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Joint Meetings Donations Benefit New Orleans

During the Joint Mathematics Meetings in New Orleans in January 2007, the AMS and the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) sponsored a raffle and T-shirt sale to benefit survivors of Hurricane Katrina. The hurricane struck the southern United States in the fall of 2005, causing a state of emergency and extensive damage, especially to the New Orleans area, which is still struggling to recover from the disaster.

The raffle, T-shirt sales, and other donations brought in US\$10,000 for the Second Harvest of New Orleans Food Bank Backpack Program. This program provides to children at risk of hunger a backpack of nutritious, child-friendly food for weekends and out-of-school times.

Winners of the raffle took home a range of prizes: Mackichan Scientific Workplace software, a Dell notebook computer, a four-night stay at the Marriott in San Diego for the 2008 Joint Meetings, an Apple iPod, AMS and MAA bookstore credits, a New England Legal Seafoods lobster bake, a Texas Instruments graphing calculator, and a Bose tri-port acoustic headphone.

The raffle winners are: Michael Barry, Allegheny College; M. M. Bogacz, St. Xavier University; Karen Bolinger, Clarion University; Deanna Caveny, College of Charleston; Carolyn Cuff, Westminster College; Michael Falk, Northern Arizona University; Fred J. Hickernell, Illinois Institute of Technology; Stephen Hilbert, Ithaca College; Barbara Jur, Macomb Community College; Catherine Murphy, Purdue University Calumet; Emily Moore, Grinnell College; Richard Neidinger, Davidson College; Andrew Shallue, University of Wisconsin; Max Tran, Kingsborough Community College; and Kimberly Vincent, Washington State University.

Many other Joint Meetings attendees made donations to help New Orleans. One especially noteworthy example is Jennifer Quinn, executive director of the Association for Women in Mathematics, who received the MAA's Haimo Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics. The award came with a cash prize of US\$1,000, which Quinn donated to the New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity.

—Allyn Jackson

2007 AMS Department Chairs' Workshop

The AMS hosted a one-day workshop for mathematical sciences department chairs at the 2007 Joint Mathematics Meetings in New Orleans, Louisiana. This year's workshop was designed around the theme of "growing a mathematics department". Growing a department, not just in terms of size, can affect a variety of departmental areas including students and programs, faculty and staff, relationships within and/or outside the institution, departmental leadership, and the culture or the environment of the department.

Based on input from those attending, the workshop focused on four areas: personnel, educational programs, research and teaching, and outside relationships and external perceptions. Over forty-five department chairs and leaders participated in the program sharing ideas and experiences. Workshop leaders included: Krishnaswami Alladi, department chair of mathematics, University of Florida; Deanna Caveny, department chair of mathematics, College of Charleston; Guillermo Ferreyra, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Louisiana State University; and David Manderscheid, department chair of mathematics, University of Iowa.

The Department Chairs Workshop is an annual event hosted by the AMS prior to the start of the Joint Meetings. Past workshop sessions have focused on a range of issues facing departments today, including personnel issues (staff and faculty), long range planning, hiring, promotion and tenure, budget management, assessments, outreach, stewardship, junior faculty development, communication, and departmental leadership.

Those interested in attending a future workshop should look for registration information sent out in advance of the Joint Meetings or contact the AMS Washington Office at amsdc@ams.org.

—Anita Benjamin, AMS Washington Office

Deaths of AMS Members

ARIENNE S. BALSER, of Bayside, WI, died on April 21, 2006. She was a member of the Society for 55 years.

ROBERT C. F. BARTELS, professor emeritus, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, died on September 9, 2006. Born on October 24, 1911, he was a member of the Society for 69 years.

EDUARD BELINSKY, professor, University of the West Indies, Barbados, died on October 7, 2004. Born on September 26, 1947, he was a member of the Society for 8 years.

RONALD C. BIGGERS, professor, Kennesaw State University, died on April 23, 2005. Born on October 6, 1945, he was a member of the Society for 28 years.

PETER BOD, professor, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, died on December 29, 2005. Born on June 9, 1924, he was a member of the Society for 26 years.

ALEXANDER I. BUDKIN, professor, Altai State University, Russia, died on August 6, 2006. He was a member of the Society for 12 years.

BOHUMIL CENKL, professor, Northeastern University, died on May 4, 2006. He was a member of the Society for 35 years.

ANDRE DABROWSKI, assistant professor, University of Ottawa, died on October 7, 2006. Born on August 10, 1955, he was a member of the Society for 29 years.

JERRY DONATO, from Timberville, VA, died on October 18, 2006. He was a member of the Society for 16 years.

PHILIP DWINGER, dean emeritus and professor emeritus, University of Illinois at Chicago, died on November 2, 2006. Born on September 25, 1914, he was a member of the Society for 53 years.

LEON A. HENKIN, professor emeritus, University of California, Berkeley, died on November 1, 2006. Born on April 19, 1921, he was a member of the Society for 62 years.

M. GWENETH HUMPHREYS, professor emerita, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, died on October 5, 2006. Born on October 22, 1911, she was a member of the Society for 70 years.

SYED A. HUO, from Castle Hill, Australia, died on June 30, 2002. Born on January 25, 1938, he was a member of the Society for 31 years.

EDWARD L. KAPLAN, from Corvallis, OR, died on September 26, 2006. Born on May 11, 1920, he was a member of the Society for 59 years.

DONALD L. KREIDER, of Sugar Hill, NH, died on December 7, 2006. He was a member of the Society for 50 years.

MARTIN D. KRUSKAL, professor, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, died on December 26, 2006. He was a member of the Society for 55 years.

ROY B. LEIPNIK, professor, University of California, Santa Barbara, died on October 10, 2006. He was a member of the Society for 59 years.

XIAO-SONG LIN, professor, University of California, Riverside, died on January 13, 2007. Born on July 27, 1957, he was a member of the Society for 22 years.

KJARTAN G. MAGNUSSON, professor, University of Iceland, died on January 13, 2006. Born on March 20, 1952, he was a member of the Society for 16 years.

DANIEL MARTIN, from Lanarkshire, Scotland, died on September 15, 2006. Born on April 16, 1915, he was a member of the Society for 44 years.

JANET McDONALD, professor, Vassar College, died on October 29, 2006. Born in September 1905, she was a member of the Society for 63 years.

MORRIS NEWMAN, professor, University of California, Santa Barbara, died on January 4, 2007. Born on February 25, 1924, he was a member of the Society for 61 years.

MORIO OBATA, professor, Keio University, Japan, died on December 21, 2006. He was a member of the Society for 47 years.

WILLIAM PARRY, professor emeritus, University of Warwick, England, died on August 20, 2006. Born on July 3, 1934, he was a member of the Society for 43 years.

EVERETT PITCHER, professor, Lehigh University, died on December 4, 2006. Born in 1912, he was a member of the Society for 71 years.

G. BAILEY PRICE, professor emeritus, University of Kansas, died on November 7, 2006. Born on March 14, 1905, he was a member of the Society for 77 years.

VICTOR A. PLOTNIKOV, professor, Odessa State University, Ukraine, died on September 4, 2006. Born on January 5, 1938, he was a member of the Society for one year.

ANATOL RAPOPORT, from Toronto, Canada, died on January 20, 2007. Born on May 22, 1911, he was a member of the Society for 60 years.

DANIEL A. ROBINSON, professor, Georgia Institute of Technology, died on January 31, 2007. Born on April 9, 1932, he was a member of the Society for 50 years.

ALEXANDER M. RUBINOV, professor, University of Ballarat, Australia, died on October 9, 2006. Born on March 28, 1940, he was a member of the Society for 9 years.

LEON W. RUTLAND JR., professor emeritus, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, died on August 28, 2006. Born on August 24, 1919, he was a member of the Society for 47 years.

YURI TIHOVICH SILCHENKO, professor, Voronezh State University, Russia, died on June 12, 2005. He was a member of the Society for 12 years.

SUMANGALI KIDAMBI SRINIVASAN, professor, Indian Institute of Technology, India, died on October 21, 2006. Born on December 16, 1930, he was a member of the Society for 6 years.

MATHUKUMALLI V. SUBBARAO, professor, University of Alberta, Canada, died on February 15, 2006. He was a member of the Society for 46 years.

GEORGE B. THOMAS JR., professor emeritus, MIT, died on October 31, 2006. Born on January 11, 1914, he was a member of the Society for 68 years.

ROBERT N. TOMPSON, professor, University of Nevada, died on January 6, 2007. Born on January 7, 1920, he was a member of the Society for 55 years.

STEVEN MARK TURADEK, from Minden, NV, died on August 4, 2006. Born on October 8, 1956, he was a member of the Society for 3 years.

BOB VAN ROOTSELAAR, retired, from Amsterdam, The Netherlands, died on October 10, 2006. He was a member of the Society for 45 years.