

Special Web Site Newsletter December 2024

Brotherhood - is not a one year commitment, it is a life-time commitment.... We took an oath to remain brothers. An oath is something that cannot be taken back, that's what makes it an oath. Some of us have outgrown pounding down beers but you can never outgrow your commitment and the bonds of brotherhood.

Brothers, Best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday season.

From the President:

During our reunion in September at UMASS, we formed a Website Committee to research and execute a solution for the restructure of our website to a more manageable process using modern technology. The Committee members are Fran Bourdon (Chairman), Gerry Goldhaber, Vinnie Grandonico, and Ken Bodzioch, and I added my 2 cents. The current webmaster, Lloyd Bristol, has dedicated innumerable hours updating and maintaining the site. Unfortunately, it is no longer a one-man job.

After considerable research the committee has found a solution. We will be moving the site from the host in England, and engaging a consulting firm recommended by Gerry. They will migrate the content and create a new site in the USA, using current computer language and technology. Gerry has made a generous donation of 50% of the expected cost of \$4000 and our alumni organization will pay the remainder.

Once the site is operational, the consultants will train the Website Committee members on the new user-friendly updating process and provide hosting and assistance for a monthly fee of \$25.99. The Website Committee will continue in existence using the same format as the BARF Committee where one new member will be rotated in each year ensuring that we will always have operating control of the new website.

Talking with Stan, we determined that the best way to immediately fund our portion is to borrow the money from the BARF Fund and repay it through a fundraising appeal to the members. During this season of giving, we are asking you to consider making a contribution to the WEB Fund of \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100 or whatever you feel is appropriate. All funds raised above the conversion costs will be used for the monthly hosting fee.

Our website has over 3500 images and documents from our history and it is the only way for us to preserve our heritage and make it accessible for all our members.

Before you decide, I hope you will visit the old website <http://phisig.atspace.com/> and look at the photos, especially those from the previous reunions. There are numerous irreplaceable treasures from the 1950's on.

If you can help, please send a check notated "new website" to Stan Kittredge, 399 Old Farm Road, Franklin, MA. 02038. Thank you all.

Any questions, email me brtz57@gmail.com or Fran franbourdon@gmail.com .
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