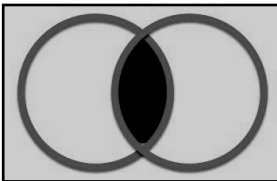


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President's Letter

As this Newsletter reaches you, summer is in full swing. It's a great time for enjoying lazy afternoons and long evenings with family and friends. These months are far too short in New England and I hope you are able to make the most of them.

It was wonderful to see so many people in attendance at our May luncheon meeting, including some that hadn't attended for some time or maybe ever before. Much of the increase is certainly due to the wonderful generosity of the Direct Federal Credit Union, who made it possible for all of us to enjoy the luncheon at no cost. I want to thank them once more for celebrating the long-standing relationship between Polaroid employees and the credit union.

The May luncheon was also the annual business meeting of the PRA at which one third of our Board members were up for re-election. Dave Bayer, Al Clark, Bob Ganapathy, Maryann Hall and Eva Karger were re-elected, and I want to thank them for their past service and willingness to stand for re-election to another term.

At the first Board meeting after the election of Directors, on June 13th, the annual election of officers was held. I was elected for a second term, for which I'm humbly grateful. Edyie Johnson was re-elected as First Vice-President, and Arthur Aznavorian was re-elected as Second Vice-President. Bob Ruckstuhl was re-elected as Membership Chair (our by-laws permit non-Board members to serve as committee members and committee chairs). Bob Ganapathy's term as Secretary doesn't expire until 2018, and Doug Mitchell's term as Treasurer extends until 2019.

The PRA has enjoyed great success in the past year, both financially and operationally. The organization is strong going forward, but two problems continue to challenge our future success. One is our continually declining membership, the cause of which is primarily the passage of our members to the ultimate retirement association facing us all. Your board will be focusing hard in the coming year to increase recruitment of new and lapsed members, as well as retention of current members. Increased membership results primarily from one-to-one invitations and support from guess who? – You!

Our second challenge is recruiting new members for the Board of Directors. Our by-laws limit members to three, 3-year terms, after which they must leave the board. This is healthy because it results in new ideas and new energy for the board. But it means that we must continually enlist new board members, and to do that we need guess who? – YOU! to volunteer to help manage this wonderful organization. Please step forward to serve. CALL ME!

Hope to see you at the luncheon in October.

George Murray, President

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Edyie Johnson
1st Vice President

Arthur Aznavorian
2nd Vice President

Doug Mitchell
Treasurer

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Dave Bayer

Al Clark

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Maryann Hall

Touie Jackson

Eva Karger

Mary McCann

William Rosen

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Rosenblatt

Eric Thorgerson

Polaroid *in the News*

New Ownership at Polaroid Minnetonka

PLR IP Holdings, LLC, the owner of the Polaroid brand and related intellectual property, has been acquired by a group of investors led by the Smolokowski family. The new owners acquired 100% of the shares, effective May 5, 2017, from the Pohlada family, Gordon Brothers, Hilco Global and others.

The lead investor in the new ownership group, Wiczeslaw (Slava) Smolokowski, is a Polish businessman and investor with holdings in the energy, biotech and real estate sectors. He is the cofounder of Mercuria Energy Group Limited, one of the world's largest commodity trading houses.

Mr. Smolokowski is also the majority shareholder of The Impossible Project, the company that purchased the last remaining Polaroid factory in 2008 and continues to manufacture instant film for legacy Polaroid cameras.

Polaroid is an iconic brand known the world over for pioneering and perfecting instant photography – both in the analog and digital eras. 2017 marks the 80th anniversary of the venerable company's founding. Today, Polaroid products are sold in over 100,000 retail stores in more than 100 countries throughout the world.

"I'd like to thank the outgoing board members and shareholders for their outstanding leadership and support over the last several years," said Scott Hardy, President and CEO of Polaroid. "Under their stewardship, we achieved the tremendous growth and success that has led us to where we are today. We are also very pleased to welcome the new ownership group to the Polaroid family, and excited to begin writing the next chapter in the story of the Polaroid brand."

"We are very pleased that this strategic transaction unites the Polaroid brand with its heritage – a move that's exciting for both the buyer and the Twin Cities-based Polaroid team," said Jann Ozzello Wilcox, chief investment officer for the Pohlada organization.

Polaroid's headquarters and management team will remain in Minnesota. The company also maintains offices in New York City and Hong Kong, with plans for expansion into other international offices.

From Polaroid.com website,, May 12, 2017

LabCentral Update

Remember LabCentral, the nonprofit that runs shared laboratory space for biotech startups and took up residence in the building that housed Dr. Land's lab on the corner of Main and Ames Streets?

It's back in the news because the 4-year-old company will more than double its capacity this summer to about 70,000 square feet. Robert Weisman of *The Boston Globe* reports, "With the new grant and about \$4.5 million raised by LabCentral, the incubator is renovating about 42,000 square feet on the second floor of 700 Main St., where technology pioneer Thomas A. Watson received the first long-distance phone call in the 1800s and Polaroid founder Edwin Land kept an office a century later."

You'll find a video the PRA made 3 years ago on our website, www.polaroidretirees.org. The PRA plaque is mounted on the building, and our Fall 2014 video shows the plaque and takes a tour of LabCentral.

We expect new companies using the space will be inspired to continue the tradition of innovation and excellence.

Polaroid *in the News*

Interest in Polaroid and Dr. Land Continues

With the July 28 closing of the Polaroid exhibit at Harvard Business School's Baker Library, there's yet another one opening. *The Polaroid Project: At the Intersection of Art and Technology* at the Amon Carter Museum of American Art in Fort Worth, Texas, is running from now to September 3.

The exhibition will open in Cambridge's MIT Museum in 2017 after showing in Austria, Germany, Singapore and Canada.

Barbara Hitchcock, PRA member and author of several books including this exhibit's companion of over 300 photographs and essays, is a co-curator of the exhibit. Barbara writes,

"A dynamic duo – colleagues, friends, visionaries – Dr. Land and Ansel Adams were inspirational figures of our time. Their legacies are sure. Nevertheless, we had hoped to underscore and showcase their idea of a Polaroid Collection that documented and explored an innovative technology and the world through artists' eyes. Plans to donate the Massachusetts-based Polaroid Collection to the Harvard Art Museums were foiled in 2008.

"Still hoping to insert instant photography into the public forum and enabled by a gift from the Land Fund, work began to develop an exhibition that would celebrate Polaroid instant technology and the explosion of experimental and creative photography that resulted. Six years later, 'The Polaroid Project: At the Intersection of Art and Technology' debuted at the Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth, Texas, on June 2, 2017. The relationship between art and science is trumpeted and we see how humanizing vision and the touch of the artist can embrace a new technology and make it part of our cultural patrimony.

"The exhibition will tour internationally and the accompanying book will be published in several languages. I was proud to have been involved in creating and realizing this ambitious project."

The Polaroid Project displays a variety of image sizes and formats produced over the years and the rich legacy of technological and artistic experimentation that the company enabled prior to its obsolescence.

This exhibition has been organized by the Foundation for the Exhibition of Photography, Minneapolis/New York/Paris/Lausanne, in collaboration with the MIT Museum, Cambridge, Mass., and the West-Licht Museum for Photography, Vienna.



Coming Soon!

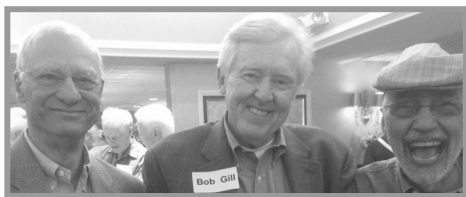
Look for the movie **Polaroid** to open in theaters on Friday, August 25. "A high school loner stumbles upon a vintage Polaroid camera tainted with a dark secret and soon discovers the camera's special power: those who have their picture taken are destined to have a tragic fate." Yes, it's haunted. And evil!

What's YOUR description of a Polaroid horror movie? Send it to us and terrify our readers!

Photos Spring Luncheon - 2017



Paul Bau & Larry Kunz



Mike Salem, Bob Gill & Peter Carcia



Charlie Davis, Dick Adams & Doug Nieh



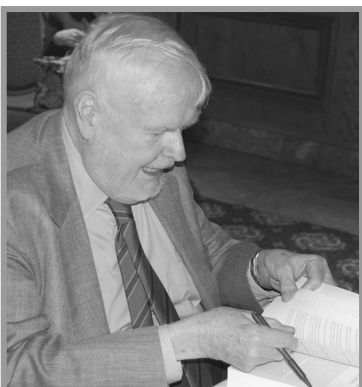
The Blake Family



Jaap Van Hell, Marrten DeHaan & Shelly Buckler



Glenda & Jim George



Guest Speaker Victor McElheny



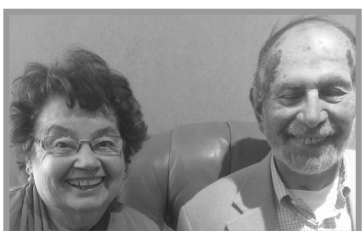
Mal Trojano, Jim DeWolfe, Susie Gray, Fran Souza-Spayne,
Joe Maressa, Florence Jones & Doris Harriman



Mary Donahue, Laraine Langston & Corinne Hart



George Cairns, Ed Denk, Michael Mancini & Mario Patriarca



Julie McPherson & Fred Brustman

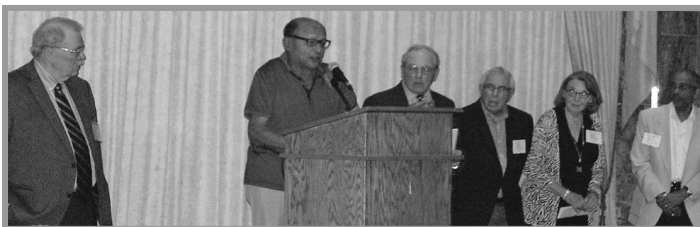


Bernie Lorge & Joe Walsh



Attendee List The Spring Luncheon - 2017

Dick Adams	Charlie Davis	Tony Hall	Michael Mancini	Bob Radochia
Pat Alioto	Mark Day	Gus Hallquist	Jim Manning	Joseph Rainho
John Averell	Jan DeBenedictis	Reggie Hammond	Joe Maressa	Al Reddington
Cordelia Banks	Maarten DeHaan	Karen Hammond-	Howard Marguiles	Al Ricci
Larry Barron	Ed Denk	Puleo	Joe Mariano	Mary Riddle
Muriel Bartlett	Charlene Dennehey	Bob Haring	George Masteralexis	Bill Rosen
Walter Bartlett	Lou DePalma	Geraldine Haring	Carol McCarthy	Richard Rosenblatt
Bob Bassette	Selda DePalma	Doris Harriman	Ken McCarthy	Bob Ruckstuhl
Paul Bau	Bob Develis	Corinne Hart	Richard McDonald	Larry Rudy
David Bayer	Jim Dewolf	Tim Hawes	Victor McElheny	Mike Salem
Phyllis Bennett	Nino Dianni	Paul Henry	Ruth McElheny	Richard Silva
Richard Bento	Marilyn DiLillo	Tom Hickey	Connie McGaffigan	Tom Silva
Steve Berry	Nick DiMasi	Ted Holloran	Bobbie McGaffigan	Nancy Simons
John Blake	Arthur Doiron	Steve Holmes	Hugh McGrail	Eliot Simons
Mary Blake	Al Donaghy	Chris Holmes	Betty McGuire	Hank Skehan
Joanne Fusco Blake	Mary Donahue	Quentin Hughes	Ed McNeil	Lydia Smith
Art Bontempo	John Doyle	Paul Huyffer	George McNeill	Herb Snyder
Sheryl Booth-	Terri Duggan	Sue Isgur	Julie McPherson	Francine Snyder
Beaumont	Tom Duggan	Touie Jackson	Doris McPherson	Linda Sorrentino
Frank Bourbeau	Jeff Eaton	Edyie Johnson	Leroy McPherson	Fran Souza-Spayne
Barbara Boyd	Bob Eaton	Bruce Johnson	Ed Mirabito	Dick St. Lawrence
Paula Boyle	Mike Eden	Dave Johnson	Douglas Mitchell	Narvous Stamps
Merit Brown	Sal Emma	Florence Jones	Louise Modestino	Paul Stigas
Eric Brown	Tom Enwright	Gordon Josephson	Elaine Modestino	Lee Tanguay
Henry Brown	Lois Epps	Diane Josephson	Gerhard Mollenhauer	Joseph Terry
Fred Brustman	Al Fantasia	Eva Karger	Don Morrison	Eric Thorgerson
Shelly Buckler	Ron Fawcett	Don Kelliher	John Morse	Paula Timmons
Walter Byron	Mike Ferreer	Jim Kenney	Ray Munchmeyer	Dennis Trundy
George Cairns	John Finitas	Rolene Kerr	Al Muren	Leo Van Glabbeek
Ora Callender	Elizabeth Foote	William Kilroy	Tim Murphy	Jaap Van Hell
Godfrey Callender	Don Foster	Jim Kilroy	Dennis Murphy	Leroy Vargas
Ed Caplan	Dee Fredie	Irene Kilroy	Phyllis Murphy	Dick Varney
Frank Carta	Raymond Fuller	Larry Kivimaki	George Murray	Jean Vnenchak
Helen Carta	Bob Ganapathy	Alfredo Kniazze	Douglas Nieh	Frank Voss
Peter Caycia	Arthur Garland	Larry Kunz	Jan Neville	Barbara Voss
Jim Cerrone	Jim George	Ted LaBelle	Dave Oberhauser	Gordon Wallis
Larry Chelmow	Glenda George	Tom Lally	Louise Oberhauser	Joe Walsh
Willie Chester	Bob Gill	Laraine Langston	Robert Oconnell	Norman Ward
Paul Christo	Mike Glennon	Sheile LaRocque	Karen Ogar	Dottie Watson
Nancy Christo	Larry Gogolin	Thomas Lawler	Dick Ogilvie	Charles Whalen
Broncille Ciazzi	John Gonski	Kent Lawson	Harriet Ogilvie	Paul Whyte
Bowen Connie	Bob Graf	Lester Levenbaum	Elizabeth Parise	Dick Williamson
Brooks Corl	Bob Graves	Sandy Levine	Mario Patriarca	Arthur Williamson
Ken Costa	Annie Gray	Al Libby	Ken Pawl	Tiny Williamson
Peter Costa	Susie Gray	Nick Livadas	Jim Pazenese	Dick Wilsack
Barbara Crimaldi	Deborah Greene	Bernie Lorge	Photios Photiou	Henry Woods
Katherine Curran	Richard Gurner	Paul Lubin	Joe Potter	Rob Young
Sue Cusick	Maryann Hall	Brenda Malinski	John Prendergast	Ray Yusi



The Board Speaks



Rapt Crowd

In Memoriam

Find more complete obituaries at www.polaroidretirees.org

Adams, James F. - James, 90, Quincy, 3/5/17 is survived by his stepdaughter, Leslie and his niece, Mary. Jim was predeceased by his wives Anna and Doris. He worked as an Experimental Machinist and Model-Maker working closely with Dr. Land as he developed instant photography and polarization among numerous other innovative technologies. Jim was the recipient of the Purple Heart (WWII). He was a member of the PRA.



Capodanno, Joseph J. - Joseph, 73, Arlington, 9/27/15, a U.S. Army Veteran (Vietnam War) was the husband of Margaret, father of Jill, Lyn & Amie and grandfather of Aren, Ava, Abbey, Jenna, Christian and Mila. He was a member of the PRA.



Carrington, John W., Sr. - John, 83, Middleboro, 6/25/17, a U.S. Navy Veteran (Korean War) held responsible positions including Director of Human Resources for Worldwide Manufacturing and retired as Director of Minority Business Development. He was the husband of the late Frances and is survived by his wife Leslie, children John & Lajace, and 7 grandchildren.

Cavanaugh, Richard E. - Richard, 82, Our Lady Lake, FL, 9/8/14 was an Engineer in Waltham and a Korean War Navy Veteran. He was the husband of the late Shirley and is survived by his children, Richard, Robert, David & Michelle, and grandchildren Sarah and Colin. He was a member of the PRA.

Coliton, John T (Jack), Jr. - John, 90, Livonia, MI, 5/20/17, U.S. Navy WWII Veteran was the husband of Jackie, father of Victoria, Virginia, John & Michael, and grandfather of Jeffrey, John, Patrick, Jennifer, Megan, Bryan, Joey, Rachel, Jeremy, Lauren and Debra.



Cosindas, Marie - Marie, 93, never worked as an employee but contributed a great deal toward the introduction of Polaroid Color film in the 1960's. She worked very closely with Dr. Land as a Consultant for many years.



Costa, Beatrice E. - Beatrice, Winchester, 9/2/16 was the wife of the late Domenic, sister of Eva and the late Elaclair. She was a member of the PRA.

Costa, Glen A. Sr. - Glen, Franklin, 5/29/17 was the husband of Sylvia, father of Glen Jr. and William, Anthony, and step-father of David and 5 grandchildren, 2 great



-grandchildren. He worked in Human Resources. He was a member of the PRA.

Doonan, Paul M. - Paul, 79, Chelmsford, 6/10/17 was a Division Manager for Computer Operations in Research and Development in Tech Square, Cambridge. Paul is survived by his wife Ina and children, Sean & Heather and grandchildren Caitlin, Erin, and Ava.



Doyle, Edward J. Jr. - Edward, 75, Hernando, FL, 5/10/17, a U.S. Navy Veteran worked in Camera Division as a Technical, Operations and Quality Manager. He was involved in the Polaroid Joint Venture "Svetozor" USSR where he was part of a three person team who began operations for Polaroid in the Soviet Union (Moscow, Obninsk, and Sillamae, Estonia). He is survived by his wife Karen, children, E.J., III, Lisa, stepdaughters Jennifer & Karen, 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He was a member of the PRA.



Duffy, Leonard A. - Leonard, Needham, 3/6/17 was the husband of the late Geraldine, father of Richard, Marilyn, Steven, Paul, Kevin, grandfather of John, Jeffrey and Kyle, and great grandfather of Eladia. He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran, Bronze Star and Purple Heart Recipient and a member of the MA National Guard. Private Duffy and his comrades at Company B earned the Bronze Star Medal of Achievement during a 5-day siege at Hill 721 by holding their positions under continuous assault by the enemy. He also received the Purple Heart for wounds inflicted during the same battle. He was Inventory Control Manager in Norwood.

Dutra, Winslow (Wink) - Winslow, 78, Bourne, 6/14/17 was a U.S. Army Veteran. He leaves his wife Barbara, children Daniel & Jennifer and daughter-in-law Cheryl, and grandchildren Sebastian and Valentina. He was a member of the PRA.



Fanciullo, Anna Josephine - Anna, 88, North Chelmsford, 2/22/17, the widow of Ralph, is survived by her daughter Helen Sergi and her husband Ted, their children, Annmarie, David & Joseph and her daughter-in-law Elaine. Other grandchildren include Dianne, Joseph Jr., Christine & Michael and many great grandchildren.



Ford, Stanwood Seymour - Stanwood, 86, Pembroke, 6/24/17 a U.S. Marine Veteran was a Mechanical Engineer. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, his son Stanwood, his daughter Lesley and grandchildren Aska, Shawn, and Courtney. He was a member of the PRA.

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Garside, Catherine A. - Catherine, 91, Lakeland, FL., 4/29/17 was preceded in death by her husband John and is survived by her children, Gail, Jona, Bobby, David & Jamie, 10 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren. She was a Supervisor.



Grant, Ronald J. "Buzz" - Ronald, 75, Norwood, 5/2/17 father of Christopher and A. J., grandfather of Jayson and Katelyn. He was a U. S. Army Vietnam War Veteran.



Gustin, Matthew J. - Mathew, 88, Bellingham, 4/24/17, husband of the late Mary was a US Navy Veteran who served during the Korean War. At Polaroid, Matthew's outstanding achievements was his participation in the design, creation, and implementation of the Viking Mars Landing Cameras now on display at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC. He is survived by his children, Mike, Matt Jr., Linda, Ken, and Jim, eight grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

Hawko, Thomas J. Sr. - Thomas, 81, Medford, 6/17/17 was the husband of Georgia, father to Thomas Jr, Maryanne, Catherine & Georgette and Papa to Virginia, Georgiann, Elizabeth, Michael, Colin and James. He was a Plumber for Polaroid. He was a member of the PRA.



Hamm, Frank Coleman Jr. - Frank, 80, Norwood, MA, 3/9/17 worked in Manufacturing and Engineering. He was a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army from 1958-1960, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 8th Artillery in Korea. He is survived by his children Frank III, Andrew & Lisbeth, his first wife Joanne, and 4 grandchildren. He is predeceased by his second wife Judith.

Kemp, Anna C. - Anna, Tewksbury, 90, 3/4/17 was an Assembler in Waltham. She was the wife of the late Edward, and is survived by her children Edward, John, Marcy and Michelle, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Keyes, Walter F. - Walter, 81, Needham, 3/22/17 was the husband of Mary Ann, brother of Barbara, Edwin, Paul, Robert, Frederick, William, Eleanor and Ruth. He was a U.S. Army Veteran and worked in Research and Development.

Laine, Raymond A. - Raymond, 83, Townsend, 4/16/17 served in the U.S. Air Forces in Japan (Korean War). He leaves his wife Sally, children, Robert, Jo-Ann & Nancy and four grandchildren.



Leader, William J. - William, 79, Medfield, 3/14/17 was the husband of Kathleen, father of Kimberly & William, grandfather of Thomas, Veronica, Annie and William. He worked in the Polarizer Division. He was a member of the PRA.



MacInnes, Allan F. - Allan, 78, Worcester, 4/29/17, a U.S. Air Force Veteran leaves his wife, Marie, children Katherine, William, Karen & Karole and Allan, eighteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mahoney, Edmond M. - Edmond, 84, Venice, FL, 5/24/17 was the husband of Jeanette, father of Harold, Jacqui, Thomas and Daniel, and grandfather of seven. He was in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked as a Research Chemist. He was a member of the PRA.

Mathews, Charles R. - Charles, "Chuck" Largo, FL, 4/22/17 leaves his wife Frances and family. He was a member of the PRA.

McKenna, Elizabeth - Elizabeth, 96, Marshfield, 4/21/17 was the wife of the late Daniel and is survived by her children Michael, Elizabeth & Daniel, grandsons Adam, & Daniel and great-grandchildren Catherine and Ronan. She was the Administrative Assistant to the head of Security.



McWhorter, James H. - James, 93, North Chelmsford, 2/14/17 is survived by his wife Anna, son James and grandchildren Sean, Kaitlyn and Bryan, great-granddaughters Jade and Saige. Jim was a U.S. WWII Navy Veteran and was a Maintenance Mechanic.



Morris, James L. - James, 83, Melrose, 5/4/16 was a Sergeant in the U.S. Army (Korean War) and worked in Cambridge and Waltham R4 as a Production Planner in the Film Division. He is survived by his wife Julia "Pat", children Carol, Steven, James and the late Corinne and 8 grandchildren. He was a member of the PRA.

O'Boyle, William, Sr. - William, 79, West Palm Beach FL, 6/11/17 is survived by his wife Mary, children, William Jr, Colleen, James, Patricia & Michelle, thirteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He served in the United States Navy, and worked in Waltham.



In Memoriam

O'Connell, Eugene "Butch" - Eugene, 76, Swampscott, 5/23/17 was the husband of Bonnie, father of Dorie, Scott, Jason, Jay & Jill and grandchildren Justin, Alexandra, Ryan, Mackenzie, Sam, Casey Kearney, and Jake. He worked in Cambridge.

Peters, George "Sonny" - George, 84, Tampa, FL, 5/10/17 is survived by his wife Cynthia, children Jeffrey, Richard, Linda & Jane, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Pigott, Thomas - Thomas, Bradenton, Florida, 1/18/16 is survived by his wife Grace.

Russo, Amy - Amy, 61, Marshfield, MA, 4/16/17 was the wife of Richard Russo and leaves many family members and friends. She worked in Norwood supporting Incoming Inspection and Plant Engineering. She was a member of the PRA.



Skelley, Linda J. - Linda, 68, Belmont, 5/17/17 was the wife of William, mother of William, Christopher and Maryelizabeth, grandmother of Christopher, Matthew and Brendan, Michael, Jack, Evelyn and Magdalene.

Smith, Shirley A. - Shirley, 81, 2/25/17 was the mother of Angela, grandmother of Anthony and great-grandmother of Cassidy and Jean. She was employed by Polaroid for many years and then became an elementary school teacher in Boston.



Solstad, Mary Ann - Mary Ann, 89, Marblehead, 5/13/17 was predeceased by her husband, Oddvar and leaves her children Christina, Karen, Rolf Solstad, her caretaker, Berit, and grandchildren Anna and Tor.

South, Russell Brooks, Jr. - Russell, 81, Freedom, NH, 3/27/17, worked as a Failure Analyst. Russell and his wife Elaine were very active with St Andrews in the Valley Church. He was a member of the PRA.

Sullivan, Ethel M. - Ethel, Plymouth, 92, 3/5/17 was the wife of the late Joseph and worked in Quality Control in Cambridge. She is survived by her children, Joseph, Janet Burke, Charles, and Mary, 11 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

Thibodeau, Clifford Allen - Clifford, 71, Canton, 3/29/17 worked as a Finish Carpenter. He is survived by his wife Pamela, children, Cheryl and Douglas, grandchildren Deena, Victoria, Adam, Drew, and Samantha and great-grandfather to Abby, Ava, Casey, Lily, Owen, and Lukas.



Tuccolo, James A. Jr. - James, 77, Haverhill, 3/23/17 served in the United States Navy Seabees and had a degree in Applied Science Management. He is survived by his wife Leslie, children Jay & Leann and grandsons Michael and Corey.



Viola, Pasquale - Pasquale, 90, Burlington, 4/29/17, served in the Italian Navy and worked in Building 3, Waltham. He was the husband of the late Frances, father of Anne-Marie & Patricia, grandfather of Ryan, Matthew, Nicholas & Victoria and great-grandfather of Chase, Marin and Rose.



Williams, Kenneth J., Sr. - Kenneth, 72, East Falmouth, 4/29/17 was the husband of the late Judith Ann and is survived by his children Judith and Kenneth, 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. He served in the U.S. Marine Corp during the Vietnam War earning the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and the Silver Star. He worked in Waltham.



Building 1 Waltham Breakfast Meetings

The Polaroid W1 "Cement Heads" meet on the third Wednesday of each month at Friendly's on Lexington St. in Waltham from 8am to 10am. "We meet with old friends, kibitz and have breakfast. Come join us and keep the tradition going."

The Trades Breakfast Meetings

Bickfords Family Restaurant at 325 Montvale Ave, Woburn, about a block from Route 93, directly across from Spuds. 2017 Schedule: Sept. 12, Oct.. 10, Nov. 14 & Dec. 12 at 8:30a.m. Any questions call Bob Sheehan at 781-246-2065.

New Bedford Site Breakfast Meetings

The first Saturday of each month former employees of the New Bedford site get together for breakfast. Meet at Percey's restaurant on Rte 18 in Middleborough at 8:30 a.m. Spouses, significant others, etc., of the employees are always welcome. Contact Edyie Johnson (edyiej@comcast.net) for more information or to be put on the distribution listing.

Dave Kennedy Says Goodbye to the Vale

It is great to make contact with old friends, and I count many in the PRA, and to be able to provide an update on what is happening in Scotland, I am sad to report that the last link with Polaroid - the Vale of Leven site will close on Friday 31st March 2017. The Polaroid Camera and Film production finished in 2007. However the Eyewear business was sold on to Stylemark originally and then to the Italian Company, Safilo, who continue to own Polaroid Eyewear today. They have decided to close down the manufacture of "press polished" sunglass lenses and purchase lenses from the far east, resulting in the site's closure.

52 years of a Polaroid presence will end: from the early days of T20 manufacture films including T107D, T107C, T87, T88, Viva, T667, T108, T668, T611, T613, T669, PC3 and the many other Polaroid variants.

Camera manufacture from 1975 included Color Pack variants, EE100, SX70, 1000 and Button and then into third generation 600 series. Post 1992 we manufactured cameras including Image/Spectra, Pro Cam, Macro5, 203, 403, SPD350, SPD 360, Digital Miniportrait and Pocket film along with Sunglass lenses.

I am sure I have missed out many products. We made friends with colleagues from all over the Polaroid World; these are friendships which as we say in Scotland will "Aye endure" (last forever)!

While I find it a sad day, I have yet to meet a single employee who speaks ill of their experience. It provided us with employment, a great environment to work, good training and salary.

The end of an era, but we will always have our memories and our friends both near and far.

With all good wishes to the PRA

David J Kennedy
Polaroid (UK) Ltd
October 1973 - December 2004



Our Readers Write

Paul Stigas of Holbrook writes... Left Polaroid after 28 years in August 2003. The following week I started at Reebok International in Stoughton, MA - a nice place to work but no Polaroid. After 3 years the owner Paul Fireman sells to Reebok and moves facilities to Spartanburg, SC, so now 2 places have closed without missing a beat. The following week I start the Mass. Dept. of Correction and now have 9 1/2 years in...and our facility is privatizing. Boy, do I miss all our Polaroid family!

Doug Nieh writes...I joined the PRA in 1989 and please renew for 5 more years when I will be 91. Most of my coworkers no longer attend meetings. My job with Polaroid was very involved with Polarizer Division activities. When I retired after 33 years, I formed my own company, DEN Enterprises, which existed for 12 years. I miss the many activities I was involved in for 45 years.

Exploring What We Can Learn from Other Retiree Organizations

On June 26th, George Murray, Bob Ruckstuhl, and Eric Thorgerson met over lunch with several representatives of Raytheon, Textron and Hewlett Packard. The meeting stemmed from a Textron Retirees Association member telling PRA member Walter Byron of an excellent guide his group had put together called “Getting Your Affairs in Order.” See below for details.

From Textron’s generous offer to share their work with us, our conversation moved to what other things we could learn by sharing with each other and this led to our meeting.

The Polaroid Retirees Association is 50-100% larger than the other groups represented. The other groups also differ because they come from ongoing businesses and receive help – meeting space, refreshments, etc. - from their companies as well as help with retirement benefits and other Human Resources questions. For the most part, the only resources we can refer our membership to are Social Security, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation and each other.

By comparison, the PRA has a strong structure and organization: a constitution and formal by-laws, staggered Board of Directors terms and term limits, financial management, etc. We can thank our founders and retired Board members for these.

There are a lot of opportunities to share among our groups, including ideas for possible retiree social activities, possible speakers, and other valuable information like the “Getting Your Affairs in Order” presentation. All of the groups represented share the problems associated with recruiting new members and the challenges of declining membership over time. We hope to explore these with them in the future.

George Murray

Getting Your Affairs in Order

The Textron Systems Retirees Association publication, *Getting Your Affairs in Order*, begins with the reminder that people spend most of their lives getting ready for careers, purchases, retirement, etc., but there is one large event that doesn’t get enough preparation time. Members of the TSRA Surviving Spouse Group formed to offer lessons from their experiences with being “the one left behind,” and their work is a gift to us all.

The authors point out that whether you’re married or single, you have a wealth of knowledge and information valuable to those you will leave behind. Documenting and organizing that knowledge and information will help them deal with some of the stresses and challenges that will come with their loss. The 49 pages offer guidance and advice, forms and reference information, and words of encouragement and compassion to help you compile documents.

My husband and I found the advice and step-by-step guidance touching and valuable. While books and articles are available on the subject, we hadn’t read anything so personal, so true to our own experiences with life after the deaths of our spouses. We urge you to access the document on our website, www.polaroidretirees.org or call me at 617-354-5237 for a copy, and begin the work that your survivors will appreciate long after you’re gone.

We thank the authors for sharing their stories of dealing with these difficult issues. We thank the TSRA for sharing the publication with the PRA.

Elizabeth Foote

Sign Up for the October Luncheon - October 18, 2017

**PRA FALL LUNCHEON
THE LANTANA RESTAURANT, RANDOLPH, MA
WEDNESDAY, October 18, 2017**

8:30 - 10:00 am **Registration - Coffee & Pastries**
10:00 am **Meeting Called to Order**
Guest Speaker: Middlesex D.A. Marian Ryan
11:00 am **Cash Bar - Social Hour**
12:00 pm **Seated for Lunch**

\$25 per person

Entrée Selections **Chicken Picatta** : 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 Garden Salad, Apple Crisp, Coffee or Tea

Name Desired on Name Tag	Chicken	Fish	Other*

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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.*

Enclosed is your check for \$ _____ @ \$25 per person.

Make checks 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 **October 13, 2017.**
In the event of an emergency, please call **Richard Rosenblatt at 617-916-5600.**

Fall Speaker

Middlesex County District Attorney **Marian Ryan**, our speaker for the October luncheon, will be focusing on the topic of Keeping Seniors Safe. Come learn how to avoid fraudulent activities involving the IRS, lotteries, computer hacking and other current scams aimed at Senior Citizens..

Land Exhibit Catalogues Available

If you miss the Harvard Business School's Baker Library exhibit closing July 28th, "At the Intersection of Science and Art, Edwin Land and the Polaroid Corporation: The Formative Years," and would like a copy of their 40-page catalogue, contact Elizabeth Foote at 617-354-5237 or footeema@yahoo.com and we'll send you one. It's full of photos, early design sketches and fascinating stories of the company's early history. We have a limited number available so act fast!

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