



**Memberships:** We had a couple more memberships come through and, once again, we cannot thank our corporate sponsors enough for their sponsorship and for being part of DEEP. We could not do what we do for the Danvers Public Schools without their support!

**HRMS Spelling Bee:** 39 students participated in this year's Spelling Bee, and it was one of the longest ones yet! Kailey Allen survived 24 rounds to win this year's Bee. Congratulations! Kailey will go on to take a written test in March...good luck, Kailey!!! Thank you to North Shore Dance Academy and Cherry Farm Creamery for sponsoring the t-shirts worn by the participants, and thank you to Danvers House of Pizza for supplying dinner for the students before they took the stage! Also, a special thank you to Mary Wermers and Ellyn Feerick for all their hard work in coordinating this year's event!

**Fundraising:** The DEEP Wine Tasting has been rescheduled to Thursday, October 27. It will be held at Danversport. This year's wine tasting will have a Halloween theme, so start thinking about a creative costume!

We are also in talks about having a popcorn fundraiser. More info to follow.

**New Business:** Danvers DECA has a good number of students going into Boston March 10 to March 12 to present in front of judges at the DECA State Conference. It costs each student approximately \$475 to attend (for the hotel stay and food). There are approximately 12 students in need of financial aid. DEEP has budgeted \$5,000 this year to fund any DECA needs. We will give it to them now, and they can use any remaining funds when they go to the International Conference in April. Glenn Boutchie motioned to give DECA the full amount now, which was seconded and passed unanimously. Good luck, DECA!!!

Mary Beth advised that Peter Kushnieruk, one of the original founders of DEEP, has passed away. The DEEP Board extends their sympathies to his family.

Mary Beth also advised that the Danvers Cultural Council awarded DEEP \$2,280 for the Downtown Tree Lighting Festival!

Jessie DelVecchio from Mathnasium has advised that there has been a little struggle with in-person math nights. They are looking to get their name out there a little more but, all in all, things are well.

Mary Wermers advised that Dave Thomson from DanversCARES is planning an Inclusion event sometime in June. They are also going to be forming a committee for *Light the Night Purple*. More info to follow.

Mary also advised that schools are getting ready for February vacation and all elementary schools have their concerts. High school students from grades 9 to 12 are leaving for Italy next week. This has been in the works for two years.

**Our next meeting is on Wednesday, March 16, at 8:00 a.m. at Brookline Bank, 107 High Street, Danvers (next to Walgreen's). All are welcome to join us.**