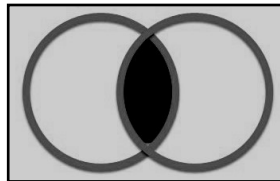


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President's Letter

As I write this, we in New England are getting a real cold snap, reminding us that winter is here. By the time you read this, we'll be at the mid-point of meteorological winter and only weeks away from Red Sox spring training. Welcome to 2017.

Our biggest news this issue is that, because of the incredible generosity of the Direct Federal Credit Union, your May 2017 luncheon will be entirely free for you! The DFCU board has offered to host the spring luncheon, "... to acknowledge the long standing relationship between Polaroid employees and the credit union, and to thank them for their contributions to our cooperative enterprise over the years. One of the most important of these contributions has been the continuous, strong representation of Polaroid retirees on the Board."

Because of this wonderful gift from the credit union, the registration process will be a little different this spring, but here's all you have to do:

In order to receive the lunch at no cost, your dues must be paid at least through 2017. Your mailing label on the back of the Newsletter indicates your dues payment status. If you need to bring your dues up to date before making your reservation, enclose your check with the membership form on page 12, and mail it to Bob Ruckstuhl in Rowley, MA.

For the luncheon fill out the reservation form on page 11, making sure to include your phone number and email address if you have one. Mail it to Richard Rosenblatt. Shortly before the luncheon you'll receive a postcard from the PRA confirming your reservation. This postcard will be your admission ticket and also your raffle entry for a door prize. If you wish to invite a guest, include his or her name and a check for \$25 payable to the Polaroid Retirees Association. That's all there is to it!

In other news, the Board regretfully accepted the resignation of Scott Osler, both from the BOD and his role as Treasurer. The geographical challenge presented by Scott's full-time residence in Florida proved to be too much. We thank Scott for his contributions to the PRA; we'll miss his good counsel, his energy and great sense of humor.

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Spring Luncheon
Wednesday, May 17th

Doug Mitchell, a previous Board of Directors member from several years past, has agreed to rejoin the PRA Board. My appointment of Doug for the remainder of Scott's term has received unanimous endorsement from the Board. Doug will also assume the role of Treasurer until the election of officers following the May annual meeting. We look forward to Doug's participation and thank him for his willingness to serve.

I want to again thank Mary and John McCann, our fall luncheon speakers, for sharing wonderful memories of the hard work, "can do" attitude, fun and excitement surrounding product introductions at the shareholders' meetings.

Our speaker in May will be Victor K. McElheny, former New York Times reporter and author of *Insisting on the Impossible, the Life of Edwin Land, Inventor of Instant Photography*. Dr. Land's personal life was very private. McElheny tells the story of Land's life in the framework of his science, inventions, entrepreneurial spirit, service to our country as advisor to several presidents, and vision for the company he founded.

Please remember: send dues to Bob Ruckstuhl and luncheon reservations to Richard Rosenblatt. See you in May!

George Murray, PRA President



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When we asked PRA member Nick DiMasi for an article about the history of the PCU and the DFCU, he was eager to help us understand his pride in both organizations. Nick is on the Board of the DFCU. He writes:

Sixty-three years ago Ted Mason, Joe Nangeroni, Ernest Stokes, and several other employees of Polaroid Corporation applied to the National Credit Union Administration for a federal credit union charter. Charter No. 9071 was issued on December 15, 1953 and the Polaroid Employees Federal Credit Union came into existence. The credit union began with the simple focus of helping Polaroid employees save their hard-earned money in safe, federally insured deposit accounts, and helping Polaroid employees borrow money when needed.

Although the name of the credit union has changed to Direct Federal Credit Union (direct.com), and its full-range of deposit and loan products has continued to become more expansive, the credit union's connection to Polaroid remains strong. While the membership of the credit union now exceeds 25,000, many within the membership are either former employees of Polaroid Corporation or family members or friends of former Polaroid employees. Founded to serve the employees of Polaroid, the first branches of the credit union were often erected right inside a Polaroid facility. Eventually, Direct Federal Credit Union expanded its membership charter to include employees of other businesses in Eastern Massachusetts, while keeping its strong ties to Polaroid. The credit union formed relationships with such companies as EMC, WCVB, Reebok, and Staples. Then, in 2000, the credit union's Board of Directors converted the credit union charter to a community form, which allows people who live, work, worship, or attend school in Norfolk County to become members. Additionally, family members of those who meet the membership criteria or of current members are also welcomed to join the credit union.

I, along with several other former Polaroid Employees, including Sy Ellin, Howard Margulies, Steve Berry, George Tyner, Bob Gill, and our Chairman, David Johnson, comprise the majority of the credit union's Board of Directors. Today, Direct Federal Credit Union is the fastest growing credit union and 22nd largest credit union overall in Massachusetts (as reported by the Boston Business Journal, November 2016). The mission of the credit union is to provide great rates on products (often best in market) to save members money, easy access to new and current banking solutions to save members time, and remarkable service to preserve members' peace of mind. These simple principles guided the credit union's past and will certainly continue to guide its future.

Thank you, Nick. And thank you for bringing us the generous luncheon offer.

Polaroid Records at Harvard's Baker Library



“AT THE INTERSECTION OF SCIENCE AND ART, Edwin Land and The Polaroid Corporation: The Formative Years” is a wonderful, free exhibit at Harvard’s Baker Library. You may recall that Polaroid Minnetonka donated the Polaroid Records to Harvard Business School when it bought the company.

The School writes, “‘Industry at its best,’ Edwin H. Land believed, ‘is the intersection of science and art.’ A scientist and inventor, entrepreneur and CEO, aesthete and humanist, Land fostered invention and creativity within the culture of a small, science-based research and manufacturing company. He argued that the industrial process should be ‘dedicated to the discernment of deep human needs.’ His philosophical insights into those needs coupled with an eye for

beauty and artistic expression guided the groundbreaking research ambitions of Polaroid - an iconic, 20th-century startup company whose pioneering achievements in optics and engineering continue to have profound technological, social and artistic significance. *At the Intersection of Science and Art* draws from the wealth of material in the Polaroid corporate archives at Baker Library, bringing into focus the formative years and trajectory of the Polaroid Corporation and the career of Edwin Land, whose life, biographer Victor K. McElheny observes, ‘is a meditation on the nature of innovation.’”

PRA Member **Steve Berry** shares his experience:

Today I visited the Polaroid exhibit at Harvard Business School’s Baker Library and found it quite interesting.

I’m not sure I learned anything really new, but it was enjoyable seeing the exhibits and revisiting Polaroid History.

Entitled: “ At the Intersection of Science and Art,” the exhibit is located in the North Lobby of Baker Library in the center of the Harvard Business School campus in Allston. There is parking there for free if you tell the attendant why you are visiting. I actually took the T and walked over from Harvard Square.

The exhibit consists of 12 display cabinets in the main lobby, and wall exhibits in two small side rooms. Both side rooms have a touch screen display with some interesting clips.

The materials cover the early years of Dr. Land’s studies and creating of polarizers, growth of the company to over a million dollars in sales before the war, conversion to war activities and growth during the war, followed by his well known invention of the instant camera.

Old timers will find a few fun pictures of people that were involved in the early years.

It is a small exhibit, but it took me almost two hours to read everything and listen to the clips on the touch screens. The free handout on Polaroid History (Some of which were available at our recent luncheon) are almost worth the visit in themselves.

The exhibit is there until July of 2017, but plan now or you’ll never go!!



Invention, Innovation, Imagination

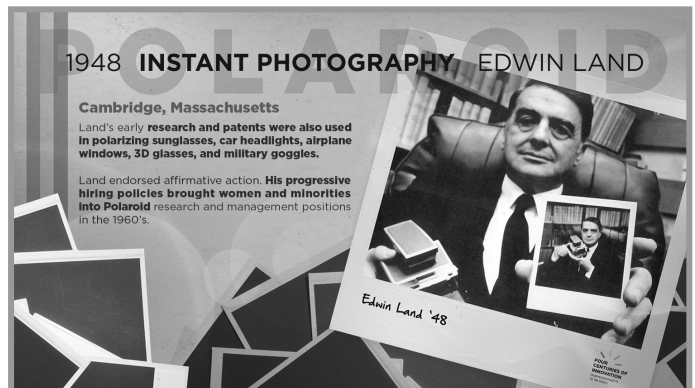


PRA member **Lynne Garone** alerted us to an exhibit in the Terminal C to E Connector at Logan Airport. She tells us it's a great exhibit, well worth seeing.

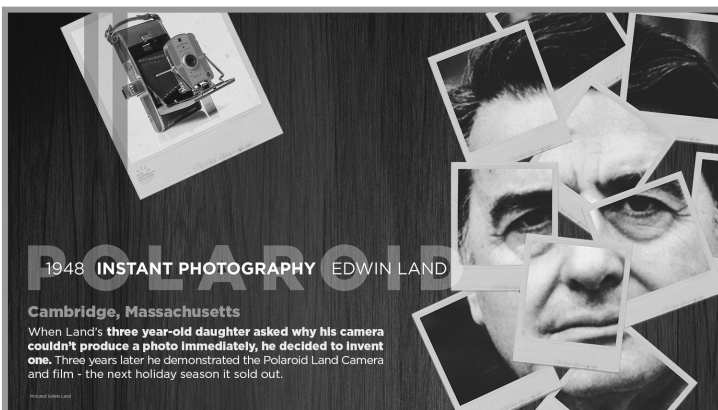
The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) hosts a multimedia installation in cooperation with the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation. "Invention, Innovation, Imagination," is a visual and audio experience for travelers to and from New England at Logan Airport. It includes wall graphics celebrating the innovation economy in New England by highlighting native son John F. Kennedy's challenge that launched America on the race to the moon and the many contemporary innovations that resulted from the U.S. Space Program.

"This exhibit fits perfectly into our design for Logan Airport and is a great honor to President Kennedy's legacy," Massport CEO Thomas P. Glynn said. "Our public art program at Massport is aimed at stimulating passengers and providing a sense of place. This exhibit reminds us how President Kennedy motivated the nation to push the limits of science and technology. That motivation has continued ever since with great results here in Massachusetts."

"John F. Kennedy declared 'I believe the times demand new invention, innovation, imagination' when he accepted the nomination for the presidency, setting the stage for his investment in jumpstarting technological progress with the space program," said Heather Campion, CEO of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation. "Not only did his challenge to Americans and stewardship of the Space Program land a man on the moon in just eight years, but it resulted in several significant scientific advancements that are staples to us today, including GPS, protective firefighting gear and our ability to harness solar energy. We are grateful to Massport for partnering with us to celebrate these achievements and the innovative spirit that has always been central to the fabric of Massachusetts."



America responded with one of the greatest mobilizations of resources and manpower in U.S. history. Eight years later, on July 20, 1969, two American astronauts walked on the Moon. It was a stunning achievement that boosted American confidence and prestige at home and around the world. Additionally, the unprecedented investment in science and technology through the NASA space program resulted in over 1,500 innovations that are essential to modern life, including those featured in the new "Invention, Innovation, Imagination" installation: anti-icing systems, infrared ear thermometer, memory foam, LED lights and the space blanket in addition to firefighter gear, GPS and harnessing solar energy.



By the way, **Lynne** has been with E Ink, now located in Billerica, since leaving Polaroid's Analytical organization. She's enjoying this career and working with the many former Polaroid employees at the company. Best wishes, Lynne!

Fall 2016 Luncheon Attendees

Victor Amirault	David Couture	Michael Glennon	Rolene Kerr	Penny Moore	Jack Ryan
Arthur Aznavorian	Richard Cunningham	Jim Godsell	Gordon Kinsman	John Morine	Peter Schwind
Joyce Babcock	Katherine Curran	Bob Graves	Alfredo Kniazze	John Morse	Tim Scully
Cordelia Bennett	Charlene Dennehey	Annie Gray	Kent Klawson	George Murray	Myron Seiden
Muriel Bartlett	Jim DeWolfe	Deborah Green	Joyce L'Heureux	Ernie Nawn	Tom Silva
Walter Bartlett	Bill Dias	Richard Gurner	Nick Livadas	Mary Nawn	Richard Silva
David Bayer	Nino Diianni	Alexander Hahn	Dolly Livadas	David Oberhauser	Elliot Simmons
Phylis Bennett	Nick Dimasi	Maryann Hall	Sandy Lopes	Louise Oberhauser	Frank Simmons
Steve Berry	Mary Donahue	Tony Hall	Bernie Lorge	Dick Ogilvie	Naivous Stamps
Jack Blake	John Doyle	Bob Haring	Paul Lubin	Harriet Ogilvie	Nancy Simons
Mary Blake	Terri Duggan	Geraldine Harring	Joseph Mariano	Mary Ann Patterson	Herbert Synder
Joanne Blake-Fusco	Mike Eden	Corinne Hart	Mary McCann	Ken Pawl	Francine Synder
Charlie Brown	Lois Epps	Tim Hawes	John McCann	Joe Peters	Lee Tanguay
Carmel Brown	Richard Ferreira	Steve Holmes	Ken McCarthy	Ken Pawl	Dick Terry
Merit Brown	Toney Freitas	Richard Hoyer	Carole McCarthy	Photios Photiou	Eric Thorgerson
Eric Brown	Elizabeth Foote	Quentin Hughes	Tabitha McQuitter	Joseph Potter	Phil Tower
Carl Camelo	Raymond Fuller	Hazel Hutton	William Melanson	John Prendergast	Jean Vnenchak
Ed Caplan	Dick Fraser	Touie Jackson	Diane Melanson	Robert Riva	Frank Voss
Willie Chester	Ed Gaffey	Edith Johnson	Doug Mitchell	Bill Rosen	Mike Walters
John Ciccio	Dick Gellis	John Kaminski	Elaine Modestino	Richard Rosenblatt	Drew Webb
Len Cohen	Edward Galvin	Warren Kantrowitz	Louis Modestino	Bob Ruckstuhl	Paul Whyte
Jim Cirrone	Glenda George	Eva Karger	Gerard Mollenhauer	Richard Russo	Carol Young
Dick Cottrell	James George	Neal Kelly		Amy Russo	Ray & Joyce Yusi
		Jim Kenney			Bob Zuccaro

Wine Winners



Joanne Blake-Fusco



Tom Silva



Nancy Simons



Richard Ogilvie



Bernie Lorge



Maryann Hall



Tony Hall



Eric Brown



Mary Blake



Deborah Green

Fall Luncheon 2016



John Doyle, Alfredo Kniazzezh, Ray Fuller, Ray & Joyce Yusi, Phil Tower



Jim Cirrone, Ken Pawl, & Gerry Mollenhauer



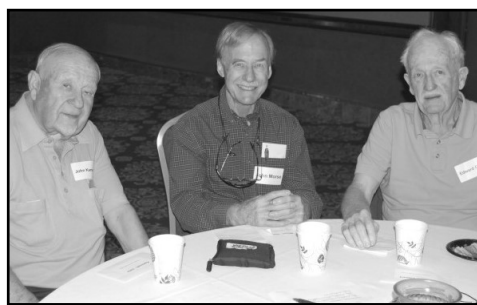
Dolly & Nick Livadas



Guest Speakers
Mary & John McCann



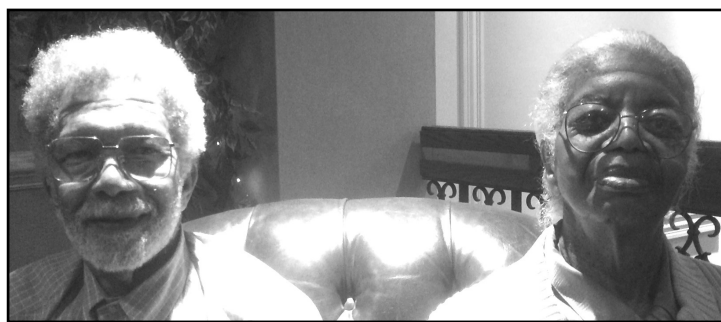
Penny Moore & Jack Ryan



John Kaminski, John Morse & Ed Galvin



Charlie & Carmel Brown with Joe Potter



Willie Chester & Annie Gray



In Memoriam

Find more complete obituaries at www.polaroidretirees.org

Blackburn, Jane - Jane, West Roxbury, 8/7/16 sister of the late Maude, John, William, and Thomas is survived by many nieces and nephews. She was a nurse and a member of the PRA.

Brown, B. Marie - Marie, 73, Milton, 11/26/16 was a Senior Administrator. She is survived by her husband Gene and daughter Gena. She was a member of the PRA.

Brown, Marvin D. - Marvin, Medford, 12/5/16 was the husband of Althea, father of Marvin Jr., Toussaint and Melanie, and grandfather of Toussaint Jr. and Destyn. He was a member of the PRA.

Buckley, Joseph A. - Joseph, 79, Auburn, 10/6/16 leaves his wife Catherine, daughters Cynthia, Hollybeth, Victoria and Lydia, and two grandchildren. He was a Software Engineer.

Burns, Daniel E. Jr. - Daniel, 86, Norwood, 11/25/16 was an Air Force Veteran during the Korean War. He worked in Cambridge and in the chemical facility in New Bedford as a Mechanical Engineer. He was the husband of the late Marguerite, father of Paul, Linda, Daniel, Mary, and Carol, and grandfather of 8. He was a member of the PRA.

Burrows, Shirley Mae - Shirley, 91, Braintree, 9/23/16 was the wife of the late Frank, Robert and Edwin. She was a glass inspector for the U.S. Services during World War II. She is survived by her daughters Lynn, Lorraine and Sheila, 2 stepchildren Robert, Wayne and Carole, 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Carroll, Peter Brian "Pete" - Peter, 78, Watertown, 11/3/16 was the brother of Dick, Diane, Ellen and Stan. He worked in Cambridge. He was a

member of the PRA.

Chaput, Mary "Patty" Baxter - Mary, North Weymouth, 11/14/16 was the fiancée of Jeffrey, sister of Donna, Christine and the late Stephen J. Baxter. She worked in various departments.

Clancy, Paul G. - Paul, 78, Fitchburg, 12/12/16 worked as an Electrician in Waltham. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the submarine Sea Lion. He leaves his wife Elizabeth, daughters Valerie, Ellen and Karen, stepdaughter Kehaulani, stepsons Stephen and Christopher, and fifteen grandchildren.

Cohen, Lawrence (Larry) Joseph - Larry, 79, Brookline, 11/3/16 was the husband of the late Rose. He is survived by his son Joshua, daughter Rachel and four grandchildren.

Couglin, Francis Edward - Francis, 74, Quincy, 10/14/16 was the husband of the late Elizabeth and is survived by his daughters Kathleen and Patti, and granddaughters Shannon and Victoria. He was a Senior Designer in Cambridge. He helped pioneer the processing of instant photography and secure patents.

Cronin, David - David, Oregon, 12/1/16 leaves his wife Pat, children, and grandchildren. He worked in the Systems group in Cambridge at 750 Main St and Waltham at W2, and then 300 Fifth Ave.

Cupoli, Mary P. - Mary, 96, West Newton, 10/27/16 was the wife of the late Michael and is survived by a son Michael, grandchildren Michael, Katelyn and Meghan, and great-grandchildren Aidan and Isabella. She was an Assembler.

Cusack, Richard J. - Richard, 74, Medway, 11/23/16 is survived by his wife Elizabeth, children Timothy and Karen and grandsons Timothy and Liam.



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DeMayo, Marie T. - Marie, 88, Norwood, 9/29/16 was the wife of the late Anthony, mother of Jean Marie and Maribeth, and grandmother of Emma Marie. She was a Secretary for Polaroid.

Doble, Ralph W. Jr. - Ralph, 94, Beverly, 10/26/16 was a decorated World War II Veteran. He is survived by his wife Arlene, daughters Sharon and Laurie, son Kevin, two granddaughters, and three great-grandchildren.

Fay, Chester L. - Chester, 73, Waltham, 11/23/16 is survived by many nephews and nieces. Chester was a long time W4 employee in the Material Control group.



Fowler, Charles S. - Charles, 89, Hampton, NH, 9/25/16. Charles worked in Cambridge, Waltham and the Westwood plants.

Friberg, Gilbert - Gilbert, 77, 9/19/16 worked as a tester and technician. He is survived by his wife, Vilena, sons Samuel and Eric, and daughters Debra and Heidi.



Gardner, William A. Jr. - William (Bill), 86, Holliston, 12/13/16 was the husband of Barbara, father to Carrie, Elizabeth, and William III and grandfather of six. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Air Force and worked for Polaroid Corporation during its early years.



Gibbs, Donald - Donald, Waltham, 9/25/16 was the husband of the late Shirley, and father of Donald and David. He was WWII U.S. Army Veteran and a Construction Engineer.

Giglio, Anthony G. "Tiny" - Anthony, 89, Woburn, 8/20/16 was the husband of Suzanne and brother of Albert, Paul, the late Phillip, Victor, Mary and Ann. He worked in Buildings 1,2, and 3. He was a Supervisor of Janitorial Services. He was a member of the PRA.



Gnade, Henry, Jr. - Henry, 89, Sanford, ME, 11/25/26 served in the U.S. Navy Hospital Corps (WWII). He worked in industry management and was the husband of Evelyn, father of W. Scott and Mark, grandfather of 9 and great-grandfather of 4.



Greenstein, Alan S. - Alan, Norfolk, 11/9/16 was the husband of Barbara, father of Karen, Andrea, Leigh and Jared, and grandfather of Huck. He worked in Materials Management for many years and completed his Polaroid career as Director of Global Supply Chains. After leaving the company he had a successful career in real estate sales.

Gremlitz, Walter, J. - Walter, 81, Sun City Center, FL, 9/28/16 was a Radar Controller flying missions on the RC Super Constellation aircraft along the east coast as a part of the Air Force coastal detection system during the time of the Cold War. He worked in Product Development. He is survived by his brother Richard, sisters Jean and Susan and his former wife Barbara.



Gundersen, Norman A. - Norman, 92, Boxborough, 10/15/16 is survived by his children Cynthia, Joseph, Lynne, John, Mark, Eric, Shawn and Heather, twenty grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



Holohan, Thomas H. III - Thomas, 77, Billerica, 11/9/16 was the husband of Joan, father of Michael, Ryan and Mark. He was a United States Air Force Veteran.

Hovsepian, Berj A. - Berj, 81, Plymouth, 9/16/16, is survived by his wife Virginia, daughters Diane, Nancy and Karen, and 6 grandchildren. He was a Design Engineer.



Hutchinson, Donald - Donald, 87, Sudbury, 11/12/16 passed the entrance exams for the Royal Naval Academy at the age of thirteen to become one of



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the youngest lieutenants to skipper a PT boat during World War II. He was the husband of Heather, father of David and Jennifer, and grandfather of four.

Knust Graichen, Victor M. - Victor, 65, Wrentham, 11/15/16 is survived by his wife Mary, son Gregory, grandchildren Hannah, Wesley, and Braedon.



MacDonald, Ruby L. - Ruby, Lincoln, 9/28/16 was the sister of Ivy. She was a 30 - year employee of Polaroid, and after her retirement she loved to travel and volunteer at many organizations throughout the Boston area.

MacMillan, Daniel A. Jr. - Daniel, 71, Arlington, 11/26/16 was a Marketing Manager. He is survived by his wife Janice, children Kristin and Nicole, and grandchildren Jake and Emma.



Magnell, Mary H. - Mary, 92, Tewksbury, 11/16/16 was the wife of the late Joseph. She worked in Payroll. She is survived by brothers Richard and Joseph, sisters Gladys, Catherine and Dorothy, and nieces and nephews.



Major, John Francis - John, 73, Lowell, 10/14/16 was an Assembler and Machinist. He is survived by sons Brian and Craig, daughter Karrie and seven grandchildren.



McCall, David G. - David, 79, Arlington, 10/30/16 was the husband of Maureen, father of Christine, David, Katherine and Richard, and grandfather of two. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran.



McDonald, Gerald E. "Jerry" - Gerald, 75, Shrewsbury, 11/28/16 was in the U.S. Marines where he served on the U.S.S. Boxer during the Cuban Crisis. He worked as a



Technical Manager. He leaves his wife Elizabeth, daughter Mary Beth, and son Michael. He was a member of the PRA.

McPhillips, Agnes L. - Agnes, 94, Lowell, 9/25/16 was the wife of the late James and is survived by sons James and Kevin, ten grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, and a great-great-granddaughter. She worked in Waltham.



McQueeney, Vincent P. - Vincent, 75, Harwich, 10/27/16 served in the U.S. Army and was a Quality Control Specialist in Norwood. He is survived by his wife Patricia, two daughters Teresa and Kelly, and grandchildren Casey and Connor. He was a member of the PRA.



Moloney, Peggy - Peggy, 91, Mahwah, NJ, 10/5/16 is survived by her husband James, children Peggy, Patty and Eileen, son Larry, 5 granddaughters and 2 grandsons.

Murphy, Kathleen Ann - Kathleen, 78, Austin, TX, predeceased by her husband Lawrence is survived by her children Melissa, Lawrence and Jennifer, and 7 grandchildren. She helped Polaroid perfect the development of color film.



Norquist, Carol Lutz - Carol, 83, Alexandria, VA, 9/5/16 is survived by her husband Warren, her children Grover, Loraine, Alan and David, and nine grandchildren. She was a member of the PRA.



O'Shea, Jeremiah F. - Jeremiah, Billerica, 9/17/16 was the husband of Patricia and father of Thomas and Kerrin. He served in the U.S. Army and worked in W1 and W4 as a Coating Technician in the Research and Development Department.



Peisach, Joel Melvin - Joel, Canton, MA, 1/2/15 worked in Cambridge as a Manager in Sesame.

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Peterson, Robert Walter - Walter, 83, 9/19/16 was a Plant Engineer. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran serving during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife Faith, children Bob, Cheryl, Gail, Amy and Tom Peterson, 14 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Poirier, Robert E. - Robert, Lexington, 9/30/16 was the husband of Gloria, father of Mary Ellen and the late Michelle, Richard and John, and is survived by 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He was a Navy Veteran. He worked in Cambridge.

Preston, Robert - Robert, 72, Dundee, Scotland, 12/6/16 was the husband of Sandra, father of Scott and partner Suty, and grandfather of Ally, Nina and Zara. Bob was the Financial Controller at Polaroid (UK) Ltd.'s Vale of Leven facility.

Sauvageau, Ann Marie - Ann Marie, California, 9/9/16 was the wife of Fernand and mother of Debbie, Terrance, Valerie, Sherry Lynn, Craig and Jeffrey. She was grandmother of 15 and great-grandmother of 6.



Stokes, Ernest Frederick - Ernest, 105, Nashua,

NH, 10/5/16 was the husband of the late Edith and father of the late Priscilla. He is survived by his children Ernest, Calvin, Theodore, Susan, Pamela and Jerry Stokes, 23 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Thayer, Robert Emery, Jr. - Robert, 69, Medway, 12/3/16 was a licensed Master Electrician and a licensed HVAC Technician. He served in the U.S. Naval Air Reserve at South Weymouth Air base in the Air Crew Survival Team as a Naval Air Technician. Robert is survived by his wife Debra and stepchildren Tiffany, Chris, Richard and Jamie.



Verch, Allan - Allen, 72, Green Valley, Arizona, 10/17/16 was the husband of Karen, father of Jennifer and Stephanie, and grandfather of Cole. During his career at Polaroid, he rubbed elbows with many celebrities, including Julia Child, Vincent Price, Audrey Hepburn, the Pointer Sisters, and Steve Allen.

Walsh, James "Jay" - James, 73, Stoneham, 10/15/16 was the husband of Soghra. He was an active member of the East Boston Little League and also a Knights of Columbus #2962 member.



Notes

As you can see on page 1, the **old Polaroid logo** has returned to the NewsLetter. Many thanks to Polaroid Minnetonka for their help in bringing it home. Welcome back, old friend!

Special thanks to PRA member and director **Bill Rosen** for the page 1 redesign. Looks great, Bill.

We're grateful to the Baker Library's **Tim Mahoney** and **Melissa Murphy**, as well as **Charles Lamarre** and **Lisa** of Massport. The photos and information on pages 3 & 4 are much appreciated.

Connie Vink, now living in Snohomish, Washington, writes that of all the places he's worked Polaroid stands out as one of the "nicest." He tells us he's 83 now and has significant vision problems. Though he apologizes for what he calls his "sloppy writing," he puts most of us to shame. As a contractor for Yankee Line in Boston and GILLIG in Southern California after leaving Polaroid, Connie delivered over 400 city busses all over the country.

Please let us know what you've been up to since leaving Polaroid. Our readers tell us the best articles come from **you**, so please take some time to send your updates to Bob Ruckstuhl's address on page 12 or at newsletterpra@gmail.com. We want to hear from you.

Sign Up for the May Luncheon - May 17, 2017

PRA SPRING LUNCHEON THE LANTANA RESTAURANT, RANDOLPH, MA WEDNESDAY, May 17, 2017

8:30 - 10:00 am **Registration - Coffee & Pastries**

10:00 am **Meeting Called to Order**
Guest Speaker: Victor McElheny

**** FREE for PRA members**
\$25 for non-members **

11:00 am **Cash Bar - Social Hour**

12:00 pm **Seated for Lunch**

Entrée **Chicken Florentine** : Pan Seared Chicken Breast with Spinach, Crimini Mushrooms in a Garlic Cream Sauce
Selections **Boston Baked Cod** : Served with a New England Ritz Cracker Topping on a Bed of Rice Pilaf

Chef's Choice of Vegetable & Breads; Classic Caesar Salad, Strawberry Shortcake, Coffee or Tea

Name Desired on Name Tag	Chicken	Fish	Other*

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Name : _____

Address : _____

City : _____ State : _____

Zip : _____ Phone : _____

Email : _____

**The Lantana will make every effort to honor your request for a special meal. Please note vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, etc., in the box above.*

Make **non-member's** check for **\$25** payable to: **Polaroid Retirees Association, Inc.** and mail **with the reservation form** above to: **Richard Rosenblatt, 336 Boylston St., Apt #303, Newton Centre, MA 02459**

Please note: We will be unable to offer refunds for reservations cancelled after **May 8, 2016**. In the event of an emergency, please call **Richard Rosenblatt at 617-916-5600**

** Remember **

Your PRA dues must be up to date through 2017 or have been waived (see your Newsletter address label) to take advantage of this generous offer from the DFCU.

Learn more on pages 1 & 2. Use page 12 to pay your dues.

Victor McElheny to be Spring Luncheon Speaker

Our May speaker is the author of *Insisting on the Impossible: The Life of Edwin Land*. The 1998 book, "the first full-scale biography of this Magellan of modern technology,...reveals the startling scope and daring spirit of Land's scientific and entrepreneurial genius." Hear the author share his research and learnings about Dr. Land's broad impact in many areas of technology, human motivation, chemistry, physics and business.

Come join us on **Wednesday, May 17th**.

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