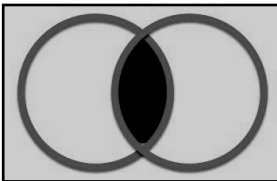


# NewsLetter



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### *President's Letter*

I want to begin by wishing all of you a very happy New Year – but more on that later.

We welcome our newest member of the Polaroid Retirees Association Board of Directors, Erika Kliem. She replaces Bob Ruckstuhl, whose 9-year term limit was reached in May. Bob continues his invaluable work as Membership Chair.

There's more good news – The Direct Federal Credit Union has agreed once again to underwrite the cost of your participation in the May 2018 Spring Luncheon at The Lantana. All you need to do to qualify is to have your 2018 dues paid before your reservation for the luncheon is made. We certainly appreciate the generosity of Direct's management, which recognizes the many years of partnership between the Credit Union and Polaroid's employees and their families.

At the October 2017 luncheon, we took note of the 80th anniversary of Polaroid Corporation. I've been re-reading parts of *Insisting on the Impossible* and *Instant – the Story of Polaroid* and am continually reminded of what a wonderful organization Polaroid was and the rewarding work life so many of us enjoyed.

I was reminded again of the strength of the Polaroid family's values, when in the immediate aftermath of the disastrous hurricane season, members of your Board researched charities that could provide immediate relief, especially in the plight of Puerto Rico's lack of clean water. We voted to provide a \$500 donation to Water Mission which is focused on bringing clean water to storm damaged areas. After we announced this at October's luncheon, two volunteers circulated through the group enjoying the social hour before lunch and collected another \$1089 from those attending! My proud reaction was, "You can tell this is a Polaroid group!"

Our speaker in October was Marion Ryan, Middlesex County District Attorney, who gave an energetic talk on how one can be scammed by bogus charities supposedly representing grandchildren needing bail money and by identity theft. The most practical take-away: if you ever put something on the Internet, it's there forever and available to be stolen. Her talk was received enthusiastically and it's too bad that we ran out of time for all the questions.

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***Spring Luncheon***  
**Wednesday, May 16th**

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As we proceed into 2018 and reflect on the past year, it's hard to avoid being depressed by many things happening in 2017. Rampant reports of sexual abuse of women - in entertainment, corporate America and government - rock us at the end of the year. The "Black Lives Matter" movement has brought heightened attention to the difficulty that people of color, especially young boys and men, have even surviving to adulthood. Coarseness, bullying and a selfish lack of respect for others seem to permeate our society.

So. . . my wish for each of you is that you make a commitment in the New Year to bring a heightened appreciation of kindness, generosity and civility to your relationships in your family, your community and your government, and that your "paying forward" of these values makes for a happier, more peaceful and prosperous New Year.

This is a big wish, I know. The problems we face are complex and challenging, but as Dr. Land often said, "Every problem can be solved with the things [people] in the room at the time."

*George Murray, PRA President*

## The Original is Back

*Thank you, Steve Herchen & Polaroid Originals, for sharing the excitement with us!*



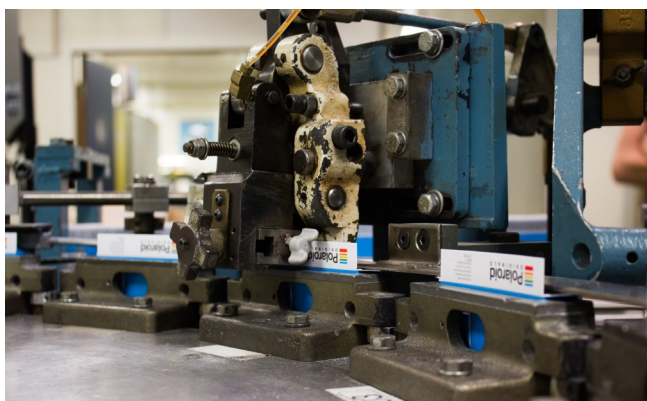
September 13, 2017 was not only the date that marked the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Polaroid company, it was also a day that many people thought would never happen. The brand that invented instant photography in 1947, bringing the art form to the world, went back to the business of analog instant photography with the launch of Polaroid Originals.

When Polaroid discontinued production of analog instant film in 2008, it seemed to many there was no longer a space for it in the age of smartphones and digital cameras. Luckily there was a group of enthusiasts who called themselves the Impossible Project, who took on the challenge of saving analog instant photography. It took them nine years, a rollercoaster ride and an intense level of commitment, but on September 13, 2017, their mission was accomplished.

Polaroid Originals is the new brand from Polaroid, committed to analog instant photography and the spirit it represents. With its launch came a new generation of instant film, significantly improved in development time, color sharpness and stability. And maybe most importantly, Polaroid Originals introduced a brand-new camera.

40 years after launching the original Polaroid OneStep camera in 1977, Polaroid Originals introduces the Polaroid OneStep 2. The original OneStep was the essence of instant photography – bringing the iconic white frame to a global audience with a fun, affordable and easy-to-use instant camera. It was a bestseller for years. Since then, the OneStep has endured as a cultural icon, and now the Polaroid OneStep 2 follows in its footsteps, bringing analog instant photography to a new generation.

For Polaroid Originals this camera is more than just a new product. Together with the new generation of film it represents the future. It represents the potential for analog photography to develop further as a medium, bringing people together to capture moments and create art. Because what it offers is an experience and a result that a smartphone can't offer: An authentic artifact that you can hold in the palm of their hand, share with a friend or put up on your fridge.



## A Polaroid Alum Shares Memories

*Thank you, Sue, for the hilarious, touching and wonderful story.*



Well, here I am, 24 years old and finally got the acceptance letter from Polaroid! I'm really excited, I've been trying to get into Polaroid for quite some time now. This will be my third job and I hope it lasts. I worked at a consulting engineering firm for five years and an air balancing company for two. A girlfriend of mine works for Polaroid up in Waltham, commutes an hour each way and put in a good word for me. She told me it would take a while, but it's worth the wait if I get hired. I didn't think it would take six months, but I'm ready and nervous.

The acceptance letter mentioned that I had to travel up to Waltham for a physical. That surprised me. I hadn't needed a physical for the other jobs, but if that's required, I have no problem with it.

Two weeks to wait and it's going by very slowly. Hoping I made the right decision. Feeling nervous and out of my comfort zone. Oh well, how bad could it be, right?

Finally, the day is here: April 1971. I rode to the site with my brother-in-law. Jeff works for the sheet metal company working on the building. Oh, forgot to tell you, my job is secretary to the engineers at the Polaroid Negative Manufacturing (NB-1) site in New Bedford. The site has 500 construction people and a handful of Polaroid engineers. When I was interviewed for the job, I was informed I needed to limit my wardrobe to slacks, no high heels, no revealing shirts, tops, or sweaters, and definitely no walking around the building without one, or preferably two, escorts and never without a hard hat. Since I would be the only woman on site, I could certainly understand their concern.

The Polaroid employees (15 engineers) work out of one large room. I am shown my desk, given a short tutorial on the paging system, how to put out fires in the copy machine (evidently an event which happens often) and the location of "The Key." Since I'm the only woman, it seems as though I am to share one restroom with my fellow employees (men). The key hangs on the wall and evidently the coast is clear for me to use the restroom unless it's missing, which I would later find out isn't a certainty.

Well, right to work, and there is work, lots and lots of work. I can't believe how busy I am with all kinds of varied things to do. I love it. The guys are so easy to work with, I'm enjoying my new job tremendously.

A couple of days later I'm asked if I want to tour the building. Oh boy, I jump at the opportunity. A couple of the engineers take me on a tour of the entire building. It's gigantic: open floors, no offices built yet, some open stairs, some just recently cemented. I realize very quickly why the limits on the clothing. Contractors everywhere you look and a few honest about how pleased they are about seeing a female. On the way back to what we call the "Temporary Office" I notice some papers here and there taped onto the cement walls. I finally stop to read one and am surprised to read: "Attention: There will be a woman joining the site Monday, ALL urinating in the hallways is to cease." Well since I didn't notice anyone ignoring the notice on my tour, I assume the notice works.

So ends my short story of the beginning of my Polaroid career. I met my husband, Jerry, at Polaroid NB-1 and we had two beautiful daughters. Jerry and I worked at the Polaroid New Bedford site for 37 years. I ended my Polaroid career working for the last four Plant Managers. I was the first woman to work in New Bedford and ended being the last woman out the door. Jerry and I both loved being part of the Polaroid Family - and it was a Family. I currently have breakfast with a bunch of my "guys" every Tuesday and we laugh and joke almost until lunch time. Great job, wonderful people.

Susan Wilson Cusick  
NB-1, NB-6



## From Our Readers



Charlie in 1959

*This in from **Charlie Lawrence...***

To the Polaroid Community,

I hope retirement is treating you well and that your health is "A" okay. At 81 years of age, putting in time at the gym and enjoying a Saturday night out at one of my favorite restaurants on the Cape (between doctor appointments), keep me going. I find that exercise and what I eat are critical for maintaining my daily active lifestyle. I go to the Centerville gym here on the Cape each day for one and a half hours.

I get a big charge out of my doctor visits. The doctors at the Mass General Hospital have a long list of my medical issues and I have to laugh at this list. I keep asking my primary care physician, "Why am I still here on this planet?"

I spend my winter months in Stuart, Florida, on Hutchinson Island from mid-December to mid-April. I love Florida and would move there, but my "Significant Other" isn't of like mind. Guess who the boss is!

*We asked Charlie to tell us about his Polaroid time...*

I spent the first 23 years at Polaroid in various positions in The Roll/ICS and The Film Division Vendor Relations organization. The next 14 years, thanks to the support of George Fernald, Gerry Sudbey, and Bill O' Neill, I was asked to assist all internal Polaroid organizations as an Internal Consultant. In addition, through the support of Bill O' Neill and Palmer Swanson, I was the Director of Project Bridge and involved in supporting Public Schools in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. In 1993, as an "Executive on Loan," I worked with The State Department of Education in support of implementing the Education Act of 1993.

I am without a doubt a true Gemini. I love to be involved in a variety of different things that satisfy my intellectual curiosity. The people of Polaroid and the education community provided a wonderful opportunity to learn, grow and, at the same time, help people to move forward towards their objectives.

With that, PRA, please find my check for \$45 for three years' dues. During this time my aim is to keep my name out of the "In Memoriam" section of the Polaroid Newsletter. Keep smiling and take one day at a time. What else can we all do!



Charlie & children 2017



*And from **Ted Theodores..***

"I left Polaroid in 1985 to join the corporate staff of EG&G, Inc., at the Wellesley headquarters. My first assignment was managing a \$60 million venture capital fund that invested in technology start-up companies. After several promotions and assignments, I was promoted to Vice President, Business Development and Mergers & Acquisitions. I semi-retired in 1998 and continued to serve on boards of directors and work as a consultant to several corporations.

"I moved from Sudbury to Barnstable on Cape Cod where my family (daughter, son and 6 grandkids) thoroughly enjoyed beaching, boating and fishing for nearly 20 years. Last year, we sold the Cape house and I moved to the Masonic Overlook Senior Living Community in Charlton."

*Ted adds, "I look forward to seeing my many good Polaroid friends again soon."*

*And this in from **Jim Kilroy...***

"I play golf, nine holes, at Lost Brook, Norwood, Route One. I attend my grandson's hockey games in Bridgton Academy in Maine."



## Fall 2017 Luncheon Attendees

Dick Adams  
 Athur Aznavorian  
 Joyce Babcock  
 Walter Bartlett  
 Muriel Bartlett  
 David Bayer  
 Stephen Berry  
 John Blake  
 Sheryl Booth- Beau-  
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 Barbara Boyd  
 Eric Brown  
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 Walter Byron  
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 Harry Fatkin  
 Jim Fay  
 Elizabeth Foote  
 Don Foster  
 Raymond Fuller  
 Joanne Fusco  
 Bob Ganapathy  
 Arthur Garland  
 Alice Gelenian  
 Mary Gentleman  
 Ethel Goodwin  
 Annie Gray  
 Maryann Hall  
 David Hall  
 Tony Hall  
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 Paul Henry  
 Ted Holloran  
 Quentin Hughes  
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 Diane Josephson  
 Warren Kantrowitz  
 Eva Karger  
 Rolene Kerr  
 James Kilroy  
 Mary Kilroy  
 James Kilroy  
 Irene Kilroy  
 Erika Kliem  
 Alfredo Kniazzezh  
 Larry Kunz  
 Al LaGreca  
 Laraine Langston  
 Charles LaPier

Paul Lubin  
 Joe Mariano  
 Mary McCann  
 John McCann  
 Connie McGaffigan  
 Julie McPherson  
 Doug Miller  
 Doug Mitchell  
 John Morse  
 George Murray  
 Lossie Murray  
 Cinda Murray  
 Ernie Nawn  
 Mary Nawn  
 Dick Ogilvie  
 Harriet Ogilvie  
 Irene O'Leary  
 Joseph Potter  
 Ken Prawl  
 Joe Rainho  
 Bob Rodochia  
 Bill Rosen  
 Ricard Rosenblatt  
 Larry Rudy  
 Tim Scully  
 Carol Scully

Nancy Simons  
 Elliott Simons  
 Barbara Skelley  
 Angela Smith  
 Lydia Smith  
 Ray Smith  
 Herb Snyder  
 Francine Snyder  
 Fran Spayne  
 Narvous Stamps  
 Geoge Stebbens  
 Holmes Steve  
 Lee Tanguay  
 Ann Tennis  
 Joseph Terry  
 Eric Thorgerson  
 Phil Tower  
 Leo VanGlabbeek  
 Jim Vozzella  
 Ed Wade  
 Mike Walters  
 Dottie Watson  
 Rich Williams  
 Rob Young  
 Tony Zagame



Larry Chelmow



Tim & Carol Scully



Barbara Skelley, Barbara Boyd & Francine Snyder



Muriel Bartlett



Sue Isgur



Jim Vozzella, Connie McGaffigan & Erika Kliem

## Notes, Quotes & Photos

Over 50 PRA Members requested the Harvard Baker Library's "AT THE INTERSECTION OF SCIENCE AND ART, Edwin H. Land and the Polaroid Corporation: The Formative Years" exhibit catalogue and/or copies of "Managing Your Affairs" as were offered in the Newsletter. Others downloaded the "Managing" document from the polaroidretirees.org website where it still resides. While the Harvard exhibit has finished its run, you can still request a catalogue from us. Contact Elizabeth at 617-354-5237 for your copy. Also, look for two additional Harvard exhibits of Polaroid documents coming over the next 6 years.

*"Thank you for the wonderful catalogue. I appreciate your sending it. I am enjoying it everyday."*  
Natalie Fultz, PRA Member

*"Thank you for sending the 'Getting Your Affairs in Order' information. It is the best, most comprehensive information I have seen on the subject."*  
Pat Morris, PRA Member

LabCentral, the 4-year-old nonprofit that leases shared laboratory space for fledgling companies, announced that it's expanding again. It started with 2,000 square feet on the ground floor of 700 Main St, Cambridge, and then doubled that capacity in renovating an additional 42,000 square feet in the building. Now it's taking on another 33,000 square feet next door. LabCentral will house 90 firms by mid-2019 in the two buildings owned by MIT.

*"Just opened the October Newsletter. Great job, folks – full of interesting history and very well presented. Hard to believe many of us left Polaroid over 20 years ago, but the 'can-do' attitude and professionalism of Polaroid employees continue via the PRA."*  
Milt Dentch, PRA Member

Due to the Board members' representation in the luncheon drawing – I think 4 of us won – we will no longer participate in the drawings. Sure looked fishy, but we didn't pull the tickets out of the fishbowl! The good news is we poured our prizes into the Water Mission hats.

*"Dad started as a film machine operator and became a carpenter for most of his time at Polaroid. My brother and I remember many family picnics in the summer at Norwood, and we later worked a few summer jobs at Polaroid. Growing up, we were all part of a proud Polaroid family."*

Joe O'Shea, Jr. on his father's passing



**Eric Thorgerson & Doug Mitchell count donations to Water Mission.**



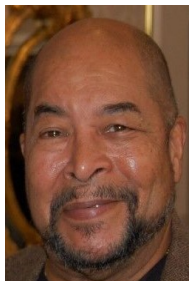
**Jim & Irene Kilroy**



**Ernie Nawn**



**Lossie Murray**



**Ray Smith**



**Nick DiMasi**



**Hazel Hutton**



**Mike Walters**

## More Notes...

Harvard University signed a long-term lease for **784 Memorial Drive**.

The Information Technology Services Department will occupy the 4-story, 61,000 square-foot building that was built in 1937.

*Lucky folks – fabulous view!*



**Dave Kennedy**, formerly of the Vale of Leven plant, sent us a copy of a 91-page booklet by Dr. J.M. Trushell that was published on the 50th anniversary of the Scotland site in 2015. It's an excellent summary of the history of Polaroid's Vale of Leven businesses.

The ten chapters include the titles Initial Decision, Early & Middle Years, Finances, More than a Factory and Demise. There are appendices, tables, illustrations and photos.

Let us know if you'd like to borrow it and we'll put you in queue. Call Elizabeth at 617-354-5237.

Dave writes that he created a Facebook page in June to enable folks to keep in touch, share stories and find old friends. Called "Ex Polaroid Vale of Leven," the site is thriving with 430 members as of this writing.



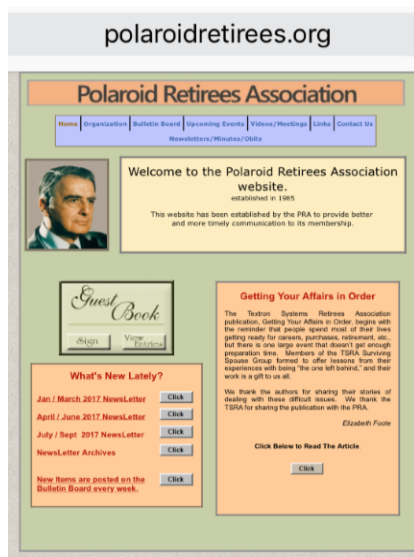
**Pete Braudis** writes...

Therese and I are still here on the lake in Groton. Our 6 grandkids are growing fast; the oldest is in her second year of college.

I received my Masters in Ministry and Theology from the Archdiocese of Boston and I'm working with my wife and friends in Annunciation Ministries. We've done work in the Boston area, Maine and the Archdiocese of Miami, Florida.

Polaroid was the best!

## New Look for polaroidretirees.org



PRA Board Member Bill Rosen is Committee Chair for the polaroidretirees.org website. His aim is to make your navigation as easy as possible to provide better and more timely communication to the PRA membership.

The most frequently accessed area is The Bulletin Board's In Memoriam for updated and detailed obituaries. Bill notes that the video of employees sharing memories of their work at Polaroid is repeatedly played, and, no surprise, watching the video of that fantastic 50th anniversary celebration at Boston College is popular. A forum for comments and questions is an easy place to connect with others and share news. Newsletters are archived here along with alphabetically-listed obituaries by year. To be notified when new messages are posted, go to Bulletin Board and click at the bottom of the page.

There's lots more, so take a look to see what the site offers and let Bill know what you think by clicking on Contact Us.



## In Memoriam

Find more complete obituaries at [www.polaroidretirees.org](http://www.polaroidretirees.org)



**Bettencourt, Leonard C.**, 96, Dartmouth, 9/24/17 was the husband of the late Clair, father of Heidi, grandfather of five, and great-grandfather of three. He worked in Waste Water Treatment and Silver Recovery. Leonard served in the U.S. Army Air Corps (World War II). He was a member of the PRA.



**Boone, James J., Jr.**, 83, Malden, 7/29/17 was the husband of the late Janet, father of Linda, Marietta, Scott & Jason, grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of two. He worked in Personnel and served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps.



**d'Ablemont, Gerald Armand, II**, 90, Boston, 12/1/17 was the husband of Martha, father of Lauren, Gerald II, Amy & Leslie and grandfather of nine grandchildren. He worked in Marketing and Sales. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran, serving on the Aircraft Carrier U.S.S. Yorktown in the Pacific Theater.



**Danti, Bernard R., "Bernie"**, 87, Peabody, 10/4/17 was the husband of Connie, father of Susan, Jean, Alicia & Greg, grandfather of five and great-grandfather of one. He worked in Mechanical Engineering. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He enjoyed playing the banjo and golf.



**Deane, Edward T.**, 79, Maynard, 11/19/17 was the brother of Kathleen, nephew of Patricia & James and a cousin to many. He was a Vendor Quality Senior Technician. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran. Ed had a passion for horse racing and was a licensed Sulky Driver who raced at Scarborough Downs in Maine.

**Delvin, Edward, "Ed"**, 91, Westport, CT, 10/12/17 was the husband of Anita, father of Lisa & Michael, and grandfather of four. Ed worked as a Financial Executive. He was a WWII U.S. Veteran who served in both the Artillery and Paratrooper Corps in France and Belgium. He was awarded the European African Middle Eastern Theater of Operations Medal, the Victory Medal and two Overseas Service Bars.

**Doherty, Rita M.**, 97, West Dennis, 10/23/17 was the wife of Paul, mother of Edward, Robert, Paula, and grandmother of five and great-grandmother of six. She was the "Head Cashier" at Krista K's Ice Cream working from noon to closing until she was 95. She truly enjoyed her conversations with the customers.



**Dustin, Craig S., Sr. "Dusty"**, 72, Saugus, 9/20/17 was the husband of Patricia, father of Craig Jr., Keith & Kerry and grandfather of five. He worked as Quality Control Engineer in Norwood. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve. As an avid outdoorsman since childhood, he had a passion for gardening, golfing, fishing, and kayaking.



**Fors, Robert D.**, 78, Plymouth, 11/7/17 was the father of Karen & Shirley, grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of six. He enjoyed his work as a Carpenter, working for several different area companies and was also a self employed carpenter and cabinet maker. He was US Navy Veteran who served in Operation Desert Storm and was a longtime member of the US Navy Reserves.



**Fowler, Edward Frederick**, 87, Taunton, 11/20/17 was the husband of Agnes and Nancy, both deceased, father of Edward, Steven & Mark, grandfather of seven and great-grandfather of six. He worked in New Bedford. He was U.S. Navy Veteran and served aboard the USS Quincy as a Radio/Radar Technician during the Korean War. He loved to read, watch classic movies especially with his grandchildren, and going to the casino with family and friends.



**Friedberg, Niki**, 83, Beacon Hill, 11/22/17 was the wife of Alan and the late Arthur, mother of Jennifer & Alysia, grandmother of four and stepmother of three. Niki had a passion for contemporary art and dedicated herself to the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston. Her involvement there spanned over five decades, culminating with her serving as President of the Board.



**Gardner, Elizabeth D.**, Weymouth, 8/17/17 was the wife of the late Granville, mother of the late Paul, grandmother of five and great-grandmother of one. She worked at Harvard, and as an assistant to Psychologist BF Skinner and Dr. Edwin Land. After retirement, she continued her education at Massasoit Community College where she received three Associate Degrees in Computer Science, Fine Arts and Travel and Tourism.



**George, Laurella M.**, 78, Brockton, 11/2/17 was the wife of Warren, mother of Dawn, Michael & Douglas, grandmother of six, and great-grandmother of eight. She was a 1956 graduate of Quincy High School and was employed for 30 years by Polaroid.





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**Gignac, Shirley, Williamsburg, VA,** formerly of Lynnfield, MA, 12/3/17 was the wife of Mike, mother of Paul, Michael III, Peter & Rev. J. Thomas and grandmother of five grandchildren. She was a Registered Nurse who enjoyed her lifelong passion for nursing care. She was a member of the PRA.



**Gove, Maurice A., 81, Westborough,** 11/16/17 was the husband of Mildred, father of Marin & Michelle, and grandfather of four. He was a Mechanical Engineer. He served with the U.S. Air Force as a Staff Sergeant during the Korean Conflict. He enjoyed building trailers for camping, genealogy, flying model helicopters and making furniture. He was a member of the PRA.



**Gutoff, Edgar B., Dedham, 9/29/17** was the husband of Hinda, father of Joshua, Jonathan, & Susan, and grandfather of two. Edgar was one of the leaders in the field of Coating and Drying Technology and a Senior Principal Engineer. He was a widely respected teacher, an adjunct professor at Northeastern University and the author of three books and numerous articles. He was a member of the PRA.

**Halloran, Paul K., Sr. 80, Lynn, 11/2/16** was the husband of late Jean, father of Paul, grandfather of Kathryn & Martha and twin brother to Peter. He served in the U.S. Army in Greenland and worked at Polaroid.



**Hallquist, Jr. Nils Gustav "Gus", Jr., 84, Franklin, 10/13/17** was husband of Patricia and his late wife Marilyn, father of Cindy & Scott and stepchildren Scott, Steve & Kristin, grandfather of fourteen and great-grandfather of nine. He worked as a Mechanical Engineer in New Bedford. Gus served in the U.S. Navy. He had great talent in woodworking and built his own winter chalet in North Conway. He was a member of the PRA.



**Janes, Gordon Belbin, Sr., 94, Natick, 9/27/17** was the husband of the late Jean, father of Jean, James, Nancy & Gordon Jr., grandfather of eight, and great-grandfather of four. He was a Senior Supervisor. Gordon was on active duty in the Army and Navy during World War II. He enjoyed gardening, animals, holiday parties and spending time with his family.



**Johnson, Robert A., 74, Acton, 11/4/17** is survived by his son Alex and grandson Andrew. He developed Magnetic Recording Technology at Polaroid. He loved all outdoor adventures from digging clams as



a boy on Long Island to rock climbing, mountaineering, birding, fishing, skiing, Scuba diving and flying the family in his small plane all across North America, from California to the wilds of Alaska.

**Judge, George L. Jr., Burlington, 10/26/17** was the husband of Anne Marie, father of Michael, Christopher & Susan and grandfather of seven. He was a U.S. Army Veteran (Vietnam War) was the recipient of the Good Conduct Medal and the Sharpshooter Rifleman's Badge. He was deeply involved in building the Burlington's reservoir and water treatment plant and bringing to Burlington the campus of Sun Microsystems and a world class hospital in the Lahey Clinic.



**Kalchthaler, Robert F., 80, Middleborough, 11/26/17** was the husband of Carol, father of Kelly, Glenn, Kathleen, & Robert, grandfather of six. He was a Test Coater Manager in Negative Manufacturing and a Plant Manager in Freetown. He was an avid golfer, biker, runner, swimmer, reader, and sports enthusiast and a passionate fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers.



**Kinnear, Donald Edwin, 86, Pocasset, MA, 2/19/16** was the husband of Priscilla, father of Robin and Glenn, grandfather of one, and great-grandfather of two. He worked as a Mechanical Engineer in Cambridge. They celebrated 65 years of marriage.. He was a member of the PRA.



**Lowe, Richard Gordon, 71, East Falmouth, 9/22/17** was the husband of his former wife and good friend Eileen and father of Christopher. He worked in Waltham as an Analytical Laboratory Chemist. He had a real talent for carpentry and furniture making with a self-driven demand for perfection. Now everything he touched remains a gift to his family and friends.

**Miminos, Mark, 80, Belmont, 11/16/17** was the husband of Carolyn, father of Kimberly & Karen, and grandfather of two. He worked in Waltham. Mark served in the U.S. Marine Corps and earned retirement as a member of the Coast Guard Reserve working on motor life boats out of United States Coast Guard Station in Chatham.

**Morrison, Kenneth C., Dorchester, 10/4/17** was the husband of Dorothy, father of Wayne, Kathleen, David, Floyd Christopher, Tricia, Gerald, Maureen, Derek & Michelle, grandfather of 24 and great grandfather of 19. Ken was a Scoutmaster for Boy Scouts of America, and also an Assistant Cub Scoutmaster.



**O'Shea, Joseph Patrick, Sr., 78, Pembroke, 9/20/17** was the husband of the late Annette, father of Joseph & F. Scott,

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grandfather of four. He was a Carpenter. He was a U.S. Army Veteran. Joe found great purpose as a Eucharistic minister and volunteer at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Hanson and at Brockton Hospital. He was a member of the PRA.

**Raphael, Thomas**, 95, Winchester, 8/27/17 was the husband of late Elva, father of William & Constance and grandfather of one. He was U.S. Navy WWII Veteran. He worked in the Research Division and on Battery technology. He was a member of the PRA.

**Shea, Francis Jimmy "Barney"**, 71, Avon, 11/26/17 was the father of Cortney, Walter & Brian, and grandfather of four. He was a U.S. Army Veteran. He was a baseball and basketball coach in East Bridgewater and an excellent athlete who enjoyed playing golf and softball.

**Vassar, Jeannette Belle**, 86, Scarborough, ME, 9/22/16 was the wife of Herb, mother of Valerie & Dianne. She held several Executive Assistant positions throughout her career, her favorite being her last job at Polaroid in Waltham. Jeannette had a great



appreciation of the arts as she loved to sing, play piano, paint and take photos.

**Walsh, Richard John "Dick"**, 81, Scituate, 10/2/17 was the husband of Beverly, father to Susan, Steven & Stacy, and grandfather of four. He served as a 1st Lieutenant in the Army during the Berlin Wall Crisis. He worked on the SX70 and the first film able to develop in ambient light. He used his talents, energetic drive and innovative spirit to design and build houses.



**Zegowitz, Joseph "Jay"**, 77, Cape Coral, FL, 10/25/17 was the husband of Dianne, father of John & James and grandfather of five. He worked at the Reservoir in Waltham. He loved his beer enough that "most breweries are likely flying the flag at half-mast today" and enjoyed people from all walks of life. He was a member of the PRA.



**Readers have asked us how to access the more complete obituaries on our website, [www.polaroidretirees.org](http://www.polaroidretirees.org). Here's how:**

- On the homepage [www.polaroidretirees.org](http://www.polaroidretirees.org), click on **Bulletin Board** in the blue box at the top.
- To the left on the next page shown, click on **In Memoriam**. You'll see a list of death notices.
- Click on **a name**. Look to the right to see the larger obituary. On a smartphone, swipe left.
- If you wish to send a note of sympathy or share your memories with family members but you can't located an address, the funeral home listed may be able to help.

### What's new with you?

Please give us an update on what you've been doing since leaving Polaroid. Write it here, mail a note, send an email or use the Website. Readers want to hear from you so please share your activities with the PRA.

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## Sign Up for the May Luncheon - May 16, 2018

### PRA SPRING LUNCHEON THE LANTANA RESTAURANT, RANDOLPH, MA WEDNESDAY, May 16, 2018

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

10:00 am **Meeting Called to Order**  
**Guest Speaker: John Reuter**

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

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

12:00 pm **Seated for Lunch**

#### **Entrée** **Selections**

**Chicken Picatta** : Pan Seared Chicken Breast with Lemon Wine Sauce and Capers

**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, Apple Crisp, Coffee or Tea

Name Desired on Name Tag	Chicken	Fish	Other*

#### **Please use space below for address corrections**

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*\*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 9, 2018.**  
In the event of an emergency, please call **Richard Rosenblatt at 617-916-5600**

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### **John Reuter to be Spring Luncheon Speaker**

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Come join us on **Wednesday, May 16th.**



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