her husband Steve, Elaine D. Rudel and Ruthanne and Thomas J. Belcher and his wife Kathleen. Brother of James K. Belcher, Claire Cattaneo, Jane E. Belcher and the late William C. Belcher. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. He worked as a Chemical Designer for Polaroid in Waltham for 15 years before retiring in 1989. Walter will be missed by all who knew him.

Chiklis, Charles Koulias - Charles, 75, died Aug 31, 2009. Charles is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Joan; his daughter Debora MacQueen and her husband Duncan and their two sons Robert and William; his son Gregory and his wife Fadwah and their three children, Charles, Alexander and Victoria; and his daughter Cynthia and her husband Mark and their two children Michael and Meredith. He is also survived by his sister Christine and her husband Harry Stamas. During the 1950's he was involved in research on the Apollo Project, and led various polymer research activities at Polaroid Corporation from the mid-sixties through the mid-eighties as Manager of the Polymer Research Laboratory and the Pilot Coating and Reagent Laboratory.

Clancy, Barbara J. (Monacoage)

- Barbara, 73, a PRA Member, died on August 30, 2009. She was a former employee of 24 years for the Polaroid Corp. where she worked as a Bookkeeper to the Trades in both New Bedford and Norwood. She is survived by Peter E. Clancy, II married to Cheryl A., Denise MacDonald married to Harold and Cheryl A. St. Angelo. Loving sister of Judith Repici and the late Carolyn Monaco. Proud grandmother of 6 loving grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Also survived by her former husband Peter E. Clancy of Halifax.



Foley, Walter E. "Ted" - Walter, died October 17, 2009. Ted retired from Polaroid in 2006 after 37 years as an Instrumentation Technician. Husband of

Margaret E. "Peg" (Doherty) Foley, he is also survived by 2 daughters, Karen Durbano & her husband Anthony, Kristen Constantine & her husband; 1 son, David Foley & his wife Colleen; 1 sister, Elaine Foley; 4 brothers, Rev. Larry, Gregory, Randy, and Tim Foley; 5 grandchildren, Nicholas & Mia Durbano, Aria & Cole Constantine, and Cailin Foley.



Gaudette, Raymond J. Sr. - Raymond, 91 died September 20, 2009 at Vidas Hospice in Pompano Beach, Florida after a brief illness. A Navy veteran of WW II and Korea. He joined POLAROID Corp. in 1950 and retired in 1968. He was in the original roller derby racing competitions in the Northeastern states from 1939 to 1949. He was preceded in death by his wife Florence. He is survived by his son Raymond J. Gaudette Jr. and his wife Joyce, daughter Janet Kramer and husband William, sister Gertrude Cleveland and numerous grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Howell, John R. - John, Sept. 2, 2009. Husband of 53 years of Ann (Sindoris) Howell. Father of Kathleen Coates, Ann Fransen, Debbie Patti, Donna Hubbard & Karen Howell; John Howell II & Danny Howell. Grandfather of Steven, Jack, Kelly, Frank, John, Shannon, Michael, Annmarie, Justine, Billy, Brian, Jessica, John III, & Julia. Great grandfather of Kaylen Marie. Brother of Sebastian Howell, Marie Donovan, Atty. William Howell, Fred Howell, Ruth Thomas & the late Louis & Thomas Howell, Helen Putney & Michael Howell.

LeMons, Carl D. - Carl, 65, died June 30, 2009. last known to be living in Floral City, Florida. No further information available.

Plonko, Joseph - Joseph, 85, a PRA member, died August 28, 2009. His wife Muriel passed away on March 28th of this year. Early in the summer of 1959 Joe worked at Polaroid as a research chemist and later in his career at Polaroid, Joe moved into a top purchasing assignment where he was responsible for the procurement of a number of the chemicals that were critical to Polaroid patented processes. He leaves nephews John and Robert Caswell, nieces Diane Murray and Lorraine Clement, a sister Dolores P. Edmonds, and sister-in-law Jean Caswell.



Stevves, Walter E. Jr. - Walter, 76, A PRA member, died October 9, 2009. Husband of the late Dorothea

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(Short) Steeves. Father of Cheryl Steeves, Karen and her husband James O'Brien, Pamela and her husband Scott Geller and Walter E. III and his wife Lory Steeves. Brother of Virginia L. McLaughlin, Ernest A. Steeves and the late Clifford R. and Mary Louise Steeves. Grandfather of 7 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Souza, Gabriel P. Jr. - Gabriel, 60, died October 18, 2009. He was the husband of Evelyn (Thadeu) Souza. He was a senior financial analyst for the Polaroid Company for over thirty-five years before retiring. Besides his wife and mother, he is survived by two daughters and their husbands, Tricia Carty, MD, and her husband Joseph and Stacy & her husband Michael Speckmann ; and three grandchildren, Crista Carty, Caitlin Carty, and Baylor Speckmann

Symes, Julia M. - Julia, 93, a PRA member, died July 22, 2009. In 1985 she retired from her job as a lab technician for Polaroid in Waltham. She was the wife of the late Arthur W. Symes. She is survived by her four sons, Dennis Symes and his wife Terry, Albert Symes and his wife Barbarat, Arthur "Butchie" Symes, and Daniel Symes. She is also survived by her 13 grandchildren. and 21 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Symes was predeceased her grandson Gavin Symes and her nine siblings.

Tuttle, Ray E. - Ray, 58, died October 11, 2009. He was the husband of Maryann (Palm) Tuttle. He was formerly employed as a lead technician for the Polaroid Corporation in New Bedford. Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Amanda L. Tuttle and Carissa I. Tuttle; two sisters, Marjorie J. Dumas and Kathryn L. Reilly; and several nieces and nephews.

Bass, Peter R., Sr. - Peter, a PRA member and a Director on the PRA Board, died December 9, 2009. Husband for 50 years of Rosemarie V. (Riminiscenza) Bass. Father of John P. Bass and the late Peter R. Bass JR. Cousin of Lillian Angelo. Camera Technician Large Format Photography at Polaroid for 35 years, traveling worldwide. U.S. Army Korean War Veteran; Member of Aleppo Temple Shriners, Royal Order of Jesters Boston Court 103; Member of Norfolk and Simon W. Robinson Masonic Lodges.

"one of the finest friends that I had been blessed to have "



"It Doesn't matter where you go in life... What you do... Or how much you have... It's who you have beside you."

I can't begin to put into words all the wonderful times and remembrances of Peter except to say that my life has become much of what it is today because of our long and wonderful friendship. Our friendship began with a week of my starting at Polaroid as we met and engaged in a short conversation, by Peter's standard, about softball. Soon I was on his softball team playing and loving my life at my new company and all the wonderful folks I was now calling colleagues and friends. As the years passed Peter and my paths crossed and crisscrossed numerous times as he always seemed to be in a position to lend me a hand or advice on how to

solve a problem that I had encountered. Peter above all was always there to help all of his family which included all of us in Polaroid, at the same time worked tirelessly to improve Polaroid's name and reputation around the globe. When the day came for Peter to retire all that did was change his location of work from Memorial drive to his basement in Lexington where he set up shop as the PRA's most ardent support as well as the resident expert in everything that folks needed to know. When Polaroid declared bankruptcy he set up the meeting at the Shriners hall so that folks could get as much medical insurance information as possible as quickly as possible. To say that Peter was a one armed paper hanger would be an understatement. He worked tirelessly for us all and the last person he worried about was Peter Bass. From late night phone calls to calls while he and his wonderful wife Rosemarie were on vacation he was never too busy to help one of us with a problem.

One of my great memories of Peter was during the first fall of working at Polaroid he asked me to go play some basketball with some of the guys over at the school building in Wayland. We played for several hours then retired to Costello's for a few libations. The next morning when my alarm went off at 6 my body decided that it would punish me for what I had done to it by making every muscle in my body hurt every time that I tried to move or even think of moving. When I told Peter about my problems all he did was laugh and shrug his shoulders and give me advice to get into better shape.

I will always carry Peter in my heart and soul as he has become a huge part of me and my life and that I will always thank God for having done that for me. God surely blessed all of us with Peter's presence and I will think of him every moment for the rest of my life as he has been one of the best friends I have been blessed to have during my wonderful life

Howard Worzel

**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
GUEST SPEAKER:
- 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.**

Please Print or use address label	
Name :	_____
Address :	_____
City :	_____ State : _____
Zip :	_____ Phone : _____

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.

Name Desired on Name Tag	FISH	BEEF

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.

Membership Messages

We would ask you to look at this latest Newsletter address label and note the notification of how up to date you are with your dues payments.

If you sent a dues payment within the last month, this label may not include your latest payment.If the label indicates you are paid up though 2010 or a later year then you are up to date. If the year indicated is 2009 or earlier, we urge you to send in your dues at \$10 per year as soon as possible. Failure to keep your dues current may cause you to be removed from the PRA mailing list.

If you do not agree with the information on your dues payment please notify us so that we can correct any errors.

POLAROID NEWS, INFORMATION, NOTICES & ARTICLES

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 for early 2010 will be at Bickfords Family Restaurant at 325 Montvale Ave, Woburn, Mass about a block from Route 93, directly across from Spuds. The schedule is as follows: Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 13, and May 11. 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..

Lost PRA Members

If you know the Whereabouts of any of these PRA Members, please let us know so that we can bring our records up to date.

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For your convenience:

This is the backside of the membership application. When you renew your membership in the Polaroid Retirees Association, You may wish to add a few lines here about your "*Life after Polaroid*" to be published in the Newsletter or any other comments that you would like to send to the Board of Directors.
