

# Class Notes



**CART RACERS:** Are they in a race or just late to class? Who are these Rochester students speeding across the River Campus, c. 1970? Email us at [rochrev@rochester.edu](mailto:rochrev@rochester.edu).

## College

### ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

**1964 Judith Lehman**

**Ruderman '66W** (MA) has published a book, *Race and Identity in D.H. Lawrence: Indians, Gypsies, and Jews* (Palgrave Macmillan). Judith is a visiting professor of English at Duke University.

**1969 Michael Imber '73W** (Mas) (see Warner School '73).

**1970 Nancy Heller Cohen '70N** has published her first work of nonfiction, *Writing the Cozy Mystery* (Orange Grove Press). "This book evolved from the numerous requests I've had for guidance on writing a traditional mystery," she writes. Nancy has written multiple mysteries as part of two series she's created, the Bad Hair Day mystery series and the Drift Lords paranormal series. . . . **Mark Kalin** is a nationally recognized expert

on architectural specifications. President of Kalin Associates, which he founded in 1984, Mark was selected to direct the 2014 MED-Ed Facilities Boston conference, a gathering of professionals in health care and educational facilities design and construction in the New England region.

**1973 William Savino** has been named to the SUNY-Buffalo law school dean's advisory council, where he'll offer guidance on curriculum, development, alumni relations, and other matters pertaining to the future of the school. William is a partner at the Buffalo firm Damon Morey, and an instructor of commercial litigation and business law at SUNY-Buffalo, where he earned his JD in 1975.

**1974 Jonathan Samel** has been named a 2013 "Awesome Attorney" by the Philadelphia region's *Suburban Life* magazine. Jonathan

chairs the business/tax, estates and trusts, and elder law departments at the Eastern Pennsylvania law firm of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin.

**1975 Jim Kennedy** has been named chief communications officer at the global media company News Corp. Jim has worked for Sony Pictures and the White House staff of President Bill Clinton. He's based in New York City.

**1980 Kathy Waller '83S** (MBA), a University trustee, has been named chief financial officer at the Coca-Cola Co. Previously Kathy was the company's controller.

**1981 Veronique Hakim** has been named executive director of New Jersey Transit. She was appointed by New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie following the resignation of the previous director.

Veronique has been executive director of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority since 2010, and previously served as special counsel at New York City Transit. She'll oversee the operation of New Jersey's train, bus, and light rail networks. . . . **Alan Sheriff** has been named to the board of directors of Delaware Valley College. Alan is founder and co-executive officer of Solebury Capital Group,

### Abbreviations

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

and founder and executive director of Teach2Serve, a nonprofit that trains select high school students for careers in public policy and nonprofits. He lives in Bucks County, Pa.

**1982 David Broder** was named vice speaker of the House of Delegates of the American Osteopathic Association. An internist in the Long Island, N.Y., town of Melville, David also serves as president and CEO of the New York Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Educational Consortium. . . .

**John Murphy** is the director of the newly established office of cyber and infrastructure analysis at the Department of Homeland Security. He writes: "My team leads the federal government's effort to understand the consequences of disruptions to the nation's critical infrastructure via detailed analysis, modeling, and simulation. I joined the Department of Homeland Security after retiring from the Navy in 2011." . . . **Mark Quinlan '85S** (MBA), an information technology specialist, has been named executive vice president and chief information officer at FirstMerit Corp., a financial services company. Mark serves on the advisory board of Rochester's Simon Business School.

**1984 Robert Friedberg** has been named head of Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

**1985 Brian Carso '90** (MA) writes: "This past fall, **John Puziss** and I flew to Seattle to join **Mark Vossler '89M** (MD) on a backpacking trip along a section of the Pacific Crest Trail in the North Cascade mountains of Washington state. John and I were barely off the plane when Mark distributed U of R T-shirts and declared them the official uniform of the trek (photo, page 52). John is director of technology licensing at Yale University, Mark is a cardiologist and chairman of the department of medicine at Evergreen Hospital in Seattle, and I'm associate professor of history and government at Misericordia University in Pennsylvania."

**1986 Emily Swartz Silva** has been named a director at the Philadelphia-area firm of Cipperman Compliance Services.



**COLLEGE INTRO:** Lee Backus '62 (right) greets Leana Gomes, one of nine Bridgeport, Conn., high school students he helped attend a Rochester precollege program last year.

#### ALUMNI COMMITMENT

## Special Summer Session

Looking for ways to help students near his home, an alumnus turns to a campus summer program.

As a high school junior, Saul Almazan wanted to be a psychiatrist but knew little about how to start his educational journey until attending the Pre-College Summer Program at Rochester last year.

Almazan is from Bridgeport, Conn., where one quarter of the population falls under the poverty line. He was one of nine students from the area to participate in the summer program, designed to introduce students to college life, thanks to an unusual commitment from **Lee Backus '62**.

Backus, who lives in the nearby town of Westport, collaborated with Yale-Bridgeport GEAR UP Partnership, a community organization that helps students gain the skills necessary to graduate from high school and succeed in colleges and universities.

"It was a partnership that we were thrilled to forge," says Nadia Ward, the organization's director of urban education and prevention research. "The experience was transformative for our students. It enabled them to experience firsthand how exciting college can be . . . [and] gave them confidence and hope."

Backus initially found it difficult to reach students. Although he interviewed and provided application information to 15 candidates from three high schools, no one followed up.

"It was totally frustrating," says Backus, a newly retired hedge fund portfolio manager and a member of the University's Westchester/Fairfield Regional Cabinet.

It was a testament to the challenges faced by the students. They have high ambitions, but find the cost of higher education to "be an overwhelming obstacle" for them and their families, says Backus, who met the inaugural group last fall.

GEAR UP hopes to send 15 high school juniors to this summer's program, which starts in July.

Backus keeps a copy of a letter one program graduate wrote to the University, explaining that the program helped her "navigate the real world" and announcing her early admission to the University of Pennsylvania.

"These were kids who, for the most part, would be the first person in their family to go to college," says Backus, who also started an endowed scholarship for undergraduates at the University. "For them, this was an eye-opening experience. The response I received was heartwarming."

For his part, Almazan took something else away from the experience: the confidence to go after his dreams. "I definitely have more persistence and determination," he says. "I'm just going to keep doing what I have to do to get what I want."

For more information about Rochester's precollege programs for high school students, visit <https://enrollment.rochester.edu/precollege>.

—Robin L. Flanigan

*Flanigan is a Rochester-based freelance writer.*

**CLASS NOTES**

Emily specializes in regulatory compliance in mutual fund and financial advisor marketing.

**1987 Bruce Gartner '88** (MS) has been named executive secretary of the Maryland Transportation Authority, an independent state agency that owns and operates all of Maryland's toll roads, bridges, and tunnels. . . . **Sanjay Mehta '92** (PhD), an electrical engineer at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport, R.I., has been named an Asian American Engineer of the Year by the Chinese Institute of Engineers. Sanjay is an expert in sonar signal processing and has been credited for his work on the Navy's successful Torpedo Warning System Sea Test, which was completed last year.

**1990 Ed Blumenthal**, a financial advisor at the Philadelphia firm of Janney Montgomery Scott, has been named to Barron's "Top Advisors" list for the second year in a row. In 2013, he was also named a top advisor by the *Financial Times* and a top financial advisor in Greater Philadelphia by the *Philadelphia Business Journal*. . . . **David Greenberg** has been appointed the first executive director of Columbia University's new Mortimer B. Zuckerman Mind Brain Behavior Institute. Previously David was the vice president and chief administrative officer of finance and administration for Columbia's facilities.

**1992 Linda Cozzarin Andreano** was elected a commissioner of the North Greece Fire District, outside Rochester. . . . **Paul Greene** has been elected partner at the Rochester law firm of Harter Secrest & Emery. He specializes in complex civil litigation. Before becoming an attorney, Paul earned a doctorate in Germanic languages and literature at New York University.

**1994** Conductor **Hideaki Hirai** made his Carnegie Hall debut last December as part of the USA-Japan Goodwill Concert to benefit victims of the typhoon Haiyan, which struck the Philippines last fall. He conducted the New York Festival Orchestra and the Beethoven Memorial Chorus in Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. In



**1985 Carso**



**2007 Clements and Venkateswaran**



**2008 Morhac and Vena**

January, the New York Festival Orchestra appointed him music director. Hideaki writes: "With this appointment, I'm starting to plan regular concerts for next season and to develop an audience and network of supporters in the New York City area."

**2000 Molly Bashaw '00E** has published her first collection

of poetry, *The Whole Field Still Moving Inside It* (Word Works). Molly was the 2013 winner, out of more than 300 entries, of the Washington Prize, a national poetry competition held annually since 1981.

**2004 Andrew (Buck) and Kara Williams Pederzoli '05** welcomed their first child, Andrew



**2004 Pederzoli**

Robert, in December 2013. Kara adds: "Buck and I were married in October 2009 at the River Campus Interfaith Chapel by Father Brian Cool. We now live in Columbus, Ohio."

**2005 Kara Williams Pederzoli** (see '04).

**2007 Neethi Venkateswaran** writes that she and **Ryan Clements** were married in June 2013. Pictured are: (front row, left to right) **Latha Srinivasan '95, Ilana Elson, Pamela Singh '11N, Pooja Shastri, Christine Ling, Neethi, Ryan, Sharon Barney '08, Theodore Chelis '08**; (back row, left to right) **Lara Abramowitz Wilson, John Wilson '08 (MS), Katelin Erickson, Jessica Fydenkevez, Josef Hanson '04E (MA), Hilario Coimbra '08, and Matthew Majarian '08.**

**2008 Eric Konicki** writes: "My wife, Elizabeth, and I welcomed our first son, Lucas William Konicki, in November. Lucas weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz., at birth and is enjoying his time with us in Endwell, N.Y." . . . **Dan Richman** married Samantha Blau at the Corradetti Glass Studio in Baltimore last November. Dan is a doctoral candidate in biophysics at Johns Hopkins and Samantha is an educator at the Maryland Science Center. . . . **Brittany Vena** writes that she and **Doug Morhac Jr.** were married at the River Campus Interfaith Chapel in September 2013. "Our wedding had lots of U of R touches as we met, got engaged, and were married all on campus." Pictured from left to right are **John Park, Eric Konicki, Ben Hewson, Sarah Shores-Hewson, Mike Brown, Max Benz, Laura Wong Cressman, Aniela Glinski, Katie Bova, and Nadia Byrnes '09.**



2008 Konicki



2008 Richman



2009 Zarefsky



2010 DePutron and McComb

**2009** **Emily Zbesko Zarefsky** writes that she and her husband, Marc, welcomed their first child, Isabella (Ella) Louise, in November.

**2010** **Allison McComb** and **Shane DePutron** were married last September in Baldwinsville, N.Y. Pictured from left to right are **Greg Waldman**, **Katie Medford** '09, **Jaclyn Lerea** '11, **Michael Collins**, **Heather Graham** (bridesmaid), Shane, Allison, **Rachel**

**Twardowski** (bridesmaid), **Brennan Mulcahey** '11S (MBA), **Hilary Haefner**, **Rachel Given**, **Nate Stein** '11S (MS), **Megan O'Connor** '11, **Jacob Gardner** '11 (groomsman), and **Lisa Cole**. . . **Kevin McDonald** '10E has earned a spot in the United States Navy Band. He'll be a drummer for the Navy Band Commodores, the Navy's jazz ensemble. The Commodores, along with other Navy Band ensembles, perform public concerts around the nation. . . **Victoria Yam** is a



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**EASTMAN SCHOOL:** Musician and entrepreneur Allen Vizzutti '74E, '76E (MM) was recognized with a Distinguished Alumni Award.

#### ALUMNI HONORS

## Eastman School Honors Noted Trumpeter, Composer

A trumpeter whose playing can be heard on more than 150 motion picture soundtracks, including *Back to the Future*, *Star Trek*, and *The Black Stallion*, was recognized by the Eastman School of Music during a concert in March for his achievements as a musician, composer, and music educator.

**Allen Vizzutti** '74E, '76E (MM), a classical and jazz performer, recording artist, composer, teacher, and entrepreneur, received the school's Distinguished Alumni Award.

As a student at Eastman, he earned bachelor's and master's degrees, as well as a performer's certificate. He held a chair in the Eastman Brass Quintet faculty ensemble and received the first artist's diploma ever awarded to a wind player.

Vizzutti has performed in concert with notable jazz artists, including Chick Corea, Chuck Mangione, Woody Herman, and Doc Severinsen and the *Tonight Show* Band, as well as classical orchestras such as the U.S. Army Symphony Orchestra, Japan's NHK Symphony Orchestra, and the New Tokyo Philharmonic. His solo jazz recordings include *Ritzville*, *Trumpet Summit*, and *Skyrocket*, and his classical recordings include *Emerald Concerto and Other Gems*, *Vizzutti Plays Vizzutti*, and *The Carnival of Venus*, featuring his wife, pianist **Laura Vincent-Vizzutti** '74E.

He has taught at the Eastman School, the Banff Center for the Performing Arts, Kansas State University, Ohio State University, West Texas State University, the Skidmore Jazz Institute, the University of South Carolina, and the Trompeten Akademie in Bremen, Germany.

He is the author of the Allen Vizzutti Trumpet Method book series and *New Concepts for Trumpet: Innovative Etudes, Duets and Studies* (Alfred Music).

German teacher at Mattacheese Middle School in the Cape Cod, Mass., town of Yarmouth. Victoria earned a master's degree in German studies at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

**2012 Adam Horowitz** '09E (see '11 Eastman). . . **Nicole Suchy** is the program coordinator at the Rochester community fitness organization Rochester Parkour.

## Graduate

#### ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

**1969 Betsy Neary Sholl** (MA) has published her eighth collection of poetry, *Otherwise Unseeable* (University of Wisconsin Press). She teaches at the University of Southern Maine.

**1980 Greg Dewey** (PhD) has been named president of the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Previously he was provost of the University of La Verne in California.

**1984 Stephen Wilk** (MS) has written *How the Ray Gun Got Its Zap* (Oxford University Press), a collection of essays exploring unusual topics in optics.

**1988 Bruce Gartner** (MS) (see '87 College).

**1990 Brian Carso** (MA) (see '85 College).

**1992 Sanjay Mehta** (PhD) (see '87 College).

**1993 David Wisner** (PhD) has self-published *Still at Aulis: Essays on Crisis and Revolution in Greece and the Eurozone* as an Amazon Kindle e-book. David is executive director of the Michael and Kitty Dukakis Center for Public and Humanitarian Service and the chair of the humanities and social sciences division at the American College of Thessaloniki in northern Greece.

**2011 Arian Shoari** (MS) has been hired as a technical advisor in the electrical group at the Philadelphia law firm of Volpe and Koenig. He specializes in wireless and digital signal and image processing.

## Eastman School of Music

**1969 Elizabeth Bachelder** '71 (MM), '81 (DMA) (see '86).

**1970 Geary Larrick** (MM) performed a solo marimba program for Black History Month in Stevens Point, Wis. . . **Arthur Michaels** has had two works published: "The Quest," a grade 1.5 concert band march (TRN Music Publisher), and "Procession," a grade 3 saxophone quartet (Eighth Note Publications). In addition, his string orchestra piece "Danzetta" will be performed by the Knox-Galesburg (Ill.) Symphony Orchestra in November 2014.

**1971 Elizabeth Bachelder** (MM), '81 (DMA) (see '86).

**1972** Composer and vibraphonist **Ted Piltzecker** writes: "I was a guest at the Australia Percussion Festival in Adelaide in January, and at the Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif., in February. In March, I visited Virginia Tech and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Winston-Salem as a guest artist. In August, I'll perform at the Belo Horizonte Percussion Festival in Brazil."

**1973** Composer and conductor **Anthony Iannaccone** (PhD) was a visiting artist at Ashland University in Ohio last February. He conducted two concerts featuring his original compositions as part of his visit. Anthony teaches at Eastern Michigan University.

**1981 Luce Amen** (MA) writes that her musical production *I Will* has been chosen by the Thespis Theater Festival in New York City to be presented for a three-night run this June. The 18-song musical, for which Luce wrote both music and lyrics, will play at the Cabrini Repertory Theater in Manhattan. . . **Elizabeth Bachelder** (DMA) (see '86).

**1984** Pianist, composer, and Portland State University professor **Darrell Grant** has been performing his 2013 work "The Territory" in New York and Oregon. Commissioned by the Chamber Music America Jazz New

Works program, the piece is a concert-length work for nine musicians combining improvisation, composition, and narrative. Darrell premiered the piece last July at Reed College and performed it in January at the Jazz Standard in New York City. He performed the piece again at the Portland Jazz Festival last February with an all-Oregon ensemble.

**1985 Michael Boyd** (MM), '93 (DMA) (see '93).

**1986** Cellist **Alan Weinstein** (MM) and pianist **Elizabeth Bachelder** '69, '71 (MM), '81 (DMA) released *On Light Wings* (OmniTone) as part of the Kandinsky Trio. The recording includes a mix of American works, including premiere recordings of compositions by Gunther Schuller and John D'earth.

**1987** Hornist **Ann Ellsworth**, an artist-in-residence at Stony Brook University, self-released a recording of chamber music selections, *Late Night Thoughts*.

**1988** **Leon Shernoff** is editor of *Mushroom: The Journal of Wild Mushrooming*. "It's sort of a cross between *Field and Stream* (but for mushrooms!) and a science program," he writes of the journal, which has been published for almost 20 years. Leon is also codirector of the Tiny Mahler

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Jan. 2015	Oct. 1, 2014

Orchestra, a Chicago ensemble performing rarely heard music.

**1990** **John Hollenbeck** '91 (MM), composer, drummer, and leader of the Claudia Quintet, recorded 10 new works on a CD, *September* (Cuneiform Records), commemorating the quintet's 15 years of work together.

**1991** **Michael Johanson** (see '93).

**1993** **Garth Simmons** (MM), principal trombonist of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra, self-released his debut solo recording, *American Visions*. The CD includes sonatas by Robert Sanders, George Frederick McKay, and Richard Monaco, and a work for solo trombone by **Michael Johanson** '91. Garth is accompanied on the recording by pianist **Michael Boyd** '85 (MM), '93 (DMA).

**1995** Baritone **Thomas Meglioranza** (MM) has self-released two recordings: *Schubert: Winterreise* and *The Good Song*, a collection of songs by French composers. He's accompanied by pianist Reiko Uchida on both recordings.

**1997** Organist **Andrés Mojica** writes that he performed Alexandre Guilmant's *Symphony No. 1 for Organ and Orchestra* and George Frideric Handel's *Concerto in B Flat Major for Organ and Orchestra* with the Puerto Rico Symphony Orchestra in January. Maximiano Valdes conducted. Andrés is professor of organ at the University of Puerto Rico and is pursuing a DMA in organ performance at the University of Kansas.

**2000** **Molly Bashaw** (see '00 College).

**2002** **Andrea Sqad Kalyn** (PhD), formerly an associate dean at Oberlin Conservatory, has been promoted to dean of the conservatory.

**2006** Electronic music composer **Ethan Borshansky** has released an EP, *Iseline Aerial* (Thema), including six electro-acoustic tracks.

**2009** **Adam Horowitz** (see '11). ... Composer and double bassist

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(RE)CONNECTED: Fuyume (back), Apgar, and Kujala listen and perform together as residents of the Shannondell retirement community in Valley Forge, Pa.

#### CHANCE ENCOUNTERS

## No Retirement from Music

After reading “Musical Meet-Up,” (January-February), **Alice Pillischer Kujala** ’48E wrote to share her own chance encounter:

I was inspired to send this picture of three Eastman graduates from the years 1949–50. We are living in a retirement community called Shannondell at Valley Forge with 1,200 other talented, interesting senior citizens.

**Horace (Hap) Apgar** ’49E is sitting on the piano bench. A string bassist, he left Eastman after his freshman year to volunteer in the service and received the Bronze and Silver Stars for combat duty. After the war ended, he was transferred to the military government in Frankfurt, Germany. From there, he was placed in the monuments section, which was charged with finding and returning stolen art and artifacts. He was discharged in 1946 and returned to the Eastman School.

During his senior year, he played in the Rochester Philharmonic. In 1950, he joined the Houston Symphony. The following year, he went to the Oklahoma City Philharmonic and soon after became principal bass. Hap retired from the Oklahoma City Philharmonic 56 years later. He had a brother who lived in Valley Forge, and he moved to Shannondell in 2011.

**John Fuyume** ’48E, ’50E (MM) studied piano. Although we were at Eastman at the same time, we never met until he moved to Shannondell

in 2008. He’d been retired vice president and corporate secretary of Gotan and Larson Shipping Corp. in Hamilton, Bermuda, until 1990, when he cofounded the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center in New Jersey. In 2011, the government of Japan recognized him with the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays, for his work preserving the history and culture of the Seabrook Japanese-American community.

John was also an honorary member of the board of managers of the Eastman School. After many years away from the piano, he is once again enjoying playing and performs frequently at Shannondell.

I studied violin. After graduation, I taught string instruments in Philadelphia public schools for two years. I returned to Rochester and taught classroom music and started an orchestra in the then Churchville-Chili Central School for three years. From there I went to the Chicago area and began teaching using the Suzuki method in the Winnetka public schools for 20-plus years. I returned to the Philadelphia area and taught private students until I moved to Shannondell in 2004 and now enjoy playing quartets with friends. John and I have also played together at Shannondell on several occasions.

Here we are after 60-plus years, having wonderful memories, enjoying our retirement, and being spoiled by beautiful surroundings. Who can ask for anything more?

**Scott Worthington** has released a recording of an 86-minute original composition, *Even the Light Itself Falls* (Populist Records). He performs with his trio, Ensemble et Cetera, which includes percussionist Dustin Donahue and clarinetist Curt Miller.

**2010 Ben Bishop** (MM) (see ’11). . . . **Kevin McDonald** (see ’10 College).

**2011** Saxophonist, composer, and arranger **Marc Schwartz** ’13 (MM) has self-released his debut recording, *In the Wee Small Hours of the Night*. Joining Marc on the recording are **Adam Horowitz** ’09, ’12RC on trumpet, **Ben Bishop** ’10 (MM) on guitar, **Jeff Krol** ’13 on drums, and **Fumi Tomita** ’14 on bass.

**2013 Jeff Krol** (see ’11).

**2014 Fumi Tomita** (see ’11).

## School of Medicine and Dentistry

**1948 Paul Yu** (Res), who died in 1991, was the subject of an article in *The American Scholar* magazine last fall. Paul led the Medical Center’s cardiology department from 1957 to 1982 and became president of the American Heart Association in 1972. The article, “The Number One Funeral Home,” written by Paul’s oldest daughter, Pauline, tells of Paul’s role as cardiologist to Chiang Kai-Shek, following the Chinese president’s heart attack in 1972, and of the state funeral Paul would receive almost two decades later in Taipei.

**1964 Louis Aledort** (Res) will receive an honorary doctor of medicine degree from Sweden’s University of Lund this June. Louis is an internist and hematologist at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. He’s been the Mary Weinfeld Professor of Clinical Research in Hemophilia at Mount Sinai since 1983.

**1976 Fred Bieber** (MS), a medical geneticist at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and associate professor of pathology at Harvard Medical School, has been named to the National Commission on

Forensic Science. The commission was created last January by the Department of Justice and the Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology. Consisting of more than 30 experts in a variety of the sciences, law enforcement, and the legal profession, the commission will make policy recommendations to the U.S. Attorney General concerning training and certification of forensic science providers and uniform codes for professional responsibility.

**1979 Robert Lambert (MD)**, president and chief executive officer of the Arnot Health System in Elmira, N.Y., has been named to the board of directors of the Elmira Savings Bank.

**1980 John DiPersio (MD/PhD)** was recognized by the American Association for Cancer Research with its 2014 Joseph H. Burchenal Memorial Award for Outstanding Achievement in Clinical Cancer Research. John is an international expert in T-cell function, stem cell research, and acute myelogenous leukemia. He's the chief of the oncology division and deputy director of the Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University in St. Louis's medical school. . . . **Arthur Levin (PhD)** has been named executive vice president for research and development at Avidity NanoMedicines in La Jolla, Calif.

**1985 Warren Hill (Res)**, a specialist in premium (multifocal) intraocular lens implant surgery and the mathematics of intraocular lens power calculations, was selected to deliver the Charles D. Kelman Innovator's Lecture at the 2014 American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery Symposium and Congress in Boston. Warren's lecture was titled "Something Borrowed, Something New: Improved Accuracy for IOL Power Selection." He's the medical director of East Valley Ophthalmology in Mesa, Ariz.

**1989 Mark Vossler (MD)** (see '85 College).

**1990 Quintin Bullock (D)** has been named president of the Community College of Allegheny County in Pittsburgh. Quintin



Welcome, spring! Jeff Tyson '12, Rebecca Leber '11, Jeremy Friedman '08, '11W (MS), Ben Bovarnick '12, Kelsey Reese '09, Laura Zimmermann '11, and Rafi Glazer '08 (left to right) at the third annual Young Alumni Cherry Blossom meet-up in Washington, D.C.



Carl Mangine '70 with Rocky in Telluride, Colo. Elevation 12,000 feet and temperature zero degrees Fahrenheit!



Rocky in Alaska, on a seaplane ride to Misty Fjords with Candace Chao '07 and Chris Tice '07 (not pictured).



## ALUMNI RELATIONS Rocky through the Seasons

It's been a busy winter and spring for Rocky. To view his complete travel album, and to see how you can take Rocky with you on a trip of your own, visit [www.facebook.com/URALumniRelations](http://www.facebook.com/URALumniRelations).

Rocky with Geri Smith '92 and friends at Little Lambs Educare in Vrygrond, South Africa.

## TRIBUTE

## John Huizenga: A Remarkable Life

They say you should go to seminars because you can always learn something. Well, sometimes the effect can be profound, as it was in my case, when John Huizenga's seminar at the new German heavy-ion research laboratory, GSI, in the summer of 1974 changed the direction of my career as a nuclear scientist. Fascinated by the new reaction phenomena John had described in his typically lucid and compelling fashion, it only took me a year before I had joined his team at Rochester.

At the time, the University's Nuclear Structure Research Lab was bustling with students and researchers from various parts of the world performing experiments at the local accelerator and at the Berkeley, Los Alamos, and Argonne national labs. As an influential leader in a new field, John attracted an international cohort of young scientists. His enthusiasm and deep scientific insights, matched with caring mentorship, were the reasons

why everyone in his group maxed out their initial appointment—or exceeded it by a large factor.

We learned a lot in these years about nucleus and nuclear interactions, leading to a number of seminal publications. When someone marked one of Huizenga's electronic modules with a repair note reading "Huizenga—No Output," everybody burst out laughing at this contradiction.

John's contributions included the codiscovery of elements 99 (einsteinium) and 100 (fermium), kept secret for 50 years for reasons of national security, and the still popular book *Nuclear Fission*, which he coauthored with Bob Vandenbosch. He received numerous honors and fellowships and was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 1976. In the late 1980s,

John achieved international attention as cochair of a Department of Energy panel investigating scientific claims that cold fusion was the route to cheap, safe, and abundant energy. The panel concluded that the research was flawed. In 1994, John detailed the controversy and the lessons learned in *Cold Fusion: The Scientific Fiasco of the Century* (Oxford).



**NUCLEAR CHEMIST:** Huizenga made waves with his book *Cold Fusion: The Scientific Fiasco of the Century*.

John first learned about fusion at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory as a recruit to the wartime Manhattan Project. For years, he had stories to tell about the scientists and engineers sequestered at the uranium enrichment plant Y12, where they lived isolated in hastily constructed barracks, working around the clock for an ambitious goal that would change the world.

John's time at Oak Ridge naturally sparked a lifelong fascination with nuclear reactions involving uranium and transuranic nuclei, first as nuclear chemist at Argonne National

Laboratory from 1955 to 1967, and from 1967 to 1991 at Rochester, where he would become the Tracy H. Harris Professor of Chemistry, and from 1983 to 1988, chair the department.

John, who died in January at the age of 92, managed to be a family man who appreciated the important role his wife, Dolly, played in supporting him in his professional life and running a family of six. John's own former students and associates join his "kids" in celebrating his remarkable life, and acknowledging his influence on their lives and personal development.

—Wolf-Udo Schröder

*Schröder is a professor of chemistry and physics at Rochester.*

practiced dentistry at the Eastman Institute for Oral Health prior to turning to a career in higher education administration.

**1996 Jay Yelon** (Flw) has coedited *Geriatric Trauma and Critical Care* (Springer). He's the chairman of the surgery department at Lincoln Medical Center in the Bronx.

**1999 Heather Evans** (MD),

assistant professor of surgery at the University of Washington in Seattle, was a winner of Google's #ifihadglass contest, making her one of the first 8,000 people to work with Google's technology-enhanced eyeglasses. Heather writes that she's using Google Glass "to explore how wearable computing, with the ability to transmit live or recorded images captured at the eye level of the operator, might be used to enhance

surgical training through performance feedback and remote intraoperative consultation." Her work with Google Glass was the subject of a story in the *Seattle Times* last November.

**2003 Pediatrician Neville Anderson** (MD) was named a "Top Rising Super Doctor" by *Los Angeles Magazine* in 2013. In April, she opened her own practice, Larchmont Pediatrics, on

Larchmont Boulevard in Los Angeles.

**2005 Wen Dombrowski** (MD) has been named chief medical information officer and vice president of the Visiting Nurse Association Health Group in New Jersey.

## School of Nursing

**1970 Nancy Heller Cohen** (see '70 College).

**1983 Nancy Gaden** has been named senior vice president and chief nursing officer at the Boston Medical Center.

## Simon Business School

**1971 Ron Gidró**n (MBA) is a composer and singer in Madrid. In January, he released his seventh CD, *Sounds of the Heart* (Ron Gidró). Ron writes instrumental and vocal pieces, the latter in three languages: Spanish, Hebrew, and English. Ron writes that prior to his musical career, he was an executive with Xerox and IIT. He streams much of his music at [www.rongidron.com](http://www.rongidron.com).

**1980 Bill Jewett** (MBA) has coauthored *Robustness Development and Reliability Growth: Value-Adding Strategies for New Products and Processes* (Prentice Hall). Bill is a consultant helping businesses to improve engineering and management processes and project management strategies. Previously, he worked for Kodak and Heidelberg Druckmaschinen.

**1983 Kathy Waller** (MBA) (see '80 College).

**1985 Mark Quinlan** (MBA) (see '82 College).

**1988 Betsy Tanner Wright** (MBA), president and chief executive officer of the WCA Hospital in Jamestown, N.Y., has been named one of western New York's "Power 250," a *Buffalo Business First* list of the most influential people in western New York.

**1994 David Cutitta** (MBA)

## TRIBUTE

## Charles Bishop '46M (PhD): Biochemist, Inventor

I met Charles Bishop '46M (PhD) and his wife, Beverly '46 (MA), when they invited me to visit them in Buffalo in the spring of 2008 after they learned of my appointment as the first Bishop Professor.

They welcomed me warmly, served a lunch that Charles prepared, and then gave me a tour of their house. I was awestruck to learn that they had built the house, primarily with their own labor, from plans that Charles drew up in consultation with Beverly. I later had the privilege of entertaining Charles and Beverly at my house in Rochester. Over risotto and wine, they regaled me with stories about their remarkable adventures as scientists and as a couple.

Charles loved science and medicine and dedicated much of his professional life to making organized sense of knowledge. He enjoyed a career in medicine that spanned more than 60 years.

His earliest success was the creation of Coden, an alphanumeric bibliographic code designed as a standard citation system to make all references and bibliographies interchangeable.

As Charles recalled, the idea for his system came about because he had written a paper and sent it to a journal. In order to submit the paper to another journal, he had to completely change the format of all the references because the two journals used different citation formats.

Charles envisioned a universal system. He created his system of abbreviations and in 1953 published his proposal in a paper entitled "An Integrated Approach to the Documentation Problem." His system was subsequently adapted and expanded by the American Society for Testing and Materials and later by the American Chemical Society.

Charles was born in Elmira, N.Y., on June 30, 1920. As a young boy, he enjoyed scouting and music. He sang in a cappella group and played saxophone and oboe, in his words, "not very well." Given his exacting standards, I suspect that Charles was actually quite a talented musician. He was awarded a scholarship to attend Syracuse University and earned a bachelor's and a master's degree in chemistry.

He and his beloved wife, the late Beverly Petterson Bishop, first met in a comparative anatomy class. When they announced their intention to marry, Beverly's parents warned

that if she married, they would stop paying tuition. On May 2, 1944, they graduated in the morning and were married in the afternoon.

Charles was accepted at the School of Medicine and Dentistry to conduct research related to the Manhattan Project. Charles finished his PhD in biochemistry in 1946. He joined the Department of Medicine at the University of Buffalo in 1947, where his research focused on the etiology of gout and the metabolism of red cells. These studies resulted in over 65 publications, including a pioneering book which he coedited entitled *The Red Blood Cell*. Charles served as chief

gave generous funding to undergraduates to pursue research opportunities in brain and cognitive sciences.

Later, they established a remarkable personal legacy by endowing a professorship in brain and cognitive sciences in appreciation of Beverly's master's degree in psychology. The Bishop Professorship was celebrated in 2008.

Their complete devotion to one another was evident when, during the ceremony, Beverly lost her voice. Charles stepped up to the microphone and to the delight of everyone delivered Beverly's remarks in the first-person narrative, recalling "because



**A MARRIAGE IN SCIENCE:** Bishop (left) poses with his wife, the late Beverly Petterson Bishop, and Michael Tanenhaus, who holds the professorship the couple endowed.

of the chemistry lab at Buffalo General Hospital from 1967 to 1980. By 1981 he had returned to the University of Buffalo, where he taught in the biochemistry and medicine departments and retired as associate professor of medicine.

As computer technology evolved, his earlier work in documentation sparked a new interest in designing systems that could organize all medical knowledge and make it readily accessible to physicians. His notion that "computers and medicine were made for each other" led him to become a passionate advocate for "a single comprehensive patient medical record from birth to death." He created a computer-based system that he called Framemed.

Charles and Beverly loved to travel and enjoyed piloting their single-engine plane on many adventures. Many at the University got to know Charles when he and Beverly

of the strong and enduring influences the University has had on our scientific lives, Charles and I feel it is payback time."

When Charles later hesitated, Beverly immediately surmised that he had lost his place. As she stood to help him, he gave her a slight smile, signaling that he "had this," and then proceeded smoothly to finish the remarks.

Charles was a teacher, a researcher, and a scholar whose impact, influence, and generosity enriched the lives of his students, colleagues, and friends. Charles died in his sleep last January at his Amherst, N.Y., home. He was 93.

—Michael Tanenhaus

*Tanenhaus holds the Beverly Petterson Bishop M '46 and Charles W. Bishop PhD '46 Endowed Professorship in Brain and Cognitive Sciences and Linguistics.*



**'ZAFFARONI TECHNIQUE':** Zaffaroni, a life trustee of the University, became renowned for his process for isolating steroids.

#### TRIBUTE

## Alejandro Zaffaroni '49M (PhD): Biotechnology Pioneer

In the 1940s there were no PhD programs in biochemistry in his native Uruguay, so Alejandro Zaffaroni '49M (PhD) looked to the United States, where he was accepted into two programs: Harvard's and Rochester's. According to a 2004 interview with *Rochester Medicine*, the alumni magazine for the School of Medicine and Dentistry, he chose Rochester because of a promise of a small lab and control over his own research.

His research in that lab eventually led to the "Zaffaroni Technique" for isolating steroids, a process that gained international attention and launched Zaffaroni's pioneering career as a renowned biotechnology entrepreneur and innovator of drug delivery systems. The holder of 130 patented processes and founder of several companies, he had a hand in the development of the birth control pill, therapeutic corticosteroids, transdermal patches for nicotine and nitroglycerin, and controlled-release systems for various drugs.

Zaffaroni, who received an honorary degree from the University in 1972 and served as a life trustee, died in March at his home in Atherton, Calif. He was 91.

Born in Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1923, Zaffaroni suffered from asthma as a boy and couldn't join his friends in *fútbol* games—a favorite activity in his hometown. So he became an avid reader, particularly of science fiction. He also received an early introduction to medicine from a relative who founded a hospital in Montevideo and allowed him, as a teenager, to watch medical procedures.

After earning his PhD, he stayed in Rochester to complete an NIH fellowship. In 1968 he founded ALZA Corp. to focus on his ideas for revolutionizing the way drugs were delivered in the body. ALZA was the first of nine companies that Zaffaroni built. In 1980 he cofounded DNAX with Arthur Kornberg '41M (MD), who received the 1959 Nobel Prize for his research to isolate an enzyme that's a key to synthesizing DNA.

Zaffaroni and his wife, Lida, also established the Zaffaroni Foundation, a nonprofit organization that supports humanitarian causes, medical research, higher education, and scholarships.

—Leslie Orr

*Orr is a senior science editor for Medical Center Public Relations.*

has been named partner at the Washington, D.C., intellectual property law firm Staas & Halsey.

**1997 Michael Williams** (MBA) has been named vice president of finance at IEC Electronics in Newark, N.Y.

**2009 Alia Tabet** (MBA) has been named manager of digital media and user acquisition for the National Football League.

## Warner School of Education

**1966 Judith Lehman Ruderman** (MA) (see '64 College).

**1973 Michael Imber** (Mas) and **Jason Blokhuis** '09W (PhD) have coauthored the fifth edition of *Education Law* (Routledge) with Tyll van Geel, professor emeritus at the Warner School, and Jonathan Feldman, an attorney specializing in education law and an adjunct faculty member at Warner. The book is a survey of legal issues in education.

**2009 Jason Blokhuis** (PhD) (see '73).

## In Memoriam

### ALUMNI

**Helen Shaddock Rockwell** '37,  
March 2014

**Robert P. Larson** '39,  
February 2014

**William G. O'Connell** '40,  
February 2014

**Muriel Fairbanks Mickel** '41E  
(MM), February 2014

**Raymond M. Bauer** '42E, '50E  
(MM), January 2014

**William J. Bruckel** '42,  
March 2014

**M. Harriet Bilger Mills** '42N,  
January 2014

**Emily Lowenfels Oppenheimer**  
'43E, March 2014

**Duane B. Carr** '44,  
March 2014

**George F. Perkins** '44E, '47E  
(MM), February 2014

**Ruth Weber Dickinson** '45, '46N,  
February 2014

**Igor Limansky** '45,  
February 2014

**Rose Roman Jones** '46N,  
February 2014

**Rose Velie Aldinger** '48, '72W  
(MA), February 2014

## TRIBUTE

## Robert Larson '39: 'Quintessential Good Citizen'

On March 25, the campus flag flew at half-staff in honor of my grandfather, Trustee Robert Larson, Class of 1939. He would have been really touched by this simple gesture.

Generations of our family were affiliated with the University. My great-grandfather, Arthur Larson, was the registrar of the Eastman School; my great-aunt, Elizabeth Larson Tellier '47, and both of my parents, Barbara Larson Stoner '68 and Max Stoner '65, are graduates. So, too, am I.

My grandfather studied languages in college and his fluency served him well in French Indochina during World War II. Afterward, he lived in Puerto Rico and then Colombia as he started his banking career with the First National City Bank of New York. He returned to Rochester and worked for the Security Trust Company before moving to Glens Falls, N.Y., where he became a director, chairman, president, and CEO of the Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Company. Among the first to be certified as a chartered financial analyst, he was active in the New York State Bankers Association and as a director of the New York Business Development Corporation and the Empire State Chamber of Commerce.

Especially committed to higher education, he was a trustee of Skidmore College, and he helped establish the Adirondack Community College Foundation and the SUNY Adirondack Foundation.



**'ALWAYS ON THE GO': Larson excelled in banking, languages—and building tree forts.**

He was active in Rotary, the United Way, the Chamber of Commerce, and the YMCA.

He was a competitive golfer, an avid handball player, and even took up skiing in his 50s. He was always on the go. He built his children tree forts and skating rinks, taught them golf, tobogganing, fishing, and bowling. I cherished his dry sense of humor.

He achieved many things in his long life but never called attention to himself. Instead, he would describe the good intentions of those who prompted him to get involved. Through it all, he maintained his ties to the University. He was proud to receive the University's Citation to Alumni and to be named a life trustee. He died in February at his home in Yarmouth Port, Mass. He was 96 years old.

His legacy lives in his efforts to make his community a better place. His hours of volunteering for educational and not-for-profit organizations prompted

the *Glens Falls Post-Star* to describe him in a 1982 editorial as "the quintessential good citizen," an irreplaceable asset to his community.

My grandfather's life was a wonderful example of what the University of Rochester prepares its graduates to achieve. And it's to the University that my grandfather would have given the credit.

—Megan Stoner '98

*Stoner is a tax attorney and lives with her family in Washington, D.C.*

**M. Patricia O'Grady Kuhrt** '49 (MS), January 2014  
**Charles F. Loedel** '49, '62W (Mas), February 2014  
**Alejandro C. Zaffaroni** '49M (PhD), '51M (Flw), '72M (Hon), March 2014  
**Arthur J. Grimaldi** '50, February 2014  
**Joseph W. Jenkins** '50E, '51E (MM), January 2014  
**Mary Fisher Landrum** '50E (MA), February 2014  
**Theodore C. Frazeur** '51E, '56E (MM), March 2014  
**Richard A. Lanson** '51 (Mas), March 2014

**William C. Piarulle** '51, February 2014  
**Ara Zerounian** '51E (MM), October 2012  
**Sylvia Arroyo** '52, March 2014  
**Norman I. Harway** '52 (PhD), February 2014  
**Vincent A. Ange** '53, February 2014  
**Joseph T. Work** '53E, '54E (MM), February 2014  
**Kenneth G. Knox** '54, February 2014  
**John T. Ewers** '55, January 2013  
**John C. Haelen** '55, March 2014

**Roy H. Johnson** '55E, '57E (MM), February 2014  
**Richard L. Klaver** '55, February 2014  
**Glen H. Kumasaka** '55M (MD), February 2014  
**Carl M. Weidner** '55, February 2014  
**Ralph H. Lane** '56, '66E (MM), February 2014  
**Margaret Mayer** '56, March 2014  
**Lillian Schuttger Price** '56 (MS), February 2014  
**Jean Dickman** '57M (Res), January 2014  
**David P. Phelps** '57, August 2013

**Thomas G. Evans** '58 (MS), March 2014  
**Martin A. Abkowitz** '59 (MA), January 2014  
**Julia Knapp Albertalli** '59W, February 2014  
**Rosalie Bond** '59E, March 2014  
**Calvin C. Chapman** '59M (MD), February 2014  
**Leo A. Krzanowicz** '59W (Mas), February 2014  
**Kenneth G. Murley** '59E, '66E (MM), February 2014  
**Joseph M. Zablotzki** '59S (MS), March 2014  
**James M. Papero** '60, '67W (Mas), March 2014  
**Howard M. Smith** '60, '65 (PhD), March 2014  
**Marian Howse Stephenson** '60, '61N, February 2014  
**Geraldine Borgett Blazey** '61W (MA), November 2013  
**Joseph J. Prinzi** '61S, February 2014  
**Joseph C. Rinere** '61, February 2014  
**Delia Sharkey** '61W (Mas), December 2013  
**James L. Preiss** '63E, January 2014  
**Karen Andrie** '65E, January 2014  
**William B. Bennett** '65 (PhD), March 2014  
**John L. Zabriskie** '66 (PhD), March 2014  
**Gary G. Cornick** '68, October 2013  
**Sandra Seefeld** '68E, February 2014  
**Gordon B. Phillips** '69, '73W (Mas), February 2014  
**Ruth Small Stenner** '69, September 2013  
**Thomas P. Wilhauck** '69 (MS), February 2014  
**Sarah Bogue Clapper** '72, March 2014  
**Louis Stahlman** '73S (MBA), March 2014  
**Myra Medeiros** '74, March 2014  
**Paul R. Goldstaub** '77E (DMA), January 2014  
**Charles D. Mihalyi** '77 (MA), January 2014  
**Robert L. Yarrish** '80M (Flw), November 2012  
**Sidney Metzger** '82 (MS), February 2014  
**Michael J. Fedele** '85, March 2014  
**Bruce Contreras** '89, January 2014  
**Maureen Farrell** '00W (MS), March 2014