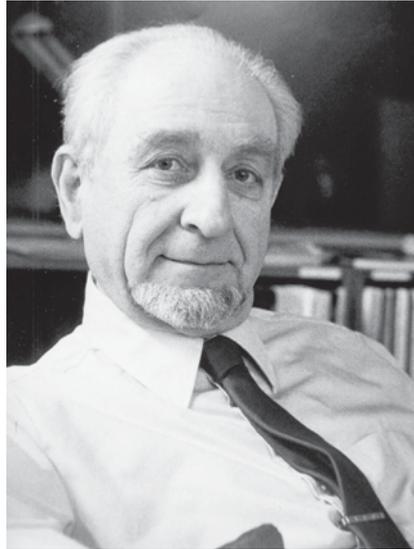


his wife Dorothy Maharam, W. Wistar Comfort and future MAA President Kenneth A. Ross. Among his students were Doris Schattschneider and the current MAA Secretary, Martha Siegel.

“Many of you may remember his *Rings of Continuous Functions*, written with Meyer Jerison, and his wonderful piano performances at the Joint Meetings,” Martha Siegel said. “Those of us who were his students learned not only mathematics but also how to write (often painfully!) mathematics. Even with homework, he was a stickler for style and grammar. He was an excellent mentor to many of us in the MAA, and this is a great personal loss for me.”

While at Rochester, Gillman became involved in activi-



ties of the MAA, starting with CUPM (Committee on the Undergraduate Program in Mathematics). In 1969 Gillman went to the University of Texas, where he served as chair of the mathematics department for four years. He remained on the faculty until his retirement in 1987.

In addition to “Gillman and Jerison,” Gillman co-authored with Robert H. McDowell a rather successful book titled *Calculus*. He also wrote the invaluable guide *Writing Mathematics Well: A Manual for Authors*, published in 1987 by the MAA. An article, *An Axiomatic Approach to the Integral*, was published

in the *American Mathematical Monthly* in 1993 and received the MAA’s Lester R. Ford Award in 1994. 🍷

## MAA Receives \$24,000 Bequest from the Estate of M. Gweneth Humphreys

Mathematician M. Gweneth Humphreys (1911-2006) has left \$24,000 from her estate for unrestricted use by the Association.

A member of the MAA for more than 70 years, Humphreys attended annual meetings and served on the Committee on Mathematical Personnel and Education (1956) and on the Committee on the Undergraduate Program in Mathematics (1965-67).

A native of British Columbia, Humphreys graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1932. After receiving her master’s degree in 1933 from Smith College, she earned a PhD in mathematics in 1935 from the University of Chicago under the direction of Leonard E. Dickson (1874-1954). Her dissertation was titled “On the Waring Problem with Polynomial Summands,” and it was published in the *Duke Mathematical Journal* (vol. 1, no. 3).

In the period 1920-35, the University of Chicago had a total of 26 women PhD’s in mathematics, including Humphreys,

Mina Rees (1931), Frances Baker (1932), Anna Newton (1933), and Marie Litzinger (1934).

Humphreys taught for 13 years at H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College (New Orleans), the women’s college associated with Tulane University. In 1949, she joined the mathematics faculty of Randolph-Macon Woman’s College (Lynchburg, Virginia), now named Randolph College. Humphreys retired from Randolph-Macon in 1980, having been chairman of its mathematics department for 29 years.

Carol Wood, class of 1966, said, at Humphreys’ retirement, that she “has impressed me profoundly with her brilliance and capacity for hard work, I still stand in utter awe of both.... I am deeply grateful for the careful training and kind example she gave, both of which have been critical in my own pursuit of this great passion we share for mathematics.” 🍷