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DUCKS AFLOAT

In the 1970s and '80s, students from Stevens' chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers constructed boats and paddled against other colleges and universities in concrete canoe races. Stevens hosted the first New York Metropolitan race — and claimed victory — in 1974. Can you identify the students celebrating here? Tell us at editor@alumni.stevens.edu



THE POWER OF CONNECTION



Dear Fellow Alumni,
My five formative years at Stevens created a deep-rooted connection that was rekindled several years back. I want to share some of that story.

At the height of my career, I was working across the globe, raising a family and participating in my community. I remained connected with some faculty and fellow students, but it had been a long time since I had been back to campus. About 13 years ago, I returned for a visit, and as soon as I stepped onto Wittpenn Walk, I immediately felt that deep connection again.

Standing in front of my old dorm, Davis Hall, brought back such incredible memories of my time at Stevens and the education that launched my career and lifelong experiences.

In that moment, I called my wife Michele and said, “We need to do something.” So we made a gift that enabled students to travel to Central America to install a water project for a community in need. After receiving thank-you letters from the students, I was inspired even more to give back. We hosted gatherings at our home for alumni and supporters, I joined the Board of Trustees, and more recently became president of the Stevens Alumni Association.

As alumni, the connection we share with Stevens is like no other. I encourage you to engage with our alma mater. Please read the emails we send. When fellow alumni reach out to you, answer the call. Come back to campus for Alumni Weekend or participate in a regional event. Collaborate with networks like our Industry Torch Bearers on StevensConnects, at stevens.edu/StevensConnects. Volunteer your time or make a gift to support students. Your participation makes a meaningful impact.

Together, we are a thriving network of dynamic innovators and successful people who share in the legacy of Stevens. Through your engagement and contribution of time and treasure, you elevate our extraordinary legacy for future generations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Dearborn, Jr.'.

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Class Logs

1946

*Editor's Note: It is with deep sadness that Stevens Indicator learned of the passing of **A. Richard “Dick” Boera**, the longtime Class of 1946 secretary, on October 13, 2023, at age 97. A tribute to Mr. Boera will appear in the next Indicator. Last year, Mr. Boera participated in Stevens' Samuel C. Williams Library's oral history project, “Voices from Castle Point.” He shares his memories of Stevens – and recalls a visit with Albert Einstein – at library.stevens.edu/voices*

1951

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January 25, 2024 – Warmer weather is welcome after the harsh winter experienced by much of the country. Two of our '51 classmates, no longer in hibernation, came forward with updates. More news for our Log from more '51 graduates is eagerly anticipated.

In the last Log, I made two unsubstantiated observations. First, that our average age is 95 for a mix of WWII veterans and those fresh from high school. The second is that there are approximately 40 of us surviving. That brought an interesting response from **Joseph Ragusa** in San Marcos, California, who wrote, “I’m one of the 40! I’ve been retired for 30 years and married to Lucille for 58 years. We have three kids and three grandkids, and I’m alive at 95!”

In a second letter, Joe continued, “After graduation I was hired by Sylvania Electric in Buffalo, New York. They had a microwave radio contract for aircraft, and I worked in a group that got through environmental tests. After three years I moved to GPL in Pleasantville, New York, where they designed a Doppler radar navigation system. The units were in large cast-iron units that had vacuum tubes for electronic circuits. After several redesigns and 20 years later, the corporation was split, and each division was sold separately. New York facilities were closed, and product line was moved to the San Marcos plant along with me and

[NEWS BYTES]

A GIFT OF THANKS



Before starting college at Stevens in the fall of 1946, Roy

W. Carlson '50 had endured much: He had served as an Army paratrooper in Japan, and his beloved older brother had been killed in action in France during World War II.

But at Stevens, Carlson found a place to thrive. His psychology professors, his soccer coach and especially his lacrosse coach, John Sim, nurtured him, says Carlson's nephew, Ron Ferriss.

"What we sensed in his last months was this great affection for Stevens and the learning and the sense

of being welcome. Stevens was important in setting the direction he wanted to go."

Carlson (whose birth name was Richard Fredericks) worked as a psychologist for the City of Chicago, practicing into his 80s. When he died in 2022, he designated a \$1 million gift for Stevens, for psychology programs in the School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences and for Stevens Athletics, to fund the renovation of the Stevens Athletics Training Center inside the Schaefer Athletic Center.

"In his gift, Roy wanted no public recognition," Ferriss says. "He only hoped that his gift might serve to encourage others to philanthropy."



Roy W. Carlson '50, back row, third from right, gathers with his Stevens lacrosse team, including Coach John Sim, back row, far left.

a production engineering group. I was the production engineering manager. Further buyouts by several companies like GEC and Marconi, and further consolidations, would have caused a 1994 relocation back to New Jersey. Our kids were through college and had jobs in San Diego and Los Angeles, so I took the severance package after a total of 40 years. That's my story."

Chet Lloyd called from his home in Georgetown, Texas, with the good news that at age 99 all is well. Unfortunately, Chet lost his wife Jean ten years ago. His career centered on power plants, first with Firestone for seven years, then with Houston Lighting and Power Co. from which he retired in 1987. At Stevens, Chet was active in Gear and Triangle and varsity lacrosse. He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII.

With Ecuador much in the news, many of us remember **Leon Febres-Cordera**. Leon (1931-2008) was an undergraduate at Stevens during our junior and senior years, graduating in 1953. He was president of Ecuador from 1984 to 1988, limited by his country's constitution to a single four-year term. Several of his classmates were generously hosted by Leon in Ecuador.

Stu Goldie's wife, Elizabeth, telephoned the news of his Christmas Eve passing. She requested that the Alumni Office be informed and mentioned that they lived in the same house since their marriage 70 years ago.

Here's an obituary from *Tampa Bay Times*:

"**Stewart P. Goldie**, 94, of St. Petersburg passed away on December 24, 2023, at his home. Stewart and his wife Elizabeth moved to St. Petersburg in the mid-1950s. Born in Newark, New Jersey, in 1929, he grew up in Kearny, New Jersey and graduated from Stevens Institute of Technology in 1951 with a mechanical engineering degree. Besides his wife Elizabeth of 70 years, Stewart's survivors include four children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Stewart was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers and served as a combat platoon engineer in the Korean War. He was a faithful member of Holy Family Catholic Church."

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1954

February 7, 2024 — Hi, classmates out there. I had a great Christmas and New Year and hope that all of you had the same. I still would like to hear from some of you that are still alive and if not well are hanging in there as I am. Please do give me a call or send an email. My email is ghromnak@brighthouse.com.

I'd like to know how you're doing so I can enter it in the next *Indicator* issue.

God bless.

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1955

January 2024 — It is with great sadness that we report the passing of our classmates **George Weston, Thomas Wright** and our longtime former class secretary, **James Spady**. Jim, who passed away last fall, will be honored in the next *Indicator*.

George F. Weston '55 M.Eng. '61
On September 7, 2023, George F. Weston, died in his 90th year.

During his freshman year at Stevens, on Valentine's Day in 1951, George met Madeline Weir, whom he regularly described as "the love of my life." George and Madeline married in 1957, and they remained husband and wife until George's death. Together, they raised three children and became grandparents to seven.

In 1955, George began working as a graduate engineer at Fischer & Porter. He liked and was stimulated by his work but regretted that it resulted in structured days of "9-to-5 desk exercises," a topic that was frequently discussed during visits with Madeline, who still lived in Hoboken. She had taken a job at Lipton Tea's large Hoboken plant, which then was undergoing major efforts to modernize the company's production steps. Through that job, Madeline had become impressed by the enthusiasm she observed in production engineers, who were designing and supervising many updated processes for Lipton's. Madeline became convinced that George needed to find work

offering similar stimulation in which project engineers conceived, designed, manufactured, installed and evaluated improved product-processing steps. She scoured the want ads looking for positions in industries that might be seeking this type of help. Madeline's attention became intense when she read a solicitation for help in the design, construction and installation of a modern state-of-the-art beer brewery in Newark, New Jersey. The employer was identified as the German company Anheuser Busch, which normally uses the name Budweiser in U.S. operations. George's interest mounted as he learned the scope of the Newark project at an employment interview, and he decided to accept an offer to join in building the new Newark Budweiser brewery.

Thus, in 1958 began George's 39 years of employment with Budweiser during which he and his family ultimately took up residence at seven different cities in the U.S. In 1976, George accepted an assignment to be resident manager of the newly built Budweiser brewery located in Fairfield, California. A good example of how George stimulated the Fairfield staff was his response to a need for expanded medical facilities to support the increased population that the new plant was bringing to the area. George telephoned Budweiser management in St. Louis asking, "How is it that we build a new plant and not have a nearby hospital for our employees? Budweiser must make a significant contribution to correct this." The corporate office listened, a sizable contribution was made and a new hospital — now known as NorthBay — was built in Fairfield. George later served as a trustee and held several other positions at NorthBay.

He also supported the Vestry of Fairfield's Grace Episcopal Church and was a director and held other positions on the board of NorthBay Hospital. In 1997, George retired from Budweiser. At a commemorative ceremony held at the company's St. Louis plant, George's employment status was inscribed: *Vice-President and Resident Manager*.

Thomas J. Wright

Thomas J. Wright passed away on March 15, 2022.

He worked in several positions for E-Systems, including director

of Navigation Aids Engineering, before retiring in 1993. Previously, he worked as an electronic design engineer at ITT Laboratories.

He was a longtime parishioner of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Holladay, Utah.

He spent his retirement years in Florida, then St. George, Utah, before moving, in 2014, to Olympus Ranch in Murray, Utah.

He is survived by his four children.

"Tom took great joy throughout his life in his family, and in listening to jazz music," his family said.

"His pleasures in his retirement years included living, hiking and taking photos in red rock country, especially Zion National Park."

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1956

Ed Venner sent the following update:

"My wife of 55 years passed 12 years ago. I moved from Florida to Costa Rica nearly 7 years ago and at the present time am in the process of moving back to Florida. It will take two to three years to complete, as I still own four properties in Costa Rica. I sold my plastic injection business in 2016 after running it for 34 years. I have three children, and two of them are Stevens graduates. I am moving into a retirement community in Florida as I have gotten tired of my own cooking. Health is good with a few minor problems. Broke my hip on Christmas (2022) which has slowed me down considerably. No more roofs or climbing ladders. Climate in Costa Rica is excellent with temperature between 65 and 85 every day (no hurricanes) and two seasons (dry and rainy but rain generally is a few hours a day). I currently am commuting between here and Florida.

"I still own the property my business was on but in two years, they plan to buy it from me. It is a 104,000 sq. ft., tilt-wall building with 25 ft. high interior structure on five acres of land. It is a long trip from Clearwater to Orlando to Costa Rica, with three hours in the air, and takes 11 hours door to door.

"As I look back it must have been as exciting to live through the many changes that the campus lived through. The advent of women besides the department

CLASS UPDATES

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Top:

Roy W. Carlson '50, seated in front row, far right, was selected as a member of the All-North team and played in the North-South All-Star lacrosse game. Read more about Carlson on page 36.

Above:

George Weston '55 M.Eng. '61 passed away last September. A tribute appears in the '55 log.

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Class of 1955 in remembrance of George F. Weston '55 M.Eng. '61

secretaries, new curriculum and majors on fields of study must look bewildering to us old guards. For all you 1956 grads, send me what is new in your life. I will attempt to incorporate it in the next update.”

— Ed Venner;
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1957

Editor's Note: The Indicator honors the late John Hovey and Dominic Casulli in this issue's Class Log. We extend our deep sympathy to their families and friends; their obituaries appear below.

John H. Hovey

John H. Hovey of Wyckoff, New Jersey, a businessman, philanthropist and longtime Stevens benefactor, passed away on December 30, 2021.

Mr. Hovey began his career at Goodyear Aircraft in Akron, Ohio, before returning to New Jersey to join his father at John Royle and Sons in Paterson, New Jersey, as a sales representative to the wire and cable industry. With his father, he eventually founded several firms supplying technology to these industries.

He had a lifelong passion for helping others. For his many years of service to his community, Stevens presented him with the Distinguished Alumnus Award for Extraordinary Community Service or Humanitarian Service in 2013.

Mr. Hovey and his wife Rosa — whom he met while attending Stevens and wed in 1957 — were stalwart supporters of the university and its students and faithful attendees at many campus events over the years. He was deeply involved in charitable organizations in Paterson, New Jersey. He, with his wife, supported the Paterson YMCA, where Mr. Hovey served as board chairman; served as board chairman of St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center; founder and benefactor of Alexander Hamilton Academy, a charter school; and board member and benefactor of Memorial Day Nursery. In 2000, Mr. Hovey helped renovate a second Memorial Day Nursery, expanding enrollment significantly to 300 students. In 2012, a third building was renovated, enabling nutritious food to be served to several hundred preschool children throughout Paterson.

He loved old cars and touring with his wife, family and many friends.

Mr. Hovey is survived by Rosa; their three children, Elena, Joanne and Raymond; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Dominic Casulli

Dominic “Lou” Casulli, 86, of Hoboken, New Jersey, passed away peacefully in January 2024.

As a freshman at Stevens, he met the love of his life, Lucille Podgorny, on the corner of 8th and Hudson, a few steps away from his fraternity, Phi Sigma Kappa. He graduated from Stevens with High Honor in 1957, and two days after graduation he joined Bell Telephone Laboratories as a Member of their Technical Staff.

Two years later he received the degree of Master of Electrical Engineering from New York University. Dom and Lucille were married in Saints Peter and Paul Church in Hoboken on June 29, 1963, and during the decade welcomed four children to their family.

Between 1970 and 1972 Dominic was head of systems, software and operations for the NIKE antiballistic missile test program at Kwajalein Island, a small atoll between Hawaii and Australia. For this work, Dominic received the U.S. Army's Patriotic Civilian Service Award.

After returning from Kwaj to their home on Castle Point, Dominic managed the development of large computer systems that automated telephone company operations and records. He remained with Bell Labs and at its successor corporations for 46 years, rising through the management ranks as supervisor, department head and executive director. He was named a Bellcore Fellow in 1998. He also received *Telephony Magazine's* Roy Blain Award for contributions to outside plant mechanization.

He served as a Charter Member of Hoboken Parking Authority and as Chairman of Hoboken Citizens for Better Education, playing a significant role in developing the Salvatore Calabro Magnet School. Later, Hoboken Mayor Tom Vezzetti appointed Dominic to his Waterfront Commission, which played a role in changing the Port Authority's plans for Hoboken's waterfront. He also served on the board of St. Mary Hospital in Hoboken. Dominic often spoke fondly of Stevens Institute, and he will be missed.

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1958

February 12, 2024 — Classmates, very sad news to report, but also bidding heartfelt farewells to our good friends **Nick Mestanas** and **Rich Harries**. Nick passed away in late January at age 91. Rich passed away in early February at age 86. Both passed peacefully at home with family. I went to both of their funeral services.

Nick's viewing in Basking Ridge, New Jersey, was well-attended by family and many friends, as well as by an impressive guard of firemen along with the fire engine from his hometown of Pottersville, New Jersey. Stevens staff friends Michael Governor, Dawn da Silva and **Ed Eichhorn '69**, who worked with Nick over the years on various alumni activities, also came to the viewing. Nick's Chi Psi fraternity brother, **Barry Ficken**, also attended services the following day.

Nick was indeed a proud and loyal Stevens alum. He was also a retired 30-plus-year Exxon employee like myself. He joined Exxon Corporation as a project research engineer, and during his career held several staff engineering and administrative positions, traveling frequently on short-term assignments in Asia, Canada, South America and Europe. Prior to joining Exxon, he worked with American Can Company and was credited with a patent on the “Collapsible Dispensing Tube” commonly used in the toothpaste tube.

Nick was one of the vets in our class, serving during the Korean War aboard the radar picket destroyer, the U.S.S. Kirkpatrick, and was honorably discharged with the rank of Radar Petty Officer 3rd Class. At Stevens, he was active in sports and the Chi Psi fraternity.

In 1992, he was one of the first inductees into the Stevens Athletic Hall of Fame for his outstanding 26-1 fencing record in his junior year, after becoming one of the first All-Americans in Stevens fencing history. In retirement he was a full-time assistant coach for the North Huntington High School (NJ) fencing team for 20 years. Nick also served as president of the Pottersville, New Jersey, Fire Company during his 50 years of service, and as chairman of the company's Annual Antique Show/Sale for 35 years. It would be an understatement to say



Top to bottom:

A tribute to Dominic Casulli '57, who passed away in January, appears in the '57 class log.

John Hovey '57, who passed away in December 2021, is remembered in the '57 class log. He is seen with Stevens President Nariman Farvardin, who presented him the Distinguished Alumnus Award for Extraordinary Community Service or Humanitarian Service in 2013.

Nicholas Mestanas '58, third from left, and Richard Harries '58, far right, passed away earlier this year. Tributes appear in the '58 log. Here, they gather with classmates Mike Bonner, far left, and Bob Fiocco, second from left, at the Stevens Awards Gala in 2019, where Richard and Bob were honored for their professional achievements.

he enjoyed his home and time in Pottersville. He was an icon there.

Nick served as our class president and worked on many of our Stevens Reunions, the last one being our 65th in June 2023 which he attended with his wife of 65 years, Jasmine. Info and pictures from that enjoyable reunion were reported in my previous Indicator log last fall.

In addition to Jasmine, Nick is survived by their two sons, Gregory Nicholas and Marc Michael; three grandchildren; a sister, Joan O'Brien; and a brother, Fred Mestanas.

Rich Harries was elected in senior year as president of our class. Recall he and **Reno Del Ben** installed our senior gift scoreboard. Here are some personal memories. Rich and I were classmates in kindergarten in PS #15 school in Jersey City, New Jersey, and then later carpooled as college classmates to Stevens. We, of course, continued to be close friends as alumni and ended up getting Stevens awards at the same Stevens Awards Gala in 2019 in New York City. A remarkable journey together that we each enjoyed!

Rich was a multi-talented and dedicated engineer. He had a very successful working career, among other things, starting his own large construction company in 1971. His self-named development firm contributed to some of the most iconic buildings in the Garden State, with more than 900 projects across New Jersey. Among them were the Prudential Financial Building and the Anheuser-Busch brewery, both in Newark, New Jersey; and the Morristown and Overlook medical centers. His firm provided engineering, architectural planning and surveying services, specializing in commercial and industrial design, packaging and development.

Rich brought a broad knowledge of complex mechanical systems, from HVAC and electrical structures to foundations and piping. He also owned and built the Richard Harries Industrial Park in Carlstadt, New Jersey.

Earlier in his career, he served as chief engineer for the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission, and for the Frank Briscoe Company. Interestingly, when he worked as a resident engineer with Stevens in the early 1960s, he managed construction of the 14-story Howe Center

administration building, then the tallest building on campus, and the Palmer and Davis residence halls.

Along with his wife Carol, he was a longtime philanthropist to some 60 charities. One gift that enormously impacted Stevens was their record-setting bequest to support the largest building project in the university's history, the University Center Complex. The UCC's 21-story Richard F. Harries student residential tower was named in their honor. Rich was very involved in its design and construction, which was a major turning point in Stevens' history. He also inspired other benefactors to support the UCC and other initiatives and was a generous supporter of the Stevens Class of 1958 Scholarship Fund.

He received the Stevens Honor Award, the school's highest honor. We can be extremely proud to call both him and Nick our classmates!

Rich is survived by Carol, to whom he was married for 30 years.

Rich's funeral service in the beautiful old First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt, New Jersey, was well-attended, including a large contingent of Stevens people. President Nariman Farvardin gave a sincere and heartfelt eulogy that beautifully covered Rich's inspiring life. As he said more than a few times, Rich was an extraordinary human, and he left an extraordinary legacy for innumerable people and organizations. I, for one, found him to be an unforgettably impressive friend. Hoping for happier news from you all for our next log.

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1959

Feb. 14, 2024 — From **Ron Laurence:**

"I thought this would be a good time to put a plug in the next *Indicator* for my 'retirement':"

"Some retirement; I'm starting my 22nd year, along with my wife, Lois, in operating and WORKING on our Blueberry Bay Farm! In case any of our fellow alums are planning to take some vacation days this summer in New England, we'd love to see them. Blueberry Bay Farm at 38 Depot Road, Stratham, NH (on the seacoast between Portsmouth and Exeter,



Ron Laurence '59 and his wife, Lois, own and operate Blueberry Bay Farm, a pick-your-own farm in Stratham, New Hampshire. Read more in the '59 log.

"Blueberry Bay Farm is an all-pick-your-own farm featuring blueberries, as well as strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, fresh garlic, about two dozen veggies, flowers for cutting, pumpkins for ale, peaches, pears and cherries."

Ron Laurence '59



Con Edison of New York President Matt Ketschke '95 M.M.S. '98 visited the Stevens campus in December.

Making the Grid a Two-Way Street

Matthew Ketschke '95 M.M.S. '98

BY MIKE FIELD

From beneath city streets to the tops of the highest skyscrapers, and looped pole to pole across open areas, a profound energy transformation is taking place in the way New York City heats, lights and cools its buildings. “It’s like changing the energy system that powers your car — while you are driving,” says Matthew Ketschke '95 M.M.S. '98.

Ketschke ought to know. As president of Con Edison of New York, he bears responsibility for the safety and reliability, as well as the planning, design and construction, of the metro area’s enormous energy infrastructure, which provides electricity, natural gas and steam to millions of customers.

ConEd, as it is widely known, is the nation’s oldest and one of its largest investor-owned energy companies. It inaugurated the age of electricity on September 4, 1882, when Thomas Edison himself flipped a switch to deliver power (and the new-fangled electric lighting) to the company’s first 59 customers in

“We need a system that works efficiently in two directions to accommodate renewables. And that’s an incredible technical challenge.”

Lower Manhattan. But that original design is part of the problem.

“The challenge we at Con Edison and all public utilities face is that the legacy systems we have in place were designed to function like a one-way street. Energy comes from a central location and is distributed outwards,” explains Ketschke.

As more and more customers generate quantities of electricity through home solar and wind or have whole-house battery systems, the way the grid works now must change. “We need a system that works efficiently in two directions to accommodate renewables,” he says. “And that’s an incredible technical challenge.”

Ketschke grew up outside of Boston, in the town of Danvers on Massachusetts’ North Shore. Opting for the additional semesters and rigors of the co-op program while at Stevens, he nonetheless found time to play center-field on the baseball team his first three years and eventually served as president of his fraternity, Delta Tau Delta. “It was a solid education,” he says of his eight years earning two degrees.

All of which helps guide his efforts to reinvent something almost everyone takes for granted. “The State of New York has mandated we achieve decarbonization by the year 2050. This is going to radically change how energy is generated, distributed and used,” he says.

Steadily, quietly, without much fanfare, Ketschke is leading a profound transformation in how things work. “Energy is the incredibly important part of our daily existence that we don’t think about,” he says, “and we don’t want to think about.” ♦

New Hampshire), is an all-pick-your-own farm featuring blueberries, as well as strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, fresh garlic, about two dozen veggies, flowers for cutting, pumpkins for ale, peaches, pears and cherries. And all of this is grown chemical-free; no spray whatsoever, not even organic-approved sprays. It's a great deal of work but I enjoy it and feel it keeps my body and mind well-oiled. You can reach us at info@blueberrybayfarm.com, 603-580-1612 and <http://www.blueberrybayfarm.com>. Hope to see you, Leo, also! — Ron

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1960

March 8, 2024 — Meteorological winter is over, and I have news about three classmates. From east to west, here's the news:

From **Doug Schwartz** in NYC (doogie888@gmail.com): "So nice to hear from you with some commentary. I've been retired for a while after being in advertising for hi-tech companies. Now I couldn't handle or understand the products. All's well in NYC and Fire Island."

From **Gerry Glynn** in Urbana, Illinois (jgly604@gmail.com): "As I look back with the advantage of 85 years, the crucial step was getting hired by Carbone Corp right out of school in 1960. I wanted a small company so I could get experience quickly and knew I would go to Chicago after a few weeks in Boonton, New Jersey. The move to Chicago broke Joyce and I out of the provincial attitude in New York/New Jersey. We thought Chicago was different from New York and quite nice."

"Years later I left North America for the first time in 1981 and went to Cambridge, England, to visit W. W. Sawyer. By then I had been teaching math and working on math reform, and Sawyer was a hero of mine (look him up). We had French friends in Urbana and they helped us get to Paris, which knocked me over. Subsequently, we went to France, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Germany and Ireland.

"Eventually we settled on Sitges, just down the coast from Barcelona,

and went there for 10 days and then three weeks and eventually three months, always off-season. Then we visited Palma a few times and found the Santa Catalina neighborhood in Palma, which is perfect. We live in Urbana for nine months and Palma, Mallorca, for three months each year. Now I am culturally a Midwesterner with an overlay of European. Not the way I started out. I am up to my neck in ChatGPT4 with my math students and am amazed every day."

Finally, I received sad news from **Bob Keck's** sister, Carolyn Beadle: "I am Robert Keck's sister writing to tell you of my brother's passing last year. Bob loved Stevens and going to the reunions with his friend, Elizabeth. He was looking forward to going to the last one, however illness became a factor. He traveled the world more than most and experienced a life so full of joy and good work opportunities. Sorry to be reporting such a sad note, I miss him more every day."

When he was home, it was in San Rafael, California. I sent condolences on behalf of the class and a copy of his yearbook photo. I remember Bob's ready smile. If you have any memories that you'd like to share, I'll pass them along to his sister.

— **John Dalton;**
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1961

March 11, 2024 — *Indicator* Editor Beth Kissinger asked me if I had an article for this issue. I initially said no, as I had a lot on my plate for the past half year, and I had not tried to contact **Earl Greenleaf's** wife when **Fred Dietrich** informed me of his passing last November. Earl had been a frequent contributor over the past 20 years, and clearly deserved a memorial in this publication. Thanks to **Art Ketterer** who forwarded me his obituary, I can fulfill that obligation. I will miss him.

My recollection of Earl was a real friendly guy with a perennial smile who fell easily into leadership roles during his years at Stevens. He was class president for the first three years, active in Delta Tau Delta fraternity, Events, Honor Board, Alpha Phi Omega and interclass sports. His list of achieved honors is long.

Earl's hometown while at Stevens was Burlington, Vermont. He

was born in Passaic, New Jersey, and graduated from Lyndhurst High School in New Jersey. After graduation from Stevens, he earned a M.S. in business administration from Fairleigh Dickinson in 1965. Earl married Diane in 1966, and they had four children: Earl, Laurel, Jennifer, and Heather.

His 48-year career was focused on the transportation industry. I recall his updates over the years describing building custom trailers and truck equipment. He founded White Bear Equipment and successfully ran the company for 18 years.

Earl was active in his community from an early age, starting as a school board member in Lyndhurst. He was a founding member of the Malta Sunrise Rotary and active in Junior Achievement. He also taught Sunday school for many years and spent time working with Habitat for Humanity.

Earl was an avid automobile enthusiast, buying and selling hundreds of cars over his lifetime, including his favorites, Corvettes and Citroens. He also especially enjoyed spending time gardening, tinkering and working on his property; his riding mower/cyclone rake combo was a prized possession. On the water, he was known by family and friends as an enthusiastic water-skiing instructor.

His faith was an essential element of his life. Earl was deeply committed to his service as an elder of the Saratoga Chapel. Earl was a very devoted family man. He is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Diane; his four children, Earl Greenleaf, III and wife Wendy of Welcome, North Carolina; Laurel Dortch and husband John of Ballston Spa, New York; Jennifer Kresge and husband Matthew of Rexford, New York; and Heather Joseph and husband Jeffrey of Saratoga Springs, New York; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

— **Jay Wartell;**
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1962

February 7, 2024 — I received an email from **Hans Kurzik** wishing all a Happy New Year, but unfortunately attached was a final tribute to **John Eilertsen**, summarized herein: "John passed away on December 28, 2023, at the age of 91. He was



"He traveled the world more than most and experienced a life so full of joy and good work opportunities."

Carolyn Beadle,
sister of Bob Keck '60

born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, to Norwegian immigrant parents and served in the Air Force for nearly five years before enrolling in Stevens and graduating with a mechanical engineering degree. This was followed by a master of science in management in 1965. John joined Eastman Kodak Co., and spent a 24-year career there, retiring as director of corporate real estate in 1991. He is survived by his immediate and extended family members, including many grandchildren and grand-nieces and -nephews.”

Two classmates have recently submitted accounts of their most recent travel adventures. [Only synopses appear below; the full narratives of their wanderings appear on our Class Virtual Page in StevensConnects.]

Dennis Blahut and his wife, Julie along with their son and his wife, embarked on a three-part, two-week vacation to Alaska last September. Dennis recounted their events as follows: “Part one was a stay in a lodge at the entrance to Alaska’s Denali National Park. Denali is close to 9,500 square miles in area, which is larger than the state of New Hampshire. Of course, Alaska itself is over 665,000 square miles, larger than California and Texas combined, so we had to be very focused on where to go and what to see. On one foray into the park, we were able to hike to a preserved trapper/hunter camp and view how early pioneers lived, along with their gear and hunting relics.”

Alex McKenzie and his wife, Kathy, spent the months of March, April, and May in Italy: two weeks in a suburb of Naples, two weeks in Rome, three weeks in Florence, and four weeks in Venice. Alex continues: “In each location we rented an apartment with at least two bedrooms and two baths, and invited friends and relatives to come spend some time with us. I had an aggressive sightseeing schedule in Naples and Rome but took it much slower in Venice. We were pleased to meet local people and taste local food specialties in each place we went. Have you ever tried deep-fried artichokes, *carciofi alla giudia*? We enjoyed them in Rome and in Venice!”

And finally, this from **John Zupko**, “Last September, I enjoyed a five-day Cape Cod Getaway with the Prime Timers, a senior

group I belong to. Highlights of the tour were Hyannis Port, the JFK Memorial and compound, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, Provincetown, the protected dunes of the Cape Cod National Seashore, and Nantucket, where Mary and I visited on numerous occasions. Of course, there was also the obligatory lobster dinner!”

Recently **Lou Capuano** and **John Zupko** agreed to become fund co-captains, providing **John Lupi** with a well-deserved respite after the past 10 years. John’s extraordinary and dedicated service has set a standard that will be the cornerstone of our class contribution program. We thank John for his untiring dedication to make us the leader in class contributions. In recognition of John’s outstanding performance, you might consider making your contribution a tribute to John for his dedication, loyalty and unselfish efforts on behalf of the Class of 1962.

We are moving ever closer to rolling out our class-specific virtual group page on StevensConnects. This will allow us both to post current anecdotes and photos, expanded updates, the Class Log and class event plans, and to add archival information of historical relevance including old photos, videos and Class Logs from years back. On that note, much of the historical content to date has been provided by **Frank Derato**, who has also recently agreed to become our class historian. We hope you will take advantage of this development by first logging on to stevensconnects.peoplegrove.com, signing in and exploring the site in anticipation of our first postings. **Paul Rank** will be serving as our administrator organizing this content for our group page. Never fear: We will provide detailed instructions at that time. Also, please consider sending in any archival information in your files that you’d like to share with the class.

With respect to our participation in the FY2024 Stevens Fund Drive, we hope you will consider your donation to the Class of 1962’s Scholarship Fund, which has provided significant scholarships to deserving students over the past 15 years. Last year our scholarship recipients were Katelyn Sweeney, a sophomore majoring in accounting and analytics, and Nicholas Horen,

a junior majoring in mechanical engineering. Regarding donations: many are making a contribution from their IRAs, called a qualified charitable distribution (QCD), which allows for tax-free donations. Watch for correspondence from Stevens providing the details.

— **Phil Kimball**;
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1963

January 24, 2024 — Hi guys, Here are a couple of notes from **Robert McGinn** and **Bob Cameron**, followed by an invitation to the 2nd annual International Class of ’63 Reunion Luncheon at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, on the weekend of June 1.

Robert McGinn wrote: “After receiving Nev’s request for material for our Class Log, I thought back to the teachers I had at Stevens. Many were superb instructors. Here are my ‘10 Favorite Stevens Professors: 1959-63.’

“Mathematics: **Nick Rose ’45** and **Paul Ritter**. Both were superb teachers as well as researchers. Paul was deeply involved with applied math studies at the Davidson Fluid Dynamics Laboratory, while Nick eventually moved to become head of the math department at North Carolina State University.

“Physics: **Franklin Furst** and **Winston Bostick**. Prof. Furst walked us through the intricacies of Newtonian physics, smoking as he made wonderfully precise chalk diagrams on the blackboard. Bostick — he of “plasma gun” fame — enlightened seniors about the marvels of geophysics. We learned a lot about “magma” long before Mike Myers made that word famous in ‘Austin Powers, International Man of Mystery.’

“Chemistry: **Salvatore Stivala M.S. ’52, 58**. Who could forget Sal Stivala? He was a marvelous teacher who made chemistry intelligible while showing an endearing sense of humor. I had the privilege of working in his lab one summer, measuring the viscosity of heparin, an anticoagulant.

“Industrial Engineering: **Arthur Daou**. Arthur was a true character and a fascinating man. Who would have thought that a French-speaking Lebanese scholar, who did traffic studies for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, would, in 1963, announce at the beginning of his



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“On one foray into the park, we were able to hike to a preserved trapper/hunter camp and view how early pioneers lived, along with their gear and hunting relics.”

Dennis Blahut '62

introduction to Industrial Engineering course that any student who read either *The Territorial Imperative* by Robert Audrey or *The Second Sex* by Simone du Beauvoir would automatically have his — there were no “hers” at Stevens in 1962-63 — course grade raised by one letter?

“Humanities: **Richard Humphrey** and **Frederick Bowes**. Dick and Fred were two of the most impressive intellectuals I met at Stevens. Dick had a deep influence on my life, partly through his courses on Cultural Anthropology and Introduction to Philosophy (where I first read Nietzsche), but also because of the kind of deeply thoughtful, dignified, humane person he was. In the mid-1970s, while teaching at Stanford, I invited Dick to be a visiting professor in the Science, Technology, and Society Program at Stanford. Happily, Dick accepted and quickly endeared himself to Stanford students. Richard (“Doc”) Humphrey was one of the three most impressive human beings I have ever known. In his splendid junior-year course *The Problem of Power*, Fred challenged us to think critically about Marxism, as explored in R. Carew Hunt’s classic *The Theory and Practice of Communism*.

“Computer Science: **Anthony Ralston**. Tony was a brilliant man with a huge reservoir of intellectual energy. Clearly one of, if not the first, computer science professor at Stevens.

“Music: **William Ondrick**. Many of us owe our initial exposure to the fine arts to the knowledge, energy and commitment of ‘Mr. Ondrick.’

“I hope that these reflections may resurrect fond memories of one or more of these superb Stevens faculty members amongst those who read them. Perhaps they will lead you to put together your own lists.”

Then, **Bob Cameron** wrote: “I worked for most of my career in the medical device industry doing product development and manufacturing engineering (in five states), and ended up doing some contract engineering and consulting. My wife and I settled in New Hampshire near Dartmouth College. We wanted to be someplace where friends and family would want to visit. We have enjoyed the skiing, people and the cultural activities surrounding the college. The support of my wife of 55 years, Margie, a counseling psychologist,

made all the moving possible. We stopped skiing when COVID started but have passed the sport on to our kids and grandkids. The 10 of us took a Christmas river cruise on the Danube this past year.”

I can’t add much except:

1. Please keep contributing to the Class of ‘63 Scholarship Fund so we can continue leading the way.

2. **Mike Delevante** and I are planning to celebrate the Second Annual Class of ‘63 International Reunion at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, meeting for lunch on the weekend of June 1. We’d love to have some more of you attend.

Please let me know if you can make it, and your answers will determine whether it’s Saturday or Sunday.

3. I’m still thinking snow and enjoying it.

— **Nev Sachs;**
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1964

February 2024 — Dear Class of ‘64: This Alumni Day issue of the *Stevens Indicator* represents our 60th Stevens Reunion. We have spent 60 years after graduation experiencing life’s blessing and tragedies, our families, our job histories and our personal achievements. We welcome those of you who have traveled back to Stevens to join with your 60th Reunion team to see the changes that have taken place here on campus both in the physical facilities and the student body. A lot has changed since I was back here for our 50th Reunion ten years ago. I am eager to see what Stevens now has to offer.

Your 60th Reunion team — **Joe Weber, Rich Cundari, Peter Astor, Jim Mersfelder** and I — have planned what we hope is an eventful couple of days with the reunion dinner, Stevens events, tours and class get-togethers to reminisce and relive friendships and old acquaintances. We hope you enjoyed them.

Joe Weber writes: “Not sure how it came to pass that on this momentous 60th anniversary I’m the class president, I say just good fortune. As former SAA president, my devotion to our alma mater was set early on having been hired by **Ed Wittke ‘45** and having surrounded ourselves with those solid, basic ME types.

“And now so proud of our evolution to many criteria with technology as the basis. Nariman has done such a great job of moving Stevens up on the map!

“If you haven’t been able to join our 60th, please try to check in on this rejuvenated campus anytime, you’ve got to see it. Give me a call. I’ll join you; I love to also learn of your contributions to our world.

“And finally, at this time in our lives, proudly continuing to give back, each in our own way seems appropriate. Contributing to the Class of ‘64 Scholarship fund sounds like the right thing to do. How about it?

“Wishing I could have seen all y’all on this alumni weekend, wishing you all the best for a long, long time.”

To all from the Class of ‘64 that attended, a hearty “thank you” for being here. Your devotion to the class is remarkable.

Please let me know about your impressions for future *Indicator* articles.

— **Harley Graime;**
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1965

February 2024 — What a year 2023 and 2024 have been: If chaotic weather wasn’t enough, politics are now more divisive than ever. When we graduated in ‘65 the world was a very different place. My January Status Check was very successful: 87 of 152 responded! A frequent complaint was the scheduling of interminable doctors’ visits. Many left short messages, which I’ve tried to fit within my 600-word limit.

John Abom and **Jim Stryker** are both recovering from second knee replacements.

Al Bentley and his wife, Geraldine, just moved into a new octagon lake house.

Even though **Bill Berg** lives 25 miles from Space X’s Boca Chica site, he was still awakened by a recent launch.

Ed Boyde cheated the Grim Reaper with a 99% aortic blockage, but after a five-hour Roto-Rooter procedure, he’s right as rain.

Bob Braine has recovered from plantar fasciitis and is back training for the 2024 Senior Handball Championship.

Bruce Dechert, skier extraordinaire, managed to get in 115 days of skiing and was given a gold 100-Day Pin from Sun Valley.

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Harley Graime ‘64



Above:
Phil Brower '66 and his wife, Cheryl, visited their son in Singapore, where they toured Changi Airport's mall and indoor waterfall.



Left:
Phil Brower and his daughter, Laura, visit the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville. Read more about Phil's travels in the '66 log.

Jim Kiel is nearing the completion of a Disc Golf course he's been working on this last year.

Alberto Lorenzo, who lives in Italy, spent Christmas with his daughter and granddaughter in Vermont.

Unfortunately, **Joe Malik** recently lost his beloved wife, Carol. He is now working hard at staying active.

Dave Munson and his wife, Sharon, aren't traveling as much, but Dave keeps up with family and fraternity brothers via Zoom.

Richard O'Connor is still enjoying his second career in a small California winery.

John O'Neill and wife Pat presently own three horses, three dogs, eight cats and a mule. John insists that Pat owns the horses and mule, although "I spend a lot of time caring for them while Pat does 3-4 blood drives a week and other good deeds for the Red Cross. We work with the neighboring Highland County Humane Society who placed over 3,000 pets last year; the county is large but has less than 2,500 residents. Their Humane Society has no boarding facilities so relies on people to foster their animals. Our three dogs are all adoptees; two sisters and our 80-pound, all-muscle, hound dog. All are friendly and well-behaved, although the hound has learned how to open the front door even when locked. However, we haven't been able to train him to close it."

Bill Tootill summers on a small lake in eastern Canada. During this past summer's terrible Canadian fire season, they had dense smoke with quarter-mile visibility for three days, then the wind changed and blew it all to NYC.

Fred Unfried and **Dave Vogel** have remained close friends since their days as roommates at Stevens. This past winter Fred and his wife, Karen, spent time at Dave's house in Florida.

Dieter Walter was one of the last to check in but assured me he was well and had spent the day taking out an old door (and frame) and installing a new one. His wife, Claudia, still struggles with her mystery ailment (long COVID); when it strikes, it makes her very weak.

All is well with **Tom Young** and his wife, Ann, after another round of COVID over the Christmas holidays. They will be moving to a retirement community in March:

"I never expected downsizing could be such a challenge."

Harvey Gould is alive and mostly well, still working nearly full-time at the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab where he does experiments with cold atoms and magnetic shielding and has published papers about his work.

For those of you moving, please send me your updated addresses.

— **Steve Cochran;**
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1966

February 20, 2024 — Carolyn and I celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary on November 11, which coincided with a trip to see our three sons and six grandchildren in western Massachusetts, Texas and Ohio. Our anniversary trip took us to Europe and a Danube River cruise with Viking, encompassing Munich, Prague, Passau, Linz, Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest. In spite of the fact that Carolyn came back with COVID-19, and I started the trip with serious food poisoning from a café near the "Old Clock" in the center of Prague, it was still a great cruise!

We remain active, still singing and playing guitar with Cabarrus Rotary, Kairos Prison Ministry, Advent L.C., and Lake Norman Community Singers, plus my involvement with Cabarrus Rotary.

I just heard from **Joe Cariello**: "I received an M.B.A. from Columbia in 1968, bounced around in various jobs in finance before finally deciding to be (a still active) investment advisor with Wells Fargo Advisors along with my son, Joseph. In 1972, I moved from Irvine, CA, to Hudson, OH, where I still reside. Got married in 1968 to Mary and after 55 years together, Mary is still my mate and best friend. We have been blessed with five children and eight grandchildren. With my son, I authored a book, *The Wingy Chronicles*. Both Mary and I are grateful for our health and the health of our extended family. Although growing up in Hoboken and from a humble background, I believe in the American dream and wish the same for all Americans!"

I also received the following from **Phil Brower**: "At the beginning of last February, Cheryl and I finished visiting our youngest son, Joel, and family in Singapore, where we enjoyed the Chinese New Year, with Joel's father-in-law and

family, who are ethnic Chinese. While there, we visited Sentosa Island's Universal Studios, Changi Airport's mall and indoor waterfall.

"Back in the U.S. we traveled to four states in the Southeast in June and July 2023, starting with a couple days in Chattanooga, first with a long walk through a cave filled with impressive stalactites and stalagmites underground within Lookout Mountain. We followed that with our Tennessee River cruise. By noon we embarked on American Cruise Lines' newest riverboat to Nashville, including stops in Alabama and Kentucky.

"Our daughter, Laura, drove over from North Carolina to Nashville for several days with us to see the Country Music Hall of Fame and enjoy some BBQ and the vibrant downtown. Then a drive with Laura to Asheville, North Carolina, for Fourth of July festivities and local attractions. Laura has since relocated to Gainesville, Virginia, where our older son, Paul, resides with his family, a place of many visits for both Cheryl and myself."

What will this year bring? Don't know but let me know what you and your family are doing. Please also note my corrected e-mail address. Hopefully we can get together, either electronically or in-person!

— **Gerry Osborne;**
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1967

February 9, 2024 — Bob Jessup wrote in early February: "Sherry and I live 30 miles north of the Tex-Mex border in the town of Harlingen, Texas. We are not directly affected by the border crisis in the town. The immigrants pile up on the border bridges, awaiting clearance to enter the U.S. They are then bussed or flown to points well north of us. They also 'accumulate' in the border cities, but so far we seem almost invisible to them. We're just not a stopping point; just a town that's (thankfully) overlooked by immigrants and authorities alike.

"January saw several nights with below freezing temperatures but today is a typical 'winter' day: 76 degrees now with a chilly mid-60s night. No snow; every couple of years we might have a light dusting just to remind us of what snow looks like. Our health remains good

so far. I'm 79 and still upright! Forward speed has lost a few mph, though. May God bless you and your family and all our classmates."

Bob Eisenberg wrote: "Fran and I are doing fine down here in sunny and warm Palm Beach County, Florida. We're managing through the warmth and staying comparatively healthy. We're very fortunate to have two sets of married children and some of the older grandchildren (out of nine total) nearby and we're able to periodically get together. The others are scattered in California, Missouri, and New York. The consulting work I'd been doing for the past several years tailed off quite a bit after the pandemic and has not recovered. Fran and I are very much looking forward to a two-week group tour to Morocco in October, with stops in Casablanca, Rabat, Fez, Marrakesh and several other locations in the desert and Atlas Mountains. It should be amazing." I've always wanted to visit Rick's Café Americain and meet Humphrey Bogart.

Bob Naidel wrote from Osprey, Florida: "It's funny, when I graduated Stevens, I was the third-youngest in the class at barely 20. I went to work at Union Carbide, and I was by far the youngest at every meeting. Today, a lot of meetings are Zoom or Teams, but I recently went to a pre-award meeting in Tampa with a group of engineers, financial types and management and purchasing officials. Looking around, I probably had 26 years more experience than the next-closest person in the room — and in some cases, perhaps 50. Last weekend, I did drivers' education (no K-turns, parallel parking, etc.) on the Sebring Racetrack sponsored by the Porsche Club of America. I've done this for a good number of years but for some unknown reason, this time followed a two-year gap. A lot of drivers were in their 40s or 50s, but one came up to me and I thought that he was too old to drive a car at high speed on a racetrack. Turns out that I am two years older than he!

"Patricia is doing well at 74, and we recently returned from our third trip to Italy since September (we went with our son and daughter-in-law for the Monza Formula 1 race at that time). During our last visit, we drove around for a week before going on the Azamara Journey for an 'intensive' (their term) cruise to Croatia and Montenegro. One of the highlights was an outdoor



Top:
Patricia and Bob Naidel '67 at Orange Beach, Alabama. Read more from Bob in the '67 log.

Above:
Sherry and Bob Jessup '67 check in from Harlingen, Texas.

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Bob Naidel '67

[NEWS BYTES]

**PRESIDENT ZELENKY HONORS
ULRICH, MEDICAL BRIDGES**



Walter Ulrich '68, CEO of Medical Bridges, leads the Houston-based non-profit in its mission to provide surplus medical resources where they are needed most in the world. At press time, Medical Bridges has provided Ukraine with more than 260 tons of medical supplies and equipment, worth more than \$13 million, and supplies to build four medical clinics in the war-torn country. Last fall, Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky personally thanked Ulrich and Medical Bridges at a ceremony at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., where he presented Ulrich with the Order of Merit medal from Ukraine. Ulrich, who came out of retirement in 2019 to lead Medical Bridges, notes that the organization, since its founding in 1997, has served 105 countries on five continents, as well as 85 charitable clinics in its home state of Texas.



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concert in Dubrovnik under the stars in Fort Lovrijenac, also known as St. Lawrence Fortress.”

Jack Sheridan wrote that he and Betty “have raised \$313,000 toward our son Todd’s Class of 2010 Stevens Pinnacle Scholarship. Todd graduated from Stevens in 2010 as an award-winning Student-Athlete.”

Finally, another sad note reminding us of the temporal nature of life. **Barry Stein** wrote of the loss of his daughter Julia to cardiac arrest on July 8, 2023. “She had been a very dedicated employee of the Indiana Department of Revenue, and she genuinely cared about every employee.”

— **Jeffrey I. Seeman;**
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1968

February 9, 2024 — I hate to start off this way, but I must inform you of the passing of four classmates this past year. I learned of their passing through the “Vitals” section of the *Indicator*.

They are as follows: **John Breitenstein, Bob Grippardi** (my RA roommate), **George Leask** and **Jon Swenson**. I have an obituary for John but no information on the others. If anyone has some details on the others, please forward to me and I will publish it in this Log.

“**John Richard Breitenstein**, 76, of Beaumont, Texas, passed away on March 30, 2023, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

“Born in Rahway, New Jersey, on April 6, 1946, he was the son of John Stuart Breitenstein and Adele del’Etoile Breitenstein. In 1968, John graduated from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, New Jersey, with a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering. His first job upon graduating was with DuPont de Nemours at the Sabine River works plant in Orange, Texas, although he later transferred to the Beaumont, Texas, plant. After working in Texas for a few years, he was transferred to the Chambers site in New Jersey, then to the main office in Wilmington, Delaware. John eventually made his way overseas where he worked in the Geneva, Switzerland, office, and after four years, he came back to work in Wilmington. John’s last assignment was with DuPont Dow Elastomers in Singapore for

eight years as the president and managing director of Asia Pacific.

“He lived a full life and he eventually retired in Beaumont with his family. He was able to see and do all of the things he liked to do. When John was not working, he enjoyed playing golf and working in the yard. He was a faithful season ticket holder for the Houston Astros and loved the Southeast Texas Symphony. John was a longtime member of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, where he was an usher and on the vestry. He was an Eagle Scout and enjoyed giving back to the community. His favorite ice cream was Blue Bell’s homemade vanilla. John took care of his family and loved his precious wife and children very much. John was a wonderful husband and father, and he will be deeply missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

“He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Adele Breitenstein.

“He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Elizabeth Anne Breitenstein; daughter, Hannah Elizabeth Breitenstein and fiancé Martin Dugas; son, Robert John Breitenstein and wife Kimberly Breitenstein; and his many close friends. “

Norm Dotti sent me a *Wall Street Journal* article describing what he does in his spare time. He is a big-time Chevrolet Corvette fan and owns not one but two of them! They are 1967 and 2023 models. See a photo of his cars near this log.

That’s all for now. Stay warm and safe, and keep the cards and letters coming!

— **Al Foytlin;**
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1969

January 2, 2024 — **Joe Giacone** is playing Dixieland jazz, flying planes (sort of) and loving retirement:

“After graduating in 1969, I started work at the General Foods Technical center in Tarrytown, New York. At the time, the Maxwell House division was of prominent importance in the General Foods portfolio. The amount of chemical engineering that goes into the production of coffee is quite amazing. I always like to say that you can open up Perry’s Handbook to any random page and we did

it in coffee: roasting, grinding, caffeine extraction, freeze-drying, spray-drying, super-critical CO2 processing... I could go on. I'm sure many of you remember the pleasant coffee aroma wafting from the Maxwell House plant before we installed scrubbers on the effluent stacks. This is also where I met my lovely wife Pat of 47 years.

"Jump forward, I stayed there for 42 years, lived in New York and New Jersey for many years, and after many engineering management positions in various divisions I retired as a senior technology principal after 42 years of service. While there, I authored 14 patents, represented the company (now called Kraft after a merger) on two FDA panels and was part of an academic/industry/government consortium to foster and develop emerging technologies for the production and preservation of food products on a worldwide basis.

"It is clear that without the education and experiences I received while at Stevens, this career would not have been possible. I played in a band while an undergraduate (a very good one!) and had a radio show on WCPN, the campus radio network. I still play in a band to this day in retirement.

"Remember the Ship/dorm? The Stute had a contest to name it and I won with the name 'Castle Queen.' However the President's wife liked the 'SS Stevens' better and that's what they named it. I still like my name better. Today in addition to playing in a Dixieland jazz group, I am very active in radio-controlled airplane building and flying. I guess you need activities like this to keep you busy, exercise your brain and provide enjoyment. Additionally, I participate in a monthly video reunion of fellow graduates which I enjoy immensely."

David Vercollone is loving retirement in beautiful Sarasota, Florida:

"After graduation, I embarked on a great sales technical career with numerous companies which required a lot of traveling. After retiring in 2003, Karen and I moved to Cape Cod for the next 16 years. We had always wanted to retire and live on the Cape, but the winters finally got to us. We are now loving life in beautiful Sarasota, Florida. It seems that a lot of our Stevens friends also live in Florida either full-, or part-time so we get together

with them often. We are enjoying the outdoor lifestyle, hosting visitors and working on our health so we can enjoy another 16 good years."

From **Ed Eichhorn**: "In 1970 I would pick up my good friend and our classmate **Joe Lishok** at Newark Airport every four to six weeks when he returned home from his management training program at Westinghouse.

"One weekend, when he was back in town, we were both invited to a party at Howie Brecker's house. I did not have a date, so I asked his sister, Paula, to come to the party. That date really worked out well, because Paula and I have been married for almost 52 years. Paula is a second soprano. She sings with two chorale groups, and she has been with one of them for more than 40 years. We attend Broadway shows from time to time and we spend a lot of time in Surf City on Long Beach Island.

"I have spent most of my career in healthcare and I also had the opportunity to serve Stevens as the VP of Development for more than three years. I am still relatively active in healthcare in my retirement. I have co-authored two healthcare books in the last five years. With **John Dalton '60**, I founded the Healing American Healthcare Coalition. Since March of 2020, we have written more than 120 issues of our newsletter, "The Three Minute Read™".

"I am still active at Stevens, I serve on the SAA Board and I record podcasts for the Stevens Connects Healthcare Torchbearers group. I also chair the Old Guard Committee and am helping Russ and our committee encourage you to attend our 55th reunion in June."

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— **Ed Eichhorn**;
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— **Gerry Crispin**;
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1970

February 12, 2024 — **Jabe Luttrell** wrote: "My wife and I are still running the Heroes Bar and Liberty Lounge in Key West, Florida, a bar that honors veterans and other heroes. U.S. Navy, Coast Guard, Irreverent Warriors, Spokes and Shields, and other active duty and

Right:

Nancy and Al Foytlin '68 attended the Houston Alumni Club's holiday party in December.

Below:

Norm Dotti '68's 1967 Corvette, left, and his 2023 Corvette. His long love affair with this American classic — and some of his life story — appeared in an article in the December 8, 2023, edition of *The Wall Street Journal*.



Above:

Pat and Joe Giacone '69 visited Joshua Tree National Park. Catch up with Joe in the '69 log.

Right:

David Vercollone '69, with his wife, Karen, sends an update.

Below, right:

Ed Eichhorn '69, with his wife, Paula, shares a memory and an update on his many activities.



Builder of Dreams

Anthony Diaco '73

BY BETH KISSINGER



Along the Jersey City waterfront and across Hoboken, change seems constant, with new residential

developments popping up and rising to the clouds. Hoboken's W Hoboken hotel and the Shipyard residential development, former home of the Bethlehem Steel Company Shipyard, now occupy the sky. In hotspot Jersey City, exclusive addresses such as Harborside Urby, Grove Point East and many others dot a landscape once composed of industrial land and parking lots.

These and dozens of other multi-million-dollar residential projects over the years are the work of AJD Construction, founded and owned by Anthony J. Diaco '73. Based in Leonardo, New Jersey, the company is a direct builder, employing 75 people.

After launching AJD Construction in 1977 at age 25, Diaco has built a construction empire, drawing on his smarts, an unflagging work ethic and an abiding passion for the work.

At last estimate, AJD Construction has completed or is in the process of completing approximately 33,000 residential units across New Jersey — about half of them in Jersey City and more than 5,000 in Hoboken.

"If I didn't do it, someone else would have," says Diaco, simply.

One morning this past January, Diaco sat at his office desk surrounded by photographs of his grandchildren. Framed photographs of the company's numerous projects fill the office walls.



This view of Jersey City, New Jersey, shows projects completed by AJD Construction in blue. Since this image was created, the firm has completed five more major projects in the city.

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One that may soon occupy a space is the ambitious development that will transform Journal Square in Jersey City. Three residential towers — 70, 60 and 54 stories — are rising in a neighborhood of long-neglected buildings. The development will include 1,800 units as well as retail and a traffic-free promenade stretching for blocks.

"They created a whole new neighborhood here. What's happened in the past five years is unbelievable," Diaco says.

The youngest of 11 children — 10 boys, one girl — Diaco grew up in Newark, New Jersey, his father an immigrant from Calabria, Italy, and his mother first-generation from Naples. He started working at his brother's electrical company after school when he was 13 and put in shifts at a local bakery, arriving at 2:30 a.m., from ages 15 to 17.

His father, a construction laborer, was retired when Diaco entered Stevens, where he won a full scholarship. He was the baseball team's starting catcher and the first in his family to graduate from college.

Diaco believes in nurturing talent, letting young employees learn in the field and allowing them to make mistakes. His advice to students and young alumni is direct. "Coming out of college, hopefully you have a little bit of a passion for something. If you have a passion for it, you will be good at it."

Diaco still arrives at work every morning at 6:30 a.m. He has no plans to retire and says, "We're going to keep doing what we're doing. I think it's working." ♦

To read the full version of this story: [stevens.edu/indicator/diaco](https://www.stevens.edu/indicator/diaco)

veteran groups attend for their activities. Every hero that visits our bar and brings a patch representing their group, company, squadron, etc., is honored both in the bar and on Facebook. Very recently we had an honoring ceremony where the honorees were given a citation, pin and challenge coin. One honoree was a Medal of Honor winner himself as well as a master chief in the Navy and 91 years of age.

"I am still flying my Cessna 340A twin-engine airplane and conducting some Veterans Airlift Command missions.

"A friend gave me a wood-turning lathe so to keep it from rusting I've started turning bowls, lamps, chalices, cups, goblets, pen holders, paper clip holders and anything else I can think of to use up the wood pile that appeared in my garage. Rather than try to sell them I give them to friends.

"This past year we traveled around the United States in my airplane flying from Key West to Maine, stopping in South Carolina, New Jersey, and Connecticut along the way visiting friends and family, then out to Indiana and back to Cape Canaveral and home. Then out to California — San Diego, Coronado, and Huntington Beach. When we visited Italy last year my wife missed out on a gondola ride in Venice, so we took a gondola ride in Coronado in an authentic Italian Gondola imported from Venice. Not Italy but nice, especially with opera music, prosecco, truffles and an authentic gondolier. Next year plans are for Bali and Singapore, Ireland and Italy."

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There was a nice article on LinkedIn featuring **Roy Nicolosi** as musician of the week in the Savoy Band in The Villages in Florida, where Roy and his wife, Jeannine, live. Roy plays the baritone saxophone.

After graduation, Roy attended Air Force pilot training and flew for Special Operations in SE Asia. At age 50, Roy got very serious about music and for the next 12 years studied saxophone, flute and clarinet with Frank Elmo and trumpet with Vinnie Cutro. Roy has played with various jazz artists on gigs, in concerts or on CDs. Roy was a member of the sax section of the Nelson Riddle Orchestra, where he played in concert at Lincoln

Center. Roy's impressive musical resume also includes the Night Life Orchestra with members of the Navy band in Newport, Rhode Island; the Tennis Hall of Fame induction ceremonies on ESPN TV for several years; and Alice Tully Hall. As a member and producer of the Michael Treni Big Band, he played regularly in several of the New Jersey and New York jazz clubs. The band has made seven CDs. Roy also owned a recording studio and has produced CDs for recognized jazz artists.

This past December my wife and I took a European Christmas markets river cruise from Prague to Paris. In Paris I visited Musee Bourdelle, located in the workshops and studios of Pete Bourdelle's grandfather who studied with Rodin. It is operated by the French Government, which renovated the facilities in 2022. It was a very enjoyable visit and it appeared outreach programs are offered as I saw a middle school class in one studio. If you are in Paris, Musee Bourdelle is a pleasant diversion to the much larger tourist venues.

Stay healthy and safe for our 55th reunion in less than two years!

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1971

February 12, 2024 — Dan Bagnell passed away suddenly in July 2023. He leaves behind Sharon, his wife of 51 years, sons Peter and Patrick, their wives Chrissy and Meredith, and four wonderful grandchildren (Abigail, Henry, Nora and Alex).

I first met Dan when I pledged Sigma Nu fraternity in 1968. We kept in touch after graduation, exchanging Christmas cards detailing our travels, our children growing up, and finally our grandchildren. We got together at occasional Stevens class reunions, and at Ken Sullivan's St. Patrick's Day parties.

Dan graduated from Stevens in 1971 with a bachelor of engineering degree, then got his master of ocean engineering in 1973. After graduation, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force. He served as a flight test engineer at Edwards Air Force Base in California. He was medically discharged and fought his way through Crohn's disease, worked for the Coast Guard in Washington,

D.C., for 13 years, then went to Band, Lavis and Associates (later CDI Marine). Throughout his career, he worked on ship design and equipment used on ships, then marketing of the ships he designed.

He was active in the Boy Scouts as an assistant Scoutmaster for over 25 years, including trips to Acadia, the Lenhok'sin High Adventure Trail, and Mt. St. Helens. He was also very active in the Cresthill Church in Bowie, Maryland, where he was a deacon and involved in the building and grounds maintenance. He oversaw the renovation of the new church worship center, which has been named in his honor.

Dan and Sharon lived in Bowie for 44 years, recently moving to their dream house in Frederick, Maryland. They loved to travel and visited many of the U.S. National Parks, often hiking and boating. Dan's work took him to Hawaii several times, and Sharon joined him a few times. His spare time was spent designing and building guitars and numerous home improvement projects. He liked to develop various games and adventures for the grandchildren who he adored.

Victor Skowronski wrote an article for the IEEE "Tales from the Vault" series. He detailed being involved in the '80s at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory in the newly emerging technology of micro- and mini-computers, in applications which were not suitable for main frames (naming themselves the "Beyond Help Office"). At the same time, the Navy was eliminating the use of punch cards. He became the system designer to develop an interface to receive the dosimeter readings into PC terminals, using a COBOL program. Efficient dosimeter data entry was made by having barcodes on the dosimeters. The workers loved the new system as all they had to do was scan their ID card, the dosimeter bar code and press enter.

Phil Crowley continues to love working but is now spending more time at the new house in Hellertown, Pennsylvania, since Diane is still working in the area. They find time to make occasional visits to their Florida golf course estate. He finally sold his New Jersey house and really misses paying the property taxes. Son Philip is manager of the Atlantic Healthcare ambulance division and daughter Jennifer is a paralegal in Nashville. Phil tries

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Jabe Luttrell '70



Top to bottom:

From left, Christ Haritos '72 and his wife Joanna; Maryjane Hahr and Tom Hahr '72; their son Brian Hahr; and twins Peter & Helen Haritos enjoying ice cream in Schenectady, New York.

Mary and Enrique Blanco '72, left, with Mike Stegura '72, enjoyed a recent cruise to Grand Cayman and Cozumel.

Tom McInerney '74 and his wife Michelle, at far right, explored the Pantanal region in Brazil last August, with some fellow travelers. Read more from Mac in the '74 log.



Above: Bill Moore '73 and his wife, Sue, at left, visited Tony Callendrello at his restaurant and wine bar in Exeter, New Hampshire. Hear more from Tony on page 64.

to keep up with granddaughter Cassidy, who is now 8.

Please send me news on what you are doing nowadays. Some crazy people like me, Phil Crowley and Ken Sullivan are still working part-time, but most of you are probably enjoying full retirement, taking exotic vacations and spoiling grandchildren.

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1972

(Written collaboratively by Enrique and George)

February 8, 2024 –

Dear fellow classmates,

Here's hoping that when you read this, you are enjoying a glass of wine in good health. Yesterday on Groundhog Day, I watched the movie "Groundhog Day" in Pennsylvania with my grandchildren. We had fun. Today, I'm seeing the sun for the first time in 10 days. Fortunately, it was all rain, otherwise we would be buried in snow. (Thank you, global warming!) Tomorrow, I head for Florida in search of warmth. I will also take a short cruise that will go to Grand Cayman and Cozumel where we will celebrate Valentine's Day. **Mike Stegura** (msteg@aol.com, Alpha Sigma Phi) is also coming aboard. I'll post a picture. Unfortunately, **John McDonnell** had a health scare that put him in the hospital, and he had to cancel his reservations. Praying for his quick recovery.

Guys, we are not getting any younger. Let us know what you are doing; let's take a cruise together and eat, drink and be merry. Before I pass you on to George, I want you to know that I ask God to grant you and your families good health and happiness in our golden years.

Thanks Enrique! I love that Groundhog movie. As Bill Murray says to the groundhog, "Don't drive angry!"

Classmate **Christ Haritos** (haritos8@ptd.net) updated us on his many travels in 2023. This year, Christ, his spouse Joanna, and their teenage twins journeyed to Canada and the northern U.S. The first stop was a visit to friend and classmate **Dr. Tom Maher** (TomMaher@aol.com, Chi Psi) on Tom's farm in Tully, New York, with a side trip to Susan B. Anthony's home. Although the suffrage leader's home was closed

that day, Christ decided to peek through its windows, setting off silent alarms and bringing a host of security to "officially welcome" the Haritos clan. All ended well for our curious foursome — who ultimately received a private tour of the historic home. Onward to Niagara Falls and fireworks on the Fourth of July. Followed by visits to Toronto, Detroit, and western Canada. Back to the U.S. through North Dakota, and what would a trip to Minnesota be like without seeing the Mall of America? Chicago with deep dish pizza was next. How about topping off this whirlwind vacation at Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, to see the groundhog, and then back to home base in Denville, New Jersey. *Christ, glad to see that you also like Punxsutawney Phil.*

We are deeply saddened to report the passing of classmate **Robert Benoit** (Delta Tau Delta) on May 30, 2023, in Englewood, FL Born May 11, 1949, in Concord, New Hampshire, Bob (affectionately called "Tank") played lacrosse at Stevens. He concentrated in civil engineering and, as a professional civil engineer, he contributed to the design of naval warships and the Hubble Space Telescope. He was a devoted lacrosse and softball coach to his children for multiple seasons. His coaching instilled the importance of "keeping your eye on the ball." A devout Catholic, Bob was a member of his church choir, "Cursillo," and served as a CCD catechist.

In 2017, Bob reconnected with his childhood friend, classmate, and junior prom date, Andrea D. Mikus, at their 50th high school reunion and relocated to Englewood, FL, where they were married on September 4, 2021. *We shall miss you, Tank! God bless you and your family!*

I am happy to share that the December 2023 balance for the Class of 1972 Endowed Scholarship fund was over \$500,000. Nice job, guys! Also, the recipients of the Class of 1972 Scholarship for the 2023-24 academic year are Rem Yates, a junior business and technology major from Williamsburg, Virginia, and Aditya Jacob, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from West Orange, New Jersey.

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Dear Classmates. We are adding this extra section to our originally submitted class log. On February 26, 2024, our friend, classmate, and class vice president, **John B. (Richman) McDonnell** passed away. After returning from the cruise, I spoke with him. We were supposed to get together. He was still in the hospital but in good spirits, as usual, and planning for the future. Unfortunately, his weakened cardiac system could not handle the complications that arose. John worked tirelessly for our class. His photographs made our 50th anniversary booklet a keepsake publication. George and I worked with him on many class projects. But it was not really work; it was a collaboration among friends. John's passing will be a deep loss to Stevens. He truly loved Tech and participated in many endeavors including as chair of the Stevens Alumni Association Clubs Committee and as SAA Director. In June 2022, the SAA recognized John's contributions with the Stevens Alumni Award, the highest recognition SAA and Stevens bestows on an alum. John will be sincerely missed. May he rest in peace. Our deepest condolences to his wife, Barbara.

1973

February 7, 2024 – Greetings, fellow Class of '73 members. Hopefully, those of you who made it to our 50th are still enjoying reconnecting with friends that you haven't seen for some time. The reunion did prompt a number of our classmates to write.

We heard from **Leo Rodriquez** as he was weathering a December storm in Florida. His storm response evidently included using his 50th reunion whiskey glass to protect his Glenfiddich 18-year-old Scotch.

If any of you have recently seen the commercial on TV touting the benefits of taking Jardiance for diabetes, you should know that our own **Larry Nummy** was one of the scientists in the critical path to success of that drug at Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals. So, if you have that jingle stuck in your head, you can thank Larry for that.

Bill Moore and his wife Sue were in Boston recently. While there, they visited **Tony Callendrello** at Tony's restaurant and wine bar, Vino e Vivo, in Exeter, New Hampshire.

Also, be sure to check out "The Solver" feature in this issue. It features Tony giving advice on ordering wine in a restaurant.

After viewing a YouTube video on Purple Gold, **Art Protin** was reminded that **Steve Bryk** and **Mike Meredith** undertook to make Purple Gold in 1973. I was led to believe that they were limitedly successful (the result was very brittle). Steve Bryk followed up to fill in some of the details. "When Mike and I did our 'experiments,' we didn't have anywhere near the sophisticated equipment that the guy on the video has available to him. We were able to make the 'purple' gold as he did, and it was indeed very brittle. We were experimenting in our free time, which was in short supply since most of our time was spent studying. I think that Mike would agree that it was a fun set of experiments in the chem lab at the time. We got our gold by dissolving old gold jewelry in aqua-regia, then precipitating it out of solution. I think we used an oxy-acetylene torch (or something similar) to melt the gold alloy since we didn't have access to a high temperature furnace. We tried a number of metals to alloy with the gold. It is very satisfying to see that purple gold actually became a reality."

That's all for now, but please feel free to drop any of your class officers a line with any news that you'd like to share with your classmates.

– **Anthony Callendrello;**
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1974

February 13, 2024 – Punxsutawney Phil has just predicted a short winter and early spring as I'm writing our class log (this needs to be submitted by Feb. 15 and is expected to reach you by May).

It is with great sadness we report the passing of **Rich Stover** last year. He leaves a legacy that will live on in the hearts of his beloved wife, Arlene; his adored children, Sarah, Matthew and Elizabeth; and many more extended families and friends, including us, his class members. The full obituary can be found at: <https://normandean.com/tribute/details/11097/Richard-Stover/obituary.html#content-start>

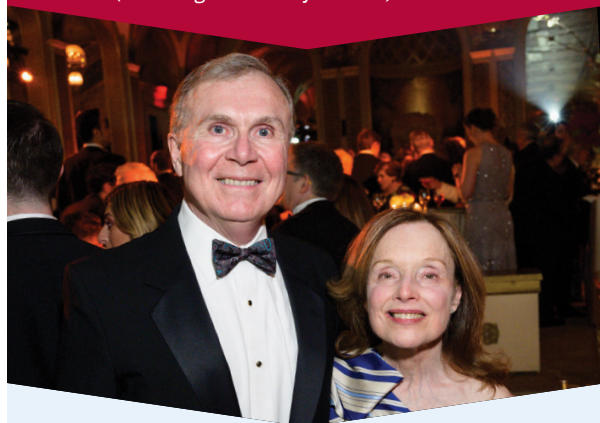
Tom McInerney checked in. "Mac here, '74, retired in Australia, looking forward to our 50th reunion

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– **George Johnston, Esq. '72 and Maryann Johnston**

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Top: William Gattoni, son of Debbie and Bill Gattoni '75, wed on Lake Como in Italy, in August 2023. From left: Erica, fiancé of Bill's son, Michael; bride Alyssa Gattoni; Debbie and Bill Gattoni; groom William; and Bill's son Michael.

Middle, left: Bill Gattoni '75 catches up with Harry MacArthur '75, who attended the wedding with his wife, Barbara.

Middle, right: Kevin Silver '75, right, with friend Bill Brown '82, creators of the Mighty Duck cardboard craft.

Above: Lynne and Jim Tosone '75 celebrate the wedding of their daughter Austen and son-in-law Andrew Stevens.

in 2024. In August 2023, Michelle and I explored the Pantanal in Brazil, a lifetime experience. Jaguars, gators, otters, capybaras and more bird species than we have ever seen. Looking forward to hopefully seeing you all in May in Hoboken."

As you read this log, you have an important question to answer: Do I want to miss our one and only 50th Reunion? All attendees will be inducted into the Stevens Old Guard! Your class reunion committee has spent this past fall and winter attempting to contact the entire Class of 1974 (you and the other surviving 231 of 254 total class members) about the reunion and all the great activities planned. That effort has created a terrific response and interest in attending the 50th Reunion.

Our Reunion is on Friday, May 31. Friday at noon is the Old Guard Luncheon, when our class can meet with others who have previously attained this high stature at Stevens. Friday evening, at approximately 6 p.m., is our 50th Reunion Dinner, hosted by Stevens, to meet up with all our old classmates and have some great food and fun! If you cannot attend the luncheon, we will hand out Old Guard pins at dinner. Additional events are planned for us on June 1 to see all the amazing changes to the campus and to continue celebrating. The Alumni Association has housing options for those wanting to stay and attend Saturday's events.

Even though it's likely about a week away as you read this, there is still time for you to sign up and show up to celebrate our Reunion and Old Guard induction with our fellow class members.

We, your Reunion planning committee, look forward to seeing you there!

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1975

February 2024 — Dear Class of '75, Thank you for all this news in this edition of the *Indicator*! Your classmates appreciate hearing from you, as do I. — Harry MacArthur, Class Secretary

Martha Connolly writes: "I was the keynote speaker for Stevens' 2nd annual Biomedical Engineering Day. <https://www.stevens.edu/events/bme-day-2024>

"It was a blast coming back 'home' and seeing all the amazing things the BME department is doing in both research and teaching."

Jack Schat writes: "My relocation to California lasted 40 years, except for four years in Denver on Delta II, IV and Atlas V. Most of my work was on the C-17 and C-130. Two years ago, I relocated to Kansas City with my wife of eight years, Geri. I finished working remotely for Collins Aircraft Systems and began substitute teaching. My interests are our home, motorcycling, but mostly, time with Geri."

Jim Tosone writes: "Our daughter, Austen, married Andrew Stevens on September 29, 2023. The wedding was in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. They honeymooned in Fiji and New Zealand. Austen is a fashion/beauty social media influencer and Andrew is a certified financial planner. They live in, of all places, Hoboken."

Bob Frame writes: "Bob retired in June 2023, capping a 48-year career. He finished a part-time gig in March 2024 to be 'done-done' with work. His wife of 41 years, Janice, retired from the education field in May 2022. They have two married sons and three grandchildren. Bob, Janice and the extended family live in Tennessee. Bob volunteers for the VITA program, assisting low-income and elderly people in tax return preparation. He also

volunteers for the TN Promise program that provides financial aid to high school seniors who are entering vocational or community colleges. Bob is also working with the Chi Psi Fraternity on a five-year program to refurbish the Lodge on Castle Point Terrace. Please stop by the Lodge during Alumni Weekend June 1 for an afternoon picnic.”

Kevin Silver writes: “One could not imagine where life and career would have taken me in 50 years. Now a septuagenarian, taking stock of my life, first and foremost, I am lucky to be married to my life partner, Dianne, of 44 years. We have two sons, Matt and Jeff, significant others and grandchildren. Life is good for the Silver family.

“My career ascended to running a successful manufacturers rep company selling electronic test equipment and components. I was also involved in the design and manufacture of LC filters for the military communications industry. Stevens afforded me the skills to apply complex instruments to customers’ specific needs where I could recognize opportunities for specialty products, patent and market those patents successfully. Later we added investment properties to our portfolio of companies. Today, I am gainfully retired, enjoying my grandchildren and playing aboard ‘Silver Lining,’ our cruising trawler, berthed in Stony Point, New York. There, one of my boating friends is from Stevens, **Bill Brown**, Class of ‘81 and masters in ‘83. We applied our 80 years of technical skill to design and build a cardboard boat to challenge our Jr. Sailing School. Though we didn’t win, we did cross the finish line still afloat! We named our boat ‘The Mighty Duck,’ paying homage to our alma mater.”

Harry MacArthur writes: “On August 11, 2023, my wife Barbara and I had the distinct honor and privilege to attend the wedding of William Gattoni, eldest son of **Bill Gattoni ’75**, in Italy on Lake Como. It was in a beautiful setting to celebrate a wedding, a memorable day, also, with a very special significance. Stevens certainly prepared Bill and me well for productive careers and successful lives. Though we could never have imagined our four years at Stevens resulting in a family friendship that would endure for over 50 years,

and no better way to celebrate it than at his son’s wedding.”

One last note: our Class President **Karl Young** reports planning for our 50th reunion has begun! Lots of work to do and your ideas and engagement are welcomed. We are hoping to see many of you at our reunion, and details of the event are forthcoming.

After I had submitted this log, I learned with great sadness of the passing of my Delta Tau Delta brother **Bernie O’Keefe** on February 11, 2024. Bernie was beloved by so many people. At Stevens, we knew him as a leader on the basketball team, Delta Tau Delta house president, and by his ever-enthusiastic laugh. He leaves behind his wife, Pat; his daughters Lauren and Kendall; and many relatives, fraternity brothers and good friends. He will be deeply missed. A tribute to Bernie will appear in the next *Indicator*. His memory is a blessing.

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1976

February 12, 2024 — Since the last issue we’ve had our SIXTH Quarterly Zoom Call, going longer than the scheduled hour (hopefully because it was interesting. Hate to think it was out of pity!). A good turnout and a great way to start rebuilding the camaraderie we had on campus 50 years ago. We are HOPING these calls will eventually lead to record-setting attendance at our 50th reunion at Alumni Weekend in May 2026.

First input is from **Tom Errington**, with he and Darcy on another cruise: “Hanging out down on the Riviera Maya, including a picture from the yellow city, Izamal, Yucatan, Mexico.”

And then **Ron Yannone** chimed in. He and his wife, Jacqueline, went to The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island for the Labor Day 2023 weekend. The Main Dining room served over 700 people at dinner and the food and ambiance was elegant with excellent service. They stayed in the First Lady Barbara Bush Suite and received a nice photo of her son, former President George W. Bush, after sending him a PDF of their Trip Report.

An update from **James Redmond** with his new address in Stockton



Top:
Linda Vollkommer-Lynch, third from right, was honored in December during the annual Alumni Fencing Match, which celebrated her 50th anniversary as women’s fencing coach. From left: Coach Jim Carpenter, George Bonnici ’59, Peter LaChance ’81, Lou Esposito ’77, Coach Linda Vollkommer-Lynch, Robert Wu ’76, Jeffrey Hyson ’83.

Middle, left:
Allen Schrupf ’76, with his wife.

Middle, right:
Robert Bennett ’76, with wife, Marida, on the Rabco Engineering holiday party sunset cruise in Phuket, Thailand.

Above, left:
Janice and Bob Frame ’75. Catch up with Bob in the ’75 log.

Above, right:
Frank Roberto ’76 attends the Houston Alumni Club holiday party; he’s seen with Kathy Jackson, left, wife of the late Andre Jackson ’68, and Priscilla Baxter, wife of the late Al Baxter ’61.



Joan Marie Tubungbanua '22, on the job at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

Engineering Future History

Joan Marie Tubungbanua '22

BY MIKE FIELD

Joan Marie Tubungbanua '22, a systems engineer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), recalls an important lesson she learned at Stevens. "When I was new to college, I got involved in too many things," she recalls. "To keep my head above water, I had to understand this: In order to produce quality work, you have to *prioritize*."

Not an easy task for an exuberant Manila-born Filipina who arrived in Jersey City, New Jersey, at the age of 7 with much to discover about her new home. She learned English (and how to manage northeastern winters) in the company of a couple of gregarious aunties "who forced me to sing karaoke and dance at every Filipino party I went to," she says. From this, she says, developing a passion for performance was inevitable.

As a musical theater major at High Tech High School in Secaucus, New Jersey, she also loved math and science. Then, in the summer of her sophomore year, she discovered computer science

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at the Girls Who Code Summer Immersion Program in New York City, where she spent seven weeks learning the foundations of coding.

Tubungbanua arrived at Stevens not sure where her many interests would lead her. Before long, a connection forged at an academic conference led to summer work on NASA's Artemis II project (which is scheduled to send a crew of four astronauts around the moon and back in Fall 2025).

The experience brought new focus to her life and career aspirations. After graduating in 2022 with a bachelor's degree in software engineering, Tubungbanua began work as an avionics testbed systems engineer for the Psyche and Europa Clipper missions at JPL in Pasadena, California. She is also pursuing a master's degree in computer engineering at the University of Southern California.

In her role, she writes code for data analysis aimed at making sure that spacecraft hardware functions as it is designed, under a variety of conditions. The lab's Flight System Testbed Facility allows engineers to bring subsystems — or the entire spacecraft — to a designated station to run tests that reduce costs, shorten schedules and resolve unforeseen problems prior to launch.

"The fact that I've worked on these projects that will be part of science history just amazes me," says Tubungbanua. "Both [Psyche and Europa Clipper] are scientific probes that will each take six years to get to their destinations. This is work for the future." ♦

Spring, Maine. He has been spending summers in Maine mid-coast area.

Robert Bennett provided pictures from his company Rabco Engineering's annual holiday party, this year back in Phuket, Thailand, with attendance from Stevens including him and **Bill Habermann '78**. Robert also shared that he is on the Board for ICPMA (icpma.net) and is hosting their annual conference this year at Stevens.

Bryce Sanders gives us the most to read, reporting that he and his wife Jane live in New Hope, Pennsylvania: "It's a wonderful place. The borough is a square mile and has about 222 stores. The population is about 2,624, or so Alexa tells me. I understand on a sunny, summer weekend, about 20,000 people wake up and say, 'Let's drive to New Hope.'

"We live just outside town in a semi-rural location. Our three-sided 'city block' is about four miles around. We pass corn fields along the road. During the pandemic, lockdown was like being in the 'Garden of Eden,' but life has come back to normal. We took a Christmas cruise for the first time, sailing on the Cunard ship Queen Mary 2. Being away and having someone else do the cooking and decorating was quite an experience.

"I am still working, primarily writing articles for about a dozen publications in the U.S. and abroad. I am thrilled the Class of '76 has organized quarterly class video calls. The audience seems to grow call after call. Many people still look the same as they did in the mid 1970s although their hair might have gone grey (like mine), or hairlines receded.

"Our interests at this stage of life include cooking, entertaining, travel and volunteering in the local community. I would assume these are everyone else's pursuits at this age too. We had three cats. Then two. Then one. Now none. We are awaiting the next cat to walk into our lives. Our cat sitter has seen this happens over the past decade or so."

Brief reply from **Ed Gallagher**: "Nothing new, just older." I asked if wiser? He's hopeful.

Allen Schrupf and his wife took a Viking Christmas cruise from Lucerne, Switzerland, to Brussels, Belgium, in early December. "Great trip. I also attended the alumni brunch in Central Florida in January.

I am looking forward to retiring in early 2025, but in the interim, enjoying other travel opportunities.

Closing with a comment from Bryce: "What is your news? Come onto the Class of '76 quarterly calls and let us know."

— **Frank Roberto**;
frankroberto76@gmail.com

1977

March 11, 2024 — Well, this must be the shortest *Indicator* log I've ever done. It was bad enough to have spinal surgery in May 2022 (fused L4 down to S1) and missing the 45th reunion. But then having to have a second spinal surgery (fused L3 to L4) in May 2023, with its associated recuperation and restart of the physical therapy, just caused a bow wave of things undone that plowed its way into the 2023 holiday season. At least I can say I was able to keep the radio show going, and now, finally, I'm starting to feel like life is somewhat back to something I can call normal (walking 30 minutes at a shot at 2.5 to 3 mph without a cane!). But it still means that I am quite late with this *Indicator* log.

I have been getting some word, mostly via Facebook, on some incredible traveling that **John Bieger** has been doing. When I say world traveling, I mean it. It looks like he's circumnavigating the globe! The last message I saw from him was two days ago from Cape Town. He was looking forward to a safari trip in a game park — amazing! I have spoken recently with **Camille McQueen (Peplowski)** who is sounding well and has finally joined the world of the retired, wrapping up her time as a teacher.

I do have some bad news in that we lost two classmates. I got the word via **Lyn Robb Hecker** that **Loretta (Lenau) Lappin** passed away on January 8, 2023. I also heard from **Sigmund Grudzinski** that he found out that **Steven Kawecki** passed away suddenly on June 23, 2017.

In November we had a Class of '77 Zoom conference call that was attended by about a dozen classmates, and we're going to try and make this a (nearly) quarterly event. Please let me know if you're interested in participating. Just drop me a line at eclectichours@cox.net,



Top:
Darcy and Tom Errington '76 enjoyed a trip to Izamal, Yucatan, Mexico

Middle:
Class of '76ers Robert Bennett, left, and Bill Habermann at Robert's company's holiday party in Phuket, Thailand.

Middle, right:
The Wu family celebrates the Year of the Rabbit in this holiday photo. From left, standing: sons Andreas and Jameson. Seated: daughters Nicolette and Katherine. At right: Luisa and Robert Wu '76.



Above:
Class of '78ers gather on Castle Point for their 45th reunion last June, front to rear: Bob Fernandez, Bob Torre and Jim Thomas.

"Our interests at this stage of life include cooking, entertaining, travel and volunteering in the local community."

Bryce Sanders '76



Top: This photo from 1969 shows Robert A. Fernandez with his sons, Bob '78, at left, and John, in front of the Stevens Center. The elder Mr. Fernandez, who worked in financial administration at Stevens for decades, passed away in January 2024.

Middle: Enjoying a round of golf at the Golf Club of Houston in March, front row from left, are caddie Russell Whittaker,

Tony Bazzini '81, Dave Kamrath '71 and John Dearborn '79. Back row, from left: Tom Terris '79, Tony Massoud '79, European pro golfer Ollie Jacobsson and Ryan Kerrigan '07.

Above: Jacques and Katy O'Malley Coumans '80 visit the film set for the Hobbit movies in New Zealand while on a tour in Singapore, Sydney and Auckland. Stay tuned for more '80 updates in Fall '24.

or watch for posts about the Zoom calls' scheduled times on our Facebook page: "Stevens Institute of Technology: Class of '77."

Remember, if you want to be on the mailing list for the Class of '77 newsletter, email your request to Classof1977@alumni.stevens.edu. Also, check in on our Facebook page mentioned above. If you're going to make a donation, don't forget the Class of '77 Endowment fund that you can give to directly through the Stevens website. Stay well and stay tuned in for the next exciting episode!

— Paul Porzio;
eclectichours@cox.net

1978

February 13, 2024 — From time to time I don't receive any submissions, so I reach out to several of our classmates and ask if they'd be willing to send something. Several years ago, I had contacted **Ed Mansky**; he was interested but unable to send anything in at that time. Recently, though, he sent the following:

"Hi John, here is what I've been up to since graduation. In 1978 I went to graduate school at Georgia Tech in Atlanta, where I graduated with a Ph.D. in physics in 1985. I stayed on at Georgia Tech in the physics department for another 10 years, first as a postdoc, then senior research scientist. In 1995 I went to Oak Ridge National Lab for a two-year appointment. I got a chance to return to New York as a software consultant, working for a couple of Wall Street firms, first on a Y2K project for a bond pricing firm, then programming in Perl and C at a hedge fund administrator.

"I continued software contracting after moving to Oregon, where I've been working remotely since. I am presently working for NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center in the Solar Data Analysis Center (SDAC). The SDAC website is used daily worldwide by solar physicists to search for and download data from nearly 100 instruments at ground-based and space-based observatories. I am also able to continue doing atomic physics, with the latest being three chapters (Software, Recombination and Rydberg Collision Theories) in the *Handbook of Atomic, Molecular & Optical Physics* (2nd ed.) by

Springer. (<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-030-73893-8>) (<https://www.virtualsolar.org/cgi-bin/search>) Best Regards, Ed."

I am constantly amazed by the fascinating things Stevens alumni get into! Thanks, Ed, for this update.

I recently received some sad news: **Robert A. Fernandez**, the father of classmate **Bob Fernandez**, passed away in early January. Mr. Fernandez had a long history at Stevens, working in the financial administration area in three separate stints. He started his career as an accountant; during our years at Stevens, he was the school's controller and ultimately reached the position of chief financial officer in the 1990s.

A photo of Bob, his younger brother John, and his father on the steps to the Stevens Center in 1969 appears with this log.

— John Jarboe;
jjarboe1@comcast.net

1981

February 12, 2024 — As I sit down to write our class log, I am sorry to say I do not have any news from any of our classmates and my own personal news is not pleasant right now, so I'd prefer not to share at this time.

I wish my classmates and all those reading this log a peaceful 2024. As we enter into spring, may any pruning that occurred in the fall and winter bring forth great joy and beauty in your lives.

As always, if and when you have news you'd like to share with our classmates, let me know by sending me an email at gmforne@gmail.com.

Till next time, Gloria

— Gloria M. Ron-Fornes;
gmforne@gmail.com

1982

January 17, 2024 — Last year I attended a conference in Texas and visited my old Stevens roommate **Jeff Stevens**. Jeff lives in Houston with his wife, Michele. He retired in 2020 from an engineering career of 38 years, 32 of them with Compaq/HP. Jeff has begun a second career teaching in the electrical engineering department at Texas State University.

When they aren't working, Jeff and Michele enjoy spending time with family and friends at their lake house in Lake Conroe, Texas. The picture is of Jeff and me with the lake in the background. Their son Matt is a civil engineer. He and his wife, Emily, live nearby. Their daughter, Ginny, is finishing her nursing degree in New Hampshire.

Jeff and Michele frequently go back to New Jersey to see family and friends. On his last trip back Jeff caught up with **Carl Wischmann, Bill Tevald, Marcel Simon '78, Bob Schetlick '83, Dan Roman, and Ray Carr** at a favorite college hangout.

On a side note, I recently attended a holiday get-together with former colleagues who worked at Intel/Dialogic years ago. It was a little bit of a Stevens alumni gathering with attendance by **Vince Massa '76, Jaime Cardenas '83, Don Massa '84, Matt Runo '84, Marc Rossi '86**, and myself. I was the only 1982-er, but it was good to catch up with other alumni and share some stories. Vince, Jaime, and Don are retired and the rest of us are working on it!

Le Vuong wrote me about the last log and had one correction: The four days and three nights were the total duration of the trip, including trekking through the cave. The way I presented it made it sound like it took that long just to get to the cave.

— **Dan Roman;**
n2mfc@alumni.stevens.edu

1983

January 2024 — Here's an update from **Paul Malinowski**, who says that he and his wife, Indrani, became Floridians two years ago and live in Naples.

"FYI: We have a long and varied history with Stevens:

- My dad, **Edmund**, received both his **M.S. (1956)** and **Ph.D. (1961)** degrees from Stevens and was a professor of chemistry at Stevens for about 40 years.
- My father-in-law, **Ajay Bose Hon. M.Eng. '63**, was also a professor of chemistry at Stevens for many decades.
- My brother, **Robert**, received both his **B.E. (1986)** and **M.S. (1992)** from Stevens.

- My brother-in-law, **Raj Bose '89**, received his B.E. from Stevens.

- Our niece, **Lyla King**, received her B.S. in communications in **2020** from Stevens.

- I recently retired from Becton Dickinson (BD), and used to work in the Howe Building, named for **Wesley "Jack" Howe '43**.

- I was hired into BD by **Donald Sposato '63 M.M.S. '67 Ph.D. '74**, also a Stevens grad.

- Indrani (nee Bose) and I were married on Stevens Point in 1989.

- As children, our dad used to bring my brother and me to the campus. We always enjoyed touring the SS Stevens (see photo).

We last visited the campus in September 2022 and saw the new dormitories as they were opening. The walk-through campus brought back many memories, some good and some not so good (such as zero-hour exams in the freezing cold). Looking forward to meeting you in a few weeks. Sincerely, Paul Malinowski."

— **Linda G. Smith;**
lindagildasmith@gmail.com

1984

Submitted by **Troy Roberts** and **Dan Belenets**

May 2023 — Sunday, April 23, 2023, was a beautiful sunny spring day in Hoboken! Perfect weather for the annual Stevens Soccer Alumni Game. It was 60 degrees outside with a light breeze from the south. Spring was blooming everywhere on campus. Oddly, there were no smells of the 1980s, such as the aroma of roasted coffee from the Maxwell House plant and no smoke from burning creosote piers along the Hudson River waterfront.

It was a spur of the moment decision to attend, but we proudly represented the Class of 1984, not to mention all former players from the 20th century! Overall, more than 35 players showed up. As the senior attendees, we wisely stayed on the sidelines, offering unsolicited advice, heckling and general encouragement to the youngsters, and avoiding certain injury and possible hospitalization (LOL)!



Above: Paul Malinowski '83 shared this 1970 photo of his brother Robert '86 M.S. '92, left, and him aboard the S.S. Stevens floating dormitory. Learn more about this Stevens legacy family in the 1983 log.

Top: Houston area resident Jeff Stevens '82 caught up with some Stevens friends back in New Jersey. Pictured, from left, are Carl Wischmann, Bill Tevald '82, Marcel Simon '78, Jeff Stevens '82, Bob Schetlick '83, Dan Roman '82 and Ray Carr '82.

Middle, left: Jeff Stevens, left, and Dan Roman, both Class of '82, at Jeff's home in Lake Conroe, Texas.

Middle, right: Troy Roberts, left, and Dan Belenets, both Class of '84, reunited for a day of soccer, wandering around campus and pizza at Benny Tudino's. Read about their excellent day in the '84 log.

Above: Last summer, Class of '87ers Bob Lynch, Gerry Messina and Bill Braun reunited in Baltimore to catch an Orioles baseball game.

Upstarts



The medical journey of **Paul Rea '06** made him an unexpected member of the ostomate community

and led him to found his company, Ostoh. Rea's experience of managing gas in the ostomy pouch affected his quality of life. Drawing on his engineering background, he developed the Ostoh Valve System — for which he recently received a patent — which is designed to allow ostomates to “burp” their bag with more control and less effort. Through Ostoh, Rea will continue to develop this and other products to make ostomy life easier.



Kaylon Paterson M.Eng. '20 is the CEO of Paterson Aerospace Systems (PAS), which develops environmental

solutions for the aerospace industry. In 2023, PAS participated in the HUSTLE Defense Accelerator hosted by the Griffiss Institute in upstate New York. In addition, the company's Satellite Accountability Blockchain capability, which aims to offer a simpler, more accurate method to track space debris, received a grant from the Air Force Research Lab's Mid-Atlantic Hub. Paterson credits retired Air Force Lt. Col. and Stevens professor Pam Magee as a mentor; she serves as an adviser for PAS.

We walked around the campus — the new towers and the Stevens Center — out on the Point with its fantastic view. We passed the old South Dorm, the Duck Dome (a.k.a., Walker Gymnasium), the library and computer center, reminiscing about the good old days and several run-ins with Stevens Security (i.e., **Sgt. Frank Thurston!**), marveling at the much improved/modernized campus. We also toured Delta Tau Delta with two current varsity soccer players and walked down fraternity row, noting how much they looked the same.

We enjoyed chatting with Coach Dale Jordan and Assistant Coach Chris Koch about the very successful soccer program (NCAA Final Four in 2022) and the artificial turf soccer field itself (no dirt, no clumps of grass, no rocks, no potholes, no crooked lines, no orange highway cones!). The game appeared to be a lot easier to play without these obstructions.

While in Hoboken, we visited Benny Tudino's on Washington Street for lunch and enjoyed several large, greasy isosceles triangular slices of pizza (roughly 12" crust by 20" long side), just like we remembered them! After the soccer games, we visited Court Street and the 8th Street Tavern for some refreshing cold beverages.

After 33 years at the NYFD (Troy) and 35 years at Verizon Wireless (Dan), 40+ years melted away in a matter of hours over laughter, smiles and storytelling ... and we were young again! Precious memories indeed.

— *The Stevens Indicator*,
alumni@stevens.edu

1989

February 12, 2024 — THIS IS IT! Our reunion year! Unbelievably, 35 years have come and gone since our graduation from Stevens. We are planning a wonderful celebration for the weekend of May 31-June 1, 2024. Our reunion planning committee has been hard at work reaching out to all our classmates. Let's introduce them here; we can all use a refresh after 35 years!

Francine Colabella Merken is an organization dynamo. She keeps the committee in check

by taking detailed notes and not procrastinating. Here's her update: "I'm still working at Merck and will be celebrating my 35th service anniversary in June. These days I'm working on a digital team supporting our Supply Chain Management Distribution & Logistics related to digital transformation. **Paul Merken '88** is still retired and playing lots of golf while our son, Jake, is at Penn State studying supply chain management and international business. It's going to be a busy 2024 for us as we are planning a big family trip this summer to France (Normandy and Paris), Jake's graduation in December and of course the 35th Reunion weekend in June! Looking forward to reconnecting with everyone then."

Eric Faust continues to amaze me with his limitless energy. Traveling frequently for work, he still manages to squeeze in shockingly long bike rides. He writes: "I've had an amazing journey both personally and professionally. I currently work at the Timken Company as an application engineer. My wife, Diane, and I live in Merrimack, New Hampshire and love it. In my free time I am an avid cyclist, both mountain and roads, and enjoy building and working on my bikes almost as much as I do riding them. I also enjoy freediving and spearfishing in the waters off southern New England in the summer and skiing in the Green and White mountains in northern New England in the winter."

Joe Papa shared big news with us: "I got a job offer from AT&T in the spring of my senior year. After 30 years, my standard joke to those that asked how someone can stay at one place for so long was 'I worked for a lot of different companies over the years, they all just happened to be called AT&T.' I left AT&T this past November. It may be time to retire that joke, but I have no intention of 'retiring' myself. I started teaching as professor at NYU this spring and working on launching an independent business and marketing consultancy so I will be more than busy for the foreseeable future."

John Rizzuto has also been living the retired life. He reports: "I retired in 2016 after a nearly 30-year career in financial services where I was a partner in a large hedge fund and then ran the global software research group at a major

investment bank. Since retiring I have a place in Florida where I spend my winters when I'm not skiing and spend the warmer months with friends and family in New Jersey."

And for myself, your trusty secretary, I continue to be very busy playing regular gigs with my band, Guava Jelly; I serve on the Stevens Alumni Association Board as both a director and officer (at different times) and enjoy collaborating with alums; I often travel visiting family and fun places; and now enjoying being a recent empty nester! Woo-hoo!

Expect to see an email, snail mail, phone call or smoke signal from any one of us. We would love to catch up with you and would be delighted to see you at the reunion.

— Dawn Madak;
dawnmadak@gmail.com

1993

February 11, 2024 — We hope that everyone is doing well. This is just a quick reminder of the many ways to stay in touch with the Stevens Class of '93. Please feel free to leave updates on the "Stevens '93 Alumni" Facebook group, send an email to us (stevensreunionclassof93@gmail.com), or submit directly to the *Indicator*.

Also, a small group of us had a great time at last year's Alumni Weekend event. This year's event will be held May 31–June 1, 2024. It's a great opportunity to catch up (in-person) with classmates you haven't seen in a while. **Eric Monte, David Ponzio** and **Sean Garner**

— Sean M. Garner;
garnersm@gmail.com

2007

November 2023 — Here's an update from **Lorrie Brabender '07 M.Eng. '07**.

"We have officially welcomed a baby boy, Logan Preston Moody, on September 20, 2023!"

— John M. Frega;
jfrega@gmail.com

2008

Anthony Najem '08 and Jimmy Khoa Vo joyfully welcomed their son, William Anthony Nam VoNajem, on October 20, 2023. Anthony also reports: "I'm still at ExxonMobil (15 years this year!), and I'm currently the process design manager for one of our major growth ventures.

"Jimmy went to UC Irvine and graduated with a master's in chemical and biochemical engineering, Class of 2009." See a photo of William near their class log.

— Derek J. Ives;
derek.j.ives@gmail.com

Pres. **Jonathan Matos**;
jonmatos@gmail.com

2013

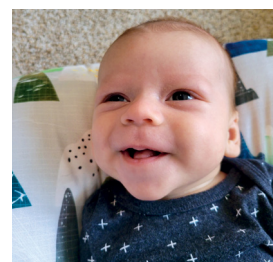
February 2024 — **Alex Lee '13 M.Eng.'13** was selected as the Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Project Manager of the Year after successfully leading 10 pre-award projects and five post-award projects ranging from \$10 million to \$600 million. Alex was recognized at the NAVFAC Design and Construction Awards Ceremony, during Engineers Week, February 18–24, 2024.

Per the NAVFAC, Lee has managed a portfolio of projects valuing more than \$1.2 billion during the last three years, including NAVSEA's Headquarters in support of the Australia, U.K. and U.S. program, the renovation of Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and the water treatment plant at [Marine Corps Base] Quantico. He is currently the project manager for a historic building renovation project in support of the Washington Navy Yard Land Exchange Agreement.

Rear Adm. Dean VanderLey, commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC), announced Lee's award on January 30.

"His leadership, expertise, and dedication have had a direct and positive impact on NAVFAC and its project management community," said VanderLey.

Lee's career at NAVFAC Washington started in July 2020. At press time, Lee was transitioning into his new role as the project



Top:
Celebrating the holidays at the Houston Alumni Club holiday party in December were, from left, Walter Edgar '93, Priti Kerby '95 M.S. '98 and Michael Kerby.

Middle:
The Class of '89 reunion committee, then and now! From left: Francine Colabella Merken, Eric Faust, Dawn Madak, Joe Papa and John Rizzuto.

Above, left:
Jorge Leon M.S. '03 and Margaret Rose Roberto, wife of Frank Roberto '76, at the Houston Alumni Club holiday party.

Above, right:
Logan Preston Moody, son of Lorrie Brabender '07 and Kyle Moody, was born last September.



Above:
William Anthony Nam VoNajem, son of Anthony Najem '08 and Jimmy Khoa Vo, was born last October.



Top, left: Maverick Hudson Serrano, son of Sylvana Azana Serrano '14 and Daniel Serrano, was born in July 2023.

Top, right: Maverick cuddles at home with his parents.

Middle: Former Stevens Ducks Pitcher Chandler Brierley '20 M.S. '21 has signed a minor league free agent contract with the Kansas City Royals. Read more in the '20 log.

Bottom: Ben Thomson '21, right, with thesis team members Sherman Li, left, and Henri Bataille, showcase the industrial IoT device they helped develop during their master's thesis at MIT. Learn more in the '21 log.

“Chandler’s achievement is a true example of what can happen when talent, hard work and perseverance all come together.”

Kristaps Aldins, current head baseball coach for Stevens, speaking about Chandler Brierley '20 M.S. '21 signing with the Kansas City Royals.

management supervisor and community of practice lead for NAVFAC Washington.

— **Armand R. Reyes;**
armandrookreyes@gmail.com

2020

December 7, 2023 — Chandler Brierley '20 M.S. '21 has inked a minor league free agent contract with the Kansas City Royals.

Since his graduation from Stevens, the Ridgewood, New Jersey, native has spent the last three seasons in the professional ranks, beginning with the prestigious MLB Draft League, where he struck out 19 over 18 2/3 innings with the Trenton Thunder.

After going undrafted, the 6-foot-8 left-hander moved on to the Frontier League’s Joliet Slammers, where he spent nearly two seasons before transitioning to the Atlantic League’s Lancaster Barnstormers. Chandler had his best season as a professional in 2022, going 3-2 with a sterling 2.90 earned-run average for the Slammers. Across his three seasons in the unaffiliated leagues, Chandler has a 4-7 record and nearly averaged a strikeout (139) per inning (140).

Chandler is believed to be the seventh Duck to play professionally in the United States and the fifth to reach affiliated baseball, three of which are former student-athletes that played for current head coach **Kristaps Aldins**.

“I was simply overjoyed to hear this news,” Aldins said. “Chandler’s achievement is a true example of what can happen when talent, hard work, and perseverance all come together. I have no doubt that Chandler will now set his sights on his next challenges, which perhaps may include his own unique pathway to Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City. We are so happy for Chandler and his family about this incredible accomplishment, and it’s something our entire Stevens community can celebrate.”

— **Alexander Murtagh;**
amurtagh@gmail.com

2021

February 22, 2024 — For this edition of the Class of 2021 log, **Ben Thomson** shared his journey since graduating from Stevens with his M.E. in mechanical engineering.

“Once graduate programs began waiving the GRE requirement for admissions due to COVID, I began applying to master’s programs after the completion of my bachelor’s degree at Stevens. A bit embarrassing to decide on graduate education based on a four-hour test, but it at least served as a catalyst. I enrolled in MIT’s Master of Engineering in advanced manufacturing and design program, which is a degree focused on manufacturing methods, process control and mechanical design. I felt well prepared by my education at Stevens and leaned heavily on my experience in the Stevens machine shop (thanks Bruce and Paul!) from my senior design project. My thesis project involved the design of an internet-connected milk health monitor installed on dairy farms, and I spent quite a bit of time on the farm. I still live just outside Boston and am currently working as a product design engineer at a startup developing liquid cooling products for servers.”

— **Sarah Bertussi;**
sbertussi@yahoo.com

2024

Spring 2024 — Erin Kreis is the founder of Silver Strides (through the Launchpad@Stevens program), a walking app currently available on App Store and Google Play Store that aims to help older adults maintain their physical and mental health as they age. Since mental health plays a significant role in overall well-being, the app combines social engagement with physical activity. From Erin: “I hope to build a walking community where users make new friends that help combat loneliness while motivating each other to stay active.” She has organized a walking event in Hoboken twice and hopes it will become an annual event.

— **The Stevens Indicator;**
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Graduate Log

Hong Liang M.S. '87 Ph.D. '92 is a professor of mechanical engineering at Texas A&M University, where she continues her research in surface science and tribology, manufacturing and materials. She also sits on the External Advisory Board of Stevens' Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science. A recognized leader in her field, Liang is a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) and the Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers, the latter of which she served as president for 2023–24. She is an editor-in-chief for the *Tribology International* and an associate editor for several other journals. In 2018–19, she was named an ASME Swanson Fellow and served as the assistant director for research partnerships for the National Office of Advanced Manufacturing at the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Diaa Elmaddah M.Eng. '98 M.S. '03 M.B.A. '10 is a professional engineer and program director at Jacobs, where he manages major projects for rail agencies in the New York-New Jersey region, including the Long Island Railroad (LIRR), Metro-North Railroad, NYC Transit and NJ Transit. Elmaddah has more than a quarter-century of experience leading projects involving transit and railroad infrastructure, including the \$2.6 billion project to bring a third track to the LIRR commuter line. "Rail infrastructure is a real passion of mine, and I'm lucky to have contributed to several major projects that directly impact the place I call home," Elmaddah said in a recent interview with *Engineering News-Record*.

Norman Eng M.Eng. '09 joined Siemens Government Technologies (SGT) as vice president of U.S. defense digital strategy. The move follows Eng's 35-year tenure at Northrop Grumman, where he served as vice president of engineering for the aeronautics sector, global products vice president and senior director of engineering. At SGT, Eng supports defense and aerospace customers and the development of the Siemens Xcelerator digital business platform.

Vishakha Sharma M.S. '09 Ph.D. '15 was inducted as a Fellow of the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) at the organization's 2023 conference in Chicago. She was one of 70 AMIA members who were recognized for applying informatics skills and knowledge in the professional setting, demonstrating professional achievement and leadership, and contributing to the betterment of the organization. "The achievement signals that she is an expert in evidence-based informatics practice and engaged with a community of lifelong learners who apply the latest advances in informatics to improve health and health care," the organization said in a release about Sharma, who is a senior principal data scientist for Roche.

Tallal Bhutta M.Eng. '10 M.S. '12 is the founder and chief executive officer of BDB Construction Enterprise. In the past year, Bhutta's firm has been focused on repurposing big hotels that never reopened after the COVID-19 pandemic shut-downs. BDB Construction Enterprise recently transformed two midtown Manhattan hotels into more than 2,000 units of student housing. Other cities, including Providence, Rhode Island, are partnering with Bhutta to complete student housing conversion projects. Bhutta also worked with LaGree Baptist Church in the Bronx to rehabilitate a former manufacturing facility to serve as the congregation's new home.

Sorush Mahjoubi Ph.D. '23 is a postdoctoral associate at MIT's Olivetti Group and Concrete Sustainability Hub, focusing on reducing emissions from cement-based materials. He has worked on creating new binders for concrete, designing complex concrete mixes and conducting detailed performance tests. His research contributions include developing AI-driven designs for sustainable, high-performance concrete. Before joining MIT, Sorush was an adjunct professor at Stevens, teaching a course on advanced mechanics of materials. As a student at Stevens, he worked in the Smart Infrastructure Lab and was supervised by Assistant Professor Yi Bao.

Vitals

Notices received from 7/20/23 to 3/12/24.

BIRTHS

To **Lorrie Brabender '07** and Kyle Moody, a boy, Logan Preston Moody, on September 20, 2023.

To **Anthony Najem '08** and Jimmy Khoa Vo, a son, William Anthony Nam VoNajem, on October 20, 2023.

To **Sylvana Azana Serrano '14** and Daniel Serrano, a son, Maverick Hudson Serrano, on July 20, 2023.

OBITUARIES

1940s

J.R. Casamento '43
C.D. Alvey '45
A.R. Boera '46 Hon. M.E. '86
A.J. Jennings '49 M.S. '55

1950s

J.J. Finnerty '50
E.D. Mannherz '50
J.A. Allstaedt '51
R.C. Benn '51
S.P. Goldie '51
J.B. Riley M.S. '52
R.H. Birgler '53
R.E. Swarts M.S. '53
W.E. Bradley M.S. '54
C.R. Hedberg '54
W.E. Palmer '55 M.S. '60
J.A. Spady, Esq. '55
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