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The Academy was very fortunate in receiving two large and very generous donations to enhance the endowments of two of our Academy awards. Dr. Richard Vangermeersch donated an additional $20,000 to the Academy’s Vangermeersch Manuscript Award fund adding to his previous donations. The estate of Professor Hanns Schoenfeld added an additional $50,000 to the Margit F. Schoenfeld & Hanns Martin W. Schoenfeld Scholarship in Accounting History fund. The Academy is extremely grateful for their generosity and all they have done for the Academy.

Former Academy President, Hanns Martin Schoenfeld, Passes Away

Hanns Martin Schoenfeld, who served as the Third President of the Academy during a two year term (1978 and 1979) died on February 24th in Champaign, Illinois.

A faculty member at the University of Illinois since 1962 and a Life Member of the Academy since 2005, Hanns Martin and his wife, are the benefactors of the Margit F. and Hanns Martin W. Schoenfeld Scholarship in Accounting History which is awarded to a de-

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serving doctoral student.

The Award, established in 2006 recognizes the need to encourage global disciplinary background in the study of accounting history.

Hanns Martin earned an MBA (1952) and a DBA (1954) at the University of Hamburg. His Ph.D. was awarded in 1964 at the Technical University of Braunschweig.

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He was a scholarly contributor to the literature and an advocate of international scholarship.

The Academy is grateful for his numerous contributions to the field of accounting history and his efforts extended to the Academy. Future generations of accounting researchers will benefit from his generosity.

Gary John Previts Inducted into The Accounting Hall of Fame

Former Academy President and Founder, Gary John Previts, was inducted as the 87th member of The Accounting Hall of Fame located at The Ohio State University.

The Hall of Fame was established in 1950 for “the purpose of honoring accountants who have made or are making significant contributions to the advancement of accounting since the beginning of the twentieth century.” Gary was inducted in 2011 along with Reed Karl Storey, who worked with the Accounting Principles Board and Financial Accounting Standards Board.

Gary was the first President of the Academy and first Editor of The Accounting Historians Journal and continues to serve as an Academy Trustee. In addition to his numerous history journal publications, he published with Barbara Merino, A History of Accountancy in the United States.

Professor Previts has served as an advisor to the United States Government Accountability Office and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board as well as Associate Dean and Accounting Chair at the Case Western Reserve University.