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Welcome to the first issue of the Stevens Society Pages!

This mini-magazine is about the four Stevens giving societies – Gear, Edwin A. Stevens, Legacy and Lifetime Giving – and the alumni and friends who are members. It is their generosity that empowers the talented students and faculty of Stevens – and truly is worth celebrating!

When members of these societies give to Stevens – say, while giving annually, or through an estate plan, or making a major gift to establish a named fund – their gifts support life-changing scholarships, rich academics, bold research, modern classrooms and so many other good causes on campus.

To all the members of our giving societies, thank you for that impact!

We hope you enjoy seeing yourself and your friends in these fun stories and photos!



LOYALTY, LEADERSHIP, LIFETIME, LEGACY... Find your calling (or even all four!)

GEAR SOCIETY

(Est. 2016)

The Gear Society celebrates alumni who give at any level to Stevens year after year. Through their loyalty, Gear Society members are to Stevens what gears are to machines: they generate power.



LIFETIME GIVING SOCIETIES

(Est. 2014)

The six Lifetime Giving Societies (LGS) honor the alumni and others whose total lifetime giving to Stevens tops \$100,000, a special group of people who transform Stevens with their generosity. LGS members reach a new level as they increase their giving during their lifetime.



EDWIN A. STEVENS (EAS) SOCIETY

(Est. 1974)

Named for the university's co-founder, the EAS Society is the annual gift club for alumni and others who provide leadership support to Stevens. Spot members when they wear their John Bull pin showing the famed Stevens family locomotive.



STEVENS LEGACY SOCIETY

(Est. 1994)

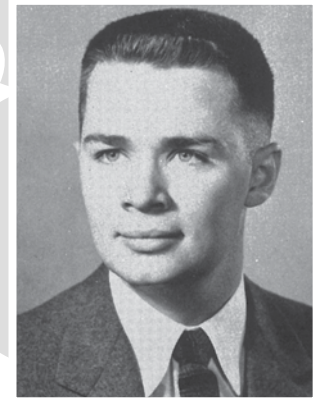
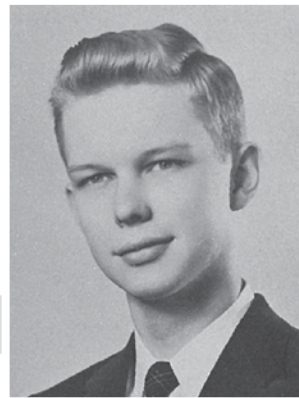
Just like Edwin's enduring gift, members of the Stevens Legacy Society have planned gifts for the university in their wills, ensuring their legacy will have an impact far into the future.

So Long, Seventeen

Have you made your gift during 2017? There's still time – visit stevens.edu/makeagift by December 31, and then light some sparklers for an amazing '18!

Guess the Gears...

Can you guess these three Gear Society members who graduated in the nifty fifties and have given to Stevens for 25+ straight years? See them now on page 7!



The culture of philanthropy at Stevens is so strong, we just had to add two new levels to the Lifetime Giving Societies.

The first four LGS icons – famed industrialist and Stevens trustee Andrew Carnegie; first Stevens president Henry Morton; wife of Edwin and university co-founder Martha Bayard Stevens; and loyal Class of '49er Ken DeBaun – have two new friends: the savvy entrepreneur Lore E. Feiler and the intrepid electrician John W. Lieb.

Lore was a pioneer – a woman of Stevens before the co-ed era. She was born in Pforzheim, Germany, a 2,000 year-old city at the north edge of the Black Forest, and lived with her family above her father's factory where he made precision machinery for Pforzheim's famous jewelry industry. Her father's business moved to New York, and Lore worked with him before buying an old factory in Jersey City she turned into a plastics molding shop. In the '40s she met professor Frederick Gaudet, who let her take courses at Stevens – unofficially, of course. Lore used what she learned to grow her business, and later she was so grateful for her success that she gave money for scholarships, faculty chairs, and, some twenty years after Stevens went co-ed, the Lore-EI Center for Women's Leadership, a unique home for female students and the hub of women's programming on campus.

Meanwhile, John Lieb's life story sounds like an Indiana Jones plot. After he graduated from Stevens in 1880, he went to Milan to install Thomas Edison's first electrical station in Europe. While inspecting a canal on the Adda River, John learned the canal's locks were designed by Leonardo da Vinci. He was so impressed the locks still worked after 400 years that he began collecting books by and about the quintessential Renaissance man. After John passed away, his friend, General Electric co-founder Samuel Insull, donated the books to Stevens. The Lieb da Vinci collection of rare and historic books continues to impress visitors to Castle Point. And, John himself established a namesake academic building that benefitted Stevens students for a century.

And now, these two Stevens icons have their own LGS levels, to honor the generous, magnanimous and munificent donors who keep raising the bar with their philanthropy – nine alumni and their spouses, representing five decades. These alumni are among the leading lights of *The Power of Stevens* campaign.



THE LIFETIME GIVING SOCIETIES



John Lieb	(\$5 million+)
Lore Feiler	(\$2,500,000-\$4,999,999)
Kenneth DeBaun	(\$1 million-\$2,499,999)
Martha Bayard Stevens	(\$500,000-\$999,999)
Henry Morton	(\$250,000-\$499,999)
Andrew Carnegie	(\$100,000-\$249,999)

Thanks for climbing higher at Castle Point!



◀ *Fred Paulson '59 met Victor Luo, the finance professor he's supporting with a named fellowship. Both men, one from Greece and the other from China, got scholarships at age 19 to study in the United States.*



Karen and Steve Boswell, Ph.D. '91



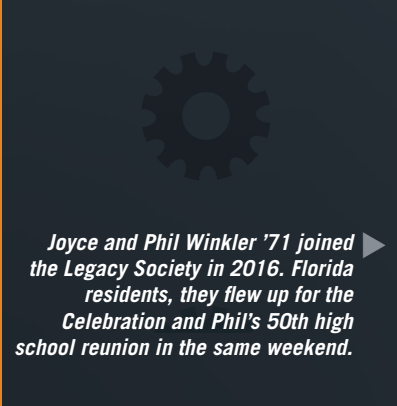
▲ *Provost Christophe Pierre (red tie) and deans Jean Zu (engineering), Kelland Thomas (arts and letters, with wife Suela) and Gregory Prastacos (business) all joined the EAS Society in 2017. Let's salute some philanthropic faculty!*



▲ *A legend: Joe Schneider '42 has seen so much of Stevens since he graduated 75 years ago, and he's eager to see more!*



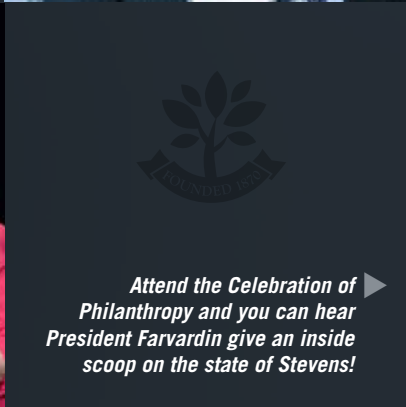
"We're always making new memories at Castle Point"



▶ *Joyce and Phil Winkler '71 joined the Legacy Society in 2016. Florida residents, they flew up for the Celebration and Phil's 50th high school reunion in the same weekend.*



Elizabeth and Paul Coughlan '88



▶ *Attend the Celebration of Philanthropy and you can hear President Farvardin give an inside scoop on the state of Stevens!*



Tom Moschello '63



Enrique Blanco '72, here with his wife Mary, received the Stevens Alumni Award during Alumni Weekend 2017.



"One of our favorite days of the fall"



Larry Babbio '66

CELEBRATION OF PHILANTHROPY 2017

It's always nice when friends get together. Every year at the Celebration of Philanthropy dinner, alumni and friends of Stevens spanning decades come to Castle Point to celebrate how their generosity has an impact.

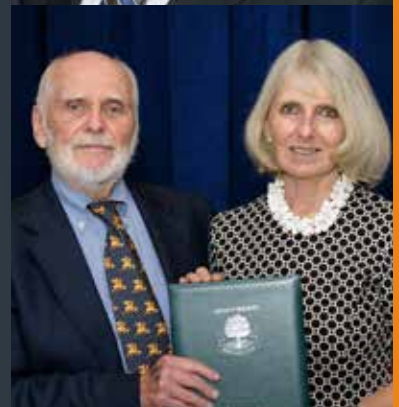
The dinner recognizes new members of each of the four giving societies, which makes the Celebration of Philanthropy an ideal time for members to meet and mingle, and share their interest in supporting Stevens.



ShaQuill Thomas '15



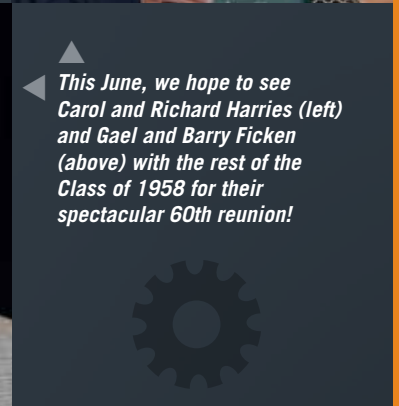
The President's Ensemble



This June, we hope to see Carol and Richard Harries (left) and Gael and Barry Ficken (above) with the rest of the Class of 1958 for their spectacular 60th reunion!



Society members like Andrea and Ron West '71 can get certificates and other tokens of appreciation at the Celebration of Philanthropy



Leon Hojegan '61



Ron West Talks STEP

During his Celebration of Philanthropy speech, **Ron West '71** reminisced about Stevens, and the world, in the wild late '60s, and he showed gratitude for Castle Point as a place where he met friends for life and learned how to succeed during his diverse career in business development, budget administration, financial planning, and technology management.

“Stevens helped my ability to reason and analyze problems and make decisions – tools I use each and every day.”

He also looked ahead – specifically to the 50th anniversary in 2018 of STEP, the Stevens Technical Enrichment Program offering support and opportunities to underrepresented, low-income and first generation students.

“Over 1,000 lives have been positively impacted by STEP. I have supported Stevens’ commitment to the program since I was an undergraduate student, financially, as well as serving as a mentor on the community advisory board for well over 20 years. In 2018, STEP will celebrate its 50th anniversary, and I ask that each of you stand with me in supporting President Farvardin to renew and expand Stevens’ commitment to underrepresented students. We have an opportunity to make an even greater difference, not only at Stevens, but in the world.”

Learn more about STEP at stevens.edu/step, and stay tuned next fall for the big campus bash celebrating the program's prodigious impact!



“First you learn, then you earn, and then you return.”

What will **John Dearborn '79** do now that he's got more time on his hands? The executive in the energy industry and his wife Michele are going to travel, spend time with their family, and continue supporting their philanthropic interests, including Stevens.

John, a Stevens trustee who lives in Houston, articulated the “learn, earn, return” mantra when he spoke at the 2017 Celebration of Philanthropy.

“Only Michele and her dedication to our family stands ahead of my education at Stevens as contributing factors to any success I’ve enjoyed. Stevens gave me the tools I needed to succeed in my career. I worked hard for 36 years (retired at the moment, but not forever), and today I’m happy to give back.”

This year, the Dearborns increased their giving to reach the Henry Morton level in the Lifetime Giving Societies. They're also members of the EAS and Gear societies.

“Michele and I, and our family, would not give to Stevens if we didn't have full confidence in the mission, and the administration, of this great university.”



...Guess the Gears

Did you figure out who's who? Life after Stevens sure looks to have been good for Ken DeGraw '57, John Hovey '57 and Dwight Massey '53 – and thanks to them for supporting Stevens year after year!



Dwight Massey '53



Ken DeGraw '57



John Hovey '57

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Q&A

Kendra Appleheimer '12 has already started her Gear Society giving streak. She works as a technology consulting manager at Accenture and chairs the Washington DC Stevens alumni club.

How has Stevens helped you succeed?

My Stevens education gave me problem solving and career skills, but I also learned lessons in teamwork and made lifelong friendships through academics, athletics and student life. When things are particularly challenging, I can draw on our motto Per Aspera Ad Astra for the drive to succeed.

What motivates you to give to Stevens every year?

I am so proud of my Stevens education, and I want current and future students to feel the same. The way I see it – you need to pay it forward. My Stevens experience wouldn't have been what it was without the involvement and investment of alumni. I am immensely appreciative of those who came before me, and I am honored to give back to the school that gave me so much.

What do you enjoy most about the Washington alumni club?

We have an amazing network of Stevens alumni living and working in the DC area. I didn't know most of the alumni I know in DC until I moved here five years ago. I am so happy that I was able to connect with alumni in the area through the club, with the support of the alumni office and a very involved and dedicated group of fellow alumni.



That's a wrap!

We hope you enjoyed this first edition of the STEVENS SOCIETY PAGES!

Beyond the personal satisfaction of giving to help deserving students and innovative faculty, alumni and others who join a Stevens society maintain a meaningful connection to the university and to their fellow society members. Plus, by attending events like the Celebration of Philanthropy they get to make new friends across the societies, engage with current students, receive updates from university leadership and hear different perspectives on supporting Stevens.

Many Stevens alumni and friends are members of more than one society – some even all four! If you ever have any questions about renewing your annual membership or joining a new society, contact your devoted society stewards:

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