

world studies XI

of note

Save the Date!

Homecoming 2017:
July 21–23

2016 Annual Meeting Executive Summary

Financial Report:

- ★ Contributions remain steady due to consistent giving on the part of loyal membership.
- ★ Scholarship program remains top fundraising priority.

Board of Directors:

- ★ Resignation of Mike Sciulla '73; Deb Edgren '83 appointed to serve remainder of Mike's term. (exp. 2018)
- ★ Election of Jeff Allstadt '81 to a three-year term. (exp. 2019)
- ★ Re-election of Steve Suddaby '76, Janice DeLucia '83, Warren Hamilton '72 to three-year terms. (exp. 2019)
- ★ Thanks to Mike DiPietro '83 for a dozen years of service to the board.

Traveling with ECAA:

- ★ Jamaican JIST: 13 travelers, including five alums.
- ★ If you're interested in planning a trip, please send an email to ecaachair@roadrunner.com.

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A Tribute to Dr. Warren L. Hickman

At the memorial service for Dr. Hickman held in Trumansburg, New York, in May, it was said: "Warren Hickman was tall in stature in everything but height," and indeed he was. A scholar, teacher, and administrator, a husband, father, and grandfather, a soldier, a colleague, an author, and a friend, Warren was, in all of these capacities, a consummate, caring man. We were all privileged to know him, and his life is an example to us all.

Warren was born in Eden, New York, on April 2, 1921, and died in Ithaca, New York, on March 2, 2016, just a month short of his 95th birthday. He and his wife, Jane, who died in 1989, had two children, Warren and Susan, and three grandchildren, Justin and Devin Hickman and Kevin Boyle, Jr. Devoted to his family, Warren lived at 55 Elm Street in Trumansburg for 62 years—all the time he worked at Ithaca College, Syracuse University, Eisenhower College, and RIT.

Warren earned his AB degree in international relations at Colgate University, his MA in international relations from Columbia University, and his *Docteur ès Sciences Politiques* from the University of Geneva in Switzerland. Something you probably do not know is that he was not always a scholar: he flunked out of Purdue University in his freshman year, where he was taking an engineering program that his father, an inventor, had picked out for him. Reportedly he spent his time playing pinochle and going to movies. In any case, Warren certainly made up for his failure and made his parents proud.

Eisenhower College alumni may also not know that during World War II Warren Hickman served on General Eisenhower's staff at the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary

Force (SHAEP) in London. Warren once admitted to Eisenhower alumnus Bill Grant that he had a photographic memory, and when Ike's generals would come to him and ask for a particular document, he would know right where to find it. When his tour in Europe was up, Warren wanted to be assigned to the Far East, but General Eisenhower told him he knew too much and he had him sent stateside.

At the end of the war, General Eisenhower personally awarded Warren the Bronze Star.

Dr. Hickman's academic career began in 1949 at Ohio Northern University, where he eventually became the youngest dean of the university. From there, in 1954, he went to Ithaca College as dean of the General College, which he is credited with transforming into a fully accredited College of Arts and Sciences. The "triplum" curriculum he developed there in literature, history, and philosophy was a prelude to the hallmark World Studies curriculum he developed for Eisenhower College.

In 1963 Dr. Hickman left Ithaca College to become president of the International Institute Foundation, which endeavored to found a university of world studies with campuses in Springville, New York, and Switzerland. Dr. Hickman was to be the president, but early in 1964 the foundation board concluded that sufficient capital could not be raised, and the foundation was dissolved, with gifts and pledges returned to the donors.

Dr. Hickman soon became co-director of an Experienced Teacher Fellowship Program in Social Science and director of the Social Studies Curriculum Center at Syracuse University's

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A Reflection from Pam Romeo Havens '78

Earlier this fall, I penned what I felt was a respectable chair's message. And then October and November unfolded. Suddenly, what was already "in the can" seemed wholly inadequate—perhaps even more than a little trite. I did, however, give serious consideration to staying the course. But somehow, that felt as if I would be failing to acknowledge what, regardless of individual viewpoints or convictions, feels like a significant juncture for all of us—as individuals and as a nation.

Several concerns nagged at me as I thought through what I might say, what I wanted to convey. I realized that my viewpoint was just that, my viewpoint, and that it might not be shared, or even appreciated. Additionally, despite my best efforts and intentions, I knew inherently that I ran the risk of offending someone—either because I said too much or too little...or because the perception was that I was leaning one way or the other, straddling the fence, or being too Pollyannaish.

Yet because of what I saw playing out in both social and mainstream media, as well as within my own diverse circle of friends and family, I felt strongly that saying nothing was not an option. So what I am choosing to put forth is something I don't usually do—a highly personal reflection. And I am prepared both to accept and to understand whatever verdicts are rendered based on this.

Maybe it is the "selective memory" of advanced age, but I maintain that our Eisenhower education, as embodied in World Studies, provided us with an opportunity to develop an understanding of and openness to different peoples, different cultures, different ideas. We were encouraged to thoughtfully consider diversity of beliefs and opinions and engage in civil discourse on a multitude of topics. And the atmosphere was such that we were free to express many points of view (and felt safe doing so), provided those viewpoints could be factually

and reasonably defined and defended. While we didn't have to accept or agree with the ideas we were studying or the opinions being expressed, we had to make an effort to understand, be respectful, and remain engaged. I acknowledge that, even when we were ensconced in the somewhat protective "Eisenhower bubble," this wasn't always easy to do; in today's world,

it is significantly more difficult. And this vantage point, this level of discourse, is complicated by the fact that not everyone is or will be willing to demonstrate the same level of civility, humanity, or reciprocity.

There can be no question that we live in a world that seems to be moving at warp speed, replete with many challenges.

Amidst those challenges is also an abundance of

opportunities on *all* sides—for education, for dialogue, for deeper understanding, for change, for growth. As we all look to the future, I hope we, as individuals and as a community, can agree to remain actively engaged, to consider multiple sources of information in order to achieve a balanced perspective, to stay informed about current events and issues and how our leaders are conducting the business of "*we, the people*," to ask the tough questions and be willing to challenge convention and even our own perspectives when needed, and to endeavor to model the civil discourse and resiliency that were the hallmarks of our Eisenhower experience. For my part, I intend to rededicate myself to treating and

seeing each person as an individual—nothing more, nothing less, discovering common ground, finding ways to make a difference in my own small corner of the world, especially for those who may feel marginalized, voiceless, or powerless, and developing a broader understanding of differing backgrounds and viewpoints.

This is the best way I know to embrace my World Studies roots. I further suggest that this is one of the best times in our lives to do so.

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Congratulations to the Scholarship Winners

Mark Richard Rokow, son of Jeff Rokow and Barbara Roesch-Rokow and a 2016 graduate of Geneva High School, is this year's Eisenhower Alumni Scholarship contest winner. His essay addressed censorship throughout China's history.

Mark's extracurricular activities in high school included the Geneva Interact Club, for which he served as both secretary and president; Masterminds; National Honor Society; varsity soccer; and Model U.N., for which he served as president for five years. He was the first GHS student in 15 years to win an award for participation in Model U.N. and was designated best delegate by the Syracuse Conference in 2014 and 2015 and by the Cornell International Conference in 2015. Mark was also voted Outstanding Delegate at Hilton (2014) and at St. John (2014 and 2015) for his distinguished participation in the club.

His service to his local community through the Geneva Heroes organization includes volunteering as a Geneva youth soccer coach, helping with food packaging at Christmas and Thanksgiving, and helping third- to fifth-graders display their pumpkin carvings to friends and family in the North Street School pumpkin walk. In 2015, he was recognized with the DAR Good Citizenship Award.

In his spare time, Mark has worked as an intern for Congressman Tom Reed, as a server at Friendly's, and as a porter at Belhurst Castle. He has also helped at various charitable fundraising functions.

Mark is attending American University this fall, majoring in international relations on a pre-law track. He would like to attend law school, but he is also considering a career in government, with possible concentrations in politics or intelligence.

Olivia Baxter, daughter of Timothy and Melissa Baxter and a 2016 graduate of Mynderse Academy, is this year's recipient of an honorable mention for her essay addressing problems of technology and social media in the classroom.

Olivia's high school career included participation in band and marching band, chorus, Mynderse's spring musical, varsity cross country and track, Model U.N., Interact Club, and Foreign Language Club, and Junior Rotarians. She also served as senior
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Jamaican JIST – February 2016



A: A fabulous dinner on the cliffs: Jeff Allstadt '81, Linda Young, Karen Allstadt, Susan Shepherd, Kelvin Wilson, Nancy Fromer Wilson '78, Rita Cosgrove, and Bruce Grotta. **B:** Heading out to snorkel: Jim Summa '77, Nick Berg '75, Dean Little '74, Jeff and Karen Allstadt. **C:** Jeff and Karen Allstadt on a Hobie Cat. **D:** Ikesters and friends on JIST trip (minus Nick Berg, who was off in the bushes with a new Jamaican friend): Dean Little, Kelvin Wilson, Bruce Grotta, Susan Shepherd, Rita Cosgrove, Linda Young, Nancy Wilson, Jim Summa, and Jeff Allstadt. **E:** Jim Summa studying on the patio.



Fall Board Meeting Executive Summary

Election of officers for 2016–2017:

- ★ CHAIR: Pam Romeo Havens '78
- ★ SECRETARY: Steve Suddaby '76
- ★ TREASURER: Sue Wright Passmore '82

Scholarship program:

- ★ Considerable discussion around possibility of both expanding and endowing the annual scholarship awards.

Homecoming recap:

- ★ All expenses for "paid events," including live music and "comped" (for awardee) attendance, fully covered by fees charged. Free events (Friday reception and Saturday dessert buffet) underwritten by ECAA, along with contributions received from board and advisory committee members. Attendees seemed to enjoy the "flow" this year, as well as the different venues.

Committee assignments, 2016–2017

- ★ SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: Fran Emerson '72 (*chair*), Tina Conte Brien '81, Joan Reffler Purdy '72
- ★ NOMINATIONS: Tina Conte Brien '81
- ★ WEBSITE REDESIGN: Steve Van Arsdale '81 (*chair*), Jeff Allstadt '81, Warren Hamilton '72, Pam Romeo Havens '78, Nancy Fromer Wilson '78
- ★ STRATEGIC PLANNING: Pam Romeo Havens '78 (*chair*), Jeff Allstadt '81, Tina Conte Brien '81, Deb Edgren '83, Steve Van Arsdale '81, others to be added
- ★ HOMECOMING ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Nancy Fromer Wilson '78 (*chair*), Rachel Ballantine '78, Cathy Mourkas Kastner '78, along with...
- ★ CLASS OF 1972, 45TH HOMECOMING ADVISORY: Warren Hamilton, Joan Reffler Purdy
- ★ CLASS OF 1977, 40TH HOMECOMING ADVISORY: Janet Day-Strehlow, Renée Downey Hart, Conrad Janke, Phil Plossl, Susan Schwartz
- ★ CLASS OF 1982 35TH HOMECOMING ADVISORY: Looking for volunteers!

Reunion

by Rachel Ballantine '78

The Finger Lakes opened up her hand
and gathered us back together
from all over this land
and through great distances of space
and time
the Love was never lost
and we became one Big Beating Heart
of love and we remembered
the Truth of Each Other, of ourselves, before
all the life stories, of love, of loss, of changes
We see each other's original souls
we remember the excellent teachings that we learned
that made foundations in our hearts and minds
No matter what paths we took, straight or wandering
We hold a part of the Heart of Integrity for the world
Together we are fulfilling something greater
than each of us alone
We kept the Dream alive and
for the weekend She held us close
and then, opened her hand
and let us Go.

*Hangin' at Cayuga Lake State
Park: (far left): Linda Chris-
tensen '76, Donna Jobe Muldoon
'76; (background) Sally Wolberg
'76, unknown, Susan Zbikowski
Bielinis '76; (far right) Jim Yar-
rington '76, Deb Leal '76, Bar-
bara Lyons '76. (Photo by Mindy
Paticoff-Weinman '76)*



*The golf group: (row 1, front) Janet Day-Strehlow '77, Marion and Fred Bleiler,
Mindy Paticoff-Weinman '76, Tina Conte Brien '81, Pam Romeo Havens '78;
(row 2) Susan Zbikowski Bielinis '76, Barbara Siergiej Adelsberger '76, Rachel
Ballantine '78, Rich McMullen '81, Dave Weinman (Mindy's husband), Neil
Kromer '75, Conrad Janke '78, Kelvin Wilson, Michael DiPietro '83, Bill
Adelsberger (Barb's husband); (row 3) Bill Brien '81, Bob French '76, Bob
Lussmyer '81, Steve Van Arsdale '81. (Photo by Betty Kozioł)*



*Donna Jobe Muldoon '76, Holly
Harpell Heiser '76, Phil Plossl '77.
(Photo by Stephen Nagle '75)*



*ECAA Chair Pam Romeo Havens '78 (left)
and Steve Suddaby '76 (right) present 2016
Founders Award to Dr. David Farnsworth.
(Photo provided by Steve Suddaby '76)*



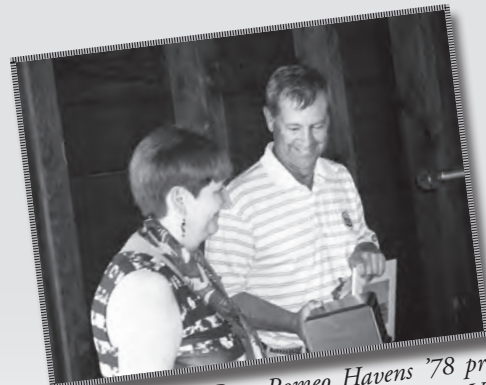
*Former advisor and
advisee catch up: Bill
Tuttle '77 and Pam
Romeo Havens '78.
(Photo by Stephen
Nagle '75)*



*Porch-side (left to right): Dr. Helen
Baghdoyan '74, Janet Day-Strehlow
'77, Mindy Paticoff-Weinman '76, Dr.
Ralph Lydic (Helen's husband). (Photo
by Stephen Nagle '75)*



*Merry-makers on Fall Str...
ra Lyons '76, Susan Schu...
Hart '77, Louise McAd...
'76. (Photo provided by...)*



*ECAA Chair Pam Romeo Havens '78 pre-
sents 2016 Legacy Award to Steve Van
Arsdale '81. (Photo by Steve Suddaby '76)*



*Kath Alexander
and Donna Jobe
(Photo by Steph...)*



Spring revelers (left to right): Nancy Wilson '78, Melette Moffat '77, Barbara Lyons '76. (Photo by Susan Schwartz '76)



Steve Suddaby '76 and Founders Award recipient Dr. David Farnsworth. (Photo by Barbara Lyons '76)



Members of the 35th reunion class of 1981: (row 1, front) Carole Porter Bitzer, Gigi Carnes, Donna Hill Millis, Diana Betler Wolgemurth, Howard Knispel, John Carey, Tina Conte Brien; (row 2): Tim Lesslie, Mike Magoon, Ken Paduch, Steve Van Arsdale, Bob Lussmyer, Jeff Allstadt, Bill Brien; (row 3): Louise McAdoo Wagner, Debbie Pethybridge Goodwin, Ken Mathis. (Photo by Pam Romeo Havens '78)



Street (left to right): Barbara Lyons '76, Renée Downey '81, Deb Leal '76. (Photo by Susan Schwartz '76)



West Coast reunion held on July 22, 2016 (left to right): Kitty Jennings Neuharth '78, Bill Lamison '78, Kathleen Brey Rapp '78, Leslie Bain Dufour '80. (Photo provided by Leslie Bain Dufour '80)



After 40 years, classmates Pam Romeo Havens and Rachel Ballantine '78 are still all smiles! (Selfie by Pam Romeo Havens '78)



Class of '76 mini-reunion (left to right): Gordon Henderson, Brendan Curran, Mikel Frank. (Photo provided by Mikel Frank '76)

Classmates reunited: Mike Magoon '81 and Debbie Pethybridge Goodwin '81. (Photo by Pam Romeo Havens '78)



Newsum '76 Muldoon '76. (Photo by Stephen Nagle '75)



Hangin' on the pavilion porch (front to back): Ken Luciano '82, Jan Handley Powers '82, Susan Schwartz '77, Joni Som de Cerff '78, Rob Schoeberlein (Joni's husband), Janet Day-Strehlow '77, Howard Knispel '81, Ken Paduch '81. (Photo by Stephen Nagle '76)



Members of the 40th reunion class of 1976: (row 1, front) Kath Alexander Newsum, Donna Jobe Muldoon, Steve Suddaby, Jim Yarrington; (row 2) unknown, Holly Harpell Heiser, Ellen McCahon Plossl, Elaine Mellen, Sally Wolberg, Susan Zbikowski Bielinis, Barbara Lyons, Linda Christensen, Barbara Siergiejs Adelsberger, Deb Leal; (row 3) unknown, Richard Combs, Mike Sherwood, Mindy Patocoff-Weinman; (row 4) Karen Beshar Zakalik, Gordon Henderson, Brendan Curran, Mikel Frank. (Photo by Ken Luciano '82)

A Tribute to Dr. Warren L. Hickman

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Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. It was from these positions that he was recruited to become vice president for academic affairs at Eisenhower College in 1967. He asked his assistant, Jim Troisi, to move to Seneca Falls and serve as his administrative assistant in his new position. Dr. Troisi, who became a charter member of the Eisenhower faculty, has said that from those days forward Dr. Hickman served as the framer of his life.

For Dr. Hickman the Eisenhower opportunity was an academic administrator's dream: to design a curriculum without faculty resistance and then to hire a faculty with international credentials to develop it. The result was the unique, four-year, interdisciplinary, general-education program of World Studies, with a charter faculty of 23 professors and instructors chosen from over 1,200 applicants. With faculty attending one another's World Studies lectures and then leading integrative seminars, the quality of instruction was exceptional. Dr. Hickman insisted on the highest standards, with the result that, out of a charter class of 303, some 49 were suspended or dismissed at the end of the first semester.

As Eisenhower alumni know, the impact of World Studies on students was phenomenal.

Dr. Hickman had entering freshmen, second-semester sophomores, and second-semester seniors take standardized tests prepared by the Educational Testing Service, and the results for the charter class showed that the scores of seniors compared to freshmen were 17 percentage points higher in the humanities and seven points higher in the social sciences. On area tests in the humanities and social sciences, Eisenhower seniors scored considerably higher than national averages.

It was not surprising that in 1970 the faculty chose Warren Hickman to receive the college's first Thomas Jefferson Award, which was provided by an endowment from the Robert Earl McConnell Foundation to 10 institutions that year. Recipients were to

embody "those qualities which Thomas Jefferson would have considered essential to the intellectual, social and political advancement of mankind." Warren was certainly deserving of this award. In recognition of his leadership role in the development and stewardship of the college, the Eisenhower College Alumni Association presented its first Founders Award to Dr. Hickman in 1994.

Warren Hickman was the only vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty Eisenhower College ever had. When Tom Plough was appointed dean in 1980, Dr. Hickman became a professor in RIT's College of General Studies, from which he retired years later as professor emeritus. In retirement Dr. Hickman continued his scholarship and late in life authored three books: *Can Religion Survive Worship*, published in 2010, *The Timid Sergeant*, a novel published in 2013, and a two-volume work published in 2014, *War and Crises: The Road to Free Trade*.

Warren's interest in religion was stimulated and nourished at the Chautauqua Institution, in Chautauqua, New York, where he spent his summers for 87 years. Founded in 1884 as a summer school for Sunday school teachers, Chautauqua is a unique educational center, presenting an eight-week program of lectures, concerts, plays, classes, and special events each year. Dr. Hickman was often featured as a speaker, ushered at Sunday services in

the amphitheater, and relished the rich cultural atmosphere that characterizes Chautauqua. His obituary suggests donations to the Chautauqua Foundation or the First Presbyterian Church of Ulysses.

It seems fitting to close this tribute to Warren Hickman with two paragraphs from a letter from Eisenhower alumna Ann Rondeau '73, written to Dr. Hickman when he was at Hospicare in Ithaca in February. Vice Admiral Rondeau wrote:

"You taught so much. One of your teaching legacies in my life is the essentiality of context and empathy. You helped [us] navigate toward increased discernment of history, decisions, and circumstances by insuring we understood perspective. We came to understand 'today' and 'tomorrow' better because of our deeper understanding of 'yesterday' through your expert opening of our minds and empathy. You helped us frame questions in order to better understand our world...."

"You loved us all. Your commitment to the human spirit and the very human aspiration toward learning, knowing, and understanding reflected your overall love and respect for every individual. In the act of teaching and investing you demonstrated such dedication to humanity and to our better selves. You led with grace and love, respect and such a sense of personal honor."

Dave Dresser, Bill Grant,
and Jim Troisi

Dave Dresser served as vice president for student affairs and dean of students at Eisenhower from 1973 until 1980.

Bill Grant '75 was a long-time friend of Dr. Hickman at Chautauqua.

Jim Troisi, a charter faculty member at Eisenhower, served Dr. Hickman at Syracuse and Eisenhower as his administrative assistant.

Alumni Remember

As we have done previously, with the passing of Warren Blackstone, Jamie Campbell, and Frank Annunziata, we are publishing recollections about Dr. Hickman and Dr. Nelson that were collected on Facebook. As members of our community depart, we encourage the sharing of memories via social media (to join our Facebook group page see instructions on page 1). As time allows, we will continue to compile tributes as posted, and (provided space is available) collected reflections will be shared in future issues of World Studies XI.

REMEMBERING WARREN HICKMAN

Barbara Ann Lyons '76: May we all be able to live such a long and productive life. May he rest in eternal peace.

Scott Abrahamson: May his memory be for [us] a blessing.

Jane Derman '79: My thoughts are with his family. I am grateful that I was at the reunion a couple of years ago and was able to listen to him speak; he was wonderful and inspirational as well.

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Michael S. Orlando '78: Thoughts and prayers for Dr. Hickman and his extended family and friends, at EC and Chautauqua.

Bridget Smith '82: Thoughts to his family that they find peace.

Frances Emerson '72: A terrible loss. We will sorely miss him.

Doug Pratt '74: I am merely one of many people who are grateful for all that he did.

Pam Romeo Havens '78: May the fine gentleman rest in peace. What a huge loss for our community. There are golden years ... and then there are years that are golden. The life and times of Warren Hickman will always fall into the latter category. He seemed immune to aging because he was continually exploring, discovering, uncovering, and challenging himself. He inspired us in so many ways—and epitomized everything he tried to instill in us, the value of lifelong learning and a liberal arts education. And his vision, as embodied in our core curriculum, World Studies, helped each of us become citizens of a global community.

Deborah Lewis Koshansky '74: So sorry to learn of his passing. It was wonderful attending his lecture at the 2014 Homecoming.

Nancy Fromer Wilson '78: Such an admirable man. I got to talk with Dr. Hickman several times in Seneca Falls after the college years. And each time I would remind him that he wanted me to leave after 1.5 semesters and I convinced (begged) him to let me stay. And that has made all the difference. I was always indebted to him for that move. RIP, sir!

Jonna S. Bartlett '75: Our world is diminished. What a great man who believed in our education. Thank you, Dr. Hickman.

Deirdre Bambrick '79: We are all better because of Dr. Warren Hickman. May he rest in peace.

Karen Munze '84: I was honored to meet him at a reunion and saddened that I will never get to read the book he intended to write about string theory.

Janet Day-Strehlow '77: I am so sorry to hear this. I loved Dr. Hickman. A great man, a great mentor.

Mary L. Flett '75: A life well lived and, it sounds like a good death. I feel blessed to have been within his orbit for a time.

Tom Allen '73: Likewise, Mary. To me, he epitomized the EC academic experience. A good man.

Joan Purdy '72: He was a wonderful man and led a life we can all admire.

Stephen W. Nagle '75: I've meant to read his book *Can Religion Survive Worship* for some time. In his honor, I need to keep that promise to myself.

Doug Pratt '74: A real privilege to have known him. I wish I had realized it at the time.

Barry Johnston '76: The closest I came to knowing him was sharing a chairlift ride at Greek Peak. We didn't talk about EC or academics. We talked about our mutual passion for skiing.

Sally Daniels '76: What a rich life! We were all enriched through his investment in education!

Tony Perrotte '83: The world has lost another man and brilliant mind.

Barb Allen '83: What a legacy he left in all whose lives he touched! His was a life well lived ...

Linda Tiernan Kepner '78: The only time I had a chat of any length with him was when EC first offered Russian, and I was dropping either French or calculus (I forget which of those foreign languages it was) to take it. I expected resistance, and instead I got an enthusiastic "Wonderful!" and all the signatures I needed, and a long talk about how exciting it was to expand our offerings in the humanities.

Laurie Goldsmith-Heitner '74: He was such a brilliant and kind man—my favorite professor. We stayed in touch over the years. I shall so miss him—I already do. He was an inspiration. He was so devoted to Eisenhower College. A remarkable man ...

Kevin Smyth '78: I seldom see two people as dedicated, devoted, and loving towards each other as I saw in Dr. Hickman and his wife, Jane.

REMEMBERING KEN NELSON

Ken Cring '82: I didn't take a class with Dr. Nelson until my second semester of my senior year. Really wished that I had taken more classes from him earlier after that exposure.

Nancy Fromer Wilson '78: Another one of our Eisenhower family gone, so sad. He lost his first wife while I was his student there. That was such a horrible tragedy. I think two young children. It always bothered me that this was how I remembered him, lost and broken. I think he came around for reunion(s), but I never saw him after graduation. I was so happy to see that he had a big long list of kids and family in the obituary, and an interesting life and career after Ike. So it seems that his journey was just beginning at Eisenhower, like with all of us. He was a young man then after all - in his thirties maybe? Long life to go after that time. RIP, Dr. Nelson.

Katherine Alexander Newsum '76: He was an excellent professor! May he rest in peace.

Bernadette Fetter-Miller '79: He was a fine man. It was so sad when he lost his first wife. I always felt so bad for him & his children. Glad to see he went on to remarry.

Michael Cook '81: Dr. Nelson was a fantastic teacher and historian who persevered despite personal tragedy. I remember his exam questions, "describe the political, social, and economic transformations of Russia from Ivan the terrible to the Bolshevik Revolution." How many trees gave their lives when we answered questions like that? My favorite memory was sitting in Frank Annunziata's backyard and talking with Nelson, the physics professor whose name I cannot recall, and Frank.

Edward Lincoln '79: I had several courses with Ken - a man of great intelligence and genuine concern for your learning and your personal development. Comments on papers were always constructive and meant to make you a better writer and historian. I'll never forget the day I learned of the accident that injured his wife so severely - such a tragedy to be endured by a kind and giving man. I believe that his wife spent many, many years in a coma before passing. It was my fortune to run into Ken several times during his tenure at RIT. He always greeted me with a smile and took the time to ask about me and my family. I always left those conversations feeling that he genuinely cared about what was happening in my life. I also believed that he had put the tragic events of the accident behind him and carried on with his life with optimism and hope. I am sure his family will miss him dearly.

Stephen Spaulding '80: Ken Nelson and Frank Annunziata were my professorial dialectic. Two very different instructors who were invigorated by a student's potential. Professor Nelson introduced me to the French philosophes and Professor Annunziata to the fallacy of a historian's personal beliefs. They were both united in critical thought and concise arguments. I was very blessed by their passions to teach.

Pam Romeo Havens '78: I'll never forget the "D" I received from him in one of my World Studies seminars—not because of the mark but because of his advice to me when I approached him about taking a challenge exam to raise my grade. He noted that, over the course of my career at Ike, I was likely to receive better grades in other courses that would offset this one misstep. He encouraged me to look forward instead of backward. Of course, he was right—and I never forgot that valuable lesson!

Louise McAdoo Wagner '81: He was a brilliant professor, and I had him for seminar in World Studies. Sad to hear of his passing!

Joan Purdy '72: He was a true gentleman.

like alumni send their news & notes

Beverly Ann (Child) Bauer-Boatright '72 has a new address: 579 Brannon Forest Dr., Waynesville, NC 28785. Get in touch by email at tuttychild@gmail.com.

Congratulations to **Ann E. Rondeau '73**, who became the president of the College of DuPage on July 1. She reports, "The college is located in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, about 20 miles west of Chicago. It is a terrific place with a wonderful mission. Its stellar team is passionate about students, offering high-quality academic work and cutting-edge educational and workforce development opportunities for the region and nation." She concludes, "This leadership service opportunity is such a privilege: listening, learning, leading, supporting, and serving!" Drop Ann a note at annrondeau74@gmail.com.

"I did pass my physician assistant boards (7th)," announces **Dean A. Little '74**, "but so far remain retired." He says he's writing some poetry, hiking, and getting ready for the fall semester (College for Seniors) at UNC-Asheville. Dean's daughter, Kara, is nearing the end of her year-long internship in Uganda. Adds Dean, "She has had several 'adventures' there, including the retrieval of a stolen five-year-old child (she is *fearless*)." His son, a graphic designer, is on his first cross-country trip to check out San Diego. Dean recently tracked EC's Catholic chaplain, Father **Ron Gaesser**, to his missionary service projects in the Dominican Republic. "Congratulations to **Helen Baghdoyan '74** on her selection for the Distinguished Alumni Award. Best to all alumni." (3627 Paint Fork Dr., Mars Hill, NC 28754; deanalittle@gmail.com)

Trudy A. Fisher '75 was sorry to miss the reunion again this year but sends her best

to everyone—"especially **Sandra Saari**, should you see her." Trudy makes her home in San Francisco: 1553 Pine St., #2, San Francisco, CA 94109.

After retiring in early 2015 from a career in federal service at the CIA, **Christa (Spindler) Leman '77** and her husband sold their home in Virginia last May and moved to Vancouver, Washington. She writes, "We aren't sure where we will decide to put down roots, so we're spending the next year or so exploring communities. If you are in the beautiful Northwest, please feel free to get in touch! We love having guests." Contact her at lemanch@verizon.net or 14413 NE 9th Court, Vancouver, WA 98685.

Linda (Tiernan) Kepner '78 writes, "I know it sounds loony to be as happy about a 'demotion' as I am, but 17 years ago I was 'temporarily promoted' to acting director and then assistant director while we were in 'transition.' I am finally returned to my original job as cataloguer/head of technical services [at the Peterborough Town Library], and I'm very happy about it! It's the same subject specialty but far less managerial responsibility. Hooray!" Linda's husband, Terry, retired about a year ago and "is finally catching up on his reading." Daughter Quinn has taken a year off to work but still plans to attend art school (Center for Cartoon Studies). And Linda has published her eighth novel, *Living with Vampires*. She continues, "I am so not a romance writer, but this year the RWA issued me my '5' pin (for five romance novels published—but that includes the vampire adventures!). It's a fun hobby more than anything else. I've had more science-fiction short stories published, my first love. We're all getting ready

for new adventures." Catch up with her at ltk01@aol.com or 162 Onset Rd., Bennington, NH 03442.

Reporting a new address is **Victor Roman '81**: Elsa Brandstrom Str. 74, 97422 Schweinfurt, Bayern, Germany. Retired from the military/federal government, Vic keeps in touch by email at victor.m.roman@aol.com.

deceased

We regret to announce the deaths of:

James C. Cannon '72

May 28, 2016

Angus K. Chapman Jr. '79

November 6, 2016

Merlin Dailey (staff)

January 8, 2015

Warren L. Hickman (faculty)

March 2, 2016

Paul A. Likoudis '75

September 22, 2016

Douglas J. May (staff)

April 21, 2004

Joanne M. Molinari '76

November 30, 2015

Robert M. Murphy '76

May 6, 2015

Ken Nelson (faculty)

September 17, 2016

Timothy Gerard Tormey '76

November 2016



ECAA Chair Pam Romeo Havens '78 presents the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award to Dr. Helen Baghdoyan '74. (Photo by Steve Suddaby '76)

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class president. In addition, Olivia was a member of the National Honor Society, French Honor Society, and Social Studies Honor Society.

Her community service has included the Costa Rica School Project, Reading to Kindergartners, Seneca Community Players, St. Anthony's Festival, World Polio, Salvation Army bell-ringing, Adopt-A-Family 2015, and Helping an Elderly Neighbor.

Olivia is attending Fairleigh Dickinson University this fall. She's enrolled in a five-year bachelor's/master's degree program majoring in hotel management and minor-ing in French or Spanish.