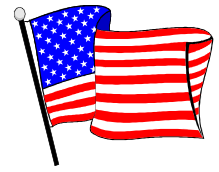


President's Newsletter

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Change of Address

If you have recently moved, have a new phone number or have a new e-mail address, please notify Henry Theriault at 1HJTH2@COMCAST.NET or John Dineen at JOHNDINEEN@COMCAST.NET. It's very important for us to be able to update your information so you don't miss out on important REM information.

Trip to Atlantic City (info provided by Elaine Sakowich and Nancy Sharpe)

On Monday November 2nd, hpREM members and their guess (18 people) boarded the bus for a 3-day trip to Atlantic City. The bus ride was a bit long, but people had a great time once there. The Casino provided folks with \$20.00 in slot money, a breakfast buffet and 2 dinners. Included in the package were tickets for the musical revue Footloose about a dancing city teenager boy whose family relocates to a country town where no dancing is allowed. It's a story of a teen rebellion featuring a wonderful combination of dance and choreography and touching performances. In the end the teen hero is able to win over his fellow classmates, abolish the outmoded dance ban, and rescue the teen heroine from an unsavory boyfriend. The young actors and actresses performed with such exuberance that everyone left the theater smiling and revitalized.

Our rooms at the Tropicana were lovely and very comfortable. The Casino was big enough to get lost with plenty of excitement for all. Some folks walk the Boardwalk, while some visited the nearby Quarter with 3 floors of shopping, dining and a state-of-the-art theater complex. Some took a Rick Shaw ride for a guided tour of over an hour with an experienced driver sharing the history of Atlantic City, the Boardwalk, the Tropicana Hotel and the Monopoly game. All in all it was a great three-day getaway.

December 17th Holiday Social

On Thursday December 17th, 78 hpREM members and their guests attended the Holiday Social and luncheon at St. Brigid's Hall in Lexington. The event included a collection of food to be donated to a food kitchen, a large collection of toys for our Toys for Kids program as well as a White Elephant gift swap. Our club president, Joyce Hoagland proceeded with a drawing for 4 door prizes. The winners were: Charlie Aaronson, Fernando Silva, Bill Taranto and Charlie Dickie. We then had a drawing and gave away the Poinsettias decorating some of the tables; those went to John Murphy, Belle Ribeiro and Angela Aaronson. The meeting was followed by a delicious buffet lunch of salads, meat platters, finger sandwiches and a various spread of delicious desserts, coffee, tea, soda and water. The luncheon was enjoyed by all and it was great to see such a large turnout. Many thanks to the folks who made this possible with special thanks to the people who provided the desserts.

Trips/Events for 2010 (info provided by Monica Dickie and Nancy Sharpe) Prices shown are per person.

We are in the process of organizing upcoming trips/events for the new year. The following is what we have so far. Some of these are booked and some are in the planning process with dates to be determined. Please mark your calendars.

- April: (no date yet) Mohegan Sun – Transportation from Burlington's Kohl. (Pay on the bus)
- May 6th: Spring Social, Saint Brigid's Hall, Lexington. (Price \$10.00)
- June 24th: One day trip to Nantucket to include bus, breakfast, ferry and dinner. (Price \$179.00)
- August (no date yet) Picnic (location and date to be determined)
- September 16th: Fall Social, at Saint Brigid's Hall, Lexington. (Price \$10.00)
- September 22nd: Boston City/Public Garden/Museum of Fine Arts Tour. (Price \$79.95) Includes coach transportation, guided tour and lunch.
- October (no date yet) Fall Foliage Tour (Price \$69.95). Includes coach transportation, guided tour and lunch.
- November 28th - 29th: Mohegan Sun & New York City Rockettes. (Price is \$299.00). See full details of this trip on next page.
- December 9th: Holiday Social, Saint Brigid's Hall, Lexington. (Price is \$10.00)

Details on Mohegan Sun & New York Trip:

Join us as we experience **TWO GREAT HOLIDAY ADVENTURES: THE NORTH POLE EXPRESS TRAIN RIDE** with the allure of New York City and the **CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR SHOW at RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL.**

Day one: Our journey begins with a day at Mohegan Sun Casino with the gaming package of the day which includes a food coupon and gaming bets. After a day of trying our luck at the Casino we head to our hotel accommodations at either the New London Radisson or the Mystic Hilton. You'll feel a warm, inviting atmosphere along with ultimate comfort. Following a lovely dinner in the Grand Ballroom, we head to Essex, CT where we'll board our locomotive-powered sleigh for a magical nighttime journey to the North Pole. On board the "**North Pole Express Train**" every coach becomes a stage for a live, musical performance of The Night Before Christmas. Celebrate the spirit of the season with Santa and Mrs. Claus, sing-a-longs, hot chocolate and sugar cookies. Upon our return to our hotel, you may want to enjoy a nightcap or simply settle down for the night in preparation of our second day.

Day two: We begin our day with a full hot and hearty All-American buffet breakfast at the hotel before leaving on our adventure to the **Big Apple & Radio City Music Hall.** We'll be heading for downtown Manhattan and be dropped off near all the activities of the area. See the lights of Rockefeller Center and their Christmas Tree, St. Patrick's Cathedral, 5th Avenue, Times Square, Broadway, The Ed Sullivan Theater and more! Then we take in the performance of the world famous Rockettes – a delight for anyone and everyone as they perform in the **RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR SHOW.** This is an outstanding show whether it's your first time or 20th time in the audience. This is the only place to see this show in all its glory. We'll also have approximately three hours for shopping and lunch on our own on 5th Avenue. Plenty of time to get in that Holiday shopping spree. We then depart for home with a rest stop along the way.

Welcome New hpREM Members (info provided by Henry Theriault)

hpREM is pleased to announce Bernadette Simoes and Beverly Pratt as our newest members to the club. We look forward to seeing them at upcoming hpREM events.

Retiree Website

The hpREM retiree website is www.hprem.com. The site has lots of good information. There are many wonderful photos being added from time to time as well as past newsletters.

Newsletter Items/Topics

If you have items/topics of interest you would like to share with retirees in upcoming newsletters, please forward information to sylviacotton@comcast.net.

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