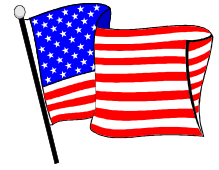


President's Newsletter

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Spirit of Boston Cruise

On July 29th, 15 people enjoyed the Spirit of Boston cruise around historic Boston Harbor. The grand buffet was wonderful, with foods that included: Crabmeat Stuffed Sole, Chicken Julienne, Asian Pepper Steak, Cheesecake and Chocolate Marquis Cake. While dining on all that great food, folks were entertained by a fascinating narrated tour of Boston's breathtaking skyline easily seen from the large windows. Finally, while enjoying coffee and dessert; the talented Broadway-quality performers dazzled everyone with song and dance. Many of the folks on board got up and joined in the action dancing to the great music. The trip was indeed enjoyable and what a great way to spend time with friends and acquaintances.

Mohegan Sun Trip

On August 19th, 15 people boarded the bus around 8:30 a.m. at Kohl's in Burlington to enjoy a day at Mohegan Sun. While we encountered a snag in logistics (the first bus only had 3 seats opened) a second bus showed up some 30 minutes later. Folks were indeed happy to see the bus arrive. The bus issue is being addressed. In spite of the morning delay, it was a fun day.

hpREM Annual Meeting/Social (info provided by Elaine Sakowich)

Our annual meeting and social was held on September 11th at St. Brigid's Hall in Lexington with a total of 49 people attending.

- Monica Dickie reported on upcoming trips and events – Oktoberfest, October 15th, Christmas Story with the Reagle Players, December 6th and an Irish Program with the Reagle Players on March 14th. She also mentioned the Tall Ships on July 9-10 at \$109.95 per person and requested that members e-mail her if they were interested.
- Jim Phelps reported that Monica Dickie and Nancy Sharpe were voted on the board for a 3-year term.
- Henry Theriault reported the total number of membership is now 142 with no increase in dues. He requested that members please give him their e-mail address to help bring the cost of postage down.

There were 3 winners in the drawing: Joan Dineen, Carol Marino and Maria DaSilva. The meeting was followed by delicious finger foods, salads, cold cuts and a various spread of desserts, coffee, tea, water and sodas. A good time was had by all. A big thank you to all the members who donated desserts.

Update of Upcoming REM Events/Trips (info provided by Monica Dickie)

Oktoberfest was canceled due to a low number signing up for the trip. We fell short of the number needed which was 10 people.

- **Saturday, December 6th** - It's Christmas Time with the Reagle Players at the Waltham High School. Show begins at noon. You have to provide your own transportation.
- **Thursday, December 11th** - December Social / Toys for Kids / Food Drive. Watch your mail for more details.

Addison Avenue Credit Union Update (Info provided by Alma Maldonado/Margaret Toppel)

Dividends Rewards Checking

Addison Avenue recently rolled out a new product named, Dividend Rewards checking. Dividends Rewards checking pays 5.25 % APY in dividends based on your account balance and you get ATM fee refunds nationwide. All you have to do to qualify is use your debit card for a minimum of 12 purchases each month, set up direct deposit or one recurring monthly debit, and get statements electronically, instead of on paper. For more information please visit

www.addisonavenue.com .

Addison Avenue Credit Union Phone Numbers

Normally if you want to reach the Addison Avenue Federal Credit Union you can do so by calling the toll free number 1-877-ADDISON or 1-877-233-4766. For instance, you may want to talk directly to members of the Andover Credit Union office, you can call one of the following numbers:

- Main Number (978)794-2970
- Nancy Fazio (978)794-2971
- Joyce Snow (978)794-2972
- Terry Magliano(978)794-2973

New hpREM Members

hpREM is pleased to announce three new members: Pitman Gallup, Maureen Daniels and Ronald Gatzke. We look forward to seeing them at upcoming hpREM events.

More on E-Mail Addresses

Those hpREM members who have provided us with their e-mail addresses will be receiving an e-mail from John Dineen to inform them of a cost saving measure for the club. hpREM will be offering the option for the members to receive the following information via e-mail to cut down on postage:

1. Newsletters – this way you will get the newsletter even when you're away from home.
2. Notices of upcoming events, such as last minute changes in events/trips.
3. The hpREM application form, annual dues notice form and dues confirmation (currently a card) form.
4. Application for attending the Socials in May, September and December.

Note: The members' e-mail address will not be used by anyone other than the hpREM board of directors to send information to the members. ALL e-mail will be sent using the BCC (blind carbon copy) function so the e-mail addresses WILL NOT display on the header.

If you're interested in receiving information via e-mail, please send a message to JOHNDINEEN@COMCAST.NET and let him know you want to be added to the list. For those folks who may not have e-mail and want to receive a hard copy this option is available as well.

Newsletter Items/Topics

If you have items/topics of interest you would like to share with retirees in upcoming newsletters as well as a change of address, or if you prefer to receive the Newsletter via e-mail, please forward information to sylviacotton@comcast.net. Thanks to Monica Dickie, Elaine Sakowich, Alma Maldonado and Margaret Toppel for their help with the newsletter.

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