Centennial Pathfinder Donation Honors Founding Trustee, Gold Medalist

Last fall, Penelope (Penny) Kereiakes Pomeranz and Stephen J. Pomeranz, MD, Cincinnati, chose to support the Inspire–Innovate–Invest Campaign and to honor Mrs. Pomeranz’s father, James G. Kereiakes, PhD, with a Silver Centennial Pathfinder donation. “The words ‘inspire, innovate, invest’ embody how Dr. Kereiakes lives his entire life. He is a national leader in medical physics, a great teacher, and a passionate investor in education,” Mrs. Pomeranz said of her father, a founding member of both the R&E Fund (R&E Foundation) and the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM).

Dr. Pomeranz is grateful for his father-in-law’s influence on his own career and, more importantly, his commitment to their family. At 92, Dr. Kereiakes remains an inspiring figure at the center of three generations of physicians, radiologists, radiologic physicists, and community servants. Dr. Kereiakes laid the pathway for the family’s connection to RSNA, serving as a member and chairman of the Physics Scientific Program Committee, member of the Strategic Planning Committee, member of the R&E Visionaries Advisory Council, and third vice president of the Society. He and his wife Helen are Platinum Visionary Donors to the R&E Foundation. A donation by Dr. Stephen and Penny Pomeranz to the Campaign for Funding Radiology’s Future is a fitting way to honor an individual who is one of the few recipients of the AAPM William D. Coolidge Award, The Daniel Drake Award, and the RSNA Gold Medal.

Dr. Pomeranz describes his father-in-law as a “remarkable, multi-talented, brilliant, humble, and compassionate man.”

His commitment to education is long standing. He is a renowned author and preeminent physics educator; he was the “go-to” teacher for physics, and according to Dr. Pomeranz, “Everyone passed their physics board certification when Dr. Kereiakes was teaching.”

Dr. Pomeranz was drawn to radiology because it allowed him to cross boundaries into specialties such as orthopedics.