



TRANSFORMERS COMMITTEE



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Dear Committee Members and Guests:

Welcome to the Fall 2011 Meeting! On behalf of OMICRON electronics Corp. USA., my wife Mary Ann, and I welcome you to Boston, Massachusetts. Thank you so much for joining us at this event. Like many Bostonians, we are not originally from Massachusetts (Mary Ann is from Michigan and I am from Maine), but we've been calling Massachusetts home for more than 15 years.

We live a short drive or train ride from downtown Boston. Mary Ann and I enjoy coming into Boston often to meet up with friends or family. There's every kind of restaurant imaginable in the city, but those who know me can guess that I'm most likely to choose one of my favorite steak places. Now that we have two small children, we're often in town to visit places like the Museum of Science, Boston Children's Museum, or the New England Aquarium. I'm not sure who enjoys these places more, me or the children. This is also a great walking city and a day spent just roaming around town hitting old favorites such as the Boston Common, Faneuil Hall/Quincy Market, and then wrapping up the day with dinner in the North End makes for a great time. There's so much to see and do here and October is a beautiful time of year in Boston. Mary Ann and I want to make sure you get a chance to experience the Boston that we know and love so, and along with the OMICRON Host Team, we've been working hard to ensure that you have a memorable visit.

We have many events planned throughout the week, and hope that you can join us at some if not all.

- **Sunday Evening Reception:** This provides a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and colleagues and provides a platform to meet new people and first-time attendees. It will be held in the Renaissance and will feature an Irish theme, complete with a Celtic band and traditional dishes.
- **Duck Tour:** This tour takes place on a W.W.II style amphibious landing vehicle that not only tours around Boston, but also plunges into the Charles River to give you a view of the skyline from the water. This is the perfect way to get acquainted with Boston before the week begins.
- **Ghosts and Gravestones Frightseeing Tour on Halloween Night:** This tour will bring you through the historic sights of Boston while actors tell the many eerie stories that have accumulated over Boston's four hundred year history.
- **Tuesday Luncheon Speaker:** The speaker will be from the Massachusetts DOT and the presentation will provide an engineer's view on Boston's Big Dig underground highway project. It will show how innovation, technology, and engineering have transformed the great City of Boston.
- **Wednesday Evening Social:** The Spirit of Boston is a large, beautiful boat docked directly across the street from the Renaissance Hotel. She will take us on a tour of the Boston Harbor while we listen to jazz and feast on an amazing buffet.

So much to do, so little time ... The Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel is located right in the center of the growing Seaport District of Boston. This gorgeous part of South Boston is not only a 15-minute walk to downtown, but it also has many diverse restaurants and activities located literally steps away from the hotel. There are traditional Irish pubs, the brand new Jerry Remy's state of the art sports bar, the also new Legal Harborside with roof deck bar overlooking the harbor, and plenty more. And just up the street is the Science Center and the Institute of Contemporary Art.

For info on activities, entertainment & restaurants, go to www.cityofboston.gov or www.bostonusa.com.

Aside from Boston proper, Massachusetts and New England have a ton to offer when it comes to activities. Here are some of our favorite things to do within a 2-hour drive of the hotel. Also, be sure to check out www.discovernewengland.org for lots of things to do in all the New England states.

- Wrentham Premium Outlets: If you like shopping, this is the place for you!
- There are many state parks to visit, though Castle Island and Charles River Reservation are two of our favorites.
- If you're looking for things to do with kids in and around Boston, in addition to the Museum of Science, The New England Aquarium and Boston's Children's Museum, you may want to check out the Boston Public Library. Outside of Boston there's the Peabody Essex Museum and for middle school aged children a trip from Lexington to Concord (part of Paul Revere's famous ride) is fun and educational!

If you like to shop you have come to the right place. As mentioned above, the Wrentham Premium Outlets is great. But if you don't have the time to make the one-hour trip, Boston has a lot to offer. The Prudential Center is in the heart of Boston and is the largest mall closest to the Hotel. Right next to the Prudential is Newbury Street which offers numerous specialty as well as mainstream shops, and also always has many street performers and great places to eat.

Some of our favorite restaurants are as follows:

- Near the Renaissance Hotel, we recommend Anthony's Pier 4 for seafood, and also the Barking Crab if you are really looking for a unique "almost bizarre" seafood experience. We enjoy dining in the North End for Italian, and finishing the evening with a cannoli at Mike's pastry at 300 Hanover St.
- In the surrounding areas of Boston: We highly recommend Chez Henri (French/Cuban) and Border Café (South Western), both in Cambridge as well as The Elephant Walk (French/Cambodian) with locations in Boston and Cambridge.

Companions Tours: We tried to make the companions tours about history, education and fun, which is how Mary Anne and I know Boston. Monday will include a tour of the North End, which is the Italian District and oldest neighborhood in Boston, and in the afternoon, there will be a visit to the Museum of Fine Arts. On Tuesday, there will be a tour of the JFK Presidential Library followed by spending the afternoon in Salem, one of our favorite areas of Massachusetts.

Of course the concierge at the Renaissance Hotel is prepared to offer suggestions on entertainment and restaurants, and to help you with any questions you may have.

Thank you again for joining us in Boston. My wife Mary Ann and I are pleased and honored to be your hosts. OMICRON electronics, the host company, will do all that is necessary to make your time in Boston enjoyable. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or any member of the OMICRON Team for assistance.

Enjoy Boston and have a great meeting!

Sincerely,

Charles and Mary Ann Sweetser

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