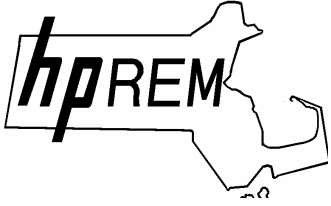


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RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF MASSACHUSETTS**



**PRESIDENTS NEWSLETTER**

**MAY 2003**

**Holiday Party a Great Success**

A belated report on this past year's holiday party which was an outstanding success attended by over 75-REMErs and friends on December 11th. It was the last hpREM event to be held in the Burlington sales office before HP sold the facility. The main event was the "White Elephant Exchange" -- given out by Santa. The "Toys for Tots" table was overflowing by the end of the party with the gifts collected. Twenty bags of toys were delivered to the Mass. State Police in Framingham who passed them on to the U.S. Marines charity with the goal of making the holidays nicer for youngsters who are less fortunate.

Door prize winners were Manney da Silva with the mall gift certificate and Patricia Pierce with the 99 Restaurant certificate. The Burlington HP cafe catered another of their fine sandwich buffets complete with cookies. It was a great afternoon and everyone got a chance to socialize and "catch up" on the latest family news and tidbits about HP/Agilent.

**Mohegan Sun Trip a Fun Day**

March 26th found thirty-two enthusiastic REMers gathered at St. Margaret's in Burlington for the bus trip to the Mohegan Sun casino in Connecticut. Each person received a goodie package from the casino including a meal certificate that could be used at any of the restaurants and a ten-dollar credit for a running start at the slot machines. The Mohegan Sun is a spectacular place and even the non-gamblers enjoyed browsing the many shops, restaurants and just walking around. Everyone agreed it was a great day, especially the lucky winners.

**Log Cabin in Holyoke a Surprising Event**

A new destination for hpREM was the Log Cabin in Holyoke. Forty people set out by bus from St. Margaret's on May 27th for a day of dining and entertainment. The Log Cabin looks out to Mount Tom in Holyoke and is an amazing place, seating over six hundred people. And, the food was spectacular. It was served family style at tables for ten and included chicken, lobster, ribs, clam chowda, and more. Everyone commented on how delicious it was. After dinner, the Riverboat Ramblers entertained us with their music and songs for over an hour of great fun. It was very enjoyable event, and we were glad to welcome Charlie Aaronson and his wife along with us for their first REM event.

**Discounts for Retirees**

Be sure to check the great discounts offered through your affiliation with HP. Get the details at [www.hpretirees.com](http://www.hpretirees.com) by selecting "discount programs" in the left navigation bar. There are discounts on travel, HP/Compaq products, refurbished products and much more. You'll need to apply for a password, and details on this procedure are on the website.

**529 Savings Plans: College Funding Made Easier**

The introduction of 529 Savings Plans has made it easier for parents and grandparents to save for college expenses. Benefits of the 529 plan vary by state but may include: tax free earnings, tax-free educational with-

drawals, flexible investment choices, estate and gift tax benefits and the convenience of systematic investments through your credit union checking or savings account.

Addison Avenue Financial Partners, has teamed with Putnam Investments to provide special pricing on a 529 enrollment opportunity through the Putnam CollegeAdvantage plan. The Putnam 529 is a flexible nationwide plan available to anyone. Be sure to check and compare its advantages against the plan offered by your state when applied to your own situation.

To learn more about 529 Savings Plans and other college planning investment options, contact the Addison Financial Partners Support Center at (877) 233 4766, option 3/2.

### **Have You Moved or Do You Plan To?**

Are you confused like many retirees in knowing who to contact when you move? To alleviate this frustration and confusion, a new Change of Address Guide has been created for HP and Agilent retirees for help in figuring out the many organizations that you must notify so the company and its vendors are kept current for the administration of YOUR benefits and for periodic mailings.

To access the guide, go to the [www.hpretirees.com](http://www.hpretirees.com) website and print out the guide to use as a convenient check list. The guide is regularly updated on the website, so you're always assured of having the most current version.

### **HP News**

Just a reminder, if you'd like to keep up on the latest HP happenings, you can check on the "news" section of [www.hpretirees.com](http://www.hpretirees.com) website. The stories are constantly updated. Some stories of recent interest include: "Did You Know" (May 6) -- a compilation of merger accomplishments and "Demand More" (May 6) -- announcement about the Adaptive Enterprise Strategy. Upcoming is information on Carly's employee meeting on June 24. To access these stories you'll need to use the login "hpretirees" and the password "1synergy2"

### **hpREM and Digital Retirees Establish Contact**

Now that Hewlett Packard and Compaq/Digital are one company, the two retiree organizations have been in contact to see if there are areas where the clubs could help each other. Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) has many retirees in Massachusetts and a retiree club with 160 members. As a start, we'll be offering Digital retirees the opportunity to participate in some of our trips. So if you see some new "digital" faces at a future REM event, please give them a warm welcome.

### **Member News**

Over the past several months, hpREM to welcomed Dave Bristol from Andover engineering, Celia Couture from Burlington sales, Charlie Pierce from Andover and Mary Bonacci-Warren from the Credit Union. We look forward to seeing all of you at upcoming REM events.

On a sadder note, we've learned of the deaths of two retired HP employees, Jorge Pontes and Bob Holmes. We extend heartfelt condolences to the families of these two hp-REM members.

### **Upcoming Events**

June - no event

July (late in month) - Blackstone Valley or Pickering Wharf trips

August - Mystic Seaport, Connecticut

September 11- Annual Meeting - St. Brigid's church in Lexington

October 1 or 2 - Log Cabin, Holyoke - Octoberfest

## **Quotes for the Day**

“Success is going from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm.” - Winston Churchill

“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress and working together is success.” - Henry Ford

“There is always a better way to do it better.” - Thomas Edison