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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear PRA Members,

Every year the seasons seem to go by faster and faster. Summer went by in a flash and our fall luncheon is only a few weeks away. The fall luncheon meeting will be on Wednesday, October 20 at Lantana's in Randolph. 95 people have signed up thus far for the fall luncheon. If you haven't sent in your reservation already there is still time left to do it.

Our speaker for the next PRA luncheon will be Niel Orlando, Director of Senior Crime and Abuse Prevention for the Norfolk District Attorney's Office. Niel worked at Polaroid for 22 years in the Camera Division, and will speak to us about crime in America and especially about scams directed at our senior population. It should be an informative and useful presentation.

I am saddened to end this letter with the news that Ruth MacKenzie passed away in July. Ruth was a long time member of the PRA Board of Directors, serving two terms. Ruth's contributions and organizational skills as well as her passion, and enthusiasm will be greatly missed. We extend our sympathy to her husband Hugh and their family.

**James Grunst**, PRA President

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## DVDs of Videos shown at the 25th Luncheon

50 copies of the material that Rich Garabedian prepared for the 25th Anniversary luncheon, which consisted of: Commercials, Land's "the long walk" and Polaroid's 50th Anniversary Party at BC, will be made available at the Fall luncheon. The price will be \$3.00 each.

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

### **Warning for Seniors Enrolled in Medicare Part D**

Medicare warns seniors who are enrolled in a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Insurance plan to review their Part D plans every year in the fall. A review is necessary, because the insurance companies change details of the plans each year and in many cases an individual can save hundreds (sometimes thousands) of dollars by switching to a different plan for the next calendar year.

Many Part D plans are expected to raise monthly premiums for next year. Some plans are likely to drop certain expensive drugs. Deductibles and co-payments are being raised. New restrictions will be added. For some folks, a plan that has been affordable in 2010 may be much more expensive in 2011. Switching to a different plan for next year may save money. There is no charge or penalty for switching plans. Do not make a mistake. Review before you renew.

Will your Medicare Part D Drug Insurance drop coverage of some of your prescriptions next year? Will the monthly premium jump significantly? If a drug is not covered by your plan, you will pay full retail price. Does your insurance company have other unpleasant and expensive surprises in store? As in previous years, The Senior Initiative can help you find out.

It can be an overwhelming task to compare all of the fifty plans in order to find the best plan to meet an individual's specific drug needs. Each year the staff of The Senior Initiative Inc. performs this evaluation for hundreds of seniors at no charge. As an independent non-profit organization, The Senior Initiative provides a detailed and unbiased analysis using the Medicare.gov internet computer system. No appointment needed. No visit to a senior center. There is no fee for this service. All consultation is by toll free telephone. Find out for yourself.

In counseling PRA members and others in past years, The Senior Initiative's analysis has discovered individual cases where the annual cost of the most expensive plan would be as much as \$4000 more than the least expensive plan (with exactly the same drugs in each case). Don't get caught by surprise. After December 31st it will be too late to change plans for 2011. The fall is the time to evaluate your plan to determine whether it is in your best interest to switch to another plan for next year. Anyone can change plans during the enrollment period beginning November 15th and ending December 31st. There is no penalty or other disadvantage to switching Part D plans.

The Senior Initiative Inc. offers free assistance in comparison shopping all plans and showing you the most cost effective plans based on your own list of prescriptions. This counseling takes the mystery and complexity out of your decision.

The Senior Initiative Inc. is a non-profit, independent organization dedicated to helping seniors with health and financial issues. Counseling is free of charge – no fees and no obligation. No appointment is necessary – counseling is done by telephone. Find out for yourself whether you can save significantly next year on your prescription drugs.

PRA members who are enrolled in a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Insurance Plan are invited to register today and you will be notified in the fall once Medicare has released the Part D insurance rates for next year. Simply provide your name, telephone number and email address (if you have one).

Call today to register – toll free – 866-928-1875

For more information call or visit the website at [www.seniorinitiative.org](http://www.seniorinitiative.org)

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### **Bidders Snap Up Polaroid Images**

By Jacqueline Palank 6-23-2010

Bidders turned out in full force for this week's auction of Polaroid images, shelling out millions of dollars to snap up the 1,000-plus photos and setting new records in the process.

The two-day auction, held in connection with Polaroid Corp.'s bankruptcy proceedings, raked in \$12.4 million, about \$2 million more than was expected, according to the Associated Press.

That includes the record-setting sale of Ansel Adams's "Clearing Winter Storm, Yosemite National Park," sold for a record \$722,500. Surpassing a previous auction record of \$609,600 set in 2006. Adams's print, depicting the park's rugged terrain in winter, was expected to sell for no more than \$500,000.

Another bidder broke the record for an Andy



Warhol photograph, "Self-Portrait (Eyes Closed)," which sold for \$254,500.

All in all, 14 new artist records were set at the auction, including records for Robert Rauschenberg, Harry Callahan, Lucas Samaras, Chuck Close and David Hockney.

The sale of the images, handpicked from Polaroid's collection of 16,000 photographs, will go toward paying off creditors of the company's bankruptcy estate.

Now known as PBE Corp., the company sold the Polaroid name and other assets out of bankruptcy last year to a joint venture of Hilco Consumer Capital Corp. and Gordon Brothers Brands LLC.

They paid \$87.6 million for the brand, which they've since sought to rejuvenate by bringing eccentric pop star Lady Gaga on board and by releasing a new instant camera, which has debuted to mixed reviews.

### **New And Returning Members — Welcome To The PRA**

Edward Anderson  
Alfred Baker  
Raymond L. Bedard  
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Harold Henry  
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John E. Price  
Myron Richardson  
Rob Robertsson  
Maureen Roche  
Willis S. Rose  
Anna Sammarco  
Joseph M. Sears  
Ruth Anne Shea  
Judith A. Sheridan  
Gregory A. Smith  
Anne Elizabeth Snider  
Frank J. Sorrentino  
JoAnne T. Strenck  
Louis F. Strenck  
Joseph A. Tanner  
Joanne C. Utrera  
Leroy Vargas  
Paul A. Ware  
Stanley Washington  
Jack White  
Frederick Williams  
Larry A. Yourell  
Ernest C. Yuille

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### **Polaroid's glory days exposed. Exhibit reveals experimentation in the medium**

In June, Sotheby's in New York auctioned off more than 1,000 photographs from the Polaroid Corp.'s collection of some 15,000 images, housed largely in Somerville. The auction, precipitated by a bankruptcy court order, featured images by Ansel Adams, Andy Warhol, and Chuck Close, among other giants. At close to \$12.5 million, sales outstripped Sotheby's estimates.

What better time to mount an exhibit of Polaroids? Gallery 4's "The Art of Polaroid" doesn't boast any Adams prints, but it does feature the rosily decaying "Red Junked Car," shot in 1973 by Walker Evans. Despite its snapshot size and color format, it captures Evans's familiar fascination with a faltering America, best known through his black-and-white photos of the Great Depression. Other photographs in the exhibit highlight work by significant artists, many of whom have Boston ties.

There are Marie Cosindas's intimate, warm-toned, naturally lighted portraits of figures such as Julia Child and sculptor Isamu Noguchi. Cosindas, who is in her 80s, was invited in 1962 by Edwin Land, cofounder of Polaroid and inventor of its Land camera, to test the company's product, and that proved a turning point in her career. Polaroid actively developed ties with artists and encouraged them to experiment; that's why the corporate collection — of which only a

fraction was sold — is so illustrious.

Many pieces here are experimental. Ellen Carey's terrific abstract photographs, made by exposing the film to a flash of light or not exposing it at all, and then pulling it through a large-format camera's internal rollers, hang like scrolls on the wall, all at once invoking Japanese Zen calligraphy, lush painting, and photography. John Reuter offers a dozen surrealist photo constructions from the 1970s. Reuter peeled back the film and manipulated the dyes and emulsions as the image developed. His "Afterglow" looks as if he has applied a 19th-century portrait of a melancholy boy to the print; he hovers, frail yet sharp, against a pungently colored background.

Even the more straightforward images display an exuberant experimentation in the artist's relationship to subject, among them Elsa Dorfman's generous, spontaneous portraits shot with a 20-by-24-inch camera; Olivia Parker's odd and careful still lifes; and Jim Stone's black-and-white documentary shots, such as "Retired Upholsterer Who Covered His House with Beer Cans on his 71st Birthday, Houston, TX, 1983." Like any new tool, the Polaroid liberated the artists who used it. Digital photography has long since outmoded Polaroid's instant prints, but Polaroid artists are a loyal breed. May they continue to thrive.

Excerpted from the **Boston Globe**

By Cate McQuaid, Globe Correspondent | Aug. 18, 2010

### **Happy Birthday!**

Is your license up for renewal? Be Sure to Check Your License Expiration Date!  
And while you are at it..Check your auto and truck registration too.

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles will no longer mail out license renewal notices. Be sure to renew at least seven days before your birthday to ensure that you receive your new license before your old license expires.

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## Life After Polaroid

Send in a few lines (we are limited for space) about your "life after Polaroid". 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 you can email pranewsletter@comcast.net

There will be a raffle at the Spring & Fall Luncheons (attendance not necessary) for the PRA MEMBERS who send in information about their "Life after Polaroid"

**Raymond Munchmeyer writes**...After being laid off from Polaroid in 2003, after 33 years, I worked for two other companies, until my retirement in 2008. My wife Carmela and I moved back to NYC where we are originally from. We are enjoying travelling, visiting our children and grandchild, and becoming reinvolved with old friends from high school, college, and the army.

**Donald Hart writes**... I retired from Phized in June. Been keeping busy around the house and spending time with family including 5 grandchildren. My wife Pam and I are looking forward to traveling finally. No more third shift!!

**James Hawkins writes**... I am into a second career and loving every minute of it. It is one of the most intrinsically rewarding decisions that I have ever made. I

am substitute teaching full time at Barnstable high school in math and sciences. It has given me a re-birth. The kids are great and I learn something new every day. I love being able to influence and shape the lives and decisions of our youth.

**Dottie and Bob Burke write**...Hi everyone..We enjoy the Newsletter. Thank you for your hard work in producing it. Bob is an "everyday golfer" at Southampton MA Country Club. He walks 3 miles a day and "pumps iron" per his cardiac Doc's suggestion to build muscle especially the heart muscle. After valve surgery it's probably a good idea. I write family history bios and am working on a new work about a history of the role food played in my and ancestors lives. I also volunteer in my church often. All in all, life is good.

## Polaroid Memories

### An interview with Shelly

E. Richard Rosenblatt

I recently had the great pleasure of meeting with Dr. Sheldon A Buckler, one of the most influential leaders of Polaroid. As I sat with Shelly in a beautiful glassed enclosed room, I noticed the saying above the door way. "Amo, Amas, Amat, I love, you love, he, she or it loves." I am a firm believer that a person's home or office reflects the person's being. The room, as well as other additions, was designed by Shelly's wife, Dorothea.

Shelly spent his early childhood in the Bronx, as well as in the Catskills on the family farm. At the age of twelve, his father took a position in Oak Ridge, Tenn. for the Manhattan Project. Shelly said, "can you imagine a boy from the Bronx being transported to Tennessee"!! What a culture shock....but he remem-



bers these as very happy years and a different way of life that broadened his perspective.

After being relocated to rural East Tennessee for four years during his Jr. and Sr. high school years, he returned to NY and attended NYU and received his Doctorate in Chemistry at Columbia University. I learned from another source

that Shelly has 37 patents.

While in the Army, he was assigned to the University of Maryland to work on chemical projects as a post doctoral.

He then went on to work for American Cyanamid, Lederle Division, and among other things, discovered a compound that enhanced the activity of a leading

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antibiotic, erythromycin. He then went on to work for American Machine and Foundry.

Shelly was invited on November 21, 1963 to meet with several executives at Polaroid to interview for a leadership position which he remembered quite vividly. While discussing the possibility of coming to Polaroid with Otto Wolf, Dick Young and Saul Cohen at lunch, the waiter came over to the table and told them that President Jack Kennedy had just been shot. Needless to say, that ended the lunch, and at the next meeting with Bill McCune there was a lot of silence.

Shelly joined Polaroid in April of 1964 as Manager of Chemical Development and continued to contribute to Polaroid's success for the next thirty years. Over this time period, he held positions as VP of Research, founder of the Battery and Chemical Operations, General Manager of Industrial Imaging Business, participant in joint ventures in the Soviet Union and China (both successful and profitable) and Vice Chairman of the Board of Polaroid.

He spoke with enthusiasm about the brilliance of Dr. Land and many of his colleagues as they tackled some of the most difficult discoveries coming out of Dr. Land's laboratory. I personally remember well, the complexity of the chemicals that I had to source all over the world to support the development of the integral film.

He mentioned the great contributions of many people including the brilliance of Stan Bloom in leading the discovery of basic chemicals that powered our films, including the opacifiers and the practical skill of Henry Bader in providing economical syntheses.

Shelly shared with me, two little known facts about his 30 years at Polaroid, he was never sick for a single day and held successively six different vice president titles, no doubt, a Polaroid record.

We talked about what it was like to work with Dr. Land. Shelly said he was very demanding and Dr. Land was not interested in the organizational formalities so that he often by-passed the supervisor if he wanted something from an employee.

Shelly received calls from Land in the very early mornings, and, after asking if he was disturbing him, invited him over to his home in Cambridge for an early breakfast to discuss the current project. In spite of the stress of working for Land, Shelly never lost the great affection he felt for him as a warm, driven human being.

When the board would not support Dr. Land in continuing Polavision, Dr. Land refused to accept another position in the company and left to start Rowland Institute. Dr. Land felt that Polaroid should have remained a private company so that its' existence would have remained a place for Land's genius to be the focal point of its endeavors.

Shelly likened Dr. Land to Steve Jobs with the influence he has had on Apple. During our discussion, Shelly talked about being on a business trip out of the country when he received news of the explosion at Chem. Ops (Bldg 6x in Waltham). He said he has never been so disappointed in having one of his responsibilities fail in this way and, to this day, is grateful that no one was injured or worse.

He also felt sad that some employees had stayed on at Polaroid until the bankruptcy and lost their ESOP stock and pensions. He obviously still has a great love for the people he worked with in the company. I remembered when many of us participated in a project to bring cultural change to Polaroid and one of the learning's was to treat people with "dignity and respect". Shelly for me, best exemplifies this goal.

Shelly left Polaroid in 1994, after thirty years, and using what he had learned while in the company, became a director of a dozen organizations. He is currently Chairman of the Board for the Lord Corporation and had been Chairman of Commonwealth Energy System (now NSTAR) and Mass. Eye and Ear, and the Lead Director of a couple of other companies.

What left a lasting impression on him was that Dr. Land had limited interest in the subject of succession, something that is quite common among founding fathers of companies. Shelly feels that because of this, Polaroid executives, who were extremely talented, were not prepared to assume the leadership of the company. He believes that this may have been as much a reason for the demise of the company as any of the other theories.

In his work on other boards, he has been focused on having a succession plan in place. He led the search for the current CEO of Lord which has worked out extremely well.

Other than serving on various boards, Shelly's major interests since leaving Polaroid have been the cost of medical care in the U.S. and what can be done to moderate it as well as how to optimize our National Energy Policy through a relationship with MIT which owns part of Lord.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Ruth Anne MacKenzie**, 69 of Gray Gables/Bourne died on July 12, 2010, surrounded by her family. Born on July 18, 1940 in Provincetown, MA to the late Ernest L. and Mary I. (Aresta) Carreiro, she graduated from Provincetown High School in 1958. She enjoyed working with her family in their restaurant the Tip for Tops'n in Provincetown.



She married and moved off Cape and raised her daughter Rebecca and her son Paul. She worked at Sylvania as a secretary in 1955. She then continued to pursue a career in the Polaroid Corporation and became an administration assistant. She coordinated numerous stockholders meetings at Wellesley College and Symphony Hall for Dr. Land, Polaroid's founder. She worked as a financial manager and a financial analyst for various departments. Ruth helped plan and organize National and Interna-

tional Sales meetings. Upon retirement, she became a PRA member and a director of the Polaroid Retirees Association.

Ruth and Hugh married in March of 1994. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her two grandsons, Joseph and Matthew. She traveled all over Europe with her husband Hugh and especially enjoyed her annual two weeks vacations in Aruba. She was proud of becoming an honorary citizen of Aruba after visiting the country for over 30 years.

She is survived by her husband Hugh, daughter Rebecca and her husband Joseph Crescio and grandsons Joseph and Matthew Crescio, her son Paul Cahill, her brother Ernest Carreiro and his wife Judith.

**William J. Similewich**, William, 87, died July 14, 2010. A Veteran of the United States Army during World War II and the recipient of a Purple Heart. He was born in Boston. And raised and educated in the West End. He worked at Polaroid in Waltham as a Chemical Processor for over 18 years. Bill's biggest enjoyment in his life was that of his family.



chummed together in the West End of Boston, and we all entered the Service at about the same time. Bill served in the invasion of Sicily and Italy and got caught in the crossfire of one of the bloodiest battles, the taking of Monte Cassino. Bill received the Purple Heart. He returned home in time to become the Best Man at our wedding (*Joe & Ceil Franchina*).

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### Editors note..

**William J. Similewich** died on July 14, 2010. He worked in Bldg. I, part of Chemical Engineering and was called "Smiley." Bill was part of a group, who

Bill is survived by his sister Ann Balboni and the late Mary Rogaiski and Helen Curran, as well as many nieces, nephews, and great and great-great nieces and nephews.

**Joe Franchina** Editor PRA Newsletter, *Retired*

"Strange is our situation here upon earth. Each of us comes for a short visit, not knowing why, yet sometimes seeming to a divine purpose. From the standpoint of daily life, however, there is one thing we do know: That we are here for the sake of others...for the countless unknown souls with whose fate we are connected by a bond of sympathy. "Many times a day, I realize how much my outer and inner life is built upon the labors of people, both living and dead, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received." - Albert Einstein

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**Andrews, Helen** - Helen died June 25, 2010. Mother of two. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of five. Sister of Paul Andrews and his wife Jasmine, and many nieces and nephews. Former employee of Polaroid Corporation of Cambridge, MA.



**Arata, Ruth L. (Shoup)** - Ruth, 86, died May 25, 2010. She was employed for 22 years as a supervisor for Polaroid Corp. in Waltham. Ruth was very proud of her brother, Staff Sergeant Curtis F. Shoup, who was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his brave and heroic actions during World War II. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Curtis and Laurie (Ronan) Arata; her sister-in-law, Evelyn Boudreau; her niece, Ruthie Goodsell; her nephew, Fred Boudreau; her extended family, including the Ronan family, and her lifelong friend for over 80 years, Beverly Halsey, and the entire Halsey family.

**Benson, Eric V. (Rick)** - Eric, 78, a PRA Member, died May 10, 2010. Husband of Vivan R. (Ericson) Benson. Father of Eric S. and his wife Gloria, Timothy A. and his wife Jennifer, Col. Peter J. and his wife Peggy, and Lori Rasmussen. Grandfather of Annika, Christina and Peter, Kirsten, Anders and Erik, and Holly and Cameron. Eric was a longtime employee of Polaroid Corporation.

**Bernard, Milton Edmund** - Milton died June 20, 2010. He was a U.S. Army Infantry Captain (disabled through service), and a technician with Polaroid Corporation. Predeceased by his wife, Jean Rosamond. He is survived by 2 sons, 1 daughter, 2 step-sons, 3 step-daughters, 1 brother, 1 sister, nineteen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

**Boudreau, Norman O. "Norm"** - Norman, 73, died July 11, 2010. Husband of Rita Y. (Choroszy) Boudreau. He is also survived by eight children; 24 grandchildren; four siblings, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was employed as an Industrial Engineer at the Polaroid Company in Waltham.



**Bresnahan, John J.** - John, 62 passed away peacefully on May 24, 2010. He was a 20-year veteran of Polaroid Corp where he worked as a technical writer. He was an avid reader, prolific writer and movie buff.

**Cormier, Roland R. "Ray"** - Roland, 64, died June 14, 2010. He worked at the Polaroid Corporation in

Waltham for over 36 years. Besides his wife Barbara, Ray is survived by a daughter Heather A. and her husband Daniel T. Desmarais; a son Raymond D. Cormier and his wife Kelly (Laird)Cormier; four grandchildren; a brother Dennis R. Cormier and his wife Colleen ; two sisters Barbara Geoffroy and Constance Skinner; Sisters and brothers in-law and many nieces and nephews.

**Dickerson, Walter A. Jr.** - Walter, 62, died July 14, 2010. He was employed as a financial analyst by Polaroid in Waltham for 39 years. Husband of the late Joan D. (Parvenik). Survived by his wife, Donna McGuigan, four children, Carl Dickerson, Scott McGuigan and his wife Mandy, Jennifer Dickerson and Kelin Dickerson; sister, Sandra Milner; brothers, Johnny, Thomas, Ronald and Paul and four grandchildren, Amanda, Jonah, Savannah and Mackenzie.



**Dunn, Ann "Maureen" (Barry)** - Ann Died June 16, 2010. Beloved wife of the late John J. Dunn. Devoted mother of Thomas F. Dunn & wife Jill & John B. Dunn & wife Mary-Ellen. Grandmother of five. Maureen was a retired 16 year employee of Polaroid Corp.

**Fanton, John T.** - John died June 3, 2010. Husband of Mary (Marie) E. Fanton, Father of John T. Fanton and his wife Cheryl, Joel M. Fanton, and the late Christopher S. Fanton. Grandfather of Michael J. Fanton. He also leaves many nieces and nephews. He retired from Polaroid Corporation in 1987. He was well loved by all and will be sorely missed by family and friends.

**Forbes, Ralph O. "Otie"** - Ralph, 84, died May 27, 2010. Mr. Forbes was a Private 1st Class in the U.S. Army and a Veteran of World War II, where he was awarded the Croix de Guerre Medal in France. He was the paymaster at Polaroid in Waltham, for 27 years before retiring in 1986. He was the husband of Adelaide Wahl. Brother of John A. Forbes and his wife Virginia, Ruth E. Grono and her husband Thomas and the late Gertrude D. Schrader and David W. Forbes.

**Ford, Grace R. (Burns)** - Grace, 90, died July 3, 2010. Wife of the late Edward F. Ford, she is survived by her son Edward Ford Jr. and his wife Darlene and her daughter Donna Decato and her husband Tim. She also leaves 6 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Grace worked as a secretary for Polaroid

## IN MEMORIAM

**Gates, Raymond C.** - Raymond, 82, died June 19, 2010. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Constance A. (Ruberti) Gates; two sons, two daughters, four grandsons, two granddaughters, four great-grandchildren: a sister, and many nieces and nephews. He retired from Polaroid Corp., Cambridge, in 1992 as a Senior Engineer.

**Gudejko, Margaret (Conley)** - Margaret, 95, died May 9, 2010. She was a retiree of Polaroid. wife of the late Felix Gudejko. Mother of Margaret Morley. Sister of Ann and Larry Doherty. Cousin of Mary Condin. Also survived by 3 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews



**Hovnanian, Margaret** - Margaret, died June 18, 2010. Daughter of the late Hovnan and Agnes Hovnanian. Sister of the late Mary Hovnanian. Also survived by many loving cousins and friends. Retired Admin-Engineer at Polaroid Corp. for over 40 years.

**Igoe, Robert W.** - Robert, 66, died June 10, 2010. He was the husband of Cheryl A. (Glennon) Igoe. He worked for the Polaroid Corporation for many years before retiring. Survivors include his widow; two sons, James R. Igoe and his wife Sarah and Michael W. Igoe; a grandson, James P. Igoe. He was the brother of the late Patricia Gormley.

**Khederian, Paul** - Paul died May 15, 2010. Husband of Gloria (Nahigian) Khederian. Father of Gregory Khederian and his wife Mary and Robert Khederian. Grandfather of Paul and Amy Khederian. Brother of the late Araxy Jezairian.



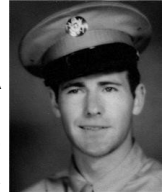
**Langille, Eva** - Eva, 61, a PRA member, died June 16, 2010. Loving daughter of Theo "Angie" Ellis and the late Keith and step daughter of the late Ken Ellis. Also survived by several Aunts and many loving cousins.

**Mohr, Jean F.** - died June 7, 2010. Wife of John J. Mohr. In addition to her husband, Jack, she is survived by two daughters, Bonnie Jean Mohr and Heather Ann Heidi Curtis and her husband Paul, two grandsons, Robert William Mohr Curtis and John Jacob Mohr Curtis.

**Morris, Betty Louise Oliphant** - Betty, 78, died, May 16, 2010. She was preceded in death by her

husband, Herman C. Morris, and siblings, Robert Oliphant, Willie, and Mae Frances O. Kirkland. A retiree of Polaroid Corp. She leaves a son, 2 daughters, a stepson, and a sister. Also 9 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, along with a host of other relatives and friends.

**Senter, Robert "Bob" Sr.**, - Robert, 89, a PRA member, died July 13, 2010. Bob worked at Polaroid in Waltham, MA as a computer programmer for 35-years before retiring. He is survived by wife Doris, daughter and son-in-law Linda and Bob Bryant, daughter and son-in-law Debra and Eric Heath, daughter and son-in-law Cheryl and Charles Stanion, and son Robert, Jr., and fiancé Stephanie Voight. Bob is also survived by three grandchildren, Eve, Larry and Olivia, and four great-grandchildren, Emerson Bryant, Madsen Anderson, James Bryant and Gabriella Bryant. He was preceded in death by brother Howard, and is survived by brother Jim and sister Dorothy Sampognaro.



**Soares, Sylvester** - Sylvester died June 13, 2010 after a period of declining health. Silve was the beloved husband of Mary Soares for 46 years. He was an employee of Polaroid in Waltham for 29 years. Besides his wife, he leaves his children; Robert Soares, Gary Soares and his wife Janet and Jennifer King and her husband Brian.

**Thoenen, Earl R. "Tommy" Jr.** - Earl, 76, died May 28, 2010. He joined the U.S. Army and served with the 82nd Airborne Division as a paratrooper. He worked for Polaroid Corp., where he enjoyed a 30-year career in engineering and product development. In addition to his wife, Meredith L. (Buzzell) Thoenen, he is survived by two daughters, Victoria A. and husband Thomas Senter, and Patricia W. Finnemore; four grandchildren, Heather and husband Zackery, Emily, Jacob and Wesley; his brother, Gardner Thoenen; many nieces and nephews and dear friends.



**Turner, Carl** - Carl died July 22, 2010. Retired employee of Polaroid in Cambridge. Father of Rita Wright & her husband Henry & the late Carl B. Turner Jr. Grandfather of Lee Ann McWhinnie. Great grandfather of Joseph Conley. Great, great grandfather of Joseph Conley. Companion of Ethel Swirka. Also survived by many nieces, nephews & cousins. He was predeceased by 1 brother James Lynch.

**THE SPRING LUNCHEON WAS A BIG SUCCESS!  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FALL CELEBRATION OCTOBER 20, 2010**

**PRA FALL LUNCHEON  
LANTANA'S RESTAURANT, RANDOLPH, MA  
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20, 2010**

**AGENDA**

- 8:30 - 9:30 am. **REGISTRATION** - Coffee & Pastries
- 10:00 am. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** - Grand Prize Drawing  
**GUEST SPEAKER: Niel Orlando**
- 11:00 am. **CASH BAR - SOCIAL HOUR**
- 12:00 pm. **SEATED FOR LUNCH**
- 1:15 pm. **RAFFLE DRAWINGS**

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- Entrée**     **Chicken Picatta** with Lemon Wine Sauce and Capers, Served with Rice Pilaf
- Selections**     **Baked Boston Scrod** Served with a New England Ritz Cracker Topping on a bed of Rice Pilaf  
 Chef's Choice of Vegetable and Breads
- Appetizer**, Classic Caesar Salad, **Dessert**, Strawberry Shortcake, Coffee or Tea.

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**Please Note:** We will be unable to offer refunds for reservations cancelled after **Oct. 15, 2010**  
 In the event of an emergency, please call **Walter J. Byron 508-528-9690**

**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.

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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 \$10 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. Our major requirement is that they worked for the "Old Polaroid," which means that they had a seniority date of before July 2002.

**Urge your old Polaroid friends to join!**

**Bob Bacon** New Member Recruitment