



Cathy Livanos
Los Angeles Chapter

Cathy is a native Southern Californian, growing up in Whittier and graduating from University of California Irvine. Following graduation, Cathy began her career in the Southern California Aerospace Industry with Boeing, followed by 18 years with Space Systems Loral in

Palo Alto in Northern California. Cathy was a frequent speaker on international negotiations and traveled the world representing the company.

Cathy retired from SSL to move with her husband, Alexis, when he accepted a position in Southern California. Besides her husband, the joys of her life are two beautiful daughters Carolyn, 18, and Mary, 16. She is a senior advisor of Las Madrecitas, a charity that supports L.A. Orthopedic Hospital and her daughters are members of Las Ninjas, the junior guild of the charity.

Cathy has been a member of ARCS since 2005 and currently serves as Vice President for University Relations, but involvement with the organization goes back to 1969 when her husband, Dr. Alexis Livanos, received his ARCS scholarship as a Caltech student. Alexis is the Chief Technical Officer for Northrop Grumman and this year's keynote speaker for the ARCS National meeting.

Cathy is always willing to help. She is responsive, technically savvy and has a wonderful attitude. Indeed Cathy is a treasure as well as our ARCS Light.



Victoria Penfield
Northern California

Since joining ARCS in 2005, Victoria has served on the Development Committee and joined the board as a co-VP of Finance in 2006. Victoria was instrumental in reviewing our chapter's Endowment fund management, analyzing

various alternatives and helping orchestrate the move of the restricted portion of our monies to The San Francisco Foundation. In addition, she codified reserve policies a year in advance of the economic downturn and focused on operational cost savings, preparing our chapter to weather the recession.

In addition to the many hours she devotes to ARCS, she also serves on the boards of Enterprise for High School Students and the Silicon Valley Social Venture Fund (SV2), is a Sustaining member of the Junior League and volunteers for the San Francisco Giants Community Fund.

A fifth-generation Californian, Victoria has a BA in International Relations from Stanford University and an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. She is a fixed income research analyst at Franklin Templeton Investments and prior to this was at Lehman Brothers in New York and London, where she worked in investment banking. Victoria is a CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) charter holder. She enjoys golf, running, cooking, needlepoint and San Francisco Giants baseball. Victoria lives in San Francisco with her two cats, Hank Aaron and Babe Ruth.



Ellen Richardson
Portland Chapter

Ellen Richardson is one of Portland's five founding members, and it is through her energy, dedication, hard work, enthusiasm, gracious southern charm and hospitality, that our chapter has reached the success we experience today. Ellen has been instrumental in all phases of Portland ARCS Foundation since its inception, and has participated on every committee. She always thinks of ways to include new members and makes everyone feel welcomed. As Immediate Past President, she is always available to answer questions. She is charming, creative and generous (think pearl parties), a wonderful hostess, and always opens her home for events both large and small.

Her knowledge of the many departments and who's who at OHSU (it helps that her husband is the Dean!) has facilitated many program speakers, smoothed the way for communication, mailing, and parking help, and provided behind-the-scenes information to assist the chapter's work.

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Ann Rowe
Orange County Chapter

Ann Rowe joined our Chapter in 2001 and has served as Publicity Chairman, Vice President, Administration and Newsletter Chair. Ann, a firm believer in the ARCS mission, has enjoyed meeting and working with our bright and talented members, as well as meeting our outstanding scholars.

The mother of two adult sons and a grandmother of two, Ann has been a busy volunteer for many years. While in her native New York, she was an active Junior League Board member. After moving to California, Ann joined several volunteer organizations, serving on the boards of most of them. Among them are the South Pacific Chapter, a guild of the Orange County Performing Arts Center, where Ann served two years as its chairman, and the Cinderella Guild of Children's Hospital of Orange County, where she served as Treasurer and Vice President of Membership among other positions.

Ann, a Kappa Kappa Gamma, graduated from St. Lawrence University, earning a B.S. degree. Before marriage she worked briefly at a bank. Later, when the children grew older, Ann was a tax preparer both in New York and California. Formerly, in New York, Ann sailed with husband, Stu, and played tennis, entering local tournaments with her partner, eventually winning the Westchester County Ladies Doubles Championship. At this time she is enjoying her family, her friends and her hobbies, while continuing to take an active part in ARCS as Vice President, Administration.



Pat Stewart
San Diego Chapter

During Pat's 18 years of ARCS membership she has faithfully served our chapter in just about every office there is. She has been our President, Treasurer, Vice President of Special Events, Assistant Vice President of Fund Development, Director of Member Giving, Scholar Awards Luncheon Chair, and has been a reservations chairman a number of times for numerous events. She also served three years as the National Board Treasurer.

In addition to her commitment to the ARCS Foundation, she has devoted many years to the Assistance League, serving them in many capacities. She was their National Board treasurer, as well as treasurer of the greater San Diego Chapter. She is also a past president of the Coronado Women's Golf Club.

She lives here on the beach and likes to entertain her grandchildren, nieces and nephews who visit regularly. Besides being a devoted grandmother, she also looks after her 103-year-old mother who lives next door. They both enjoy watching the Navy Seals train on the beach just below their living room windows.

If you are wondering if this active lady has time for any hobbies, she spends many hours on the golf course. You can find her on the links at the Coronado Golf Club, where she regularly plays in tournaments. She is easy to spot cruising on the streets of Coronado -- she's the one driving that cool, blue Thunderbird.



Beth Wainwright
Pittsburgh Chapter

After fifteen years as Executive Director of Leadership Pittsburgh Inc. (LPI), Beth retired in December of 2004 to spend more time with her family. She then became a Founding Member of the Pittsburgh Chapter, Program Co-Chair and President. Currently she serves as Fund Development Chair and Secretary of the ARCS National Board.

Current and past community activities include: Dollar Energy Fund Board of Directors; Three Rivers Arts Festival Advisory Board; Society for Contemporary Craft Board of Directors; Pittsburgh Dance Council Advisory Board; First Night Advisory Board; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh Board of Directors; Sustainable Pittsburgh Diversity in Leadership Project Team; Leadership Pennsylvania Board of Directors; National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship Advisory Board; and Athena Awards Host Committee. She is a founding member of The Pittsburgh Children's Museum and a past president of the Junior League of Pittsburgh.

In recognition of her involvement in the community, Beth received the Anne D. Johnston Award from the Junior League of Pittsburgh in 2002, and the Junior League of Pittsburgh's 85th Anniversary Recognition Award in 2007.

More important than all her professional and volunteer work are her two children, Richard Perkins and his wife, Allison, of Millford, CT, and Sarah Perkins Stallings and her husband, Stephen, who live in Pittsburgh with their two children, Tyler and Henry.





Jeanne Berry

Atlanta Chapter

Jeanne Berry has been a member of the Atlanta Chapter since its beginning, and has given continuous service for 16 years. She has been Chair or Co-Chair for Special Events, Public Relations, the Scholars Luncheon, and VP for Membership. She has also served as Corresponding Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant to the President. She created the Mentor's program to ensure that new members enjoyed ARCS and began participating early. She is a strong supporter of the National Board, having attended many of its meetings representing the Chapter.

Jeanne is a native of Jackson, Michigan, but has lived in Atlanta since graduating from Agnes Scott College and marrying. Jeanne and her late husband, Carroll enjoyed many special interests including collecting Abstract Expressionism - especially "The Irascibles": Rothko, Motherwell, Hoffman, etc. They belonged to the American Institute of Wine and Food serving on the board and chairing a dinner to honor Julia Child in 1990. Jeanne describes herself as "a foodie who loves to cook."

In addition to ARCS, she enjoys her Garden Club, volunteers at her church, serves on the Senior Citizen Services Board, and has raised money for scholarships at the Tallulah Falls School for 30 years.

Her latest pleasure is her 4 year old granddaughter.



Marie Carr

Metropolitan Washington Chapter

Selecting Marie Carr as the Metropolitan Washington's Chapter's ARCS Light was a "no-brainer" since Marie so perfectly defines what the ARCS Light is all about. Marie has held a myriad of jobs - Benefit Auction Chair, Gala Chair, Bridge Marathon and At-Large Member for three terms. Marie also served one term as an At-Large Member on the ARCS National Board. At the same time she has worked behind the scenes on luncheons and publicity for many events and projects. She is currently doing a "global" search for the designer and manufacturer of our next generation ARCS/MWC canvas tote bags.

Marie's science background and her career as an immunologist at the National Institutes of Health led her to join ARCS in 1989. She created two companies but sold them both in 1995 to become a full time mom wanting her greatest accomplishment to be raising three happy, independent, successful daughters. She used her skills for fundraising galas, book fairs and the highlight of working with Walter Reed Army Institute of Research to create a "two week science research experience - just for girls." All the while, she continued her fundraising activities. She felt that setting a good example was the best means of teaching her daughters.

Marie and her wonderful husband, Dick, give so much to our Chapter through their generous gifts and creative ideas. Dick often says that Marie is a shining light in their family, and we congratulate Marie on being our ARCS Light this year.



Megan Marie Graham

Lubbock Chapter

Megan Marie Graham has been a member of ARCS for 4 years and has distinguished herself as a dedicated, effective fundraiser.

She is originally from El Paso but now calls Lubbock, Texas home thanks to her Alma Mater, Texas Tech University. She obtained a Master of Arts in Sociology with an emphasis in Social Research from Texas State University and currently works as the Fund Development Director for the South Plains Regional Chapter of the American Red Cross. Megan is serving her second term as the Vice President of Development for ARCS Foundation, Inc. Lubbock Chapter and has previously helped with grant writing and events. She excels at bringing fresh ideas to our fundraising and sees projects through from inception to completion. She has recruited new younger members and her contributions of all kinds have had a notable impact here.

Megan dedicates her time to serving the Lubbock community through various organizations. She currently serves on the boards for the Lubbock Junior Women's Club, Junior League of Lubbock, Ballet Lubbock, Young Professionals of Greater Lubbock, and serves as a member of the Lubbock Lions Club, Texas Tech Alumni Association, Association for Fundraising Professionals, Lubbock Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors.

Megan has a beautiful smile which she always wears. For her effectiveness, initiative and hard work on our behalf, the Lubbock Chapter of ARCS is proud to choose Megan Graham as our 2009 ARCS Light.



Patty Lee

Honolulu Chapter

After serving as a dynamic chapter president for two years, Patty Lee's light continues to shine brightly from behind-the-scenes, making contacts, attending to a myriad of details, and bringing her amazing positive attitude and glow to every meeting and event.

Born in Virginia, Patty's family traveled with her father's military assignments - she attended 13 grammar schools as an "Air Force Fledgling." Patty spent two years at Stephens College in Missouri then transferred to the University of Colorado at Boulder, where she was informed at that they didn't allow women to major in her preferred subject of Geology. Not missing a beat, she double-majored in Political Science and Economics, becoming a renaissance woman in the process!

After college, Patty enrolled in the Peace Corps, serving in Thailand Group Five. She met her future husband, Dan Lee, and soon after they started their family—Denise, Toby, and Niki. She subsequently earned her M.S. degree—in Geology!—at the University of Hawaii.

Patty taught Geology at the University of Hawaii, founded the UH Geology Club, and continues to share her commitment to students. Even after her retirement in 2006, she still substitute teaches at the university.

Three years ago, with two friends, Patty established the ARCS Toby Lee Award in Geology and Geophysics, in memory of her son. Patty Lee lives the ARCS mission and continues to shine the light that will get us through these challenging times.



Sandy Carlson

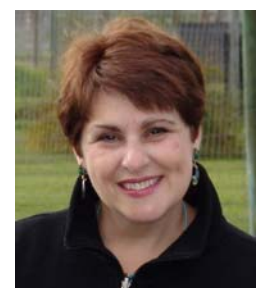
Seattle Chapter

Sandy Carlson has been an active, enthusiastic member of the ARCS Foundation since she first joined in 2000. Sandy can be consistently called upon to lend a hand, chair a committee, host an event, or procure items for our auction, sometimes simultaneously. She has co-

chaired the awards luncheon, chaired the membership committee, co-chaired the auction several times and for years has held a party for members at her home so we can address the hundreds of envelopes being sent out for the Awards luncheon. Sandy attends nearly every event we hold, year in and year out, which is another wonderful way to show her support for this organization. Sandy and her husband Kent are also generous with their time with the ARCS Fellows they support, getting to know them on a personal level. In short, Sandy is a dream ARCS member!

In addition to ARCS, Sandy has served and held leadership positions on the boards of Intiman Theatre, Seattle Children's Theatre, The Seattle Art Museum, Pratt Center for Fine Arts, as well as serving as the president of the PTA where her three children attended school.

Sandy's family has lived with and loved countless pets, including three Huskies and a menagerie of other large dogs, as many as three simultaneously, plus cats, rabbits, turtles and birds. Currently they share their home with a 140 pound Husky, Hyak, and a yellow-naped McCaw named Poco.



Joanne Benazzi Friedland

Chicago Chapter

In 2001, a friend invited Joanne to a monthly ARCS program at The Field Museum. The schedule of unique monthly programs, and the wonderful women she met, led her to join on the spot. After meeting the scholars at the first Scholarship Luncheon, she wanted to be more actively involved and served

as Corresponding Secretary for two terms, Assistant Treasurer for two terms, Special Events organizer for two terms and Co-Chair of the 2008 Spring Benefit.

Raising money for scholarships is especially gratifying to her because her life was transformed by the educational opportunities afforded to her. Her father was a bricklayer and her mother a teacher. They both worked hard to afford a home in a good school district in New York. Those schools prepared her for acceptance into and graduation from Cornell University and University of Chicago Law School. She practiced at Mayer, Brown and Platt for fourteen years and, upon retirement, she pursued her interests in education and science through a variety of volunteer and Board positions at The Latin School of Chicago, The Field Museum, World Wildlife Fund and High Jump, as well as ARCS, of course.

She says it has been a pleasure and an honor to get to know the impressive, hard-working Chicago ARCS women, and the brilliant, dedicated scholars. She is very excited about how much Chicago ARCS has accomplished so far and looks forward to continuing success.



Agnes Johnson

Phoenix Chapter

Sometimes a chapter is very lucky when a member transfers from another chapter. This happened to the Phoenix Chapter when Agnes Johnson transferred from Los Angeles with her cousin Mary Martha Barkley in 1996. Agnes was the Phoenix Chapter President in 2003. She is currently serving as Corresponding Secretary. She has been Parliamentarian, Recording Secretary and has served on the Membership and Fund Development committees.

Agnes was born in San Francisco at St. Francis Hospital. She was raised in Louisville, Kentucky, living at the Brown Hotel with her father and Aunty after her mother and infant siblings passed away from the 1929 flu epidemic. She met her husband Richard the summer before she attended UC Berkley for one year and then moved back to Louisville to marry him. Rick was attaining his Medical degree in the Military and was assigned to Welfare Island. While in New York Agnes worked at Lord and Taylor and attended Gibbs Secretarial School. During Rick's military service they also lived in Atlanta, San Francisco, Washington, DC and Hawaii. After the army they chose to live in Los Angeles where they raised their 4 children. The Johnsons moved to Phoenix in 1993; sadly, Rick passed away last year.



Margaret Link

Colorado Chapter

"Peg," as she prefers to be called, graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder with a degree in Art History and promptly married James Marshall Link, a new graduate of the Colorado School of Mines. Her husband went to work

for Chiquita Banana and they spent a couple of years in Panama and Costa Rica before returning to the States.

For many years Peg volunteered with another scholarship organization headquartered in New York. She became a member of their national board and later a National Honorary Member. When the organization disbanded, Peg mentioned her interest in volunteering to Peggy Huntington, a California high school friend and ARCS member, who put her in touch with Ann Lowdermilk, a devoted ARCS Colorado member. Peg has served in various positions on the Colorado ARCS Board, including Treasurer and currently as Recording Secretary. She has hosted field trips, loves working with the Colorado women and scholars, and enjoys contributing where she can.

Peg and Marsh have two children and two grandchildren, and look forward to celebrating their 50th anniversary on June 13, 2009. Peg says that the best part of volunteering for ARCS is working with its volunteers, and knowing they are providing financial help to its amazing scholars.