



President's Remarks

For those who have not heard, I am sorry to announce that David J. Dalzell Jr. passed away on January 24, 2011, ending a long and painful battle. He would have been 85 years old this August. David was a member of MCMA for 34 years, and served on our Board of Government for 9 years, Finance Committee for 5 years, and the Relief Committee for 6 years. He was a very active Member who enjoyed MCMA, and he was extremely well-liked by all of us. David resided in Brookline and was the treasurer and owner of Dalzell Motor Sales. I would like to sincerely thank all those who visited David during his sickness. I would also like to remind everyone that, if you know of a member who is in poor health, please notify the office so that we may stay in touch with him through our Visitations Committee.

I again wish to thank those who responded to our December fundraising request. It surely helps in these times. And if you wish, it's still not too late.

Recent Happenings

Our Annual Meeting was held in January at the Neighborhood Club in Quincy. It was another snowy day, but the food, the setting and the camaraderie made for a very enjoyable meeting nonetheless. Reports from each of our committees were presented, and votes were cast confirming the recommendations of our Nominations Committee, which included two new additions to the Board of Government...members Bill Jacobs and Harry Flight. New Associate Member John Curtis was introduced, and he gave us a brief account of himself. President Anderson asked all members to rise and observe a moment of silence in memory of recently deceased member Herbert Guinette, then gave a short address in which he thanked all members who serve on our various committees and "do the work" of MCMA, and thanked also those who were able to make donations in answer to our December appeal.

We have toyed for some time with the idea of an MCMA website, but President Anderson recently asked trustee Tony Scalese and Past President William Jutila to fully develop the idea. They did so, and that website is now being put together. We are anticipating that it will be tested and ready for use by our spring quarterly.

Helping Others

It has been a few years since MCMA last provided support for the vocational programs of the Cardinal Cushing Centers in Hanover and Braintree, but we were able to rectify that in 2010. Since 1947, Cardinal Cushing Centers has provided caring, innovative approaches to education for thousands of children with intellectual disabilities, regardless of race, religion or national origin. By emphasizing personal strengths, community involvement and vocational training, this



organization strives to help those in its care to reach their highest level of independence and personal success. Developing solid work skills is seen as a priority in helping students transition to adult life, and vocational training programs include Culinary Arts, Health Careers, Office Skills, Central Supply, and a Hospitality Program. In addition, an on-campus Retail Center, comprised of a bakery, greenhouse, arts and crafts boutique, container redemption center, and a thrift store, is open to the public, and each of these small businesses serves as a vocational classroom.

Over and above the vocational opportunities available within its schools, Cardinal Cushing Centers Adult Services provides support for 60 adults, many of whom are former students of the schools, through a work center (in Braintree) known as South Shore Industries. Employment opportunities through this program include subcontracting work, work crews supervised by a job coach, support in securing independent employment, and a variety of volunteer opportunities. Workers are all over the age of 22 and have intellectual disabilities and secondary handicaps. They work in local businesses such as BJ's Wholesale Club, Roche Bros. and Shaw Supermarkets, Jordan's Furniture, Sears Roebuck, and many others, and they fill volunteer positions at organizations such as the YMCA and the Milton Animal Shelter.



MCMA was asked to, and did, provide support in three different areas. For the Adult Services Program, we purchased three backpack-style industrial vacuum cleaners for use in current job locations, plus six training DVDs. For the current Vocational Program, we purchased two paper shredders to replace older, malfunctioning machines, plus two upright vacuum cleaners for use in the Hospitality Program. And to launch a new program, a Bicycle Repair Shop, within the Retail Center, we provided a variety of bicycle repair tools. In all, these items totaled \$5,401. Cardinal Cushing Centers maintains the highest quality of services for those with intellectual disabilities and other handicaps, helping to pave the way for ever increasing standards of service for one of our most marginalized populations. We are pleased that we are able to support their efforts.

MCMA History...

In past issues we have recapped the accomplishments of many members who attained financial success in their day, and/or strongly influenced their professions, and/or left lasting legacies. But,



as the saying goes, *now for something completely different!* Our subject for this issue is a man who met with little financial success and is all but unknown today. But his accomplishments remain with us in various forms, even if we don't realize it.

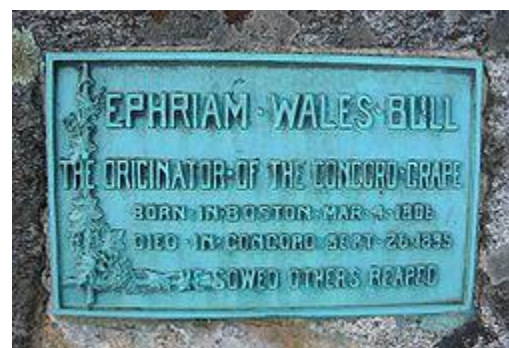
Ephraim Wales Bull, who joined MCMA in 1856, was born in 1806 in Boston, the son of a farmer. He first apprenticed as a chemist, but later became a well-regarded gold leaf artisan (listed on our roles as a goldbeater), working out of a small shop on Cornhill. But we actually

know little about his career in that profession. More significantly, Bull was an amateur horticulturalist, and in 1836 he purchased a farm in Concord *[where he was neighbor to both Henry David Thoreau and the Alcott family]* and set about trying to improve the so-called "wild" American grape, which, though common in this area, was quite bitter. By 1849 he had planted some 22,000 seedlings before arriving at what he considered the ideal grape (early opening to escape the northern frosts, but with a rich, full-bodied flavor), and he named it the Concord grape. This hardy grape survived where European cuttings could not, and when Bull showed it at the Massachusetts Horticultural Society it became a runaway success. Bull began selling cuttings for \$5 each, and earned \$3200 in his first year, but plant patent laws had not yet come into existence, and soon Concord grape cuttings were being sold by many others. Bull failed to benefit further, and was eventually to die a poor man. *[Others were to benefit quite handsomely from the Concord grape, however, including Vineland, NJ physician and dentist Thomas Welch, who in 1869 processed the first bottles of unfermented wine for use in his church's communion service, an achievement that marked the beginning of the processed fruit juice industry. Welch's added grape jam in 1918, and grape jelly in 1923, and this very successful enterprise is today headquartered in Concord MA.]*



Politically, Bull was elected in 1855 to the Massachusetts House of Representatives as a member of the American Party (also known as the "Know-Nothing" Party), an anti-immigrant, anti-Catholic, anti-Semitic party that flourished for a brief period in the mid-nineteenth century. *[This party actually won control of the Massachusetts legislature and governorship in 1855, and was strong in other areas of the country as well, but its membership fragmented over the issue of slavery, and by 1860 it no longer was considered a serious national political movement.]* Ironically perhaps, the Concord grape was to become a favorite variety used in kosher wines, but it is also used extensively in a wide range of juices, juice drinks, jams and jellies found in our supermarkets today. In fact, over 400,000 tons of Concord grapes are grown annually in the northern growing regions of the country.

Ephraim Bull achieved only short-lived acclaim in his day, and was not pleased that his accomplishments failed to bring him financial success. His gravestone inscription reads *"He sowed _ Others reaped"*. *[And if Ephraim Bull felt he deserved more respect in his day, he would probably not be surprised to learn that , on his "new" gravestone, erected to replace the damaged original, his name is spelled incorrectly.]* Bull died at the Concord Home for the Aged in 1895. His story, though different in some ways from those of other MCMA men we have written about, does add to the consistent theme that a great many of our predecessors in MCMA, through their diligence, perseverance and ingenuity, have contributed in many different ways to our country's history and development. And, like Bull's contribution, we often see, use or otherwise appreciate the product without recognizing its MCMA connection. Hopefully, that will change as we illuminate more of these men and their accomplishments.



...and MCMA Present



The subject of our current-member article has little in common with Ephraim Bull, except possibly for the problem-solving instinct that has characterized so many MCMA men throughout our existence. **Peter J. Lemonias** joined MCMA in 1993, and he has been generous to us with his time and his energy from the beginning. Peter served nine years on our Board of Government, and has been a member of our Planning Committee for the past four years. He joined our History Committee in 2007, and currently chairs that committee. In addition, he repeatedly has been relied upon to help plan our Triennial functions. (At our 2010 Triennial, for instance, he arranged the tours of Old North Church and North Bennet Street School, and handled the floral centerpieces for the tables.)

Peter owns and runs The Whitman Company, a contract metal finishing company located in Whitman MA. Peter's involvement with this 50 year old company began as a teenager working summers and weekends. After a seven year career with the Federal government, Peter returned to the business in 1984, later taking over from his Dad. The company provides decorative and functional plating on a complete range of industrial, electronic, medical and consumer products, offering a wide array of finishing from copper, tin and zinc to gold, silver and rhodium. The 20,000 s.f. shop houses complete facilities for surface prep such as tumbling, vibratory finishing and sand blasting as well as belt sanding, buffing and polishing. Whitman maintains an ISO 2000-compliant quality control program, employs x-ray



fluorescence thickness testing to ensure finishes meet specs, and uses color spectrophotometry equipment to maintain consistent finish colors. And the wastewater treatment system, designed by Peter and his Plant Manager, uses state-of-the-art technology for water recycling. In short, this is a respected, highly professional and well-run company, and from our own experience with Peter within MCMA, that comes as no surprise.

Although his parents came from Boston, Peter was born in Fort Worth, TX while his father served in the Air Force. He graduated from Braintree High School, attended Boston University but received his BA degree from the University of Michigan, and returned to Texas (the University of Texas at Austin) for a Masters Degree in Public Administration. He worked initially in Washington, D.C. as a management auditor for the U.S. General Accounting Office before returning to the Boston area. His wife Deborah and he have two children (Jenna and James) and live in Hingham. Peter is a former VP of the National Association of Metal Finishers (NAMF), Past President and current Director of the New England chapter of NAMF, former chairman of the Hingham Harbor Development Commission, and is a licensed Coast Guard Captain. Peter's outside interests include boating and fishing, music (listening to country, rock, folk, jazz and classical music as well as playing guitar), reading (mostly history and historical novels), and gardening. Thankfully, he also finds time for MCMA.