

BREA NEWS

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BREA Meetings

BREA meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month (except for August), at 1 p.m. in one of the conference rooms in Bldg. 400 (except where noted).

All BREA members are invited to attend and participate.

Meeting Schedule

September 11, 2012

October 9, 2012

November 13, 2012

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From the President

by Dave Cox, expatdave@aol.com

The August newsletter is traditionally the BREA “luncheon issue,” as you can see from the collage of pictures assembled here by Editor Mona Rowe. Our ninth annual luncheon was held at the Bellport Country Club on June 7, and once again we were lucky to have a fine sunny day for the occasion.

About 90 people attended, including a number of invited guests from the Lab, giving us the opportunity to acknowledge some of the folks who provide help for BREA – Joanne Rula of Staff Services, Liz Seubert of the Bulletin, Bob Lincoln of Human Resources, Sheryl Gerstman of Information Technology, and Joe Rubino from Photography.

Our thanks to Joe for taking these pictures. Joanne has posted the complete set on our website at <http://www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/brea/Luncheon.asp>. We were pleased that General Counsel Mike Goldman could be with us to speak about how the legal office had changed in the thirty or so years since he joined the laboratory. As it happened, Mike was also the winner of the 50-50 raffle, but generously donated his prize back to BREA.

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BREA Luncheon
June 7, 2012, Bellport Country Club





Renew BREA Membership

Last chance to renew your BREA membership! The mailing label on the newsletter will show your membership status. If you see the year 2011, you need to renew for 2012. By completing and returning the form below, you will continue to receive future editions of the BREA newsletter.

Consider five-year or lifetime memberships, which are discounted.

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President's Note (cont'd from page 1)

Many thanks to Ken Mohring for chairing the luncheon committee and making most of the arrangements, and also to the many members who helped make this annual event an enjoyable and memorable occasion for all!

I am glad to report that the tour of Plum Island Animal Disease Center in June was a huge success! Thanks to Steve Shapiro for organizing this. See Steve's report, page 4.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the procedure for making payments for retiree medical premiums to the P & A Group. If you have enrolled and are mailing in monthly payments, you should receive an invoice around mid-month for the next month's payment. A reminder letter is sent out after the first week of the next month if payment is not received. However, please be very aware that after the grace period of thirty days has expired, *your insurance will be terminated!* So that you do not have to worry about a possible situation or emergency that might cause you to miss a payment, I strongly encourage you to arrange with your bank to have these monthly payments made automatically.

BREA Tours Plum Island

On a beautiful early summer morning, June 20, 25 BREA members and spouses boarded a boat at Orient Point for a short cruise to Plum Island Animal Disease Center for a tour.

After a warm greeting, we went by bus to the main building and heard two talks describing the important research on animal diseases performed at the center, notably foot-and-mouth-disease, the most contagious disease known. One of the presenters, Paul Lawrence, did his post-doctoral work in the Biology Department.



Following lunch at the staff BBQ that day, we returned to the bus for a guided tour of the entire island. We saw remnants of Fort Terry, which was built during the Spanish-American War in 1896, had an up-close view of the light house we all pass on the Orient-New London ferry, and stopped by a beautiful beaches, where seals were frolicking off shore.

The trip was informative and very enjoyable. The hospitable staff encouraged us to return next year. Stay tuned!

- Steve Shapiro, shapiro@bnl.gov

Welcome to BERA!

The Brookhaven Employees' Recreation Association, known as BERA, oversees many clubs and organizations at the Lab, including BREA, and assists in the administration of the overall program and the use of available recreational facilities on site.

BERA organizes events and trips for its members: employees and retirees of BNL, BSA, and the on-site DOE office, and members of immediate family members; persons with BNL or BSA guest, user, and visiting appointments, and members of their immediate families; employees of permanent on-site employers (such as the cafeteria, credit union, Upton Post Office, etc.), and members of their immediate families. Go to BERA's website for the latest information about upcoming trips:

<http://www.bnl.gov/bera/>

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