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## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Dear PRA Members,

Our October meeting turned out to be as exciting as we had hoped. It marked the mounting of our plaque honoring Dr. Land in grand style as befitting the occasion. I was very pleased with the response of the enthusiastic crowd as attendees made their way through the exhibits, watched nostalgic video clips and shared stories. The program featured members sharing their Polaroid stories in a brilliant video created for the event. Shelly Buckler in a live address shared a number of stories illustrating Dr. Land's sense of humor and, speaking for myself, revealed an aspect of the man that was a total surprise. The only disappointment with the celebration was the terrible weather we experienced which greatly limited the number of attendees. Cheers to those who braved their way through the Nor'easter!

The following is a brief overview of the accounting expenditures and contributions of the donors for *The Dr. Land Memorial Plaque*. The final numbers are not available so these are approximate. Your generous support amounted to \$22,000 donated by 350 members, including a generous donation from the Polaroid Corporation. The list of donors can be found on pages 2&3. By the way, members continue to add their names to the donor list for which we are grateful. Expenditures amounted to \$18,500. The plaque and mounting totaled \$2,500, the video recording and editing totaled \$10,500 and the celebration \$5,500. The difference will go to the PRA operating fund as promised.

I want to thank all those who contributed to the success of the event. The Directors have been working on this project for almost two years. Many members contributed their time for video interviews and shared heart-warming memories of their experiences. Rich Garabedian video recorded all the interviews and created the edited version shown at the meeting. However, the greatest thanks are due the generous members whose contributions made the project possible.

We intend to put the program on our website.

Speaking for the Directors, we wish you a happy new year and look forward to seeing you all in May.

*Eric Thorgerson*, President, Board of Directors, Polaroid Retirees Association

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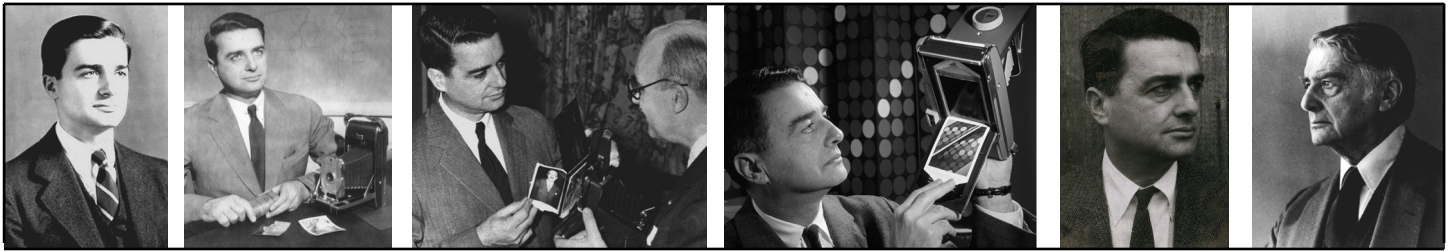
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## **Increase In Dues and The Lifetime Membership Effective January 1st, 2015**

The Budget Deficit Committee explored a number of options to eliminate the current deficit and future shortfalls as expenses grow and membership declines. We have raised the dues once in over thirty years of our existence. The last increase in dues went from \$8 a year to \$10 starting January 2004. The vote to change the by-laws dues payment and the lifetime membership was approved at the June Board Meeting.

*The dues will increase to \$15/year and a Lifetime Membership will increase to \$150 effective for all payments made after January 1, 2015.*



In Commemoration of  
**DR. EDWIN HERBERT LAND**  
1909-1991

"Don't do anything  
that someone else can do."

"Don't undertake a project  
unless it is manifestly important  
and nearly impossible."

**HUMANIST AND PATRIOT**  
Recipient of  
The Presidential Medal of Freedom

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Awarded 535 patents  
Creator of  
The first synthetic sheet polarizer  
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"Industry should be the intersection of science and art."

"The second great product of industry should be the fully rewarding working life  
for every person."

"Yet the very essence of democracy is the absolute faith that while people must  
cooperate, the first function of democracy, its peculiar gift, is to develop each  
individual into everything that he might be."

"But I submit to you that when in each man the dream of personal greatness dies,  
democracy loses the real source of its future strength."

ERECTED IN 2014 BY THE MEMBERS OF THE POLAROID RETIREES ASSOCIATION  
AT THE SITE OF DR. LAND'S POLAROID CORPORATION LABORATORY



*Boston Globe* columnist Scott Kirsner, one of two  
co-hosts for IDEAS UMass Boston 2014, opened  
with a story that embodies the region's innovation  
history. Visiting a biotech incubator in Cambridge,  
Kirsner noticed two plaques commemorating the  
history of the old brick building. This building was  
once the office and laboratory of Polaroid founder  
Edwin Land; before that, it was the site where  
Thomas Watson received the first long-distance  
phone call from Alexander Graham Bell.

"That kind of experience is the essence of IDEAS  
Boston, and innovation in Boston," Kirsner said.  
"It surrounds us every day, layer upon layer of  
experiments and failures and breakthroughs and  
patents and demonstrations — and then ideally  
IPOs and Nobel prizes at the end of all that."

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Andrews, Bill	Curran, Katherine	Gelenian, Alice	Kerr, Rolene	Modestino, Elaine	Souza, Phil
Atkins, Ken	Davis, Charlie	Gellis, Dick	Kilroy, Irene	Modestino, Louis	St Lawrence, Dick
Avila, Maria	Dejongh, Jerry	George, Glenda	Kilroy, James	Mollenhauer, Jerry	Stamps, Narvous
Aznavorian, Arthur	Dentch, Milt	George, James	Kinsman, Gordon	Moore, Penny	Stanavich, Peg
Babcock, Joyce	DeWolfe, Jim	Glennon, Mike	Kniazzezh, Alfredo	Morine, John	Stieger, Frank
Bacon, Bob	Di Ianni, Nino	Goodwin, Bob	Knowles, June	Morse, John	Sullivan, George
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Barletta, Adriana	Dickson, Bob	Gray, Annie	Langston, Laraine	Nangeroni, Bob	Terry, Dick
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Bennett, Phyliss	Doonan, Ina	Harper, Charlie	Livingston, Jim	Norvaisa, Casey	Tower, Phil
Benton, Jeanne	Doonan, Paul	Hart, Corinne	Lopez, Rodrigo	O'Connell, Dave	Trainor, Tonie T.
Berry, Steve	Doyle, John	Hart, Rose	Lorge, Bernie	Parris, Carol	Trojano, Mal
Blake, Jack	Duff, Maddy	Hatfield, Judy	Lubin, Paul	Patterson, Mary Ann	Trundy, Dennis
Bob (Pitts) Robertsson	Duffy, John	Hathorne, Jerry	Lumenello, Tom	Pawl, Ken	Tyson, Jack
Bornemann, Al	Duggan, Terri	Hawes, Tim	Maccini, Marsha	Prebensen, Peggine	Van Glabbeek, Leo
Brown, Eric	Duggan, Tom	Hawkins, Gloria	Mahoney, Tim	Prendergast, John P.	Varney, Dick
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Cohen, Len	Galvin, Ed	Kaminski, John	McLeish, Pattie	Simmons, Frank	
Corl, Brooks	Ganapathy, Bob	Kantrowitz, Warren	McLelland, Bette	Simons, Elliott	
Cote, Mitzi	Gantert, Joe	Karger, Eva	McLelland, Ted	Simons, Nancy	
Cottrell, Dick	Garabedian, Rich	Kearney, Jack	McPherson, Doris	Skelley, Barbara	

### Miss the October Members' Meeting? Or want to see the great videos once again?

You'll find a tour of Lab/Central, the biotech incubator now in Dr. Land's old laboratory, see the plaque on the corner of Osborn and Main, and hear former employees share their memories of the company and its founder, all on Rich Garabedian's 2 videos, *PRA Plaque Commemorating Dr. Land at Lab/Central and Polaroid: Back to the Future. Land & His Legacy* on the PRA website.

If you didn't catch the mix of old Polaroid Updates, an old Chronicle television show spotlighting Polaroid, and some fun commercials playing in the memorabilia room, that video is on the website as well. Look for *Polamix* there.

Just go to [www.polaroidretirees.org](http://www.polaroidretirees.org) and click the "Videos" link in the blue box to the right. Enjoy all three!

**Save The Day, SPRING LUNCHEON, WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015**



## **POLAROID NEWS, INFORMATION, NOTICES & ARTICLES**

### **ANNIVERSARY HONOREES**

The PRA would like to honor the founders of the Polaroid Retiree's Association at the May 20th luncheon as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of its foundation.

Without these people that had the great idea and vision of establishing an association that would enable a continuation of Polaroid life by sharing reminiscences as well as keeping up to date with Polaroid members the PRA as we know it now would not exist. Therefore we would like to show our appreciation for their foresight and organization. The PRA now has about 1500 members which shows how meaningful this organization is.

However, the PRA does not have the names of the founders, therefore we would greatly appreciate if you let us know if you were one of the founders or you know who they were.

Please contact Eva Karger with any information at:

erkarger@comcast.net or  
781-646-2084

### **BOOK TALK**

#### **Triumph of Genius: Edwin Land, Polaroid, and the Kodak Patent War by Ronald K. Fierstein**

February 24, 2015, 6:00-7:30pm at the MIT Museum  
265 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02476

The MIT Museum is very pleased to extend a warm welcome to Ron Fierstein on Tuesday, February 24th, to discuss his book, A Triumph of Genius. We hope the Polaroid family will be able to join us that night for conversation and a chance to have Fierstein autograph a copy of the book.

**Polaroid v. Kodak.** The case is still talked about in law schools, in part because the final award to Polaroid of \$909 million for patent infringement was the largest patent infringement damage award until 2009. Locally, Edwin Land's stunning courtroom demonstrations—canny and illuminating explanations of the science and technology of instant photography—made him something of a legend. Ron Fierstein had a front row seat for most of the proceedings. He was a young lawyer on the team from Fish & Neave that represented Polaroid in this epic battle. Subsequently, Fierstein has had a long and successful career in the entertainment industry. (Yes, he is related to the actor! Harvey Fierstein is his brother.) He has spent the past several years writing a history of this case because of an abiding admiration for Polaroid and its founder Edwin Land. Like most researchers he has studied the archives at Harvard and MIT and interviewed many former Polaroid employees but no one else has had unfettered access to the legal documents. He also worked closely with Land and Howard Rogers through both the discovery phase of the litigation and the trial. The result is a fascinating new book.

The MIT Museum, home of the Polaroid Company Historical Collection of 10,000 plus artifacts, is very pleased to extend a warm welcome to Fierstein to launch his new book on Tuesday, February 24th, from 6pm to 7:30. We hope that many from the Polaroid family will be able to join us that night for a talk, conversation and a chance to have Fierstein autograph a copy of the book.

The book will be available for purchase at the Museum that evening.

For directions see <http://web.mit.edu/museum/visit/directions.html>

**Save The Day, SPRING LUNCHEON, WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015**

## IN MEMORIAM

For a complete obituary check [www.polaroidretirees.org](http://www.polaroidretirees.org)

**Bacon, Elizabeth M.** - Elizabeth, 89, Ayer, September 21, 2014, worked in the cafeteria at Polaroid in Cambridge. She is survived by sons, Alton, Melvin, Robert, daughters, Marilyn, Robin, Diane.



**Barbero, Eugene P.** - Eugene, 72, New Bedford & Hampton, VA, September 20, 2014, is survived by a son, Timothy, a daughter Lisa, sisters Susan and Carol. Timmy and Lisa ask that whenever you have a moment, please raise a can of beer and give him a toast! Go Red Sox!

**Cherry, Robert William, Jr.** - Robert, 76, September 18, 2014, Edgewood, KY, worked in Cambridge with co-founder Dr. Edwin H. Land, leading branding and marketing efforts for breakthroughs in photographic technology, culminating in the SX-70. Bill was the husband of Anita, father of Susan (John) and Robert (Carla) Cherry III, and the grandfather of 3.



**Coccimiglio, Louis R.** - Louis, 90, Milton, October 22, 2014 was a WW II U.S. Air Force veteran and retired Drafting Engineer of Polaroid Corporation. He was the husband of Mary A. and is survived by his children Catherine, Joseph and the late Teresa Coccimiglio, grandchildren; Matthew, Lisa Marie, and his great-grandchildren Jade Marie and Damien. He was a member of the PRA.



**Crowley, Hilda E.** - Hilda, Hyannis, 96, November 1, 2014, retired from Polaroid in the early 1980's and then earned her Home Health Care Certificate and cared for the elderly until the age of 76. She was predeceased by her son, Larry, her daughter, Barbara, and is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth; her son, James; 4 grandchildren; and 9 great grandchildren.

**Dillon, Robert M.** - Robert, 84, Mashpee, September 28, 2014, was the husband of Florence. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He worked as an engineer at Polaroid for many years. He is survived by his son Robert and his goddaughter Terri. He was a member of the PRA.

**Dorazil, Vitezslav "Victor"** - Victor, Waltham, October 15, 2014, husband for 22 years to Edith "Edie" Babineau Dorazil, father of Lisa Millerick, grandfather of Shane, Sophia, Stephen, Rachel and Cullen. He was a mechanic and then a QA tech IV in W-2, 89 2nd Ave. and R-2. He was a member of the PRA.

**Gilbert, Christopher P. "Chris"** - Christopher, 61, Oxford, October 12, 2014, is survived by his fiancée, Cheryl A. Graham; sisters, Leah and Sarah; 4 nephews, 2 nieces, 2 great nephews, 1 great niece; and his dog, Xena. Previously, he worked at Polaroid and UMass Medical Center.



**Giordano, June F. (Hill)** - June, 74, Bridgewater, October 12, 2014, worked at Polaroid and later Raytheon. She was the wife of late Anthony A. Giordano, mother of Laura A. Giordano, Lisa, Anthony, Michele, and Michael E. Giordano; Nana of 9 grandchildren of Tiffany, Justin, Nicholas, Samantha, Kayla, Haille, Hannah, Nicolena, Cecilia; and Great-Nana of 3.



**Iodice, Margaret M. "Marge"** - Margaret, 82, Lynn, November 15, 2014, was the former wife of John A. Iodice. She leaves four daughters, Mary, Jeanne, Sam, and Helen and one foster son, Dennis, grandmother of 4 and great grandmother of 2.



**Keaney, Thomas J.** - Thomas, 73, Walpole, September 11, 2014, husband of Philomena, father of Thomas, Peter, Denis, and the late Anne Marie Keaney and grandfather of 5. He worked in Norwood and was a member of the PRA.



**Landry, Joseph Y.** - Joseph, 71, Swansey, NH, September 19, 2014, a US Army veteran worked in the research and development area of Polaroid in Waltham. Survivors include his wife Sheila; daughters, Lisa, Rhonda; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.



**Ledden, Mary T. (Walsh)** - Mary, Braintree, September 29, 2014, wife of the late Stephen Ledden, sister of Jack and Pauline Walsh. Mary retired in 1998 after 55 years as a manager for Polaroid in Needham. She was a member of the PRA.

**Murray, James F.** - James, 78, Rockland, October 14, 2014 was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving during the Korean Conflict. He enjoyed a thirty year career as a programmer for Polaroid in Cambridge and Waltham. He is survived



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by his siblings, Patricia, Kathleen, Sheila, Geraldine Dugan and Maureen.

**Ness, Nancy (Beck)** - Nancy, 85, September 3, 2014, Shrewsbury, worked in Human Resource Services at Polaroid Corp and ITT lamp division. She leaves her sister Jean Beck Osborne, and many nieces and nephews.

**Ogden, Sr., Rudolph "Rudy"** - Rudolph, 86, Nashua, NH, formerly of Tewksbury, October 28, 2014, a U.S. Navy Veteran of WWII and Korean Wars, retired Q.C. Inspector at Draper Labs and Polaroid. Husband of the late Helen and survived by a son, Rudolph W, a daughter, Sandy, and four grandchildren, Dr. Cheryl Ogden, and Rudolph W. Ogden III, Caitlin and Larry Harrington Jr., three great grandchildren, Laura, Rudy IV, and Jonathan.



**O'Sullivan, Thomas D.** - Thomas, 71, Somerville, September 28, 2014 worked in the Research and Development Department as a chemical processor in W1 and W2 and also was an EC Rep. He served as a Sergeant Major in the Army National Guard. He is survived by his children Mary Kay, Colleen, Mitchell and Erin, 5 grandchildren; and by his former wife Rita M. O'Sullivan.

**Ouellette, L. Paul** - Paul, 75, Naples, November 16, 2014, worked in management at Polaroid. In addition to his loving companion, Linda Hamburger, he is survived by his son John, daughter-in-law Jill and granddaughter Julia and grandchildren Marin (Minnie) and Ethan, and Dr. Kristina Roberts and Army Ranger Kelly Roberts.



**Poirier, Raymond Joseph** - Raymond, 84, Dracut, MA, November 12, 2014, was the husband of Claire Marie, and a veteran of the Air Force as a gunner on a B36 bomber. He worked for Polaroid for over 25 years as a mechanical draftsman and is survived by 4 brothers, and 3 sisters, six children, nine grandchildren and 60 nieces and nephews.



**Rearick, Ronald Reed** - Ronald, 72, Indiana, PA., September 12, 2014, was the husband of Pamela. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and of the Vietnam War. He was self employed as a maintenance mechanic and worked for Polaroid of Boston for 10 years. He leaves his children, Deanne, Robert, William, Robin and his stepson, Jeremy. He is also survived by his nine grandchildren; one great-granddaughter.

**Ritchie, Dorothy T.** - Dorothy, 89, Wareham, November 15, 2014 was the widow of the late Francis A. Ritchie. She worked as a bookkeeper at Polaroid Corporation in Cambridge and Needham. Survivors include her daughters, Diane and Barbara; 4 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren.



**Slavitter, Fred** - Fred, October 30, 2014 is survived by his wife Irma, daughter Suzanne and her husband Daniel Chavez and son Larry. He was a mechanical engineer in Tech Square until he retired from Polaroid after 25 years.

**Stevens, Roger G. Jr.** - Roger, 87, Arlington, VA, Veteran of the US Navy, was the husband of Cynthia. He also leaves Tug the family cat, four children, Lee, Gordon, Daphne, and Glenn and nine grandchildren with his first wife, Mildred. He implemented employee development programs at Polaroid Corporation during the tenure of Dr. Edwin Land.



**Stone, Joseph H.** - Joseph, 82, formerly of Hyde Park and East Walpole, September 30, 2014, served in the United States Army and Army Reserves for 42 years-- retiring as a Master Sergeant-- and worked at Polaroid Corp. for 32 years. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Grace; two sons, Eric, Geoffrey; daughters, Elaine, Valerie; 10 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren. He was a member of the PRA.



**Szczechura, Raymond Henry** - Raymond, 83, Lowell, September 24, 2014, US Navy Vet during the Korean Conflict worked as an electronic draftsman at Polaroid. He is survived by a brother, Theodore Szczechura and his wife, Anna, his nieces and nephews.



**Toronto, Joseph M.** - Joseph, Arlington, November 13, 2014, husband to Margaret, father of Sharon, Diane, Stephen, Richard, grandfather of Kristin, Bryan, Melissa, Richard, Daniel, Thomas, Amanda, Stephanie, Mark, Leah, Matthew, and Timothy and great granddaughter Julie. He worked at Polaroid Corp. for 38 years. Late Korean Conflict Army Veteran. He was a member of the PRA.



**Warren, Estelle** - Estelle, 99, September 22, 2014, NJ, was employed as a secretary for Edwin Land, the



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founder of Polaroid. She is survived by her children, Ward, Kenneth; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**Wood, Kenneth J.** - Kenneth, Reading, 68, served his country during the Vietnam War and was honora-

bly discharged from the US Air Force with the rank of Sergeant. Ken worked as a Lab Technician for Polaroid for many years. Ken was the husband of Silvia, father of Christopher J. and Matthew K. Wood.

## **Life After Polaroid**

**We need your "Life After Polaroid" articles for the Newsletter.**

**Our Retirees; Your Friends, enjoy reading and catching up with what you are doing in your retirement years. Remember to include your name and years of employment at the "Old" Polaroid.**

Send your **"Life after Polaroid"** information to:

Bill Rosen - *Editor, Newsletter*, 112 Meadow Lane, Randolph, MA 02368  
or send it email to [pranewsletter@comcast.net](mailto:pranewsletter@comcast.net)

As a new member of the association I thought perhaps you might put this in the newsletter

**Bob Goodwin writes...** After leaving Polaroid Product Design in 1978 I purchased J. R. Rosen Studio which is considered the oldest on-going hand calligraphy studio in the country celebrating 101 years as of March of 2014. 16 years ago I moved the studio from Boston to Quincy where I still open the doors Monday thru Saturday at 6:30 am and put in a full day.

Even though I no longer worked at Polaroid I still connected with many of the employees because I was hand engrossing many of their graduation diplomas from schools such as Northeastern University, Harvard, Babson, Boston University and MIT just to mention a few.

With 8 grand children and 1 great grandchild they are the ones that keep me feeling young.

I welcome all to come down to the studio at 29 Beale Street, Quincy and sit and have a cup of coffee and talk of the days gone by.



Polaroid retirees continue to strike out cancer in children. Thank you PRA Team of Walkers and thanks to those who made donations.

On September 21, 2014, the amount of money raised for the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk exceeded seven and one half million dollars bringing the total amount raised since the Walk's inception in 1989 to over one hundred million dollars.

We can all be proud of the decision made by Polaroid to be the first main sponsor of the walk and helping children afflicted with the terrible cancer disease.

Let's get ready for next year-the 27th Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk. Let's keep walking and pledging money so that some day there will not be the need for the walk, because all the children will be cancer free.

**THE FALL LUNCHEON WAS A BIG SUCCESS!**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE SPRING CELEBRATION MAY 20, 2015**

**PRA SPRING LUNCHEON**  
**LANTANA'S RESTAURANT, RANDOLPH, MA**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015**

**AGENDA**

8:30 - 10:00 am. **REGISTRATION** - Coffee & Pastries  
 10:00 am. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER -**  
**GUEST SPEAKER:** - Scott Hardy, Polaroid Corporation CEO, Minnetonka, Minnesota  
 11:00 am. **CASH BAR - SOCIAL HOUR**  
 12:00 pm. **SEATED FOR LUNCH**  
 2:00 pm. **CLOSING STATEMENTS**

**Entrée**  
**Selections**

**Chicken Florentine** : Pan Seared Chicken Breast with Spinach, Crimini Mushrooms in a Garlic Cream Sauce  
**Boston Baked Cod** : Served with a New England Ritz Cracker Topping on a bed of Rice Pilaf  
 Chef's Choice of Vegetable and Breads  
**Salad**: Classic Caesar Salad, **Dessert**: Strawberry Short Cake, Coffee or Tea.

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Enclose your check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ @ **\$25.00 per person.**

**Make Check PAYABLE To POLAROID RETIREES ASSOCIATION, INC**

**And SEND With Reservation Form to:**

**George Murray 14 Heywood Road, Westford MA 01886-2220 Phone: 978-692-2270**

**Please Note:** We will be unable to offer refunds for reservations cancelled after **OCT 12, 2014**

In the event of an emergency, please call **George Murray Phone: 978-692-2270**

**YOUR TICKET(S) WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE RESERVATION TABLES NEAR THE ENTRANCE**

**Please Note** - Due to local fire laws, Lantana's has limited us to 600 people. Please send your reservations in as soon as possible. We must return any reservations received beyond the 600 figure.

**Directions From Boston:** Take I-93 South ("Southeast Expressway") formerly 128 North - to Exit 5A (Randolph, Route 28 South). Turn right at the first set of lights onto Scanlon Drive (Shell Gas station on the corner). Lantana is at the end of Scanlon Drive on the right.

**Traffic is pretty heavy** when exiting the parking lots. It would be easier if you exit to High St. (the back street) turn left on to High St. and take any street on the left which will lead you back to N. Main St. (Rt 28).

**Membership Messages**

Please look at this latest Newsletter address label and check the notification of how up to date you are with your dues payments.

If you sent a dues payment within the last month, this label may not include your latest payment. ....If the label indicates you are paid up though 2014 or a later year then you are up to date. If the year indicated is 2013 or earlier, we urge you to send in your dues at \$15 per year as soon as possible. Failure to keep your dues current may cause you to be removed from the PRA mailing list.

**If you do not agree with the information on your dues payment please notify us**  
**so that we can correct any errors.**

### **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. The meetings are from 8am until about 10am. We meet with old friends, kibitz and have breakfast. Come join us and keep the tradition going.

### **The Trades Breakfast Meetings**

Will be at Bickfords Family Restaurant at 325 Montvale Ave, Woburn, Ma., about a block from Route 93, directly across from Spuds. The schedule for 2015 is as follows: Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10, April 14, May 12, Sept 8, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8. Meeting time is 8.30 AM. Hope to see you there. 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. We meet at Percy's restaurant on Rte 18 in Middleborough at 8:30 AM. Spouses, significant others, etc of the employees are always welcome. Contact Edyie Johnson ([edyiej@comcast.net](mailto:edyiej@comcast.net)) for more information or to be put on my distribution listing.

### **Is your drivers license up for renewal?**

The MassRMV is sending out birthday postcards approximately one month before your license expires. The postcard is personalized in order to provide the customer with the most efficient service possible by relaying one of two messages. The postcards will indicate if the driver is eligible to renew online at MassRMV.com or if it they must visit a branch.

A Massachusetts license is valid for five years and there are 4.75 million active licensed drivers in the Commonwealth today.

Every 10 years license holders need to visit one of 30 RMV branches across Massachusetts, or one of the RMV's partner AAA offices, to have a new license photo taken as part of their credential renewal.

Drivers age 75 and older at the time of renewal are required to have the renewal transaction completed in a branch or AAA office.

The end of the year is a busy time for the Registry; don't wait until the last minute to renew. Drivers are encouraged to renew their license at least seven days prior to their birthday/license expiration to ensure that they have their new license in hand before the old license expires.

### **For your convenience:**

This is the backside of the membership application. When you renew your membership in the Polaroid Retirees Association, You may wish to add a few lines here about your *"Life after Polaroid"* to be published in the Newsletter. Any questions or comments that you would like answered, will be send to the Board of Directors. We will try to answer some in our Newsletter, or we will post them to see if other readers can provide answers.

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#### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

CURRENT DIRECTORIES ARE FREE, UPON REQUEST, BUT A CHARGE OF \$6.00 IS REQUIRED TO COVER SHIPPING & HANDLING.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO **POLAROID RETIREES ASSOCIATION** AND MAIL TO :  
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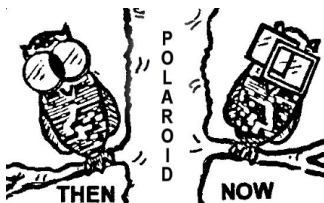
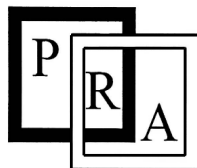
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### **PRA wants Polaroid Alums - We Need Your Help to Recruit New Members**

If you know any former employees of the "Old Polaroid" who are not members of the Polaroid Retirees Association, please tell them about us and give them a copy of the application that is in this Newsletter. Urge them to join - it only costs \$15 a year, and for that they get four newsletters, invitations to our luncheons twice a year, and a copy of our membership list with e-mail addresses. ***You don't have to be retired (from Polaroid or any other business you may have worked for since leaving Polaroid) to be a member of the PRA. You just have to have a Polaroid seniority date prior to July 2002.***  
**Urge your old Polaroid friends to join!**



**COME WEAR A DIFFERENT STYLE OF GLASSES  
BUT BE THE SAME OLD OWL!!!**

### **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION STAY WITH THE POLAROID EXPERIENCE AND FRIENDS!!!**

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**—— Membership fees are due and payable the first of the year ——**