

# BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

## MONTHLY MEETING

January 14, 2009

ATTENDANCE: Graham Campbell, Ronnie Evans, Harriet Martin, Ken Mohring, Flo O'Brien, Arnie Peskin, Sonja Santos, Myron Strongin  
VISITORS: Tony Bowman, Gayle Haines, Bill Hempfling

President Arnie Peskin opened the meeting by introducing the visitors:

Gayle Haines is President of a company called Lighthouse Safaris, Inc.

Tony Bowman is the new Chair of Human Services.

Bill Hempfling will be retiring from his present position as Chair of Human Services, in September.

Bill, who is no stranger to BREA, gave a brief introduction to Tony. Tony then took the floor and explained that both he and Bill will be working together, until Bill officially retires. He then went on to give a brief history of his work experience, and asked if anyone had any questions or comments. There were no questions, but there were some comments about BNL's employees taking a proprietary interest in the organization as averse to the interest shown by employees of commercial enterprises.

We said "adieu" to Bill and Tony and then listened while Gayle made her presentation to us about her company, which provides tours of Long Island's lighthouses. Initially we thought that we might sponsor a tour in early Sept., and settled on the Thursday, the 10<sup>th</sup>. We have not yet decided on which shore we would start, nor whether we would go by boat or bus. We also have to decide on lunch. Gayle said she would take care of all the details, once we decide, and then bid us "Goodbye".

We then went on with our regular meeting, reading and correcting the Minutes which spoke of a possible hiring of....not a "Web Master", but a commercial host. With that correction and acceptance of the Minutes, we then heard Ken's Treasurer's Report, which was also duly accepted. Arnie told us that the BNL Operating Contract under DOE auspices was still awaiting the new administration. He also reminded us that Eric Forsyth will be presenting the video of his sail to Greenland at noon, in Berkner on February 4.

It was suggested that we have our annual June luncheon at BNL and include a tour of the new facilities. Sonya said she would inquire about the BNL Lunch. Flo said she would inquire about the Bellport Country Club, and Harriet said she would get information about the "Three Village Inn". All to be presented at the next meeting at noon, on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at Berkner, Rm. D....H.Martin, Submitter