

New England Aquarium  
June 29, 2015  
All Members Meetings

Meeting promptly started at 7:00, at the top of the tank. It was a great turnout of members and affiliates. We had an array of wonderful speakers.

Betty introduced our first speaker:

1. Ms. Della Grallert - Group sales manager New England Aquarium

Della thanked everyone for coming and thanked all concierges for their continued support. We will be having a family fun day for concierge and their family to enjoy the many exhibits at the NE Aquarium with our family's, date to be announced.

Parking will be validated for all members.

Ms. Terry Davidson - Director of Marketing, NE Aquarium asked everyone to make sure they viewed the new Sea Turtle rehabilitation exhibit on the lower level. Myrtle the Turtle has a private, up close and personal tour which we can recommend to our guests, reservations must be made in advance. It will focus on the feeding and caring for the large turtle.

2. Ms. Nikki DiGuilio - Renewal manager House of Blues

Nikki spoke of options for seeing all performances at the House of Blues, group rates were discussed, VIP Members, different special lounges and offers for private function spaces, concierge services that are offered, and an Annual Members club.

3. Morgan Shattuck - Corporate and Group Sales Manager - Broadway in Boston

A new promo code system for concierges has been developed and the forms were given out, a group discount will apply. Morgan will be offering access to some future shows before they are open to the public. A raffle was won by Ann Heimlicher for a pair of tickets to see Newsies. Enjoy the show!

4. Vanessa Martinez - promotions and community coordinator Huntington Theatre

Spoke of the upcoming season and encouraged all concierges to come and enjoy the Huntington theater. The next upcoming performance will be, A little Night Music.

5. Caroline Thuma - Assistant Manager - Charles River Canoe & Kayak

Charles River Canoe & Kayak have 4 different locations. They offer Canoes, Kayak and Paddle Boats at an hourly rate of \$20. Caroline offered free rentals to members of the GBCA. A great way to see July 4th fireworks from the Charles River, a great recommendation.

6. Liz Morningstar - THE MARKET at the Rose Kennedy Greenway will be located at the Haymarket "T" Station. It will be a future public market, July 30th is the estimated opening. It will consist of all locally grown food sources, 14 farms, 40 small local businesses, America test kitchen will have demonstrations, TAZA chocolate demonstrations, and Bee farmers for sales and demonstrations.

Big thank you for the Anthem Group and Charles River Bistro for the success of our Family Fun Day.

Mark at WHERE Magazine introduced the new circulation manager, Elizabeth Moran.

Marzio at limoncello's mother died, our condolences to Mariza and his family.

The wake will be at Della Rosa Funeral Home in Medford 4-8.

Betty had 7 raffles prizes that gave chances to win a fabulous prize from the Tiger Raffle to support the Les Clefs d'Or convention, and the winners are:

1. Charlotte Vecchiarelli - The Charles Hotel
2. Paul Leondike - Marlowe Hotel
3. Debra Hegger - Westin Boston Waterfront
4. Kathy Barry - Boston Marriott Burlington
5. Elizabeth Moran - Where Magazine
6. Bob Levine - Dav El
7. Steve Belcastro - New England Trips

CONGRATULATIONS to all our winners, and good luck.

A family 4 pack was raffled to Canoble Lake Park the winner was Franco Campanello at Marriott Copley Place, Congratulations Franco, have fun.

Evan Martin wanted everyone to be aware of the rooftop lounge and dining that is offered at the Double Tree Hotel, it is a fabulous view of the Charles River and the Double tree offers free shuttle services from different locations in the city.

Betty pulled off another outstanding meeting, with wonderful speakers, great information, incredible food and beverages, a great time was had by all.