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Well folks, another year has passed and we haven't. If that doesn't make it a good year I don't know what would. Although it is going to be a very tough year for many, one of the nice things about being retired is that you can't be laid off. So Happy New Year!!!

This past semester has been a good one for ARF. We seem to have settled into our quarters quite smoothly and they are more than adequate for our needs. As usual BC has done right by us. To establish relationships with our fellow occupants of 3 Lake St., we held an Open House after our monthly meeting in November. It seemed to go splendidly. It was nice to see so many of our members just schmoozing with one another. I think it would be good to arrange for just "get together sessions"—maybe a brown bag lunch after one of our meetings. Any takers? Let me know. (

our own had come to visit. A month later Mary Walsh presented absolutely eye-popping research results validating the enormous impact of the BC intervention in a subset of the Boston schools. At the final meeting of the semester Jim Frame discussed issues in the various health insurance programs relevant to the elderly. It gave many of us an opportunity to ask questions about our own personal situations. Ann Crowley provided a benefits perspective on many of the issues raised. We are grateful for her participation since she had to rush to Logan for a flight uncomfortably close to the end of our meeting.

Looking to the future - in the coming semester our membership will be presented with important issues. One month before our final meeting in May, the nominating committee (Dahl Fisher, Marge Gordon and Vera Lee) will present a slate of candidates for the all of the offices in our organization. A vote will be conducted and officers elected to lead us in the coming years. I hope that our members will agree to become candidates if approached by this committee

At the May meeting the membership will also be asked to vote on a series of changes in our by-laws. The most significant change involves the question of membership. At the moment only retired faculty can belong to ARF. But now you will be asked to vote on the creation of a new category, Honorary Member. This would extend eligibility to senior administrative people who would participate in all of our activities as regular members other than being able to vote or hold office. I hope that you seriously consider this change in the intervening months and I look forward to a vigorous discussion in May.

A final item bears on our continuing parking saga. At the next meeting I will distribute orange parking permits to those with sufficient energy to dash downstairs and place one at your windshield. I suppose I could remain at the head of the parking lot and distribute them as you arrive. But face it, the job doesn't pay that well. Still the good news is that I will also distribute the orange goody that legitimizes your parking at our February meeting. And I will do the same for all subsequent meetings. So if you manage not to lose them you need not fear the jack-booted parking gendarmes from that point on.

Well that's it. It has been a terrific year so far and I have no doubt that we will do as well in the future. If you have an idea for our program meetings please contact any one of the executive committee members.

Norm Berkowitz
President

Elections for five BC ARF offices will take place in May. All those who are interested in running for office, or would like to discuss the possibility, are invited to contact a member of the nominating committee by March 1. The current members are:

Dal Fisher (617-964-4076),
Marjory Gordon (marjgord@aol.com),
Vera Lee (617-965-7370).

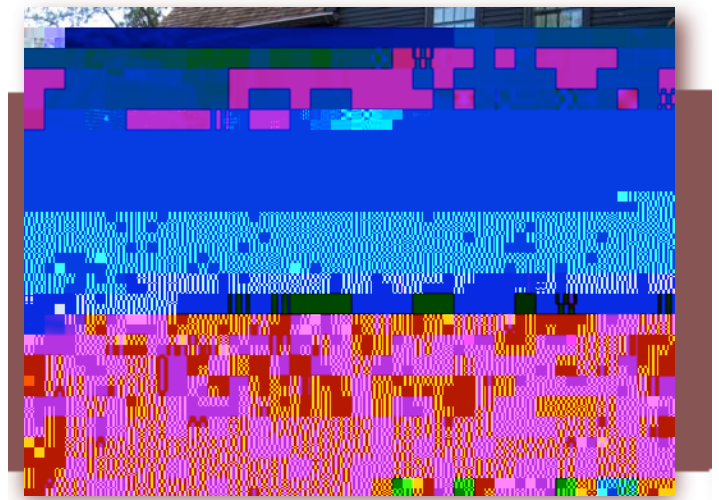
The officers to be elected in 2009 are: president, secretary, and member-at-large (2-year terms) as well as vice-president and treasurer (1-year terms). After next year all terms will be for 2 years, but not all offices will be up for election each year, providing for continuity on the board. The by-laws

specify that 2 candidates will run for each office.

Eight members followed the reading of Nathaniel Hawthorne's *Scarlet Letter* and *The House of Seven Gables* with a trip to Salem. The group toured the House of Seven Gables and passed a physical fitness test by climbing the secret staircase. Of particular interest was the literary privilege taken by Hawthorne between the actual history of the house and his story. Members recommend this experience and touring the entire Salem area. An additional feature was exhibit viewing and lunch at the Peabody Essex Museum.

The November reading featured architecture and political-economic concerns in the story of Frank Lloyd Wright and his long term love, entitled *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan..

New Book Club member Joan Jones has encouraged the club to move beyond New England by looking at the opening of the West with the Lewis and Clark expedition. We read *Undaunted Courage* by Stephen Ambrose. Joan has given lectures on this subject at area libraries and brought her maps to the January 8, 2009 meeting to facilitate discussion. Additionally, there are many parallels with our previous reading of McCullough's *John Adams*. New members are always welcome. It is a pleasure to see the group grow.



Jean O'Neil, Joan Jones, Laura and Dal Fisher, Carolyn Thomas, Rachel Spector, Jean Mooney, and Eileen Plunkett at the House of Seven Gables in Salem.



Mary Griffin, Chair of the ARF Institutional/Oral History Project, reported at the last meeting that the interviews have been completed and are in the process of being transcribed.



Loretta Higgins preparing to conduct an interview for the oral history project

Director Emeritus,
Weston Observatory authored *Roadside
Geology of Connecticut and Rhode Island*, the
latest volume in the series. It contains 20
road guides, and numerous photos, maps
and illustrations all in bold color in 304
pages. Within state boundaries are included
parts of at least 6 former continents and
volcanic island chains, each with its own

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Annual Meeting and Election

Annual Banquet.

President: Norman Berkowitz (Psychology)
Past-President: Jack Lewis (Management)
Vice-President: Laurel Eisenhauer (Nursing)
Secretary: Jean O'Neil (Nursing)
Treasurer: Carolyn Thomas (Social Work)
Members-at-large: Joyce Dwyer (Nursing). and Charles Smith (Education)

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webpages

for visitors in
campus garages:
0-20 minutes: Free;
then: \$3.00 per hour;
Daily maximum \$20.00

Galapagos islands,
France and Italy, Village life on the Dalmatian
Coast, Peru, Europe, Walking Tour of Ireland,
Village Life in the Dordogne, Village Life in
the Italian Lakes District
For more information see
[http://www.bc.edu/alumni/association/
travel.html](http://www.bc.edu/alumni/association/travel.html)
or call Gail A. Darnell, Director of Travel and
Special Projects,
Boston College Alumni Association
617-552-8035

Consider being a census
taker in 2010. Pay is from \$10 to \$22 an hour.
Duties could be updating address lists,
conducting interviews, or being a crew
leader. Hiring begins in February 2009. For
further information go to: [www.census.gov/
2010censusjobs](http://www.census.gov/2010censusjobs) or call 1-866-861-2010 to
schedule an appointment to take an
employment test.

SNAPPIN' AROUND



*Bill Neenan and Norm Berkowitz at
the September Program Meeting*



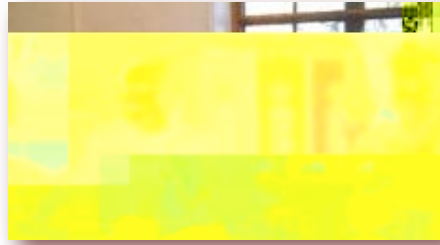
*Jim Frame making a point about
health care issues*



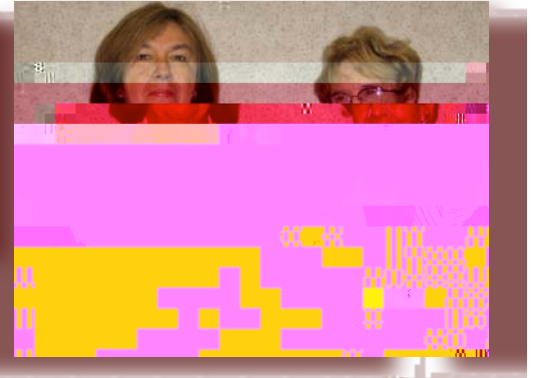
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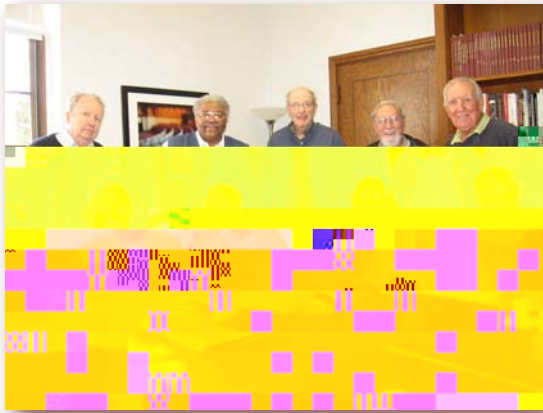
Mary Walsh explaining the Boston School Project



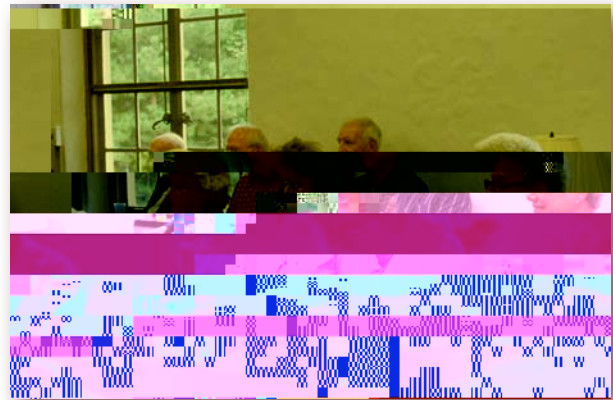
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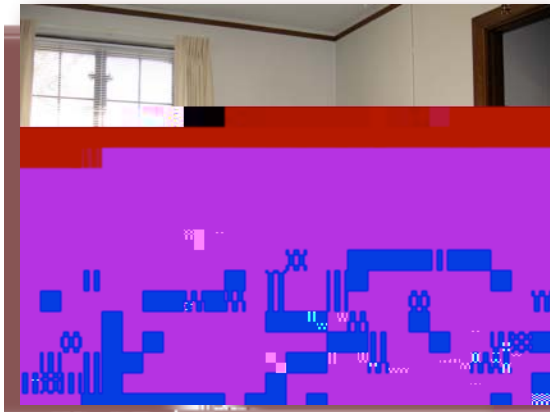
Marjory Gordon (Right) receiving NANDA 2008 Mentor Award (with Dorothy Jones , Nursing)



*Seated: Norm Wells, Ray Martin, Vince Nuccio, John Donovan
Standing: John Smith, Charles Smith, Dal Fisher, Norm Berkowitz, Joe Orlando*



Front row: Rosemary Krawczyk, Peg Murphy, and Rachel Spector. Back Row: Ed Smith, Joe Orlando



Margaret Murphy, Joan Jones, Miriam Gayle Wardle, and Rachel Spector

Jean Mooney, Laurel Eisenhauer, Carolyn Thomas, and Peg Murphy



Eileen Plunkett and Jean O'Neil

The driveway is immediately on the right as you enter Lake Street from Commonwealth Avenue. Follow the driveway, with the building on your left..

Parking is available at the very top of the hill (beyond St William's Hall) but remember:

If you do not use a G permit, YOU MUST FIRST GO TO THE ST IGNATIUS GATE ON LOWER CAMPUS AND OBTAIN A PLACARD FROM THE GUARD TO PLACE ON YOUR DASHBOARD.

Enter the building from the rear entrance.

For the Conference Room turn left.

For the Donovan Suite turn right and take the elevator to the third floor. Walk straight and then left to rooms 302 and 303.

If you miss the turn into the driveway (very easy to do)

1. Go to the next driveway and keep bearing right. This will take you to the parking area on hill in back of the building, OR
2. Take a right at the third street after the bottom of the hill (Rogers Park Street). Go to end, turn right onto Foster Street, turn right on Commonwealth Avenue, turn right at Lake Street, and right into the first driveway.

