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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. Also if you know anyone who would like to become a hpREM member please contact Henry Theriault via e-mail at: 1hjth2@comcast.net

Upcoming 2018 Social (info provided by Dave Barkman)

- Spring Social - May 10th.
- Annual Meeting/Social - September 13th.
- Holiday Social - December 6th. (**Tentative**)

Holiday Social/hpREM 30th Anniversary Update

The Holiday/30th Anniversary Social celebration was held on Thursday, December 7th at St. Brigid's Hall in Lexington. There were 64 members/guests in attendance, the highest turnout in several years. It was great to see Monica Dickie, John LeBlanc and Paul Sands who were recovering from health issues.

Club President, Dave Barkman, opened the Social by welcoming all the members and guests thanking all especially those who brought toys for children's gifts. He thanked the people who worked on organizing the celebration: Gerry Patrick, Don Erb, Laura San Juan, Linda Stone and Sylvia Cotton as well as John Dineen for providing us with an original HP Flag and for printing the tickets and signs. The anniversary cake was displayed near the entrance and the decorations included centerpieces on the tables along with festive balloons. Music on CD's were provided by Laura San Juan and Gerry Patrick.

In his remarks Dave mentioned that this marks the 30th anniversary. The first meeting took place in mid 1987 as indicated in a memo by John Dockstader, the first hpREM President. The first Social was called the "Retiree's Reunion Buffet" and was held September 15th 1987 in the HP Andover cafeteria. The invitation read "***Join your friends for our first get-together and reunion...Spouse and guests are welcome...relax and enjoy. We need you to make this a success!!***" Dave asked the attendees "If you enjoy these get-togethers, these reunions, please tell your HP alumni friends or even better, get involved in the details of keeping the organization healthy and vigorous."

A drawing for 3 door prizes followed. Monica Dickie picked the first winner. The winners were: Bud Elwin, Evariste Goguen and Stan Glista. The celebration continued with food, wine and happy conversations. Laura San Juan provided the attendees with name tags. Along with the usual food, we dined on scrumptious lasagna, 4 different kinds. The lasagna was a great hit and a great addition to our 30th celebration. We also enjoyed an assortment of delicious desserts provided by several attendees. Excess food, toys and grocery donations were delivered to the Middlesex Human Services at their food pantry and soup kitchen located at the Immanuel United Methodist Church basement, 545 Moody street, Waltham. The donations were happily accepted with smiles and handshakes all around.

Message sent by John Dineen after the December Social.

I have created and loaded on YOUTUBE the video of the 2017 hpREM DEC Social - 30th Anniversary of hpREM. Check it out by clicking on the following link. This is a direct link to the video on YOUTUBE

<https://youtu.be/sdjlHdWX9C0>

New Members (info provided by Henry Theriault)

hpREM is pleased to welcome 9 new members: Phillip Logsdon, Pat Hunt, Ed Magliano, John Nuhbian, Rodolfo (Rudy) San Juan, Gloria Argandona, Ann Chin, Rob Buttler and David Marquis. We look forward to seeing you all at upcoming events.

In Remembrance (info provided by John Dineen)

C. Miller Ferguson passed away on August 23, 2017. Miller worked at HP for 35 years. He had a long and active retirement, he was still downhill skiing and hiking the Whites of New Hampshire until he was 88 years old and enjoyed the hpREM outings through the years, especially the summer ones at Sandwich.

Rene Bourgeois passed away on November 2, 2017. Rene worked as an in-house electrician at HP for 29 years. Rene was born and raised in New Brunswick, Canada. He was active in the French Club and St. Joseph's Church. He was married to his wife Juliette of 57 years. He was very active and always willing to help family and friends with carpentry and electrical projects. Rene was an avid golfer and had a home in Woburn and lived in Clearwater Florida in the winter. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

Upcoming Reagle Players Theatre Show

At this time the list of shows is not available on line. It will become available in the near future.

You can visit on line for up to date news and shows at: reaglemusictheatre.org/upcoming.html

Retiree Website

The hpREM retiree website is www.hprem.com. The site has lots of good information such as By-Laws 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 John Dineen, Dave Barkman and Henry Theriault, for their contribution to this newsletter.

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