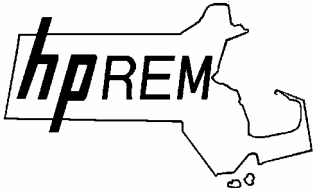


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PRESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2003

Annual Meeting At St. Brigids

This year's annual meeting was held at St. Brigid's parish hall in Lexington on September 11th. Over 60 members and guests came out for the delicious buffet lunch. REM president Joyce Hoagland led the business meeting. Henry Theriault stated that REM now had 186 paid (!) members. Our treasurer Monica Dickie reported a balance of \$5751. The auditing committee of Ken Peck and Art MacNeil reviewed their audit of REM accounts and commended Monica for her thorough and accurate records. The highlight of the meeting was the election of board members. Current board members John Dineen, Joyce Hoagland, and Bob White were nominated and reelected for three year terms.

The door prize drawing concluded the meeting. The seven lucky winners of gift certificates to the 99 Restaurant were Elaine Sakowich, Mary Ribeiro, Bob Marino, Clara Uhlin, Bob White, Manny Neves and Joyce Hoagland.

Everyone seemed to have a good time reminiscing and catching up on each other's news. Our thanks to the food committee of John Dineen, Joyce Hoagland, Ken Peck, Bob White and Henry Theriault for the excellent lunch.

REM Does the Lighthouses of Salem

On Wednesday the 20th of August, thirty two people went on the REM trip to Salem Harbor. After an hour of shopping at Pickering Wharf, the group went to lunch at Victoria Station, which is right on the water in Salem. We then left to go to Salem Willows where we boarded a large catamaran for a tour of Salem Harbor. We had a great tour guide who not only captained the boat, but provided us with very interesting stories of the four lighthouses and many islands we saw during our trip. One part of the trip was unplanned when the boat's propeller became tangled with a rope attached to some lobster pots. With the help of some REM people and a boat hook, we were soon on our way again. On this rather warm and humid day, the breezes out in the harbor made the whole trip very enjoyable.

REM Dues Due!

By now you should have received your dues notice from REM. **This will be your only notice!!!** Be sure to send your check for \$10 made out to "hpREM" to Monica Dickie, 48 Leigh Street, Framingham, MA 01701. This way you won't miss out on the newsletter and notices about upcoming events.

Credit Union Member Appreciation

The Addison Avenue credit union is having their member appreciation week from October 13 to 17. Stop by the credit union office for some delicious hot apple cider and snacks. The staff will be on hand to answer questions about credit union services and there will also be a drawing for a nifty digital camera. The credit union's located at 40 Shattuck Road in Andover and their office hours are 9 AM to 4:30PM.

HP Medical Alumni Group

This is a new networking group of ex-HP/Agilent/Philips medical employees who worked in the medical businesses prior to the Philips acquisition. The group has over 140 members on its distribution list who communi-

cate through a Yahoo Groups website and has a monthly newsletter edited by Genie Bachert. The group consists of people from all the business units and all organizational levels (lots of engineers, some marketing and sales, and many managers). Many of the people are now running their own companies and others are consulting independently. The group meets quarterly and the next get-together will be in October hosted by Jeff Carlisle at this company, Fluidnet. If you'd like information on joining the group, contact Kate Stohlman (formerly of ISY) kstohlman@viacorinc.com or Genie Bachert ebachert@msn.com.

Member News

Over the past several months, hpREM welcomed Tony Vallance and Paul Lovering. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming REM events.

On a sadder note, we've learned of the deaths of two retired HP employees: Margaret (Mickey) McDonald in purchasing and Bob Karle from materials engineering. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of these two hp-REM members.

Upcoming Events

October 16 - Foxwoods Casino Trip

December 4 - Annual Holiday Party and Toys-for-Tots - St. Brigids, Lexington

Quote for the Day

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as if everything is." - Albert Einstein

Newsletter Items

We always need material for the REM newsletter. If you have an item of interest, send it to the editor: Dave Kelch 11 Oak Knoll Road Carlisle, MA 01741 978 369 1358 davekelch@yahoo.com