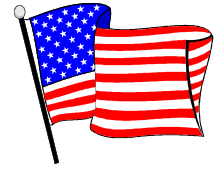


President's Newsletter

hpREM

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Sylvia Cotton, Editor

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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.

hpREM Membership Dues

If you haven't already done so, please send your \$10.00 dues to Monica Dickie, 48 Leigh Street, Framingham, MA 01701-4318. Deadline for receiving your membership dues is December 31st.

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

On Thursday September 8th, 2011, 64 members and guests attended our annual meeting/social at St. Brigid's hall in Lexington. The social was opened by REM President M. Joyce Hoagland welcoming everyone. The 2010 Annual Minutes were read by M. Elaine Sakowich and approved by the attending members.

President M. Joyce Hoagland then wished Tony Pelusi a happy 82nd birthday. All in attendance sang happy birthday!

The August 31, 2011 treasurer's report was read by Monica Dickie with balance forwarded of \$8,308.25, deposits of \$1,475.70, disbursements \$101.69 and an ending balance of \$9,682.26. This was approved by the members.

Monica Dickie reported on the following trips: Fall Foliage Trip on October 6th and a Penn Dutch Country Trip in May for three days and two nights. She asked members to please contact her if they are interested.

Henry Theriault reported that there were a total of 116 members with 1 new members joining hpREM. He also reported that dues notices have been mailed and the deadline is December 31, 2011.

Ken Peck reported that the Audit had been completed and presented to the Board of Directors stating that the hpREM annual report is a true and accurate condition of transactions that took place from August 2, 2010 through and including July 31, 2011.

Nominations: Ken Peck reported that there were two candidates running for the two directors positions. He asked the secretary to cast one vote for the names that were placed into nomination – Monica Dickie and Nancy Sharpe. The vote was cast by M. Elaine Sakowich.

President M. Joyce Hoagland thanked all the officers for their work during the year and also thanked the food committee for all the work they did in organizing the event and as well as the people who donated the delicious desserts. This concluded the business meeting.

A drawing for this year's annual social of 4 door prizes was held with prizes going to: Elaine Montague, Gerry Patrick, Marie DeSilva and Maria Peixinho. Following the drawing a delicious lunch was served to include finger sandwiches, salads, sandwich meats and cheese along with cookies, cake and sweets provided by some of our members. A great day was enjoyed by all.

Last Event for 2011

- *December 8th REM Holiday Social.* This will be held at St. Brigid's Hall in Lexington at noon. We will be collecting Toys for Kids again this year for those of you who wish to donate an unwrapped new toy.

Monica Dickie and Nancy Sharpe will be looking into planning our 2012 trips later this year or early next year. If you have any ideas on trips/events please feel free to share them with either Monica or Nancy. We'd like to hear from you.

A Bit of Tuscany

On Wednesday, August 10th, 12 hpREM members and guests boarded the bus from Burlington's St. Margaret's Church for a day trip to Zorvino Vineyards in Sandown, NH. The day was sunny and the group enjoyed the beautiful gardens and vineyard, some played bocce, as well as enjoy the wine tasting which consisted of a great variety of wines. Many of the group bought wine and other items from the Zorvino store. Some danced to the music and song of Ray Cavicchio and Sharon Zee. Ray and Sharon were just delightful with their blend of Italian favorites and all time hits. A scrumptious lunch of Grilled Marinated Chicken stuffed with Prosciutto Ham or Baked Haddock seasoned with Italian Bread Crumbs was served. The meal also included: Tuscan Caprese Salad, Zucchini Boat stuffed with Goat Cheese and Mashed Potatoes. Dessert followed with Tuscan Lady Fingers Tiramisu and Tea/Coffee. This was a wonderful trip!

Fall Foliage Day Trip

On Thursday, October 6th, 18 hpREM members and guests boarded the bus at St. Margaret's church in Burlington for Day trip which began with a visit to the Cathedral of the Pines; a place of beauty and inspiration. The Cathedral is located in the rolling hills of southwestern NH (Rindge) and offers breathtaking vistas of Mount Monadnock. Along with the natural and serene beauty of the Cathedral grounds, visitors were treated to many unique stone shrines, altars and gardens. This was followed by a delicious luncheon at JP Stephens Restaurant built over 200 years ago and was originally a sawmill producing items such as butter molds and clothes pins. It housed a grist mill and a forge before becoming a restaurant in 1952. Lunch included Roast Top Sirloin, Baked Scrod or Sautéed Apple Walnut Breast of Chicken; also included: Appetizer, Potato, Vegetable, and a scrumptious Dessert and Coffee/Tea.

After lunch, the bus made a stop at Smith's Country Cheese in picturesque Winchendon, MA where a short informational tour and the group participated in a cheese tasting. The group had time to visit the retail store and do some shopping.

The final portion of the trip was an absolute treat; a stop at Red Apple Farm in Phillipston, MA. This farm stand and store full of country goodness and charm with fresh baked goods, farm fresh fruits and vegetables and locally made products all in a unique, charming atmosphere. A wonderful opportunity to bring home unusual and homemade food items. Everyone received a complimentary bag containing 2 very delicious apple dumplings from the Red Apple Farm to take home. Some of the group enjoyed a 30-minute hayride through the entire apple orchard. The oldest apple tree standing is over 100 years old and still produces delicious Macintosh apples. The 4th generation owner educated the group on how to take care and maintain the apple orchard with all pruning done during the months of January throughout March. The orchard boasts 50 different varieties of apples and a total of 3,000 trees. Some of the folks who went on this trip described it as one of the best. You can view photos of our last social and recent trips on: hpREM.com then click under photo gallery.

Bud Elwin Goes To Bat For Maine Kids – (Excerpts taken from the Sunday Maine Telegram) A very interesting article appeared in the Maine Sunday Telegram newspaper on September 18th. Some of you may remember a long time HP employee (32 years) by the name of Bud Elwin. Bud has been a fan and memorabilia collector of just about anything baseball. Bud has been keeping very busy raising money for the Healthy Kids Damariscotta also known as the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Lincoln County. He has been raising money by selling some of his collectibles every Friday and Saturday for the last four months. As of last month he had raised \$3,500 for this very worthy cause. Elwin and his wife Janet moved to Maine 22 years ago. Bud has become well known in local charity circles and he lives by one simple rule. "I get involved with any organization I can help," he said with a smile. "You have to give back." (Among his many efforts, Elwin recently donated an autographed picture of Red Sox great Bobby Doerr to help a local bank raise \$1,200 for the Jimmy Fund.) Leslie Livingston, executive director of Healthy Kids Damariscotta, noted recently that it's been a rough few years for the agency since it lost \$100,000 in state funding (almost half its annual operating budget) three years ago. Hence, she said, Elwin's willingness to step up couldn't come at a better time. "We are extremely appreciative of his monetary help," Livingston said. "But also his energy and passion for what we're doing. And for his humor." One last thing about that humor: Elwin never bids goodbye to people. Instead, he holds out his hand and, with a twinkle in his eye, says, "I'll see you when you're older!" Turns out that for some kids in these parts, that's no longer just a clever farewell. It's a promise.

New REM Members

hpREM is pleased to welcome 1 new member: Robert May. We look forward to seeing you all at upcoming REM events.

FYI

hpREM board recently received a great "Thank You" note from Sacred Heart Church in Waltham for our latest food donation collected at the September social. Folks are very grateful for our food donations. Thanks to all who donated food items!

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 your information to sylviacotton@comcast.net.

Thanks to Elaine Sakowich, Jim Phelps, Henry Theriault and Monica Dickie for their help with the newsletter.