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Members of Stevens' Black Student Union gather for their 1975 *Link* yearbook photo. Can you identify them? Email editor@alumni.stevens.edu





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Dear Fellow Alumni,

As alumni of Stevens, we carry with us experiences and memories of some of the most transformative years of our lives.

When I began my academic journey, I participated in the Performing Arts Pre-Orientation, a program that brought together about 30

students who shared an interest in the theater and performing arts. We arrived on campus five days before the rest of the student body, and we bonded through acting exercises, creative collaboration and the exciting challenge of writing and performing our own plays. It was a fun and meaningful experience. By the time we started classes, I had a core group of friends and felt like I had found my community.

The Stevens Dramatic Society was my home away from home. Throughout my years at Stevens, I stayed active in the theater, performing in productions and serving in leadership. I learned the power of collaboration and the importance of stepping into roles that challenged and inspired me. These experiences not only shaped my college years but also influenced my career and life. After graduation, I reignited the Dramatic Society Alumni Affinity Club, and together we established the Stevens Dramatic Society Endowed Scholarship.

I ask you to engage with Stevens in ways that matter to you. Think back to what sparked your passion during your time as a student. Was it athletics, student government, volunteering, Greek life, a club or organization? Whatever it was, there's a place for you to connect as an alum and have fun in a way that is reminiscent of what you experienced as a student. If there is an opportunity you want to engage in that you are not seeing, let us know so we can find a meaningful way for you to become involved.

Join me in connecting with what once inspired you. When we engage with purpose, we strengthen the bonds that define our incredible community.

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Class Logs

1946

Editor's Note: The Stevens Indicator staff was saddened to learn of the passing of longtime class secretary A. Richard (Dick) Boera on October 12, 2023. A tribute, based on his formal obituary, appears below. We offer our deepest sympathy to his family.

Alvaro Richard Boera

Alvaro Richard (Dick) Boera, of South Burlington, Vermont, a World War II Navy veteran, college administrator and world traveler who met Einstein and three U.S. presidents, died on October 13, 2023. He was 97.

For many years, Mr. Boera was the devoted class secretary for the Class of '46, serving his fellow classmates by writing wonderfully researched and beautifully written class logs for *The Stevens Indicator*.

Entering Princeton University in 1942, Mr. Boera left to enlist in the Navy in July 1943 during World War II and joined Stevens' Navy V-12 program, an officers training program. He later served aboard the light cruiser, USS Portsmouth, rising to "A" division officer, and was on active duty through August 1946. He retired from the Naval Reserve in 1963 with the rank of lieutenant (jg).

Mr. Boera received a bachelor's degree from Stevens as well as an honorary M.E. degree and earned a master's degree in aeronautics (rocketry and jet propulsion) from the California Institute of Technology in 1949. He later worked with his father for eight years in the restaurant business on Staten Island, New York, assuming overall management of the business when his dad suffered a heart attack in 1951.

When the restaurant burned down in 1957, Mr. Boera was asked to help out "for a short time" at the newly established Staten Island Community College. Thirteen years later (1970), having served as purchasing agent, bookstore manager, alumni director, assistant business manager, tenured assistant professor of mechanical technology, and business manager, he left Staten Island with his family to

accept the post of comptroller/business manager at Lyndon State College in Lyndonville, Vermont.

A survivor of colon cancer in 1985, Mr. Boera retired from his position as dean of Business Affairs at LSC in 1989, having served seven college presidents. Also in 1989, he was honored as Lyndon's Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Boera left a legacy of longtime community and civic service to his home of Lyndonville. He served as Justice of the Peace (for over 30 years), town and village auditor, chairman of the Town Planning Commission, assistant scoutmaster of the local Boy Scout troop, member of the Board of Civil Authority, a director and treasurer of the Lyndonville Rotary Club, a director and treasurer of the Lyndon Historical Society, financial consultant/bookkeeper/budget officer of the Caledonia North Supervisory Union, trustee of the Sanborn School Fund, and life member of Lyndon Post #30, American Legion, among many other positions.

In 2009, he was honored as the Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce's Citizen-of-the-Year and grand marshal of the annual Stars & Stripes Pageant in Lyndonville.

Mr. Boera traveled extensively to all 50 states, 83 countries, and all seven continents, including Antarctica, during his lifetime. Emulating President George H.W. Bush, he recorded a skydive (from 14,000 feet over Hawaii) at age 83.

During his lifetime he saw nine U.S. presidents dating back to FDR, and, though a lifelong Republican, personally met Kennedy, Carter and Clinton. In 1996, he hosted Chief Justice of the United States William Rehnquist as guest speaker at his Lyndonville Rotary Club and, during a visit back to Princeton while in the Navy in 1944, had a lengthy private meeting alone with Einstein in his study.

His beloved wife of 68 years, Julie Louise, predeceased him in 2020. Mr. Boera is survived by their seven children: Patricia; USAF Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Michael; Peter; USAF and VTANG Lt. Col. (Ret.) Christine, Susan Sobczak, David; and USAF Col. (Ret.) Donna; twelve grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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1949

Editors Note: Charles J. Keller passed away on Feb. 9, 2025. The Indicator sends its deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Charles Keller

Charles John Keller, an IBM engineer, passed away on February 9, 2025, at age 95.

After graduating from Stevens, Mr. Keller worked as an engineer before enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1951 during the Korean War. He served in the Army Corps of Engineers and was promoted to Sergeant First Class.

Before leaving for service, he began dating the love of his life, Anne Maureen Morrison. They married in 1952 and together they raised a large, loving (and loud) family with eight children, 38 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In 1954, he began a 35-year career at IBM with senior positions in East Fishkill and Poughkeepsie, New York, before his move to Tucson, Arizona, in 1981. He was a lead engineer on the creation of the Sabre travel reservation system, helped pioneer clean room equipment for IBM components, and led the design of thermal systems for large-scale computers and the first IBM personal computers.

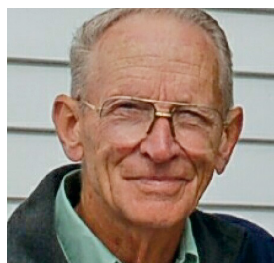
He earned two master's degrees from Union College in industrial administration and operations research in 1970 and 1976, respectively, and completed coursework toward a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, specializing in heat transfer.

Mr. Keller also designed and built two homes, installing every system personally including plumbing, electricity, and heating and cooling.

He loved traveling, from camping with his children and later in life, traveling extensively with his wife and extended family.

He is survived by his wife Anne Maureen Keller; his sister Jean Rivlin; his children Charles Keller; Maureen Keller Wood; David Keller; Stephen Keller; Paul Keller; Anne Maura Neal; Margaret Keller; and Kathleen Keller; 24 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

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Top to bottom:

Longtime class secretary Richard "Dick" Boera '46 passed away in 2023; a tribute appears in the '46 class log. Here are photos of Dick from over the years, including the World War II veteran in his Navy uniform.

1951

February 3, 2025 — Hi to the readers of the '51 log, especially '51 classmates. Contacts are few in number and, as class secretary, I don't have an accurate handle on those of us still out there. Emails are undeliverable or telephone calls are to non-working numbers. My goal, however, is to keep the '51 log relevant through our 75th anniversary year which occurs in 2026.

I was recently honored by being selected for an all-expenses-paid Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C., to visit the war memorials, Navy Museum and the National Museum of the United States Navy and the National Air and Space Museum. The trip departed from Love Field, Dallas, with 42 veterans including myself and two other World War II veterans. The other honorees served in the Korean and Vietnam wars. I have a daughter and granddaughter who are both Southwest Airlines flight attendants. They were two of the three flight attendants assigned to work this Southwest Honor Flight. Another highlight was two fire engines giving the 737 a water salute while taxiing to the gate at Reagan National Airport.

On another note, I was unsuccessful in my attempt to contact a third of those '51 classmates on my "presumed living" list. Non-working landlines may be the result of many of us now living in a retirement community such as Arlene and myself. In the last '51 log, I asked if any classmates still had their K&E log duplex slide rule. Do you still have yours?

— **Charles Wetter,**
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1953

August 2024 — **Charles Schnabolk** shared several newspaper articles by *The New York Times*, *The Press of Atlantic City*, plus a syndicated column by the late journalist **Richard Reeves '60**, in which Schnabolk was quoted over the years. A longtime security system consultant, he was interviewed about the 9/11 terrorist attacks and security threats years before. He also wrote a column about having finished last in his class

both at Stevens and in his graduate school class at New York University, he says. The column, printed in *The New York Times*, defended then-Vice President Dan Quayle, who infamously misspelled "potato" during a visit with elementary school children. "Membership in Phi Beta Kappa is not a prerequisite to enable someone to balance the budget," Schnabolk wrote.

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1954

My plea for some classmates to respond did not go for naught, as **Harold Mooz** sent an update. He started by saying in his note to me that he is living the good life on the waterfront of Tiburon, California, which is just north of San Francisco. He stated as follows: "After graduation, I served in the U.S. Army for two years and then was employed by Allen B DuMont Labs for a few years, reaching sales manager in their Instrument Division.

"Lockheed talked me into joining the space race in California, where I supervised a few launch pads and later became the launch conductor for dozens of secret reconnaissance satellites. Lockheed then promoted me to their California operations where I became the chief systems engineer for multiple programs and later program director.

"Noticing a need for specialized training in producing and deploying highly reliable expensive satellites, I resigned from Lockheed with an agreement that Lockheed would partner with me to train their staff. The Center for Systems Management was born and resulted in our training almost every aerospace contractor as well as most of the government procuring agencies including the CIA, NASA, NSA, the Naval Research Laboratory, Department of State, U.S. Air Force and the Naval Post Graduate School, plus Airbus in Europe.

"From that background my partners and I produced the number one best-selling Project Management book in three editions that has been translated into four languages worldwide and became the text for MIT, Stanford, George Washington University and others." Harold reflects on the general

engineering curriculum at Stevens, as it provided the basic background for developing the solutions for the early space science development that he is truly grateful for.

— **George Hromnak;**
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1956

February 2025 —
Editor's Note: John J. Guide passed away on January 5, 2025. The Indicator sends its deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

John J. Guide

John J. Guide '56 M.Eng. '65 of Kingwood, Texas, a multiple patent holder and Exxon engineer, died on January 5, 2025. He was 89.

Mr. Guide enjoyed a successful 34-year career with ExxonMobil, starting when he joined the company, then known as Esso, in 1965. During his career with Exxon — for whom he worked in New Jersey and later in Texas — he participated in multiple refinery start-ups, led several teams of engineers and held multiple patents for processes he created that helped to improve the efficiency of refining globally. He started his engineering career with Curtis Wright and Kearfott.

At Stevens, Mr. Guide finished at the top of his class and was a baseball standout, leading in hitting and pitching for the Stevens Ducks. He was scouted by professional baseball but opted to serve his country, joining the U.S. Air Force ROTC program and entering active duty in 1956 after graduating with high honors from Stevens. In 1957, he married Jean Pearson, and they were stationed at Clark Air Force Base in The Philippines. Mr. Guide served in the Air Force Reserve, where he was promoted to the rank of captain.

Mr. Guide was a member of St. Martha Catholic Church in Porter, Texas, and traded his love of the Dodgers for the Astros, never missing a game.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Jean, and is survived by his daughters, Elizabeth Guide and Kristin Lynn Hubbard; a brother Robert; and numerous relatives.

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CLASS UPDATES

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World War II veteran Charles Wetter '51 visited Washington, DC, including the Marine Corps War Memorial, as part of an Honor Flight, an all-expenses-paid plane trip for U.S. veterans. Read more in the '51 log.

**Top and middle:**

Ken DeGraw '57 celebrated his 90th birthday on January 13, 2025, with a surprise gathering with his close Stevens friends at Miller's Ale House in Paramus, New Jersey. Seated, from left, are Joe Weber '64, Ken, Dick Magee '63, Tom Moschello '63, Marty Valerio '68, George Johnston '72 and Enrique Blanco '72.

Bottom left:

Helen Beglin and Bob Fiocco '58, left, and Marilyn and Roger Bond '58 met for dinner in the Bonds' hometown of Riviera Beach, Florida, in January.

Bottom right:

A remembrance of Bruce Hampson '57, who passed away last year, appears in the 1957 class log.



1957

February 2025 — On January 13, 2025, **Ken DeGraw** marked his 90th birthday with some of his longtime Stevens friends, all members of the self-described ROMEO group (Retired Old Men Eating Out). The group surprised Ken for a lunchtime celebration at Miller's Ale House in Paramus, New Jersey, with Ken wearing a special birthday hat. (Ken's wife, Helen, was in on the surprise!)

Sadly, the class recently lost several members. Remembrances appear below.

Herbert Kimmich

Herbert Kimmich of Morristown, New Jersey, a longtime Foster Wheeler executive and engineer who traveled the world, with business travels taking him to six continents, passed away on January 29, 2025. He was 89.

A professional engineer in New Jersey and New York, Kimmich joined the Foster Wheeler Corporation as a project technologist in 1957. Over his 42-year career with Foster Wheeler, he traveled the world, living in Bataan, Philippines; London; Houston, TX, Melbourne, Australia; and New Jersey. He rose from field engineer to vice president, general manager and president (FW Spec), ending with vice president of Project Development/Commercial Development. Highlights of his business travels included visiting six continents with extended trips to Turkey, Southeast Asia, China, Russia, Africa and South America.

Mr. Kimmich was an active alumnus of Stevens. He and his wife of 46 years Hildegard were members of the Morristown United Methodist Church and more recently the Presbyterian Church of Basking Ridge, New Jersey, where he was formerly an elder. He was actively involved in a twelve-step community. He enjoyed extensive travels around the world with his family.

Predeceased by his wife, Hildegard, he is survived by his daughters, Christina I. K. Hawkes, Barbara F. M. Kimmich and Katrina H. Zoski; and three granddaughters Emma, Isabelle, and Sophie Hawkes.

Bruce Hampson

Bruce E. Hampson, an executive and lover of the great outdoors, died on Aug. 24, 2024. He was 88.

After his graduation from Stevens, Mr. Hampson joined the Air Force and was stationed at Goose Bay Labrador Air Force Base in Canada. Mr. Hampson later joined the Trane Company in New York City in 1967, with a career spanning five decades. He served as general manager and "believed first and foremost in taking care of his people," his family said.

He later moved with his family to Weston, Connecticut. After "retirement" he became very active in the town of Wilton, Connecticut. His many accomplishments for the town of Wilton included co-chairing the Wilton High School building project, lead of the Miller-Driscoll School building committee, and serving as chairman of the Wilton Energy Commission.

In 2015 he earned the Wilton "Citizen of the Year" award. Other awards and accomplishments included the Connecticut Climate Change Leadership Award in 2010 and the Wilton Go Green Energy Effectiveness Award in 2015.

In the fall of 2021, he relocated to Colorado at the age of 85 to be closer to his children and grandchildren.

Surviving are his daughter Kate Baumgartner; son Dr. Chris Hampson; and four grandchildren.

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1958

February 3, 2025 — Dear '58

Classmates, Time for another log! Hope you are all doing well and are looking forward to a nice spring and summer. Also, I hope you all are taking great pride in the remarkable academic growth at Stevens and in the gift to Stevens of another of our '58 classmates, **Reno Del Ben**, who passed away in 2021. His story is described in an article in this *Indicator* on page 6. I believe our '58 Class is still the top donor to Stevens in history. Wow!!!

I did receive another annual Christmas letter from **Nels Gravenstede** this past year. He's still keeping active at his home in Newton, New Jersey, with his family and many friends as they adjust to life without his dear wife Audrey, who bravely battled Alzheimer's disease for many years. Currently,

Nels has/maintains four airplanes, recently installing a needed brand-new factory engine in his latest and largest Cessna. He hopefully plans to “once again do some traveling around the east to get my \$100 hamburger (in PA) and see a few air shows.” Thanks, and God bless and happy travels to you, Nels!

I also had a terrific meet-up with **Roger Bond** and wife Marilyn in Riviera Beach, Florida, where I was spending over a week this past January at my timeshare. Roger and Marilyn picked up Helen and myself at the Marriott Vacation Club and treated us to a tasty dinner at the Seasons 52 restaurant. (See photo.) They are longtime residents there, doing/looking very well with a very active program of exercises, classes and other activities. They also spend lots of fun time in Connecticut and Massachusetts with family. One of Roger’s sons, along with a grandson, is now running the manufacturing company that Roger started in Connecticut. It was great to see them!

Helen and I really enjoyed the warmer-than-New Jersey weather we had during our time in Florida. Along with my son Bob and his wife, Peggy, we visited the Flagler Museum, the Loggerhead Turtle/Marine Center and the Manatee Lagoon FPL Eco-Discovery Center, including snorkeling, swimming and dining activities, which highlighted our pleasure-filled time in the area. Even had a lunch visit with my brother Art and family on Hutchinson Island where they regularly spend winters.

We’re still enjoying Fellowship Village friends and activities (residents’ council, dining, theater, Vibe Fitness, etc.) between doctors’ visits. Speaking of which, I just started reading a book titled, *How Not To Die*. It’s interesting and has some good tips, but LOL!

Well, that’s it from here. I’d love to hear from you. Please drop me a brief email or give a call to let me know what’s keeping you going in these ‘golden years.’ Also, if you are planning to be in the New Jersey area any time, let me know so we can maybe get together and even tour the new Old Stone Mill. Take good care of yourselves!

— **Bob Fiocco;**
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1959

March 8, 2025 — As Lincoln might have said, it is now “Six Score and Six” years since our class graduated in 1959, and we recently lost another one of our classmates, **Pete Suggs**.

Here is the email I received from Pete’s wife, Nancy: “Peter died on March 3, 2025, here at home in New River, Arizona. Both he and I enjoyed *The Indicator*, and he would turn first to his class log. Peter was a humble, private fellow who held a Ph.D. in international business from NYU. He always was proud of his degree from Stevens. At 88, he was in decent health until a serious fall. I thought maybe some remaining class members might recall him and be interested. I surely wish you all well!”

I was wondering how many of the Class of 1959 were still with us and was pleased and surprised the Alumni Office was able to provide a copy of their records in the form of a detailed spreadsheet.

Reviewing the data, I found 191 names (apparently including a few that may have joined our class after most of us started in 1955 and excluding some that may have taken the “5-year plan” and graduated after 1959). One of the columns on the spreadsheet is “Deceased,” so if you are *not* known to have passed away, it ironically says “FALSE” after your name, and they believe you are dead it says “TRUE.”

So, here is what the data shows: out of the 191 classmates listed, 113 (about 60%) of us are still alive and only 78 (40%) are known to have died!

Unless “FALSE” on the list should change to “TRUE” (or “TRUE” should be changed back to “FALSE”), there should be lots that your classmates would love to hear from you — how you are and what you are doing — so please contact me (see below) for our class news report in the next *Indicator*.

— **George Pezold;**
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1960

March 7, 2025 — Our longtime alumni class secretary, co-founder of the Class of 1960 Endowed Scholarship Fund and treasured friend **Don Merino ’60 M.S. ’63 Ph.D. ’75** passed away on October 8, 2024. I have so many memories of working with the “Professor” that it’s hard to know where to begin.

Don served on the Student Council all four years and as president during senior year. Active in publications, Don and I co-edited the Freshman Handbook for the incoming Class of 1963. He also worked on *The Stute*, *Events* and *The Link* yearbook. It’s no surprise that Don’s honors included Khoda, Gear and Triangle, Pi Delta Epsilon and eight semesters on the Activities Honor List.

Don and Rosemarie met when she worked at the Stevens library, and he proposed to her at our Senior Cocktail Party, the final event ever held at Castle Stevens before it was demolished in December 1959. It’s memorialized in the “Tales from Castle Stevens” video located on Stevens’ YouTube channel. Don also obtained his master’s and Ph.D. from Stevens.

After a successful business career at Standard Brands, ExxonMobil and Celanese Corporations, Don came home to Stevens, joining the faculty and becoming the Alexander Crombie Humphreys Professor of Engineering Management. His dedication to his students and to the university was boundless, touching the lives of hundreds during his tenure. His love of teaching and devotion to the Stevens community were the defining aspects of his life.

When Don and my late twin brother, Ed, hatched the idea of establishing Stevens’ first-ever Class Endowed Scholarship Fund in 1979, their aspirational objective was that, by the time all of us had departed the planet, it would be a million-dollar fund with annual distributions covering a year of tuition. When I received the Annual Financial Report on the Class of 1960 Endowed Scholarship Fund as of 6/30/24, I realized that the Professor didn’t depart the planet until the first goal was achieved.

At the end of FY23, we were close — \$943K. Thanks to your contributions and strong investment returns, the Fund ended FY24 at



Top to bottom:

Retired Stevens professor and longtime Class of ’60 leader Don Merino ’60 M.S. ’63 Ph.D. ’75 passed away last fall. He is fondly remembered in the 1960 log.

Last November, Delta Tau Delta fraternity celebrated the 150th anniversary of the establishment of its Rho Chapter at Stevens. More than 150 people attended the event, where the brothers awarded scholarships to several undergraduate members and announced the 2025 inductee into the Rho Chapter Wall of Achievement: Frederick L. Bissinger, Class of 1933. Enjoying the day, from left, were John Dalton ’60, Joe Garvey ’71 and Gerry Crispin ’69.

Below: Anthony Albanese, Delta Tau Delta fraternity international president, at left, attended the anniversary event.

**Top to bottom:**

Regina and Bill Kowenhoven '62 celebrate their 60th anniversary with their family at the Ocean House in Watch Hill, Rhode Island.

Julie and Dennis Blahut '62 traveled to Greece last summer, with many stops, including the Parthenon and Acropolis.

"In Athens, we visited the top attractions first, from the Acropolis to the Parthenon, as have countless thousands of 5th century BC Athenians and millions of tourists since have visited the temple dedicated to Athena, the patron and protector of ancient Athenians and goddess of wisdom and war."

Dennis Blahut '62

\$1,050K. The university distributed \$36K to three Class of 1960 Scholars.

That doesn't quite cover Stevens' annual full-price tuition bill. However, several classmates (including Don and me) have included the Class of 1960 Endowed Scholarship Fund in their estate plans. I'm confident that with continued annual contributions from classmates and others, by the time we've all departed from the planet the Fund will amply support a year's tuition at Stevens.

Ed Dalton's and Don Merino's leadership have inspired more than 60 classes to follow our example and establish similar funds. Those class scholarship funds now represent a significant portion of the university's endowment.

In addition to Rosemarie, Don is survived by his sons, Donald M.Eng. '94 Ph.D. '98 and Stefan M.T.M. '98; and his grandchildren, Nicholas, Chase, Bresh, Veronica, and Stefinho. If you wish to extend condolences to Rosemarie, the home address is 9 Ellis Circle, Yarmouth Port, MA 02675

Per aspera ad astra, John

— **John Dalton;**
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1961

February 2025 — (*Editor's Note: George C. Denzer passed away on June 3, 2024. The Indicator staff sends its deepest sympathy to his family and friends.*)

George C. Denzer M.S. '65 passed away on June 3, 2024. Born in Jersey City, New Jersey, he lived there until 1950 when the family moved to Livingston, New Jersey. At Stevens, he studied engineering and chemistry and received both his bachelor's and master's degrees as well as election to Tau Beta Pi. He greatly valued the education Stevens gave him and was a lifelong supporter of the school.

In 1969, he married his wife Joan, with whom he recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. The couple lived in Plainsboro, New Jersey, throughout their married life. Their daughter, Alyssa, lives in Washington, DC with her husband David Sturgeon and son, Dashiell Denzer-Sturgeon.

George worked for Bristol Myers Squibb in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, as an IT professional for the science labs until retiring. Never

content to be idle, George spent his retirement years volunteering. An ardent environmentalist, he was the treasurer for the New Jersey Sierra Club Chapter for many years. He also ran the AARP tax preparation site at Plainsboro Library and was often specially requested!

George also loved sports cars, especially Porsches, and raced with friends from Stevens at Limerock Raceway during his graduate school years. A longtime rail fan, he spent many hours building complicated model train track layouts, a hobby shared with his grandson. A gentle man, George loved puns, the more far out the better. He also loved pizza and continuing a habit from college days, strong coffee, enjoying many cups throughout the day. A pushover for cats, he happily adopted a litter of strays who led a pampered life in his home.

He will be sorely missed.

— **Jay Wartell;**
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1962

February 2025 — Good news! Our virtual class page is up and running! Through StevensConnects you can now view class member anecdotes and photos, expanded updates, the current Class Log and class event plans, and archival information of historical relevance including old photos, videos and Class Logs from years back. First log on to stevens.edu/stevensconnects, sign up with your name and email, then click on "Connect" and down to "Groups," where you will find our Class of 1962's page. We welcome your feedback by emailing any of the class officers, and please consider sending us any archival information in your files to share with the class.

Julie and **Dennis Blahut** fulfilled a long-held travel dream this past summer by embarking on a mini-odyssey to Greece with stops in Athens and the islands of Santorini and Mykonos, as recounted by Dennis: "In Athens, we visited the top attractions first, from the Acropolis to the Parthenon, as have countless thousands of 5th century BC Athenians and millions of tourists since have visited the temple dedicated to Athena, the patron and protector of ancient Athenians and goddess of wisdom and war. Near the entrance to the

Acropolis, we viewed the 5,000-seat amphitheater, built by the Odeon of Herodes Atticus during the Roman occupation, used mainly for theater and music performances. The climb up to the Acropolis is through the grandest of grand gates, the Propylaea, with its six, 10-meter-tall columns. Just off to the right of the Propylaea is the 'little' temple of Athena Nike. On our way down, we visited the ruins of the Theater of Dionysus, the birthplace of the Greek culture of great theater. Later we found the Archeological Museum, the Olympic Stadium, where the Olympic tradition began, the ruins of the Arch of Hadrian, and the Temple of Olympian Zeus, once the largest temple in Greece.

"Then it was off to the island of Santorini, a beautiful archipelago of five islets formed by two eruptions of a still-active volcano on the small uninhabited central islet of Nea Kameni. We stayed in a lovely hotel in Fira with seven swimming pools and outdoor dining day and night. One sightseeing tour was spent at the nearby caldera, or rim, of the island, which has a stairway of 588 steps down to the sea, with donkey rides or a funicular as options for walking up and down. Others included Megalochori Village, continuously occupied since the 17th century; Akrotiri, known as the 'Prehistoric Pompei'; Oia, to view the beautiful blue-roofed white churches and houses, and, capping off a great mid-September holiday, a sunset cruise by sailboat that included a stop at the volcano islet. Our third stop was to the island of Mykonos for a very relaxing conclusion of our trip viewing winding hilly streets, the famous windmills, and a stop at the Ano Vera Greek Orthodox Monastery."

Bill Kowenhoven sent the following. "We recently celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary at the Ocean House in Watch Hill, Rhode Island, with our family. I am now retired after 46 years at Electric Boat and 10 more years consulting for the company. Regina and I continue to enjoy our time here in Connecticut and New Hampshire."

And from **Alex McKenzie**, with this latest account of his travels: "At the end of September I crossed the last item off my bucket list: a view of the Northern Lights. My wife and I spent two weeks in Fairbanks, Alaska, with our son and daughter-in-law. Most nights were clear, and we had spectacular aurora displays

on three of them. We had a clear day to visit Denali to the south, and on another day, we drove north to the Yukon River and miles of the trans-Alaska pipeline. During our trip, two hurricanes hit Sarasota, Florida, and the last segment of our flight home, Chicago to Sarasota, was canceled as a result. We drove home making a stop in Indianapolis to visit our daughter and twin grandsons. We look forward to a scheduled cruise with **Al Kiel** and his wife in February."

— **Phil Kimball;**
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1963

February 2025 — Hi guys, It's mid-February and, so far, it has been an excellent ski/winter sports season in the Northeast. I think the Central New York area has gone something like 35 consecutive days with more than six inches of snow on the ground and that's about four times longer than last winter. The common refrain is that "It's an old-fashioned winter," and I'm enjoying it (most of the time).

Confusing our life a little, on December 12 we moved into a "cottage" in The Nottingham, a senior living center. It's like a condominium and only a short walk from the main building with its restaurants and activity center. So far, we're enjoying it, but still have A LOT of things to move out of the old house before we can sell it.

John Zajac responded to **Les Cohen's** story of his travels with: "In my younger days I travelled a bit and YES, Singapore was an amazing stop. Very thankful I didn't chew gum!

"All relatively quiet on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Licensing of wind turbines off the coast of our tourist towns dominates local news of late. A knee replacement recently means no skiing this winter. Otherwise, we're still relatively healthy and ambulatory, so the senior living discussion is still a ways off ..."

Norm Morrow writes: "I quit consulting in December 2022 and moved from a house with gardens, etc., in Houston to an independent senior living complex in Dallas in February 2023. As you say, the downsizing and the move itself were challenging, but it has been a smart move, particularly since I'd been alone in the house for three

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ALUMNI PANEL SHARES STORIES OF BELONGING AND SUCCESS

Last fall, Stevens hosted "In *Sight: Talks That Drive Change," featuring five recent alumni who shared their stories of belonging at Stevens and discussed the people and experiences that shaped their success during and after college. The panel included: **Daniela Cardona '17**, vice president for global investment banking, RBC Capital Markets; **DuJaun Kirk '20**, graphic designer (Versace, Michael Kors); **Darlene Martinez '23 M.S. '24**, rotational analyst, Morgan Stanley; **Osazee (Ozzie) Nosa '23 M.S. '24**, systems engineer, L3Harris; and **Dakota Van Deursen, '19 M.S. '20**, assistant director of core engineering and science education, Stevens' Schaefer School of Engineering and Science. **Stephanie LeBlanc-Godfrey '06**, head of global inclusion programs for women of color at Google, served as moderator.

"I think as a professor, or faculty or staff member, what you can do is show up," Martinez said. "I want my professors to know I'm [a] first-generation [college student] and even low-income, because it might mean [that] I'm applying to scholarships or working after class and I can't attend the study session because working is a necessity. Being seen is very important, and as a professor, showing that you care is valuable for your students."

Hear from the panel at stevens.edu/insight

Above: Speaking at the "In *Sight: Talks That Drive Change" event at Stevens, from left, were Stephanie LeBlanc-Godfrey '06, Dakota Van Deursen '19 M.S. '20, Osazee (Ozzie) Nosa '23 M.S. '24, DuJaun Kirk '20, Darlene Martinez '23 M.S. '24 and Daniela Cardona '17.



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Ventures in Space

Leo Rodriguez '73

BY CHARLES O'BRIEN



When Leo Rodriguez '73 retired as chairman and CEO of Emerson Latin America in 2018, he was managing operations exceeding several billion dollars a year.

But it wasn't long before he realized retirement wasn't for him. In January 2024, he joined the Board of Directors of

SpaceFund, an international space venture capital firm. The move was about more than just getting involved in the company's day-to-day operations to drive growth; it was about returning to work, at age 73, while also having the opportunity to mentor the next generation and better position the United States in the space race, he says.

Founded in 2018, SpaceFund partners with private companies that are either doing commercial work in space, working toward establishing an ecosystem that can self-sustain in space, or working strictly on propulsion for satellites. With 21 portfolio companies, SpaceFund looks to Rodriguez (who had served the board previously in an advisory role) to bring his extensive experience in high-growth technology companies to bring growth.

After his 40-year career at Emerson, Rodriguez joined Jaguar Precision Machine as an equity partner. Jaguar is an advanced precision machining enterprise serving the commercial space industry, national security, and defense customers. Through that work, he realized the massive business potential of the growing space economy.

"What SpaceFund is doing is fascinating," says Rodriguez, a native of Cuba. "I saw an opportunity to meet new people, work with the younger generation and learn about incredible technology. It's a wonderful thing to be able to help others," he says, while also working with some of the nation's leading space entrepreneurs to capitalize on a relatively new investable asset.

"You have companies like JP Morgan and McKinsey & Company creating AI and Space Divisions as asset classes," he says.

According to Rodriguez, while tourism is a headline-grabbing part of the work being conducted in space, SpaceFund's core asset class portfolio is really geared toward "national defense and keeping the United States at the forefront with proprietary technologies that provide

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a sustainable competitive advantage." Rodriguez cites applications in cislunar space, the area between the Earth and the moon, as a prime example of the development areas SpaceFund has honed in on.

Rodriguez believes there is a race in space never seen before, but notes that most people aren't aware of that because of proprietary and national defense requirements. As for when he'll take his first foray into space, Rodriguez jokes that flying has never really been for him.

"I like to fish," he says with a laugh. "I'd rather stay on the ground or be in a boat fly fishing on the bay side of the Keys!" ♦

years and had no local family. Have found a few things I shouldn't have downsized and am having to replace, but very few, and I have had no problems living without many items I would have previously considered 'indispensable.' In the meantime, I'm keeping very active, traveling, met a great lady and not having to cook, clean or do home repairs. Unfortunately, there is not an active Stevens alumni group in Dallas, so I have to travel to Houston to participate in alumni activities."

This summer, we hope to again get together for lunch with **Mike Delevante** in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. (If you're interested in joining us, please let me know and we'll figure out a date.) Mike will drive down from the Toronto area and hopefully has better luck with that than with his last two air flights. In July, with his family, he flew to Grenada, his wife's birthplace. They encountered a storm and, after three attempted and aborted landings, the pilot decided to fly to Barbados for refueling. Then, after a two-hour delay, the pilot said he would make another try for Grenada and, after a scary 30-minute flight, they landed with a thud. The next day, they were confined to their rooms because of a hurricane. Then, in August, Mike had a flight to a conference in Baltimore and the return flight was delayed by two days due to weather. (Ahhh! The joys of air travel!)

Dick Magee received a nice note from Beth Hanratty, Stevens' coordinator for Donor Relations and Stewardship. In it, she wrote, "... From a pool of many worthy students, I am pleased to share that the following students have been selected to receive the Class of 1963 Endowed Scholarship for the 2024 academic year:

- Marc Sulsenti, a junior computer science major from Seaside Heights, New Jersey
- Abigail Thomas, a junior quantitative social science major from Wayne, New Jersey
- Rosa Pietrangelo, a sophomore marketing innovation and analytics major from Maywood, New Jersey
- Michael DeRobertis, a sophomore engineering management major from Paramus, New Jersey
- William Foote, a junior mechanical engineering major from Norwood, New Jersey."

I think the country can use lots more people with technical and scientific skills and thank you again to all of you who've donated to the annual Class of '63 Scholarship appeal.

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1964

February 2025 — Dear Classmates, I want to thank those members of our class who responded to my email and sent me updates. If you did not get my email and are reading this *Indicator* article, please let me know so I can update my records. A few emails came back as undeliverable. If you wish to send an update, contact me directly at hgraime@att.net.

I did get some interesting responses which I will share with you during the next issues of this fine magazine. I will do this alphabetically.

From **Carlo Alfaro**: "I retired in July of this year after 52 years of teaching chemistry at Mercer County Community College. Before that, I did short stints teaching chemistry at Passaic County College, Fairleigh Dickinson University, The Fashion Institute in New York and at Stevens for a couple of years. I was an instructor at Stevens; I believe the first faculty member without a Ph.D.

"It was strange: I would go to Manhattan and teach 28 women at the Fashion Institute physical science, then come back to Hoboken and teach 24 men chemistry. Today, they are more integrated."

From **John Allegra**: "Harley, I retired in January 2024 after practicing emergency medicine for 47 years. Regards."

From **Peter Astor**: "Long retired from tech work, I took up painting seven years ago. And just like President Bush, I've become an active artist, exhibiting locally and selling my work broadly. (Check out @peterastor. Fellow alumni qualify for the Friends & Family Discount.) My wife Harriet and I try to winter in North Miami Beach. When we do, we meet up with April and **John Geer** and Bonnie and **August Ruggiero**. I continue to play tennis and golf and suffer the aches and pains of doing so. Once or twice a year, I play golf with my old fraternity brother and low handicapper,

Gary Cymrot (Class of '65). One of his achievements was to beat Donald Trump at his eponymous club in New York. We host holiday gatherings with our three boys and their families, as an excuse to play with our two grandchildren."

From **Allan Barry**: "Hi, Harley. Still alive and in good health and still living with wife Judy in Chester, New York. I have been retired going on 15 years. We did a lot of traveling in our retirement but not much lately. Best wishes for the new year!"

From **Arthur Block**: "Hello, I'm still alive and kicking, Arthur Block, Cell 973-723-7676

From **Mark Cardillo**: "Harley, I am alive and living in Jersey City, New Jersey. I would like to get back in touch with Stevens via alumni events. I'm not sure that I would know anybody or vice versa, but it is worth a try."

A candidate to take over the secretary position; are you willing??

And a final word from our class president, **Joe Weber**: "Classmates! Remember what I said in the last issue Let's keep in touch!"

"To wit, here's something worth reporting: Timing Is Everything for Maggi and **Bob Salfi**. They're moving to Palm Coast, Florida, from no other place than Thousand Oaks, California! REMEMBER the fires? Their home was untouched and is now among the few presently available on the market! So, you '64 Florida classmates, look him up. Who knows? Your classmate may live on the next block; send us your latest location.

"'64 Class trivia question: Years ago, one of us played a round of golf with old-time pro Sam Snead ... and beat him! Whose initials are RC?"

"Keep in touch guys! Joe."

— **Harley Graime;**
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February 12, 2025 — Our recent STATUS CHECK, showed 85 responses out of 146 presumed alive. Unfortunately, some emails and phone numbers no longer work. My online search services don't yet show them as deceased, but the lack of working contact information is troubling. I hope they have moved and forgotten to update their contact information (hint).

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Joe Weber '64

**Top to bottom:**

Donald Baxter '66, left, and Richard Nicotera '64 reunite at Delta Tau Delta fraternity Rho Chapter's 150th anniversary celebration last fall at Stevens.

Rosemarie and John Greenip '66, left, with Tony Massoud '79, enjoy the Houston Alumni Club's holiday gathering last December.

Jeff Seeman '67 shared this photo of Cape Horn, located on Hornos Island in southern Chile, taken during his trip to South America in January.

Known recently deceased: **Bruce Southern, Harold Frisch, Jeff Kroll and Bill Mason.** There are others suspects, however; without obituaries or relatives to provide answers, verification is difficult. When my texts aren't returned, the phone number is no longer valid or has been reassigned, I fear that they've passed on.

Bob Braine's STATUS CHECK reply was the most interesting:

"Still alive, still kicking, still playing handball. I got a cochlear implant last summer, it has been a pain in the neck (or thereabouts), mostly because my audiologist can't hear what I hear and I can't get her to fix the settings she can change to help me (there appear to be settings, but I am told the company won't allow her to change, in particular the frequency settings in this 'one size fits all' design). Nevertheless, I am hopeful we will get somewhere when I see her this week. I like having much better hearing in my left ear, but the noise passing for human speech is awful. I'm not willing to engage in the effort required to pick out bits and pieces of information from such low-signal to noise settings, even though I know I will need to do it once the sound settings are better. In the audiologist's defense, not only hasn't the technology been perfected, but it appears the programmers had no background in physics, mathematics or music, and know little about the logarithmic nature of sound. They have attempted to shoehorn the frequency settings into a linear world, not a logarithmic one. To help, I've spent a huge amount of time learning both musical scales and writing the code for my own sound tests, so I can provide visuals of the noise I am dealing with. I'm even contemplating learning fast Fourier transforms in this effort. As for 'still kicking,' I think my audiologist would very much agree with that assessment."

Jim Griffin: "I returned to the U.S. in November, my first visit since before COVID in 2019. I saw my son Chris in Atlanta, then drove with Sue along the East Coast and crossed Florida to Sarasota, where my daughter Anna lives. I witnessed the catastrophic hurricane devastation in the Siesta Key area!"

Arnold Larsen: "Karin and I have been married 56 years and are in good health. We now have 22 grandchildren, but none are yet married.

Frank Semcer: "Lost my wife of 47 years in December."

Jack Coogan: Although silent for years, this time Jack verified that he and Jill are well.

Ed Ryan: "Heading for St. Andrews tomorrow for seven weeks, preparing our vacation home for a sale. After 35 years it was a difficult and emotional decision to put the house on the market but downsizing just makes life so much simpler! We're hosting a 'Friends & Neighbors Celebration' capping off the wonderful experience it has been."

Dr. Jeffrey Brown: After several attempts and help from **Don Nelson** I finally got through to Jeff's wife, Karen, who verified that he's well. Jeff is a talented woodworker after making several violins, he is now building two organs: one for their house and the other for a local church.

— **Steve Cochran,**
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Correction: In the Fall '24 Indicator, the '66 log incorrectly reported that *Tony Bastardi had passed away*. The Indicator deeply regrets this error. An email update from Tony was sent to his classmates in November.

February 4, 2025 — As the Class Log is now required to be about 600 words in length, I decided to try and reignite interest in our "Stevens Institute Class of '66" page on Facebook. You can find the complete '66 Class Log at that address.

For those classmates who may not be familiar with the terrible destruction that occurred in western North Carolina, as a result of Hurricane Helene, **Al Kuntz** shared that his property was well above the elevation that had been badly damaged. Al is now looking forward to a good vacation rental season!

A belated congratulations to Michele and **Howard Sumka**, who celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary in late August 2024. I also have to thank Howard, who alerted Stevens to the passing of **John Vander Sande** on June 28, 2024. Both Howard and John received advanced degrees from Northwestern (Howard an M.S. and John a Ph.D.). John subsequently had a distinguished career at MIT.

As a member of the Class of 1966, you are cordially invited to join our class officers in celebrating our 60th anniversary, as graduates of Stevens Institute of Technology in 2026. Both **Al Zorner** and I will act as co-chairmen. This will be a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends, share memories and laughs with former classmates, re-visit favorite “haunts” and just have Fun!

Our immediate need is finding and contacting classmates (including those missing or lost). Please contact either co-chair now at 704-425-5722 or 910-367-8528.

Phil Brower reports great news at the end of 2024 that after fighting cancer since September 2023:

“Immunotherapy not only stopped the spread since that October, it also shrunk the tumor significantly by last fall, allowing a less invasive robotic surgery this past December 11.”

While **John Spaziani** is officially in the Class of '67, I worked with John at Babcock & Wilcox and recently had the pleasure of meeting him for lunch at the North Harbor Club in Davidson, North Carolina, during one of his regular commutes to/from his new South Carolina home. While John is still involved professionally, he also is an active re-enactor for both the Civil War and now, the Revolutionary War. Several weeks later, he stopped again to speak to my Cabarrus, North Carolina Rotary Club, concerning the sinking of the submarine *CSS Hunley*. During that presentation he portrayed Lt. George Erasmus Dixon, the last captain of that Confederate submarine.

Recently, I was also advised by Stevens that **Aya Elmedarawy**, a sophomore biomedical engineering major from Lodi, New Jersey, has been selected to receive the Class of 1966 Memorial Scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year. If you are considering making a philanthropic gift in the future, please keep in mind our Memorial Scholarship Fund.

I have also kept in regular contact through Facebook with **Richard Seeley**, who recently completed a Viking Cruise line voyage through the Balkans with his wife, Beth. The following is more detailed information from Rich and Beth on their trip: “Beth and I recently had the good fortune to experience a Road Scholar tour through the Western Balkans: Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina,

Montenegro. Croatia had been on my bucket list since the first episode of ‘Game of Thrones,’ where many of the scenes were filmed for the series. The walled city of Dubrovnik on the Adriatic coast is built on Roman ruins and is a photographer’s dreamscape. The sights and scenes of ancient city ruins can keep a photographer’s head spinning for days trying to capture the breadth of the place.”

From my perspective, our trip on the Tweetsy Railroad in Blowing Rock, North Carolina, was even better, as we rode an old steam locomotive at night and viewed the Christmas holiday lights in Blowing Rock, North Carolina.

Ed Kammerer sent a wonderful letter back in November: “Going to college is a strange and stressful experience for most people. For me, it wasn’t. First of all, I grew up in Jersey City, so Hoboken felt like home. Secondly, math and science were the only subjects that I liked and was good at.

“Also very important was the atmosphere of the students and the administration. What was unusual was that we were treated as adults. I had friends going to other colleges, and they were still in high school. We were allowed to socialize and have cocktails in our dorm rooms; no one went crazy.

“While I did get a degree in chemical engineering, the five-year program put us through a strong exposure to all fields of engineering. My first job was working as a process engineer in a chemical plant. I found that my Stevens education helped me solve problems in all aspects of working in a chemical plant. The problems came in chemical, mechanical, electrical and structural forms, so Stevens had me well-equipped.

“Now that I am 82 years old, I can look back at a full and rewarding career and be thankful that I attended Stevens Institute of Technology. Ed Kammerer”

I look forward to hearing from more of you in the coming year, as well as seeing you at our next reunion in 2026!

Best regards,

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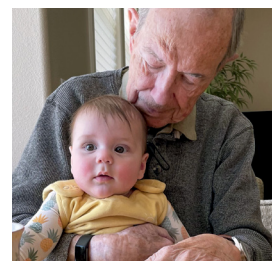
February 12, 2025 — On rare occasions, I’ve been able to connect with one of our classmates who is passing through Richmond, Virginia.

Hank Berry was one of the few. But he and Christina will be moving soon from Williamsburg, Virginia, to Palm Beach, Florida, in a few months. On a cold February day like today, in the low 30s with snow on the ground, I am envious. “Christina has too much stuff to get rid of, and it is causing her a lot of stress. I am ready to go. Hopefully, we will get a chance to see you and Melinda before we leave.” Indeed, hopefully.

Alan Berg and Linda live in Hernando, Florida, about 40 miles north of Tampa. “Our daughter moved to our community 15 months ago, so it’s easy to see the kids, can’t beat that. We live in the bull’s-eye of the effects of hurricanes Milton and Helene, both of which came through here in the fall, and some of the restaurants, businesses and friends did sustain some major damage. Very sad to see such things firsthand. Florida is not the paradise that it once was, but still a lot warmer than a lot of other places.

“We’ve been and continue to travel the world. However, our age, lack of faith in the air system, the intense and unruly crowds jamming every tourist spot and restaurant around the planet, have led us to start taking more local trips within a six-hour drive. We like our home and will be staying here much more and enjoying our own private paradise. Other than the chores and honey do’s, living here is like being on vacation at a nice resort for virtually 365 days/year. My life still revolves around an intense amount of golf. I run groups, am a rules/handicap guy, run trips to famous golf venues (just did Monterey, Pebble Beach, Myrtle Beach, Bandon Dunes, Alabama Robert Trent Jones) and more are in the works. We’ll play TPC Sawgrass in Florida in April.”

Richard Hrusovsky wrote from Arizona, “I am retired from a career in the aerospace industry designing, building and launching satellites for meteorology, navigation, science and communications. As a kid I was fascinated by the technology of space that was coming of age at the same time as me. I used to go out looking for Sputnik in the night sky and soon after



Top to bottom:

Dick Hill '67, seen with his grandson, passed away last November. A tribute will appear in a future issue of *The Indicator*.

Richard Hrusovsky '67, with his wife, Janet, looks back on his career in the '67 log.

“Jerry’s legacy is service to others. He had a passion for firefighting and emergency management. As a fireman for over 40 years, Jerry rose through the ranks to chief of the Clark Fire Department from 1988 to 1989, then deputy chief for many years after, retiring as a lifetime member in September 2016.”

Al Foytlin '68 in remembrance of Jerry Fewkes '68

converted my ham radio receiver to pick up signals from the early U.S. satellites. But professionally it was a happenstance of my graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania that put me on a path in aerospace. I received a research fellowship assigned to a NASA contract, and the rest is history.

“After graduate school, I worked at the Lockheed Martin facility in East Windsor, New Jersey, for 26 years, starting from when it was owned by RCA. Those were heady times being a part of pioneering advances in geosynchronous communications satellites. For a number of those years, besides building satellites, I integrated them with both expendable launch vehicles and the Space Shuttle and served as mission director in the on-orbit delivery of our satellites to customers. Since retiring, I got my private pilot’s license and enjoy flying sailplanes over the Arizona desert.”

Alex Kiczek wrote, “Three of our children live nearby (Kansas City, Missouri). My number 7 son lives with us with his 6th grade son and 3rd grade daughter. We are a multi-generational home! My adopted daughter from Calcutta is the baker at Missouri’s #1 Italian Bakery. Carol and I have been married 58 years. I was in the middle of my senior year, and she was in the middle of her junior year when we married. I’m retired now 23 years. We’ve made 13 trips to El Salvador as volunteers. I function as a water engineer where I successfully sited 13 wells and got to help drill two of them. I was a soup kitchen cook for five years and can still cook for more than 1000 hungry people. Carol and I were engineer/conductors for three years on KC Northern Miniature Railroad. We have travelled on 80-plus percent of Amtrak’s routes, some many times.”

Tom Corcoran received the Stevens Honor Award in October 2024. Stevens has uploaded Tom’s acceptance speech at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAICU48Ksg>. Tom wrote, “As you can see, I am walking with a cane due to a bad back and Parkinson’s. When I learned of the award, my reaction was, ‘I am happy to have been able to play a part in Stevens’ success, and I hope I can

continue in some way despite my health concerns.” During Tom’s time on the Board of Trustees, he contributed to the enhancement of facilities at Stevens (classrooms, labs, and the fitness center) and supported ACES, enabling more underserved students to attend Stevens. He led the Board’s HR and Academic Affairs Committees.

Finally, we received the sad news that **Clark Dickinson “Dick” Hill** passed away on November 19, 2024. The Class of ’67 offers deepest sympathy to his family, and we will publish a tribute in the next *Indicator*.

— **Jeffrey Seeman;**
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February 8, 2025 — Well, it is with great sadness that I must report on the passing of three more classmates. I’m late in reporting for various reasons, mostly lack of reporting space on my Class Log.

Jerry E. Fewkes passed away on March 23, 2024, at the age of 77. He was living in Clark, New Jersey, at the time.

Born in Trenton and raised in Florence, New Jersey, Jerry graduated from Florence High School and Stevens Institute of Technology. While at Stevens, he was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity and was their fraternity athletic chairman.

Jerry served as a technical engineer at Jersey Central Power and Light for 28 years in Sayreville and Forked River, New Jersey. He was a life member of the Burlington Relief Fire Company, as he served there for many years prior to moving to Clark in 1974.

Jerry’s legacy is service to others. He had a passion for firefighting and emergency management. As a fireman for over 40 years, Jerry rose through the ranks to chief of the Clark Fire Department from 1988 to 1989, then deputy chief for many years after, retiring as a lifetime member in September 2016. He also served the Town of Clark as fire inspector and director of emergency management for 24 years. He kept thousands of residents safe with his annual inspections and Community Emergency

Response Tea (C.E.R.T.) classes.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 49 years Jeanne (Maudsley); daughter Holly Kemp; son Brian; and two grandchildren.

George Leask passed away in May of 2023 while living in Punta Gorda, Florida, after having moved from Bricktown, New Jersey.

While at Stevens, George was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity. After graduation, he worked at Lakehurst Naval Air Station as an engineer until he retired.

George was an avid reader and enjoyed his large collection of books. He also excelled as a photographer and displayed his photos in several local shows. He was an animal lover and belonged to local cat rescue groups in Point Pleasant, New Jersey, and would put out chow for stray cats before leaving for work.

George met his partner, Nadine Teske, in 1967 and they remained together till his passing.

John Parisi passed in March of 2023. I was informed of his passing by his cousin, **Ron Parisi**, also a Stevens alumnus (Class of ’67). John was born in Passaic, New Jersey, and was a lifelong resident of Totowa, New Jersey. While at Stevens, he was a standout on the baseball team (and known as the “Spark Plug”), a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, and active in the Varsity “S” Club as well as the Athletic Association. Upon graduation, he took employment with Babcock and Wilcox, stayed with the company his entire career and retired as a district engineer. He was a confirmed bachelor, lifelong Yankees fan and an avid golfer.

Not much else to report this time. My family continues to grow. Our youngest daughter announced she is pregnant with her second child. That would make a baker’s dozen (13) for us with grandchildren, currently ranging in age from 24 years old to 3 years old (7 boys, 5 girls and a boy on the way). Yikes, what a crew!

I’d rather write about those of you who are still alive, so get those cards, letters and emails going again! Till the next time ...

— **Al Foytlin,**
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Kimberley Davies, vice president of External Manufacturing with Siemens Healthineers

“Voice your knowledge. It’s a game changer. And when you do it once, the second time is easier.”

provides results from as many as 170 diagnostic tests.

Yet when she arrived at Stevens in 1988, she worried that she didn’t belong — and not just because there were so few women pursuing engineering degrees in those days. She quickly learned she’d have to work much harder than she did in high school, and that meant asking questions.

She found that speaking up had its rewards. When she moved to campus after her first semester, she made lifelong friends and got involved in student government, Greek life and other activities.

Davies describes Stevens as “part of my fabric,” and has been active in placing students (“by coincidence, all female”) in internships at Siemens.

She enjoys mentoring and recommends that women forge those relationships early in their careers. “It’s so powerful to be able to connect with somebody who has experience and can help you network and learn the ropes,” she says.

She also encourages women to raise their hands and speak up, much as she did in those early days at Stevens. “Voice your knowledge,” she says. “It’s a game changer. And when you do it once, the second time is easier.”

Davies and her husband Billy have three daughters — Paige, Keara and Brooke — all now in college. They’ve had a lifetime of seeing their mother take risks and lead, often as the only woman in a room of engineers, academics or business leaders.

“I don’t think about males and females,” says Davies. “I just think about my skill set and what I bring to the table.” ♦

A Sought-After Partner

Kimberley Davies ’92 M.Eng. ’94 Ph.D. ’99

BY KAREN NITKIN

As the vice president of External Manufacturing for Siemens Healthineers, Kimberley Davies partners with more than 80 suppliers around the world to design and manufacture products that doctors and patients rely on for efficient and accurate diagnoses.

Throughout her varied and high-powered career, Davies has gravitated to both risks and collaborations. “I

want to be that sought-after partner,” she says. “I want people to say it won’t work unless Kimberley is involved.”

She joined the healthcare innovation giant in 2001, and has held leadership roles in supply chain, research and development, sustainability and marketing. Between 2011 and 2017, she shepherded development of the company’s Atellica Solution, a modular medical lab system that rapidly



Top:
Meeting for lunch in Hyde Park Village in Tampa, Florida, from left, are David Vercollone '69, Pat and Russ Eitel '69 and Karen Vercollone.

Middle left:
Tom Lovdal '69, seen with wife Lynn, updates the class on his career and volunteer activities in the '69 log.

Middle right:
Gathering at the Class of 69's 50th reunion back in 2019, from left, were Jim Walsh, Russ Eitel and Phil Smith.

Bottom:
Enjoying the Houston Alumni Club's annual holiday gathering in December, from left, were June and Dave Kamrath '71 and Matt Ryan '81 and his wife, Linda.

1969

February 18, 2025 — Congratulations to **Ed Eichhorn** for being selected for the 2025 Stevens Alumni Award. Ed has been recognized for his sustained and unwavering service to our alumni community and alma mater throughout his many years of service, including service as Stevens Alumni Association president, university trustee, director-at-large, Old Guard chairman, class leader, Delta Tau Delta fraternity leader, Healthcare Torchbearers leader and countless other volunteer contributions. Ed will be honored at Alumni Weekend 2025 June 6–7.

Pat and I had a wonderful lunch with Karen and **Dave Vercollone** in February. Dave is enjoying retirement in beautiful Sarasota, Florida. They had only minor damage to their one-story home during Hurricane Milton which targeted Sarasota to come ashore. A blessing indeed!

My good friend and Chi Psi fraternity brother Neil Curran sadly passed away on Sept. 18, 2024. Neil started with the Class of '70 and later graduated from Northeastern. He had a long and successful sales career with AT&T and Lucent Technologies and raised his three children with wife Barbara in Medford, MA. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

I recently checked in with Lynn and **Tom Lovdal** who are living in Athens, Ohio. Tom spent most of his life working in the great outdoors. His post Stevens Tech years had him working on a broad variety of projects including power plants, pulp mills, chemical plants and hydroelectric plants. He eventually became a custom home builder specializing in energy efficient homes for the past 30 years. His popular homes feature state-of-the-art insulation, windows, heat pumps and natural wood and stone materials. Tom is a lifelong volunteer. He spent two years in rural Brazil, was captain of a local volunteer fire department and helped the local Habitat for Humanity with designs and building. The photo above shows Tom with his wife Lynn of 47 years celebrating a good life with a shot of Aquavit!

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1970

February 13, 2025 — We will celebrate our 55th anniversary of graduation at Alumni Weekend on June 6 and 7 this year. Yes, on time with no delay due to COVID. The reunion committee has been reactivated composed of the class officers **Jeff Katz**, **Howie Brecher** and me, along with the greatly valued help of **Frank Malvezzi**, **Don Soldiviero** and **Tony Barrese**.

We held Zoom meetings and a virtual town hall to promote interest. **Arnie Silverman** is in Atlanta and is still active as a construction project manager. Rhea and **Marc Levin** are still in Tampa, Florida, but will be relocating to Ottawa, Canada, on April 2, 2025. Rhea is originally from Montreal, I believe, so this will be her return to a different temperature profile. I cannot recall any classmates who came from Canada, but Marc's grandmother was Canadian.

In the last *Indicator* the vital statistics indicated we lost **C.R. (Bob) Ball**. Bob came to Stevens from Bloomfield, New Jersey, majoring in chemical engineering. Bob was a brother in Beta Theta Pi fraternity, holding various offices and participating in Interfraternity Council bowling and football. He was on the dean's list numerous times and was the recipient of the New Jersey Department of Clean Air and Water Scholarship, with summer work experience with that agency. Unfortunately, we do not have details of his post-graduation work experience or other achievements. But we do know his last address was in Annandale, New Jersey. We offer our most heartfelt condolences to Bob's wife Ellen and the entire family.

Please plan on attending our 55th reunion June 6–7, 2025. There were quite a few classmates who had opted not to attend our 50th due to lingering concerns with COVID. This should not be a concern nor a reason to not attend our 55th. Next will be our 60th in 2030, and we will all be in our 80s and, unfortunately, will probably have lost more classmates. Take advantage of this current opportunity.

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February 2025 — Nancy and **Bob Munczinski** did a two-week Canada/Alaska trip, including Vancouver and Victoria, and a 7-day Alaskan cruise with daughter Anneliese, son-in-law Jon and grandkids Hunter (10) and Charlotte (8). They added on a four-day extension at Denali National Park, where the highlight was a whitewater rafting trip. It was a great trip, but Hunter said the cruise was too short and asked when they were going on their next cruise. Bob and Nancy move around between their three residences, spending the bulk of their time in Kiawah Island, South Carolina, a few months a year back in New Jersey, and a month in Scottsdale, Arizona. Bob celebrated his 75th birthday but reports that his golf game is “not improving,” and he often loses to Hunter at chess.

Nancy joins Bob golfing in the moderate weather, and they keep active with aqua aerobics, walking and biking at Kiawah. Bob has earned the retirement job title “Head of Household IT Troubleshooting and Infrastructure.” He is hoping for a promotion, but his job performance to date has not warranted that. He was talked into joining the Kiawah Island Amenities Committee and has learned that it is not an easy task getting the residents to agree on any change in community amenities.

I got together with Nan and **Ken Sullivan** and **Sharon Bagnell** for lunch and a winery stop for some tasting. Nan and Ken are in the process of moving into their new house in North Carolina, which is near their son and grandkids. They are keeping their Leesburg, Virginia, house for now and moving some of the furnishings down there with the periodic trips south. Sharon Bagnell is still getting acclimated to living alone (two years since **Dan’s** passing) and maintaining her Frederick, Maryland, house. She keeps busy with her four grandkids and gives an occasional sermon at the Cresthill Church. She went with son Peter’s family for a trip to Universal Studios in January, where granddaughter Abigail was marching with her band. The trip started out great, but then cold weather set in and everybody got sick. Instead of flying home, they decided to drive — but found out that South Carolina doesn’t know how to clear a couple of inches of snow from

roads. Eventually, the snow melted, and they made it home to Virginia.

On a business trip up north, I stopped by in Milford, Connecticut, to see my Sigma Nu roommate **Bob Brady ’72** and Sharon. They even treated me to dinner! They have been in the Milford house for over 45 years. They have a great downstairs room which became their TV/movie room after the kids left.

Please send me news on what you are doing nowadays. If you do a Christmas, New Year’s, Hanukkah or Festivus newsletter, please send me a copy! There are still a few crazy people (like me and **Phil Crowley**) who are still working, while most of you are in full retirement, taking exotic vacations, playing pickleball and spoiling grandchildren.

In June 2026, it will be 55 years since we graduated from Castle Point. The school ranking and recognition has never been higher — plus a freshman class of over 1,000. There are some wonderful new dorms and academic/research facilities on campus. It might be a good time to visit campus for Alumni Weekend (June 6–7, 2025) before we turn 80 and stop travelling. I imagine our 55th reunion will be modest, but we will probably have at least one class get-together.

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1972

(Written collaboratively by Enrique and George January 2025)

January 25, 2025 — Dear Fellow Classmates, As I sit to write the introduction to our class log, the temperature outside is in single digits and the recent snow will probably stay for a while. We have a new president. Pray that God inspires our legislators to do what is good and fair for our nation. While we had a smooth government transition, Mother Nature wreaked havoc. Hurricanes have devastated the south. Friends in North Carolina were 40 days without drinking water. Fires are destroying homes in California with considerable loss of life. If you live in these areas, please let us know if you are OK or need help. Our prayers are with you. Guys, enjoy life. Hope to see you all during Alumni Weekend, June 6–7. Now to George.

Thanks Enrique! First off, let’s see how our class president, Enrique, keeps busy: “Mary and I continued to cruise through life. In May, we checked off another bucket list item by sailing from Rio de Janeiro to Bayonne, New Jersey, and thus crossed the equator. Mary hugged Neptune while I kissed a mermaid. Son Rique joined us and got a great tour of Rio before boarding the ship. We continue to volunteer in the food pantry of our church and do anything needed to help our parish. We are trying to stay in shape by exercising regularly. We walked two miles a day in the mall, without stopping to shop!” Enrique, impressive exercise regime!

Sadly, we wish to share information about the passing of two classmates. **William Raymond Brooks (“Brooksie”)** of Spring Lake, New Jersey, passed away on June 10, 2024, also the anniversary of his 52nd wedding day. Bill earned a bachelor of engineering degree (mechanical engineering) from Stevens and an MBA from Seton Hall University. As a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, Bill met wife Karen while being the Stevens Student Council social director. After AFROTC, Bill served in the U.S. Air Force stationed at England, in Louisiana, and McGuire AFB in New Jersey, retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1996. Bill also worked as an engineer at Sunshine Biscuits then moved into corporate real estate at AT&T, Bell Labs, and Ziff Davis, finally retiring from Pearson as SVP Global Real Estate in 2014. He is survived by wife Karen; two daughters; a brother and sister; two granddaughters; and nieces and nephews. We extend our sincere sorrow at the loss of Bill to the entire Brooks family and his friends from Stevens.

We also sadly announce the passing of **Gabriel T. Mobayed (“Gibby”)**, on May 2, 2024. Gabe was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, received a bachelor of engineering degree (chemical engineering), and a master’s degree (management science), all from Stevens. He spent his entire professional career at Kulite Semiconductor Products in Leonia, New Jersey, giving them 48 years of exceptional service. Gabe participated in sports and musical activities throughout his school years (being the chair of Fraternity Activities and Interfraternity Sports),



Top to bottom:

Neil Curran, a Chi Psi fraternity brother who started with the Class of '70, passed away last September.

Richard Stack '70, left, and Joe Mitro '73 enjoy the Houston Alumni Club's holiday gathering in December.

Delta Tau Delta fraternity brothers marking the Rho Chapter's 150th anniversary last fall at Stevens, from left, are Ed Eichhorn '69, Joe Garvey '71 and John Dalton '60.

Mary and Enrique Blanco '72, with their son Rique (seen at center), visited Rio de Janeiro last May.

[NEWS BYTES]

CHENG, BROWNLEE FEATURED
ON TIME LISTS, OPRAH SPECIAL

Two Stevens alumni were named to three different *TIME*100 magazine lists in 2024 for their

extraordinary achievements and influence in their fields.

Stevens trustee Pam Cheng '92 M.Eng. '95 was named to two *TIME* magazine lists: "TIME100 Health," a list of the 100 most influential people in healthcare, and "TIME100 Climate," recognizing the 100 most influential climate leaders in business. Cheng is executive vice president of operations and IT at AstraZeneca, where she oversees manufacturing and supply chains across the company's facilities worldwide and serves as AstraZeneca's chief sustainability officer.



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Marques Brownlee '16 — one of the world's most-watched tech reviewers, with 19.8 million

YouTube subscribers — was named to the *TIME*100/AI list as one of the 100 most influential people in AI. Brownlee, who is known professionally as MKBHD, was also featured last September on the ABC program, "AI and the Future of Us: An Oprah Winfrey Special," along with Microsoft founder Bill Gates, OpenAI's Sam Altman and then-FBI Director Christopher Wray.



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and he continued to enjoy all types of music and sports throughout his life. He also enjoyed being outdoors, hiking, cycling and travelling with his family. Gabe's kindness and sensitivity to all people, especially his family, were unmatched. What mattered most to Gabe was the love of his immediate and extended families. He was an ever-positive presence who touched the lives of those around him with his generosity and wit. He is survived by wife, Zita; his three loving daughters; and four grandchildren; as well as numerous cousins, in-laws, nieces and nephews. All will sorely miss him.

From Enrique and George, till our next Log.

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1973

February 2025 — Greetings all fellow classmates. Your class officers have been meeting regularly to continue to plan ways to encourage communication and contact between our alumni. While *The Indicator* is published only twice a year, Frank sends out a monthly class bulletin that contains more up-to-date information regarding our class and pertinent activities at Stevens. If you aren't getting Frank's bulletin and want to, be sure to send your email address to me and Frank so you can get on the distribution list.

By the time you read this, the 2025 Day of Giving will have come and gone. Our alumni continue to support that annual fundraiser (and specifically the Class of '73 Endowed Scholarship) through matching gifts. Your past and future support is greatly appreciated. If you would like to be a future matching donor, reach out to one of your class officers.

There was a milestone event for the Class of 1973 this fall when our classmate **Ed Briggs** was inducted into the Stevens Athletic Hall of Fame on October 18 in the University Center Complex. It was a real pleasure to see Ed's achievements in the sport of lacrosse being recognized. The Class of 1973 was well represented with seven of our classmates attending: **Pat Barczak, Bruce Blondina, Ed Briggs, Tony Callendrello, Bill Hutchinson, Greg Klar** and **Frank Vastano**.

I saw **Bill Hutchinson** and his wife in late August for a weekend at our place in Maine and convinced him that we needed to ride the rail trail on one of the vintage railway motorcars. We both needed to see a chiropractor after that ride! Even though **Sal Veltri** passed away in March 2024, we heard from his wife, Val, who worked at Stevens and met Sal there. "I used to get copies of *The Indicator* which I loved reading cover-to-cover but haven't seen one in years. I miss it. I worked at Stevens for many years before meeting Sal, so it will always be my home. I also loved my little apartment on Washington Street. Sal and **Drew Yuhas** were roommates, and they both spent many nights at my apartment writing papers that I was typing at my little desk in the corner of the room. No computers back then. Those were truly my happy days and fondest memories."

Don't forget to visit the Class of '73 YouTube Channel at youtube.com/@StevensClassOf73 and look at the videos we have been creating reminiscing about our days at Stevens. You will need to subscribe and/or sign in and then go to Playlists to view the videos.

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1974

February 2025 — **Walt Mooney** writes: "I was 'transferred' to Houston by my first employer, Turner Construction Co, before my first day on the job. So, I arrived in Houston about two weeks after graduation and have been here ever since. (The Turner thing didn't last too long.) I married Karen in 1981. We have two children and one granddaughter.

"Spent my career in some residential and mostly commercial construction, including having my own firm for 17 years, from 1984–2001. Our son likes to say that I've built everything from a birdhouse to an 11-story building, including a Texas prison farm unit.

"I've crossed paths with **Tony Manzo** a couple times, as he has lived in the Houston area at least twice that I know of. Karen and I went to the 50th reunion for our class last year and had a great time. It was really enjoyable catching up with so many of the guys! The campus sure has changed!"

Bob Pedevillano writes: “My twin granddaughters are going to graduate from Raritan High School in Hazlet, New Jersey, in a couple of months. I can’t believe they will be going off to college this coming September. They were just babies, or so it seemed. Yes, they obtained a partial academic scholarship to Centenary University in Hackettstown, New Jersey, and they will be playing soccer there as well. I am super proud of them.

“These twins are the daughters of my daughter, Amy Fogarty, and my son Michael lives in Piscataway, New Jersey, not too far away.”

Phil Vitale writes: “I retired in December of 2020 after a satisfying career in ocean engineering for the Navy and Army Corps of Engineers. I now spend my time chasing three grandchildren with my wife Kathy in Arlington, Virginia. I faithfully attend the Stevens holiday event in Washington, D.C., where I meet other alums, both older and younger. As the years have passed, more and more of them are of the younger variety. In my spare time, I review ocean energy projects and proposals for the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation. I very much enjoyed seeing so many classmates at the 50th reunion and hope to see them again at future alumni days.”

Greg Gemgnani writes: “Since moving to Philadelphia in 2021, I have learned that the first president of Stevens was the first secretary of the Franklin Institute, the Philadelphia science and technology museum that we took our children to when they were young and now take our grandchildren. Henry Morton of the Franklin Institute was recruited to be the first president of Stevens in 1870.

“I now live just outside Philadelphia, and our four daughters, sons-in-law and 10 grandchildren all live nearby. But I still can’t get used to hearing ‘the city’ when locals are referring to Philly and not New York.”

Vin Rubino writes: “I have never written in the alumni log before. I never thought anyone would be very interested in my doings. But then I thought: I read about everyone else, so why not? I am still working at Wade Trim in New York City doing wastewater infrastructure work (I like it, and they pay me). My wife Michele and I have moved to Northvale, New Jersey, to be closer to our four grandkids. Nicest

part of getting old is playing with the grandkids. Also glad to have reconnected with Greg G. and some of my classmates by Zoom. They convinced me to attend our Class of ’74 50th reunion, and I enjoyed seeing some folks for the first time since Commencement. New buildings! New staircase from the parking lot! No slide rules on belts.”

John Butler writes: “Since it’s been 50 years since graduating from our great alma mater, including 30 years of working for ExxonChemical/Infinium, in New Jersey, I have settled into a very comfortable and happy retirement here in South Florida with a beautiful lady I have been with for almost 19 years. Together, we have nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren from our four daughters. I am extremely proud of my oldest granddaughter, who graduated in May 2024 with her RN and is now working on her BSN here at one of the local Florida universities.”

It’s been great keeping in touch with a group of classmates through Zoom, coordinated by our guy Phil Vitale.

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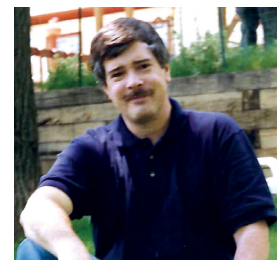
1975

February 12, 2025 — Dear Class, I often hear how much you enjoy reading the class log. As you may be aware, *The Stevens Indicator* is now only published twice a year, therefore I appreciate the news I receive from you. Your news is vital to delivering an interesting class log. So, please take a moment to email me directly at harrymac@comcast.net with your updates, and thanks!

Sadly, we learned classmate **Jim Labdon** passed away on October 4, 2024. Those of us who knew Jim are aware of the very extraordinary life he lived! Charlotte, his daughter, shared this moving obituary: <https://www.diablovalleyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/James-Edward-Labdon-Phd?obId=33360545> and also the amazing story when Jim landed an interview with Carl Sagan, published in *The Stute* in 1974: <https://stevensarchives.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/StevensNP01/id/11132/rec/4>



Left:
Class of ’73ers Bill Hutchinson, left, and Tony Callendrello catch a ride on a vintage railway motorcar last summer in Maine.



Second from top:

Men’s lacrosse standout Ed Briggs ’73, second from right, was inducted into the Stevens Athletic Hall of Fame last fall. Cheering him on at the Stevens ceremony, from left, were classmates Bruce Blondina, Bill Hutchinson, Tony Callendrello, Frank Vastano, Pat Barczak, Ed and Greg Klar.

Middle left:

Delta Tau Delta fraternity celebrated the 150th anniversary of its Rho Chapter at Stevens last fall. Gathering, from left, were brothers Frank Roberto ’76, Charlie Pihokken ’74 and Tom Nathanson ’74.

Middle right:

Jim Labdon ’75, who passed away last October, is remembered in the ’75 log.

Bottom left:

Barbara and Harry MacArthur ’75 at the Delta Tau Delta 150th anniversary.

Bottom right:

Jim Tosone ’75 reflects on his musical journey in the 1975 log.

Celebrate Your 50th Reunion WITH THREE WAYS TO GIVE FROM YOUR IRA



As you reflect on your time at Stevens, your 50th reunion offers an opportunity to give back to the university that helped shape your journey. Your IRA offers three simple and meaningful ways to celebrate your milestone reunion while empowering generations of Stevens students.

Three ways to give from your IRA:

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For more information on QCDs or beneficiary designations, contact: **Michael Governor**, Senior Director of Planned Giving, at **201.216.8967** or **michael.governor@stevens.edu**

There is much to say about Jim, and this excerpt from his obituary captures it all: "Jim is remembered as a modern renaissance man, whose diverse interests included sailing his boat, Tachyon 1, scuba diving, flying, skiing, hiking, camping, canoeing, chemistry, astronomy, science fiction, cooking, carpentry, cycling, photography, video editing, writing and so much more. He was an open-minded, tolerant, intelligent, industrious and loving man. He was a scientist whose worldview was borne of empiricism, falsifiability and experimentation. There is one very humorous story that exemplified Jim in high school, Jim set out to reproduce the Miller-Urey experiment which sought to provide evidence as to how the development of life on earth from non-living matter could have occurred. As he exposed a precise mixture of water, methane, ammonia and hydrogen gas to an electric charge, Jim inadvertently blew up his parents' garage and survived! Jim was a kind and gentle family man who succeeded in building a better life for his wife and children.

"Jim is survived by his wife Lida; his two children, Charlotte and David; and his brothers Michael and Thomas, who deeply loved and cherished him. He lives on in our memories, thoughts, actions, and convictions."

Your friends and classmates at Stevens will miss you, Jim, but know that your curiosity and passion for life sets an example for all of us to follow, and to live life to the fullest.

Richard Feeney writes: "Our daughter Melissa will marry in New York City in May 2025. So, this has been and continues to be a stressful year; our family will no doubt look back on it fondly when it's all over. Melissa was a Scholastic All-American swimmer when she was younger. She is a Lehigh University graduate who completed her master's degree in data science at Columbia University, a field that I don't think even existed in 1975.

"Those of us who grew up in northern New Jersey know that the Passaic River has been contaminated with a variety of industrial wastes for many decades. The most significant contaminant in the river is 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin, more commonly referred to as simply 'dioxin.' It was produced in the 1960s during the manufacturing of Agent Orange

for use during the Vietnam war. Along with my colleagues at Tetra Tech Inc., we prepared the remedy design, approved by USEPA. We are helping Occidental Chemical Corp. implement the design to address the contaminants. This work will be ongoing for well beyond a decade."

Classmates and Delta Tau Delta brothers **Harry MacArthur**, **Bill Gattoni**, **Tom Bruce** and **Karl Young** attended the Delta Tau Delta 150th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, November 2, 2024. They joined fellow brothers and honored guests for a cocktail reception and dinner in the University Center Complex to celebrate Rho chapter's impact on the Stevens campus community. It was a great event, and the highlight of the evening included awards presentations to this year's Delta Tau Delta Scholarship recipients.

Jim Tosone writes: "Playing music brings immense joy into my life. As an amateur musician, I love recording and performing. On my YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/@jimtosone), I have playlists of solo classical guitar recordings, bluegrass/Americana music on mandolin, Celtic music on the Irish tenor banjo, and '60s/'70s folk rock on bass guitar. Another highlight for me is performing at local open mic sessions. These events allow me to share my music, connect with other musicians, and gain valuable feedback. Music has always been and will continue to be a big part of my life.

"I would be most appreciative if fellow classmates would like, comment and subscribe to my channel. They can also find my music on Facebook, X, Instagram and Threads."

Our 50th Reunion is June 6–7, 2025. Please join us for this once-in-a-lifetime event. The 50th reunion anniversary dinner is set for Friday evening, June 6, in the new University Center Complex. Then on Saturday, June 7, you are invited to a barbecue, a class reception and for the class photo at the ship's anchor.

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1976

February 12, 2025 — Greetings All, The Class of '76 Quarterly Zoom calls continue, with Number 11 planned for March — having occurred by the time you read this. Please drop me a note if you want to join us and have not seen the various email blast invitations. Could be the spam police — or possibly as simple as not having an up-to-date email address on file in the Stevens system.

Rich Madonna Ph.D. '82 is the sole contributor this issue with a lengthy submission — too lengthy actually to include in its entirety — so I have had to edit it down. My apologies to Rich if the omissions were in the wrong spots.

Rich starts with: "Here is an update after a very long time. After graduating (AF ROTC), I began an educational delay to active duty. With too many newly commissioned officers and not enough billets (end of Vietnam conflict), the Air Force let me pursue advanced degrees (my expense). I earned a master's degree and entered my Ph.D. research in 1978 at Stevens — and in June of that year Susan and I married, living in the old Married Students Apartments. I defended my dissertation in December 1981, just as Susan told me she was pregnant, then going on active duty in February 1982.

"I was assigned to the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick AFB in Satellite Beach, Florida, with our first two sons born there. While at AFTAC, I was put on a radiation monitoring experiment on the Space Shuttle. I got to monitor my experiment from Mission Control every time it flew (10 times), with the last being on the ill-fated Challenger flight. In my numerous travels, I ran into **Ed Janeczko '75** while I was visiting the USAF Weapons Lab at Kirtland AFB. I was also an adjunct faculty member at Florida Institute of Technology, teaching courses related to space systems (writing a textbook on orbital mechanics with a seven-year print life), and at Rollins College in the Math Department teaching differential equations. Left the Air Force in 1986, went to work at Grumman Aerospace in Bethpage, New York, getting us back closer to families on Long Island. Did applied research on generating very high peak power, high-energy

microwave pulses with an adjunct faculty gig at Hofstra University in the Physics Department. Our third son, **Jeff** (Stevens Class of **2012**), was born in New York.

"Eventually, my research focus moved to developing hyperspectral sensors and data exploitation algorithms as our business was increasing in this area. In 1994, we 'merged' with Northrop to become Northrop Grumman. Over the next five years, the Bethpage facility went from around 20,000 employees to around 2,000, and my group was on the chopping block for the next round of layoffs (1998). Fortunately, NG had acquired Westinghouse's Defense System Division, headquartered in Baltimore, in 1996 and I had been doing more and more work with them since they became part of the company. Several groups were asking me to transfer so I worked a transfer and joined what was then the Electronic Sensors and Systems Division of NGC. Susan was in medical school by this time (a second doctor in the family), delaying the family's move for a year. I had an apartment in Columbia and commuted home on the weekends.

"Relocated in 1999, Susan started residency at the University of Maryland Medical Systems in 2000, and I worked a bunch of classified programs almost all involving space based, electro-optical or infrared sensing systems. In late 2014, I took on the technical lead for a joint project we undertook with Caltech aimed at developing a realistic, economically viable system for space solar power — providing terrestrial electricity from sunlight collected in space. The project ended at the end of 2017, and I retired in April 2018 after 31 years, along the way being an adjunct faculty member at Johns Hopkins Whiting School of Engineering.

"Retirement started out great ... after some vacation time, I was a board member for a new space solar power effort engineering and applied science division at Caltech, eventually leading to getting a halftime appointment as the project manager and system architect, funded by the Bern Foundation."

With this cliffhanger, Rich's "second act" adventures will continue in the next issue.

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Top to bottom:

Richard Feeney '75 shares an update about his family and career in the '75 log.

Rich Madonna '76 Ph.D. '82, at far right, shares a fascinating career update in the '76 log. He currently works as a project manager and system architect at Caltech. Pictured from left, inside the Caltech Space Structures Laboratory, are Professor Sergio Pellegrino, Brigit Bren, Donald Bren, Professor Ali Hajimiri, and Rich.

Enjoying the Delta Tau Delta Rho Chapter 150th anniversary at Stevens last fall, from left, were Class of '75 brothers Harry MacArthur, Bill Gattoni, Tom Bruce and Karl Young.



Koby Garcia '19 in front of
NBC Studios in New York

**"I have never been prouder
to be part of such a significant
institution of culture."**

SNLer suffers from anxiety (and often, irritable bowel syndrome).

"I have never been prouder to be part of such a significant institution of culture," Garcia says.

What stood out about the evening? Paul McCartney at the piano, performing "Golden Slumbers."

"To watch Paul McCartney close out the show with the B-side medley of my favorite album, 'Abbey Road,' was fitting for the little boy in me watching where I have ended up," he says.

Garcia says he is pleasantly overwhelmed by how much goes into the show — and by the people he works with.

"To me, the writers are the stars, and the cast as well. It's magic every week."

A native of West New York, New Jersey, Garcia grew up loving SNL and the movies. By middle school, he was making his own "no-budget" shorts. At Stevens, he majored in visual arts and technology, with guidance from film studies professors Anthony Pennino and Billy Middleton ("my guiding lights") and worked with SITTV Campus Television.

Significantly, he landed several internships with NBCUniversal while at Stevens, later getting hired full time and rising to MSNBC control room manager. Longing for something more creative, Garcia earned a master's of fine arts, focusing on writing for TV and film, before joining SNL.

Despite his demanding schedule, he also writes short film scripts, does freelance photography — and he is working on a short film he plans to direct. Garcia dreams of being in the writers' room of a TV show and writing and directing feature films.

Reflecting on that little kid who stayed up late on Saturday nights, "I can't help but feel grateful," he says. ♦

Ready for Prime Time

Koby Garcia '19

BY BETH KISSINGER

As some 14.8 million people tuned into "Saturday Night Live" for the TV show's 50th anniversary special in February, one crew member worked behind the scenes — and made his screen debut — for what he describes as a "surreal, delightful whirlwind."

Koby Garcia '19, who joined SNL's film unit production staff in 2023, thrives in the high excitement and community of creatives who work to the final seconds

of 11:30 Saturday night, when the iconic show goes live inside NBC's Studio 8H.

"I used to joke when people asked: 'What's your dream job?' I would almost brush it off and say, Oh, 'Saturday Night Live.' Absolutely, it's a dream come true."

SNL50 was a new high point. Garcia's name ran in the credits, which isn't always the case with regular broadcasts. He works as a photo researcher, finding licensed images that the show can use, and working alongside SNL graphic artists, editors and special effects artists to incorporate them throughout the show.

But in the 50th tribute Garcia appeared in the music video: "Digital Short: Anxiety Sketch," on how every

1977

February 26, 2025 — Hello Class of '77!! I know that I've missed getting a Class of '77 log into the past two *Indicator* issues, but it's funny how that second spinal surgery just pushed everything on the calendar way to the right. Regardless, I've still been able to hit the 30th anniversary of my radio show, Eclectic Hours, on Radio Fairfax. If you are up and about on a Sunday at 10 am ET, put that in your browser and stop by.

Since we last posted a log, we've managed to have two Class of '77 Zoom calls, and although it took a while between the first two, we did have a great Zoom call in December 2024! We actually ended up with a total of 16 people on the call!! (Peter Attas, Susan Barbash and Brian Allen, Sigmund Grudzinski, Steve Harmelin, Jeff Iapicco, Calvin Kinsel, Diane Kopes, Gary Mello, Ray Nierstedt, Scott Orshan, Dawn Ortell, Joe Parzel, Robert Sheehan, Dennis Steelman, and myself.) There was a lot of catching up with everyone, finding out who is where these days, as well as reviewing some memories. It was a really great time seeing all these folks! The next Class of '77 Zoom call was scheduled for March 12th at 8pm ET. We seem to be landing on Wednesdays every time but do let me know if a different day would work better for you. Let me know if you want an invite to the Zoom calls by just emailing me at eclectichours@cox.net.

Met **Camille McQueen** and **Bob McQueen '76** for lunch in DC at the Irish Channel Pub the week after Christmas. They were in town taking in some of DC's museums, including the Holocaust Museum. It was good to see them. Ironically, that restaurant was also one of the locations the class dined at during the 2017 Class of '77 visit to Washington, DC.

Sigmund Grudzinski has been posting a play-by-play series of photos on his building a scale model of a P-3C Orion anti-submarine and maritime surveillance aircraft.

It's obvious that he does great work with these scale models, and that makes it also obvious that he has a whole lot more patience than I do!

Based on his Facebook posts, **Paul Anteri's** wife Tricia continues to progress well after dealing with

some health issues. Aside from his consulting work, Paul continues to be active as a drummer in his band and, of course, there is always competitive poker.

I got a call from **Eric Olsen** this past week. Eric and Kathy have embarked on an "aggressive" tango dancing hobby and are very active in their local tango community, dancing three days a week. Eric says it's great exercise and fun, and they're meeting a great group of people. As a side note, Eric says he now has more guitars than fingers on both hands. He's playing at various gigs generally two days a week. Also, I'm happy to say Eric and Kathy are occasional listeners (critics? HA!) of my Eclectic Hours radio show.

As always don't forget the Class of '77 Endowment fund as a donation option. Just go to the <https://connect.stevens.edu/makeagift> page, and under "Donation Information" choose "Other" and enter "Class of 1977 endowment fund" for your donation.

If you want an invite to the next Zoom call, but you haven't gotten the email announcements from Stevens, just drop me an email at eclectichours@cox.net, and I'll get the info to you. Until next time, hang in there!

— **Paul Porzio;**
eclectichours@cox.net

1978

February 12, 2025 — I received four updates from our classmates over the past several months. The first is from **Abdul Dawlatzai**, who last contacted me in 2020. "Hello, John. Four years later, a few updates: Now my marriage is for 38 years and going strong. Now we have 2 granddaughters, Amber is 3½ and Madison is 14 months old. Still retired and living in Ringoes, New Jersey."

A second was from **Ken Miller**, who has experienced some health challenges, including a near-death experience in October of 2023. These have prompted Ken to begin a blog. I asked Ken where the blog could be found, and here is his response: "If anyone is up to it, they may look for ablogbyken@www.blogger.com, or write me at kmillerbloggerablogbyken@gmail.com. Thanks!!!"



"We were humbled and amazed that, even after nearly 40 years, Jersey City remembered him and chose to honor our dad in this way. My siblings and I are all immensely proud and deeply grateful to Jersey City for this recognition of their former Rangemaster and marksman extraordinaire."

Jim Weatherall '78

Jersey City Police Captain James G. Weatherall, the late father of Jim Weatherall '78, a 32-year member of the JCPD and former coach of the Stevens Rifle Team, was honored last September with a target range named in his honor, inside the new Jersey City Public Safety Training Facility. Capt. Weatherall won marksmanship competitions all along the East Coast and trained new police recruits. Jim, at far right, and his siblings attended the re-dedication ceremony.

**Top to bottom:**

Meeting up in Bozeman, Montana, in February 2024, from left, are Kevin Terris, Tom Terris '79 and Ed Wlodarczyk '79.

Paul Li '79, pictured, and Ed Wlodarczyk '79 hiked in Macedonia Brook State Park in Connecticut back in 2023.

Enjoying some surf fishing at the Jersey Shore last November, from left, are Dan Roman '82, Ed Wlodarczyk '79 and Ray Carr '82.

The third was from **Jim Weatherall**. "Hi John, hope all is well with you and Martha and your family. All is well with our family out here in SoCal. **Maureen '78** and I celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary this year with a two-week trip to Hawaii, visiting Oahu and Kauai, and had a great time.

"The main news that I want to share is about my late father, who many of our classmates and older alums will remember as Coach Weatherall of the Stevens Rifle Team. I am sure you will recall the annual Turkey Shoots and Bunny Shoots that the Rifle Team hosted as fundraisers (personally, I recall winning many a pitcher of beer to share with friends at the Rathskeller!). Over the many years that Dad served as coach, on Thanksgiving Day our family would host a Stevens student or two who were unable to travel to their own homes for the holiday. Sadly, we have lost touch with many of those older alums.

"Well, on Sept 10, 2024, the City of Jersey City celebrated the opening of its new state-of-the-art Jersey City Public Safety Training Facility, which includes the re-dedicated Capt. James G. Weatherall Memorial Target Range. Dad had served on the JCPD for 32 years and had been the star of the JCPD Pistol Team during the 60s and 70s, routinely winning marksmanship competitions against other law enforcement teams all along the East Coast. In his later years, he trained new JCPD recruits in range safety and marksmanship. Here's a link to the article in the local *Jersey City Times*: <https://jcitytimes.com/new-de-escalation-training-center-unveiled-in-jersey-city/>

"Earlier this summer, my siblings and I were invited to tour the facility; see a photo with this log. We were humbled and amazed that, even after nearly 40 years, Jersey City remembered him and chose to honor our dad in this way. My siblings and I are all immensely proud and deeply grateful to Jersey City for this recognition of their former Rangemaster and marksman extraordinaire. — Jim."

Finally, I got this message from **Ron Hosie**: "Hi, John. On the personal side, I expect to mostly retire from Community Bible Study at the end of December. I'll still do a couple consulting things for them, but probably single-digit hours per

month for a year or so. Ginny and I added an apartment onto our house in Oklahoma and moved into it this spring, and our daughter and her husband and son moved into the main house in July after doing some renovations. We call our apartment the geriatric ward and look forward to this multi-generational living arrangement. We hope to do some traveling for the foreseeable future and are just starting to talk about where we might go. My oldest and his wife just started a custom closet business and are heavy into the new business mode to make a go of it. My middle son works for a small M & A investment banker in Kansas City, and his wife is a certified registered nurse anesthetist. They have three young boys that keep them VERY busy. I look forward to hearing how you and Martha and your kids are doing. It would be nice to get together again some time. Ron."

Ron's original message included a look back at his 50th high school reunion and a look forward to our 50th class reunion, which will take place in early June 2028. Due to space constraints, I will hold it for inclusion in a future class update.

— John Jarboe;
jjarboe1@comcast.net

1979

February 2025 — "Hard to believe it's been over 45 years since graduating from Stevens. I had a great and adventurous career working for DuPont, Dade Behring and Siemens. Most of my work in the medical device field was producing and distributing blood analyzers worldwide. Amazing how the years have gone by. Enjoying retirement in Connecticut, with fishing, hiking, traveling and re-connecting with Sigma Nu fraternity brothers.

"Some of my adventures this past couple of years included hiking Macedonia Brook State Park in Connecticut with **Paul Li**, skiing in Montana at Bridger Bowl with **Tom Terris**, trout fishing, Paso Robles wine tasting, a trip to Vietnam, surf fishing at the Jersey Shore for striped bass with **Dan Roman '82** and **Ray Carr '82**, and trips into New York City to McSorley's and a Yankees game. Also, I had the opportunity to stop by the campus to check out the amazing new high-rise dorms and fraternity house, and enjoy

dinner in Hoboken with Dan Roman, **Bill Tevald '82**, and wives. Looking forward to further adventures and reconnections. — **Ed Wlodarczyk**"

— **The Stevens Indicator;**
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1980

February 2025 — On February 20, the Stevens Office of Development and Alumni Engagement facilitated a Zoom Town Hall for our class. A virtual reunion of sorts, it was a wonderful way to reconnect and discuss our upcoming 45th reunion. There were 13 of us who participated, and it was wonderful to see some faces that we haven't seen in a while! Aside from those on the reunion committee (**Katy O'Malley Coumans**, **Pat Cartamante**, **Henry Carnevale**, **Mary Doddy** and me), other partakers included **Denise Pucciani**, **Mike Nugent**, **Sin-Kie Tjho**, **Tom Iliadis**, **Phil Bundman**, **Marty Farrell**, **Sue Gerald**, **Francomano** and **Jules Osinski**.

A few updates/points of interest from those on the call include: Tom Iliadis lives in Freehold, New Jersey, where he recently retired from working as a consultant in the medical devices industry. Phil Bundman has been enjoying his business taking pet and people portraits in Belmont, Massachusetts, since leaving his career in the physics world. Marty Farrell connected from Greensboro, North Carolina, where he has recently retired following a career with Volvo Group. Sue Gerald Francomano and her husband, **Joe '78**, relocated from their home in New York to Bayville, New Jersey, where they are enjoying retired life at the Jersey Shore. Jules Osinski joined the call (from the farthest location) from his home in Woodside, California, in the Bay Area. It was a fun hour spent discussing some of the reunion details and certainly filled with much reminiscing. If ever given an opportunity for a Zoom call like this again, I would encourage everyone to consider participating!

Prior to the call mentioned above, I was happy to receive the following updates: Katy O'Malley Coumans and husband Jacques have been enjoying international travel following Jacques' retirement. In addition to a trip to Singapore (where they also visited their son, **Sam '20**), Sydney and Auckland in late 2023,

they visited Ireland in Fall 2024. A Bucket List trip for Katy, she shared, "After a few days exploring Dublin, we had the chance to see all of the natural beauty there was to see on the perimeter of the entire island, including Westport, home of the O'Malley Clan. We both loved it and plan to go back with our sons soon."

Mary Doddy is still working for General Motors and living in Detroit. She wrote, "I was able to travel from Detroit to attend the first joint men's and women's alumni fencing match on December 7, 2024. Head Coach Jim Carpenter and Coach Linda Vollkommer Lynch introduced us to the current team. It was nice to catch up with **Peter LaChance '81**, **Joann Gherardi Lyons '81** and all of the other alumni. I was able to walk around campus with **Toyken Yee '85** after the fencing in Walker Gym and before gathering at the Brass Rail for dinner. I look forward to coming back on campus in June for our Class of 1980 Reunion."

By this point, you all have received multiple notices from the Alumni Office regarding the details of our 45th reunion, which will be celebrated during Red and Gray Days, June 6–7. Hoping to see you there! Until next time ... Take care and please think about dropping me a few lines on what you've been up to over the course of the past 45 (can you believe it?!) years.

— **Kathy Burkholder McCarthy;**
mccarthykathy93@gmail.com

1981

February 2025 — Dear Classmates, I hope you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. Did you know we are now in the 4Q of our lives? I recently picked up a book, *No Regrets, a Fable About Living Your 4th Quarter Intentionally*. My husband and I always tried to live this way. The accompanying workbook introduces the different quarters of our lives. *If your age is between 61 and 80, you are in the fourth quarter!* (I have not gone through the workbook yet so don't have any more insights to share at this point.) I am sending you all peace, as we navigate the uncharted choppy waters of the 4Q of our lives. I have just a few updates from our class.

Anil Keswani shared the following wonderful news about his family.



Top to bottom:
 Jacques and Katy O'Malley Coumans '80 visit the film set for "The Hobbit" movies in New Zealand while on a tour through Singapore, Sydney and Auckland in Fall 2023.

Toyken Yee '85, left, and Mary Doddy '80 enjoy walking around campus following the Alumni Fencing Match in December 2024.

Pat and Anil Keswani '81 celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary in January.



Middle:
 Anil Keswani, his wife Pat, daughter Beth, son-in-law Brett and grandsons Graham and baby Oliver enjoy a warm holiday.

Bottom:
 Tony Bazzini '81 and his son Evan '19 enjoy the Houston Alumni Club holiday party last December.

Upstarts



Thomas King
M.Eng. '16 is founder of TK Fabricate, a Net Zero housing

solutions partner. The company's new state-of-the-art "hydropod" utilizes energy-saving technology developed in Europe to reduce energy usage in large buildings. King notes that heat pumps in the hydropods can extract heat from the air, even in temperatures as low as 15 degrees below zero and reduce energy usage by up to 75%. A key advantage of the hydropod system: its ability to provide heating, cooling, air filtration and hot water in one easy-to-install unit. Ten hydropods have been installed in Christopher Court, an affordable apartment complex in Phoenix, New York, and eight were installed last summer in student housing at Syracuse University.



Preety Vandana
M.S. '20 uses her expertise in machine learning to provide a helping hand to

hospitality giant Wynn Resorts, as the organization's marketing department customizes the visitor experience at its properties in Las Vegas and Boston. A graduate of Stevens' financial engineering master's program, Vandana says that her education in data science and analytics has equipped her to predict market performance, assess hedging strategies and manage risk. Combined with Vandana's additional expertise and experience in coding and software development, Wynn has developed advanced software solutions for customer-facing applications, driving significant revenue for the company.

"Pat and I just had our 41st wedding anniversary in January, and we welcomed our 2nd grandson Oliver Nil Goode in March 2024. Our older grandson, Graham John Goode, is 3½ yrs old. All is well in Dallas. I am now working as a permanent substitute teacher in a local high school. It is a great experience. The picture is of our family: Beth, our daughter; Brett, her husband; Pat and the grandsons. The second picture is from our anniversary dinner."

Unfortunately, we have lost two more classmates. **David Ritter** shared **Peter St. John Hughes'** passing.

Obituary published on Legacy.com by Wolfe Funeral Home – Fort Mill on Apr. 5, 2024:

"**Peter St. John Hughes**, age 64, passed away on March 16, 2024, at his home in Fort Mill, South Carolina. Born in New Orleans and raised in Ramsey, New Jersey, Peter was the son of the late James St. John Hughes and Mary Kathleen Sweeney. He was a 1981 graduate of Stevens Institute of Technology with his bachelor's degree in engineering physics. He was also a 1996 graduate of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California, with a master's degree in computer science. Peter had a successful 33-year career as an engineer in the aerospace industry in Los Angeles, working for both the Hughes Aircraft Company and the Boeing Corporation.

"Peter was known by his family and friends as a man of strong faith. He is survived by his sister, Ann Hughes Brueggen, and her husband Gene, and his brother, Michael Hughes and his wife Laura. Extended family includes seven nieces and nephews and multiple great nieces and great nephews."

I also received the following from **Bruce Eng, Class of 1983**: "I was a longtime friend of **Curtis Tom**, Class of 1981. I reported his passing to Stevens Alumni Office earlier this year, and they listed his passing in the Vitals column in the recent *Stevens Indicator*.

"Attached is his memorial card, words written by his younger brother, Victor. And I'll leave you today with a quote from the poet Robert Frost: '*The afternoon knows what the morning never suspected.*'"

Peace and Love to you all.

— **Gloria M. Ron-Fornes**,
gmforne@gmail.com

1982

February 10, 2025 — I have nothing new to report in this class log. It can't be about me all the time! Have you retired and ended up someplace exotic? Have you taken a cool trip? Do you get together regularly with other '82 alumni? Send some news and pictures to me via email or the alumni portal at <https://www.stevens.edu/directory/development-and-alumni-engagement/stay-informed/stevens-indicator#form>

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

1986

February 2025 — Russ Nicolosi writes: "I finished school at NJIT because I wanted to study industrial engineering AND play on their Division 3 ice hockey team. I started work with AT&T, then moved to the newspaper industry, where I served as VP of Systems at the *Asbury Park Press*, then Philadelphia and on to Condé Nast. I moved to The Villages in central Florida, where my eldest brother **Roy** lives (Stevens Class of **1970** and **1973**). We play in a number of concerts and jazz bands together. I play golf, hockey and soccer weekly. In mid-July, we spend two weeks on LBI with our kids."

A note from **Judi Jakubowski**: "In November, me, **Jeanne O'Connor Massaro**, **Lynn Parsons Yagel**, **Jeannie Duggan Burgermeister** and **Bob Burgermeister** spent a weekend in Charlottesville, Virginia. I am attaching some pictures.

"As for me, my husband Jeff and I recently moved to Charlotte, North Carolina. And we are loving the weather! Our oldest daughter Melissa is now Ensign Melissa and is currently in training as a naval flight officer. Alexandra, the older twin, is an ER trauma nurse at Johns Hopkins and Shea, the younger twin, is in her last semester at New England School of Law in Boston."

From **Mike Zari**: "Greetings from Huntsville, Alabama! I hope all is well with you and yours as we enter the new year. I don't know if you are keeping count, but we are one year away from our special reunion year! I am looking forward to seeing as many people as possible up in Hoboken. This past year, I have been

able to get together with a couple of fellow classmates. I had another opportunity to meet up with **Chuck Helwig** here in Huntsville before the annual Space and Missile Defense Symposium. Really great to catch up with him, talk about updates with our families and hear about other fellow classmates we have been in touch with. I also had an opportunity to catch up with **Pete Rabbeni** (first time since graduation) up in Nashville. Lots to talk about and catch up on! I really hope to catch up with a lot more of my classmates in Hoboken at our 40th in 2026!

“Back here on the home front, Mary-Lee and I try to travel as much as time will allow. Last year we cruised our way through to the Eastern Mediterranean ports and discovered how beautiful it was in Athens, Crete, Rhodes, Troy, and Istanbul (NOT Constantinople). One of the biggest events that took place last year was Mary-Lee and me gaining a son-in-Law! Our youngest daughter, Amy, got married in 2024 after eloping with Sam to Hawaii (is it still eloping if we all knew about it?) during the fall.

“One of my favorite times of any year is when my family and extended family all get together for a long break. In 2024, we all celebrated Christmas in Alabama including my daughter Sydney and boyfriend Steve, the newlyweds Amy and Sam, and our grandpups (Meatball, Noodle and Charlie). We started off for family wedding photos, had lots of family time, food and drinks. Oh yeah ... and there was much rejoicing (yaaaaaaaay)! — Mike Zari; mzari@a2zinnovations.com”

— **Debi Motler;**
dmot419@gmail.com

1987

February 2025 — “I am president and CEO of Allied Petrochemical in Alvin, Texas, starting this role in April 2024. I had been president and CEO of a nylon manufacturing company in New Hampshire for over seven years, commuting from Texas weekly. That got tiring, so after an orderly transition and a few months off, I landed here. Allied Petrochemical is a private equity-owned firm that distills product streams into fuel products and also manufactures sulfonated materials used in a variety of industries. On the family front, three kids, and now one grandchild. — **Jim Bizarro**”

— **The Stevens Indicator;**
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1989

February 13, 2025 — It’s that time of year when you ask yourself, “When is spring coming?” especially as I stare at the most recent seven inches of snow outside my window. Living in the Northeast provides the luxury of fleeting seasons. YAY! Ah, but enough of my waxing philosophical. I had some extra space I could fill. Let’s get to our brief updates!

Jorge Rivera was kind enough to provide an update for me after our reunion in June. It was so nice to reconnect with him after all these years and meet his lovely wife. He sent me this happy news shortly after we saw each other.

“While we had already called each other husband and wife, after 15 years, Karen Brunetti and I had our beautiful Jersey Shore wedding with our three wonderful kids, now in their 20s. We’ve led a simple but happy life in Monmouth County. After graduation, I worked for a couple of chemical companies and since the late ’90s worked in various sales positions focused on process instrumentation, pharma/refinery lab equipment and test and measurement equipment. The last three years, I’ve been the VP of Sales for the Americas region at EA Technology, focused on substation instruments and consulting.”



Top to bottom:

Enjoying the Houston Alumni Club's holiday party last December, from left, are Caryn and Jim Bizarro '87, Walter Ulrich '68, and Arshad Saiyed, dean of Stevens' College of Professional Education.

Class of '86ers Judi Jakubowski, Jeanne O'Connor Massaro, Lynn Parsons Yagel, Jeannie Duggan Burgermeister and Bob Burgermeister '85 spent a weekend in Charlottesville, Virginia, last November.

Mary-Lee and Mike Zari '86 celebrate the wedding of their daughter Amy last year, from left: their daughter Sydney with her boyfriend Steve, the newlyweds Sam and Amy, and Mary-Lee and Mike.



Above:

Tony Oliva '89, with his wife Cheryl and their daughter, Claire. Read more from Tony in the '89 log.

**Top:**

Jorge Rivera '89 with wife Karen Brunetti, at their Jersey Shore wedding in summer 2024.

Second row left:

Tuyet-Hanh Schnell '91 received the Society of Women Engineers WE24 Fellow Grade Award in Chicago. Read more about her other honors in the '91 log.

Second row right:

Liz '18 and Gianluca Borrelli '17 welcomed their daughter, Viviana Lorenza, on June 18, 2024.

Middle left:

Kiera '19 and Nathan Schaefer '19, at the Houston Alumni Club holiday party.

Middle right:

Bruno Andino '23 and Delaney Timm enjoy the Houston Alumni Club holiday party. Catch up with Bruno in the '23 log.

Bottom:

Gathering for the Houston Club holiday party last December, from left, are Norman Brown '02, Jorge Leon '03 and Diana Leon '15.

Congratulations again to you and Karen! Take a look at their beautiful wedding snap.

I reached out to **Tony Oliva** who wasn't able to make it to the reunion but provided a brief update, "I am still with CGI, now working in the public sector on engagements to implement our ERP system called Advantage. I'm also still living in Birmingham, Alabama. The big news is my daughter is now driving and takes off every day for somewhere with friends! We've enjoyed recent travel to Hawaii, the Bahamas, and Vegas.

"Looking forward to hearing what everyone is up to, and another virtual meetup would be great too."

Thanks, Tony! Yes, another virtual meetup would be a great idea!! I will work on that.

I'm guessing many of us are already empty nesters or very soon to be; a new chapter starts. Have you been to a Stevens regional network event yet? These can range from a simple happy hour to a baseball game or even a party at a Dueling Piano Bar in Washington, DC! Check your Stevens email for a local gathering near you.

Also, if you haven't yet logged onto *StevensConnects*, there are many other opportunities to connect with alums, current students and affinity groups. Are you in healthcare, construction or IT industries? There are active online alumni groups available to join and network with.

Stevens is a different place today than in the late '80s! I can honestly say that when people ask me where I graduated from, I rarely get that head tilt and quizzical look, "Where?" Now I hear, "Oh yes! I know it well! Great school!" That speaks for itself.

— **Dawn Madak;**

dawnmadak@gmail.com

1991

November 17, 2024 — Here's an update on the latest honor for **Tuyet-Hanh Schnell**! "I want to let everyone know that I received two major awards: the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) WE24 Fellow Grade Award which was celebrated in Chicago, and the Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (SASE) Career Achievement Award which was celebrated in Boston. Beginning spring 2025, I will be an adjunct professor at Rowan University's Electrical and Computer Engineering Department."

— **Daniel Goldberg;**

danielygoldberg@gmail.com

2018

October 7, 2024 — **Liz** and **Gianluca '17 Borrelli** welcomed their daughter, Viviana Lorenza Borrelli, on June 18, 2024.

— **Kellie Vertetis;**

vertetiskellie@gmail.com

2023

December 2024 — Here's an update from **Bruno Andino**.

"Moved to Houston, Texas, in June 2024, where I'm working fulltime as a mechanical field engineer supporting midstream chemical assets for ExxonMobil. In my short time here, I've been able to continue my soccer career and will start a new season with a semi-professional soccer team. I'm lucky that my girlfriend Delaney was able to move in with me, and I adopted two kittens!"

— **The Stevens Indicator;**

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Graduate Log

Sunil Garg M.S. '74 Ph.D. '78

is one of 14 sculptors in New Jersey to receive a 2025 New Jersey State Council on the Arts Sculpture Fellowship. The fellowships are awarded to practicing New Jersey artists through a competitive application process to help them pursue their artistic goals. Garg describes himself as a "contemporary light and illumination artist who paints and sculpts natural and computer programmed light, with reflection, movement and shadows." He also creates large-scale sculpture and installations "with themes based on the environment, colonialism and consumerism." Garg was a resident at Gallery Aferro in Newark, New Jersey, and was selected to exhibit in competitive Call for Chelsea and Call for Bushwick exhibitions. His large-scale, public art installations have been exhibited in Newark, New Jersey, Key West, Florida, Madison, Wisconsin, and Summit and Long Beach Island, New Jersey. A graduate of Rutgers Law School, he previously worked with the Celanese Corporation and as an attorney.

JP Vasseur M.S. '92 joined NVIDIA last summer as senior distinguished engineer and chief architect of AI and networking; he is leading development of AI and networking architecture at the AI computing giant. Previously, he spent 25 years with Cisco Systems, where he was most recently vice president of engineering of machine learning and AI for networking and a fellow. At Cisco, he led machine learning and AI in support of key applications including wireless, switching, devices classifications, security and multi-domain. As the co-inventor on 600 patents across many networking areas, he is a regular speaker at international conferences. Vasseur holds a Ph.D. from Telecom Paris and received his master's degree in computer science from Stevens and a master's degree in mathematics from EPITA in Paris.

Adebayo "Bayo" Ogundipe M.Eng.

'03 Ph.D. '06 has been named dean of the Padnos College of Engineering at Grand Valley State University in Michigan. He began his new role on March 1. Ogundipe has extensive experience in chemical and environmental engineering and higher education, including 14 years at James Madison University, most recently as professor and department head of engineering. "We are excited to welcome Dr. Ogundipe to Grand Valley," said the university's Acting Provost Jennifer Drake. "He will provide strong leadership for the college. His contributions will build upon its solid foundation, paving the way for a bright future in engineering education." A native of Nigeria, Ogundipe earned a doctoral degree in environmental engineering and a master's degree in chemical engineering from Stevens. As head of James Madison's engineering department, he increased enrollment by 40% over a four-year period and expanded industry-sponsored capstone projects and applied research for faculty.

Con Edison engineer **Rosa Patino-Prenz M.Eng. '07** is the recipient of the 2024 YWCA-NYC "Emerging Leader" award for her years of counseling young women and college students to pursue "STEAM" (science, technology, engineering, arts, advocacy, and math) education, and for her work promoting social justice and DEI initiatives. Patino-Prenz started her career at Con Edison 17 years ago and has held positions in engineering, construction management, change management, process improvement and project management. She currently serves as section manager at Con Edison's Astoria Operations complex in New York. She earned a master's degree in systems engineering from Stevens and a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the City College of New York. At Con Edison, Patino-Prenz also gives her time to the Women of Con Edison, the Hispanic Employee Resource Group and DEI Councils. Patino-Prenz emigrated to the United States as a child from the Dominican Republic.

Vitals

Notices received from 8/22/24 to 3/6/25.

BIRTHS

To **Liz '18 and Gianluca '17 Borrelli**, a daughter, Viviana Lorenza, on June 18, 2024.

OBITUARIES

1940s

A.R. Boera '46
R.A. Easterlin '46
C.J. Keller '49
J.A. Manzo, Jr. '49 M.S. '56

1950s

H.C. Gehrnich '50
M.S. Kirwan '50 M.S. '54
N.O. Aamodt '51
W.A. Poyner '51
J. Fugardi '52 M.S. '55
R.E. Lee '52
H.H. Ramsey '53
F.M. Brassel '55
R.D. Glander '55
R.P. LeBright '55
J.J. Serritella '55
J.J. Guide '56 M.S. '65
E.R. Hill '56
J.F. Delahanty '57
B.E. Hampson '57
W.E. Kaufmann M.S. '57
H.L. Kimmich '57 M.S. '64
C.W. Lewis, Jr. '57
R.A. Paquin '58 M.S. '60
N.A. Stuart '58 M.S. '65
W.H. Townsend, Jr. M.S. '59

1960s

R.L. Allen M.S. '60
D.N. Merino '60 M.S. '63 Ph.D. '75
R.J. Tata M.S. '60
A.E. Young, Jr. '60
P.M. Brady, Jr. '61 M.S. '63
P.Y. Capay M.S. '61
K.B. Schinke '61 M.Eng. '68
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