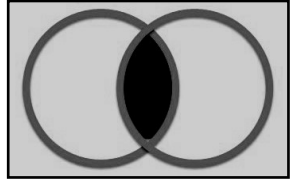


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Letter from the President

Dear PRA Members,

Doug Mitchell died on July 31, 2018. He was a long-time member of the Polaroid Retirees Association, a member of the Board of Directors, and at the time of his death was serving as the Treasurer of the PRA. Before his retirement from Polaroid, he worked in a number of different roles within the Finance Division.

We'll miss Doug's contributions to the PRA, his good humor and his friendship. The sadness that we feel at Doug's loss can only be a fraction of the grief and loss felt by Doug's wife Pamela and their children. I hope that their happy memories of Doug sustain them during this sad time and provide comfort going forward.

When I was a very little boy, my Uncle Francis, 19, and my father's only sibling, went missing in action in Germany a week before VE Day. As I grew up, there was a photograph of a handsome soldier on the wall, but we were never allowed to ask about him because "it would make Grandma and Daddy sad."

As I grew to adulthood, I resolved that the people around me who "passed on" would not be unknown and forgotten. Instead, I would celebrate them, laugh at things they did and cherish the memories they gave me.

That's what I wish for Doug Mitchell and all the other friends, family and Polaroid co-workers we've lost over the years. Remember them, tell stories about them and treasure those who are still with us.

As provided by the PRA By-Laws, I have asked Nino DiIanni to accept my appointment as Doug's replacement as treasurer. He has graciously agreed, and will serve until the election of officers at the May 2019 business meeting at which point he will be eligible for election to a three-year term.

Please give some thought to whether this would be a good time to step forward and volunteer to serve on the PRA Board of Directors. We need new members with a range of skills and interests to keep the Polaroid Retirees Association thriving.

George Murray, President

A memorial service for Doug Mitchell will be held on Saturday, October 20, from 1 to 3pm at the West Parish Church Hall, 129 Reservation Rd, Andover, MA.

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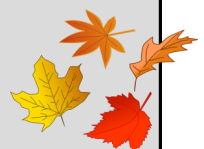
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Hope to see you at the Fall Luncheon: Wednesday, October 17, 2018



Memories of the Early Days at Polaroid by Ed Byrnes

The word "trptych" connotes anything with three parts, particularly if integrated into a single unit. If we consider Polaroid's life of some 73 years of existence to be a triptych, we can divide its history into three phases: Beginning, Middle, End or if you were of Roman lineage...Birth, Republic, Empire would be more appropriate.

Personally, I much prefer the medieval religious triptych terms of The Annunciation, The Glory, The Agony.

The Annunciation

Of the 49 years (39 years as employee #666 and 10 years as an independent agent) of my association with Polaroid, it was my early freshman years of the '50-'60s that I found to be the most interesting. Why? you might ask, and the simple answer is, "It was my favorite flavor." Think about it: Polaroid was in the process of establishing its bona fides as a significant upcoming member of the scientific community while also levitating its position within the business world as a hot, new-age growth stock company that should be in everyone's portfolio. It was a dynamic time both in product development and expanding business opportunities. The Land camera quickly became a "pop icon" with both the public and the scientific/industrial communities. All wanted instant data or the experience of seeing themselves magically arise from swirling chemicals.

At its primeval beginning, Polaroid was cocooned within 3 main Cambridge buildings: 750 Main, Kaplan (Osborn Street) and 12 Ames plus a small satellite legal office in Kendall Square, all making for an easy campus to navigate. Senior management was located on the first floor of 750. Land held forth in two offices, one at 750 Main, guarded by his formidable secretary Lettie Billings, for official business and the other office-cum-lab facilities within Kaplan's warren where Muses and Maidens played their lyres in homage to Thucydides, Father of Scientific History.

Many retirees have no knowledge of the people who played a significant part in the original success of the company so let's illuminate a few of the more interesting, colorful and yes, eccentric personalities that roamed the campus.

First profile goes to **Land**. Most know or are aware of his prolific scientific accomplishments, at the time of his death third only to Thomas Edison and one of Edison's associates in the number of patents in his name (thanks, Ron Fierstein), but few, I expect, know of his statesmanship and humanitarianism. He created, in my opinion, a unique company philosophy that expressed and encouraged responsibility for each other and the corporate family as a whole. He further believed that people of passion (meaning we employees) could with the proper tools, change the world for the better.

Did we accomplish those goals? In looking back those many years, I would give it a qualified yes. In the early years the corporate family was indeed a family; we celebrated holidays together, were given turkeys for Thanksgiving and small Christmas bonuses more than adequate to purchase a meaningful gift for wife, husband or mother. Employees were encouraged to seek and reach fulfillment of their dreams/ambitions via free apprentice training or college tuition programs.

As for the world being a better place, well, let's say our unique corporate culture became a standard to replicate. Our novel products offered both enjoyment and substantial business opportunities to the citizens of the world.

One of the original cast members of Land-Wheelwright was **Dr. West**, a brilliant scientist whose guidance and knowledge of crystallography pioneered the technology of making large polymer sheets of polarizers. A new optic-technology was birthed which laid the financial foundation for the future Polaroid Corporation.

Like many scientists, Dr. West tended to jibe to the eccentric side of life but so did Sir Isaac Newton who seemly was possessed by falling apples. Although somewhat uncomfortable in social scenes, Doc was a terror on the streets of Cambridge. His erratic bike-riding to and from work brought him Kamikaze fame for the number of fender benders he caused. If he had kept count, his bike would be festooned with fender kills.

Carl Fuller, a tall Brahmin type was VP of Finance. He came with the Rockefeller investment with the clear understanding to both protect and make it

grow exponentially. To that point he and **Dick Kreibel**, Corporate Secretary, handled all the communications with investors, analysts, annual report designers and so forth.

Carl seemingly was an acolyte of the Euclidian postulate that a mind unencumbered of the daily detritus of work was the path to achievement. As you might correctly assume, his office and desk were totally free of clutter; even dust motes thought better to land upon his desk. Because his financial activities left substantial free time, Carl liked to spend it wandering about the company popping into offices checking the pulse of employees (checking for clutter?) and sharing the "street" news/opinions on Polaroid. To the latter point I once asked him, "Carl, I am young, single and employed. Should I invest in Polaroid stock?" His reply surprised me. He said, "In all seriousness, Polaroid is a volatile, high risk investment and in good conscience I can't recommend it." So, I naïvely accepted his advice (big mistake) and spent my free cash on fun things. It was but a few years into the future that I regretted my naivety in taking old Carl's advice. I often wonder if on that day of our conversation he was reminded to purchase more shares for his personal account...?

Harold Booth, VP Sales/Marketing, was commonly known (with a tad of fear) to the employees as the Green B for he signed all internal documents 'HB' in green ink. I had to wonder if he somehow associated himself with the Green Hornet of radio fame. "Kato, get the boat ready!" (He had a yacht) "We have tasks to accomplish!" As an interesting aside, our wonderful telephone switchboard operators, **Anne** and **Lillian**, called him "hot breath" for reasons I never asked but suspected a tad of eavesdropping played a part.

Hal hailed from Bell & Howell and was responsible for launching the new model #90 instant film camera system to the world...well, Jordan Marsh in Boston was somewhat worldly. I am told that Hal hired a number of nubile models (female of course) to demonstrate the wonders of instant photo gratification. As we all know, a new technology was born that day and in the years to come would spread to the 7 continents...can you name them? For reasons unknown to me, Hal departed (sailed forth to new Green Hornet adventures??) Polaroid in the late '50s and was succeeded by **Bob Casselman**.

David Skinner, VP of Manufacturing, was definitely a bonhomme type of guy, readily available and easily liked. Regardless of manufacturing issues (there were

many) he always carried a smile. As Polaroid expanded exponentially, so did Dave's responsibilities which he handled efficiently and professionally.

Bill McCune, VP of Engineering, typified the adage, "He had it all." Intelligent, debonair, handsome and a lover of fast cars (think Porsche) and skiing in Switzerland. Bill contributed greatly to Polaroid's success and in time became its CEO.

Polaroid's small second floor canteen at 750 was the place to meet fellow employees and **Otto Wolf** happened to be one that I shared many lunches with. I knew he was in engineering management, but he never talked about his corporate status. This much I did know, Land depended upon and valued Otto's engineering skills. Thus, I am guessing he designed most if not all the unique film and accessory machinery.

Howie Rogers was one of the original Land-Wheelwright employees. A soft spoken, attractive scientist who would definitely meet the requirements set by every mother for her daughter's spouse. Howie was given the responsibility for developing and bringing on line COLOR instant film. After many years of frustrating trials, Howie and his team of merry workers introduced "Polacolor" to the world.

Lastly, **Max Parrish Jr.**, who was among many things a master model maker, could transform Land's thoughts and ideas into physical reality. Like many accomplished people, Max had a tendency to sail the leeward side of life where eccentrics abounded. Each night at the closing bell of the model shop Max would break out his French Horn and play to the evening spirits.

A social tidbit. Max was the son of Max Parish Senior, a world-renowned Illustrator known for his blue colors and classical seminude scenes.

Hopefully you found this brief overview of the above early personalities involved in Polaroid's ascension to future greatness of some merit, and perhaps it filled in a few blank spaces of its past history.

The Glory, Chapter 2 of *Memories*, assuming I live long enough, will take a more sensational approach to the lives and loves of Polaroid. Stay tuned!

Ed, thank you once again; we are so lucky to have you share your stories. We look forward to the next chapter.

In Memoriam

Find more complete obituaries at www.polaroidretirees.org

Bakalaras, Ruth M., 83, Franklin, 8/29/18 was the wife of the late Robert, mother of Yvonne, Cindy, Jay, and Brian, grandmother of 12, and great-grandmother of 5. She was a Quality Control Inspector. She loved the New England Patriots, Maine and sunsets over the Cape Cod Canal.



Ball, George E., 87, Naples, FL, 8/21/18 was the husband of the late Barbara, father of Gregory and Michael, and grandfather of two. He worked in Accounting. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict and was a member of the American Legion.

Bartolucci, Leo A., 92, North Eastham, 8/13/18 was the husband to Lillian, father of Jean, Robert, Edward, & Janet, grandfather of five, and great-grandfather of four. He was a Design Engineer. Leo was a man of many hobbies and talents which he kindly and generously shared with many people whose lives were enriched for having known him.



Brown, Steve A., 88, Hernando, FL, 8/17/2018 was the husband of the late Janet, and Linda, father of Jeffrey, Stephen, Sandra and Susan, and grandfather of seven. He was a Technical Support Manager in Norwood, Camera Division. He was Treasurer of Maynard Country Club in 1982 prior to moving to Florida.



Browne, Gerald F., Marlborough, 7/16/18 was the husband of Barbara, father of Christopher, Michael, Gerald, Thomas and Patrick, and grandfather of 7. He was a Senior Financial Manager. Gerald was a Captain in the U.S. Navy, serving in both active duty and the Reserves. He was a member of the PRA.



Cameron, Jane Mary, 82, St. Helena, Beaufort, Spring Island, 1/29/18



was the sister of Thomas. Jane moved to South Carolina in 2006 as Chief Compliance Officer for Dividend Assets Capital, LLC where she retired in 2016.

Collymore, Wendell R., Framingham, formerly of Cambridge and Medford, was the father of Gary and Janine, grandfather of two, and brother of Edith, the late Percival, Kenneth, Hazel, Winifred, Mabel and Wilfred. He served in the U.S. Air Force.



Conley, Edward G., Somerville, 8/9/18 was the husband of the late Arlene, father of Kevin, Daniel, Tricia, Kathleen, and Eddie, and companion of Fran, grandfather of 15 and great-grandfather of 3. He served in the U.S. Navy (Korean War) and worked in Cambridge. He was a member of the PRA.



Cunningham, Absalom M. (Barney) Quincy, 7/17/18 was the husband of the late Mildred, father of Kenneth, William, Nancy, Michael, and Stephen, grandfather of 12, great-grandfather of 23, and great-great-grandfather of one. He served in the Army Air Corps (World War II). He had a wonderful sense of humor and all enjoyed his antics.



Delahunt, Robert M. (Bob), 83, Pocasset, MA, 8/3/18 was the husband of Jean, father of Caren, Robert and Lesley, and grandfather of two. He was a member of the ROTC, and a Captain in the Army. Bob worked in the lab with Dr. Edwin Land, developing many Polaroid products including the SX-70 Instant Camera Film. He was a Sr. Vice President. His dry sense of humor, toughness and high expectations never eclipsed the depth of his kindness, which touched many. He was a member of the PRA.

Delano, David M., 61, Randolph, 6/23/18 was the loving partner of Jason, former husband of Donna, father of Jennifer. He was an avid collector of model trains and buses. He was a Manager.

Foster, Suzanne, (Suzy) 78, Mequon, 8/17/18 was the wife of Byron, mother of Laurel and Elizabeth, and grandmother of two. Her professional career included research in Boston. To the end, she was also keenly interested in family, friends, theater, art, music, singing, bird-watching, swimming, snorkeling, saving the environment, gardening, horticulture, and reading.



Garvey, Kathleen C., 7/25/18 was the wife of William. She earned a one year fellowship as a Financial Analyst. She was a member of the Boston Skating Club. She was an avid reader and loved spending time at her summer home in York Beach, Maine.

Gilfoy, John F., "Sonny", 79, Falmouth, 5/27/18 was the father of John, Joseph, Russell, Vincent and Rachel, grandfather of six. Sonny was a Machinist in Waltham.

Giovanangelo, Frank G., 84, 4/28/18 was the husband of Joyce and the late Jeanette, father of Gerald, stepfather of Mark, and grandfather of 4. He worked in the Film Division, Facilities, R2. Frank, served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He loved to travel, and some of his favorite places were Yellowstone, Rome and Florence, Italy, and Disney. He was a member of the PRA.



Herbert, Dorothy, 82, East Falmouth, 7/24/18 was the wife of Peter, mother of Jerry, Deborah, and David, grandmother of five, and great-grandmother of four 4. Her hobbies included quilting, sewing, crocheting, playing poker and gardening.



Lee, Robert J., 83, Sharon, 8/12/18 was the husband of Lorraine, father of Elizabeth and Laura, and grandfather of two. He was a U.S. Veteran. Trips to the casino or walks around his native Castle Island in Southie and time



In Memoriam

with his two grandchildren were things that brought him happiness. Bob worked in various locations and positions and ended his career in Inventory Control. He was a member of the PRA.

Marrow, Harold C. (Bo), 79, Brockton, 8/22/18 was the husband of Sydné, father of Craig and Marcella, stepfather to Jason and Taylor and grandfather of two. He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran. Bo had a passion for all things Brockton High and was an avid Red Sox, Patriots and Celtics fan.



McCormack, John J. Jr., 78, Lunenburg, 8/30/18 was the husband of Carolyn, father of Donna and John III, and grandfather of six. John served his country in the U.S. Army Paratroopers. He worked as a Chemical Technician.

Melen, Ina S., Newton, 7/15/18 was the wife of Ralph, mother of Debra and Nathan, grandmother of three. She worked in Marketing and after guiding her children through college, Ina joined American Airlines as a flight attendant for 23 years, retiring in 2013.



Miller, Lori Diane Hart, 58, Winchester, 8/14/18 was the daughter of Billie and the late Edward, sister of Tim and aunt of three. She worked in Sales. Lori was a life-long learner and enjoyed taking classes to expand her knowledge and learn new skills. She had countless friends and sorority sisters (Chi Omega) who remained an important part of her life.



Miller, Jeffrey S., 68, Milford, 8/12/18 is survived by his wife Charlene, his children Nick, Richard Laney, Allison, Timothy and Peter, and grandfather of 11. Jeff served as a Marine during the Vietnam war. Music was a huge part of Jeff's life. He traveled everywhere with his guitar and had also learned to play the cello in honor of his mother.

Mitchell, Douglas F., 77, Andover, 7/31/18 was the husband of Pamela, father of Paul and Stephanie. He was a Financial Specialist. Doug was a man of varied and vast interests. He enjoyed studying Andover and American history, time spent outdoors, golfing, scuba diving, sailing, ocean research, hiking and volunteering for conservation purposes. He was a member of the PRA and served on the Board of Directors as Treasurer.



Norton, Elizabeth M. (Betty), 67, East Freetown, 7/30/18 was the wife of Edward, mother of Trevor and Edward, Jr., and grandmother of six. Betty was a Systems Analyst in New Bedford. She was a member of the Ladies Quilting Guild of Freetown. She enjoyed reading, knitting, quilting, golf, and walks on the beach.



Norwood, Donald, A., 87, Danvers, 7/29/18 was the husband of Marilyn, father of Kristin & Erik and grandfather of one. He worked with Dr. Edwin Land on the first Instant Color Film for the SX-70 Polaroid Camera. He was a member of the PRA.



Oldfield, Joseph R., 78, Greenland, NH, 8/30/18 was the husband of Karen, father of Jane, Eric & David and grandfather of 5. He was an Executive Vice President of Photographic Imaging. Joe also built and operated a Polaroid film factory in Kildare. He enjoyed landscaping on his tractor, ferrying people across the bay on his motorboat, and running errands in his golf cart. He was a member of the PRA.



Ouellette, Clement Albert, 75, Framingham, 7/15/18 was the husband of Veronica, father of Steve & Brian and grandfather of two. He worked in Waltham as an Installation and Fabrication Mechanic. Clement served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and in the Cuban Missile Crisis and then continued his service with the Army National Guard. He was a

very passionate fisherman.

Rutkowski, Harriet K. (Jadzia) (Drobinski), 82, Wrentham, 7/28/18 was the wife of the late George, father of Marek, and grandmother of three. She was a Quality Control Technician in Norwood. She loved to cook, shop, travel and go to the casino. She was also very active in the Wrentham Senior Center. She was a PRA member.



Spagnola, Sonia Hobbs, 70, Rochester, 6/18/18 was the wife of Alfred, mother of Thomas & Deborah and grandmother of six. She was an Office Clerk.

Thompson, James W., 72, Fort Myers, FL, 5/27/18, was the husband of Josephine, father of James and Heather, and grandfather of six. He was a diehard sports fanatic, loved listening to his music and had a passion for capturing memories on film. Jim loved traveling, skiing and playing basketball, racquet ball and tennis. He was a member of the PRA.

Tomasello, John, 88, Belmont, 7/3/18 was the husband of late Mary, father of Susan, John, Jr. and Thomas, grandfather of 12, and great-grandfather of 9. John served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a Film Operator in Waltham. His love and passion for horses and racing remained with him all his life and he was able to experience all the premiere events including The Travers Stakes at Saratoga Springs, The Kentucky Derby, The Preakness, The Belmont Stakes and many other races during his lifetime.



Woods, Maureen A. (Moe), 65, Norwood, 7/30/18 was the wife of Joseph, mother of Justine, Heather, Kelly & Joseph and grandmother of six. She worked in Polaroid Norwood and at Roche Brothers grocery store in Westwood.



For Auld Lang Syne

*When the Newsletter mailbox received greetings from **John Sinclair**, we asked if we might share his words with our readers. John responded,*

“I would be honoured if you were to use some of my storyline words in your Q4 Newsletter as Polaroid was the most significant time of my working and family life.”

We hope you enjoy hearing from an old friend from the Vale. And thank you, Sinky, for the memories.

I was a Project/Tooling Engineer at the Vale of Leven Plant for over 15 years (1986-2001), and this period of employment was the most satisfying of my career. I reflect sometimes how wonderful it was within the Polaroid Corporation to evolve a lasting legacy in the form of the Polaroid Retirees Association which seems like a family of former employees. In Scotland we have a smaller group (on Facebook), but I moved to the Vale of Leven area in 1987 and the people I worked alongside still all greet one another fondly as we move around locally. The bond between us is special.

When I started as a Vendor Quality Engineer in August 1986 at the Vale Site, the name John was widely common, so I was re-christened by my nickname to become “Sinky” and the acceptance of this by Global Colleagues helped me prosper as my role developed in the Camera Division.

I worked for **Bob Ruckstuhl** as a Vale of Leven Project Engineer on a 600 Series Camera Restyle and it was a very challenging project, but with Bob leading the joint Norwood/Vale team, I can now look back to see that we delivered the Product on plan. Thanks go to Bob for his management skills which made it a privilege to be part of the successful group.

Every now and again, I log on to the PRA website and have felt a connection when some of my Norwood Colleagues have passed on. I have had a quiet moment’s thought on how I valued the overlap in making my life more interesting and having social times when cross plant activities occurred.

I kept in touch for a few years with **Paul Cunningham**, and, after losing details due to a computer virus, the link dissipated. But I always remember Paul as a true Gentleman.

Arthur T Sullivan and myself formed the Norwood duo of “Sully & Sinky” and he declared us “Tooling

Engineers Extraordinaire.” When he decided to take a retirement package ~1997, it was an emotional parting at Chicago Airport when we carried out our last joint tasks. We kept on touch by letter for a number of years and I think Arthur moved house and the contact diminished until December 2011 when a piece of paper with my address surfaced when Arthur and his wife were moving to a Granny Flat near their family. He was a special person, and I have often wondered if he passed away. Knowing if this is so would allow me to carry out my ritual of raising a glass to departed friends. *(The Newsletter helped us reconnect, but I have gone ahead, and raised a glass anyway to Sully my revived contact!)*

Closing, I finished my working life in 2014 at the ripe old age of 60 after 12 Years as a Secondary School Teacher covering the Technical Subjects (Craft/Design/Graphic Communication), and it was Polaroid UK that gave me the qualifications to graduate as a Teacher. Even after leaving Polaroid I continued to appreciate what had been given to me.

When I moved house to the Vale of Leven area in 1987 with my wife and baby daughter, our son was born soon after in August 1988, and we treasure the good times we had within and after my spell with Polaroid. Loch Lomond is a 10 minute walk from my house and I know those who visited the Vale loved the local scenery.

The photo provided is taken of me at the top of a ridge overlooking the beauty of Loch Lomond in June 2014, my first day after retirement.

Thank You and Kind Regards,
John (Sinky) Sinclair



Hi-Tech in the '60s by Bill Eburn

By the late 1950s, Polaroid's outstanding laboratory research had produced Type 47 instant film with an unbelievable speed of ASA 3000. This allowed picture taking in extremely low light.

Unfortunately, using this film in existing cameras, in normal sunlight, resulted in light leaks which fogged the film. Obviously, an intensive laboratory effort would be required to solve this problem.

Dick Wareham and I were presented with this task which would necessarily require an elaborate testing scheme, with light meters, extensive adjustable light sources and complex metering and recording equipment.

But wait! After much deep thought, we realized that the lab for this testing already existed. It was called "sunlight." So off we went to the roof of Osborn Street and let the cameras lay there for various periods of time. We then developed the film to see the results.

We tried various fixes for the cameras which we believed would reduce the light leaks. Analyzing the results, led us to a rather simple change which could be performed by present users to prevent light seepage into the film.

Ahh! Times were much simpler then....



Chemistry in Action by Erika Kliem

Third in the series, "From the Other Side of the Bunsen Burner"

I never realized that working in a chemical research lab could literally be a blast.

My boss was studying a synthesis plan at his desk and I was working at the hood where toxic compounds were whisked away by the airflow.

Unexpectedly our lab shook from a bad explosion from the neighboring lab. First we were stunned and dumbfounded, and then my boss sprang into action rushing through the rear doorway to the next lab. A hazy chemical laden fog masked the battle zone, lingering after the blast. Before his horrified eyes were broken glass containers of acids, bases, and solvents whose contents were all over the lab benches, walls, and floor. The young chemist was staring through the heavy shields that had protected her, struck dumb by the sudden explosion of a carefully planned experiment. She didn't move.

My boss took action for her reaction and charged through the lab and taking the chemist's arm led her out the front lab door. Well protected by the heavy shield, safety goggles and lab coat, she was fine.

My boss, too, was O.K., unaware of the sticky brown droplets from the fog that had settled on his head.

The lab, however, was unusable for some time.



A Night to Remember by Bill Comfort

One hot July night, they came to break down the walls of the Ames Street building to remove and load the P.A. (Positive Assembly) machines onto a flatbed truck to be delivered to their new home, W2 (Waltham Bldg. 2). The year was 1957 and the entire C-shift watched this historic event.

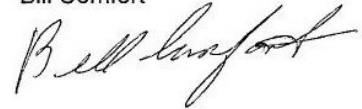
Once all the machines were removed, Tony Ricciardi, our Shift Supervisor, had his hands full trying to keep us busy until the shift ended. We finished our shift that night in Cambridge and when we returned to work after our 2-week vacation, we all showed up in Waltham.

I still think about the night of the move. It was quite a night,

a night to remember

and I was there.

Bill Comfort



1265 Project Needs Your Help

The Q3 *Newsletter* introduced Kathy McMenimen, a Waltham Councilor-at-Large and serving on its Committee for Economic & Community Development, who is working on a new city plan to recognize Polaroid's history and contributions to Waltham. George Murray and Eric Thorgerson asked for your help in developing content for plaques, kiosks and other creative displays to be placed on the 1265 property.

George and Eric asked you to answer the questions, "What do you want your grandchildren and other future generations to know about Polaroid? What do you think Polaroid has contributed to the city of Waltham? What are some outstanding events you feel are worth noting?" They asked you to focus on the people, the accomplishments, the things you are most proud of and feel need preserving.

They heard from a few of you who offered thoughts about the large quantities of film produced on the site, the innovative Employees Committee, Dr. Land and all the employees who made the products Polaroid's success.

Tom Crittenden, an employee from 1973 to 2008, stressed the need for all sites to be noted because "If not for the contributions from all, any one product would not have been able to stand alone. This idea should incorporate the entirety and complexity of the company's interwoven workforces that moved among all sites." Tom would like to see open and shaded green areas with ways "to honor every employee and every job."

What thoughts do you have? Send your ideas to NewsletterPRA@gmail.com or Eric Thorgerson, 29 Surrey St, Cambridge, MA 02138. You can reach Eric at 617-354-5237 as well.

Register Today: Fall Luncheon on October 17, 2018

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Breath of Fresh Air by Elizabeth Foote

Following a hot, humid, miserable morning filled with always more frightening stories of our world's seemingly hopeless destiny, I stepped into the air-conditioned Cambridge Public Library to find the future clearing. There sat 15 Cambridge teens ready to tell their families and invited guests about their summer project.

Working with sponsors such as MIT and the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority and in-kind supporters such as the Public Library and the Cambridge Community Foundation, the non-profit Innovators *for* Purpose (iFp), professional designers and instructors offered science & math classes along with problem-solving, communication & creative design skills over a 5-week intensive summer program.

After morning classes, the students took on the project of designing an installation to recognize the "Genius" history of Kendall Square and the neighboring Port community in what iFp labels a Discovery Walk near 700 Main Street. They interviewed local residents to collect ideas about what would make the space welcoming while reflecting the area's innovation culture and history.

Innovators for Purpose framed the program with a clear purpose: "MADE IN Cambridge: Discovery Walk. Celebrating the Power of Design, Science, Technology & Entrepreneurship to Transform Lives." Michael Dawson, Co-Founder and CEO of the non-profit began the report-out session with words of praise for the students and obvious excitement about the project's success. The 14- to 16-year-olds spoke of learning how much the whole product requires each part of it to be great. They named their designed piece "Oz," calling up the street name and a magical destination.



The participants' inspiration: "*Genius of Osborn Triangle MIT*: Due to its fabled history of inventiveness from the first center-aisle train car to first two-way phone call, to invention of the Polaroid camera and now home of LabCentral, Pfizer and Novartis, 700 Main Street was identified as a target for the continued build-out of the Discovery Walk. During the investigative process, it was discovered that MIT was seeking a solution for the under-utilized open space within the 700 Main Street office park (Osborn Triangle MIT)."

During the five weeks, presentations were made by representatives of area technologies, residents and the Cambridge Historical Commission. **Robert Bridgeman** and **Raymond Emerson**, two of Polaroid's early employees, brought cameras, their company experience and stories of Dr. Land's "Genius." PRA member **Walter Bartlett** spoke of the culture of the "Port" and growing up in this rich community.



Robert Bridgeman & Raymond Emerson speak to participants



Participants at the PRA Land Plaque

Maybe this program has inspired a few kids to remain in the city and find their "Genius" in Cambridge.

I left the Library's cool air to find the heavy wet air outside a little lighter and thinking the world's future just might be in good hands.

Us.PolaroidOriginals.com

Some PRA Members have been keeping an eye on the Polaroid Originals website.

Member **Paul Girouard** led us to an article and contest through the site's blog, and we see lots of ideas for DIY projects, gifts and photo displays there.

Member **Erika Kliem** forwards new camera designs and frame colors available for sale online, and she notes a loyalty program that can save users money. There are interesting articles about serious collectors and photographers.

Polaroid Originals has a creative and engaging website at us.polaroidoriginals.com. Take a look.



Luncheon Picture-Sharing

Have you looked at your collection of Polaroid pictures recently? Did you find any pictures of your fellow

workers? Do you have any pictures of your Polaroid workplace or of Polaroid events? Eoule you like to share a few with fellow retirees?

We've enjoyed seeing photos of old Polaroid friends in the Newsletter so how about sharing them at the Luncheon?

I've volunteered to set up a gallery in the Lantana lobby for enjoyment during registration and the social hour. Send your photos to me by October 8 at: Mary McCann, 30 Spy Pond Parkway, Arlington, MA 02474.

Please limit the number of photos you send to four. Label each on the back with your name, the subject and the names of the people shown. You will be able to reclaim your photos at the Luncheon.

See you there, Mary

Fall Luncheon Speaker

Hear **Ed Gaffey** share stories of the development of Polaroid's law enforcement business in the 1980s and beyond.

Police Magazine's December 1, 2003, article says of the Polaroid Spectra LE Kit, "Not simply a camera, this collection of high-quality tools allows you to accurately document evidence on the scene."

PoliceOne.com's May 5, 2004, piece "Why Instant Photos?" explains that instant photos are tamper-resistant unlike conventional 35 mm & digital images, provide evidence before the officer leaves the scene, and become part of the case file immediately allowing fast arraignments.

Ed will speak about the team's work to help law enforcement organizations incorporate the company's products into their investigations.



Note from The Cement Heads

Richard St. Lawrence sent us the note below. The PRA sends all best wishes to the membership.

The first generation Building 1 Cement Heads Group will no longer hold their monthly breakfast meetings, ending 35 years of tradition with outstanding leadership by President **Davie O'Connell**.

Best of luck to all Cement Heads.

Sign Up for the October Luncheon - October 17, 2018

**PRA FALL LUNCHEON
THE LANTANA RESTAURANT, RANDOLPH, MA
WEDNESDAY, October 17, 2018**

8:30 - 10:00 am **Registration - Coffee & Pastries**
 10:00 am **Meeting Called to Order**
Guest Speaker: Ed Gaffey
 11:00 am **Cash Bar - Social Hour**
 12:00 pm **Seated for Lunch**

\$25 per person

Entrée **Dijon Crusted Pork Loin** : Roasted Pork Tenderloin Topped with a Port Wine Reduction
Selections **Boston Baked Cod** : Served with a New England Ritz Cracker Topping on a Bed of Rice Pilaf
 Chef's Choice of Vegetable & Breads; Classic Caesar Salad, Apple Crisp, Coffee or Tea

Name Desired on Name Tag	Pork	Fish	Other*

Please use space below for address corrections

Name : _____

Address : _____

City : _____ State : _____

Zip : _____ Phone : _____

Email : _____

**The Lantana will make every effort to honor your request for a special meal. Please note vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, etc., in the box above.*

Enclose your check for \$_____ @ \$25 per person.

Make checks payable to: **Polaroid Retirees Association, Inc.** and mail **with the reservation form** above to: **William Rosen, 112 Meadow Lane, Randolph, MA 02368.**

Please note: We will be unable to offer refunds for reservations cancelled after **October 10, 2018.** In the event of an emergency, please call **William Rosen at 781-885-0150.**

Share your memories; let us know what you've been doing.

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