

Minutes for March 22, 2007 Meeting of DRA Chapter 1776.

Bob Moore emceed this meeting as Marilyn Goodrich was on vacation. He did a quick survey of the attendees to see how they had heard about the meeting and how long they had been DRA/DECedout members. Fourteen (14) had been members forever, six since we launched www.decedout.org, one was attending her first meeting and one hpREM board member.

He then introduced the speakers from Emerson Hospital: Cheryl Laundry, Diabetic Nurse Educator, and Virginia Dow, Manager of Cardiac Rehabilitation Department at Emerson. They discussed how genetics and life style affected heart disease and type 2 diabetes. Although genetics does play a role in both of these diseases it is more of a pre-disposition role while life style plays a very active role. Life style changes can help reduce, and in some cases, eliminate both of these diseases. They left several brochures about the subjects they discussed.

After the guests completed their presentations and answered questions, Bob called the business meeting to order.

The first order of business was an update on the treasury – at the current time there is \$9416.87 in DRA's Sovereign Bank account.

Second order of business was to announce that both Marje Morrissey and Vince Tarbassian have resigned from the Chapter 1776 DRA Board. Bob briefly mentioned that the members of 1776 need to give consideration to "what to do next". This leaves only Marilyn Goodrich, who was away, as an elected 1776 Officer since Bob is actually the DRA president. Without Board members can there still be a chapter?

Bob then proposed that DRA make a \$7500 donation, over a three year period, to Gordon College for the Ken Olsen Science Center. Since this money would be paid out of money from the original DRA members, a separate communications will be sent to these members to determine if this action is appropriate. Bob also encouraged any member who would like to donate to the Ken Olsen Science Center to send him a donation and he will include it with the \$2500 which is to be presented to Gordon College on or before the upcoming May 24th meeting. The names of all donors will be noted when the money is sent to Gordon College.

Nancy Kilty then discussed the upcoming meeting to be held in May. It is a 50th Anniversary Reunion of the founding of Digital Equipment Corporation. It will be held on May 24, 2007 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM at the Mill [currently known as Clock Tower Place]. The meeting will take place in the cafeteria and there will be opportunities to tour a limited area of the Mill, including a visit to Monster.com, the largest business occupying space at Clock Tower Place. We'll also hear about opportunities for entrepreneurship at Clock Tower Place. After the tours and an extensive period for socializing and networking [wine, cheese, sandwiches, soft drinks], Joe Mullin, CTP President will give a brief talk about the history of the Mill, from its building, through the DEC years up to the current operation. The cost of this event will be \$10.00 per person.

Nancy also discussed a 50th Anniversary Grand Reunion which will be held in the fall. It is hoped that this will become a social “signature” event and will occur annually. Various places, Kimball’s in Littleton, Pleasant Valley, Maynard Rod & Gun, were mentioned as a possible location for this family event. No decisions have been made and as plans progress they will be mentioned on www.decedout.org.

Everyone present got a copy of the agenda which included samples of www.decedout.org on the back which Bob briefly referred to as encouragement to everyone visiting the site even if they don’t have their own computer.

[When these minutes are posted on www.decedout.org, a paper copy will be sent by postal mail to those members without an e-mail connection. At that time they will also receive some cookbook instructions about accessing www.decedout.org from their local library, Senior Center, or friend’s computer.]

Gary Finerty gave a brief recap of the HP teleconferencing held on March __. Gary attended the gathering held in Marlboro with 350-400 former DEC employees mostly engineering. Broadcast from California and chaired by Mark Hurd, HP president and CEO, the presentation was very positive and covered history of HP along with a company update [hired 20,000 employees last year, \$93 Billion Company, experiencing 6% growth.] Mr. Hurd said they want HP to be a place you join at age 30 and stay until you retire and that folks such as us will be ambassadors for HP and buy their products.

Monica Dickie, hpREM Treasurer, gave an update on their activities including the many trips they have scheduled.

Bob ended the meeting by discussing the DECedOut website, the number of paid and registered members, etc. As of the meeting time, www.decedout.org contact manager has a list of over 800 names. These were the names used to launch the website and help promote the groundbreaking at Gordon College in June, 2006. Since then 128 have joined by charging their membership dues or sending a check to Bob Moore and 126 of the old DRA group have paid their dues as of 2005 – 2008. This means that we have an active membership of approximately 350 names.

We also regularly communicate with 11 members of hpREM board of directors. hpREM has approximately 141 members and they have many trips during the year for their membership. They have always encouraged us to go on one of their trips. Anyone who might like to know more should contact Monica Dickey (Dickey240@aol.com).

In closing, Bob presented an indoor/outdoor house plant to both Marje Morrissey and Vince Tarbassian in appreciation for their being here since the formation of Chapter 1776.

[Rene Davis, Marje Morrissey and Doris Moore were note takers for this event. Any questions regarding these minutes should be addressed to Bob Moore, jayhawkbob@verizon.net or 781-270-0252 who did the compilation presented here.]