



## RSA MEMORIAL AWARD HONOREES

You can honor any RSA member with a donation. Funds, which have been generously donated by RSA Members to the Memorial Awards, will be used to fund the awards. The awardees are selected, each year, from students and post-docs that present within symposia at the meeting. If we failed to include a member who has passed away within the past ten years please let us know.

**Dr. Loren (Larry) Parsons** of the Committee on the Neurobiology of Addictive Disorders (CNAD) at The Scripps Research Institute passed away on June 21, 2016. Professor Parsons was a brilliant neuroscientist, a dynamic leader in CNAD and a wonderful, well loved human being. He was Director of both the TSRI NIAAA Alcohol Research Center and TSRI NIAAA T32 post-doctoral training grant. Dr. Parsons was recruited to TSRI in 1992 where he developed a spectacular research program and has made seminal contributions that will remain his legacy. Larry was a long-term member of RSA.

**Dr. Don W. Walker** passed away on May 29, 2015. His last position was as Professor of Neuroscience in the Department of Neuroscience, University of Florida College of Medicine. His research area was the neurobiological consequences of alcohol abuse, and he and Gerhard Freund (who died in early 2014) established the first animal model for alcohol abuse experimentation, with appropriate controls for nutritional variables, etc. This was a major contribution to the field. Don was a long-term member of RSA.

**Dr. Mark D. Wood** passed away on April 26, 2015. Since 1998, he had been a faculty member in the Department of Psychology at the University of Rhode Island. Dr. Wood's research primarily focused on three interrelated areas: (1) the etiology of alcohol use and misuse; (2) preventive interventions to reduce alcohol misuse; and (3) alcohol-related aggression and violence. Mark was a long time RSA member and organizer of the RSA 5K Run/Walks.

**Dr. Adrienne S. Gordon**, a retired member of RSA, died on February 19, 2015. Dr. Gordon had conducted pioneering alcohol research as a faculty member in the Department of Neurology and the Gallo Center at the University of California, San Francisco.

**Dr. James D. Beard** passed away on October 7, 2014. He began his lengthy career at the Memphis Mental Health Institute in the 1960's. Jim earned his Ph.D from the University of Tennessee, College of Medicine in Physiology while studying the clinical effects of alcohol. He continued his research and teaching schedule at the University of Tennessee Medical School until his retirement. Dr. Beard was a long term RSA member and received the RSA Seixas Award in 1989.

**Dr. Harry June**, an active RSA Member, passed away on June 7, 2014. He conducted alcohol research as a faculty member at IUPUI before he moved on to the University of Maryland and Howard University.

**Dr. Ronald Alkana**, an active RSA Member since 1980, has passed away. Ronald Alkana, 68, associate dean for graduate affairs and interdisciplinary programs at the USC School of Pharmacy, died on February 23, 2014 while jogging near his home in Seal Beach.

**Dr. V. Gene Erwin** passed away November 30, 2013. He will be missed by the alcohol research community. Dr. Erwin was an Emeritus Professor at the University of Colorado. Gene was a member of RSA since 1980.

**Dr. Nancy K. Mello** passed away on Monday, November 25, 2013. Dr. Mello had been an RSA member since 1989 and will be missed by the alcohol research community. Dr. Mello was director of McLean's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Research Center and also taught at Harvard Medical School.

**Dr. Xiao-Ming Ou** passed away on August 25, 2013. Dr. Ou was an associate professor of Psychiatry at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. She will be missed by the alcohol research community.

**Dr. Shannon Matta**, passed away on Saturday, February 23, 2013, after an heroic battle with cancer. She joined the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) in 1998. She was nationally and internationally known for her work in understanding the neurobiology of nicotine and alcohol abuse. Shannon was a long-time member of RSA.

**Dr. Albert Pawlowski**, passed away on January 27, 2013. Al was the RSA Seixas Awardee in 2002 and was a long-time RSA Member. He worked for the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Director of the Small Grants Section of the National Institutes of Mental Health, Vice president of the Alcohol Beverage and Medical Research Foundation in Baltimore (1989-2001), and was instrumental in issuing a first class stamp for Alcoholism from the United States Postal Service in 1981.

**Dr. Daniel W. Hommer** of Rockville, MD, passed away suddenly on January 2, 2013. Dan received his B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and his M.D. from Albert Einstein College of Medicine. A dedicated scientist and physician, Dan was Chief of the Section of Brain Electrophysiology and Imaging at the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, NIH. He was a wonderful mentor and world-renowned for his discoveries on structural and functional differences in brains of alcoholic and non-alcoholic individuals. Dan was an RSA member since 1995.

**Dr. Timothy A. Cudd** passed away on August 26, 2012. Dr. Cudd was a long time member of RSA and the FASD Study Group, and Professor in the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine Department of Veterinary Physiology & Pharmacology, Charter Fellow of the Michael E. DeBakey Institute for Comparative Cardiovascular Sciences and Biomedical Devices. Dr. Cudd was a superb scientist, an excellent teacher, and a great surgeon, as well as a friend and mentor that influenced many researchers in the field of fetal physiology.

**Dr. Dora "Dody" Goldstein** passed away on October 2, 2011. A professor emerita of molecular pharmacology at the Stanford University School of Medicine, Dr. Goldstein was widely recognized for her research on the effects of alcohol on the body. Dody was one of the world's leading experts on alcoholism and a pioneer of women in medicine. In 1979, Dody was elected RSA President and remained active in the society until her retirement.

**Dr. David B. Newlin** passed away on September 22, 2011. He was a Senior Research Psychologist in the Transdisciplinary Science and Translational Prevention Program at RTI International's Office in Baltimore. David was an RSA member since 1987.

**Dr. Raphael Rubin** passed away on September 18, 2011. He was a Professor of Pathology, Anatomy and Cell Biology at Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia and served on the Alcohol and Neurotoxicology study section and was Review Editor/Field Editor for ACER. Raphael was an RSA member for over 10 years.

**Dr. Robert D. Myers** passed away July 16, 2011. He was a long-time member of RSA, founding editor of Alcohol, and author of more than 500 scholarly papers, many in the alcohol research field. Always the optimist!

**Dr. Bartley Hoebel** passed away on June 11, 2011 at his Princeton Township home surrounded by family after a two-year battle with lung cancer. He was an internationally renowned professor of psychology at Princeton University, and his work led to discoveries in eating disorders and obesity, addiction, alcohol consumption and depression. Bart was a member since 2003.

**Dr. G. Alan Marlatt** passed away peacefully March 14, 2011. He was an exceptionally generous, kind, dedicated mentor, friend, and colleague to legions of alcohol and drug researchers both nationally and internationally. Alan was an RSA member since 1987.

**Dr. Alison Snow Jones** passed away on January 17, 2011. Dr. Jones was an Associate Professor in the Department of Health Management and Policy at the Drexel University School of Public Health. A valued economist, she directed important research concerning alcohol use and health, and directed joint programs between the Schools of Business and Public Health at Drexel. Alison was a member since 2007.

**Dr. Hiromasa Ishii** passed away on May 31, 2010. He was a central figure of alcohol research in Japan for many years and a great host who encouraged so many Japanese and other alcohol researchers, particularly in relation to liver pathology and liver disease. Hiro was an RSA member since 1980.

**Dr. Muriel Vogel-Sprott** passed away September 27, 2009 after a long battle with cancer. She was a researcher in the Department of Psychology, at the University of Waterloo, Canada. Muriel was an RSA member since 1989.

**Dr. Fred Risinger** passed away on September 19, 2009. An RSA member since 1992, Dr. Risinger was a Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the College of Pharmacy, Idaho State University.

**Dr. Julie Staley-Gottschalk** lost her courageous battle with cancer on Saturday July 25, 2009. During her twelve-year career at Yale, she touched many lives and contributed greatly to the advancement of science and knowledge in psychiatry. Dr. Staley-Gottschalk had been an RSA member since 2002.

**Dr. Charles S. Lieber** passed away on March 1, 2009. Dr. Lieber was a founding member of RSA (1976) and inspired many to enter the various fields of alcohol research.

**Dr. Barbara Flannery** passed away suddenly in February, 2009. She was an alcohol researcher at the Research Triangle Institute who was working on an alcoholism treatment study using baclofen. Dr. Flannery had been an RSA member since 2000.

**Dr. Ion V. Deaciuc** passed away on June 25, 2008 of pancreatic cancer. He was very well known in the area of alcoholic liver diseases research and was a long time member of RSA and ISBRA.

**Dr. James W. Smith** passed away in November, 2007, after a lengthy illness. During his 47 distinguished years at Schick Shadel Hospital, he established himself as a pioneer in the field of addiction medicine.

**Dr. Maharaj Ticku** passed away in November, 2007, after a tragic choking accident while dining with friends. He was a researcher at the University of Texas HSC – San Antonio since 1978. His research interests included the genetics of brain chemicals and understanding the effects of narcotics and alcohol abuse on the brain.

**Dr. Jack H. Mendelson** passed away in August, 2007, after a brief illness. Dr. Mendelson was active in alcohol research for many years and received the Jellinek Award in 1978 and RSA Distinguished Researcher Award in 1989. Additionally, from 1984-1991, he was Editor of the Journal of Studies on Alcohol.