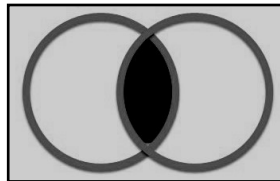


# NewsLetter



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## Polaroid Retirees Association

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### *President's Letter*

It must be Spring - taxes are due, Red Sox Spring Training is in full swing, and the annual Polaroid Retirees Association business meeting & luncheon is fast approaching.

Our friends at the Direct Federal Credit Union have once again generously offered to underwrite the cost of the May Luncheon meeting. As long as your dues are paid through 2018, you can attend at no cost. You'll find further details inside the Newsletter. This is a wonderful recognition on the part of the Credit Union of the importance of the Polaroid family - past and present - to its success.

In May of each year, candidates nominated by your Board of Directors for six seats on the 18-member Board of Directors are voted upon at the annual meeting of the membership. Board members are elected to a three-year term, and may be re-elected for up to two more terms. Board members may serve a maximum of nine consecutive years, and then retire.

Three directors are retiring this year, having reached their term limit of nine years.

Edyie Johnson served as a director from 2009-2018, and for the past two years has served as First Vice President of the PRA. She has been a stalwart of the organization, taking responsibility for locating luncheon speakers and then hosting them. She has been involved in all aspects of the Spring and Fall luncheons, and has been a valuable coach to me.

Touie Jackson was appointed to the BOD in April of 2007 to complete Paul Cunningham's term, was elected 3 times and has served as 2nd Vice President from 2013-2015. Touie left no stone unturned in his efforts to find and recruit new members for the PRA and volunteered for all aspects of running the luncheon meetings, including the door prize raffles.

Jim Grunst was President of the PRA from 2010-2012, and provided outstanding leadership to the group during his term. We haven't seen much of him since he and Maureen moved to Chicago, but he has "Face-Timed" his presence at the board meetings.

Dick Gellis served on the board for two terms, from 2012-2017, and is resigning this May for health and personal reasons. Dick participated with Touie in member recruitment efforts, and was a driving force each year in the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk.

All will be greatly missed, but we expect to see them at our future luncheons.

Our speaker at the May luncheon will be John Reuter, who will share his experience working on the 20" x 24" large-format photography program. More on page 10.

Finally, don't forget to send in the reservations form on the back of this issue of the newsletter, and make sure your dues are paid through 2018 in order to take advantage of the free luncheon.

*George Murray, President*

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**THANK YOU, DFCU, for Underwriting Our Spring Luncheon!**  
**Wednesday, May 16th**



## Mr. William J. McCune, Jr.

June 2, 1915 – October 9, 2017

**Bill McCune** passed away this past year at the young age of 102. He went peacefully in his sleep. We have certainly lost a legend, though he lived a long and fruitful - actually an amazing life.

Mac Booth remembers Bill as “contributing a great deal to the success and growth of Polaroid. He had the strength and courage to challenge Dr. Land and very often was successful at it, which we cannot say of many, if any, others.” Mac described Bill as being “very intelligent, very courageous, strong, good and honest. Bill would state what he believed and live up to it – an extraordinarily good and admirable role model.”



Mac, JoAnne, Bill

We were all very fortunate to have him, such a brilliant contributor and leader, at the helm of Polaroid and in our lives as well! In my working for Bill (beginning in 1991 when he was Chairman and also upon his retirement when he kept an office and was on many other boards, i.e. Chairman of Mitre Corporation, boards at MGH, etc.), he was extremely kind, an advisor and supportive mentor to me. I considered him a dear and trustworthy friend as well. I was very, no extremely, fortunate in my entire career at Polaroid. It was an honor to

have worked for him. He was dedicated, loyal, determined and extremely unselfish in his zealous devotion to Polaroid.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family who I am sure have many cherished memories, just as we, his Polaroid family do.

From JoAnne T. Boyle Strenck with Mac Booth

*William McCune was associated with Polaroid for 52 years and succeeded the company's founder, Edwin H. Land, as chairman. A 1937 graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he joined Polaroid in 1939, two years after the company was founded by Dr. Land, who died on March 1, 1991, at the age of 81. Mr. McCune's first job was to establish the company's quality-control program.*

*During World War II, Mr. McCune worked with Dr. Land on Polaroid's guided-missile project. After the war, he worked with Dr. Land on the development of the original Polaroid Land camera and film.*

*Mr. McCune was appointed president and chief operating officer in 1975, and was elected to the board. He was named president and chief executive in 1980 and became chairman in 1982. Mr. McCune continued to serve as chairman when Mr. Booth assumed the position of chief executive in 1986. Mr. McCune retired in 1991.*

*from The New York Times, April 3, 1991*

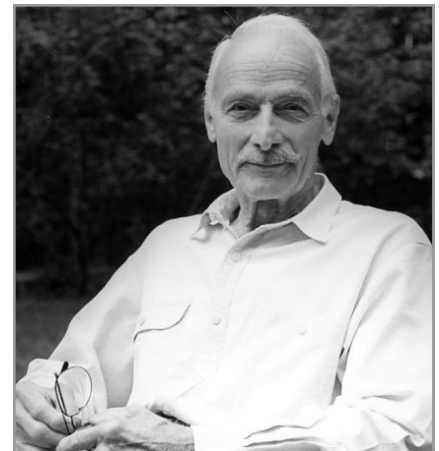


Photo from the Concord Oral History Program, mounted in 2013

## Zink Chronicle by JC van Dijk

*We asked Zink to update the PRA on its success—and success it is. This came from JC van Dijk, President of Zink Holdings LLC. Thank you, JC, and all the best to you and Zink.*

In the pre-dawn, the twinkling lights from an eighty-acre industrial site and a backlit ZINK banner are visible from Interstate 40 in Whitsett, North Carolina. The parking lot is filling up for the 6:00 A.M. shift, and ahead is another day of Dispersions, Fluid Prep, MAAT Coating, Conversion and Shipping in a mad logistics dash to complete customers' orders. In Billerica, Massachusetts, the CTU is being prepped for experiments to test the latest formulation that may eventually improve color gamut, stability or water fastness. And at the headquarters in Edison, New Jersey, a new Brand Customer is on her way to discuss pricing and marketing plans.

ZINK is alive and well. The single pass direct thermal color printing technology conceptualized in labs in W4 and W8, tested in NB6 and promoted in vision rooms in W2 is in full use. It has been further practiced, polished, patented and optimized over the last 13 years and has reached millions to generate buzz, excitement and profits in the age of millennials untapping their smartphones. The attraction to hardcopy continues to be a curious but steady blast from the past of photo printing. Explainers attribute it to either nostalgia or our human need for a connection to the physical world; to share a keepsake or moment that doesn't come from some mysterious and obscure cloud.

The ride was at times bumpy and the destination uncertain. ZINK survived the desperate dash to the LEM when the Polaroid mother ship could no longer support IDP. There was the heart wrenching Black Thursday in 2013. And episodes of industrial cannibal

ism to make one more payroll, one more delivery or survive one more week of waiting for promised funds that were not in the mail. There were days of rearranging the chairs in finance and nights of quietly reasoning that those that had left the island were likely better off by now.

The tow rope came from an unlikely source. The PoGo's and ZCams auctioned off from earlier

businesses provided a spark at C&A Marketing to fully embrace Instant Digital Printing and, as a Polaroid Licensee, continue to tap into ZINK's potential. C&A ultimately helped architect a bridge over the finance chasm. Our customer became the owner and ZINK Holdings LLC had risen from certain Imaging doom.

Now archived are the flamboyant Powerpoints about all-capable ZINK; no more printers in space or heat activated hair dye or lightning fast printing. Instead, the attention is on production of the basic product. Smaller customers like Prynt, LifePrint and Pomini got their number. LG persisted and new Polaroid SNAPS, ZIPS and POPS were launched. ODM's invested in our upswing. Hewlett Packard rang and in record time made Sprocket a best seller.

The team is again carrying the torch into the future of Zero Ink. A new generation of Engineers, Scientists, Technicians, Production Personnel and Business people have joined, learned about the magic, accepted our challenges and extended horizons. The competition has flattered and emboldened us. There is a sense that a good idea prevailed and that some of the spirit of Polaroid is embedded in it. So, if your travels take you to the corridor between Raleigh and Greensboro on Interstate 40, do keep an eye out for the ZINK plant and help us celebrate this "success of a hundred parents."



Zink's Ex-Polaroid Employees include Jim Bradshaw, Stu Skaza, Bill Vetterling, Peter Zelten, Jason Brogan, Al Clark, Brian Busch, John Wells, JC van Dijk, Marc Finneran, Karl Hemberger and Mary Lockshin



## From Our Readers

*We asked **Jim Whalen** what he's been up to since leaving Polaroid.*

Since my retirement in 1994, I have been very active: working with dad on some real estate until he passed away in the late '90s, part-time at Home Depot, hunting, fishing and traveling with my six wonderful grandkids.

Currently I am the secretary of the Retired Men's Club of Arlington. I can't say enough about the Club. We have speakers every second and fourth Wednesdays of the month such as Marion Ryan, authors and sports figures. We make trips to many places like the Christmas Pops, Nantucket for a show, monthly casino trips as well as many overnight trips, too many to mention here: New Orleans, Alaska, Hawaii, etc. The members enjoy cribbage, golf, bowling, cards and pool. All our activities are listed in our newsletter.

There are several Polaroid retirees who are members of the 540-person Club including Nino Dilanni, Bob Radochia and Frank Ceppi, and we are always looking for new ones to join. For more information contact me at 781-391-1885 or email me at [jimbowhalen@comcast.net](mailto:jimbowhalen@comcast.net).

The Club has a spinoff group that donates time and money to perform shows at senior housing, the Council

on Aging, nursing homes and veterans hospitals. The group sings and performs songs and skits much to the delight of residents, making them and especially us happy. The group is called "The Singing Grand Pops" and you don't need to have a good voice to reap the rewards if you join.

I can honestly say I am having as much fun now as I did in my 36 years at Polaroid. I would suggest any PRA member that reads this and wants to join a fun organization to contact me and look at our website at <http://www.rmcarlington.org>.



That's Jim, top center, with the Singing Grand Pops  
*And you thought you were having fun!*

*This is the first in a series of great stories culled from Erika Kliem's Polaroid experiences.*

### Like NE Weather, If It's Sunny Wait 10 Minutes

Once upon a time in the chemistry research labs located on the 4th floor at the corner of Osborn and Main Streets, any experiment could result in a different outcome from what was expected.

It was in the early 1960s. A series of side by side labs ran down the hall, each with a front door and one in the back connecting to the next lab.

One fine sunny day, the polymer lab on the floor below us called up to complain about a literal rainstorm pouring through their ceiling. Puzzled, we explored in the hall.

Uh oh! The next lab had water pouring from under the door. A recent college graduate had playfully pulled the chain dangling from the emergency shower. At her college, only a quick splash would hit the floor if the chain was then released. However, safety standards at Polaroid required that the shower chain once pulled was set up to deliver many gallons of water to rinse us off from potentially serious injury or contamination. The result: a deluge to the surprise and a dampening of the spirit, and more, for the young chemist.

Goes to prove, in research, it might rain even if on a sunny day.

**Save The Date, SPRING LUNCHEON, WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018**

## Our Readers Write

*Some light moments with **Otto Wolff** by **Bill Eburn** of Palm Bay, Florida...*

We "old timers" will remember Otto Wolff as a genial, gracious gentleman of the old school. I had the pleasure of working with Otto, and of spending some pleasant times with him and his lovely and talented wife Doris at their home in Weston. I would like to remember Otto fondly by recalling some humorous moments from the past.

One sunny lunchtime, a few of us, including Otto, were crossing Osborn Street, heading for the cafeteria. Otto was his usual proper self. As we approached the fence along Osborn, Otto suddenly took a few rapid strides and jumped cleanly over the fence, landing nicely on the other side. He then continued his normal walk. We were suddenly struck dumb. No one dared to mention a thing out of the ordinary. Just another day with Otto.

A few of us were in John Lothrop's model shop discussing a recent project. Otto walked in to join us. He was smoking his regular pipe. After a few minutes, Otto

reached up to take the pipe out of his mouth for a moment, but rather than the whole pipe coming out, the stem was left in his mouth, and the bowl in his right hand. Rather than reveal his faux pas, Otto nonchalantly took the stem in his left hand and casually placed the bowl in his jacket pocket. The last we saw of Otto, he was casually leaving the shop with a trail of smoke curling from his jacket.

In my very early days at Polaroid, it was an honor to talk to an important man like Otto. I had just written a facetious technical article about sending and receiving 3D pictures by telephone. (For you younger folks, this was not possible in those days). I thought it was pretty humorous. At the end of the day, Otto came by to have a word with me. I thought it would be fun to show him my invention. He carefully read the article, turned to me and said, "That's very interesting Bill. How long have you been working on this?" I never had the nerve to tell him the truth.



**Bob Banz**

**Bob Banz**, formerly of New Bedford's Finance and Material Control groups, writes that life is treating him well since retirement in 1988. When Bob left Polaroid he studied at BU to become a Certified Financial Planner (CFP). His second retirement in 2003 (and last, he assures us) came after 15+ years of assisting individuals manage their financial activities.

He's been in Venice, Florida, for 17 years and enjoys golfing once or twice a week, reading and when he's disciplined, getting to the Y for exercise. He notes, "We have doctors for just about everything and are alive and healthy!"

Bob and Nancy have three children, three granddaughters and two great-grand children about the same age.

After 60+ years of marriage, Bob and Nancy are ready to take their "honeymoon." In June after witnessing their granddaughter's graduation from high school in California, they will leave there to cruise the Hawaiian Islands. Sounds worth waiting for.

Bob writes,  
*Nancy and I are still living year around in Venice, Florida. Having retired from my Mattapoisett practice in 2001, we have enjoyed Florida and recommend it to those of you tired of shoveling snow.*

*We enjoy the newsletter so much and are impressed with the many folks that were on the staff in New Bedford. Those were wonderful years!! My best wishes to all.*



**Nancy Banz**

*We asked **Ed Byrnes** about his life before & after Polaroid*

Graduated 1950 from BU with BS in physics. Hired by Polaroid (Land) in 1951 as staff member of research dept. Worked with senior physicist, Dr. Shurcliff on the development of radiation detectors for the military. Five years later was transferred to world sales/marketing of polarizer products. That was followed by a sundry of positions dealing WW with the technical/industrial applications of instant imaging film technologies.

My last assignment, prior to accepting the 1989 severance, was Director, Asia-Pacific OEM Operations.

Life after Polaroid continued on a semi-consultant basis. I formed two companies; Asia-Pacific consultants and Focal Marketing. The business platform was simple: negotiate and arrange product sales between Asia-Pacific and American companies, Polaroid being a major account. I retired from the business world a few years prior to Polaroid's bankruptcy.

*Thank you, Ed, for the great story on the next page!*

## ***Ed Byrnes Shares His Memories***

The year 1967 was a most auspicious one for the Houston Astro baseball team for they were presented with a new, unique, all-enclosed stadium that many thought to be the 8th wonder of the world. The Astrodome!

Like all new concepts that push contemporary technology to the limits, the Astrodome had its faults. One of the biggest complaints dealt with the outfielder's difficulty, if not inability, to follow fly balls amidst the grid construction and light glare of the Dome. Various colored balls were pursued but all were found wanting.

Judge Roy Hofheinz, owner of the Astros and the political power behind the construction of Texas' equivalent of Rome's Coliseum was not one to abide criticism of his new Taj Mahal. He called DuPont, the manufacturer of the clear acrylic dome, for answers. DuPont in turn contacted Dr. Land in hopes he might have a technical solution to the problem. He did...which leads to the following odyssey.

In the late spring of 1968 I, employee #666, aka Ed Byrnes, received an urgent call from Dr. Land's office: Get your butt over here now! Long story short, I met with Dr. Land and his new assistant, Jud James, who was wearing a baseball glove into which he kept tossing a baseball. This unseemly behavior only added to the mystery of why I was summoned so urgently to the high alter.

My few previous meetings with Land were always of the minimalist type: Listen to his needs and go forth and accomplish. This was no exception. Land briefly explained the Astrodome problem and suggested a simple solution (similar in concept to his polarized auto headlight project) of applying circular polarizers to the Dome and circular polarizer glasses for the outfielders. Vision problem, flyball acuity, solved.

The next day I was aboard a DuPont jet traveling with a team of their engineers to Houston to meet with the Judge and his staff at the Astrodome to solve the flyball detection problem!

Upon arriving at the Astrodome, I was totally un-

prepared for the visual impact of the immense, totally enclosed stadium with its natural grass playing field. I quickly learned that to maintain the grass within field specification, constant indoor irrigation and mowing were required. This of course added a substantial load to the AC system which I imagined to be gigantic. It was further rumored that an occasional humidity cloud, due to the irrigation, would lurk about the Dome some 208 feet above the playing field.

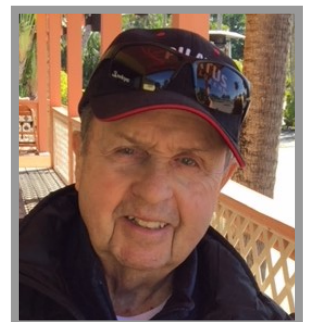
From previous conversations with the DuPont engineers, I understood that the clear acrylic roof panels ranged from 4-6 feet wide and 6-9 feet long. Anyone familiar with Polaroid's polarizer operation would know that the maximum useful width of the sheet polarizer was 20 inches. Thus, Land's simple polarizer suggestion appeared to be, at best, inappropriate for the problem at hand. I suggested to the committee that the IR absorption of the polarizing material might affect the growth of grass. A quick call to Texas A&M confirmed that grass required full visual spectrum, thus the polarizer approach was out. However, not all was lost!

After many probing sessions on how best to solve the problem, DuPont put forth a simple, novel solution. Paint the acrylic panels with their specially formulated white diffusing paint. This of course would kill the grass but no problem there because DuPont had under development a new artificial plastic grass. Thus the birth of Astroturf!

It may be a belief of only one, but I like to think that Polaroid played a role, albeit minor, in the introduction of Astroturf to the world.

Upon returning to Polaroid, I was immediately summoned to Land's office, no James presence this time, where once again with minimalist dialog I was informed, "You failed your assignment!" I was tempted to point out the obvious but bowed in respect and left to fight another day and stay employed.

Ed Byrnes  
Polaroid U, Class of 1951



## In Memoriam

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

**Briss, Herbert R.**, 92, Westborough, 2/11/18 was the husband of Ramona, father of Jeff & Judy. He was a WWII Navy Veteran and was part of the Navy's "Operation Highjump" expedition to the South Pole with Admiral Bird in 1946-1947 in preparation for the U.S. Military to fight the Soviet Union in polar conditions.

**Carchedi, Joseph L.**, Sr., 93, Norwood, 12/13/17 was the husband of Mary, father of Joseph, Jr., Paul & Diane and grandfather of six. He was a U.S. Army Veteran (WWII). He played in the Boston Park League and on the first Norwood American Legion baseball team in 1941 managed by Marty Callaghan. He was a member of the PRA. He worked in Waltham.



**Cardello, Anthony C.**, 68, Bridgewater, 1/18/18 was the husband of Shirley, father of Robyn & Michael and grandfather of three. He worked in Human Resources. He was an avid reader and craftsman of model wooden boats.



**Cowan, James Jones, III**, 84, Lexington, 12/22/17 was the husband of Anneliese, father of Christine & Chris and grandfather of five. He pursued scientific breakthroughs in the physics of optics. His specialization was holography. He worked in Cambridge.

**Dargan, Edward M.**, 93, North Andover, 1/27/18 was the husband of the late Mildred, father of Timothy, William, Karen & Nancy, grandfather of eleven and great-grandfather of two. He was a U.S. Naval Air Force & U.S. Navy Reserve Veteran who completed his tour of duty as a member of the Air Crew & a traffic controller with the Marines. He was a Security Supervisor in Cambridge.



**Field, William M.**, 84, Santa Fe, NM, 1/15/18 was the husband of Maureen, father of Elizabeth, Katherine Margaret,

William & Sarah, grandfather of two and great grandfather of one. He served in the U.S. Air Force in the Korean War. As Director of Design in Cambridge, Bill established an International Design department. He taught Graphic Art at Massachusetts College of Art, Boston Museum School, Harvard's Carpenter Center and the Santa Fe Community College.



**Fitzgerald, James E.**, 73, Norwood, 1/31/18 was the husband of Susan, father of Jill, Janet, & Julie and grandfather of three. He was an Industrial Engineer. He was an avid collector of magnets, mugs and t-shirts from all of the many locations he and his wife traveled throughout the years.



**Fitzgerald, William M.**, 77, Billerica, 12/14/17 was the husband of Barbara, father of Kevin & Susan and grandfather of two. He was a Computer Operations Systems Analyst in Waltham and served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. After retiring he was employed as a bus driver for CTI Headstart. He was a member of the PRA.



**Flaherty, James M. "Jim"**, 89, Woburn, 12/31/17 was the husband of Therese, father of Karen, Kevin, Mary Beth, & Kenneth and grandfather of seven. Jim served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He so enjoyed telling stories to his family, including many a tall tale!



**Flaherty, John J.**, 81, Medway, 2/2/18 was the husband of the late Jean, father of the late Deborah, Karen, John Jr., Nancy & Denise and grandfather of seven. He was a Senior Financial Analyst. John enjoyed trips to the casinos and



spending time with his family.

**Furth, Richard G.**, "Dick", 89, Concord, 12/27/17 was the husband of Eileen, father of Joanna, Rebecca, & Alexandra and grandfather of five. He served in the U.S. Air Force where he was a radar observer for the 339th fighter squadron in the Korean War. He worked in Cambridge as Director of Strategic Planning. "Dick was a man of incredible intellect and uncommon humility."



**Gagnon, Susan**, 71, Fairfield Harbour, New Bern, NC, 12/15/17 was the wife of Edward. Susan worked at Customer Care and was a Technical Consultant and Corporate Trainer. She and Ed loved to travel. Memorable trips included their windjammer cruise through the Panama Canal, & a cruise in Alaska. She was a member of the PRA.



**Gantert, Joseph**, 81, Norwood, 2/2/18 was the husband of Ivy, father of Benjamin & Samuel. Remembrances may be made to Temple Beth David or the charity of your choice. He was a member of the PRA.



**Gillis, Charlotte A.**, 86, Scituate, 12/26/17 was the wife of Raymond, mother of Duncan & Raymond and grandmother of 4. She began her career working as a secretary for Dr. Edwin H. Land. Charlotte enjoyed gardening, cooking and sewing.

**Hanselman, Raymond Bush "Ray"**, 85, Lincoln, 1/5/18 was the husband of Judith, father of Eric, John & Ted, and grandfather of seven. Ray rose to a position of leadership in research and development. Ray was an accomplished outdoorsman and nature lover, having traveled widely in the US and the Caribbean to fish, snorkel and bird watch.





## In Memoriam

**Leary, Frederick C., "Fred"**, 77, Lake-land, 1/11/18 was the husband of Margaret, father of Pamela & David. He was an avid golfer, woodworker, and a Tool and Die Maker. Fred served his country in the U.S. Marines.

**LoBue, Salvatore Anthony**, 93, Corona Del Mar, CA, 1/18/18 was the husband of Josephine, father of Ken, Elisa & Tom, grandfather of seven, and great-grandfather of one. He served during the D-Day invasion at Normandy in WWII with the Army's Combat Engineers. He ran Polaroid's Copy Service on the West Coast.



**Lowe, Lillian D.**, Cambridge, 10/6/16 was the wife of Samuel, mother of Louise & Samuel III, grandmother of 2, and great-grandmother of five. She was a member of the PRA.

**Lundy, Lisa A.**, 52, Fall River, 1/11/18 was the wife of Kevin, and mother of Kevin. She was an Environmental Health and Safety Manager. Lisa loved making an impact on her students' lives as a Chemistry teacher at Taunton High School & Apponequett High School.



**Lynch, John T. "Jack"**, 70, Tewksbury, 1/24/18 was the husband of Celeste, father of Jennifer and grandfather of one. After his retirement from Polaroid, Jack was employed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a Court Officer at Lowell District Court and Lawrence District Court.

**MacGregor, Paul T.**, 87, South Hadley, MA, 2/17/18 was the husband of Jean, father of Barbara, Carol, Kathryn, Ruth & David, and grandfather of eight. He served in the Military Intelligence Corps. Paul played a key role in the creation of the film for the SX-70. His hobbies included reading, cooking, hiking, reading, travelling, reading, Scrabble,



scrabble, scribbling, figure skating, reading and reading.

**Markin, Sheila Ruban**, 85, Sarasota, FL, 1/17/18 was the wife of Lawrence, mother of Linda & Amy and grandmother of two. Sheila was a Miss Polaroid model before college. She loved gardening, golfing, traveling, photography, music, weaving, reading and discussing ideas, her friends and entertaining them and her family.



**Martin, Richard C.**, Lexington, 4/24/15 was the husband of Claire, father of Patricia, Nancy, Donna, & Michelle and grandfather of 11. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran. He was a member of the PRA.

**McCune, William, Jr.**, 102, Lincoln, 10/9/17 joined Polaroid in 1939. He succeeded the company's founder, Edwin H. Land, as Chairman of Polaroid Corporation and retired in 1991. He was a member of the PRA. Please see a tribute to him on page 2.



**Pehrson, Thomas Arthur**, 78, Bradford, NH, 2/16/18 was the husband of Jackye, father of Tina, grandfather of nine and great grandfather of seven. Tom and his wife took in 52 teenagers who needed help, love and guidance, but only six were fosters. He served in the U.S. Navy on the DD709 Hugh Purvis. He held Master Electrician licenses in both New Hampshire and Massachusetts.



**Porter, Richard Polonsky**, 92, Peabody, 1/29/18 was the husband of Ruth, father of Ellen, Amy, Carol, Philip & Thomas, grandfather of eight, and great-grandfather of 6. He was a WWII commissioned Naval officer. He worked in Occupational Health at Polaroid. He played the oboe &



wrote program notes for the Concord Orchestra.

**Seelinger, Alice Marie**, 89, Peabody, 2/11/18 was the daughter of the late Frank & Marie, and friend of Alice & Nancy. Alice loved opera, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and attending concerts, especially Tanglewood.

**Shea, John Francis, Jr.**, 89, Portland, 1/31/18 was the husband of Janet, father of Mary, Bill, Paul, David & Alice and grandfather of three. John served in the U.S. Navy. He worked as a Civil Engineer. During the winter months, he worked indoors weaving Nan-tucket Lightship baskets -- a total of 70, all of which he gave to his family and friends.



**Shepard, Thomas E.**, 66, Easton, 1/7/17 was the father of Thomas, Kevin and Jeffrey, and grandfather of one. His hobbies included golfing, traveling and playing cribbage with friends. He was an avid Rolling Stones fan who attend numerous shows.



**Simmons, Francis "Skip"**, Burlington, 12/13/17 was the husband of Nancy, father of Linda, Laura, Loretta & Loraine, grandfather of nine, and great-grandfather of one. He was a Senior Financial Analyst in Waltham, Cambridge and Norwood. He was an avid gardener and was particularly proud of his rhubarb and heirloom tomatoes.

**Smarowski, David S.**, 75, Rochester, 1/29/18 was the husband of Lorraine, father of Marianne, Regina, Jana, Melissa & David, step-father to Deborah & Richard, grandfather of six and step-grandfather of four. After returning from the U.S. Marine Corp, he became a Wareham Police Officer and also served as a Wareham Sewer Commissioner. He was employed by Polaroid in New Bedford.





## In Memoriam

David loved going to the shooting range.

**Smith, Melinda M.**, 85, Billerica, 1/15/18 was the mother of Alan & Susan, grandmother of three and great grandmother of one. She was a Production Manager in the Camera Division. Her most cherished memories were spending time in Maine at PMCA on Moose Pond with her family, grandchildren and special friend Lois Hunt.

**Sorrentino, Peter D.**, 75, Merrimack, NH, 2/1/18 was the husband of Terry, father of Peter, Kris, Marianne & Beth and grandfather of six. He was a planner in Waltham. Most recently he was working at Hertz rental car as a professional driver.



**Turner, Simie Leony**, 81, Peabody, 12/12/17 was the wife of the late Charles, mother of Charles ("Chuck") and grandmother of two. She was an Administrator in Waltham. She loved taking cruises and visiting Europe and Hawaii.



**Tyson, John R. "Jack"**, 84, Marshfield, 12/14/17, was the husband of Katherine, father of John Jr. & Diana, step-father of Barret, Katherine, & Peter and grandfa-

ther of 6. He was a Supervisor and Trainer in Cambridge & Waltham. He served in the U.S. Army. A life-long boat-er, fisherman and hunter, Jack was also an accomplished woodworker and restored several boats which he enjoyed taking out with friends and family. He was a member of the PRA.



**Vavak, Stephen M.**, 73, Rockport, 2/5/18 was the husband of Beate, father of Stephen & Scott and was a grandfather & great-grandfather. Stephen worked as an Architect, creating inspiring and practical work environments. After retirement, he accomplished aesthetic and functional spaces in private homes in the Boston and Cambridge area from his own architectural office. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard.



**Voss, Francis J. Jr.**, 74, Andover, 1/2/18 was the husband of Barbara and father of Eric. He worked as Director of Worldwide Engineering. Frank served in the U.S. Army Reserve Unit 513 Maintenance Battalion during the Vietnam War. He raced for NASCAR, was a lifelong skier and avid yachtsman,



spending countless hours on his beloved sailboat, the Quest, with family and friends. He was a member of the PRA.

**Walsh, Robert M., "Bob"** 83, Mt. Pleasant, SC, 1/17/18 was the husband of Joanne, father of four and grandfather of two. He worked on Ames St., in the Film & Chemical Division, also in Norwood and Cambridge locations as Human Resource Manager. He was a member of the PRA.

**Weir, Frances Virginia**, 92, Wrentham, 12/21/18 was the wife of the late Donald, mother of the late Donald, Barbara, Susan, Daniel, Linda, Patrick, Nancy, & Timothy, grandmother of 17, great-grandmother of 10 and great-great-grandmother of one. She was a long-time member of the St. Catherine of Siena Ladies Sodality and served as its prefect.



**Wright, Veronica F. "Vonnice"**, 76, Quincy, 1/19/18 was the wife of William, mother of Anne, and grandmother of one. She worked in Research and Development. Vonnice could spend hours with a cup of tea talking to family and friends and loved to travel with her husband.



## Meeting Notices

### Building 1 Waltham Breakfasts & Annual Party

The Polaroid W1 "Cement Heads" meet on the third Wednesday of each month at Friendly's on Lexington St. in Waltham. The meetings are from 8am until about 10am. "Meet old friends, kibitz and have breakfast."

This year's Annual Cement Heads Luncheon will be held Saturday, May 5th, at the Chateau in Waltham from 11:30 to 2:30. Contact Tom Liakos at 978-250-0315 or Dan Perkins at 978-658-2799.

### The Trades Breakfasts

Are at Bickfords Family Restaurant at 325 Montvale Ave, Woburn, Ma., about a block from Route 93, directly across from Spuds. The schedule for 2018 is: March 12, April 9, May 8, September 11, October 9, November 13 and December 11. Meeting time is 8:30a.m. Any questions? Call Bob Sheehan at 781-246-2065.

## John Reuter to Speak at May Luncheon

**John Reuter** has been a photographer since the early 1970s, majoring in Art while attending SUNY Geneseo. He continued his studies on the graduate level at the University of Iowa, receiving two master's degrees. It was there that he began to specialize in Polaroid materials, most notably his SX-70 constructions, combining photography with painting and collage.



Reuter joined Polaroid Corporation in 1978 as senior photographer and later Executive Director of the legendary 20x24 Studio. His own work evolved through large scale Polacolor Image Transfers to digital imaging

in the mid 1990s. He has taught workshops in Photoshop, Lightroom, Polaroid materials and encaustic painting around the world. In recent years Reuter has moved into video and filmmaking and is currently working on a feature-length documentary titled *Camera Ready: The Polaroid 20x24 Project*.

The Polaroid 20×24 is a very large and extremely rare instant camera made by Polaroid. With film plates that measure 20x24 inches, only five of these cameras were ever made. Join us to hear about the origins and history of the Polaroid 20x24 Project. The program includes historical photos of the project's beginning, key artists who have used it and clips from *Camera Ready*, Reuter's documentary film about the project.

## PRA Board of Directors Elections

The PRA Board of Directors places six members in nomination to join the Board in June. **Bill Rosen, Bob Ruckstuhl and Eric Thorgerson** will stand for re-election.

Voting will take place at the May Members Meeting & Luncheon. The three new nominees are:

**Nino DiIanni** spent 33 years at Polaroid Corp as a Senior Financial Accountant for the Cambridge site. He had the financial responsibilities for the Cambridge Plant Services Division for many of those years with major responsibilities of costs, budget and spending tracking. He has worked with several boards, notably as President of the Hegner Center, an after-school program that he and other parents of young adults with disabilities established.

Nino has been a PRA member since retiring in 2002. He continues to maintain friendships and meets monthly with many of his co-workers from the Cambridge Plant Services Division.

Nino majored in Accounting at Boston College. He is a huge Red Sox fan and a member of the BoSox Club, attending spring training in Fort Myers. Collecting sports memorabilia from flea markets and yard sales fill his summer weekends.

After college graduation in 1978, **JoAnne Boyle Strenck** joined Polaroid as an HR Staff Secretary supporting EFED at 103 Fourth Ave/300 Fifth Ave in Waltham. Furthering her education at Boston College night school, JoAnne went on to become an Administrative Secretary.

JoAnne served as Secretary in the Engineering Department at 565TS before going to work for Mac Booth. In this capacity she was promoted to Executive Administrator to the Chairman, President & CEO, and eventually worked for Bill McCune as well. She was a member of the Polaroid Foundation.

JoAnne left Polaroid in 1998 to work for her father in his drilling business, eventually running the company until retirement in 2004.

**Larry Chelmow** spent his almost 30 years at Polaroid in various manufacturing support assignments. His first assignment was as a Process Engineer in T - 100, then Quality Control General Supervisor, then in the SX - 70 Film Assembly area setting up a QC inspection department for initial film assembly including Spectra and Captiva, then Evaluation Manager in Polavision cassette assembly and 35mm. His final assignment was with the QC function of Media Mod.

In his retirement Larry has served on various museum boards and he repairs and restores antique clocks.

## 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*

\*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.

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**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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