

Special Gifts and Projects 2012

Philanthropic support allows us to speak up on behalf of science, engineering and society as opportunities and challenges arise. Our members and donors contributed more than \$1 million in Flexible Action Funds—AAAS’s only source of flexible, unrestricted funding—in 2012.

LIFELONG AAAS MEMBER JOINS 1848 SOCIETY

Peter Eckel, a long-time supporter of AAAS now celebrating his 25th year of membership, chose in 2012 to identify the association as the recipient of a charitable bequest. The gift will establish an initiative—to be named for Mr. Eckel, as well as his parents, Earl E. and Helen C. Eckel—that will advance public engagement with and understanding of science.

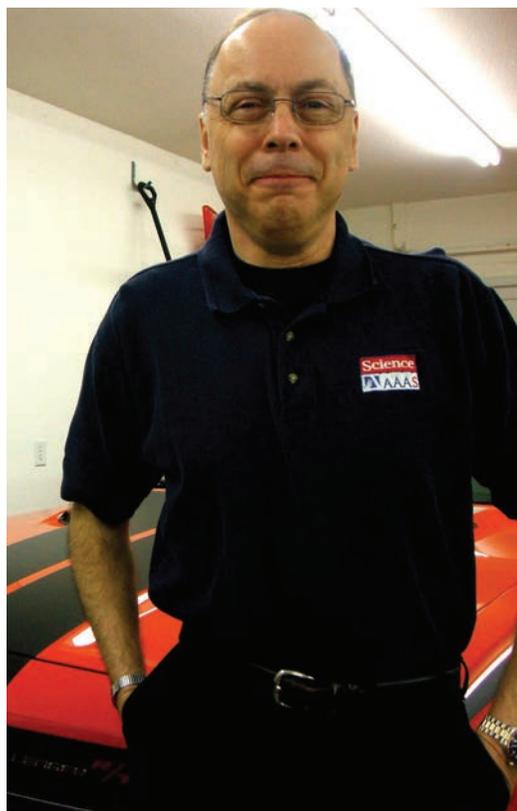
Though public attitudes toward science and technology remain generally favorable, tensions have increasingly emerged at the intersection of science and human values, economics and politics, encompassing issues such as global climate change, stem cell research and evolution. Moving forward, it will be critical to ensure that the benefits of science are widely understood, Mr. Eckel explained. His bequest will advance AAAS efforts to promote a more open and comprehensive dialogue among scientists, engineers and non-scientists.

“I feel great knowing that I will leave behind a legacy that will be channeled through the AAAS. It means a lot to me to be able to honor my late parents, too,” Mr. Eckel said.

A business owner rather than a scientist or engineer, Mr. Eckel has been a supporter of science for decades, having served as a volunteer at COSI-Toledo (since renamed Imagination Station), a hands-on science museum near his home in Maumee, Ohio. “My contributions to science have, by necessity, been limited to the monetary and volunteer spheres,” he said. “The creation of this endowment will allow me to make a final contribution to science.”

Mr. Eckel and other members of the 1848 Society demonstrate strong vision and a deep commitment to AAAS by making philanthropic gifts through their wills or other charitable plans. To learn about the 1848 Society, visit www.aaas.org/aboutaaas/giving/recognition/1848/.

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2012 AAAS Kavli Science Journalism Award winners included (left to right): Lynda Mapes, Sheraz Sadiq, Alex Chadwick, Bari Scott, Michelle Nijhuis, Carl Zimmer, Sarah Holt and Laurie Donnelly. (See page 37 for the complete list of winners.)

SOME SPECIAL FUNDS AT AAAS

By establishing special funds, donors ensure long-term support for a wide range of initiatives to advance science and serve society. Such funds should be established in consultation with the Development Office. For more information, please contact us at (202) 326-6636.

The **AAAS Kavli Science Journalism Awards Endowment** supports an effort, dating to 1945, to honor excellence in science journalism.

The **Charles Valentine Riley Memorial Endowment** supports an annual lecture to promote a broader and more complete understanding of agriculture as the most basic human endeavor and to enhance agriculture through increased scientific knowledge.

The **Early-Career Award for Public Engagement Fund** supports an annual prize recognizing early-career scientists and engineers who have demonstrated excellence in their contributions to public engagement with science activities.

The **Fund for Honesty in Scientific Research** supports efforts to promote scientific integrity.

The **John P. McGovern Endowment** funds an annual lecture by a prominent behavioral scientist.

The **Joshua E. Neimark Memorial Travel Assistance Endowment** provides travel awards for young investigators to attend the AAAS Annual Meeting.

The **Martin L. and Rose Wachtel Memorial Fund** underwrites an annual award that recognizes outstanding work by an early-career investigator in the field of cancer research.

The **Revelle Fund** supports a Science & Technology Policy Fellow, identified by AAAS, in the area of domestic or international environmental issues.

The **William T. Golden Endowment Fund for Program Innovation** inspires new program ideas by funding activities not normally supported by the AAAS general budget.

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The Sustainers Program was launched in 2012 to recognize donors who commit to recurring, monthly gifts to our Flexible Action Fund, providing AAAS with the flexibility to be innovative and respond rapidly to critical challenges as they arise.

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Help AAAS speak up for science. Contact the Development Office at (202) 326-6636 or jstaiano@aaas.org, or give online at www.aaas.org/makeagift.