# Class Notes

Arthur W. Carlson turned 100 years old on Aug. 5. His family gathered at his home in Ridgefield, Wash, for a huge celebration. Carlson has four children (one passed away from cancer at age 30), ten grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. He played right guard on the football team. In 1931, he was awarded the Andy Smith Memorial Trophy for playing the greatest minutes in conference football as one of the "60" minutemen. He may be the oldest member of the Big C Society. Upon graduation he married Evaline Otis, granddaughter of Frank Otis, who was a gold medalist of the University of California's first graduating class in 1873 and one of "The Twelve Apostles". His wife was a third generation Cal graduate. They were both on the permanent class committee. Carlson's family is looking for a way to find or duplicate his original football jersey from 1930-1934 and number 13. If anyone has some ideas, please contact susan@sgbergeson.com. Class Secretary: Betty Noack, 739 Glenside Cir, Lafayette 94549

Class Secretary Alison Thomson Crist injured herself in a fall late June. Following surgery, she spent months in a Walnut Creek rehabilitation facility. Despite having a broken ankle and missing her beloved Big Game luncheon, Alison has kept her sense of humor intact. Her family and friends applaud her spirit.

After many years of dedication and service, Ms. Crist is gracefully stepping down from her position. Her passion for Cal is unwavering and her spirit continues to shine bright. CAA is grateful to Alison for proudly representing the Class of 1937.

Class Secretary: Donna Reid Connell, 1800 Atrium Pkwy, Apt 248, Napa 94559-4804

The Joint Reunion of the Classes of 1942 and 1941 was held at Trader Vic's in Emeryville on November 19. There will be more about the event in the next issue. The voice behind Andy in the popular movie Toy Story is Chuck Auerbach's grandson, John Morris. Yet another award for Marty Griffin: In July, the Audubon Canyon Ranch celebrated Marty's years of service as ACR Founder at the Annual Barbeque & Bluegrass Picnic, with over 300 volunteers, donors, family, and friends present.

The highlight of the festive event was the ACR Board's surprising Marty with the news

that they were naming the 1,000-acre preserve as the Audubon Canyon Ranch Martin Griffin Preserve. The preserve, located near Stinson Beach, is home to a large colony of egrets and herons, with viewing areas and educational programs. For many years, Henry and Emily Stout Evers have been enjoying life in Sonoma County. Last summer they celebrated 50 years of country living with Bea and Dick Heggie, Carol and Dick Lyon, and many other Cal graduates.

Class Secretary: Rebecca Hayden, 2598 Filbert St Apt 2, San Francisco 94123, beckyhnotes@ sbcglobal.net, 415/931-4283

O Cara-May Sproul Carpenter (with to Stanford grad husband Ted) divides her time between her Napa home and an apartment in Marin. Ruth Mead Fisher lives in Urbana in a retirement complex near the University of Illinois where Ralph Fisher taught Russian. She has four grandchildren. Kay **Kieffer Stanley** lives in a retirement complex in Redmond, Wash., travels to Hawaii yearly, and recently cruised the Dalmatian coast with her daughter Lynn, a former Newsweek editor. Betty Fankhauser Lewis lives in Washington, D.C. but spends time in the Bay Area with her son and daughter. She reports the death of Marjorie Henshaw and Jean Hubbard. Jeanne Wilcox is enjoying life at Rossmoor, four great-grandchildren, and is recovering from the death of husband Max '41 and daughter Mary '76. Polly Luchsinger Clark, art collector and well-known painter of hats, has been married to Bill Clark for 61 years. They have five grandchildren. Anne Ristenpart Soule lives in Rossmoor where there is an active Cal club and many alums and faculty. She has four grandchildren and five great-grandsons.

Class Secretaries: Mike Mellor, 81 Fifth Ave, San Francisco 94118, 415/751-0878, mmellorsf@aol.com; Rosamond Craig Castle, 565 Bellevue Ave #2306, Oakland, CA 94510, 510/451-1210

Lola Williams Lawson is a member of a real Cal family: She and her four brothers all attended Cal, as did her four children and three grandchildren. She also married a Cal man, Win Lawson. Since retiring from working in several capacities for San Joaquin County, most of them involving economics, Lola increased her participation in the local and national organizations of the DAR, now concentrating on raising funds

for scholarships. For the last six years, Lola has resided in Oceanside. Finding Alameda a pleasant place to live, Evelyn (Lynn) Webb Dashiell remains busy playing and teaching bridge, and acting as a director of duplicate bridge tournaments. She has enjoyed the companionship of many dogs, but now has just one—a rescue dog. After living in Sacramento and working in various departments for over 30 years for the State, Elinore Barton Doyle has been in Grants Pass, Ore., for 26 years, enjoying Tai Chi, her book club, a fun and games group, and her pets.

Class Secretaries: Dick Duhring, 13871 Robleda Rd, Los Altos Hills 94022, fkd@ duhring.net; Virginia Pearson Anderson, 100 Bay Pl, #2001, Oakland 94610

45–47 Letters were mailed out at our Reunion Committee meeting in September informing classmates of our 65th Reunion luncheon on October 7, 2011 at the Berkeley Marina Doubletree. Final activities were discussed at the meeting and will be presented in a future letter. Please fill out the information about your activities so we can include them in future "Keeping in Touch" updates now that we are "back in print". Since we are the "Wartime Classes" I am including news of a very active '45 classmate, Richard Heggie.

Dick was one of two recipients of the Orinda Historical Society Award for 2009 for exceptional effort to preserve Orinda's past for current and future generations. Dick was the first mayor when the town incorporated in July 1985, and was in the news in June, when Orinda celebrated its 25th anniversary. '45 Class Secretary: Mary Napton Engstrom, 2001 Rancho Verde Cir East, Danville 94526, mmengstrom@comcast.net; '46 Class Secretary: Eileen O'Brien Kreps, 290 Via Barranca, Greenbrae 94904, DEKREPS@aol. com; '47 Class Secretary: Phyllis Carvalho, 5520 Starboard Ct, Discovery Bay 94505-9416, 925/634-5706

We're delighted to have Class Notes back in print. Please send any '48 news to your Class Secretaries. Marian Melrose Everett and her husband, Ed Van Kleeck, have enjoyed several trips with Cal Discoveries the last couple of years including to South Africa, the Black Sea, and Paris to Normandy by riverboat in July. Each one was very special! Class Secretaries: Marian Melrose Everett, 3

Charles Hill Ln, Orinda 94563-1505, 925/254-2685; William M. Fay, 955 Mendocino Ave, Berkeley 94707, 510/528-4725

Phil Orth, Dick Walker and fellow railroad buffs chartered a dome car and toured Southern California this spring. Highlights included the Orange Empire Railway Museum at Perris; L.A. to San Diego behind a 4-8-4 Santa Fe steam locomotive; a special tour of a magnetic levitation research station, and a visit to one of the country's largest model train layouts in Balboa Park.

Class Secretaries: Norma Blair Connor, 30 Baywood Cir, Novato 94949, SheBear50@ comcast.net; Roger C. Thompson, 1439 Hawthorne Ter., Berkeley 94708-1803, 510/841-7817, gasroger@sbcglobal.net; Bill Woolley, 4018 Edgemont St, Boise, ID 83706, wlwandvlb@aol.com

In preparation for our illustrious 60th reunion, two classmate couples are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversaries: Aldo and Edina Heagerty Nelson of Oakland with their five children and progeny; and Jim and Joyce Johnson Blamire of Alameda with four children plus grandchildren. Dr. Bob Molthen and Connie have just moved from their Nevada City acreage to a new retirement residence in Ripon where they will be greeted by son Rob and his family. Be prepared for more class notes about our 60th Chair Lefty Stern and his committee's latest plans. The members are: Bob Janopaul, Ed Bartlett, Tony Ellis, Bill Hagler, C.V. Peterson, C.S. Harrison, George Fernbacher, Donna Bowman, Leon Litwack, and Ted Sanger.

Class Secretaries: Elayne McCrea McCabe, 23500 Cristo Rev Dr #503H, Cupertino 95014, demccabe@forumrsa.com; Doug Higgins, djhiggins01@earthlink.net

Jeanne St. Hill Ley and Pete '50 cel-Ode and the contract of the with a cruise to Peru to tour pre-Colombian and pre-Incan cultures. Other octogenarians celebrating in 2010 include Mary Dell Fisher Spongberg, and Lee Talbot, who was surprised at a Berkeley luncheon after several summer weeks in the Sierra. Nonna Cheatham and Cliff Egan joined Lee and Marty Talbot's surprise day. Mary Lou Willis Berg and Dave '53 spend weekends at their Discovery Bay home. Mary Lou is continuing her 30-year career as a doctor's assistant in Berkeley. Roland Bianchi is the author of the recently published ReCallections of a Bear, which he dedicated to, "The University of California at Berkeley for changing my perceptions to Blue and Gold." Roland became a vice president of Bank of America and has

attended every Cal home football game for over 60 years! He and his wife, Judy, live in San Mateo. Connie Cole parks her car twice a week at the University of Texas with her Cal license plates. She has one granddaughter and three grandsons. Connie greatly enjoys the Ollie program at UT Austin. Bonnie Ritzenthaler Wilson participated in an Elderhostel program at International House where Elaine Hartgogian Anderson served as

Class Secretaries: Mardy Pletcher Robinson, 1195 Glen Rd, Lafayette 94549, BluDot1195@ aol.com; Micky Scholte, 28450 Buena Vista, Mission Viejo 92692, micmar@cox.net

Hugh Ditzler still lives in Oakland with his wife of 56 years, Nancy Moncure Ditzler '54, and enjoys Cal activities.

They're fortunate to see their family often. Hugh continues to add to his 55 years in the investment business and also manages the charitable foundation that he founded in 1972. Walks with their golden retriever have replaced his life-long tennis activity. He and Nancy enjoy their small Carmel cottage and look forward to more travels. When Hugo Simens graduated from Cal in criminology, he had been married for a year with a child on the way. He had been working half time at the Cal Virus Laboratory and was hired by the Radiation Laboratory. He went on to work on nuclear powered aircraft for Pratt & Whitney. He spent 13 years with Aerojet General. He spent 17 years at Bechtel in S.F. ending as a V. P. for Bechtel National Inc., with several years as Executive Assistant. He is a Certified Health Physicist and a Licensed Nuclear

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Summer 2011: March 25 Fall 2011: June 24

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# **Keeping in Touch**

Engineer. **Dr. Peter Corona** recently wrote the book *Little Italy: The Way It Was.* Pete served as superintendent of schools for a span of 47 years. At Cal he led the baseball team in batting, became assistant baseball coach, was president of Newman Club, and was honored by Phi Delta Kappa. He and his wife, Yolanda '54, collectively have been in the field of education for 113 years.

Class Secretaries: Beth Mott, 14 Mariposa Dr, San Luis Obispo 93401, bethmott@charter.net; Oliver White, Ridgeback Rd, Carmel Valley 93924, thewhitehouse@redshift.com

There will be news in the Spring edition from our Class Picnic on Oct. 9 at The Class of 1954 Gate, our last annual class event until Memorial Stadium reopens. Plans for a 60th Reunion in 2014 are not being considered at this time. After a long battle with cancer, John Kirby-Miller passed away on September 20, 2009. While he and Bonnie Kirby-Miller are best known as the efficient organizers of our yearly Class football picnic at 1954 Gate, John also chaired our 50th Reunion. He and Bonnie, our Vice President, brought a great love of Cal, warmth and friendship to our Class events, and he will be sorely missed.

Class Secretaries: Donald Denton, 14039 Strawberry Cir, Penn Valley 95946, 530/432-1888, ddgobears@aol.com; Lesley Walsh, 453 44th Ave, San Francisco 94121, Lesley.walsh@ sbcglobal.net

Class of '68 members continue to hold quarterly gatherings on Saturday mornings on campus. Our last gathering was on Dec. 4. For more information, e-mail Cal68@blueconnect.org. The Center on Civility and Democratic Engagement, along with the Goldman School of Public Policy, co-sponsored its ninth Homecoming Lecture, "Big Ideas to Fix the Golden State" on Oct. 9. Panelists were Goldman School Dean Henry Brady; Professor and Executive Director of the UC Washington Center Bruce Cain; and Sunne Wright McPeak, MPH '71, President and CEO of the California Emerging Technology Fund. The panel was moderated by Dick Beahrs. Fundraising is ongoing. Many thanks to Class of '68 members and others in the Cal community for their support. For more information on the Center, please visit the Center's redesigned website with expanded information about the Center's programs, including webcasts from past events, at gspp.berkeley.edu and click on the Class of '68 icon.

Class Secretary: Diane Moreland Steenman, 3956 Ruskin St, Las Vegas, NV 89147, dsteenman@aol.com The Fresno County Board of Supervisors has designated Howard K. Watkins the county's Photo Laureate. This is in recognition of the more than 210,000 photographs he has donated to what has become an online archive through the CSU Fresno Madden Library. Howard's last three years of photographs can be viewed and downloaded for free at www.watkinsphotoarchive.com. Old Cal classmates and friends may contact Howard at watkins3@comcast.net. Rodney Culver Hill, M.S., was awarded the 2010 Presidential Professor Award for Texas A&M University in May. He also awarded the ING Teaching Excellence award in October.

Class Secretary: Richard Carter, 99 Florada Ave, Piedmont 94610, richard\_carter@cal. berkeley.edu

**70** Dan Giovanni, M.S. '71, has been promoted to Vice President of Energy Delivery at Hawaiian Electric Company in Honolulu.

Class Secretary: Louis Goldman, 465 Grove St, Glencoe, IL 60022, goldmanLB@yahoo.com, 312/622-8448

72 James Fox has a short story included in the next *Thin Threads* anthology currently being compiled by Kiwi Publishing. His "Polka Dots and Sunshine Teardrops" was originally published in *Pure Inspiration* magazine and later selected by Kiwi Publishing as the 2009 winner of their "true stories of inspiration" contest. Jim muses that at least two copies will sell: one for his family's bookcase, another for mom.

Class Secretary: Debbie Klohs DeZarn, dezarn@cal.berkeley.edu, 6469 Moss Cir, Arvada, CO 80007, 303/424-1498

John Gezelius returned to law school after 20 years and earned an LLM in international business from the McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento. As part of the academic program he was required to spend ten weeks as an intern in Shanghai. At the conclusion of the internship John was named "Of Counsel" to the H & Y Law Firm in Shanghai. He currently practices law in Tustin.

Class Secretaries: Jamie Wells Behrendt, P.O. Box 514, Ross 94957-0514; Karl Keller, 7504 Brentwood Dr, Stockton 95207

79 Inge S. Horton, MCP and Dipl. Ing. (Technical University Berlin), is the author of Early Women Architects of the San Francisco Bay Area: the Lives and Work of Fifty Professionals, 1890–1951 (McFarland & Company 2010). The book highlights the many talented women who practiced architecture in the first half of the last century

who are not as well known as the celebrated Julia Morgan. Ms. Horton is also a contributing author to *Design on the Edge: a Century of Teaching Architecture at the University of California Berkeley 1903-2003* (College of Environmental Design 2010).

Class Secretaries: Shelly de Vries, 111 Kenwood Way, San Francisco 94127, fax 415/586-3747; Maria Protti, 3 Los Amigos, Orinda 94563

A recovering frat boy, Mike Neal reports that he is biking (his new passion) to new heights, with a tough climb near Bishop right before the Cal/Colorado football game. Mike Quigley promises to be at a Cal football game this season and will meet up with friends from the 1976-77 eighth floor of Ehrman Hall. A resident of Paris, Big Bill Hinchberger returned from a summer trip to his adopted home of Brazil. He touched base with a number of friends looking for pictures from his Berkeley-era days, hopefully in punk garb, as he was readying for a night at the Mabuhay Gardens in San Francisco. Your class secretary had a Top Dog before the Bear 52-3 blow-out of its UC sister, UC Davis, and will enjoy the season sitting with Ol' Blues.

Class Secretary: Kevin Johnson, 232 Tern Pl, Davis 95616, krjohnson@ucdavis.edu

81 Anna Novakov has been promoted to Full Professor of Art History at Saint Mary's College of California.

Class Secretaries: Linda Martin Takimoto, 1320 Lawrence St, El Cerrito 94530; Tyler H. Hofinga, 114 Meadow Ln, Orinda 94563-3209, cell 925/254-0900, 415/536-6237, thofinga@ salesforce.com; Cathy Wiley Boer, 2141 Blackfield Dr. Concord 94520

Suzanne Kuehl Warheit uses her degree in linguistics as a freelance writer for elance.com, where her username is 'stotter.' After raising a family with husband David, she felt the Internet was the next logical challenge. Ever since she got her first computer in December '05, she has played around and learned how to email and use Photoshop to put funny heads on people. That lasted five years, and now the writing bug has bitten hard. She is reliving her glory days as a copywriter from way back in '85 by pursuing employers like mad over on elance.com. She has written articles about the glycemic index list and on art history (for petesoriginalart. com, under 'Information'). Suzanne says it's about 75 percent less interesting than raising babies-not bad for work.

Class Secretary: Flora Lee, 224 Congo St, San Francisco 94131, bearbum1@aol.com

# **Keeping in Touch**

Peter Traugott, president of Brillstein Entertainment Partners, married Mandana Rivka Dayani in Simi Valley.

Class Secretaries: Dan Aloni, c/o CAA, 2000

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Graciela Tiscareno-Sato received the Entrepreneur of the Year award from Latina Style Magazine. According to the Bay Area News Group, she was selected for her "lifetime achievements and her visibility as a true role model for young women." Tiscareno-Sato is the principal founder of the communication firm Gracefully Global. She also coaches parents of children with special needs in how best to negotiate for approriate programs with their school districts.

Class Secretary: Brett Kanazawa, 651 Stamm Ave., Mountain View 94040-2530, 510/550-6839

Marl Mueller, Ph.D., was recently named a Laboratory Fellow and joined the Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory, a DOE National User Facility located on the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory campus. Laboratory Fellow is the highest rank awarded to scientists and engineers at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

Steve Tivol and his wife, Louise Harm, are living in Berkeley and proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Cora Elizabeth. Grandparents Nancy (Stock) Tivol '66, MSW '68, Jacqueline Craig '63, and Dave Tivol '64 are teaching her to yell, "Go Bears!" Carol Elias Zolla's first book was published in early 2010: The Trustee's Legal Companion, a step-by-step guide to administering a living trust. Carol is an attorney who specializes in estate planning, trust, and probate law. She lives in Los Gatos with her husband, Howie, and children Aaron and Abby, ages 6 and 4 respectively.

Class Secretary: Kelly Hamilton Graser, 2531 Begonia Street, Union City 94587, graserkg@ sbcglobal.net

Steve Ongerth graduated with a bachelor's degree in architecture. Now, he has a book published, titled One Big Union: Judi Bari's Vision of Green-Worker Alliance in Redwood Country, about the history of cooperation between timber workers and environmentalists 1985–89. Details on the book are available on judibari.info.

Class Secretary: Elizabeth Zamora-Villegas, francophile@alum.calberkeley.org

Angie Chau, Hedgebrook Fellow and recipient of the Maurice Prize in Fiction, gets a starred review from *Publishers Weekly* for her debut collection of short stories, *Quiet As They Come* (Ig Publishing), described as, "Serenely stirring stories ... track the breaking asunder of an extended Vietnamese boat family newly arrived in California in the 1970s."

Class Secretary: Bill Kong, 555 Bryant Street #167, Palo Alto 94301, billkong@yahoo.com

Heather Elisa Grossman, a director in the global credit products group at Credit Suisse, married Benjamin Ned Braun in Los Angeles. Jidan Koon, an organizational development consultant at the Movement Strategy Center in Oakland, married Bryant Thomas Terry in Oakland.

Class Secretaries: Paul Huang, 1352 Cutforth Ct., San Jose 95132, zooropa821@hotmail. com; Jonathan Stewart, calboy@alum.berkeley.edu; Deborah Yim, P.O. Box 80097, San Marino 91118, dyim98@gmail.com

Andrea Abrams volunteered with the Buffalo Field Campaign in May to work with the wild bison in Yellowstone National Park. Her responsibilities included extensive wilderness hiking in eastern Montana to count newborn calves, patrolling the road at night to protect buffalo from vehicular trauma, and documenting footage to raise public awareness.

Class Secretary: Staci Goussev, 424 San Bruno Ave., San Francisco 94110

Hanson Bridgett LLP recently announced a major expansion of its real estate and construction section with the addition of 11 attorneys from Sacramento-based McDonough Holland & Allen PC. Among them, John Klotsche was added. Molly Blair, fund-raiser for Hoops4Hope, an organization that provides educational programs in South Africa and Zimbabwe, has married William Gilmore in Cornish, NH. Class Secretary: Amy Lei, 415/812-5479, kamylei@alumni.haas.org

Natalia Baldwin was a field producer on the National Geographic TV series Border Wars. She has been flying around in Blackhawk helicopters, camping, horseback riding, and traveling by ATV through the desert for the last two years to put this show together. It premiered Sept. 1. Richard Matthew Vezina, M.P.H., a consultant in San Francisco, married Alex Jason Davidson at the American Academy of Arts in Cambridge. Jennifer Ruth Mayer, M.B.A., the director of strategic planning in the

Federal Highway Administration's Office of Innovative Program Delivery, and Christina Goodridge Page celebrated their partnership at a commitment ceremony in Pescadero. Laura Wetherington won this year's National Poetry Series. Laura teaches creative writing at both Eastern Michigan University and in University of Michigan's New England Literature Program. She also co-founded and co-edits textsound.org, an online journal of experimental poetry and sound.

We currently have no information for this class. If you are the class secretary, please call the magazine office at 510/642-5781.

Misha Leybovich has been living in Atlanta and working as a consultant with McKinsey & Company, where he is now a senior associate, since September 2009. Focusing on high-tech strategy, the work has brought him to locales as diverse as Seattle, Detroit, Lynchburg, and Seoul, and left him just enough early morning hours to train for and complete his first marathon in June to raise money for cancer research. He is very excited about his transfer to Shanghai, in September for one year to continue to learn about technology and business in Asia, and even more excited that his last name in Mandarin means "thunder"! Aaron Kumar Chatterji, Ph.D., a senior economist for the White House Counsel of Economic Advisers in Washington, married Neely Manoj Shah in Atlanta. Amy Wang has been traveling around the world and was offered a scholarship to study at a Grande Ecole in Paris. She put her travel and photographic knowledge to good use and won a Most Innovative iPad Travel App award in August.

Class Secretary: Amy Wang, yammyamy@gmail.com

Angela Ni recently received a Fulbright Scholarship to conduct a research project on water and sanitation in Yunnan province of China for the next ten months.

We currently have no information for this class. If you are the class secretary, please call the magazine office at 510/642-5781.

Stephen Robert Curran, a research fellow and adjunct professor at UCLA, has married Vidya Venkateswaran in Princeton, NJ. Daniel Christopher Mattingly and Mattie Lou Ming Thompson celebrated their marriage on her family farm in Pounding Mill, VA.

We currently have no information for this class. If you are the class secretary, please call the magazine office at 510/642-5781.

# In Memoriam

26 Ada Burrell Kierulff, June 17. She was born and raised in Alameda and belonged to Delta Gamma at Cal. She is survived by her daughter Jacquie, two grand-daughters, ten great-grandchildren, and two great-great-granddaughters.

39 Jean Moon Liu, July 6. A lifelong resident of Oakland, Jean was a charter member of the Berkeley Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association, a board member of the Chinese Chapter of the Cal Alumni Association, and a founder of the Sigma Omicron Pi sorority. She is survived by two children, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Donations in her name can be made to the student scholarship fund of the Chinese Chapter Alumni Club of CAA.

Joseph H. Lipow, Aug. 26. He was born in Phoenix and graduated from the Manual Arts High School in Los Angeles. He worked as an aeronautical engineer and as a lieutenant in the Navy during WWII. He also operated the Lipow Construction Company in Los Angeles for 30 years and co-patented the Webb-Lipow tie-back anchoring system. He is survived by two children, two stepchildren, and three grandchildren.

Gloria Swicegood Dunn, M.A. '60, on April 7. Gloria was born Jan. 31, 1919. She was the long-time secretary for the Class of 1940. She established the Gloria Swicegood Dunn Endowed Scholarship for the City College of San Francisco to honor students active in service organizations. Gloria's generosity and commitment to service also extended to her personal life; she was known to be a great friend and teacher. Gloria is survived by her daughter.

42 Richard H. Foy, April 13. Richard graduated from Cal with a bachelor's in electrical engineering and then enlisted in the Army to serve in India and Burma. After completing his service, he began his 60-year career at MIT's Radiation Laboratory. On retiring, he advocated for human rights through Amnesty International and the ACLU, and was very involved in his Redondo Beach community. He is survived by his daughter.

Vern Harold Green, M.A. '60, July 16, in El Sobrante. He was a member of the Big "C" Society and assistant coach to the swim team. He participated in many activities, including at the Berkeley YMCA. Previously, he was a teacher, counselor, and principal in the Oakland Unified School District. He is survived by a niece and nephew. Contributions in his memory can be sent to the UC Regent Intercollegiate Office at 195 Haas Pavilion.

## Herb Richards '38

**Herb Richards '38,** the oil magnate behind the Rotten Robbie brand, introduced a simple concept that revolutionized how we buy gas: self-service stations. On August 29, at 98 years of age, he died in his Saratoga home.

For Richards, petroleum was a part of growing up. Born on May 19, 1912, he was the son of a stillman at the Interstate Refining Company in San Jose. He worked at a gas station during his years at San Jose State University and at Cal, where he transferred.

After earning a degree in petroleum engineering, he partnered with his father to form the Coast Oil Company, eventually expanding into Nevada, Arizona, and Oregon. Though he faced heavy competition, he stayed ahead by innovating and trying new tactics that larger corporations might not consider. For instance, when major corporations lowered their gas prices, he responded by giving away a free gallon of gas to customers with ballot stubs on Election Day.

In 1947, he introduced self-service stations—a strategy that let him sell gas considerably cheaper and has contributed to the low price of fuel today. Many cities initially met the concept with skepticism borne of concerns for public safety, but the public loved it. And since Richards wasn't obligated to sell his gas under a specific brand he created many of his own—including Rotten Robbie.

"It's a name no one likes but no one forgets," he once said. "Everybody knows where Rotten Robbie is whether they like it or not. It's interesting how that theory works." He got the idea from Terrible Herbst, a gas station he saw in Nevada. Initially, he chose the brand name "Nasty Nell," after his wife, Nell. However, he reconsidered and decided instead on Rotten Robbie, after his franchise partner Don Robinson.

He went on to found the California Independent Oil Marketers Association and organize the first regional petroleum trade show, the Pacific Oil Conference. His work earned him a variety of distinctions including the Distinguished Service Award, the Distinguished Marketer Award, and in 1998 he was recognized as the Petroleum Man of the Century. In addition to his successful franchise, he made sure to help various small marketing companies get on their feet, which only added to his own success.

Richards is survived by his wife and three children.

—Sandeep Abraham

46 Berenice Bernard, Aug. 25, in Los Angeles. At Cal, Berenice was one of two women in the school of architecture. Despite being confined to a wheelchair due to a medical condition, she became an accomplished architect. Berenice was also a strategic planner, fundraiser, and board member for the Access Center. She loved to cook, entertain, and travel. She is survived by three children, one grandchild, and three great-grandchildren.

48 Frank Edward Podesta, July 29, in Santa Rosa. At Cal, Frank was in the ROTC program. During WWII, he served in Europe with the Army. He continued his military career in the National Guard and retired as a colonel. He also worked in the steamship business. Among other organizations, Frank was a member of the Oakmont Cal Alumni Club and the Sonoma County Alumni Club. He is survived by his wife, Jonnee, two children, and four grandchildren.

49 Edwin Sell Anderson, Jan. 31. During WWII, he landed in Normandy on D-Day. As a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, he graduated from Cal with a degree in chemistry. He worked with Cutter Labs and as a chief chemist with Stauffer Chemical Company, both in the East Bay. He is survived by two children and two grandchildren. Contributions in his memory may be made to Cal's College of Chemistry.

Ralph Fong Sr., July 23, in Oakland. A longtime resident of Berkeley, Ralph studied civil engineering at Cal. He participated in ROTC, and served in the Army during WWII as an aerial navigation instructor. During his career as an engineer in the oil industry, he earned many commendations for his leadership and technical expertise. After retiring in 1985, Ralph remained active in his community as the director of CAA and as president of CAA's Chinese Chapter. He is survived by his wife, Mary; children Mary, Russell, and Ralph Jr., M.S. '87; three grandchildren; and a greatgrandchild. Contributions in his memory can be made to the Pi Alpha Phi fraternity, UC Berkeley Chapter.

David S. Thayer, May 14. David was born in Seattle. He served in WWII as a captain in the Army Air Corp. After completing his service, he attended Cal. David worked as both a chemical engineer and a strategic planner. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; three children; and a grandchild.

**50** Werner Tom Angress, M.A., Ph.D. '53, on July 5, in Berlin. He was born in Berlin in 1920 and fled to Amsterdam with his family in 1937. He immigrated to the United States in 1939 and served in the Army. After the war, he graduated Phi Beta Kappa

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from Wesleyan University, then earned a master's and doctorate at Cal. He taught modern European history at Wesleyan, Cal, and SUNY Stony Brook. In 1988, he retired to Berlin, where he became an advocate for disadvantaged groups. He is survived by four children.

Walter Andrew Paroni Jr., June 3, in Post Falls, ID. Throughout his career, Walter held many jobs, working as a hydraulic operations worker, a miner, and a designer for the Richmond–San Rafael Bridge. During WWII, he served as a mechanic in the Army and Air Force. He then received a bachelor's in mining engineering from Cal's Hearst School of Mines. He is survived by his wife, Genevieve, and a daughter.

**50** Alexander Gross Jr., on July 4. He was born on July 21, 1923, and was a lifetime member of CAA.

Herbert Earl Stansbury Jr., July 31, in Piedmont. Originally from Texas, Herb graduated from Oakland High School and entered Cal in the V-12 Navy College Training Program. After serving in the Navy, he worked as the cartoon editor for *The Daily Cal*. He was involved with the Bear Backers, designed the iconic growling bear logo, and published the *Bear Flag Republic*. Herb served as Trustee of the Lawrence Berkeley Lab and was a member of the Advisory Council. He also received many awards, including the UC Berkeley Foundation's Wheeler Oak Meritorious Award. He is survived by his wife, Audrey, two children, and five grandchildren. Gifts

in his honor may be made to the Bear Backers at 195 Haas Pavilion.

Myron E. Andrews, Aug. 21 in Neenah, WI. Myron earned his bachelor's in chemistry from Cal and his master's in business and finance at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh. He worked as a chemist, a data processor, and a manager of information systems. He contributed to many charitable organizations including CAA. Myron is survived by his wife, three children, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Virginia Margaret Jones, Sept. 16, 2009, in Sonoma. While at Cal, Virginia was involved in many organizations. In 1948, she appeared on the cover of *Life* as part of a photo essay about Cal. She worked as a kindergarten teacher, bookstore owner, and swim instructor. She was also an advocate in many community organizations. She is survived by three children and five grandchildren.

Robert Ludden, June 28, in Tucson. Robert was employed by Phelps Dodge for 40 years as an exploration geologist. He is survived by his wife, Gladys, and two children.

Gordon Eugene Seck, Nov. 27, 2009, in Auburn. Gordon served in the Army and was a member of Phi Kappa Tau at Cal. He remained active in many community organizations, including the Placer Cal Alumni Club. In 1997, the California Medical Association named him Rural Doctor of the Year. He is survived by his wife; seven children,

Susan'76, Robin, Tracy, Brian'81, Nancy'84, Peter'88, and Brena; and 12 grandchildren, the oldest a Cal graduate of 2010.

Harold N. Zemelman, April 29. After graduating from high school, he attended Cal Arts and studied photography. He then served overseas with the Army Air Forces. After being discharged, he graduated from Cal with a bachelor's in medical science and later graduated from UCSF School of Medicine. He was one of the first doctors to join Kaiser Permanente. He is survived by his wife, two children, and four grandchildren.

**52** Elvo S. D'Amante, July 28, in St. Petersburg, Russia. At Cal, he was a member of Sigma Chi and the Cal Band. He received his master's in music and became a long-time teacher. He retired as Laney Community College Chairman of Music. Elvo was a talented professional saxophone and clarinet player. He is survived by Mary, his wife of 53 years, three children, and seven grandchildren.

Marie Lewis Matthews, on Aug. 18. At Cal, Marie was a member of Alpha Xi Delta, the Masonic Club, and the Senior Class Council. She then earned a master's degree and remained active with the Berkeley Library Advisory Committee and the Class of 1952 Gift Committee. She was also an accomplished nature photographer. She is survived by her husband, Edward, four children, and 12 grandchildren.

John Sage Rountree, on May 23, in Claremont. At Cal, John was in Alpha Delta Phi, Cal



William Coblentz '43, a UC Regent who defended free speech and was a fierce advocate for civil liberties, died in his San Francisco home on September 13. He was 88 years old. Once known as one of San Francisco's most powerful attorneys, Coblentz also helped shape the city's land use policies to enable the construction of some of its most celebrated public areas, includ-

ing Yerba Buena Gardens and Pac Bell Park.

Born July 28, 1922, in San Francisco, Coblentz went to Lowell High School, then to Berkeley where he earned his undergraduate degree in economics. In 1947, he graduated from Yale with a law degree.

Coblentz, who was a board member of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund and a supporter of the American Civil Liberties Union, served on the Board of Regents from 1964 to 1980, including as its chairman from 1978 to 1980—a critical time for Cal. He pushed the University to fight against South African Apartheid and he upheld the right of Communist philosopher Angela Davis to teach at UCLA.

His influence at Cal remained long after his time as regent ended. Maryellen Himell, Executive Director of Development for the Office of Student Affairs, credits his personal support and commitment in enabling her to found the Incentive Awards Program, which provides scholarships to low-income and first-generation college students. Himell described him as a very caring, loyal, and down-to-earth individual who loved Cal and had a deep desire to help younger people in need. His achievements earned him a Berkeley Citation.

To honor his service, in 2008 the law firm Coblentz, Patch, Duffy & Bass, where Coblentz was senior partner, donated \$500,000 to Berkeley (Boalt) School of Law to establish the The William K. Coblentz Civil Rights Endowment Fund. Money from the endowment supports research on racial and ethnic justice, and provides fellowships to students committed to defending civil rights.

During his six decades as an attorney, Coblentz represented a number of high-profile entities, including Patti Hearst, the Getty family, MacClatchy newspapers, and the Grateful Dead. His influence extended into state and national politics in his service to Governor Edmund "Pat" Brown, and Senators Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer. A terminal at SF Airport will be named in his honor, in recognition of his service on the San Francisco Airport Commission.

He is survived by his wife, Jean, two children, and four grandchildren.

—Katie Goldsmith

# In Memoriam

Rugby, and ROTC. He served in the Navy during the Korean War, worked for Chevron Oil, and was a member of several fraternal organizations. He is survived by his wife, Jo '53; children Kim '79, Sue, and Joanie; and grandchildren Matt, Taylor '09, Lori, John, Natalie, Sage, and Holly.

53 Joan Eleanor (Igram) Davis, Aug. 19, in Hayward. She was a resident of Stern Hall and received her bachelor's in political science. She is survived by her husband, Jim '56; children Katie, Andy '82, and Dan '86; and four grandchildren.

Joan (Parsons) Flanagan, June 23, in Portola Valley. During her senior year at Cal, she became president of the Delta Zeta sorority. She was an avid golfer and loved sailing, flying, and traveling. Her husband of 57 years, Don, survives her, along with two children and six grandchildren.

Edgar Milton Phillips Jr., Aug. 1. Edgar was born and raised in Los Angeles and served in the Navy during the Korean War. After graduating from Cal, he worked as a stockbroker. He was a life-long member of the Hillcrest County Club and was editor of its newsletter. In 2005, he was honored by the Jewish Vocational Services with the Lifetime of Service Award. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, two children, and 11 grandchildren.

Roscoe Harris Brooks Jr., June 17, in San Francisco. He graduated from Cal with a bachelor's in business administration and as a member of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. Throughout his career, he worked in the freight transportation industry. He also served in the Army as a personnel specialist and an expert marksman. He is survived by wife, Judy, and several children, stepchildren, and grandchildren. Donations can be made in his name to the CAA.

**57** Arnold Zellner, Ph.D., Aug. 11, in Chicago. After serving in the Army, he attended Cal to earn a doctorate in economics. He was a leading economist at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, and pioneered the field of Bayesian econometrics. He founded two major journals and published over 200 articles and 22 books. After retiring in 1996, he remained active in academia, publishing papers and advising students. He is survived by his wife, Agnes, five children, and four grandchildren.

Beverly Buechner Lewis, Dec. 31 2009, in Los Altos Hills. Born and raised in Alameda, she graduated with a degree in English from Cal and was a member of Alpha Phi sorority. Bev taught English in Verona, Italy, for 2 years then taught in Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and Los Altos in

the 1970s. She interned at the New View program for advanced avionics designs at NASA/Ames Research Center. She worked for Hewlett-Packard in the Hardware Planning group and later in Graphics Software User Training Management. She finished her career working as a manager in Systems Engineering Business Planning at Oracle in 2007. Bev is survived by her husband, Bob, three children, four stepchildren, and 15 grandchildren.

Philip Robert Dunn, on Aug. 7. Philip graduated from Cal with a degree in civil engineering. Besides serving the Stockton community, he was a member of the Cal Athletics Director's Advisory Board and a trustee of the Berkeley Foundation. He was a Cal football season ticket holder for over 25 years. He is survived by his wife, Marji, three children, and five grandchildren. Contributions in his memory can be made to UC Regents, Athletics Department, c/o Joe Bertoletti, 195 Haas Pavilion.

Mark M. Morris, Aug. 17, in Tibuon. A native San Franciscan and lifelong Bear fan, he attended his first Big Game at age 8. He held season tickets for Cal football and basketball, and camped four decades at the Lair. He served on the CAA Board of Directors, the Lair committee, and the Capital Campaign committee, and on the Cal Alumni Club of Marin board. He also served on the Council of Regents for his alma mater Southern California College of Optometry and was named its Alumnus of the Year. He is survived by his wife, Susan, and children Kathy '87 and Steve '91. The Marin Alumni Club has established a CAA Achievement Award Scholarship in Mark's memory.

**63** Erik T. Vartiainen, Aug. 19, in Fresno. Erik was born in Finland and moved to the United States in 1949. After serving a year in the Army, he graduated from Cal with a degree in architecture. Throughout his career, Erik worked various jobs in Finland and the United States, including as a teacher at Cal Poly. He also worked as a staff analyst and as a mentor in Fresno. He enjoyed classical music, football, and traveling. He is survived by his sister.

Gail Joanne Koff, Aug. 31, in Manhattan. After graduating Cal, she earned a law degree from Georgetown University. In 1978, Gail became the "silent" third partner at the Jacoby and Meyers law firm and worked with those who could not afford to hire lawyers. Although the firm eventually divided, Gail maintained rights to operations across the country. She also wrote nine books offering legal counsel for the lay public. She is survived by three sons.

72 Paula K. Seamster Gray, July 30, in Berkeley. She was a native of Zanesville, Ohio, and a long-time resident of Albany. After graduating from Cal, she worked as a court clerk for Alameda County. She was a member, and at one point president, of the Berkeley Lions Club. When not travelling and watching ice-skating, Paula was also a gourmet cook. She is survived by her husband, William.

Philip D. Roos, Ph.D., on Aug. 6, in Jefferson City, MS. Philip was born in 1936 in Holland and immigrated to northern California at the age of 3. He received a doctorate in sociology from Cal and served eight years in the Navy. Philip founded the Berkeley Free Press in the 1960s and helped found the Missouri Mycological Society. He is survived by his wife, Erika, one child, eight stepchildren, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Molly Tova Koslowski, on May 31. She was born in San Francisco and graduated from Cal Phi Beta Kappa, with degrees in psychology and social welfare. She continued her education with a master's in social work from USC. She remained a social worker for 30 years, primarily working in advocacy at Kaiser Sunset. She is survived by her mother and two siblings.

**78** Byron R. Skinner, Ph.D., July 16. He was born in Camden, AL, and attended Western Michigan College before coming to Cal to earn a doctorate in U.S. history. He was president of the University of Maine at Augusta, San Jose City College, Palo Alto College, St. Phillip's College, and Compton College. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

79 Phillip Morway, April 29, 2008, in Folsom. He graduated in forestry management, then obtained a second degree in computer technology and worked for AT&T. He is survived by his mother, Elizabeth, and two brothers.

David L. Lew, Feb. 16, in Oakland. David was vice president at McCall Design Group of San Francisco. He graduated from Cal as an Alumni Scholar with a degree in architecture. He is survived by his wife, Sharon '82. Donations can be made in his name to CAA's David L. Lew Memorial Scholarship.

86 John Dennis Kenzo Komaru, July 16, in San Diego. He was born in Los Angeles and attended Cal to earn his bachelor's in city planning and a master's in transportation engineering. He attended every home game of Cal's football and basketball teams. He is survived by his sisters.

# **Faculty and Staff**

Don Backer, July 21 in Berkeley. Born in Plainfield, New Jersey, he earned his bachelor's degree in engineering physics from Cornell University, his master's in radio astronomy from Manchester University, and returned to Cornell to earn his doctorate in astronomy. He was a researcher at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Virginia and later joined NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland. In 1975, he joined the faculty at Cal, where he studied a variety of subjects, including black holes, pulsars, and most recently, the hydrogen spectrum of the early universe. His crowning achievement was his 1982 discovery of the "millisecond pulsar," a small star that rotates in a thousandth of a second. He is survived by his wife, Susan; and a son.

James A. Baker, on July 7, in Berkeley. James graduated from UCLA and served in the Army in Southeast Asia during WWII. He joined Berkeley Lab in 1952 as a mathematician. James was department head in the Theoretical Group until 1979 when he became a staff scientist in the Office of Computing Resources. He was also a lecturer in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, teaching and directing graduate student research; he retired in 1984. He is survived by his wife, Mary.

David Blackwell, July 8 in Berkeley. Born in Centralia, Illinois and expecting to become an elementary school teacher, Blackwell enrolled at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 1935 at age 16. He graduated with a bachelor's in mathematics in 1938, then earned master's and doctorate degrees. Seeking a faculty position, he applied to 104 black colleges, assuming no non-black colleges had room for black professors. He joined the faculty of Howard University in 1944, and served as the head of mathematics from 1947 until 1954. He was solicited by a prominent professor to come teach at Cal, but racial tensions prevented him from joining the faculty. After WWII, racial relations eased, and he was invited to Cal first as a visiting professor then granted full professorship in 1955, the year statistics became a distinct department. Though he retired in 1988, he continued to visit the department until recently. His legacy includes dynamic programming, the renewal theorem, the Rao-Blackwell Theorem, two books, 80 papers, and the distinction of being Cal's first tenured black professor. He is survived by four children.

**Ervin Hulet**, June 29 in Diablo. Born in Baker, Oregon, he served as a Navy aircraft gunner in Florida at the end of WWII. He attended

#### **Gerson Goldhaber**

Unheard of 20 years ago, dark energy is now thought to make up most of the universe and may prove to be one of the most important discoveries of the 20th century. It was only one of many discoveries of Gerson Goldhaber, a German-born physicist who was an iconic figure at Cal and the Lawrence Berkeley Lab since joining the staff in 1953. He died on July 19.

Goldhaber was born in 1924 in Germany. Fleeing Nazi persecution, his family moved to Cairo. He earned his master's at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, in 1947, then completed his doctorate in physics at the University of Wisconsin in 1950.

At Berkeley, Goldhaber joined the staff of the physics department to conduct research in the Radiation Laboratory. Much of his early work in particle physics was done in collaboration with his wife, nuclear physicist Sulamith Löw, who died in 1965.

Goldhaber was involved in some of the most important discoveries of the last half-century of physics. One of his first contributions was to develop a photographic technique that would be used to confirm the existence of antiprotons, discovery of which earned the Nobel Prize for Emilio Segrè and Owen Chamberlain in 1959. Goldhaber was also involved in discovering the A meson and the "charm" quark.

In 1989, Goldhaber turned his attention to astrophysics, where he once again became involved in some of the most exciting and profound research of the last century. While working on the Berkeley Lab's Deep Supernova Search with Carl Pennypacker, Richard Muller, and Saul Perlmutter, he postulated that the universe was expanding, a hypothesis that later evidenced "dark energy." Science magazine named this research the 1998 Breakthrough of the Year.

"Goldhaber was one of the true collaborative scientists. He represents the best that the University had to offer," said Pennypacker. "He was always leading us to new things, and he always had faith in the data."

Goldhaber is survived by his second wife, Judith Golwyn, three children, and three grandsons.

-Eric Schultz '94, M.D., MA

Stanford University for his bachelor's in 1949 before joining Glenn T. Seaborg's lab as a doctoral student. He earned his doctorate in chemistry at Cal in 1953, and continued his work in nuclear chemistry. In 1967, he discovered the heavy nucleus of mendelevium 258, and, while working for the Lawrence National Laboratories in Berkeley and Livermore in 1974, shared in the discovery of the 106th element, later named seaborghium. He eventually headed the Heavy Elements Group at the Lawrence Livermore Lab and despite the Cold War, spent time at the Soviet nuclear research center in Dubna in 1978, and at Germany's Heavy Ion Research Center in Darmstadt. In his free time, he enjoyed woodworking on his Diablo home out of his master furniture workshop. He is survived by two children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Franz Schurmann, August 20 in San Francisco. The son of a Slovenian father and a German mother, Schurmann was born in Astoria, Queens. Growing up in the multicultural community of Bloomfield, Connecticut, he became fluent in 12 languages. He was drafted into the Army during WWII, taught Japanese, and was sent to Japan as a newspaper censor. After his discharge, he earned his doctorate in Asian studies through the GI Bill at Harvard University. Though he taught in Cal's Center for Chinese Studies from 1963 to 1967, he lost interest in academia in 1970 and wanted to increase American awareness of the Asian press. He and alumnus and former J-school dean Orville Schell co-founded the Pacific News Service, which became the ethnic media organization New American Media in 1996. He eventually returned to Cal to teach history for 38 more years. He also wrote on and traveled within China, Vietnam, and Central Asia extensively. His wife, Sandy Close, and two sons survive him.

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