



Hop Aboard The Boston Club's Welcome Wagon: Our Ambassador Program!

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Joining the Boston Club is like moving to a new neighborhood. You know you made the right decision. You're excited about the possibilities. Now, it's time to get to know the lay of the land and get involved in the community.

Getting acclimatized to The Boston Club is easier than ever. If you joined the club in the last 7 years, chances are you received a phone call from an Ambassador personally welcoming you to the organization. According to Membership Subcommittee chair Nancy Nager, the Ambassador Program is like a "welcome wagon". Its goal is to welcome new members, answer any questions they have, and help them become engaged in the Club.

Says new member Anna Xia, "My Ambassador, Kathie Chrisicos, made me feel part of the Club immediately. She reached out to me as soon as I became a member-- first over the phone, and then in person over coffee.

"When we met, Kathie described the structure of the Club and answered my questions. She advised me that the best way to engage is to sign up for one of its committees. First, however, she recommended that I sample all of the committees that interested me, so that I could find the best fit. This was excellent advice!"

Kathie became an Ambassador when she joined the Membership Committee in 2009. She now spends about 1.5 hours each month in committee meetings and 1-3 hours each time she volunteers to serve as an Ambassador. Kathie says that she enjoys her role because it provides her with the opportunity to meet and get to know the Club's newest members, and to form relationships with fellow committee members.

Nancy notes that Anna's and Kathie's positive experiences are typical--and that the Ambassador Program keeps improving. This year, she and her subcommittee have developed official guidelines to ensure that everyone approaches the position in the same way and imparts the same information.

"Now," Nancy announces, "The opportunity to serve as a new member Ambassador is open to all members who want to participate—you don't have to be a 'full-time' Membership Committee member."

Interested in becoming an Ambassador to new members? Never connected with an Ambassador, or want a refresher on how to make the most of your opportunities in The Boston Club? Contact Claire Muhm for more information at cmuhm@comcast.net or (617) 945-5915.