

Class Notes



BALCONY VIEW: It's still sweater weather, but the light is flowing in at the dedication of Wilson Commons on April 4, 1976. Were you there? Write to us at rochrev@rochester.edu.

College

ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

1938 **Jean Obdyke Kinney** died in March, her son, Steven, writes. "She was 98 at the time of her death, and lived in Ventura, California. And she had a Meliora decal on her apartment door to the end."

1942 **William (Bill) Ginkel** died last November, his brother, **Al Ginkel** '44, '46 (MA), writes. After graduation, Bill worked on the Manhattan Project in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. There he met his wife, Inez, to whom he was married until Inez's death in 2002. In 1947, Bill joined the Atomic Energy Commission and was transferred to Idaho, where he held engineering and management positions and in 1967 won the commission's Distinguished Service Award. He retired in 1976 and enjoyed an active retirement skiing, golfing, camping, boating, and serving on multiple boards. He remarried in 2004, and he and his wife, Carol Flora, enjoyed travel, sports, volunteering, and social activities until Carol's death in 2009. Bill and Inez raised two sons,

Alan and Robert, who write: "If you knew Papa, you were privileged to have seen the spark in his eyes and probably enjoyed the quickness of his wit." Among Bill's pieces of advice: "Pick a mate for the long haul, with strengths that counter your weaknesses"; "Have hobbies and activities that you enjoy"; and "Love unconditionally, and be loved genuinely."

1956 **Bill Guiffre** '63W (Mas), '78W (EdD) is the author of six children's books. His most recent book is *The Anxious Osprey* (Books for Children Publishing), a story of an osprey with a fear of flying and of fish.

1960 **Marjorie Browne** retired last fall after 55 years as an international relations specialist in the Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division of the Congressional Research Service. For much of her career, she focused on the United Nations and international organizations, serving Congress and constituents with numerous reports, committee prints, and individualized responses to correspondence. Marjorie's nonvoting delegate in the

House of Representatives, Eleanor Holmes Norton of Washington, D.C., entered a tribute to Marjorie into the Congressional Record.

1962 **Brian Turner** sends an update: "From the dearth of submissions lately by the Class of 1962, it would appear that we are all somnolent, narcoleptic, or dead. To the contrary, at least one of us is still active enough to dispel such rumors. So here is what I've been doing:

"I retired three years ago from doing electromagnetic modeling and field testing for the defense and intelligence communities and resurrected the geological research that I shelved when I left teaching at George Mason University. In March, I presented two papers orally and one via poster session at the annual meeting of the northeast section of the Geological Society of America in Albany, New York. As a result, plans are being made for further research with a professor emeritus at Syracuse University.

"If that isn't enough, as a traditional Anglican priest and retired lawyer, I act as the chancellor (lawyer) for both my parish and my

diocese. Since the bishop gets my legal help for free, he has also made me chair of the Board of Examining Chaplains, whose job is to administer and evaluate both written and oral examinations of candidates for Holy Orders. Actually the bishop has repaid me by sponsoring my orders for acceptance by the Scottish Episcopal Church and the International Anglican Fellowship. Now to develop the brogue.

"Finally, I wrote a manuscript on how to solve the toughest sudoku puzzles by using a form of mathematical logic (rather than relying on

Abbreviations

E	Eastman School of Music
M	School of Medicine and Dentistry
N	School of Nursing
S	Simon Business School
W	Warner School of Education
Mas	Master's degree
RC	River Campus
Res	Medical Center residency
Flw	Postdoctoral fellowship
Pdc	Postdoctoral certificate

someone else's software), but I need to find a publisher.

"In my spare time, I mow four acres of lawn at my riverfront property in Virginia and wish I had time to go fishing."

1967 George Shaw, a professor emeritus of geology at Union College, is the author of *Earth's Early Atmosphere and Oceans*, and the *Origin of Life* (Springer); and the editor of *Earth's Early Atmosphere and Surface Environment* (Geological Society of America).

1968 Lynn Maunula Cleveland is the author of a mystery e-book, *A Fish Out of Water* (Lindex, 2015). ... **Hank Kaplan '72M** (MD) was named a Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Washington's medical school, where he was a chief resident. Hank is a medical oncologist practicing in Seattle.

1971 Charles Waugh has written a science fiction novel, *Nu Book 1: The Esss Advance* (Lulu), the first in a trilogy.

1972 Martin Morrissey retired in November as an international 767 captain for American Airlines. Martin's aviation career began with NROTC training as a freshman at Rochester in 1968. After graduation, he served in the Navy for six years, followed by a 37-year career at American.

1974 Financial consultant **Jim Grubman** writes: "I've published my second book on wealth psychology, *Cross Cultures: How*

Global Families Negotiate Change across Generations (FamilyWealth Consulting), with coauthor Dennis Jaffe. My work with North American and global family enterprises continues to grow over time. I also continue to be blessed with my near-40-year marriage to my wife, Jeanne, and with my wonderful children and grandchildren, all in the Massachusetts area."

1976 Seth Margolis has written his seventh novel, *The Semper Sonnet* (Diversion Books). He writes: "My earlier novels include *Losing Isaiah*, which was adapted as a film starring Halle Berry and Jessica Lange, and *Closing Closets*, a satire of the overheated New York real estate market. In addition to writing novels (and the occasional travel piece for the *New York Times*), I am still very active in my 'day job' as a branding consultant, working with organizations in financial services, pharmaceuticals, and philanthropy." Seth adds that he's married to **Carole Zelner**, and that Carole is a real estate broker with the Corcoran Group. They live in Manhattan. In addition, they have "two grown children, Maggie and Jack, who also live in Manhattan (but pay their own rent!)." **Maggie Margolis '12** is an associate producer at NY1, the Time Warner 24-hour news channel.

1978 Ed Goodman founded and runs a nonprofit organization, Tootsie's Vision, advocating for blind dogs. He writes that he was inspired to start the nonprofit after the death of his first blind dog, Tootsie, and following his own diagnosis of

ALUMNI HONORS

Celebrating 'Mr. Rochester'

G. Robert Witmer Jr. '59 recognized with the Eastman Medal

One of the University's most prominent alumni leaders, G. Robert Witmer Jr. '59, received the University's George Eastman Medal in recognition of his career achievements and his service to the University and the Rochester-area communities.

Witmer has been an attorney with the Nixon Peabody law firm in Rochester since shortly after his graduation from Harvard Law School in 1962. As senior counsel at the firm, he has represented clients at the state and federal levels in cases that have helped shape real estate and environmental law.

Known as "Mr. Rochester" for his wide-ranging engagement as a civic leader in his hometown, Witmer has served as past president of the New York State Bar Association. He received the 2013



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Rochester Rotary Award, the oldest civic award in the city, given to those who personify the organization's motto of "Service Above Self."

Witmer's career at the University began in the 1950s, when he was an active undergraduate student, serving as cocaptain of the basketball team, president of the Theta Chi fraternity, and as a member of multiple other campus organizations. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa and with honors in history.

Currently holding the title of Board Chair Emeritus, Witmer has served in important advisory roles for the College, alumni affairs, the Medical Center, the Eastman School of Music, and the Board of Trustees. Elected as a trustee in 1979, Witmer served as chair from 2003 until 2008, a tenure that included the selection of Joel Seligman as the University's 10th president and CEO and that put in place the groundwork for the 2011 launch of *The Meliora Challenge* Campaign. He is a member of a remarkable alumni family, counting more than a dozen relatives as graduates of the University.

He and his wife, Nancy, are charter members of the George Eastman Circle, the University's leadership annual giving society. In recognition of the couple's support and to honor his father, G. Robert Witmer Sr. '26, and his mother, Marian Witmer, the residence of the University president was renamed the Witmer House in 2006. In March, the Witmers announced a \$2 million commitment to establish the G. Robert Witmer, Jr. University Professorship to provide financial support for the University presidency. **R**



1972 Morrissey



1990 Clay

multiple sclerosis. "It is the intrepid, determined, and joyous nature of blind dogs which has steered me into a happier life where I can challenge my limits and make the most of each day." Ed has written and illustrated a children's book, *Stanley and Porkchop* (Tootsiepop Press), the proceeds of which will go to the nonprofit, which is based in Corrales, New Mexico, and advocates for dogs nationally. The book "tells the true story of two unwanted blind dogs who endured separate journeys to [Ed's home], and subsequently enjoyed an unusual, but deep and lasting, friendship."

1979 Mark Bergman has been named association executive of the Vail Board of Realtors and its subsidiary corporations. He's practiced real estate for 14 years and has volunteered with a diverse group of nonprofits. He adds: "I'm a lifelong skier who missed my opportunity to take time to be a ski bum before joining the corporate world." ... **Rich Boon**, a construction engineer and principal of Construction Support Services in Littleton, Colorado, won the Colorado Roofing Association Lifetime Achievement Award last February. He's pictured at the awards ceremony with his wife, Martha.

1980 Howard Rudzinsky sends a photo of himself and **Bruce Forman** from the Photonics West Conference in San Francisco last February. Howard adds: "**Mike Thomas** '89 gave us our yellow alumni R's, which we wore proudly on our badges with many other U of R alumni in attendance at the largest optics/ photonics conference in the U.S." Howard and Bruce both live in the Boston area and are "friends from Gilbert basement going back to the fall of 1976. We're still friends with **Steve Jensen, Arthur Brown, Hal**

Goldstein, Chuck Weinstein, and Glenn Mattioli."

1982 Iain Currie sends a photo of himself posing with Rocky in Tengboche, Nepal. Mt. Everest is in the background.

1983 Murray Rudin (see '91).

1984 Scott Rummler has developed Laserthread Chatwork, "a next-generation messenger for the iPhone." The application combines Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram friends into a list and makes them available on a single platform. "Laserthread is the East Coast contingent in the mobile/social/messaging wars," Scott writes.

1989 Mike Thomas (see '80).

1990 Lisa Chapman Clay sends a photo of Rocky with her golden retriever and New England Patriot fan, Henry.

1991 Madhu Vijay, executive vice president and chief financial officer of Aviation Capital Group, received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the ninth annual Orange County (California) Business Journal CFO of the Year awards dinner last January. **Murray Rudin '83** shared the news, adding: "I was the emcee for the event and was tempted to break into a chorus of *The Genesee*, but wisely did not."

1992 Jeff Reznick received the NIH Director's Award in recognition of his "exceptional leadership and scholarly oversight of the collections and programs of the National Library of Medicine's History of Medicine Division." Jeff is chief of the division.

1995 Keri Claiborne Boyle writes: "I have some fun news to share! I'm the author of a three-book children's series being published by HarperCollins Children's Books. The first book of the series, *Teddy the Dog: Be Your Own Dog*, launches in May. Geared for kids ages 0 to 10 (and for all those who are young at heart), the book tells the 'tail' of Teddy the Dog, a feisty and witty divine canine who always wears sunglasses and can best be described as 'attitude with fur.' Books two and three will follow in 2017 and 2018." ... **Gerald Rustic** writes that he earned a PhD in earth and environmental science



1979 Boon



1980 Rudzinsky



1982 Currie



2000 Leeds

from the City University of New York last September, and is a post-doctoral research scientist at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. His paper, "Dynamical Excitation of the Tropical Pacific Ocean and ENSO Variability by Little Ice Age Cooling," was published in *Science* last December. ... **Tom Stone** lives in Rochester and works remotely for Dale Carnegie Training, based in New York City. He's coauthored a book, *Interact and Engage!*, published by the Association for Talent Development, a professional organization for the corporate training industry.

1996 Joseph Brown, a partner at the law firm Hodgson Russ, received a community service award from the National Federation for Just Communities. Joseph is a former president of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York and is on the board of that organization as well as Neighborhood Legal Services and the Summit Foundation. In addition, he's a vice president of Buffalo Prep, a volunteer mentor for law students at the University at Buffalo, and a coach and judge at moot court competitions.

1999 Jerramy Fine has published *In Defense of the Princess: How Plastic Tiaras and Fairytale Dreams Can Inspire Smart, Strong Women* (Perseus Books). Summing up her book, Jerramy writes that she is "an unabashed feminist who is proud of her lifelong princess obsession and more than happy to defend it. ... [F]eminine doesn't mean weak, pink doesn't mean inferior, and girliness is not incompatible with ambition." Jerramy lives in London and is the author of two previous books.

2000 Hilary Leeds writes that she married Roy Ben David in Youngstown, Ohio, last October. Pictured are: (back row, left to right) **Ramsey Asaly '03**, **Vijay Sookdeo '01**, '09 (PhD), **Jennifer Gates**, **James Doyle**, **Laurie Krantz Chorev '01** (T5), and **Neda Barzideh Levy**; (front row, left to right) **Tomasz Czajka '01** (T5), Hilary, Roy, and **John McVay '05**. She adds: "We live in Maryland, where I work in science policy at the NIH and Roy owns a local security company."

2001 Lisa Olender Newman writes that she and her husband, Seth, welcomed their first child,

Zachary, in July 2015. "We are so proud to have become parents. We live in Albany, New York, where I'm a physician's assistant and Seth is a pharmaceutical sales rep."

2003 Owen Zacharias '04 (MS) writes: "My wife, Sara, and I welcomed a son, Alastair, in November 2015. Alastair spent his first few weeks in the NICU at the Golisano Children's Hospital, but due to the amazing U of R team, he was home in time to spend Christmas with his family." Owen sends a photo of Alastair, adding: "Alastair's peers consider him a very serious baby."

2006 Jennifer Balaban and Jonathan Lax send a photo from their wedding. Pictured are (top row, left to right) **Scott Mittelman '00**, **Nik De Maria '09**, **Kathryn Nave**, **Matt Morgan**, **Lindsay Sable '10**, Jennifer, Jonathan, **Samantha Lewis '08**, **Emily Paret '08**, **Rebekah Mott '08**, and **Michelle Heroux Conlon '08**; (front row, left to right) **Ariele Strauss**, **Kelsey Gilroy '11**, '15N, **Sarah Dobrzynski '10**, and **Kaila Pearlman De Maria '09**.

2007 Daniel Bud '08 (MS) (see '08).

2008 Kelsey Ferranti '10W (MS) writes that she and **Daniel Bud '07**, '08 (MS) got married in Kennebunkport, Maine, in August 2015. "We met in 2007 through involvement in Greek life on campus. I'm an alumna of Delta Gamma, and Dan is an alumnus of Sigma Chi. We were thrilled to tie the knot surrounded by so many Rochester friends." Pictured from left to right are Father Brian Cool, **David Fallon**, **Max Ehrmann**, **Noah Stahl '07**,



2001 Newman



2003 Zacharias



2006 Balaban and Lax

Elizabeth Runco Rawlins '05, **Benjamin McKee**, **Alanna Tievsky McKee '07**, **Joseph Derrigo '07**, **Mark Williams**, **Jamie Shapiro DeRight**, **Jonathan DeRight**, **John Ray '09**, **Raymond Arbusto '09** (MS), **Brandon Best '07**, **Rebecca Fallon**, **Jessica Almog**, **Anna Lynn Surace Williams**, **Akin Rawkins '07**, **Hilary Bonaccorsi '07**, **Heather Uvanni '10**, **Nina Gadziala**, **Robert Sherman '07**, **Emily Desmond Molisani '06**, **Jenna Krebs**, **Aaron Molisani**, **Kyle Struble '06**, '12S (MBA), **Meagan Miller Struble '06**,

Brett Catlin '12S (MBA), and **Mary Tyson-Catlin '13S** (MS), '13W (MS).

2011 Brittany Huyen writes that she and **D. J. Schwartz '12** got married last August in Hornell, New York, and are living in Castle Rock, Colorado. "We were beyond thankful and blessed to have our closest and lifelong friends from U of R there to celebrate and share in our wedding day!" Pictured (page 57) are (back row, left to right) **Steve Just**, **Casey Storme '12**, **Jordan Blades '12**, **Tom DeMatteo '10**, **Kyle**



2008 Ferranti and Bud

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Sreniawski '12, Brian Bezek '12; (middle row, left to right) **Rachel Kludt Ludwig, Sara Hutchinson '12, '13 (MS), Nicole Goldman '13, Thane Green '12, Elyse Nagler '12, Katie Kao '12, Brittany, D. J., Adam Brinkman '12, Alex Flint '14, Alex Caghan '12, '13S (MS), John Whiting '12;** (front row, left to right) **Natalee Sassaman '12, Mindy Altemose '09, Tony Visconti '09, '15 (PhD), Melissa Altemose, Liz Slupinski, Erin Clark, Rob Barnard '12, Annie Moosher '12, Niki Holmes '12, Meg Liptak '13, Pete Vercillo '12, and Andy Breidigam '12. ... Roxana Ramos** is a paper artist and founder and CEO of Lettra, a paper art and bookbinding business in Lima, Peru. She's exhibited her work around the world, including in Bulgaria, the United Kingdom, France, and Taiwan. This year, she published a book, *Interior Design Coloring Book* (CreateSpace).

2012 Maggie Margolis (see '76). ... **D. J. Schwartz** (see '11).

2013 Mark Lipstein writes: "Accepted and enrolling in the biological and biomedical sciences PhD program, fall 2016, at Harvard University!"

Graduate

ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

1969 Lynn Schwartz Rosen (MA), '72W (EdD) has written a novel, *A Man of Genius* (Una Publications). Lynn is the author of previous short works of fiction, published in journals such as *Texas Quarterly* and *Caprice*. She's also a lifelong

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2011 Hylan and Schwartz

resident of Rochester and longtime supporter and mentor of disadvantaged Rochester youth through the RocCity Scholars Program, a community-based after-school program she founded for high achieving Rochester City School District students.

1970 Joseph Amato (PhD) sends an update. He writes: "Since leaving Rochester in 1966 a half century ago, and completing my published dissertation on *Mounier and Maritain: A French Catholic Understanding of the Modern World* (Catholic University of America Press) under the insightful and generous guidance of Professor A. W. Salomone, I have had a single teaching and minor administrative career principally at one place: Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, Minnesota. There I taught, administered, and created the history department and a unique program of rural and regional studies. Aside from the glories and scuffles of making and keeping a small college afloat, my devotion has been to my wife, **Catherine Bavolack Amato '66N**, and four children, while my mounting "madness" is writing. I have written, coauthored, and published almost 40 books and numerous essays. My writing has ranged, perhaps strayed, across three areas: local, family, and regional history; memoirs focused on a reflective boy in love with a future in golf and midlife bypass surgery; and finally and principally, intellectual and cultural history." His most recent book, published this spring, is *My Three Sicilies: Stories, Poems, and History* (New York Bordighera). Another book, *Everyday Life: A Short History* (Reaktion Books), is sched-

uled for release in October. ... **John Bassett** (PhD), president of Heritage University, in Washington state, and a scholar of American literature, has won the Henry Paley Memorial Award from the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. The award recognizes extraordinary service to students and faculty.

1976 Jonathan Post (PhD) has published *A Thickness of Particulars: The Poetry of Anthony Hecht* (Oxford University Press). Jonathan holds the title Distinguished Professor of English at UCLA.

1979 Maurice Isserman (PhD), the James L. Ferguson Professor of History at Hamilton College, is the author of *Continental Divide: A History of American Mountaineering* (W. W. Norton & Co.).

1987 Rupamanjari Ghosh (PhD) has been named vice chancellor of Shiv Nadar University, near New Delhi, India. An expert in experimental and theoretical quantum optics, laser physics, nonlinear optics, and quantum information, she's been director of the university's School of Natural Sciences since 2012.

1992 Andreas Arvanitoyeorgos (PhD), an associate professor of mathematics at the University of Patras in Rion, Greece, has published two textbooks. The books, published in Greek by Hellenic Academic Libraries, are *Elementary Differential Geometry* and *Geometry of Manifolds: Riemannian Manifolds and Lie Groups*.

1997 William Peniston (PhD) writes: "I am celebrating 20 years at

the Newark Museum as its librarian and archivist. As a historian, I have collaborated on the following two projects: Marc-Andre Raffilovich's *Uranism and Unisexuality: A Study of Different Manifestations of the Sexual Instinct*, translated by Nancy Erber and William Peniston, edited by Philip Healy with Frederick Roden (Palgrave Macmillan); and *Lesbian Decadence: Representations in Art and Literature of Fin-de-Siècle France*, by Nicole Albert, translated by Nancy Erber and William Peniston (Harrington Park Press)."

2004 Owen Zacharias (MS) (see '03 College).

2005 Antoine Yoshinaka, an associate professor of political science at the University at Buffalo, has published two books with Cambridge University Press. He is the author of *Crossing the Aisle: Party Switching by U.S. Legislators in the Postwar Era* and a coeditor of *American Gridlock: The Sources, Character, and Impact of Political Polarization*.

2008 Daniel Bud (MS) (see '08 College).

2009 Benjamín Castañeda Aphan (PhD) has been promoted to principal professor of electrical and electronics engineering at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú in his native city of Lima. He continues as visiting professor of electrical engineering at the Hajim School, and has collaborated with professors Kevin Parker, Renato Perucchio, Amy Lerner, and Scott Seidman. His work in medical imaging has contributed to the diagnostics of tuberculosis, cutaneous