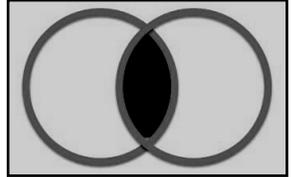


# NewsLetter



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### *Letter from the President*

Dear PRA Members,

Here's hoping that you had a happy holiday season, making new memories with family and friends. I want to wish all of you the very best in the New Year: health for yourselves and your families, deepening relationships with your friends, and the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of your community and all you encounter.

For the third year in a row, The Direct Federal Credit Union has offered to pay the total cost of our May luncheon. This is an enormously generous gift to the retirees of Polaroid. We think of the "cost" of the luncheon as the \$25 we each typically pay, but the total cost, depending on attendance, is closer to \$47 per person. We're gratified by the support provided by Direct. All you need to do to attend at no cost is to be sure that your dues are paid at least through 2019. Non-member guests or members with dues in arrears will need to pay the normal \$25 cost.

2018 was a busy year for your Board of Directors, and as we have been reporting, considerable turn-over in board membership has taken place. Since our last Newsletter, I have appointed Jim Mitcheson, with the concurrence of the Board, to serve the remaining year of Doug Mitchell's term. Jim will be eligible to be elected to his first three-year term in May of 2019.

Again with the unanimous support of the Board, I have appointed Milt Dentch to replace Edyie Johnson, who retired after her term-limit of nine years, and John Flynn to replace Bob Ganapathy who moved from the area. Milt will serve until 2021, when he will be eligible for election to his second three-year term, and John will serve until 2020, when he will be eligible for election to his first full three-year term.

With these additions, Board membership is at its full 18 members, and I feel gratified by the makeup of the Board and the talent of its members. Join me in wishing them success!

At the October luncheon, Ed Gaffey regaled the 128 attendees with his recollections of the people involved in law enforcement photography at Polaroid. We appreciate Ed's contribution to the success of our most recent luncheon. Awarding the door prize by table, with each person at the table winning \$25, was again well received. It's not too early to be thinking about getting your reservation for the May luncheon to William Rosen and your dues payment to Bob Ruckstuhl. Dr. Elizabeth Collins, Director of Palliative Care at Lahey Health and Medical Center, will be our speaker. Her topic is "Palliative Care: Helping Align Care with What Matters Most to You."

**We're changing the time of the May 2019 luncheon!** Doors will open at 9:00, the business meeting and speaker session will start at 10:30, and lunch will be served at 12:30. This will allow those with difficult commutes in morning traffic to arrive any time before 10:30, and those who want more time to socialize to arrive any time after 9:00.

Hope to see you there,  
*George Murray, President*

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**Save the Date: Spring Luncheon, Wednesday, May 15, 2019**



## Memories of the Early Days at Polaroid—Chapter 2

by Ed Byrnes

Ed's stories continue! Take a look at the last three *Newsletters* for more wonderful memories.

### The Glory, Chapter 1:

*October 1, 1951. 8am. Polaroid Personnel Office:* As newly anointed Employee #666, I was waiting for Ms. Cronin, Assistant Personnel Manager, to escort me to my new office in Research when a new candidate arrived for processing. Ms. Cronin introduced me to the new employee. His name was George Fernald, a tall, blonde, blue-eyed youth with a disarming if not inspirational smile. Since George had to be processed into the system, I departed and found my way to my new office.

Later that day, I caught up to George at lunch. We discussed our new assignments and bosses, Bill McCune and Bill Shurcliff. From George's description, McCune and he were seemly a geometric fit, two sides of a coin. Thus, a promising future awaited his matriculation.

As for me, Shurcliff and I were of two different monetary systems. He was socially a Cambridge Brahmin and Harvard-educated PhD who was an attending scientist at the 1946 Bikini Atoll atomic weapon tests. A chasm indeed to bridge but considering that we were to share a small office it was but a short time before the obvious would happen: a student-teacher relationship was born. It worked well, my education continued under Bill's tutelage and I think he enjoyed playing professor.

Back to having lunch. A fellow employee joined our community table and offered the comment, "You guys are new, right?" We gave him two guesses to ponder when a tall, attractive woman entered the canteen. Our table guest blurted out, "Sorry guys, she's spoken for." George and I look at each other and then ask, "Please translate." His answer, "She is recently engaged to one of our engineers." We ask, "Is there an aura of romance within the company?" His simple answer, "Oh yes indeed." He quickly explained that Polaroid, being a young, technically innovative company on a fast growth track, was a definite lure for young, unmarried professionals. It was a mixture that was ideal for romance. (To that point, some 5 years into the

future I met a summer intern that quickly led to romance and marriage).

We figure the guy had serious fantasy issues or perhaps was attempting to convey that we (single romantics?) made the correct choice of employment. Before George and I could further debrief him, three young, attractive lab coats arrived with their salads and quickly joined our table. As one might surmise, they surrounded handsome George, all competing for his attention. Fortunately for the maidens, George was a quick read of social etiquette and opportunities and thus abetted their attention.

After watching (with a tad of envy) George's performance with the table maidens, I concluded that he possessed a magnetism of some sort that females found irresistible. Whatever his affliction of attraction was, I hoped it was contagious.

In the early '50s, a substantial percentage of Polaroid's research was financed by the federal government. Why, you may ask? Because Polaroid's commercial polarizing/photographic products had yet to generate adequate income for total independence of R&D choices. As I was to find out shortly, I was hired to work with Dr. Shurcliff on several such federal contracts, the largest being devices (dosimeters) for detecting and measuring radiation fallout from atomic weapons. Considering the current world's focus on North Korea's atomic weapon status and threats, you might find the following history of interest.

In the early '50s, the so-called "cold war" between Russia and the USA was rapidly ascending towards a nuclear confrontation. Although diplomatic efforts were in place to hopefully eliminate such a scenario,



Korean War Era Radiac Dosimeter DT-60 found on ebay. \$75

our government had to be prepared for their possible failure. Accordingly, one of their many decisions was to finance the development of radiation dosimeters for both civilians and military personnel.

Polaroid was awarded a contract to design and manufacture three types of dosimeters based on film, glass and crystal technologies.

Polaroid instant film technology was the obvious choice for a civilian dosimeter. As to design, think a credit card size metal/plastic badge containing a single film, developer pod, a radiation activated fluorescent screen and a density scale. The scale readings were a series of exposures ranging from white through various levels of grey to black. Thus, if exposed, one would match the processed film density to that of the scale to assess (best guess really) radiation exposure level.

The glass dosimeter technology was based on radiation fluorescence relationship. It required the development of an electronic reader to determine specific exposure readings in milliroentgen levels. Simple in theory but it was extremely difficult to correlate fluorescence levels into specific radiation exposure (dosage) electronically. It required some 2+ years of research effort to perfect. The dosimeter itself was about the size of a silver dollar and was by far the most accurate of the three technologies.

The crystal dosimeter, similar in size to the glass dosimeter, was another of the direct exposure reading category. In simple terms a salted crystal would, depending upon levels of radiation exposure, change from clear through various shade levels of blue to opaqueness. Again, the challenge was to visually discriminate and assess the shade of blue to a color scale of exposure levels. The primes were easy. Clear: life continues. Dark blue or black: prepare a will ASAP!

In the spring of '52, Arch Opler, an entrepreneur of many talents (writer, radio host, film director, producer, et al.) came calling for technical support for his new, full length (a first) 3D commercial movie, *Bwana Devil*. A congress of appropriate Polaroid technical and management people (I was there but basically wallpaper) were put into play. Recommendations regarding projection screen, projection camera port polarizing filters, controller for the dual selsyn camera motors and a unique (Bill's idea) visual device for indicating and correcting in or out-of film frame phase were discussed. And, of course,

the pending sale of significant quantities of polarizing 3D viewers for the forthcoming opening.

For the curious, *Bwana Devil* was about the building of a train trestle over the Tsavo river in Kenya for the Kenya-Uganda railroad. The film deals with the problem of two, large male lions eating the worker bees. Some 20-40 workers allegedly made the lion table before a hired hunter nullified the threat. To the surprise of all, the film script was based on factual events. An additional mind bender: the deceased killer lions were shipped to a taxidermist for processing into museum artifacts and somehow ended up in Chicago at the Field Museum.

As you might imagine, Polaroid senior management thought the film plot to be, well, let's be kind, ridiculous! Adding to the merriment was the comment, "Turkey" considering the opening premiere in Radio City, NYC, was the day after Thanksgiving. Thus, it was a seismic shock to said management (more to follow in far future) that *Bwana Devil* was not only a smashing hit but *Variety News* (the entertainment tabloid) gave it high praise. That was followed with the eponymous *Life Magazine* cover photo of the premier theater audience all wearing Polaroid 3D viewers. The previous called "Turkey" film comment quickly transitioned to "Bird of Paradise!"

The commercial success of *Bwana Devil* quickly sired the birth of additional 3D feature films. The Hollywood race was on and some dozen films (many of excellent and some of terrible quality) were made. Polaroid's original cynicism was quickly replaced with optimism and some 50 to 100 million 3D viewers were sold over the following years.

After some 4 years of research servitude and obtaining additional academic merit, I was easily seduced to join the domestic sales/marketing organization. The lure was simple. "Ed, we need someone with your technical background and one who understands the science and applications of our product lines."



The white lab coat was quickly replaced with a sport jacket; the world was now my oyster, so I thought.

I was perhaps a few years into my new life of sales/marketing when I was introduced to the latest addition to the advertising department. He went by the name of Stan Calderwood, an impressive looking guy. Tall, not much hair on top, mentally attached to bow ties, white shirts and suspenders...a lifelong meme. It was rumored he was former ad manager of Cambridge Gas Company. As we all know heating gas is quite volatile so it's not too far a stretch to include Stan in the loop.

Stan was hired as assistant ad manager and his timing was most fortunate for his immediate supervisor was seemingly poached by another company. Within a short time period, Stan found himself in the cat-bird seat as Advertising Manager. It can be said that Stan was both astute and a clever manipulator of the levers of power within Polaroid for in due time he would become Senior VP of Worldwide Sales/Marketing.

I had the misfortune of attending, along with other co-workers, a meeting that quickly transitioned into what might best be called a "comic-drama" opera! Stan liked to project that he was a Renaissance type of guy who believed in "equality, fraternity" of relationships. Accordingly, he would not sit behind his desk when holding meetings. His favorite couch was his venue of choice.

I can't remember the full details of the meeting other than Stan excoriating us for some failure (his opinion) of commission or omission. As some people tend to do when sitting on a couch, they will run a hand between the cushions. Stan was in this act when he suddenly froze both in voice and stature. Suddenly he bolted upright with a fierce look of anger and holding within his exploratory hand was evidence of an after-hours tryst. While Stan was screaming at Security that someone was having sex in his office and he wanted them found and fired, we silently slipped away to our desks.

Surprisingly, there was no following denouement to the "couch affair" and in time it easily transitioned to a footnote of Polaroid history. If one were inclined to impishness, they might note the event as "The Unsolved Legend of the Couch."

When Land made the cover of *Life Magazine* displaying his latest photographic wonder, the SX-70

camera, it was perhaps one of his most public, majestic scientific moments. The uniqueness of the camera unquestionably provided another avenue for Land to transit the Valhalla of science.

Land followed his historic SX-70 still camera with an 8mm instant color movie film system called Polavision. An incredible feat of engineering, it consisted of an 8mm film camera, unique film cassette and a projection system. Other wonderful products followed as well: Polachrome, 35 mm instant color slides; Joshua, an instant film camera that produced credit card size pictures; and Sesame, a novel photographic medium for medical/scientific applications. All was well, Polaroid had reached its zenith as a photo/scientific imaging corporation. Its future was assured or, so it seemed.

Unfortunately, Land's original business philosophy of "we are but one family" could not be sustained with exponential growth. It was thus sacrificed at the altar of world business since Polaroid had indeed become a worldwide corporation. Its name and fame were known to all, the possible exception being that of Antarctica's penguins and even that is a moot point. More of Polaroid's golden years as depicted in the middle panel of the triptych will be forthcoming.

*How do we thank you, Ed, for sharing your stories?  
We are so lucky.*

*Thank you for putting fingers to keys in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, so we can see the company through your eyes.*

*These stories shouldn't - and won't - be lost.*

*On to*

## ***The Glory*** *Part 2!*

*Coming soon in  
your  
Q2 Newsletter!*



## October 2018 Luncheon Attendees

Dick Adams	Katherine Curran	Erika Kliem	Willis Rose
Patricia Alioto	Milt Dentch	Laraine Langston	Bill Rosen
Arthur Aznavorian	Nino Dilanni	Thomas Lindsay	Richard Rosenblatt
Joy Babcock	Marilyn Dilillo	Lorraine Lordan	Bob Ruckstuhl
Cordella Banks	Nick DiMasi	Bernie Lorge	Jack Ryan
Muriel Bartlett	Al Donaghy	Paul Lubin	Neil Sanders
Walter Bartlett	Terri Duggan	Brenda Malinski	Tom Silva
Gail Barton	Jeff Eaton	Joe Mariano	Rich Silva
David Bayer	Vinny Fiorino	John McCann	Barbara Skelley
Phyllis Bennett	John Flynn	Mary McCann	Narvous Stamps
Jeanne Benton	Elizabeth Foote	Carol McCarthy	Herb Snyder
Steve Berry	Ray Fuller	Ken McCarthy	Fran Synder
Jack Blake	Joanne Fusco	Julia McPherson	Lee Tanguay
Sheryl Booth-Beaumont	Arthur Garland	Tabitha McQuiter	Ann Tennis
Dorothy Boulanger	Alice Gelenian	Doug Miller	Joe Terry
Bill Boulanger	Mary Gentleman	Jim Mitcheson	Eric Thorgerson
Henry Brown	Mike Glennon	Carmella Mitrano	Phil Tower
Merit Brown	Ethel Goodwin	John Morse	Leo Van Glabbeek
Eric Brown	Robert Graves	Virginia Morse	Ed Wade
Walter Byron	Annie Gray	George Murray	Edwin Walker
Broncille Caizzi	Jim Harrison	Lossie Murray	Dorothy Walker
Ora Callender	Corinne Hart	Ernie Nawn	Mike Walters
Godfrey Callender	Tim Hawes	Mary Nawn	Dottie Watson
Ed Caplan	Paul Henry	Harriet Ogilvie	Lee Ann Sims
Diana Caplan	Phyllis Horsley	Dick Olgivie	Drew Webb
Peter Carcia	Dick Hoyer	MaryAnn Patterson	James Whalen
Frank Carta	Touie Jackson	Ken Pawl	James Woods
Helen Carta	Ruby James	Jim Pazzanese	Rob Young
Larry Chelmow	Edyie Johnson	Peggie Prebensen	
Jim Cirrone	Eva Karger	Bill Quigley	
Dan Conley	Rolene Kerr	Dick Renehan	
Brooks Corl	Gordon Kinsman	Bess Renehan	



Mike Glennon      Patricia Alioto      Al Donaghy      Phyllis Horsely      Photios Photiou      James Woods

Photos by Erika Kliem



Frank & Helen Carta      Joe Terry      Table 5 members win \$25 each in the drawing!

## A Note from Natalie Fultz

Dear PRA Members,

I was hired as Secretary to Dr. Edwin H. Land in 1956 and remained in that position until I retired in August of 1980. I made many interesting friends and still keep in touch with many of them. Our office was open and friendly – not a typical President’s office. I was an employee of Polaroid Corporation. Job classification should not discriminate. We were all employees of the same company, with the same benefits and opportunities, and were treated equally.

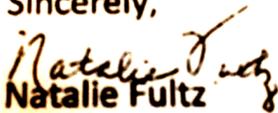
Since I retired I was a Hospice Volunteer for fifteen years. I received my Degree from UMASS Boston at the age of 83. I am presently on the Board of the Milton Council on Aging. The staff at the Milton Council on Aging are to be commended for the work they do for the elderly in Milton and for all the weekly activities they offer. I am proud to be associated with them.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Polaroid. It was a great Company with wonderful people and excellent opportunities.

If there are still people in the Retirees Association who remember me, I would like to hear from them. My email address is [nfultz2003@netscape.net](mailto:nfultz2003@netscape.net)

By the time this is printed in the next Newsletter I will be 100 years old.

Sincerely,

  
Natalie Fultz



Natalie celebrating 100 years  
in October

## Unclaimed Polaroid Pensions

PRA member **Gail Barton** passed this information she found on the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation’s website at [pbgc.gov](http://pbgc.gov). Use the search box for Polaroid Unclaimed Pensions to find the list below.

If you know any of these people, contact them so they know they may have money waiting for them!

Alpe, Robert	Hines, Errol	Moll, Eugene	Scherfer-Lobel, Melanie
Barrett, William	Horner, Valerie	Moore, Patricia	Staedter, Melitta
Bullock, Ronald	Johnson, Irving	Murphy, Donna	Taylor, Earl
Collier, Deborah	Larsen, Katherine	Nasis, Christy	Truax, Celeste
Cornell, Linda	LaVerde, Luis	Nelson, Tonny	VanHofwegen, Gerrit
Duddy, Donald	Lesser, Stuart	Nichols, Kim	Vardo, Phyllis
Evans, William	McCormack, Kristine	Prather, Gwendolyn	Weaver-Lang, Susan
Gregoriou, Vassilios	McTernan, Gerald	Renaud, Henry	Whyte, Brian
Grenner, Gerd	Meierjohann, Friedrich	Riberio, John	Williams, John

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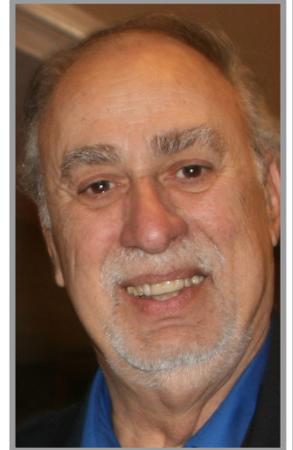
## Meet the New Board Members

**Nino DiIanni** was elected to the PRA Board in May 2018 and quickly found himself immersed in its financial health and wellbeing. He studied the books and gracefully accepted the position of Treasurer in September. He's since put the year to bed and submitted the 2019 budget for Board approval. Nino's commitment to the organization shows as he enthusiastically looks for more and better ways to serve the PRA membership.

Nino spent 33 years as a Senior Financial Accountant for the Cambridge site's Plant Services Division and retired in 2002. He continues the relationships he'd developed by attending PRA luncheons and a monthly luncheon with former co-workers.

While he has served generously on other boards and gives his time freely to those less fortunate, mention the Red Sox to Nino and you'll see his heart soar. He's a member of the BoSox Club and attends Spring Training in Fort Myers each year.

"Collecting sports memorabilia from flea markets and yard sales fills my summer weekends," Nino says. Just ask him about it!



**Jim Mitcheson** began his Polaroid career in the Negative Manufacturing Division in 1973 as an Associate Coating-Slitting Technician and soon advanced to Coating Technician. Coming in with an Associates Degree in Accounting, Jim's heart was in Finance. In 1978 his bid for a Financial Specialist job was accepted and he spent 7 years holding several titles in the division. In 1985 he was promoted to Financial Analyst, transitioning from a non-exempt to an exempt position.

After earning his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and taking on many responsibilities over the years, Jim left the company as a Senior Financial Analyst in 2006. He then went to work for Multilayer Coating Technologies and Electrochem Solutions.

Jim lives in Matapoisett and travels the distance to join the board's meetings in Norwood. He and his wife of 47 years, Marsha, have 4 children and 7 grandchildren. He takes advantage of the beautiful South Shore coastline and (usually) mild weather by sailing and playing golf.

Asked about a favorite quote he responded with this by William Arthur Ward: "The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails."

With this in his mind, Jim will be a great asset to the board and the PRA!

With an engineering degree from WPI and 5 years in the paper industry, **Milt Dentch** joined Polaroid's Tiger Project in 1969 - only to find the program cancelled during his first week! His diverse 27 years with the company took him to W8, W1, W45 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, R5 and R3 working in various engineering, technical and manufacturing roles. Milt spent the last five years at Polaroid as Director of WW Materials, Integral Film Assembly. He took early retirement in 1996.

After spending five years as plant manager with the Furon Corp. (now Saint Gobain), engaging with several former Polaroid colleagues, he then moved on to 20 years as an auditor, trainer and consultant for the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) for quality, environmental and safety management system standards. Milt conducted over 500 audits in plants throughout the world, and he continues to consult a few days each month.

Milt has written three ISO implementation handbooks but you may know him as the author of *Fall of an Icon: Polaroid After Edwin H. Land*. The book is an engrossing, thorough look at Polaroid history, focusing on the circumstances that led to the company's decline.

Milt and his wife Susan live in Shrewsbury, and they have three children and seven grandchildren who provide them with much joy.

Great to have your contributions, Milt!



## In Memoriam

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



**Allan, Robert S.**, 83, Naples, FL, 10/18/18 was the husband of the late Deanna, companion to Stephanie, father of Donald, Brenda, Tracie, and Robert, stepfather of Lisa, and Alison, grandfather of ten, and great-grandfather of six. Robert loved fishing & gardening and was passionate about singing in the church choir.



**Ball, Burton T. "Bud"**, 83, Hampton, 7/20/15 was the husband of Margaret & the late Barbara, father of John, Dorothy, Richard & Susan, stepfather of James, Jonathan, David, Dianne, Neal & John, grandfather of 7, and great-grandfather of 3. He served in the U.S. Navy (Korean War). Bud was a Construction Supervisor of Technology in Cambridge. Bud and Margaret travelled all over the world. He was a member of the PRA.



**Beal, Donald S.**, 82, Randolph, 10/16/18 was the husband of Theresa, father of Michael, Brittany, Kellsey, Kiernan, Liam, Ainsley, Hayley, Thierry, Brian, Keith and Ryan. He served in the U.S. Army (Korean War). He was an Engineer. Donald was an avid golfer.



**Belle, Ray**, 81, Raynham, 9/5/18 was the husband of Margaret, father of David & Gregg, and grandfather of four. Ray served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves. He was the Executive Vice President of Human Resources. Ray was an avid Boston sports fan and enjoyed fishing, walking, exercising, bird watching, gardening & watching Western movies.



**Bukowiecki, Robert C. J.**, 75, Shrewsbury, 9/14/18 was the husband of Dr. Elaine. Robert was a Mechanical Design Engineer.



**Bushway, Theodore C., Jr.**, 81, Lynn, 5/21/18 was the husband of Mary, father of Theodore, Robert,

Barry, Matthew and Erin, grandfather of eight, and great-grandfather of three. He served as a Seabee in the Naval Reserves. He was an Electrician in the Battery Division in Waltham. He enjoyed golfing, woodworking and designing. He was a member of the PRA.

**Cahill, Joan M.**

**"Joanie"**, 76, Cambridge, 10/14/18 was the wife of Thomas, Julie and Beth, and grandmother of eight. After raising her three children, Joanie was employed at Polaroid and also did private work for her dear friend.



**Charles, Ronald D.**, 71, Gloucester, 8/15/18 was the husband of Joanne, father of Scott, Jonathan & Shira, and grandfather of 4. He was an Engineer. He enjoyed working on cars, gardening & golfing as well as fixing and building things around the home.



**Cohen, Lenard**, 12/2/18 was the husband of Katrina, father of Ingrid and Amber. He was an entrepreneur, co-founder of Plastic System and founder of Static Solutions, Inc. He loved living life to the fullest with his family and dogs.



**Constantino, David**, 76, Pompano Beach, FL, 6/20/18 was the husband of Diane, father of Donna and Bethany, stepfather of Bert and the late Todd, and former husband of Kathleen. David is a member of the Melrose Elks.



**Costa, Edward "Buster"**, New Bedford, 10/31/18, was the companion of Kathy, brother of Doreen, Brenda, and Wendy, and uncle of many. He served as a Commander in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Onset. He was one of the main organizers of his Uncle Manny's "Manuel E. Costa Sr. Annual Memorial Basketball Tournaments."

**Crosby, Roderick Wallis**, 71, Austin, TX, 7/25/18 was the husband of Pamela, father of Keila, Amanda and Jennifer. He worked in Sales and Marketing. He eventually got the bug to own his own business and started a number of them in the Rio Grande Valley and in San Marcos.

**Cusato, Joseph M.**, 87, Woburn, 12/3/18 was the husband of Rose Marie, father of Ann-Marie, Jean Mary, and grandfather of two. Joe worked in Quality Control and served in the U.S. Navy (Korean War). He had a passion for cars and also enjoyed watching and listening to drum corps and marching bands.



**DeBiasi, Michael J.**, 86, Winthrop 11/19/18 was the husband of Jean, father of Michael, James and Susan, grandfather of three and great-grandfather of two. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard (Korean War). He was Technical Aide. He loved all Boston sports teams, especially the New England Patriots.

**Fairweather, Wayne Hallet**, 83, Littleton, 11/29/18 was the husband of the late Anne, father of Bryan, Rhonda, Dana and Tracy, and grandfather of six. Wayne was a Mechanic. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

**Fantone, Jeannette**

**"Jean"**, 89, Lynnfield, 11/30/18 was the wife of the late Joseph, mother of the Joseph, Stephen, Julia, Raymond and the late Jeannette, grandmother of eleven, and great-grandmother of three. Jennette was an Administrative Assistant at 750 Main St. Cambridge. She was known for her quick wit, astute mind and a passion for current affairs and politics.



**Fernald, Paul H.**, 75, Hudson, 11/7/18 was the husband of the late Marlene, father of Denise and Kathy Rose, stepfather of Chuck, Michael and Kathy, grandfather of nine and great-grandfather of two. Paul enjoyed spending time in his happy place – Florida – and was a golf enthusiast.

## In Memoriam



**Furtado, Robert, "Bob"**, Saugus, 9/14/18 was the husband of Julie, father of Jim, Robyn, Bob and Ellen, and grandfather of nine. Bob worked in Norwood and was an Employee Committee Representative. He was a Mason and Aleppo and Bektash Shriner, Boston Commandery, Jesters and Mass Charitable Mechanic Assoc. He was a member of the PRA.



**Gillooly, Francis M. Jr. "Frank"**, Quincy, 8/16/18 was the husband of late Kathleen, father of Kevin and Mark. Frank was a Supervisor. After his retirement, he worked at Milton Hoosic Golf Course where he continued to master his game of golf. Frank was an avid Boston sports fan, especially for the New England Patriots.



**Green, William J. "Bill"**, 86, Kingston, 5/26/18 was the husband of Patricia, father of William, Janyce, Bruce, Joanne, Cindy and David, and grandfather of four. Bill served in the U.S. Army (Korean War) and was stationed in Anchorage, AK. He worked as an Operations Administrator for the Camera Division.



**Guimond, Richard Don**, 83, Athol, 11/28/18 was the husband of Elaine, father of Linnea, Lorna, Eric and Lauren, grandfather of eleven, and great grandfather of seven. He worked in Waltham.



**Hurst, Donald G.**, Wellesley, 10/22/18 was the husband of Margaret, father of Donald, David and Deborah, and grandfather of Carly and Libby. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a member of the PRA.



**Johnson, Harry Leroy, II**, 81, Brookline, 11/29/18 was the husband of Nancy, father of Mark, Melinda and Kimberly,

and grandfather of five. He served in the U.S. Army. Harry worked as an Executive Speech Writer, Company Spokesperson, and Director of Community Relations. He was committed to civil rights activities all his adult life.



**Karibbean, Roger Berj**, 82, Lowell, 8/15/18, was the husband of Queena and father of Marc. He worked in Waltham. Roger played soccer and softball and was an avid dancer who taught ballroom dancing. Roger embarked on a world tour of 15 countries in 26 days of exhibition dancing.

**Kearn, Ruth H.**, 97, Portsmouth, 10/4/18 was the wife of the late Charles, mother of Janet and Joyce, grandmother of five, and great-grandmother of seven. She worked for Edwin Land doing Schematic Drawings for war equipment. Ruth was an energetic, creative woman who was constantly painting, flower arranging, gardening, golfing, cross country and downhill skiing, bowling, playing shuffleboard and bocce and teaching art.



**Kee, Richard C.**, 84, Chestnut Hill, 5/13/18 was the husband of Jennie, father of Karin, Kevin, Kelly and Kerry, and grandfather of ten. He was a U.S. Army Veteran. He was a skilled ballroom dance instructor and a trained Tai Chi Instructor.



**Kennedy, William S., Sr., "Bill"**, 85, Melrose, 11/5/18, was the husband of Alice, father of Beth, William, Jr. & John, and grandfather of Megan. He served in the U.S. Navy as a Radioman (Korean War). Forever patriotic, Bill proudly wore his U.S. flag and bald eagle hat nearly every day. Bill worked as a Machinist.



**Kheboian, Gerald I., "Jerry"**, 88, Worcester, 11/30/18 was the husband of the late Grace, father of Paul and Ann, and grandfather of six. Jerry served

on the USS Snowden DE246 in the U.S. Navy (Korean War). He was a Technical Manager in the Electrical Engineering and Instrumentation Department. Jerry enjoyed fishing, gardening and enameling.



**Kirk, Patricia Anne**, 91, Indianapolis, 5/13/18 was the wife of the late Robert and mother of Karel, Allen and Michael, grandmother of three, and great-grandmother of five. She worked at various venues in the Indianapolis for Polaroid. She was a member of a Sweet Adeline Singing Quartet participating in many contests throughout the United States.

**Laakko, Mildred E.**, 95, Hackettstown, NJ, 10/27/18, was the wife of Walter, mother of Judith, mother-in-law of Janice, and grandmother of four. An avid Scrabble player, Mildred loved nature, plants and birds, as well as art and travel.

**Langenfeld, Charles "Carl"**, 75, Burdett, NY, 11/4/18 was the husband of Kathy, father of Gail and Scott, stepfather of Stephanie, Michael and Nathan, and grandfather of seven. He worked as a Welder. He served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves. He especially loved his rebuilt 1968 V-8 Datsun Roadster.



**LaRocque, Richard F. "Richie"**, 71, Peabody, 10/6/18 was the husband of Sheila, father of Michelle, and grandfather of three. He served in the U.S. Army (Vietnam War). Richie was an Employees Committee Representative. He enjoyed playing cards, traveling, "oldies music," going to Foxwoods and was an avid Boston sports fan. He was a member of the PRA.



**Lules, Thomas, Jr.**, 90, Salem, 7/4/18 was the husband of Constance, father of Claire, stepfather of Greg and Debbie, and grandfather of four. He served in the U.S. Army. He had his Master's Degree in Industrial Engineering. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing at the Salem Municipal Golf Course.

## In Memoriam

**McLeod, Gerald L.**, 92, Lexington, was the husband of the late Dorothy, father of Rebecca and the late David, and grandfather of three. Gerald was an active member of the United Methodist Church. He worked in Research and was a Technical Manager.



of eight. He was the past coach of Mill-stream Little League & Neponset Youth Hockey.



**Murphy, Lawrence E.**, 82, Oakland, ME, 9/7/18 was the husband of Helen, father of Daniel, Timothy, Robert and Scott, and grandfather of eight. He

worked in Waltham. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, boating and reading.

worked with Ansel Adams and traveled to the Sierra Nevadas. Her experience working with Adams at Polaroid led to a life time interest in photography and film production.

**Rumson, Marion S.**, 102, Revere, 6/21/18 was the sister of William, Barbara, the late Arthur, Richard, Samuel, Lillian, Mildred and Pearl, and aunt of many nieces and nephews. She was a Quality Control Inspector.



**McNeill, Robert J.**, 74, Brockton, 11/11/18, was the husband of Rosie, father of Kelly, Dana & Scott, and grandfather of four. He enjoyed fishing, dancing, and his grand-dogs.

**Meagher, Nancy**, 81, Stoughton, 12/6/18 was the mother of Cynthia, Richard and Karen, grandmother of three and great-grandmother of two. She enjoyed shopping, spending time at the beach and on Cape Cod, watching the Patriots. Nancy worked in Norwood and Waltham. She was a member of the PRA.



**Newell, John Raymond**, Somerville, 12/4/18 was the son of the late Ralph and Birdina, brother of Kathleen, Christine, Suzanne, Valerie, and William. John was a Sergeant in the U.S. Army. He loved laughing with his many nieces and nephews, New England sports teams, cats, Lost in Space, roller coasters and enjoying a good cigar.



**Trent, Gertrude A. "Gert"**, 74, Billerica, 11/2/18 was the wife of Terry, father of Heather and Hillary, and grandmother of three. As Vice

President, Gert dedicated her life to restoring and preserving Billerica's historical landmark, the Bennett Public Library.



**Medige, Josephine N.**, 91, Peabody, 8/24/18 was the wife of the late Joseph, mother of Elaine, Jennie & Armando, grandmother of 6 & great-grandmother of 4. She enjoyed gardening, bowling and gathering with friends. Nancy worked in Finance and Bookkeeping.



**Olsen, Dorothy Ann**, 74, Plymouth, 9/16/18 was the wife of William, mother of Davis, Karen and Julie, and grandmother of five. Her hobbies included traveling, enjoying her pool, reading, listening to Irish music, playing Words with Friends and most importantly hosting family dinners every 4th of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas.



**Watson, Evette Z.**, 66, Randolph, MA, 9/1/18 was the wife of Glynn, Sr., mother of Glynn, Jr., and grandmother of three. She served in the King-

dom Kitchen and Out reach Ministries. Evette worked as a Lab Research Technician.



**Murphy, James E.**, Milton, 9/11/18 was the husband of Anna, father of Barbara, Michael, Paul, Brian and the late John "Sean", and grandfather



**Peabody, Pamela Rowe**, 83, Northeast Harbor, ME, 8/17/18 was the wife of Malcom and mother of Payson and Carter. She



**Wilder, Theodore J. "Ted"**, 87, Columbia, SC, 7/9/18 was the husband of Johnnie, father of Vanessa. Ted was employed as a Drafter. He enjoyed road trips, long walks, cigars, barbecue and jazz music.

Obituaries compiled by Maryann Hall

The PRA website (<http://www.polaroidretirees.org>) has an excellent list of items that will be valuable to loved ones surviving you. "Getting Your Affairs in Order" has been read and followed by many members, and our speaker for this spring's luncheon, Dr. Elizabeth Collins, will assist us with other later-in-life information.

Here's another piece for your estate plan. Think about writing a "last letter," showing what's in your heart. Ensure you've shared enough loving words with a spouse, told children how much you cared or thanked special friends.

Spoken words can get lost as people grieve, but if written, the words can be held in the hand and cherished for life.

You may also wish to make clear an apology or offer forgiveness. File your letter with your other legal papers.

Guidance and a letter template can be found at <https://med.stanford.edu/letter/friendsandfamily.html>

*From "A Letter to Remember," Jane Bryant Quinn, AARP Bulletin, November 2018*

## Sign Up for the May Luncheon - May 15, 2019

**PRA FALL LUNCHEON  
THE LANTANA RESTAURANT, RANDOLPH, MA  
WEDNESDAY, May 15, 2019**

9:00 - 10:30 am **Registration - Coffee & Pastries**

10:30 am **Meeting Called to Order**  
**Guest Speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Collins**

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

11:30 am **Cash Bar - Social Hour**

Thank you, **DIRECT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION!**

12:30 pm **Seated for Lunch**

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**Entre Selections**     **Dijon Crusted Pork Loin** : Roasted Pork Tenderloin Topped with a Port Wine Reduction  
**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	Pork	Fish	Other*	Polaroid Location

\*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.

Enclose your check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 per non-member guest.

Make checks payable to: **Polaroid Retirees Association, Inc.** and mail **with the reservation form** above to: **William Rosen, 112 Meadow Lane, Randolph, MA 02368.**

**Please note:** We will be unable to offer refunds for reservations cancelled after **May 8, 2018.**  
In the event of an emergency, please call **William Rosen at 781-885-0150.**

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