
RAYCHEMERS

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Luncheon at Michael's Shoreline

Paul Cook

We have a strong program for you on January 27th. One of the top female executives in Raychem's history will address us. Emily Liggett will tell us how she raised a family of four children while climbing the management ladder at Raychem. She had the credentials we looked for in hiring strong management candidates- a technical undergraduate degree followed by an MBA plus work experience either before or after the MBA. Emily came aboard in 1984 and was promoted- and moved- several times. We heard from Mark Mendenhall about how EloTouch in doing now getting up close to 1/2 a billion dollars of revenue per year. We'll hear from Emily how she managed this start up that we moved from Oak Ridge, Tennessee to the Bay Area and made it into a powerful, rapidly growing innovative company.

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***Send in Your
Reservation Now***

For

Saturday, May 16, 2009

for a Reunion Picnic

at

Flood Park in Menlo Park

From Noon to 4 p.m.

**Simply good food, catered
by Armadillo Willy's and
your good company.**

Please send in the reservation form inside the Newsletter so we can get a count on the number of people attending. Please pass this date onto all former Raychem employees. All are welcome if they turn in a reservation.

Emily Liggett

Emily joined Raychem in June 1984, after receiving a BS in chemical engineering at Purdue and obtaining an MSME and MBA from Stanford. Prior to grad school, she worked for DuPont as a field engineer in elastomers manufacturing, product development, field support and sales.

She joined the Commercial Electronics/Polyswitch group in Sales for Bill Woodrow/Ralph Harnett. She then moved to run US Sales for TraceTek under John McGraw, later moving to Chemelex as Director of Industrial Operations/Manufacturing under Hus Tigli/Jim Spradling. Emily job-shared the Director of Operations role with Sharon Faltemier, and then went on to direct Worldwide Marketing and Product Management.

Emily and her family relocated to Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina to become General Manager of Telecom (and Energy when it was moved to North Carolina).

She returned to the bay area to become the General Manager/Vice President of EloTouch Systems. After the acquisition by Tyco, Emily remained with Elo for another year, then spent a brief time with the short-lived Tyco Ventures program before leaving Tyco.

Since then, Emily has been CEO of Capstone Turbines (clean turbines) and Apexon (supply chain software) and has been serving on the Board of Directors of Textronics (electronic textiles), Immersion Corporation (haptics technology), and several non-profit organizations. She loved (and misses) the technology, challenges, creativity, people and customers of Raychem and is looking forward to the luncheon on January 27!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FUTURE LUNCHEONS:

January 27, 2009

April 28, 2009

October 27, 2009

BOARD MEETINGS AT: 305 CONSTITUTION DRIVE , MENLO PARK

ROOM 1085

April 7, 2009 11 a.m.

October 6, 2009 11 a.m.

RAYCHEM REUNION PICNIC FLOOD PARK

MAY 16, 2009

NOON TO 4 P.M.

CRUISES

ALASKA SEPTEMBER 6-13, 2009 PRICES REDUCED

ALASKA SEPTEMBER 1-11, 2009 PRICES REDUCED

MEXICAN RIVERA FEBRUARY 7 STILL AVAILABLE PRICES REDUCED

Purpose of Raychemers is to maintain friendships made while working at Raychem Corporation. We do this through a series of social events during the year. We try to have programs that are of interest to former Raychem employees. We maintain an address list that is available to our members. The Raychemers group is open to all former Raychem employees.

Raychemer Membership benefits include receiving the newsletter prior to release on the web. We meet for lunch three times a year with for a partially subsidized lunch where we can meet with Raychem friends. Newsletter is mailed to all currently paid-up members three times a year. Please share this information with other Raychemers who might want to join us.

We have lost several former Raychemers in the last few months. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

Val Richter
Arnie Rodia
Gil Locke
Ruth Levison Halperin

Velma Margaret Richter
March 10, 1930 - November 27, 2008

The only child of Bulgarian immigrants Frank and Alexandra Marcoff, Velma (who was known to her friends as Val), was born and reared in Detroit, Michigan. She passed away unexpectedly at her home in San Carlos of an apparent heart attack.

Val's father was a veteran of World War I. He served in the U.S. Army and fought in Europe before returning home to employment at Ford's engine foundry. Growing up in the motor city near the banks of the Detroit River, Val acquired a strong work ethic and a life-long interest in cars and powerboats. After graduating from Detroit's Eastern High School, Val studied Speedwriting and found employment at the Chevrolet Central Engineering Office. She rose in the ranks to become administrative assistant to the legendary Zora Arkus-Duntov. Zora Duntov was known from 1955 until his retirement in 1975 as the 'Father of the Corvette.'

In the late 1960's Val moved to California and joined Raychem Corporation, working initially in R & D. She then became administrative assistant to Paul M. Cook, Raychem's founder and President. Her sense of humor, can-do attitude, competency, style, and diplomatic tact, endeared her to most everyone she met. In addition to the manifold requirements of running the President's office of a rapidly growing International Company, Val helped administer and kept the books for many of Paul's outside interests and ventures. These included Kangaroo Courts, a tennis club, Window South, an art collection and gallery of his Central and South American art, a large ranch near Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and his interest in offshore powerboat racing.

Val knew the names of the owners and drivers of boats such as Miss Bardahl, Miss Pepsi, Atlas Van Lines, Roostertail, Miss America, Miss Budweiser, and Hawaii Kai, all unlimited hydroplanes that she had seen compete on the Detroit River for power boating's Holy Grail, the Gold Cup. Paul became interested in offshore powerboat racing and developed a twin-hulled boat with Kevlar-fiberglass hulls that could compete in the ocean. Paul drove it to its first win in 1974. His first wife, Betty Cook, caught the racing bug and, using the twin-hulled development and the racing team she and Paul had assembled, she became one of the most successful offshore boat racers of all time. In 1996,

Betty Cook was posthumously inducted into the Motor Racing Hall of Fame. For Val, helping to organize the 1974 and 1976 Pacific Offshore Powerboat Racing Regattas in San Francisco was truly a labor of love. After many years of service, Val retired from Raychem's purchasing department in 1996.

Petite and athletic, Val was trained as a gymnast and excelled at floor routines. Until her death, she bowled twice a week, golfed once a week, and enjoyed aerobic dancing. As a sports fan, Val followed professional golf, tennis, and was devoted to the San Francisco 49ers. Her day did not end until she had finished the morning crossword puzzle. She was an accomplished cook and liked to read and collect cookbooks.

Married briefly and divorced, Val had no children. Her many friends became her family, who will all deeply miss her. A lover of animals, Val always shared her home with a cat, supported the San Francisco Zoo, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and the Peninsula Humane Society.

Val had a strong artistic streak furthered with violin lessons and drafting classes in school. In mid-life, she tried her hand at oil painting for about a decade. An accomplished seamstress, she also enjoyed knitting, needlepoint, embroidery, Origami, and handicrafts in general.

Active in her parish at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Val served in many capacities including the Vestry, Treasurer of the Episcopal Church Women of St Peter's, member of the Altar Guild, and Thrift Shop volunteer. Val was instrumental in the fund raising, conceptual design, commissioning of the artist (Joan Irvine), and contracting for the installation of the stained glass window in St. Peter's Columbarium, where her earthly remains now reside.

A memorial service and reception in Val's honor will be held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 178 Clinton Street, Redwood City, California 94061 on Friday, January 16, at 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, Val requested that donations be made to the St. Peter's Living Memorial Fund.

Many have expressed an interest in finding out what their fellow Raychemers are doing with their lives. If you would like to give us an update, we would love to hear from you. We will publish the information in future newsletters as space is available.

Here's what Raychemers are doing now

Scotty & Pat Strachan

Nothing. Pat and I are just sitting back and enjoying our retirement. We still think about all of our good friends that we had at the "Old Raychem".

Ralph Circio

With Raychem Telecom 1972-1997, fully retired and living on Long Island, NY. Spending 3-4 months a year at the Southern Outerbanks of North Carolina fishing and enjoying life with my wife. Have 6 grandchildren.

Dennis Uram

I just retired from a School District. I would like to say Hi! To old friends. If anyone used to work in Building A or B and want say Hi! to an old friend, please call 408-590-6319 or email me d.uran@att.net

Al Kaehler

Palo Alto, California
My wife is in Assisted Living nearby, our grandchildren "The Triplets" are in Las Vegas. I'm playing sax & clarinet in six bands, autocrossing our BMW, going to the gym 3 days a week.

Vesta Walden

Harmonica group-Fremont Senior Sweetheart, TV productions(better part) clowning, hand bells, (marching) etc, etc.

Your Name

What are you doing now?

Mail back to Raychemers, P.O. Box 591, Mountain View, CA 94025-0591

You are invited to join us at a Raychemers Reunion Picnic

At Flood Park, Menlo Park on
May 16, 2009
from noon to 4 p.m.

Cost \$15 per person/**Adults only**. We will not be able
to accommodate people without reservations.

Catered by Armadillo Willy's.

More information to follow in future newsletters.
Please reserve early so we can get a head count for the
food. Reservations must be in before April 30, 2009.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone number: _____

Number of people attending _____ @ \$15 = _____

Send to: Raychemers/Reunion
P.O. Box 591, Mountain View, CA 94042-0591

Raychemers Spring 2009 Luncheon Meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Michael's at Shoreline Restaurant

Shoreline Blvd. Mountain View

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch is at 12:15 p.m.

Deadline for reservations is **January 22, 2009**

If you come without reservations, you will get what is available. Cost is \$25 if space is available.

Come early and renew old friendships. The view of the Bay and Golf course is great. Luncheon choices are Roast Beef, Broiled Salmon, Wild Mushroom Crepes, or Chicken Caesar Salad. Hot dishes come with a green salad, potatoes, vegetable, roll, coffee, and dessert. Salad choice is accompanied by a cup of soup or fruit cup, rolls, coffee and dessert. All this for \$15.00 per person.

****Important notice regarding mailing label****

Dues Payable—Indicates that your dues have not been paid or have lapsed. Send a check for \$10.

Dues Pd Thru-date shown. Keep membership active, send us your check before that date.

Names	Roast Beef	Broiled Salmon	Wild Mushroom Crepes	Chicken Caesar Salad

Total number of lunches: _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

Membership dues renewal: _____ @ \$10.00 = \$ _____

Send check to: Raychemers, P.O. Box 591, Mountain View, CA 94042-0591

Vital Information: please print and update as needed

Name: _____ Dates at Raychem: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Next Raychemers Luncheon Meeting:

Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Michael's at Shoreline

How to get there:

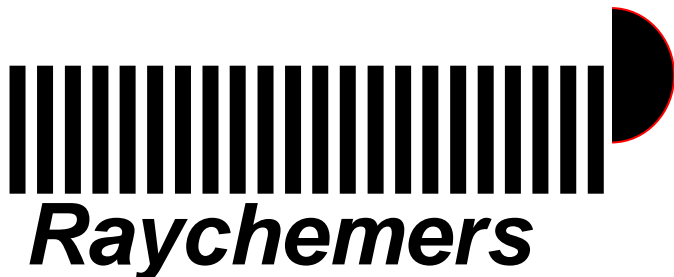
Take 101 towards Mountain View

Exit at Shoreline Blvd.

Head North toward the Bay and the Amphitheater.

Go past the Amphitheater and the Ranger's Gatehouse
and follow the road to the Michael's parking lot.

It's about 1.5 miles from 101 to Michael's.



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