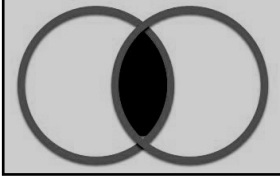


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President's Letter

Dear PRA Members,

We are looking forward to seeing many of you in person on Wednesday, May 12th, at our Annual Luncheon and Business Meeting. It will be at the Marriott Newton Hotel on Route 30. We are grateful that the *Direct Federal Credit Union* will again underwrite the event. Call or email your old friends now, and plan to meet at the Luncheon!

Save the Date! Mark May 12th on your Calendar! Sign up today

I want to share with you my pride in the people who represent you on the PRA board of directors (BOD). First, I want to thank Bill Rosen for his decades of work on the board. He will leave the Board of Directors in May 2025 and deserves all our respect and gratitude for his quiet, thoughtful and selfless work. Let me just outline his many roles: Past PRA Newsletter Editor; maintain and update the PRA Website, assist in the mailing of the PRA newsletters and other correspondence: both email and snail mail, initiate the Zoom BOD meetings, and provide support for the annual luncheon (badges, registration process and record keeping, poster boards of attendees).

How can all these roles be filled by other board members, especially in time for planning the May luncheon? I was looking forward to the process of asking, and then cajoling our board members to step forward and pick up these tasks. I sent out the first email with the list of responsibilities. To my very pleasant surprise, your board members stepped forward and all roles were filled within a week! By the second week, those functions that needed a trial run were completed. Of course, I should have been more optimistic! Polaroid people have always eagerly stepped forward to the excitement of tackling the unknown in our quest for a solution.

Come be part of the PRA board. Let a board member know if you are interested in joining the board. Bring your ideas, expertise, and energy to keep the board vital and forward moving.

Contribute to our 40th PRA Jubilee Story collection. You all have funny, or amazing, or touching stories that you share with folks. Put them in our collection of 40th Jubilee Stories. Send us your roughly 250-word story! Bring smiles and fond memories to your coworkers.

May 12th is our Annual Spring Luncheon that celebrates our 40th PRA Jubilee Year. Following the very brief, but required Board Elections and Reports, we will begin our Jubilee Celebration. I encourage you to make a very special effort to attend and visit with friends and enjoy the speakers. Mac Booth will open the event. Chris Bonanos, our speaker in 2014, spoke about Polaroid's past contributions. His 2025 talk will describe instant photography's continuing global influence. I look forward to seeing you at the Marriott in Newton May 12th.

Ruth Scanlan, *President, Polaroid Retirees Association*

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Here's a challenge to all PRA Members: Do you have more seniority than Ed Byrnes? What were your adventures? What are your memories? Send us your Jubilee Stories!

Jubilee Challenge by Ed Byrnes:

"Ed here. Surprisingly, I'm approaching 99 years old and still writing about life and its consequences. When I think about it, I suspect I may be the oldest living Polaroid retiree. My date of employment was October 1951."

Thank you, Bill!



Bill Rosen and Loraine Lorden

Bill Rosen joined Engineering's Product Design at Tech Square in 1965 as a Draftsman for the SX-70 camera with **Joe Stella, Dick Chen** and **Dick Wareham**. His job expanded into digital 3-D graphics and management. Three of his brothers worked at Polaroid as well, and he retired exactly 30 years to the

information about our colleagues and provides an opportunity for all of us to add our own remembrances. The Website also has an alphabetical list of departed Polaroid people with their name and date of departure.

Bill offers historical perspectives and thoughtful contributions to all Board decisions. In addition, he has supported the Board by setting up all BOD Zoom meetings since the start of the pandemic.

Bill has received calls from dozens of PRA Members asking for help. They say, "I want to do THIS THING, and I do not know how to do it." Bill always replied: "Well I can do A, then B, then C for you. Will that do what you hoped to do?" Bill has helped everyone on everything.

And now, we need to recall Bill's contributions to a quarter century of our PRA Luncheons as well. Our Luncheons are an organizational joy to attend. We walk in and go to a registration table. We see an old friend who finds our printed name tag in a holder. We go to the poster with the list of signed-up attendees to look for the names of special friends. We show a person at our table the latest digital version of PRA *Newsletter* on our cell phone. It is Bill who organizes and sets up the registration tables and crew, prints and stuffs the name tags, designs and prints the attendees poster, and emails the digital PRA *Newsletter* to Members.

Thank you, Bill, for everything!

day after hire!

Bill became a Member of the PRA in 1995, and after nearly a quarter century, he is retiring from the PRA Board. Joining the Board around 2000, he became PRA *Newsletter* Editor in 2003, served as Editor until 2015, and became the PRA Webmaster in 2011. He has expanded the PRA Website in so many ways! Members have access to digital copies of all the PRA Newsletters back to 2014.

The Website has a PRA Membership Roster that is sorted by Name, City, State & Zip and a Bulletin Board that contains the "In Memoriam List" that Maryann Hall provides. She enters an extended obituary that has more

Polaroid Retirees Association Website

<http://www.polaroidretirees.org>

PRA Newsletters (2014 - 2025)

<http://www.polaroidretirees.org/Newsletters.html>

PRA Membership Roster

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City http://www.polaroidretirees.org/WJR/web_page_roster_Sort_City_91823.pdf

State & Zip http://www.polaroidretirees.org/WJR/web_page_roster_Sort_State_and_Zip_91823.pdf

PRA Bulletin board "In Memoriam List" (Nov 2023-Feb 2025)

<https://www.bulletinboards.com/v2.cfm?comcode=prapra&cat=6>

List of Newsletter Obituaries (2010-Q2 2023)

http://www.polaroidretirees.org/NewsletterBOD/2010-Q2_2023_Obits_Listing_Final.pdf

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Many cell phone cameras can open the PRA *Newsletter* by simply photographing our QR code. Try it!

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PRA Jubilee Stories

Indestructible SX-70 by Ruth Scanlan

I joined Polaroid in 1965 in the Color Lab (2 Osborne) working on SX-70. I reported to Jeanne Ward who had previously worked in the organic chemistry labs at 750 Main St. As SX-70 was about to go to market, some of us were asked to take the prototype cameras and film to test them for everyday use. We were supposed to be very ‘hush hush ’ about it in order not to spoil the ‘splash ’ of the news media introduction. Jeanne and I were going to Yellowstone and took a test camera and film with us. As we were setting up camp, the family on the adjoining site sent their teen-age children over with wood for our campfire. Later that evening as campfires were burning, Jeanne and I wanted to thank them by giving them a preview of SX-70. As we were sitting around their campfire taking a few pictures, I was talking about how the final picture was ‘indestructible .’ I accidentally dropped one photo in the fire and quickly pulled it out. Much to my surprise, it was not scorched. I said “It is even fire-proof!”

Yes, Jeanne looked at me and rolled her eyes!

A Tale of Henry Street by Peter Clark

38 Henry Street, Cambridge, was the home of Optical Engineering at Polaroid. The building had its quirks. A visitor coming to the front door for a meeting on the third floor might be surprised to see a two-story building. The street entrance was actually floor 2, because the basement, which was at the parking lot level in the rear, was called the first floor.

That dank windowless “first floor” was mostly utilities and storage, as one would expect. There was also a large locked “cage,” made with 2x4’s and chicken wire. Inside it were tables and shelves covered with stacks of computer printouts. That was the area used by Dr. James G. Baker, renowned expert in optics who designed the SX-70 camera and the Spectra’s “Quintic” lenses.

Baker was a great gentleman. He had worked with Land on important defense-related projects over the years. His true passion was astronomy, though, so his best work was done after dark. He would arrive at 38H around 4pm and work alone in his cage late into the night. As a young optical engineer, I was excited to work with the famous Dr. Baker, but I wasn’t able to cope with his schedule and he didn’t actually need an assistant, so we didn’t spend that much time together, but at Polaroid there were plenty of exciting projects for me to work on and people to learn from, and the conversations that I did have with Jim were always illuminating.

Dr. K’s Story by Mary Lou Ruckstuhl, Tech Square

I was a new occupational health nurse in the Polaroid Corporate Medical Department on a late Friday afternoon, and we were closing at 4:30pm. At 4:00 pm I received a phone call from a gentleman who sounded distressed asking if he could speak with Dr. Kantrowitz. I buzzed Dr. K in his office and, of course, he had me put the call through. The gentleman, an employee of Polaroid, arrived shortly and rushed down the hall to Dr. K’s office. Within minutes the head of the Benefits Department arrived to join the meeting. Shortly thereafter Dr. Kantrowitz came out, assured me he had everything under control and that I could close up and head home.

When I came to work the following week, I learned that the employee had a college age son hospitalized out of state who had been diagnosed with testicular cancer. The employee was upset about getting proper care for his son. Between late on Friday afternoon and Monday morning, Dr. Kantrowitz personally arranged to have the young patient transferred to Mass General Hospital (MGH) and put under the care of a top cancer specialist.

This was the first of the many times that we saw our Dr. K go above and beyond to help any employee, no matter their position within the company. He is the personification of a man who “lives his calling” to improve the health and well-being of others, to heal, and to treat all.

Jubilee Short Story Collection

What are your favorite Polaroid memories? We are collecting Jubilee stories that made you feel good. In particular, we’d like the Polaroid stories that made you and your friends laugh. We will collect them over the next year, publishing some in each *Newsletter*, and publishing the whole collection in 2026. Please write us your Polaroid Proud Jubilee Short Stories.

Tell a special short story. Aim for a max of 250 words. Then email it to <newsletterpra@gmail.com> or mail it to R. Ruckstuhl, Polaroid Retirees Assn, P.O. Box 522, Rowley, MA 01969. The *Newsletter* deadline for our Q2 stories is June 1. Join the authors of these great Jubilee stories in the year’s collection.”

Spring Luncheon Speakers

Mac Booth will open our PRA 40th Jubilee Celebration!



PRA's 40th Jubilee Celebration starts with a surprise reunion. Mac Booth and wife Dianne return to Boston to join us at our Annual Spring Luncheon.

Mac, after earning a degree in engineering at Cornell; serving as Captain in the US Air Force; and completing a Cornell master's degree in business administration; joined Polaroid.

Chris Bonanos wrote in *INSTANT: The Story of Polaroid*: "Mac, as he was almost universally called, was an engineer specializing in production, and had been rising through the company since 1958. He'd built the New Bedford factory in time to keep Kodak at bay, and as Polaroid had begun its shift from idea lab to consumer-products company, he had been absolutely invaluable."

Mac became a VP in 1976; President in 1984; Chairman in 1991. Mac worked his way from Cornell graduate to our Chairman of the Board. All of us remember Mac as a champion of Polaroid's Second Aim. He set the course through Shamrock's Roy Disney's takeover bid, and the electronic imaging revolution.

Chris Bonanos, Polaroid After Polaroid

Eleven years ago, not long after my book *Instant: The Story of Polaroid* was published, I came to the Polaroid Retirees Association's annual lunch to give a little speech. I had already done a bunch of book-related events, most of which had been similar to one another. I started all those other events with an explanation of why this recently collapsed company had really mattered. When I came to the PRA, I remember saying that I was in the opposite of my usual position: You all knew that Polaroid was significant, and many of you knew more about the company than I did. I had been vaguely concerned about that—about possibly looking like an amateur among experts. Instead, I felt completely welcomed, and gradually realized that Polaroid people wanted their story told. I will never forget that at the end of my talk, one of your members, Sheldon Buckler, came onstage and asked that the room declare me an honorary PRA member. I am still tickled by this, and have been thinking about adding it to my résumé.

The PRA has generously asked me back to speak about what's happened to instant photography since I visited in 2014, and it turns out there's a lot to discuss. Last time I joined you, film production had only recently restarted in Enschede, under the aegis of the Impossible Project, and their business prospects and technological production skills looked dodgy. I will save the details for our meeting, but suffice it to say that a lot has changed for the better since then. In 2014, I spoke to you about instant photography principally in the past tense. In 2025, I'll be talking about its future.



Sign up for the Monday, May 12, PRA Luncheon!

PRA Luncheon & Annual Meeting
 Marriott Newton Hotel
 2345 Commonwealth Avenue (Rte 30), Newton,
 Located just off Exit 39A Route 95/128

Monday, May 12, 2025 We hope you'll join us!

Overlooking the Charles River, the hotel offers a scenic view and a convenient location. It is wheelchair and handicap accessible.

SIGN UP NOW!
\$50 for Guests
FREE for PRA Members!***
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Direct Federal Credit Union!

- 9am Registration & Coffee
- 10am PRA Business Meeting
Speakers & Social Time
- 1pm Lunch
- 2pm Adjourn

- Citrus brined chicken breast with shallot and apricot orange glaze
 - Locally sourced cod with oyster cracker crust and lemon butter sauce
 - Vegan lasagna with local eggplant, squash, zucchini, peppers in a fire roasted tomato sauce
- Served with Spinach and arugula salad with pecans, sweet peppers and ricotta cheese in house balsamic dressing, Yukon Gold mashed potatoes, fresh baked rolls, coffee, tea, Bailey's chocolate mousse cake*

Member Guest

<i>Name for Name Tag</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>Chicken</i>	<i>Fish</i>	<i>Vegan Lasagne</i>

Make checks payable to: Polaroid Retirees Association, Inc.

**Mail with this reservation form to: Bob Ruckstuhl, Polaroid Retirees Assn
 P.O. Box 522
 Rowley, MA 01969**

**Registrations and luncheon choices must be received by May 1.
 In case of an emergency, email praemail@comcast.net**

*****Note: Your PRA dues must be up to date through 2025 or have been waived (see your Newsletter address label) to take advantage of this generous offer from the DFCU.
 Use page 12 to pay your dues.**

The PRA Spring Luncheon

The Luncheon will be held in the Hotel Ballroom ABC, on the same level as the Hotel Lobby. There is a very convenient Ballroom Drop-Off Entrance near Commonwealth Ave. However, all parking is inside the Pop-Up gates.

The best pedestrian access is through the Lobby Entrance, near the Pop-Up gates. Registration begins at 9AM.

The Luncheon includes the Annual Business Meeting of the Polaroid Retirees Association. Our charter requires that our Members hold a voice vote to approve the election of Board Members. Members also need to ratify previous Annual Meeting Minutes. There will be a very brief Auditors Report.

The short Annual Meeting will be followed by:

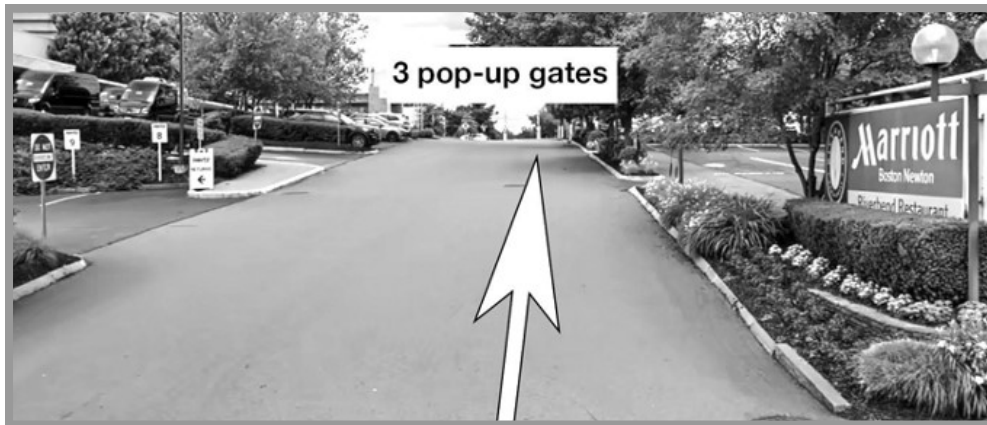
Mac Booth will greet retirees, former employees, friends and guests.

He will make opening remarks to celebrate the PRA's 40th Jubilee year.

Chris Bonanos, our 2014 PRA Luncheon Speaker, will talk about today's continuing influence of Polaroid's Instant Photography around the world.

The PRA Jubilee plan has a generous schedule for our special social interactions.

Luncheon at 1PM. We will adjourn at 2PM.



Marriott Newton Hotel

“Located on Route 30, just off Exit 39A, Route 95/128”
[Northbound Exit 39A under construction]

From Route 30 enter the *Marriott Newton Hotel* at their big red sign.

Drop Off at Ballroom Entrance: Close to Commonwealth Ave. Drive past the Marriott sign.

Drive halfway up the ramp toward the 3 popup gates. Take the first available left turn.

Left again. **Ballroom Entrance** on right.

Handicap Parking: Stay right. **Take ticket** to open gate.

Sharp left turn to **Handicap Parking area**. Walk up ramp to use **Lobby Entrance**.

Regular Parking: Stay right. **Take ticket** to open gate. Parking is straight ahead & on right.

Use **Lobby Entrance**.

In Lobby: Turn left, and walk toward Commonwealth Ave. **Registration is straight ahead.**

FREE PARKING

Parking is free for Luncheon attendees. Paul Lubin will replace the GATE TICKET (not free) with a different new FREE TICKET! *** Warning *** Both tickets look the same!

As soon as you receive the FREE TICKET discard the GATE TICKET.

In Memoriam

Find more complete obituaries at www.polaroidretirees.org



Averell, Dr. John P., 90, Medway, MA, 1/16/25 was the husband of the late Ruth and the late Shirley, father of Philip, Carolyn, Sharon, Danny, Heidi and Tammy,

companion of Caryn and grandfather of ten. He was a Computer Programmer. John had a unique gift of playing music by ear. He favored the French horn, but was also a gifted pianist and organist. John enjoyed conducting.



Barretti, Michael Sr., 79, New Bedford, MA, 2/8/25 was the husband of Maria, father of Dina and Michael Jr. and grandfather of six. He served as a U.S. Marine

Corps Major and was a Purple Heart recipient (Vietnam). He enjoyed traveling all over the world, following the New York Yankees, visiting Maine, cheering on his grandchildren at their games and meticulously maintaining his backyard adorned Italian-style with the requisite café lights and fig trees.



Bento, Richard G., 86, Plymouth, MA, 1/19/25

leaves behind cherished memories. He worked in NB1. In the vast expanse of eternity, Richard shall find rest, cradled in the arms of everlasting peace. He was a member of the PRA.



Bierlich, Paul G., 85, Braintree, MA, 1/20/25 was the husband of Janet, father of Paula and Scott and grandfather of three. He served in the U.S. Army

(South Korea). He worked in the Machine Shop. Paul grew every type of vegetable and beautiful flowers in his garden, enjoyed traveling, camping, fishing, cooking and trying new recipes.



Bochicchio, Michael "Mickey", 77, Boston, MA, 2/15/25 was the father of Andréa and the late Andrew and grandfather of Nicolas. Michael found immense joy

in cooking, traveling, and watching movies. His passion for music, especially The Beatles and The Rolling Stones, was a constant in his life.



Brownell, Peter G., 74, Marlborough, MA, 12/30/24 was the husband of the late Carolyn, sister of Wendy, David and James and uncle of many. Peter had a

lifelong passion for reading, a keen interest in politics and history and was a dedicated fan of local sports teams.



Cahill, Gerald F. "Jerry", 91, Acton, MA, 1/8/25 was the husband of the late Elizabeth, father of Michael, Anne, James, John, Kevin, Joan and Stephen and

grandfather of seventeen. He served in the U.S. Navy as a Naval Officer. Jerry had a Master of Arts Degree in Chemistry where he helped develop the technology of the Instant Film of the One Step camera. He was a Eucharistic Minister, a Lector and a Pre-Cana Counselor.



Cashman, William P. "Billy", 69, Whitman, MA, 1/8/25 was the husband of Ann, father of Kerri and Kathleen, stepfather of Kristin, grandfather of two

and great-grandfather of two. He was a Security Officer. Bill was a loving, kind and gentle soul, whose presence was as comforting as the television shows he so enjoyed. He cherished his family vacations at New Found Lake in NH, and many cruises, and he had a passion for music and affection for dogs.



Chalmers, Donald R. "Don", 87, Methuen, MA, 2/12/25 was the husband of Eleanor, father of Russell, Peter, Billy, Jeff and Rob, grandfather of nine and

great-grandfather of two. He was an Engineer. Don played a role in the development of the "Polapulse" battery used in the folding SX-70 Instant Camera. Don was a Radio Operator in the U.S. Navy. He found joy in the outdoors, fishing, golfing, skiing and taking rides out on his boat. Don had a love of playing tennis and hockey and for his beloved New England Patriots.



Clarke, Victor A., 88, Middleborough, MA, 2/5/24 was the husband of Elizabeth, father of John, Sharon and the late Susan,

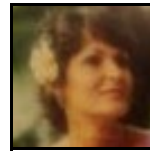
grandfather of seven and great-grandfather of two. He was a Mechanical Engineer

(Cambridge). Victor loved the outdoors and camping at the Blueberry Hill Campground in Plymouth. He enjoyed whittling, square dancing, playing the guitar, singing and woodworking. Victor was very skillful, making furniture, doll houses, dollhouse furniture and birdhouses, and he was a dedicated fan of the New England Patriots.



Cody, James F. Jr., 86, North Attleboro, MA, 2/7/25 was the husband of the late Joyce, devoted father of Heather, Erin and Mathew and grandfather of four. He

was a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Jim worked in the Film Division. He loved golf and his passion for travel took him across Europe, through the Grand Canyon on a rafting adventure, and to nearly every state in the U.S., all the Canadian provinces and countless National Parks, Monument and Civil War battle sites.



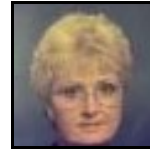
Dakers, Marjorie A., 79, Middleboro, MA, 1/23/25 was the wife of Alan, mother of Kara and Lynn and grandmother of four. She was a Patent Researcher and

Model. Marjorie loved nature and all animals, was an exceptional rider who, as a youth, participated in and won many horse shows and was a member of the Olympic Trials team.



Daniels, Jimmie J., 78, Stoughton, MA, 1/7/25 was the husband of Jacqueline, father of Danielle and Janeen and grandfather of three. He was a Chemical

Engineer. Jimmie enjoyed travelling and R&B and Rap genres. He was a man of diverse passions.



Davis, Patricia, 88, Fairburn, GA, 1/12/25 was the wife of Eugene, mother of Michael, Todd and Greg, grandmother of eight, and great-grandmother of 10.

She was an Executive Assistant. She enjoyed her time working at Collector's Corner and had a deep love for walking outdoors finding joy in the beauty of nature.



Dennis, David E., 83, New Bedford, MA, 1/10/25 was the husband of Nancy and the late Diane, father of

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David, Kevin, Brian and Allan and grandfather of seven. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard (Vietnam War). He designed the pneumatic robotics automation at the film manufacturing facility eventually moving into a management role (New Bedford/Waltham). David enjoyed being outdoors and one of his favorite activities was auto racing, especially hill climbing, autocross and track day time trials.



Eden, Michael P., 86, Concord, MA, 2/9/25 was the husband of Jane, father of Jeffrey, Gregory and Katherine and grandfather of eight. He played a role in several of Polaroid's major product innovations including the launch of the SX-70 Instant Camera and many of the models that followed. He was an avid gardener, hiker, golfer, tennis player, sailor, and skier and was comfortable at the grill.



Eno, Sandra A., 69, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 12/26/24 was the wife of the late Michael and fiancé of the late David, sister of the late Eddie and the granddaughter of the late Albert and Margaret. She was a Chemist. Sandra enjoyed watching the home shopping channel, talking on the phone, going to dinner, sharing laughs with her friends and taking water taxis to enjoy the Florida sun.



Farlinger, Philip W., "Phil", 86, Kingston, MA, 2/19/25 was the husband of Janet, father of Susan, Elaine and Karen, grandfather of six and great-grandfather of two. He served in the Armed Forces. One of Phil's favorite spots was Prince Edward Island, Canada. He was also an avid sports fan, loved anything food-related, and his music tastes ranged from Celine Dion and Abba to PEI's traditional fiddle music.



Fernandes, George, 88, New Bedford, MA, 2/6/25 was the husband of Katherine, father of Karen and grandfather of Katherine. George's greatest joy was the time spent with his daughter and could often be found cheering for Katherine and her team at sporting events.



Gardner, Nancy L., 76, Cambridge, MA, 2/23/25 was the sister of Richard, Stephen, Jack, the late Richard and the late Susan, aunt and great aunt to many and lifelong childhood friend to Barbara. Nancy was a Facilities Coordinator. She had a great flair for arts and crafts and treasured her many trips, especially to Alaska.



Hamilton, George H. III, "Tapa", 80, Wayland, MA, 12/23/24 was the husband of Ann, father of Heather, George IV, Katherine and Bruce and grandfather of eight. He was a Vice President. Tapa's favorite things included big cats, sharks, sunbathing in warm weather, Tahiti, researching the family's genealogy, baseball (first the Brooklyn Dodgers, then the Boston Red Sox), Ann's homemade blueberry cake, duct tape, the give-and-take at the dump and an old motorboat that he was too superstitious to ever name.



Harrington, Ruth F., 85, New Bedford, MA, 1/28/25 was the mother of Michele, Robert and the late Ruth, grandmother of 6 and great-grandmother of six. She was an Inspector. Ruth enjoyed going to the beach and sitting in the sun, reading and cooking family meals.



Hunter, David M., 80, Boxford, MA, 12/12/24 was the husband of the late Terese "Terri", father of Elizabeth, David and Meaghan and grandfather of six. He served in the U.S. Army. He worked in Finance. Those who knew David best not only experienced his intelligence, trustworthiness, and humility, but also his goofy sense of humor and willingness to try new things.

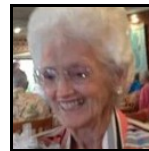
Johnson, Charles S. (Charly), 93, Houston, TX, 1/25/25 was the husband of Jill and father of Charlotte. He served in the U.S. Army in Alaska. Charly worked in Human Resources management. He was a lover of Jazz, a voracious reader of history, economics, politics and mystery novels. Charly traveled to Europe, China, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, and he ran 25 marathons in New York City and Boston.



Lawler, Thomas W., 85, Norwood, MA, 8/28/21 was the father of Thomas, Colleen and Karen and grandfather of six. He leaves his long-term girlfriend Ginny, mother of two. He served in the U.S. Air Force (Korean War). He was always the life of the party and generous to everyone. He was a member of the PRA.



Lopes, Joseph, Jr., 90, Freetown, MA, 2/22/25 was the husband of the late Jane, uncle of Alda, brother of Mary and uncle of many. He served in the U.S. Air Force. He enjoyed playing golf, loved music and traveling with his wife Jane. He was a member of the Del-Vikings, performing the Jitterbug on the Ed Sullivan Television show in the 1960s.



Machen, Bettye Sue, 98, Virginia Beach, VA, 2/1/25 was the husband of the late Philip, mother of Susan, Philip and Elizabeth, grandmother of four, great-grandmother of five and stepmother of two. She arranged Special Promotions and Sales events.



Mailloux, Dennis R., 72, Tewksbury, MA, 1/19/25 was the husband of Jane, brother of Paul, father of Brian and Jennifer, stepfather of Caroline and George and grandfather of six. He was a Mechanical Engineer. His passions were golfing, boating (including building his own boat), travelling, gardening, and trips to Ogunquit, Maine.

Mann, Winifred C., 96, Pepperell, MA, 2/12/25 was the wife of late Harold, mother of Harold, Patricia, Susan and Mary, grandmother of eleven and great-grandmother of twenty-two. She worked in Cambridge and on occasion worked with Dr. Land and Ansel Adams with pictures and slides.



Maslin, Gerald D. (Jerry), 73, Richmond Hill, GA, 2/7/25 was the son of Dolores, brother of Denise and Linda, father of Ian, Greg and Alyssa, grandfather of three and former husband of Anne. Jerry was an Engineer. He enjoyed watching football, playing golf and fishing.

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He was both a gifted musician and talented chess player.



McCune, Robert F., "Bob", 85, Newburyport, MA, 2/27/25 was the father of Joy, Jill and Robert, stepfather of Nicole, grandfather of seven and former husband and lifelong friend of Norma. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Macon. Bob was a lifelong Boston sports fan. The Patriots were his favorite and he never missed a game. Bob had a distinguished career at Polaroid Corporation.



McMullen, John H., Jr., 80, Brockton, MA, 1/15/25 was the husband of Evelyn, father of Yolanda, John, Yvette, Yvonne and the late Sheryl and grandfather of eight. He served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps. John was a Supervisor in Film Processing. John mastered bowling, enjoyed traveling and taking cruises around the world, and John had a passion for photography and taking walks.



Merullo, Henry J. "Joe", 87, Rockland, MA, 1/15/25 was the husband of the late MaryAnne and Ellen, father of John, Joseph and Jim, grandfather of three and stepfather of Michael and Stephen. Joe was a Machinist and a Draftsman/Engineering Aide. He was known for his sense of humor, love of cars, passion for Italian food, dancing, playing golf and watching old movies.



Milton, Roy, 82, Marlborough, MA, 12/21/24 was the husband of Charlene, father of Janice, Donna and Julie, grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of one. He was a Chemical Engineer. He enjoyed many trips to Newport, Cape Cod and Florida, mystery rides around New England, walking his golden retrievers, gardening and attending all his grandchildren's sporting and dance events.



O'Brien, Thomas A. "Tom", Bend, OR, 11/10/24 was the husband of Leslie, father of Christine, Jason, John and Jim, grandfather of three and great-grandfather

of one. He was an Executive in Product Planning and Management and World-Wide Manufacturing. (Cambridge). Tom's professional accomplishments were always secondary to a life purpose of making a difference.

Olsen, Joseph C., 84, Dunnellon, FL, 1/1/25 was the husband of Ruth, father of Rev. Dr. James and Sandra, grandfather of three and great-grandfather of one. He was a Tool & Die Maker and a Model Maker. In 2002 his carving of a Piping Plover adorned the Christmas Tree in the Blue Room of the White House. Joseph flew (and sometimes crashed) beautiful model planes he built.



Olsen, Susan A., 76, Brookline, NH, 1/4/25 was the wife of Ronald, mother of Scott, Stacie and Kari and grandmother of nine. She worked in Sales. Susan

loved being around people and enjoyed planning and hosting gatherings, traveling and trying new restaurants. She was a member of the PRA.



O'Sullivan, John T., 78, Duxbury, MA, 1/2/25 was the husband of the late Rita, father of Katherine and Kevin and grandfather of three. He was a Technical

Supervisor. John will be remembered for his kindness, generosity, sense of humor and his gift of the gab with anyone and everyone.



Rivais, Robert R., 89, Arlington, MA, 1/1/25 was the husband of Ann and companion of Audrey, father of Michele, Stephen and Jeannine, grandfather of five and great-grandfather of six. He was Class President and graduate of Arlington High School. Robert was the Manager of the Machine Shop (2 Osborne Street, Cambridge). He was a Lifetime member of the PRA.

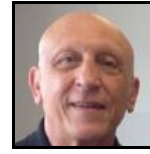
Sands, Rita E., St. Patrick's Manor, Framingham, MA, 1/23/25 was the wife of the late Robert, sister of Esther, Richard and the late Edward and the aunt of Phil. She was an Executive Secretary.



Sturgis, Paula T., 83, Tolland, CT, 2/16/25 was the wife of John, mother of Scott and Jeff, grandmother of four and great-grandmother of one. She enjoyed

wonderful times in their Maine dream home including lobster feasts, boating and lake activities.

Thibault, Maurice A., 81, Westport, MA, 1/12/25 was the husband of Jennine, father of Maurice Jr., Joseph and Valerie, grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of three. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany (Vietnam War). Maurice was a passionate boater and an avid fisherman, a Nascar fan, loved listening to music and found pleasure in sharing a meal of fresh seafood with his family.



Vasta, Joseph J., 79, Dartmouth, MA, 12/30/24 was the husband of the late Eleanor and ex-husband of Rita, father of Jennifer and Joseph and grandfather of

three. Joseph worked in New Bedford, NB1. He loved the outdoors and built a vacation home in the White Mountains in North Conway, NH.



Westgate, Brian D., 79, East Freetown, MA, 2/22/25 was the husband of Nancy, father of Brad, and grandfather of two. He was a Warehouse Technician.

Brian enjoyed family vacations, fishing, motorcycle riding, snowmobiling, four wheeling, hunting (more like a walk in the woods, never shot anything) and rides for ice cream.



Wolfe, Dennis S., 78, Weymouth, MA, 1/6/25 was the husband of Meredith, father of Meredith, Adam, Eric, Jeffrey and the late Nicholas, grandfather of ten

and great-grandfather of one. He served in the U.S. Navy. Dennis was an Accountant. He was a passionate golfer and lover of music, often dancing or singing along to his favorite tunes. Dennis had a deep connection with the sea.

Remembrances of Photographic Collaborations

By Mary & John McCann

On December 30, 2024, Kim Sajet, Director of the Smithsonian’s National Portrait Gallery wrote an Opinion article for the *Washington Post* in remembrance of Jimmy Carter. The article describes three photographs made by Ansel Adams in November 1989. Joan Mondale arranged the invitation to Ansel to make official portraits of President Carter and Vice President Mondale. In addition, Carter asked Ansel to make a joint portrait of President Jimmy and First Lady Rosalynn Carter in the White House. Ansel selected the entrance to the East Room with Gilbert Stuart’s 1796 portrait of George Washington behind them. Ansel’s portrait captured the warmth and patriotism of the Carters. The *Post’s* article features this joint portrait.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2024/12/30/ansel-adams-carters-portrait>

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President Jimmy Carter and
First Lady Rosalynn Carter
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Ansel’s first official portrait for the National Portrait Gallery of Vice President Walter Mondale was made in the entrance of his residence using the Polaroid 20x24 camera. Ansel and John Sexton met **Peter Bass** and **Alan McLean** from **Tom McCole’s** group for a full day of setting up the camera and lighting. At that time John was just beginning his long career as Ansel’s protege and colleague. John is a leading photographer, and teacher. John and Anne Larsen are partners in marriage and in photography. They have an upcoming joint exhibition “Embracing Light” at the Center for Photographic Art, Carmel-By-The-Sea, CA (June 7 - August 3, 2025). Over the years their Photographic Workshops have taught and inspired more than a 1,000 experienced photographers in the field and in the darkroom. They continue to collaborate on projects with the Ansel Adams family.

In 2019, on the 40th anniversary of Ansel’s Washington trip, John published the story of the three Carters-Mondale portraits in his *Photographic Newsletter*. It provides the detailed story of this historic photographic collaboration. <https://www.johnsexton.com/newsletter11-2019.html#anchor05>.

John’s *Newsletter* article tells of the conversations between Mondale and Ansel. On entering the room Mondale said, “Well, I guess this is a big enough camera to capture the egos in this town.”

While framing the image. Adams said to Mondale, “I want you to move just a little bit this way.” Mondale to Adams: “I hate to move to the right.”

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Ansel's Polaroid 20x24 portrait of President Carter was made in the private dining room in the President's Residence, in front of a fireplace. President Carter welcomed Ansel with a warm greeting, "Call me Jimmy." Carter and Adams shared the same passion for Natural Preservation. During their visit Ansel presented the President with his photograph of "Mount McKinley and Wonder Lake, Denali National Park, Alaska, 1947".

In 1990 President Carter signed the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. The following June President Carter presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Ansel. President L. Johnson presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Dr. Land in 1963.

The first Polaroid 20x24 camera, and its larger Museum Camera were made in 6 weeks for the 1977 Shareholders meeting by **Vaito Eloranta's** Research shop, **Walter Dettlaff's** Carpenter Shop and the Machine Shop at 640 Memorial Drive. Peter Bass and Alan McLean made the film and **Jay Scarpetti** operated the 20x24 camera. Yousuf Karsh made a portrait of Ansel Adams at the Shareholder's meeting.

"Blast From The Past"

Last November John Sexton published another collaboration story in his Photographic Newsletter, called "*The first 20x24 POLAROID B+W photographs –BLAST FROM THE PAST.*" In it John describes other collaborations with Peter Bass and the 20x24 camera. This time John used **John Branca's** (B&W Research, Osborn St) new film. John's first expedition was to the Kennedy Presidential Library where he photographed the ocean view from I. M. Pei's wall of glass.

<http://johnsexton.com/newsletter11-2024.html#anchor04>

The following day John made photographs in Memorial Church in Harvard Yard. He recalled: "*The long focal length of the lenses for this format camera meant that very small apertures were often necessary for adequate depth of field. After compensating for reciprocity departure, I ended up with an exposure of sixteen minutes. Pipe Organ is one of his favorite photographs. A 20x24 print of the pipe organ hangs in Anne's office, still in perfect condition after 43 years. It is a unique, one of a kind print.*"

In 1983 John experimented with **John Branca's** Black and White film in California at Pfeiffer Beach in Big Sur, Death Valley, and the near-ghost town of Darwin in the Eastern Sierra. John wrote: "*One of the unexpected challenges of using the massive Polaroid camera was how quickly it drew a crowd. At one roadside viewpoint in Death Valley, we inadvertently caused a traffic jam. ... People were fascinated by the camera, and on several occasions, they applauded as we pulled the negative and revealed the print. ... It was an exciting, and unique, experience I will never forget.*"

(John Sexton invites PRA Members to subscribe to his Photographic Newsletter using this email link.

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Pipe Organ, Memorial Church, Harvard Yard
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It was Peter Bass's energy that kept the collaboration of artists and Polaroid's 20x24 camera going. Kathy Halbreich worked with Peter on an MIT Gallery Project. Kathy's Gallery exhibit was Peter assisting famous print artists (Chuck Close, and Jim Dine) in their exploration of making prints using the Shareholder's 20x24 camera. Decades later, Kathy became the Director of MOMA in New York City.

More than a year later **Vaito Eloranta, Charlie MacDonald, and John Ford**, (Research Machine Shop) completed the 2nd generation 20x24 with titanium processing rolls, and carbon filament swings and tilt adjustments for the lens. **JoAnn Verburg** and Peter worked with dozens of photographers in a Tech Sq. Studio in the 1980s. **Eelco Wolf, Manfred Heiting, John Reuter, and Barbara Hitchcock** initiated decades of international collaborations. They significantly enlarged the Polaroid Collection of Photography.

Jay Scarpetti, **Victoria Lyons, Denise Dunn Ryan, and Alan McLean, Adam Adomkaitis** made 20x24 and Museum camera photographs for major exhibits at the MFA, Boston, Vatican and Prado Museums.

Peter Bass retired and soon joined the PRA. He served as President in 2003 and 2004. **John Reuter, Ted McClelland, Rob Young and Gerry Gomes** have maintained the 20x24 film stream. Remarkably, original Polaroid film is still available for the 20x24 camera. As well, John Reuter works with the new Polaroid using their *new Polaroid* film.

The Polaroid 20x24 camera and films have had a remarkable journey collaborating with artists making unique prints, in the tradition of Meroë Morse, Ansel Adams, and Edwin Land. Meroë's exhibit continues at the Baker Library, Harvard Business School.

