

# ROBERT BRADFORD NEWMAN

## STUDENT AWARD FUND

This special edition of the Newman Fund Newsletter respectfully honors the memory of **Mary Shaw Newman**, initiator of the Newman Fund, who passed away on June 29, 2016. It also outlines a series of events and activities to recognize Mrs. Newman's contributions from the outset to the continuing success of the Newman Student Award Fund, and steps to ensure its healthy future.



Mary Shaw Newman, 1928-2016

### IN MEMORIAM

Followers and friends of the Robert Bradford Newman Student Award Fund share with sadness and fond memories the passing of Mary Newman on June 29, 2016. The following excerpt is from her obituary in the Boston Globe.

*Mary Patricia Shaw was born in Montreal, Canada on June 15, 1928 and grew up in Houlton, ME. After she graduated from Smith College, Mary worked in New York and Cambridge before spending many happy years married to Robert B. Newman who died in 1983. She lived in Lexington, MA, then in Lincoln, MA until 2012 when she moved to Westwood, MA.*

*Mary had a vast range of interests and activities; she served on the boards of Boston area institutions including the Boston Symphony Orchestra, WGBH, and Emerson Hospital. She volunteered many hours at the Museum of Fine Arts and enjoyed the company of friends at Thursday Book Club, Parliamentary Law Club, Smith alumnae activities, and various gardening, needlework, and travel groups. She was a member of the Somerset Club and a parishioner at St. Anne's in the Fields in Lincoln, MA.*

*Mary is survived by her children and their spouses: Catherine (Norbert) Kornyei of Salt Lake City, Henry W. (Sandra) Newman II of Marblehead, and R. Bradford (Sue) Newman, Jr. of Duxbury. Her grandchildren are Jonathan (Marissa Acosta) Gladstone of Somerville, Sarah Gladstone (David) Fejock of Prairie Village, KS, Anne Newman (James) Foley of Marblehead, Henry Ware (Alejandra) Newman III of Boston, Emily Ulfelder of Quincy, Alexander Ulfelder of Quincy and Robert B. Newman III of Duxbury. She had 6 great-grandchildren. Mary's dearest friend and partner, Jefferson White of Westwood, was with her when she died.*

### A VOICE FROM THE PAST

A series of cassette tapes containing the lectures of Professor Robert Newman delivered to MIT in 1970 have been discovered, digitized, and will soon be available on the Newman Fund website and from the ASA Archives. Bob Newman was a gifted teacher in the field of architectural acoustics, primarily as a faculty member at the MIT School of Architecture and the Harvard Graduate School of Design, as well as serving as a guest lecturer at numerous schools of architecture throughout the world. He was passionate about encouraging his students to create a better environment, and thought it should be a part of any aspiring architect's curriculum.

While the tapes do not constitute a full course and suffer from limited fidelity, they illustrate fundamental principles in architectural acoustics, and the stories captured in these lectures are timeless examples of common sense principles. The tapes will be accompanied by transcripts.

### NEWSLETTER NEWS!

The next full issue of the Newman Fund Newsletter will be issued during the coming summer (2017), in order to realign with the academic year and include all medalists and awardees for the entire 2016-2017 academic year, as well as winners of the Student Design Competition from the Spring 2017 ASA meeting.

### CELEBRATION AT BOSTON ASA

All friends and supporters of the Newman Fund are invited to join the current members of the Advisory Committee, past Medalists and Student Design Competition winners, Schultz Grant recipients, and all other meeting attendees in a celebratory gathering to be held at the ASA Boston Meeting on June 26, 2017. Members of the Newman Family are also being invited to join the celebration. The precise time and location are being set now; see the Newman Fund website for details: [www.newmanfund.org](http://www.newmanfund.org).

### YOUR INPUT

If you are a former Newman Fund Medalist or recipient of Commendation for the Student Design Competition, Newsletter Editor Liz Lamour Croteau is soliciting reader input for a new feature. She would like to highlight ways in which Newman Fund Awards have inspired careers in architectural acoustics as well as in building-related environmental acoustics. Please forward any comments to Liz at: [elamour@cavtucci.com](mailto:elamour@cavtucci.com), or to the Newman Fund website: [www.newmanfund.org](http://www.newmanfund.org).

## FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The organization and activities of the Fund are led by a volunteer Advisory Committee that meets at Acoustical Society of America meetings twice each year. The Advisory Committee has about 20 members, who are widely respected leaders in architectural acoustics consulting and education.

The committee also maintains the Newman Fund website: [www.newmanfund.org](http://www.newmanfund.org), and publishes a yearly Newsletter with updates on medalists, student design competition winners, and Schultz Grant programs. To continue the activities of the Fund, the Advisory Committee is undertaking a directed 5 year campaign (2017-2022) for contributions to the Fund. All donations are secured and professionally managed within the Acoustical Society Foundation Fund, and all earnings from the fund are available for the Newman Fund uses. **Any and all contributions are welcome and tax deductible.** Donations can be made by check or money order submitted in the enclosed envelope to the Acoustical Society of America, or via PayPal through the ASA website.

This particular fundraising campaign is necessary to create a more secure and permanent future for the Newman Fund. All gifts received through May 2017 will be acknowledged in the Commemorative Edition of the newsletter available at the Celebratory Event. In recognition of his guidance for all these 30 years, the Advisory Committee has dedicated this campaign to its tireless champion, longtime Fund supporter Bill Cavanaugh, who is acknowledged as the Honorary Chair of the Campaign.

### Please join with us in this campaign!

Yes, please accept my donation to the Robert Bradford Newman Student Award Fund of the Acoustical Society of America:

- Donor: up to \$100  
 Sponsor: \$100 to \$499  
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- I will make this pledge annually for each year of the 5-year campaign.

*Please mail donations to:*

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**c/o Acoustical Society of America**  
**1305 Walt Whitman Road, Suite 300**  
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All donations are fully tax-deductible. Donations can also be made securely online at: <http://www.newmanfund.org/sponsors/>

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Mary Shaw Newman, Founder (1928 - 2016)

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