

Still “Staying-At-Home” Issue

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From The Control Room

by BRMA President Robert Franklin

Greetings from the President’s above-ground bunker, AKA my house, where I’ve been observing voluntary isolation and social distancing since the end of March. These past few months have been quiet in some ways: empty offices, restaurants, and airplanes, while busy in the news cycle and in our kitchens—I’ve been working on mastering a bread recipe I learned in early April. For those of us not retired and lucky enough to have jobs, and even luckier to have small children, it’s like we’re busier than ever.

But I’m sure you already knew all that, and since this is the Control Room and not the Presidents Pity Party, I’ll move on to news relevant to the BRMA... of which there is sadly very little. Perhaps not surprisingly, not much has happened since my last update. The Hanford site remains on limited operations, Benton and Franklin Counties are a COVID-19 hotspot in Washington State and remain in Phase 1 of the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” directive here in Washington. The Manhattan Project National Historical Park, Hanford Unit, (MAPR Hanford) is currently not conducting tours. There will likely be no tour season this year, which also means no visitors, and no sales in the gift shop. Rick Bond, our products and sales guy, did a lot of work in the gift shop in the off-season and it looks like the public will have to wait a little longer to see the results of his hard work.

Later in August we will observe the 75th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and

then the ending of the Second World War. The World Citizens for Peace will conduct their bell-ringing ceremony on August 9th at Howard Amon Park, and the National Park Service is working on connecting with audiences through mostly online events. If you have Facebook or Twitter you should make sure you are following them because they are really posting a lot of good content, and the cool thing about social media is that you can engage with it! Speaking of the NPS, our ranger Becky recently hired a few temporary staff members to help her with some of the projects the NPS is working on, including development of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park mobile application, or “app”, in addition to other interpretive projects. More information on these developments to come as we hear it.

The BRMA is making its first venture into this new age by having our first Board Meeting through Zoom on July 3rd. Online meetings and social media may be the new normal for a while, or maybe permanently. I think that we, as an organization, need to think about how we can reach the public outside of the tour program and in-person visits to the reactor. Are there ways that we can deliver information and the B Reactor experience through our website or social media? Can we, or even should we, engage in online sales for those who are interested in a bit of MAPR merchandise? What about all those who might be interested but can’t plan a trip to the Tri-Cities in the near future,

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The B Reactor Museum Assn. meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 PM, in a Conference Room at the Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Dr., Richland. Our meetings are presently cancelled due to COV-19 social distancing.

**Dupus Boomer — by Dick Donnell
Contributed by Connie Estep**

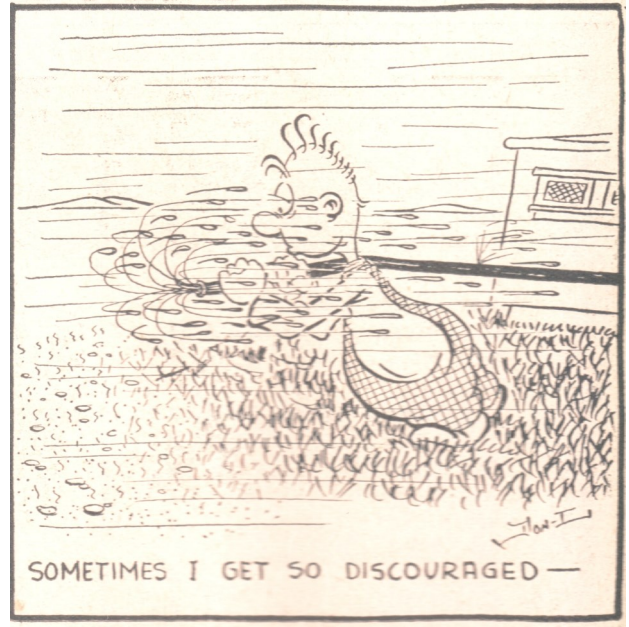
Charitable Contributions

This is a Public Acknowledgement of the generous cash contributions to BRMA. The following list covers the period, April through June, 2020.

David Anderson

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Ed. Note: Kind of like fighting COV-19? (Originally published in the *Villager*, July 29, 1948.)

Membership Report

By Bob Carosino, Membership Chairman

2020 BRMA MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE. (See note on Page 3.) Our present count is 53 people (including 11 Life Members) & 3 Groups

(Atomic Heritage Foundation, The Hanford History Project & The REACH). To send in your Renewal, the Form is below to Print and/or Clip and Send In.

2020 Renewal and New Member Application

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (h): (____) _____ (cell): (____) _____
E-mail: _____ (Please print legibly)

- Renewal New
- Individual (\$20) or Senior (age 60+ - \$10) or Student (\$10) or Life Member (one time — \$250)
(Individual Members Only)
- Society/Group (\$25) Name of Voting Representative: _____

Additional tax deductible contribution: \$ _____
Note: both Dues and Cash Contributions are Tax Deductable. (Tax ID # 94-3142387)

No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution
If your total enclosed contribution is \$50 or less, print a copy of this application for your records. Over \$50 will be separately received.

Total Enclosed: \$ _____
(Please make check out to BRMA)

Thank you; please mail this application with payment to:

**B Reactor Museum Association
PO Box 1531
Richland, WA 99352**

FROM THE CONTROL ROOM

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have we been missing them this whole time? We'll discuss this at the next board meeting (and I'm sure many, many meetings to come), but I also welcome your feedback – please reach out to me directly with any thoughts.

To echo Governor Inslee – stay safe and stay healthy.

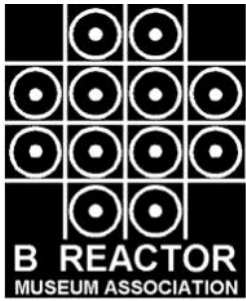
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SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP NOTE

Due to our reduced COV-19 operations, this might be our last chance to remind those who have not sent in their 2020 Dues.

Please re-check your cover letter (electronic copy recipients) or your address label (hard copy recipients) to find your status.

If needed, there is a 2020 Dues Renewal Form on Page 2 to print and/or clip to send in.



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