

# Class Notes



**CAMPUS COHORTS:** Students pose on the Prince Street Campus as they get ready for orientation, an annual introduction to the University for first-year students that will take place this August for the Class of 2022. Recognize anyone? Email us: [rochrev@rochester.edu](mailto:rochrev@rochester.edu).

## College

### ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

**1949 Iva Allan Larsen** (see '12).

**1952 Tom Sarro** died in April 2018 in Aldie, Virginia, writes his nephew, Paul Sarro. The son of immigrant parents, Tom was raised in the Greek Orthodox community in Jamestown, New York. The first in his family to attend college, he majored in chemistry, was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity,

and played both basketball and baseball for the Yellowjackets. In 2007, he was inducted into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame. Postgraduation, Tom served in the US Army for two years before earning a law degree at Georgetown University. He spent his career practicing intellectual property law before retiring from Larson & Taylor in Alexandria, Virginia, in 2001. His family shares this recollection: "A sports enthusiast to the end, Tom spent hours on the tennis court and golf course at Army Navy Country Club in Arlington and Palm Aire Country Club in Sarasota, Florida. His competitive spirit made him a formidable foe, which, combined with his wonderful wit, also made him a well-sought-after partner."

**1956 George Gold**, profiled in *Marquis Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in American Law*, writes that he is a recipient of the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award.

### 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



**1958 Gardner**



**1958 Gilbert**

## MEDALLION REUNION

OCTOBER 4-7

[Rochester.edu/alumni/class/1958](http://Rochester.edu/alumni/class/1958)

**1958 Jerry Gardner '65 (MA)** sends a photo of his family taken late last year at the home of his son, **Bradley '96**, and Bradley's wife, **Ida**. Jerry and Bradley are in the back row. In front of them are **Ida**, Jerry's wife, **Pat**, and their daughter, **Anita**. In the front row are Jerry and Pat's grandchildren: **Bradley** and **Ida's** children—**Ella**, 10, and **Dylan**, 7—and **Anita's** daughter, **Isabella**, 7. . .

**Joyce Timmerman Gilbert** sends a photo of herself taken outside Carnegie Hall, signaling her lifetime passions of choral singing and travel. Starting with the Women's Glee Club, she's performed with the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus under conductor **Robert Shaw** (in Puerto Rico for the Festival Casals, in Carnegie Hall, and at the 20th anniversary of the United Nations), the Chicago Symphony Chorus, and the Eastman Rochester Chorus, which was singing at Carnegie with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra when the photo was taken in 2014. "What rich experiences for an amateur singer from a small upstate New York town who had the good fortune to study at the U of R and the Eastman School of Music," Joyce writes. She and her husband, **Richard**, have lived in Rochester since 1970. After the children graduated from the Harley School in Rochester in the mid-1980s, Joyce became a volunteer for local, state, and national organizations, including Harley. "One of my ongoing commitments has been to Class of 1958 alumni activities, of course! But the most important reason that Richard and I stayed in Rochester when he retired after a 32-year ministry at Rochester's First Unitarian Church is that our three grandchildren live here." She adds, "Another joy of our lives has been hosting high school students from other countries. In 1968-69, two sisters ages 13 and 16 from then Czechoslovakia stayed with us for a school year. In 1985-86, we acquired a German 'son.' It's really mind-boggling to realize our Czech 'daughters' are grandmothers. And it was a delight in July 2018 when three generations of the three families spent time together in Europe." . . .

**Ed Kaplan** shares the itinerary for the 60th Class Reunion, the Class of 1958 'Better Than Great' Reunion. On Friday, October 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., the Class of 1958 60th reunion luncheon will take place at

## ALUMNI LEADERS

## Meet the Young Alumni Council

The mission of the Young Alumni Council is to foster and sustain relationships with College graduates of the last decade—more than 15,000 people. Comprising about 50 alumni who work with the Office of Alumni Relations, the council helps develop programs to connect young alumni with the University, faculty, and their classmates through volunteer opportunities and networking and social events.

"The council allows us to go straight to the source to create programs and communications that speak to, and strengthen, our broader young alumni community," says **Lauren Bradley '11W (MS)**, associate director of reunion and class programs. "As a relatively young professional and alumnus of the University myself, it excites and energizes me to see such dedication and commitment."



Kayleigh Rae Stampfler



Emily Hart

## National Cochairs

**Kayleigh Rae Stampfler '08, Rochester**

Major: History

Alumni involvement: University Alumni Board, the Young Alumni Council, the Rochester Network Leadership Cabinet, the Barbara J. Burger iZone Advisory Council

Occupation: Senior philanthropic advisor, Rochester Area Community Foundation

**Emily Hart '12, New York City**

Major: Chemistry

Student groups: Louvre Performance Ensemble, Ballet Performance Group, Habitat for Humanity, Meridian, Susan B. Anthony resident advisor

Occupation: High school chemistry teacher

## Regional Leaders

The council is organized into eight regions that correspond to the Regional Network Leadership Cabinets. Each region has a chair or cochairs.

**Jennifer Roach '11, Boston**

Major: Economics

Occupation: Private equity senior associate, Yellow Wood Partners

**Nick Benjamin '14 (cochair), Buffalo**

Major: Mathematics and economics

Occupation: Financial analyst, M&T Bank

**Abby Zabrodsky '14, '19S (MBA) (cochair), Buffalo**

Major: Chemical engineering

Occupation: Associate marketing manager, Rich Products Corp.; executive MBA student, Simon Business School

**Brittany Hopkins '14, Chicago**

Major: Neuroscience

Occupation: PhD candidate, Northwestern University

**Farrell Cooke '14, New York City**

Major: Neuroscience

Occupation: Senior clinical researcher in anesthesiology, New York-Presbyterian Weill Cornell Medicine

**Matt Watman '12, Philadelphia**

Major: Brain and cognitive sciences

Occupation: Program analyst, Mental Health Partnerships

**Nicole St. James Berman '12, Rochester**

Major: History and English

Occupation: Associate director of development, American Diabetes Association

**Lauren Sacks Hopton '10, San Francisco**

Major: Psychology

Occupation: Producer and project manager at the sustainable shoemaker Rothys

**Jonathan LoTempio Jr. '14, Washington, D.C.**

Major: Biochemistry

Occupation: PhD candidate, George Washington University

Learn more about the Young Alumni Council and the events and activities the members organize at [Rochester.edu/alumni](http://Rochester.edu/alumni).

the Genesee Valley Club, 421 East Avenue. On Saturday, October 6, from 8 to 9:15 a.m., the Class of 1958 Breakfast and Class Conversations will take place in the Feldman Ballroom of Douglass Commons (formerly the Frederick Douglass Building), where the topic for class

participation and discussion is "The Role of Alumni in the University Setting: 60 Years' Perspective." The 60th reunion reception and dinner will be from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the Country Club of Rochester, 2935 East Avenue. On Sunday, October 7, the Class of 1958 fare-

well breakfast is from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in downtown Rochester. . . . **Susan Storing Maybeck** writes that she took her first European trip "in ages" this spring. She spent time in Amsterdam with her friend's daughter and time in Oslo with her Norwegian daugh-



## 50TH REUNION

# U of R, U of R, '68!

While many of the historic events and cultural moments of 1968 continue to resonate in American social and political life, members of the Class of 1968 also remember the era as their time on the River Campus. It was a momentous period, shaped by events involving civil rights, the Vietnam War, trends in music and entertainment, and the assassination of civic and political leaders.

On campus, during the senior year for the class, a student strike—sparked after protesters tried to block recruiters from Dow Chemical—had ramifications for student and faculty governance. In the spring of 1968, following the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., the Black Students' Union was founded.

At the same time, members of the class were immersed in a community marked by friendships, scholarly and career opportunities, encounters with new ideas, introductions to a wide range of people, and just plain fun.

As with all 50th reunions, members of the class were asked to submit reflections on their time at Rochester as they prepared to return to campus for Meliora Weekend. The submissions are collected for a memory book that's shared with class members. Here's a small sample of those memories.

To learn more about this year's Meliora Weekend, October 4–7, visit [Rochester.edu/melioraweekend](http://Rochester.edu/melioraweekend).

### Mina Aprill Aibel

*Major: History*  
*Hometown: New York City*  
“Rush Rhees coffee hour, the insane fresh apple vending machine in the basement of the Hill, the end of curfews and coed hours, Winter Weekend with Duke Ellington, picketing Dow Chemical Company in front of Strong, and Robert Kennedy coming to Rochester.”

### Guy Bailey

*Major: History*  
*Hometown: Stamford, Connecticut*  
“Freshman orientation, the strike in December of senior year, the Preachers band, lifelong friends, my 1960 Triumph TR-3, the Bungalow, late-night poker games, the best music ever from '64 to '68, Genny Cream Ale.”

### Janet Fish Baldwin

*Major: Nursing*  
*Hometown: Maine, New York*  
“Becoming friends with a few RNs also pursuing their BS in nursing. Working as an RN weekends on campus at the Student Health Center and one to two, half shifts per week/weekends at the Brightonian Nursing Home on Elmwood Avenue kept me busy! Finally realized my dream of getting my BS degree, enabling me to become a public health nurse.”

### Martha (Marty) McRoberts Bartlett

*Major: Political science*  
*Hometown: Shelby, Michigan*  
“Sunday afternoon study break concerts at Todd given by Eastman students. Taking Hindi with only two other students. Dr. [Richard] Fenno and his courses about how Congress works. The silence that fell on Rochester Philharmonic Hall on April 4, 1968, when it was announced that Martin Luther King Jr. had been assassinated.”

### Lora Kaywin Block

*Major: History*  
*Hometown: Bennington, Vermont*  
“Bringing only skirts to campus freshman year and the change in fashion expectations for women to wear pants . . . what a relief. The excitement of moving to the Towers after coming home from a semester at the University of Warwick! It was coed! There were suites!

“And I fondly remember the pride of giving tours to prospective students as a member of D'Lions.”

### John Dunnigan

*Major: Business*  
*Hometown: Flemington, New Jersey*  
“The visual impressiveness of the Eastman Quadrangle when I first arrived on campus. The splendor of the

Dutch elm trees and the stately buildings wowed a young freshman.”

### Charlotte DeCroes Jacobs

*Major: Biology*  
*Hometown: Kingsport, Tennessee*  
“Strong Auditorium and the smell of the greasepaint, learning new music a week before a show opened, exhausting late-night rehearsals with a chem exam in the morning, and the fabulous theater people. *How to Succeed in Business* had to be my favorite.”

### Robert Klein

*Major: Optics*  
*Hometown: Albany, California*  
“Many memories involve music at the River Campus and at Eastman. I was concertmaster (first clarinet) of the symphonic band at the River Campus for three years. One of my favorite memories is of hearing the Eastman Wind Ensemble perform at the Eastman Theatre twice a year.”



### Marjory Wiczorek Myhill

*Major: Biology*  
*Hometown: Severna Park, Maryland*  
“I saw Bobby Kennedy when he was campaigning on campus. When the great northeast blackout struck, I was in a music practice room in the tunnel between the women's dorm and the women's gym. But, never fear—the U of R was so well organized that somebody showed up quickly with a flashlight to lead me out.”

**Ted Rabkin**

*Major: Mathematics  
Hometown: Rockville,  
Maryland*

"I spent years working on the tech crew for the plays in Strong Auditorium and was the only one on it who also acted. The summer after I graduated, I did construction, technical crew, and sound for the first year of the University of Rochester Summer Theater." After graduation, Rabkin was drafted into the US Army and served in Vietnam as an infantry sergeant with the First Cavalry Division. He earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge and an Air Medal.

**David Ragusa '76W (Mas)**

*Major: English  
Hometown: Venice, Florida*  
"I have many great memories of my time at Rochester. I consider those four years to have given me the basis for so much of my life. In the memory category, my time as an athlete at the University made me part of a group of fellow students who sacrificed lots of time and energy in pursuit of the sports we loved. I was never happier at Rochester than when I was involved in sports.

"When I remember Rochester, I remember the fun I had and the people I shared it with. I walked across the frozen river to go to the bars on Genesee Street; I went to a Beer Blast in the Todd Union on Saturday night, then attended Catholic Mass in the same spot on Sunday morning; I used to sit at a table in

Todd listening to the Beatles in the afternoon; I got my mail in the post office box at the old Todd and still remember my box number, 5432; my grandmother used to mail me chocolate chip cookies and an occasional five bucks to keep me going.

"When I think of the U of R, I see images of my past. Moving into Gilbert Hall, room 205 as a frosh. I can see all the cars on the lawn across the street, and all the kids who seemed so much more prepared than I was; I see pink sheets, created because my first wash made all my white clothes pink; the Quad in winter can be beautiful and very cold; the Palestra for a basketball game during the week could serve as a great study break; the main room at Rush Rhees where I went to pretend to study when I was actually just looking for a date."

**Douglas Rundell '77 (PhD)**

*Major: Chemical engineering  
Hometown: Elmira, New York*  
"Many of my best memories from Rochester revolve around the radio station WRUR, where I served as a control room engineer, technician, treasurer, and station manager."

**Barbara Bockelmann Rundell '79 (PhD)**


*Major: Biology  
Hometown: Glen Ellyn, Illinois*  
"I remember all the fun places we went to for socializing: beer blasts at the MDC, hanging out in the Steinkeller in Todd Union, hiking with friends over to Izzo's or 'The Bung'—even if it was freezing cold outside: We enjoyed these get-togethers on and off campus—wonderful memories of good times with old friends. I also enjoyed working in the biology labs of Dr. Raven and Dr. Muchmore one summer. What a great opportunity to get to know the faculty and grad students in their research environment. In order to

stay in Rochester over the summer, I and five classmates rented a house near campus and enjoyed this time together. I have fond memories of sharing a Tower suite during senior year. My suitemates and I shared food, music, clothes, etc. There was never a dull moment in that suite. We are all still friends."

**Michael Steinberg**

*Major: English  
Hometown: Glencoe, Illinois*  
"Playing bridge in Todd Union, conversations around the dining tables of the Towers, courses taught by Russell Peck, and fraternity parties. My worst memory is Calculus 161, which is still my 'no-pants' nightmare."

**Ardith Albers Wylie**

*Major: Nursing  
Hometown: Springfield, Illinois*  
"Walking from Strong Hospital to our dorm, Helen Wood Hall, either outside or in the tunnel. Riding the bus everywhere—for fun or for home-nursing assignments. Doing puzzles in the dorm living room. Clinicals, like learning to find a vein in a fellow student, and having the 'easiest-to-find' veins myself, so that anyone who couldn't find a vein on their partner got sent to try on me! Our triangular caps—staff at one of the hospitals I later worked at called me 'the flying Nun' because of my cap and because I always walked so fast down the hall. Graduation!" 

—KRISTINE THOMPSON

**Class Cheer**

We're terrific, we are great,  
We're the ones who  
really rate,  
We are stalwart through  
and through,  
U of R, we're true to you!  
We're the greatest,  
it's our fate,  
U of R, U of R, '68!

**Top 5 Majors**

1. History
2. Education
3. General Studies
4. Business
5. English

**Useful Student Tools****1968**

Electric typewriters



Touch-tone phones



Polaroid instant cameras



Pocket-sized radios

**2018**

- Laptops
- Smart phones
- Graphic calculators
- Tablets





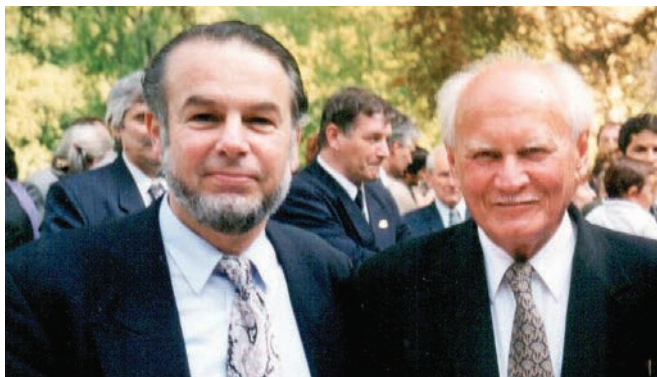
1963 Bustos



1966 Greenberg



1966 Schoenberg



1968 Somogyi

ter. “Three weeks of family time, breathing in nature, and time to read. Although I am 82, I’m ready for more traveling.”

**1960 Cathy Spencer Henn** is the owner and CEO of Better Power, a Rochester company providing backup generators and related equipment to a variety of entities on state contract, and for local private contractors. She writes that after 17 years in business, Better Power received certification from New York State as a Woman-Owned Business Enterprise last January.

**MEDALLION REUNION**

**OCTOBER 4-7**

[Rochester.edu/alumni/class/1963](http://Rochester.edu/alumni/class/1963)

**1963 Roxann Reddick Bustos** '64 (MA) sends a photo from a chance encounter with another alumnus. Roxann writes, “While I was traveling in Panama recently, **Nathaniel Deutsch** '73 noticed the University of Rochester symbols on the back of my cell phone case and started a conversation. We discovered that we graduated 10 years apart and are both thinking about attending this year’s reunion—55 for me and 45 for him.” . . . **Roger** '68S (MBA) and **Mary Genung Snell** are celebrating two 55th anniversaries this year—their 55th wedding anniversary and their 55th class reunion at Rochester. They live in Plano, Texas, Mary writes, having moved to the state in 1976, when Rog joined Electronic Data System’s banking division. In 1980, he moved to J.D. Carreker & Associates, a bank consulting company, where he was a project manager working with most major banks in the United States. Ultimately, Rog was director of Delivery Services North America for Fiserv Inc., a US company that provides financial services technology to banks, credit unions, and other companies and retailers. He worked for their fraud and compliance group, Mary writes, “AKA, foiling the bad guys who attempt to defraud bank customers in North America. Prior to that he did the same work in England, Ireland, and the Netherlands for Fiserv. Rog chaired the U of R River Campus Alumni Board in 1979. In retirement, Rog is an avid bridge player and does genealogical research.” While living in Dallas, Mary chaired the Dallas-Fort Worth area’s Alumni Scholarship Committee and was a member of the U of R’s President’s Leadership Council. “While a stay-at-home mom, I was active in the

League of Women Voters everywhere we lived, including in Plano. As the children grew I figured out ‘what I wanted to be when I grew up,’ so I went to graduate school, earned a master’s degree in education in counseling, and earned the appropriate state licenses. I worked about 15 years in hospitals and agencies, then 12 years in private practice.” Mary says that some of the couple’s many favorite U of R memories include “Sunday night’s pizza truck in front of the women’s dorm, sharing cokes (the beverage) on study breaks in the tunnel under Rush Rhees, hearing then senator John F. Kennedy speak at Strong Auditorium, classicist Elmer Suhr’s lectures on archaeology, parties, including with Carl Dengler’s band at Theta Chi, and all the wonderful people we came to know.” Along with other classmates and volunteers, Rog and Mary have been active in calling members of the Class of 1963 about plans for the 55th reunion during Meliora Weekend, October 4 to 7. “We discovered the U of R has outdated phone numbers and e-mail addresses for some of you. We urge you to check that your information with the U of R is current. You can contact Francine Capaldo Lynch, who is coordinating the Class of ‘63 reunion. Francine can be reached at [fclynch@alumni.rochester.edu](mailto:fclynch@alumni.rochester.edu) or (877) 635-4672. We hope to see many of you in October!”

**1966 Peter Greenberg** sends a photo of a watercolor depicting Rush Rhees Library that he painted as a student while sitting on the quad in early winter. . . . **Robert Schoenberg** retired from the University of Pennsylvania last September after 35 years as the LGBT center’s founding director. The following month, the center’s home, a restored 19th-century carriage house, was named in his honor. Classmates **Linda Bloch** and **Elaine Magidson** attended the rededication celebration. Robert’s work at Penn was featured on the cover of the November-December 2017 issue of the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, the magazine of the university.

**1967 Edward and Holly Goldworm Kowaloff** (see '06).

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[Rochester.edu/alumni/class/1968](http://Rochester.edu/alumni/class/1968)

**1968 Louis-Jack Pozner** writes that he and his wife, Rona, spent their 50th wedding anniversary in Tuscany with their three adult chil-





### 'CITY GIRLS' RETURN

## Four Years on Campus, a Lifetime of Friendship

A close-knit group celebrate the bonds that brought them together six decades ago.

For 62 years, about a dozen “City Girls” have been getting together just about every month. At first, they met to play bridge, but over time it was just to stay connected.

Nine of them returned to the River Campus in June for a student-led tour and some cake, a fitting way to acknowledge their friendships and their 80th birthdays, which they all celebrate this year.

The group adopted the City Girls moniker while they were City of Rochester residents enrolled at Rochester, from 1956 to 1960. Most commuted to campus for their classes. Doing so made it financially possible for them to attend the University.

Ann Weintraub '60, '69W (MA), a young education major at the time, helped form and lead the City Girls, which was formally recognized in 1959 as a campus organization. Although they lived off campus, the City Girls participated in a variety of clubs and activities, including sororities, student government, *Interpres*, the Glee Club, and the Modern Dance Club.

“We had some of the best professors,” says Weintraub, who recalls taking a class from historian Arthur May. “He had this booming voice, and he talked with such authority. One day, he asked us—so seriously—to look out the window and to tell him what we saw. We anticipated and expected an inspired, intellectual take on something, but then he said, ‘That, students, is the sun, and you might not see that much around here.’ We all just laughed.”

Ruth Danis '60, a history major, was president of the Young Democrats, a group that, at the time, had only men as members.

**HALL TALK: “City Girls” Ann Weintraub, Mary Moody McNulty, Linda Lakeman, Catherine Henn, Nancy Grouse, Nancy Van Hooydonk, Emily Osgood, Jeanette Musliner, Ruth Danis visited what’s now Susan B. Anthony Halls, where, as Rochester residents, they sometimes stayed overnight when the building was the Women’s Residence Halls.**

“When John Kennedy came to campus, we had the opportunity to sit down and talk with him for about 30 minutes, about global politics,” she says. “I will never forget that.”

On the occasion of their 50th reunion in 2010, the City Girls committed funds to establish the Dean Ruth Merrill Award, a women’s leadership award given annually through the Susan B. Anthony Center for Women’s Leadership. The need-based award is given to a Rochester-raised undergraduate woman committed to community service. To date, six students have received the award.

The women say it was important to establish the award in honor of Ruth Merrill who, as dean of women, was their dean. Merrill identified space in what was then the newly opened Women’s Residence Halls (now Susan B. Anthony Halls), where they could, for about 50 cents each (and their own linens), stay overnight. That way they could study, participate in events and activities, and be more connected to the campus community.

“Dean Merrill set aside two rooms for us that each had three double-decker beds in them,” says Weintraub. “She wanted to make sure we felt like we were part of campus. She was a real trailblazer when it comes to inclusivity.”

The women recall their Rochester experiences with fondness and say their time as students was the catalyst for their lifelong friendships. “I still dream about my time here,” says Emily Good-year Osgood '60, a fine arts major who now volunteers as a docent at the Memorial Art Gallery. “Those four years really made a difference in our lives.”

—KRISTINE THOMPSON





1968 Wetschler



1971 Skonieczki



1973 Joy and Sawada



1978 Fox

dren and two of their four grandchildren. “We are pleased that our grandson, Miller Hickman, is coming to U of R, Class of 2022.” . . . **Barbara Bockelmann Rundell** '79 (PhD) writes: “After graduating from the U of R, I earned my MS in food science at Cornell University. I have been married to U of R classmate **Doug Rundell** '77 (PhD) for 48 years. I was a member of the biology faculty at College of DuPage for many years and enjoyed my teaching career very much. As a retiree, I now spend much time doing volunteer work in the community and at my church, visiting family and friends, and enjoying travel.” . . . “Hello to the classmates of 1968,” writes **Andrew Somogyi**. Since 2004, Andrew has been retired after serving for many years as a staff member of the cultural section of the public affairs department at the US Embassy in Budapest, Hungary, where he was in charge of cultural events and directly responsible to the ambassador. Since then, he has been “living and relaxing next to a nature preservation park in the northeast hills of Hungary.” He sends a photo taken with Arpad Gonz, who in 2000 was the president of the Hungarian Republic when Andrew was the coordinator for the US Embassy’s arts program in Budapest. Before joining the embassy in Hungary, Andrew held several roles with the United Nations and nongovernmental organizations, including the World Health Organization, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the World Trade Organization, and others. . . . **Ed Wetschler**, Caribbean editor of *Recommend* magazine, writes, “In June, the Caribbean Tourism Organization judges awarded me the Inner Circle King media award. I may have been the most surprised person in the room; this was the second year in a row that I’d won.” Ed sends a photo of himself with Hugh Riley, the Caribbean Tourism Organization’s secretary-general.

**1971 Dave Skonieczki** sends a photo of himself with **Bob Mielcarz** (left) and writes: “Despite becoming DKE brothers and Rochester football teammates over 50 years ago, I never watched Bob play golf until this spring. I even served as the former Yellowjacket golfer’s caddy in the New Hampshire Golf Association’s Senior Match Play Championship’s semifinal and final rounds in May. Of the 32 participants in

the tournament, Mielcarz finished second and took home a beautiful runner-up cup. He beat the qualifying round’s medalist in the quarter-finals, and the No. 2 qualifier in the semis. In the finals, Mielcarz forced the winner, 11 years his junior, to play a full 18 holes of match play. Of course I boasted that, as caddy, I led Mielcarz to his exceptional finish! Then my wife reminded me that without my service over the years as his caddy, Mielcarz won the New Hampshire Amateur Golf Championship a state-record 11 times and the New Hampshire Senior Amateurs three times. Nevertheless, Bob and I celebrated on the Pease Country Club’s 19th hole. Although Genny Cream Ale wasn’t served, we did enjoy some of New Hampshire’s fine craft beer.” . . . **Valerie Swett** joined the Boston law firm Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster as a director in the firm’s business practice. Previously, she served as senior managing principal at Boston-based Deutsch Williams Brooks Derensis & Holland.

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[Rochester.edu/alumni/class/1973](http://Rochester.edu/alumni/class/1973)

**1973 Steve Bloom**, associate vice president for academic affairs at Lasell College in Newton, Massachusetts, writes: “In July 2017 I received the Eugene O’Neill Medallion from the Eugene O’Neill Society at its international conference in Galway, Ireland, along with actors Jessica Lange and Gabriel Byrne and two other O’Neill scholars.” . . . **Nathaniel Deutsch** (see '63). . . **Michelle Klaiman Rubin** wrote *Crisis in Grand Canyon* (CreateSpace), a novel about a Grand Canyon rafting trip gone awry. . . . Gearing up to celebrate the Class of 1973’s reunion this fall, classmates in the Chicago area got together for a minireunion at the home of **Suzanne Sawada** and **Len Joy** '74S (MBA). They sent a photo of (left to right) Len, **Mike Levitin**, Suzanne, **Daina Kojelis**, **Judith Rosenbaum**, **Randy Cohn**, **Joan Ferrara**, **Emily Koenig Neuberger**, and **Rana Gordon**. **Rick Weiland** '74 was also there, but missed the photo.

**1974 Rick Weiland** (see '73).

**40TH REUNION • OCTOBER 4-7**

[Rochester.edu/alumni/class/1978](http://Rochester.edu/alumni/class/1978)

**1978 Russell Fox** sends a photo from the 10th annual ski trip he took earlier this year with his classmates **David Tillman**, **Michael Shapot**, and **Michael Messing**. David and





1978 Richman



1983 Branche

Russell were on the same floor their first year, and Russell was also suite-mates with Michael Shapot and Michael Messing. . . . **Barb Shore Richman** sends a photo showing the six classmates who shared a suite in Slater House their senior year. It was the first time in 40 years that all six got together, says Barb. In the photo are Barb, **Karen Falsetta Snider** '78E, '83E (MA), **Jennifer Pratt Cheney**, **Tina Wettlaufer Stuart**, **Lynn Brussel** '85S (MBA), and **Cherie Pensoneault** '78N.

**1979 Bob Bly** published his 96th book, a guide to email communication titled *The New Email Revolution* (Skyhorse), in June.

**1980 Gail Schwat Liss** recently released the second edition of a book she coauthored, *The College Bound Organizer: The Ultimate Guide to Successful College Applications* (Mango Media). . . . **Lisa Swain** writes, "I am serving in my 11th year on the Fair Lawn, New Jersey, council and have been appointed mayor once again. I am grateful to have this opportunity to solve new problems

every day. My major in psychology still comes in handy in dealing with the public."

**1981 Bob Waine** (see '83).

**35TH REUNION • OCTOBER 4-7**  
[Rochester.edu/alumni/class/1983](http://Rochester.edu/alumni/class/1983)

**1983 Christine Branche**, the director of the Office of Construction Safety and Health for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, which is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has been elected to the National Academy of Construction. She's one of 38 members elected in 2018. Formed in 1999, the academy has inducted 292 members, drawn from several thousands of people in construction industries. Christine joined NIOSH in 2007, first serving as the delegated federal official for the White House-appointed Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health, which advises the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. She has directed NIOSH's Office of Construction Safety and Health since its inception in December 2009. From 1996 to



ROCHESTER: Shirley Hoang '17, Xufeng Li '18, An Li Lin '18, and Andrew Lee



ROCHESTER: Chelsea Flint '12 and David Trotto '13S (MBA)



NYC: Claire Cohen '11 and Ian Bates

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

# Happy Birthday, George Eastman!

Alumni celebrate the legacy of one of Rochester's most important benefactors.

Hundreds of University alumni and friends gathered to celebrate George Eastman's July 12 birthday at events all over the world. Celebration sites included New York City, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., San Diego, Buffalo, Los Angeles, and Rochester. Search #URcheersgeorge on social media for more photos and videos. **R** —KRISTINE THOMPSON



NYC: Dany Burnes Vargas '18 (left), Jacqueline Powell '18, Madeline Graham '18, and Rebecca Block '18





1985 Davis



1988 Freedenberg



1988 Smart



1989 Wood

July 2007, she was the director of the Division of Unintentional Injury Prevention in the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. . . . **Don DeGolyer**, the founder and CEO of Vertice Pharma, a specialty pharmaceuticals company based in New Providence, New Jersey, is a finalist for national awards in the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year program. Don was named a winner in the New Jersey regional competition this summer, making him eligible for the national awards program in several categories, including the Entrepreneur of the Year Overall National Award, which is scheduled to be announced this fall. . . . **Steve Silverman** writes, “Last November, I was re-elected to the Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, commission for a second four-year term. This year I am the commission president. Thank you to **Bob Wayne** ’81, who was my campaign manager.”

**1984 Scott Evans** published his second comedy novel, *The Day the Sun Changed Colors* (CreateSpace), in April. Set more than 2,000 years in the future, the story revolves around a family whose utopia is disrupted when “the sun starts bombarding the earth in changing colors.” As society unravels, will a clumsy cleaning robot sacrifice himself to save his masters? . . . **Todd Watkins**, a professor of economics at Lehigh University, published *Introduction to Microfinance* (World Scientific). His research and teaching focus on the intersection of microfinance, economic development, innovation, entrepreneurship, and public policy.

**1985 Margie Goon Davis** sends a photo and writes, “Friends since freshman year, we traveled from Boston, D.C., Chicago, and San Francisco for a minireunion in Healdsburg, California, for some catching up, wine tasting, and lots of laughter!” Pictured from left to right are **Karen Reutlinger**, **Valerie Robin**, **Lillibeth Donato Carson**, **Sharmila Mathur Fowler**, and Margie. . . . **Jennifer Donnelly** collaborated on the historical fiction novel *Fatal Throne* (Schwartz & Wade), released in May, about the six wives of Henry VIII. “I wrote about Anna of Cleves, the ‘ugly’ queen, and it turned out to be one of my favorite projects ever. . . . It’s always an honor to invoke a real person from history in my work—but Anna was special. She was smart and practical,

and she’ll be an inspiration to me for the rest of my life,” writes Jennifer.

**1987 Philip (P. J.) Freedenberg** (see ’88).

**30TH REUNION • OCTOBER 4-7**  
Rochester.edu/alumni/class/1988

**1988 Candace Flattery Freedenberg** received the 2018 Women of Innovation Award from the Connecticut Technology Council at the 14th Annual Awards. Candace was recognized for innovation in her social enterprise Untapped Potential Inc. Upotential.org serves educated professionals who opt-out for caregiving. Focused initially on returning women to STEM fields, UP provides a network of support, opportunities, mid-career internships (“returnships” or “flexre-turns”) in business. Candace lives in Canton, Connecticut, with her husband, **Philip (P. J.) Freedenberg** ’87, and their three children. . . . **Eric Malden** (see ’89). . . . **Stephanie Smart** writes that she married Tom Schmidt in St. Petersburg, Florida, in February. In addition, Stephanie completed a bachelor of fine arts degree in interior design in June and launched a new career as an interior designer at Touche’ Design Studio in St. Petersburg.

**1989 Catherine (Kelly) Kroll** has joined the Washington, D.C., office of the law firm Morris, Manning & Martin, as part of its new government contracts team. She was previously with the Washington-based government contracts firm Cohen Mohr. . . . **David Townes** has been promoted to full professor of emergency medicine and adjunct professor of global health at the University of Washington. He’s the editor of *Health in Humanitarian Emergencies: Principles and Practice for Public Health and Healthcare Practitioners* (Cambridge University Press), published in May. . . . **Chris Wood** sends a photograph from the Schermerhorn Symphony Center in Nashville, Tennessee, where the following alumni gathered to attend a concert: **Bill Ellis**, **Greg Krohner** ’91, **Joel Alper**, **Jeff Blaydes**, **Bob Waldeck**, and Chris along with **Eric Malden** ’88 (not pictured).

**1991 Greg Krohner** (see ’89).

**25TH REUNION • OCTOBER 4-7**  
Rochester.edu/alumni/class/1993

**1993 Tracie Jordan Kustra** writes: “I’m submitting an update



as I come up to my 25-year reunion. Time flies!" Tracie is also celebrating her 25th year working for Accenture, a leading global professional services company that offers a broad range of services in strategy, consulting, digital, technology and operations. Tracie initially spent three years in the consulting practice, then moved into human resources where she has spent the majority of her career. Most recently, she is the Global Retain Talent Lead for a business unit focused on cybersecurity, where she is responsible for developing and implementing global programs focused on engagement and retention, inclusion and diversity, and leadership development. Tracie lives in Stratford, Connecticut, with her husband, Ante, and two sons, Joseph, 11, and Mark, 5. "Joseph enjoys tae kwon do and has an entrepreneurial flair. Mark enjoys soccer, baseball, and riding his bike fast! Recent family trips include Florida for spring break and Croatia last summer to celebrate a family member's wedding."

**1994 Hideaki Hirai**, music director and conductor of the New York Festival Orchestra, made a debut in May 2017 at the Wiener Konzerthaus with Ensemble Wien Klang (a group of musicians from top Viennese orchestras), which resulted in an appointment as principal guest conductor, beginning with the 2017-18 season. In October 2017 he conducted his own "Ave Maria" for mixed chorus in the official mass at St. Peter's Basilica, accompanied by the basilica's official organist. Hideaki dedicated the piece to Pope Francis and Vatican City. The original hand-written manuscript, with a dedication message to Pope Francis, was presented after the performance and will be stored permanently in the Vatican. Hideaki also conducted his "Ave Maria" and Beethoven's Ninth Symphony in the World Peace Concert at St. Giovanni Battista Fiorentini Basilica in Rome with Roma Tre Orchestra. Subsequently, Hideaki made his debut in the season inaugural concert of Roma Tre Orchestra at Rome's Palladium Theatre.

**1995 Andrew Spivak** (see '96).

**1996 Bradley Gardner** (see '58). . . . **Andrew Spivak** '95 writes with the news that **Mandeep Taneja** died in April. "Deep is survived by his wife, Supriya, children Krish, Dev,

and Anya, both of his parents, his younger brother, Mihir, and family, and his entire Chi Phi brotherhood. Thank you, Deep, for all that you gave of yourself to us. We shall miss you terribly, brother."

**1997 Christopher Burns** '99S (MBA) (see '98).

**20TH REUNION • OCTOBER 4-7**  
*Rochester.edu/alumni/class/1998*

**1998 Doug Austin** '04S (MBA) sends a photo of his daughter, Hailey, and son, Lucas, as they finished the last day of public school in Albany. "Looking forward to seeing everyone in October for our 20th!" he writes. . . . **Nathan Bickel** '99 (MS) sends news and photo. He married Fengyuan Chen at their home in Ithaca, New York, in January. Nathan writes, "The best man was **Christopher Burns** '97, '99S (MBA) and the matron of honor was Katherine Streeter. My parents were also in attendance. Fengyuan and I both work for MACOM Technology Solutions in Ithaca." Pictured from left to right are Katherine, Fengyuan, Nathan, and Christopher. . . . **Stacey Trien** was recognized in May 2018 by the Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys with the President's Award for her work in support of the organization and the community. Stacey practices business and employment litigation in Rochester with the firm Leclair Korona Cole. She adds, "I'm excited for the Class of 1998's 20th reunion this fall!"

**2001 Emily Bones** '03W (MS) sends a photo and writes that she got married in April "to another Yellowjacket. . . of the Georgia Tech variety. We live in Lake Worth, Florida, and the wedding was on the beach in our neighborhood." Pictured from left to right: Lee Smith, **Emily Patterson Smith**, **Mehul Patel**, Paul Abbott (groom), Emily, **Lea Pavente Nordhaus**, and **Nick Rutar**.

**2002 Justin Dagen** '02 (see '03).

**15TH REUNION • OCTOBER 4-7**  
*Rochester.edu/alumni/class/2003*

**2003 Remy Gutierrez** sends a photo and an update. He writes: "I am now the father of twin girls, Lilly and Eliana, 5. I am still enjoying working at Boeing and, on the side, help manage a local bike shop, The Polka Dot Jersey. Through this interest I recently decided to start my master's degree in financial



1993 Kustra



1998 Austin



1998 Bickel



2001 Bones



2003 Gutierrez





2003 Lanzone



2003 Metz



2005 Pulcini



2006 Kowaloff



2008 DiTramontos



2008 Stampfler



2013 Huberlie and Blaszkiewicz



2012 Hessney and Lynch



2014 Kreckel





2015 Tomiyama

management at Boston University. My wife, Erin, and I celebrated our 10-year wedding anniversary this past summer with friends and family in Chelan, Washington.” . . . **Paul Lanzone** sends a photo of a Class of 2003 minireunion in Mexico City. **Cory Carpenter Dagen**, Paul, **Bryan Rotach**, and **Jason Smith** “spent a long Memorial Day weekend exploring Mexico City and getting excited for their 15th reunion in October.” The picture shows the group exploring the Teotihuacan pyramids. From left to right are Michael Lecker, Paul, Jason, Chris Morris, Cory, **Justin Dagen** '02, and Bryan. . . . **Rich Metz** sends a photograph from his September 2017 wedding to Emily Roehl in Buffalo. Pictured with Rich and Emily are **Nicole Lehman Britton** '05, **Dan Britton** '04, **Kevin**

### Send Your News!

If you have an announcement you'd like to share with your fellow alumni, please send or e-mail your personal and professional news to *Rochester Review*.

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Winter 2019	September 1, 2018
Spring 2019	December 1, 2018

**Birchenough, Ray Brown, Brian Minehan** '04, **Cheri Redlinski Minehan** '05, **Amy O'Byrne Mahoney** '04, **Jon Mahoney, Craig Pipal** '04, **Renee Reynolds** '02, **Mike Springer** '93S (MBA), and **Jon Wilmot** '04, '10M (MD), '13M (Res).

**2004 Andrew Pederzoli** (see '05). . . . **Justin Sansone** '06S (MBA) has joined Alesco Advisors as principal and will be responsible for client relations and new business development. Alesco Advisors is an investment advisory firm based in Pittsford, New York. Previously, Justin was a partner at EFPR Solutions.

**2005 Christian Pulcini**, a pediatric emergency medicine fellow at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, sends a photo from a minireunion. “I recently had an opportunity to reconnect with a group of old UR friends. Pictured from left to right are me, **Anna Barbi, Kara Pederzoli, Andrew Pederzoli** '04, **Luke Guerrero**, and our children, of course,” writes Christian. . . . **James Schnee** wrote *The Right-to-Know Law: A Practice Guide* (PBI Press) about Pennsylvania's open records law, the equivalent of the federal Freedom of Information Act. The guide was published in April.

**2006 Rebecca Kowaloff** sends a photo from her wedding to John Guilinger in August 2017. She writes, “I had a few Rochester alumni in attendance. Back row: John, **Tommy Blanchard** '15 (PhD); front row: **Marshall Crumiller** '05, **Michelle Kline, Julia Shmoys Wittlin**, me, and my aunt **Holly Goldworm Kowaloff** '67 and uncle **Edward Kowaloff** '67. We got married in

Union Station, a train station in Worcester, Massachusetts.” . . . **Hiatt Zhao** '15S (MS) writes to say that he is “bicycling across the country solo from Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, to Imperial Beach, California.” Classmates can follow Hiatt's journey, which he commenced April 12, at [Hiattzhao.com](http://Hiattzhao.com).

**10TH REUNION • OCTOBER 4-7**  
[Rochester.edu/alumni/class/2008](http://Rochester.edu/alumni/class/2008)

**2008 Victoria DiMarco DiTramontos** '17M (Res) and **Phil Stratigis DiTramontos** '09 were married on campus last fall. The officiant was Jonathan Burdick, dean of admissions and financial aid, and groomsmen were **Ryan Perry** '09 (T5), '11 (MA), **Patrick Lutz** '10, '11 (MS). . . . **Kayleigh Rae Stampfler** writes that she and her husband, Josh, recently started an interior painting business, Stamp Paints ([Stamppaints.com](http://Stamppaints.com)), in Rochester.

**2009 Phil Stratigis DiTramontos** (see '08). . . . **John Kreckel** (see '14). . . . **Ryan Perry** (T5) (see '08).

**2010 Ethan Burnham-Fay** '11 (MS) (see '08). . . . **Patrick Lutz** ('08).

**2012 Emily Hessney** '15W (MS) married **Tim Lynch** in September 2017. Emily writes, “Our wedding was in Rochester, with the ceremony at Perinton Presbyterian Church and the reception at Restaurant Good Luck. We packed in a ton of alumni for our UR photo op! Most notably, my grandma **Iva Allan Larsen**, Class of 1949!” Other alumni include **Larry Hessney** '88S (MBA), **Alykhan Alani, Suzanne McKenzie, Joey Lawson** '16 (PhD), **Paul Leung, Michelle Zaso, Emily McGraw, Dana Isaacs, Phil Katz, Jessica Gasbarre** '18 (MA), **Sean Cooke** '17 (MS), **Devin Sandon** '14, **Patrick Hennessey** '14, **Greg Hammond** '12E, **Todd Blalock** '89, and Professor John Ellis.

**5TH REUNION • OCTOBER 4-7**  
[Rochester.edu/alumni/class/2013](http://Rochester.edu/alumni/class/2013)

**2013 Janise Carmichael** writes that she has relocated to Los Angeles, where in April she was appointed associate director of Development of UMMA Community Clinic ([UMMA.org](http://UMMA.org)), a nonprofit organization that provides access to high-quality health care for underserved populations. Janise works on strategic initiatives such as a food-equity program and mental

health and substance abuse services, and with donors, grant foundations, and external partners. UMMA provides health care to more than 7,000 South Los Angeles residents. . . . **Elizabeth Huberlie** and **Jacek Blaszkiewicz** '18E (PhD) were married last July in Rochester with many alumni friends and family present. “Thanks to the University of Rochester and the Eastman School of Music for bringing us together!” they write.

**2014 Clare Kreckel** sends a photo from her wedding to Rob Rupp, a SUNY Brockport graduate, in June. From left to right are **Emily Wesolowski, Lindsay Shor** '15, '16N, **Kylie Ewing** '14N, **Kylie Ewing** '13, '14N, **Abby Zabrodsky, Clare, Rachel Beckman, Bridget Burghardt** '15, **Nikki Podoloff** '15, **Sarah Kirschenheiter**, and **Carla Graff**. Other alumni attendees not in the photo include **John Kreckel** '09, **Pat Gallagher** '07, **Susanna Virgilio** '13, **Evalyn Gleason** '13, **Ken Gilbert, Bella Clemente** '16, **Serra Sevenler** '15, along with Simon graduates **Ben Falkowitz** '14S (MS) and **Mike Andryewski** '87S (MBA). The women in white were bridesmaids and all were in Alpha Phi sorority at the U of R. The couple is moving to Somerville, Massachusetts. Clare is a mental health clinician with Youth Villages. Rob is a research tech in an autonomous vehicle company called Nutenomy. . . . **Tatsunari Tomiyama** earned a master of science degree in aviation human factors from Florida Institute of Technology in May. Last winter, he participated in a simulation training at the Mars Desert Research Station in Utah. He was a health and safety officer with a crew of alumni from International Space University programs.

## Graduate

### ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

**1964 Roxann Reddick Bustos** (MA) (see '63 College).

**1965 Jerry Gardner** (MA) (see '58 College).

**1972 Ralph (Barry) Johnson** (MS), a senior research professor of physics and electrical engineering at Alabama A&M University, was elected to the rank of fellow of the Institute of Physics. He is also a fellow of the Optical Society of America and fellow and past presi-



## HONORS &amp; AWARDS

## Simon Alumni Recognized

The Simon Business School recognized three alumni this spring in recognition of their achievements and service.

## Distinguished Alumnus Awards

## Neil Augustine '88, '89S (MBA)



Augustine is vice chairman and co-head of North American Financing Advisory and Restructuring at Greenhill & Co. Before that, he was executive vice chairman and co-head of North America Debt Advisory and Restructuring with Rothschild. He also has held positions with Morgens, Waterfall, Vintiadis & Company, Lehman Brothers, Whippoorwill Associates, the Blackstone Group, and Chemical Bank.

Augustine and his wife, Kim, support philanthropic causes, including Sacred Heart Greenwich, Brunswick School, Reach Prep, Catholic Charities, Breast Cancer Alliance, and the Rochester Men's Basketball and Sports and Recreation Complex Reservation Funds. A former Yellowjackets basketball player, he is a member of the Simon Advisory Council and the George Eastman Circle, the University's leadership annual giving society.

## Stephen Rogers '90S (MBA)



Rogers is a retired managing director for Regis Management. In that role, he worked to provide services to high net worth individuals and manage accounts for pooled investment vehicles, foundations, and private investors. Before joining Regis, he held positions with Barclays Bank PLC/Barclays Capital and Wells Fargo of California Insurance Services.


An experienced board member, Rogers has built a history of working in both profit and nonprofit industries. As a member of the Simon National Council and Simon Advisory Council, he has served as a mentor to students and alumni and served as a host for Simon events.

## Alumni Service Award

## Terrence Liverpool '08S (MBA)



Liverpool is the assistant vice president, Consumer Bank Digital Product Manager at Synchrony, a consumer financial services company. Previously, he was a senior director at Emerald Expositions and senior manager of marketing and digital communications at NASDAQ. Prior to NASDAQ, he held positions with Publishers Clearing House, Comedy Central, and Campbell Soup Company.

In his work with nonprofit organizations, Liverpool focuses on fitness and community development, particularly for youths. A member of the Admissions Alumni Ambassadors group for Simon, Liverpool conducts interviews, participates in off-campus events, and takes an active role to help recruit underrepresented minority candidates for Simon's full-time MBA program. 

dent of SPIE, the international society of optics and photonics.

**1977 Doug Rundell** (PhD) (see '68 College).

**1979 Barbara Bockelmann Rundell** (PhD) (see '68 College).

**1984 Tom Guarr** (PhD), director of the Organic Energy Storage Laboratory at Michigan State University's Bioeconomy Institute, and his start-up, Jolt Energy Technologies, have been accepted to be part of a tech incubator at the US Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory. The incubator is one of only three incubators in the United States that are embedded at national labs. Tom is doing work in energy storage/batteries.

**1999 Nathan Bickel** (MS) (see '98 College).

**2006 Geoffrey Pierce** (MA) published the novel *Manna City* (CreateSpace). He writes, "What life remains on Earth has turned to brute savagery. Three survivors—an escaped slave, a one-armed man, and a pregnant woman who believes her unborn child talks to her—travel through the remnants of Earth, searching for the last remaining oasis, Manna City."

**2011 Ethan Burnham-Fay** (MS) (see '08 College). . . **Ryan Perry** (MA) (see '08 College).

## Eastman School of Music

**1969 Max Stern** has self-published a limited edition CD, *Archive Recordings (1966-2008)*, about which he writes: "Reflecting on the long personal and artistic journey I have traveled since graduating from Eastman was the impetus for reviewing my files and collecting and arranging forgotten material for the CD. It is a retrospective of personal recordings that have never previously seen the light of day, but, nonetheless, constitute a significant part of my musical autobiography. *Variations for String Quartet on a Pergolesi Theme* was my very first composition presented at a student composer's forum, while I was studying in the class of Professor Robert Gauldin. It is performed by my classmates. *Sonnet for Orchestra* was my

first orchestral ever written while in the composition class of Professor Samuel Adler. It was performed at the Spring Festival of American Music under Walter Hendl, then the Eastman School director, and recorded in Kilbourn Hall."

**1970 John McNeill** '73 (MA) writes, "Just an update that after 50 years, I'm hanging up my triangle from the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. My first concert was when I was a student at Eastman back in the spring of 1968. As I have often heard said, 'My, how time flies by.' I look forward to continuing to support the RPO and Eastman, but this time from being in the audience."

**1975 Keyboardist Leslie Tung** (MM) writes that he has released a recording, *Theme and Variations* (MSR Classics), on which he performs works by Mozart, Haydn, and Beethoven on a five-octave Viennese fortepiano, "a replica of the instrument attributed to J. L. Dulcken currently in the Smithsonian."

**1978 Karen Falsetta Snider** '83 (MA) (see '78 College).

**1980 Eric Nemeayer** (MM) (see '85).

**1982 Mary Kinder Loiselle** was erroneously included in the In Memoriam column of the May-June issue. We are very happy to report that Mary is, as she wrote to us, "very much alive and well." The record has been corrected, and we apologize to Mary and her friends for the error.

**1983 Karen Falsetta Snider** (MA) (see '78 College).

**1984 Elizabeth (Betsy) Blades** (MM), '93 (DMA) has published new editions of two of her previous books: *A Spectrum of Voices: Prominent American Voice Teachers Discuss the Teaching of Singing* (Second Edition) and, coauthored with Samuel Nelson, *Singing with Your Whole Self: A Singer's Guide to Feldenkrais Awareness through Movement* (Second Edition). Both editions have been published by Rowman and Littlefield.

**1985 Jazz trombonist John Fedchock** (MM) was featured on the cover of the April 2018 issue of the *International Trombone Association Journal*. The cover story,

“Perspective and Balance: John Fedchock,” included an interview of John by **Eric Nemeyer** '80 (MM) and **Tony Garcia** (MM), photographs, and a solo transcription and analysis.

**1992 Jennifer Hambrick**—a poet, musician, and midday host of Classical 101, WOSU Public Media in Columbus, Ohio—sends an update. She writes, “My poem ‘Thorn Tree’ was set to music as an orchestral song by composer Jacob Redd and given its world premiere in April by the McConnell Arts Center Chamber Orchestra of Worthington, Ohio. The performance marked the culmination of ‘The Poet’s Song,’ an innovative project showcasing selected poems in new musical settings, and was conducted by Antonie Clark, assistant conductor of Rochester’s 2017 Gateways Music Festival, in association with Eastman.” Jennifer maintains a blog, Inner Voices, at [Jenniferhambrick.com](http://Jenniferhambrick.com).

**1993 Elizabeth (Betsy) Blades** (DMA) (see '84).

**1995 Peter Fletcher** (MM) will be the featured artist at the Chamber Music Festival of the Black Hills in Rapid City, South Dakota, in July.

**1998 Vicente Avella** (MM) writes that he’s released his second album, *Rising* (Pandora’s Boombox Records).

**2002** Pianist **Mirna Lekic** has released a recording, *Eastern Currents* (Romeo Records), with Ensemble 365, of which she’s a founding member. She writes: “The album presents a journey through contemporary Asian music and features works written in the past 40 years by Franghiz Ali-Zadeh, Bun-Ching Lam, Ramin Heydarbeygi, Ravi Shankar, Toru Takemitsu, and **Ming-Hsiu Yen** '03.”

**2003 Ming-Hsiu Yen** (see '02).

**2018 Jacek Blaszkiewicz** (PhD) (see '13 College).

## School of Medicine and Dentistry

**1975 Patrick Bastow** (D) has released a book, *My Heroes and Their Stories of Survival* (Bookbaby) about the memories and emotions shared with him by his patients who were World War II combat veterans.

He writes, “The veterans suggested that something meaningful be done with this information. This labor of love was completed in recognition of their sacrifices.” Patrick practiced dentistry at the Canandaigua, New York, VA Medical Center for 38 years.

**1977 James (Jim) Powers** (MD) has published a book, *Value Driven Healthcare and Geriatric Medicine: Implications for Today’s Changing Health System* (Springer). Jim is a geriatrician and professor of medicine at Vanderbilt University.

**1982 Howard (Randal) Woodward** (Flw) retired after 38 years practicing medicine in Omaha, Nebraska. Randal was a founder and president of Nebraska Spine and Pain Center, as well as founder and chairman of the board of the Nebraska Spine Hospital.

**1988 James Musser** (MD/PhD) has been named president of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology. The federation represents 130,000 members in 30 societies nationally, and is the main policy advocacy voice of biological and biomedical researchers.

**2017 Victoria DiMarco DiTramontos** (Res) (see '08 College).

## School of Nursing

**1947 Marjorie Fenton Garrett** writes of the death of **Marjorie (Midge) Whitehouse Raysor** last March. The classmates kept in touch since their graduation. Midge was a registered nurse at the University’s Strong Memorial Hospital and later worked as a hospice nurse.

**1978 Cherie Pensoneault** (see '78 College).

## Simon Business School

**1968 Roger Snell** (MBA) (see '63 College).

**1974 Len Joy** (MBA) (see '73 College).

**1979 John Caligiuri** (MBA) has published his third novel, *Last Roman’s Prayer* (Insomnia Publishing).

**1985 Lynn Brussel** (MBA) (see '78 College).

**1993 Phil Fraher** (MBA) has been named chief financial officer of Zilliant.

**1999 Christopher Burns** (MBA) (see '98 College).

**2000 Rich Klein** (MBA) has been named president of ConServe.

**2004 Doug Austin** (MBA) (see '98 College).

**2006 Justin Sansone** (MBA) (see '04 College).

**2015 Hiatt Zhao** (MS) (see '06 College).

## Warner School of Education

**2003 Emily Bones** (MS) (see '01 College).

**2005 Shira May** (PhD) has been named executive director at Partners in Restorative Initiatives, offering restorative practices education and services in schools and organizations in the Rochester area.

**2015 Emily Hessney** (MS) (see '12 College).

## In Memoriam

### ALUMNI

**Gerald D. Meyer** '43, March 2018

**Julia Small Boniface** '44N, April 2018

**Mary-Helen Scanlon Kennedy** '44E, April 2018

**Helen Waasdorp Henion** '45, '46N, April 2018

**Charlotte Butcher Madsen** '45E, July 2017

**Thelma Harper** '46E, October 2016

**Mary Jane Pogue Hollenbeck** '46N, April 2018

**Alvin N. Morris** '47M (MD), May 2018

**J. Ernest DuBois** '48, '49 (MA), May 2018

**Donald P. Harnish** '48 (PhD), March 2018

**Ruth Plass Henry** '48N, April 2018

**Ruth Rickers Klemmer** '48, April 2018

**Sarah King Kline** '48, May 2018

**Frederick J. Raible** '48, April 2018

**Walter A. Campbell** '49 (Mas), '72S (MBA), May 2018

**Doris Braund Kerber** '49, April 2018

**Gertrude Saperstone Sheinfeld** '49, '82 (MS), May 2018

**Townsend P. Burge** '51, February 2018

**Wade L. Callender** '51 (PhD), April 2018

**Mary Moore Remington** '51E, April 2018

**F. Glenn Webster** '51, May 2018

**Ann Kuchmy West** '51, May 2018

**Richard G. Cornell** '52, April 2018

**Alfred D. Katz** '52M (Res), December 2016

**Bernard Levinson** '52M (MD), January 2018

**Margaret Harter Pellett** '52E (MM), April 2018

**Ralph M. Woodworth** '52, May 2018

**Warren B. Bastian** '53, April 2018

**Margaret Thomson Colgan** '53M (MD), April 2018

**Enzo A. Faga** '53, April 2018

**Marlene Herr** '53, May 2018

**Ruth Alice Reinhardt** '53N, April 2018

**Charles L. Wilson** '53, March 2018

**James C. Barrows** '54, April 2018

**Harold L. Brodell** '54M (MD), May 2018

**Emmanuel C. Paxhia** '54, February 2018

**Robert P. VanDeusen** '54W (Mas), September 2016

**Donald C. Robbins** '55E, April 2018

**Julie Keyser Sanford** '55, '56N, '59W (MS), April 2018

**Janice Fishbaugh Chapman** '56, May 2018

**Joseph D. Viola** '56, December 2017

**Charles B. Kaplan** '57, May 2018

**Stephan E. Mergenhagen** '57M (PhD), March 2018

**G. Graydon Curtis** '58, May 2018

**Dorothy DiSpensa** '58 (MS), April 2018



## TRIBUTE

## Emil Wolf: 'A Scientist and Friend Like No Other'

A student of the noted physicist counts up some of his mentor's contributions to science and to his colleagues.

**1** Emil Wolf, the former Wilson Professor of Optical Physics, a faculty member in the University's Institute of Optics and the Department of Physics and Astronomy, died in June at the age of 95. He is survived by his children, Bruno and Paula, and his beloved wife, Marlies. He was decorated with numerous prestigious national and international awards, honorary degrees, and appointments. He was my mentor and my friend and my measuring stick for what is good and what is decent.

**2** He was a refugee. When the Nazis invaded Czechoslovakia in 1939, Emil's brother, Karel, joined the Czech army. Emil was too young for the army and their parents sent him to Italy in hopes that he could somehow get to France or England. Trading valuable stamps his father had collected, Emil made his way from Prague to the Italian coast and then illegally into France by boat. Once in Paris, he found work with the Czech government in exile with whom he evacuated to Britain when Paris fell. There he completed high school, attended Bristol University, and eventually earned his PhD. None of his extended family survived the Holocaust except Karel and one cousin who both settled in Canada.

In England, Emil came to be friends with future Nobel laureate and Hungarian refugee Dennis Gabor. Certainly Gabor recognized Emil's genius, but in Emil's recollection, it was simply good fortune,

"I was very lucky, at these meetings, I got to know Gabor." Gabor introduced him to another future laureate, Max Born, who had himself left the rising virulent xenophobia and religious bigotry in 1930s Germany. Born and Wolf, as the duo would be known, went on to write what is now the single most cited book in physics, *Principles of Optics*. Of Born, Emil said, "It was a wonderful collaboration. He was a remarkable person and I feel extremely fortunate that I was able to work with him. Not only as a scientist. He was a wonderful human being." He also met his closest friend and collaborator, Len Mandel. There, in the smoking wreckage of postwar England, a country trying to rebuild and resurrect itself welcomed people fleeing the very worst that man can do to man and by chance gave refuge to some of the greatest minds of 20th-century physics.

**3** In 1958, Robert Hopkins, then director of the institute, traveled to England for a conference and to meet with Emil. The meeting nearly didn't happen. The letter from Hopkins got misfiled by a secretary and was only discovered by Emil as he was searching for another misfiled document. "It was all a matter of luck, particularly that phone call in Paris at three in the morning saying



**UNIFYING SPIRIT:** Wolf is credited with providing the first unified framework for describing the observable, measurable properties of light, work now known as the Wolf equations.

to get on the lorry, the truck. . . . It just shows you how much luck there is in life. First to get out of Paris and then to get to America." Of course the meeting did happen and Emil came to the institute and shortly thereafter joined the physics department. He recruited his friend Mandel and then the two of them brought in a bright young talent named Joseph Eberly, and the modern face of optics and optical physics at Rochester was shaped. All a matter of luck.

**4** Among the graduate students in the 1990s, Emil was viewed with a sort of awe, in the way that small children might believe that adults who can drive a car must possess magical superpowers. Those who could muster the courage to attend office hours or otherwise engage him beyond the classroom were rewarded with the experience of spending time with one of the

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most generous, kind, and open people you could hope to meet. I was fortunate to join his group in 1995. He took me aside and explained that he was then 72 years old and that while any advisor could die at any time, the odds of him surviving to the end of my thesis were worse than for younger advisors. I shouldn't worry though: he had arranged with a recent graduate of his group, Dr. Daniel James, that if he should die before I could defend, Daniel would supervise the rest of the thesis. Emil was the sort of man who stared down into the abyss of the great inevitability and came away making contingency plans for his students.

He was deeply committed to the welfare of his students and to equality and justice. While he could occasionally get himself flustered by some new process or technology in the way that academics of a certain age are allowed to do, I only ever saw him truly angry when he thought a student had been treated unfairly because of race or creed or gender or orientation. Maybe it was his own history, or maybe it was built in, or maybe it was the output of a clear moral compass processed through one of the greatest intellects on the planet, but he would have none of it. Emil took people one at a time and accepted them on their merits. He would not brook anything else in his sphere of influence as long as he could do something about it.

**5** In 1865, J. C. Maxwell presented the first unified field theory in physics, uniting electricity and magnetism, and in the process explained light as fundamentally an electromagnetic phenomenon. But in as much as the physics of a ball rolling down an inclined plane fails to explain why water boils the way it does, Maxwell's theory failed to satisfactorily explain the observed behavior of light. Various statistical theories of light were thrust forward with sometimes overlapping and sometimes disjoint realms of validity. In 1954, Emil published the first of a long series of papers on the statistical nature of light, introduced the double wave equations, the Wolf equations, and provided a unified framework for the panoply of quantities describing the observable, measurable properties of light. As Peter Milonni so aptly described in 2012, modern classical coherence theory seems almost trivial. It only does so because Emil's brilliant foundation makes it all so clear. Before Emil, there was just chaos, and now there are the Wolf equations.

**6** He was a scientist of the highest caliber, but more importantly to those of us who knew and loved him, he was a friend like no other. My favorite picture of him was taken with the late Len Mandel, on vacation, sitting at the beach together, notebooks out and contemplating together the deep mysteries of the universe. While I'm sure the science was important to him, I'm also sure it was just as important to be working with his friend. Friendships with Emil were for life. Anyone who collaborated with him eventually had the experience of a real barn burner of an argument at the blackboard, only to be followed by having him take your arm and lead you away for a coffee break saying, "Well, that's OK, we're still friends after all." And we were. And that was all that really mattered.

**7** Of my own time with Emil, all I can manage is to borrow: it was a wonderful collaboration. He was a remarkable person, and I feel extremely fortunate that I was able to work with him. Not only as a scientist. He was a wonderful human being. **R**

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