

President's Comment

Greetings, one and all.

This one page missal has a couple of things that need your attention. Please read it over and respond accordingly. Especially try and find the time on your calendar to attend the May 25th meeting.

For some of you this is the first time you have received a printed version of any of our mailings in some time and we wanted as many people as possible to know what may be happening with the Digital Retiree Association.

Chapter 1776 continues to meet several times a year and recently in an effort to revitalize our organization the Chapter 1776 officers have had discussions with folks who are excited about our past and want to help grow the organization to be one that lots of folks might be interested in joining before they retire. To such an end DRA has funded the creation of a new web site <http://www.decedout.org>.

Please visit the site even if you have to go to your local senior center or library to do so. We hope that you will explore the various pages of information that are available. Please let the web master know about the things you like or something else you would like included.

Please check out the links that are included to help you find your way to other Digital related groups.

On April 25th e-mail was sent announcing www.decedout.org and encouraging a visit to Gordon College's web site (see next column) to register for the ground breaking for the Ken Olsen Science Center on June 17, 2006.

On May 25, 2006 we have an important meeting with Chapter 1776 to discuss the future of the DRA organization as we know it and hope as many of you that can will attend.

Please look at the back page for an amusing message I recently received.

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Chapter 1776

March 30, 2006—Paul Mauro, President, Legacy Financial Advisors talked to us about "Downsizing Your Life." He talked about objectives versus objects in deciding what to do with what you own. Everyone present thought the talk was timely and informative including the concept of a multi generational IRA that can exist ad infinitum. Marje Morrissey took some good minutes of the business that day. If you would like a copy electronically, please ask DRA or send a SASE to DRA at the return address shown on this newsletter. Not sure about the response but it should be pretty quick as the gatekeeper doesn't have any trips planned very soon. ☺ Everyone was encouraged to register for the June 17th event by visiting <http://www.gordon.edu/olsenevent> at which time you can also print out tickets for the event.

The next 1776 meeting is **Thursday, May 25, 2006**, 2 to 4 PM. Fairbank Senior Center, Fairbank Road, Sudbury, MA.

Guest Speaker: Regina Villa, the owner of Regina Villa Associates, a company that specializes in health and environmental policy issues. She will tell us how we can all help our communities by volunteering to be part of the Medical Reserve Corps, a component of Citizens Corps, a national network of volunteers dedicated to ensuring hometown security. Her firm is the coordinator for all of the MRCs in MA. Regina is an RN, with a Masters in Public Administration, a past Executive Director of the Massachusetts Nurses Association and is now a board member of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation.

In addition, Liisa Jackson, the Medical Reserve Corp Coordinator for some of our local towns [Marlboro, Sudbury, Framingham] will discuss family and individual preparedness and how to put together an "emergency kit" for yourself or your family. Please visit <http://www.region4a.org> for information about the MRC program which covers many of the towns in which we reside.

DRA Business

- Changes to DRA Modus Operandi
- Financial Status of DRA
- Donation to Gordon College
- Membership List Maintenance

To be better prepared for our discussion please read "About your address label" on the back page. An accurate membership list will greatly enhance our operation.

Digital Retirees Association e-mail

Please be aware that e-mail from DRA has recently changed. Please make sure that your server allows in-coming messages from Digital.DRA@verizon.net. If you did not get the announcement that was sent on April 25, 2006 about the new web site please send Digital.DRA@verizon.net a message so that we can clean up DRA's e-mail address book. Also be aware that bulk e-mail is sent from DRA using the blind carbon copy option. Ask if you don't know what that means.



Vanessa Fox and Nancy Kilty are on our new team of marketeers, and planned the Digital Reunion event for June 17th.