Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration
1935-1985
FRIDAY, May 31, 1985
7:00-10:00
OFFICERS

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CHARTER MEMBERS STILL IN CLUB

John W. Malley
DIINER MENU
Fresh Fruit Cup
Tomato Salad
Potato Puffs
Fresh Baby Carrots
Columbia Lemon Pie
Coffee

Dancing/Music by Bill Verwood
Robert W. Adams
Burton A. Americh
William A. Beha, Jr.
John R. Berres
Anthony L. Birch
Harry E. Breachtsneider
Susan Tucker Brown
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Charles Gorenstein
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Arthur T. Grimley
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James T. Hosker
Ross F. Hunt
K. Danny Huntington
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Alan J. Kasper
Robert Kinberg
Robert J. Koch
Ronald J. Robovick
James A. LaBarre
Bruce C. Dotter
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James H. Leaghlin, Jr.
Dale S. Lazar
Janis W. Manning
Clifton R. McCann
Kenneth J. Meyers
Robert C. Miller
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Robert G. Mukai
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John Raubitschek
Steven C. Schneider
Marina V. Schneller
John W. Schneller
Watson Y. Scott
James M. Slattery
Richard A. Steinberg
Norman T. Speybo
Bernard L. Sweeney
Roger L. Tate
Bruce H. Tramwell
Wallace G. Walter
Charles E. Wendel
Thomas W. Wineland
Charles R. Wolfe
ACTIVE MEMBERS OVER 45

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George J. Budock
William T. Bullinger
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S. Lewis Osele
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Nathaniel Humphries
Ronald Kaminski
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*Past Presidents*
PATENT LAWYERS CLUB
of Washington, D.C.

In the Tenth Anniversary, Bill Bullinger and Ron Keenen developed a brief summary of the club's history, excerpted in part from Bern Heardinger's History from the Tenth Anniversary Brochure. That history follows:

1919

"A DECADE AGO A GROUP OF YOUNG Washington patent lawyers met for an evening of convivial revel, that meeting gave birth to the idea of a permanent association for young patent lawyers who felt the need for some medium through which to achieve more rapidly a deeper knowledge of the profession in which they had so recently engaged.

"Not all young us then could speak in the purpose of our infant organization, but Bill playing our golfing light during the latticest period as well as our inspiration to devotion since the date of our organization, convinced all of us that we should devote ourselves to preparation for the path we had elected to follow and to the preparation of the path of ourselves. Thus, we adopted a constitution which admitted to our membership a limited number of young men who had been admitted to the practice of law and who were actively engaged in the patent profession. Binding ourselves together in order to advance the knowledge in the Club members, improve their general welfare, encourage a mutually helpful understanding within the patent profession, and maintain the patent profession on a high ethical plane, we became the Patent Lawyers Club.

"With the advent of the war in 1914, so many of our members volunteered for military service that our very existence was threatened for a time. However, military duty brought to Washington young patent lawyers from all parts of the country, from which, though membership, we drew an equal number and greater vigor. Thus, our tenth year, has been one of our most successful. Today, we salute our members who are engaged in our country's defense services. These number one half of our total membership.

"History of the Patent Lawyers Club reproduced from the Tenth Anniversary Brochure issued by R.E. Heardinger.

1949

In 1945 when the club celebrated its Tenth Anniversary the Club consisted of a total of 63 members, including active and inactive members. Seventeen of these were charter members.
In 1955 the Patent Lawyer's Club celebrated its Twentieth Anniversary. The Toastmaster was T. Hayward brown. Honored guests included Robert C. Watson, Commissioner of Patents. Club consists of 136 members, including active and inactive. Fifty six members were listed as active in 1955.

1955 to present

During the past forty years the Club has found it necessary to limit its Constitution's number of active members. This number has been increased to 75 members who are 65 years of age or under. This is the Club's maximum number of members. Notice of meetings are now sent to 112 members and applicants.

All present members of the Patent Lawyer's Club extend their gratitude and thanks to its Charter Members of the Club and Host that followed whom are honored today and who are personally represented by seven of seventeen Charter members. The present members of the Club also look to the future confident that this organization will remain viable and continue to provide both a forum for those who graciously consent to speak to the Club members and the opportunity to advance the knowledge of the Club members. The goals of the Club remain to encourage helpful understanding, reasoned debate and promoted friendship.

1975

This year the Club has moved effectively toward its goals of understanding and debate. At its October meeting, it has the opportunity to hear Trial Judge Joseph Colarossi of the United States Court of Claims whose address on current patent law matters was followed by a lively and spirited discussion by the Club. At its November meeting, the Club has the privilege of Walter R. Mckelvey, a member of the Board of Patent Interferences, speak on the topic of discovery in the Patent and Trademark Office in patent interference proceedings. Today, the Club pauses in its pursuit of these objectives to reflect on the efforts of its past and present members, to express its appreciation to them, and to share their friendship during this fortieth anniversary celebration.

1975-1985

The last ten years have seen a continuation of the club's goals established some fifty years ago. The Washington Patent Lawyer's Club remains a permanent association for young and some older patent lawyers to gather and increase their understanding not only of the law and their patent practice but also of one another.
We have been fortunate these past ten years to have easy access to the Commissioner of Patents and his staff, and learned quickly of the efforts being made by China to develop a patent system and how the Patent Office was being brought up-to-date and computerized.

Michael Blemner, Executive Director of the AIPLA, has kept us updated on Congressional patent activity and the Honorable Helen K. Klaus and George Hutchinson has kept us up-to-date on the current state of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Club activities have included speakers on topics other than U.S. patent law and have included: Adult Ruhe from Germany and Marc-Aurèle Truchon from France concerning European practice and strategy, Howard Silver; and others on tax matters, and Dr. Hans Cellini, President of the Australian AIPLI Group.

Roberta B. Larson, who joined the Club the year following its organization, has written some reminiscences of the early years about meetings at the Patriot restaurant, then at Connecticut and 8 streets; the discussion every other month between two issues of magazines which would devote some burning question of patent law, and a memorable speech by Fulto Burleigh on copyright matters that began with the situation during the reign of Napoleon I, and by Hans Von Riessen on his patent and trial experience, some of which included Oscar Hammerstein and Albert Einstein as clients.

Mr. Larson ends his material as follows:

"this was about a half century ago. We have in
just that short century some great strides which
would have defied imagination fifty years ago. That
period could begin to appreciate what men
would land on and explain the surface of the moon
- would be the result of some such work on the
earth - would know what to do from the moon
the 177 billion miles away, from which we
are still receiving by radio. Important
information.

... it inspires the mind - but I am convinced -
we're just beginning to understand the universe -
and ourselves, but we have a long way to go.

During this fifty years practically all of my
partners and associates have been members of
the Patent Lawyers Club and four have served as
presidents - Stephen, Littlepage, Baro and Pety.
On this the 50th Anniversary of this now prestigious Club, I salute you. May you long continue in your work and high purpose.  

Robert E. Larram

It is appropriate on this 50th Anniversary to ponder and reflect on past events and the early history of the Club, its goals and accomplishments. The officers wish to express their appreciation and thanks to all the members for their support and help, and join with Mr. Larram in the thought that the Club long continue to pursue the goals of understanding and debate.