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Katie H. Sizeland, see *JALCA* 110(3), 94 2015.

Hannah C. Wells, see *JALCA* 110, 94, 2015

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Richard G. Haverkamp, see *JALCA* 110, 94, 2015

Yunhang Zeng, see *JALCA* 109, 207, 2014

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Wenhua Zhang, see *JALCA* 100, 447, 2005

Bi Shi, see *JALCA* 99, 220, 2004

Justa Sirvaityte, see *JALCA* 111, 41, 2016

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Christian Manera, student of Chemical Engineering, University of Caxias do Sul (UCS). Scientific Initiation Scholarship (2013-2015), worked with leather waste treatment and reuse.

João V. Poli, student of Chemical Engineering, University of Caxias do Sul (UCS). Scientific Initiation Scholarship (2013-2014), worked with leather waste treatment and reuse.

Patrícia Poletto, see *JALCA* 111(9), 354, 2016

Suelem D. Ferreira, Physics (2010 – University of Vale do Rio dos Sinos). M Sc. Mechanical Engineering (2013 – University of Caxias do Sul). PhD degree student (Metallurgical and Materials Engineering). Works with production of activated carbon from elephant grass.

Aline Dettmer, see *JALCA* 111(9), 354, 2016

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Marcelo Godinho, see *JALCA* 111(9), 354, 2016

Obituary

Egon S. Kneifel

Egon S. Kneifel, 83, of Byfield, MA passed away on September 19, 2016 at his home after a long-term illness. He was born in Wladyslawow, Poland on August 11, 1933, the second of three sons of Arthur and Eugenie Kneifel.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Ingeborg (Thumm) Kneifel, brothers Harold and Walter Kneifel of Vancouver, BC, Canada and half-brothers Lothar Kneifel of Oro Valley, Arizona and Juergen Kneifel and Linwood, Washington; three daughters, Andrea Johnstone and her husband Andrew, of Hopkinton, NH; Christine Haley and her husband Bart of Berwick, ME; and, Jennifer Lutton and her husband Donald of Miami, FL; five grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, as well as cousins, nieces and nephews.

Egon studied at the Gerbereihochschule in Regensburg, Germany and graduated in 1955 with a Masters degree in chemical engineering and the title of Master Tanner. He immigrated to the United States in 1958 after living briefly in Canada. While in Canada he worked in the building trades and the construction of the Trans Canada Highway. He enjoyed a distinguished career in the leather industry. He worked at Goldsmith Leather, Newark, NJ and in 1972 in partnership with Charles Hoyt operated Hoyt & Worthen Tanning Corp. Haverhill, MA then Cuir Hawtan, NA, Haiti. Egon was involved in leather manufacturing and consulting work in tanneries around the world, including, India, Columbia, China, Paraguay, Jamaica and throughout South America.

In addition to being dedicated to his work and family, Egon was committed to providing jobs, training, and support for those less

fortunate, particularly in the developing world. He and the businesses he was involved with helped to provide the basic necessities of freshwater, housing, and food. A hot midday meal was prepared for Caribbean employees every day. He developed a hog farming project, collected clothing for donation and worked with local orphanages in Haiti. Egon was a talented woodworker: birdhouses were his specialty. He was an enthusiastic fisherman, a passion that he passed down to his grandchildren.

Egon will be remembered for his strong work ethic, love for and dedication to his family. He came to the United States alone, in search of a better life and opportunity. Through hard work and perseverance Egon exceeded his expectations in terms of what he would accomplish professionally and what he would be able to provide for his family. Egon's life was the embodiment of the American Dream.

Calling was at the Twomey, LeBlanc, & Conte Funeral Home, Newburyport, MA Sunday, September 25, followed by a private burial at Old Hopkinton Cemetery in Hopkinton, NH.

Donations may be made in his memory to Village of Hope Orphanage, Haiti, in care of, Mission of Hope, Haiti P.O. Box 171500 Austin, TX 78717.

He was a member of the ALCA from 1966 to 1996.

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