

# Celebrating

## 40 Years of the New England Aquarium



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*Barbara and Bill Burgess*

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### *A Conversation with Bill Burgess, Chairman of the Board of Trustees*

*The New England Aquarium would not have been able to accomplish all that it has over the years or plan for an ambitious future without the stellar leadership of Board of Trustees Chair Bill Burgess. We asked him to describe his vision for the Aquarium, the challenges he sees ahead and what keeps him involved.*

#### *What do you see as the Aquarium's most important role?*

The Aquarium's true purpose is to educate adults and children on the importance of—and dangers to—the oceans and our aquatic resources. This role has not changed since the Aquarium opened its doors 40 years ago. Our principal founder and former chairman, David B. Stone, made this comment about our mission: "The world is not getting any easier to live in. Demands on food and water are likely to increase as populations grow. Education is our best and perhaps our only hope. That's where the Aquarium can be of great and noble value."

More than 70 percent of the Earth's surface is water—we are the blue planet. We need to create a sense of personal responsibility to reduce the stress on our marine environment because if we don't do what's necessary to save our oceans, we are putting our future at great risk.

Over the past decades, we have made considerable progress in cleaning up Boston Harbor and in helping to save and protect specific species. But a tremendous amount of damage to our aquatic resources has occurred and is occurring on a daily basis. The Aquarium has been, and will continue to be, an institution of education and action.

#### *After 40 successful years, what is the biggest challenge facing the Aquarium today?*

Our biggest challenge is getting people to understand the connection between the importance of the world's oceans and humanity's livelihood. In fact, some do not yet understand that, on a large scale, the oceans are in trouble and that global species are in decline—and that all this affects their futures directly.

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#### *What draws more than 1.3 million people to the Aquarium annually?*

It is the mystery and magic of worlds unknown. The animals we display live in an environment in which we can't. This makes them both otherworldly and magical.

#### *What keeps you personally committed to the Aquarium?*

The Aquarium offers a convergence of my passions and interests: education, environment and love of the aquatic world. Plus I believe that we have a cultural imperative to support those institutions that provide excellence and access to the citizens of our region.



*Protecting the blue planet for 40 years*

# The Power of Giving

*Throughout the years, numerous individuals, corporations and foundations have provided critical financial support to the New England Aquarium. Each of these supporters has had a lasting impact on the Aquarium, helping the institution achieve its mission to educate the public about the wonders of, and challenges facing, our oceans and aquatic species. This philanthropic support has made it possible for the Aquarium to entertain and inform approximately 1.3 million visitors each year and to conduct the leading research and conservation work that will help protect our blue planet for generations to come.*

## **Mary Renner: Leadership Makes a Difference**

Trustee Mary Renner has made an enormous impact at the New England Aquarium. For nearly 20 years, Mary has been a tireless advocate for the Aquarium and the environment. Through many volunteer leadership roles, Mary has introduced children and adults alike to the Aquarium and the wonders of the ocean. Mary started her Aquarium “career” in 1990 as a member of the Council and, since that time, has planned and attended a multitude of Aquarium galas and special events.

Currently a Trustee, Mary has also served as chair of the Board of Overseers, chair of the Navigator Society and on numerous committees, including the executive, nominating and gala committees. Mary, her husband Peter and their family give their time and support so generously because they believe the Aquarium’s mission truly makes a difference for the environment and in protecting the world’s oceans.

“It has given me tremendous joy to be involved with this world-class institution. It has been a special privilege to learn from the Aquarium’s outstanding staff and volunteers about the role that each of us can play in protecting our world for generations to come,” Renner said. “I don’t know of a finer institution in Boston.”

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## **George M. Lovejoy Jr. and Henry W. Lovejoy: Working for Healthier Oceans**

Magellan Society member and former Chairman of the Board George M. Lovejoy Jr. joined the Aquarium’s Board in 1969, 40 years ago. A veteran of the commercial real estate industry, George Lovejoy has been an outstanding leader and advocate who has helped the Aquarium evolve and change over the years.

The Lovejoy family’s involvement with the Aquarium has not stopped with George. Inspired by Jacques Cousteau, Henry, one of George’s sons, volunteered at a young age at the Aquarium and learned how to scuba dive. After working in the seafood industry for many years and recognizing that the oceans are worth preserving for future generations, Henry and his wife Lisa founded EcoFish, a distributor of seafood exclusively from environmentally sustainable fisheries.

Located in Dover, N.H., EcoFish supplies more than 3,000 grocery and natural food stores and more than 150 restaurants nationwide. The Aquarium’s involvement with EcoFish includes our participation on the Seafood Advisory Board, which comprises some of the world’s leading marine conservation scientists.

## **A. Neil and Jane Pappalardo: 40 Years of Continuous Support**

For Overseer A. Neil Pappalardo, the Aquarium is a very special place because the Aquarium and his company, Medical Information Technology, Inc. (otherwise known as Meditech) were founded in the same year, 1969. Both the company he founded—one of the earliest software companies in Massachusetts and a leading supplier of information systems for hospitals—and the Aquarium have grown up together and are now celebrating 40 years.

Neil and his wife Jane have been among the most generous supporters to the Aquarium over the years. Meditech has also been a long-standing corporate member of the Aquarium. The Aquarium would not be a leader in education, conservation and research without the support of the Pappalardo family. The Pappalardos live near the Aquarium and visit frequently with their grandchildren. They are confident that the Aquarium will be around for at least another 40 years.

Photo/Jessica Hosman



George M. Lovejoy Jr.

# Education and Entertainment Make an Impact

*The Aquarium has been taking action to protect the blue planet for 40 years. We combine education, entertainment and action to address the most challenging problems facing the oceans. Our exhibits, as well as our extensive education, conservation and research programs are some of the ways we have been making a difference to the oceans and ocean species.*

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## Education

For 40 years, the Aquarium has provided life-changing educational experiences for people of all ages, from a child touching a sea star to an adult learning how his daily actions can affect the ocean. The Aquarium's educational impact is broad and ever-expanding. From toddlers to retirees, from the heart of Boston, across New England and around the world, our diverse audiences have experiences they will never forget.

Programs such as Harbor Discoveries Camp expose young people to marine animals and habitats, encouraging a lifetime commitment to protecting the blue planet—one former camper is now a Ph.D. candidate studying marine biology. Through our youth programs, more than 700 inner-city teens have worked alongside Aquarium staff members, gaining valuable experience and discovering their potential. Most of these teens have gone on to college—often the



first in their families to do so. Our lecture series hosts world-renowned scientists and conservationists, who enthrall and inspire more than 500 adults each year with their talks.

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academic performance. More than 140,000 schoolchildren experience the Aquarium every year, either through field trips or special programs at their schools.

## Exhibits

The Aquarium's exhibits instill a sense of wonder at the beauty of the ocean and provide a glimpse of life below its surface. When it opened in 1969, the Aquarium provided a revolutionary way to view aquatic animals, and we remain a leader today in exhibits, animal husbandry and visitor engagement. We were among the first aquariums to display habitats and ecosystems rather than isolated species. Our exhibits are widely recognized for their detail and accuracy, from the reproduction of a coral reef in the Giant Ocean Tank to the tiny habitats in our frog exhibit.

When the Aquarium opened, the Giant Ocean Tank was the largest in the world; it remains a model for other aquariums. We were the first to exhibit species, such as the

chain dogfish, that are now popular in aquariums worldwide. We have developed important exhibit innovations, such as the cornerless circulating tank for sea jellies. And we were the first aquarium to invite visitors to handle live animals in the *Edge of the Sea*, the tidepool touch tank that is one of our most popular exhibits. We look forward to adding more touch experiences in the near future.

For 40 years, visitors have enjoyed our animals here on Central Wharf, but people from around the world are now able to explore our exhibits virtually as well. New *NEAq Insider* tours allow anyone to visit our exhibits via their computers, mobile phones and MP3 players.

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## Conservation and Research

As the first Aquarium in the country to establish conservation and research departments, we have long believed that solutions to environmental threats can be achieved through collaborative efforts. Scientists at the Aquarium produce more peer-reviewed articles on marine conservation and research than any other U.S. aquarium. This research has informed efforts to understand and protect species and their habitats around the globe.

Our programs have regional and international impact. In 1980, our

scientists discovered a group of North Atlantic right whales off the Bay of Fundy, and since then we have operated the longest-running study of this species. Working to prevent right whales' extinction, the Aquarium helped advocate for recent regulation of ship speeds in the U.S. to reduce the occurrence of ship strikes, one of the greatest threats to these endangered creatures. Similar work in Canada's Bay of Fundy in 2002 reduced strikes by 90 percent.

Beginning in 2000, our scientists led efforts to explore and protect the pristine coral reefs and biodiversity of the Central Pacific's Phoenix Islands. That work bore fruit in 2008, when the government of Kiribati announced the decision to form the world's largest contiguous marine protected area, an unprecedented accomplishment for an institution such as the Aquarium.

Taking a comprehensive, multi-tiered approach to the issue, the Aquarium is a national leader in advancing seafood sustainability. Aquarium researchers work with the fishing industry to help them improve practices and reduce accidental bycatch. Our conservation staff advises some of the world's largest seafood retailers and suppliers to encourage responsible management of the world's fisheries and informed purchasing decisions. Through programs, educational materials and events, we work with consumers to help them make ocean-friendly choices.

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# The Aquarium is 40—and Looking Forward

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*Bill Burgess, His Excellency President Anote Tong of Kiribati, Bud Ris*

We're feeling celebratory! This June marks the 40th year since the New England Aquarium opened its doors to a curious public—with 12,000 visitors thronging the building on the first day. It has been more than four decades since David B. Stone and a courageous group of colleagues in the Boston business community created a private, independent, non-profit aquarium that would promote the creatures of the sea to the citizens of Boston.

During the intervening years, we've created dozens of exhibits that connect visitors to the oceans and marine animals, including major exhibits on penguins, turtles, sharks and rays, jellies, and seals. Visitors have flowed into the Aquarium in impressive numbers: 1.3 million in 2008 alone. Our signature exhibit, the Giant Ocean Tank, ultimately became a model for many other aquariums across the globe.

Since our founding, the vision for the Aquarium has evolved significantly. Our research and conservation programs have expanded their reach and impact quite substantially, and we've become a huge educational resource for thousands of school children and teachers throughout the region.

Practicing what we preach, we have "greened" the Aquarium, making it a more energy-efficient operation every time we have modernized or changed exhibits. And we have focused on giving individuals truly viable ways to "live blue" by making smart choices in their daily lives.

**As we head into our 41st year, we reflect on some of the key accomplishments from 2008.**

**New Balance Foundation Marine Mammal Center.** Thanks to a \$3 million gift from the New Balance Foundation, we started construction on a new Marine Mammal Center that will open July 1, featuring up-close visitor interaction with these highly athletic fur seals and a brand new Harborwalk on the water side of the Aquarium.

**Initiatives to improve school programs.** A new educational initiative was launched, aimed at improving the quality of school group visits. Pilot programs have begun with three Boston public schools.

**Phoenix Islands Protected Area (PIPA).** Last year, PIPA was expanded to become the largest marine protected area in the world at more than 158,000 square miles.

**Conservation of endangered right whales.** The Aquarium's long-running program for the protection of North Atlantic right whales won a major policy victory this year when the federal government issued a new rule establishing speed limits for shipping traffic in the vicinity of right whales, a critically endangered species.

**Launch of an informative new Aquarium Web site.** Early in 2008, we introduced a new Web site, focusing on the animals that help us understand our watery world. The site includes many exciting features, including videos, online tours and blogs, that have dramatically increased visitor interaction and traffic to the site.

Our accomplishments of 2008 would not have been possible without the outstanding leadership provided by the members of our Boards who work tirelessly on our behalf. And we particularly want to thank our many donors for their financial support; giving in 2008 reached a total of \$12.9 million from individual donors, members, corporations and foundations—\$6.3 million used to support our annual programs and operations and \$6.6 million to support longer-term capital projects and program expansion consistent with the Aquarium's five-year Action Plan. Their names and organizations appear in the section that follows. We owe all of them tremendous thanks for their very generous support.

Bud Ris  
President and CEO

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### Bequests Received in 2008

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## Unrestricted Foundation and Government Grants

*The following foundations and government agencies provided unrestricted operating support to the Aquarium in 2008.*

#### \$100,000+

Anonymous

#### \$10,000-\$49,999

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### Capital Support

#### \$100,000+

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### Research Programs

*The following donors supported the study of species and issues affecting the health of marine animals and ecosystems, including the protection of the endangered North Atlantic right whale, bycatch reduction and lobster shell disease.*

#### \$100,000+

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## Global Marine Programs

*The following donors supported the Aquarium's conservation projects, including the Phoenix Islands Protected Area Initiative, the Marine Conservation Action Fund and the Sustainable Seafood Initiative.*

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#### \$50,000-\$99,999

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## Education and Community Programs

*The following donors supported visitor education, teacher services, the teen intern program, community outreach, Harbor Discoveries camp, lectures and other programs for children and adults.*

#### \$100,000+

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#### \$50,000-\$99,999

Massachusetts Department of  
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National Science Foundation

#### \$10,000-\$49,999

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*The following donors helped the Aquarium respond to stranded marine mammals and sea turtles along the New England coastline.*

### **\$100,000+**

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### **\$50,000-\$99,999**

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

### **\$10,000-\$49,999**

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**\$25,000+**

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### **Winslow Memorial Fund (1977)**

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### **John H. Cunningham Jr. Fund (1982)**

To recognize staff members for exemplary commitment and extraordinary service to the New England Aquarium.

### **Harold E. Edgerton Fund (1982)**

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### **New England Aquarium Education Trust at The Boston Foundation (1983)**

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### **David B. Arnold Jr. Fund (1984)**

To promote public awareness and understanding of the New England Aquarium's aquatic research activities.

### **Animal Care Fund (1985)**

To provide funds for the ongoing care of the Aquarium's living collection.

### **Weston Howland Fund for Admissions (1988)**

Made possible by a grant from Joseph F. and Clara Ford. To provide admissions for needy groups and children who would not otherwise be able to visit.

### **The John H. Prescott Fund for Marine Conservation Research (1998)**

To fund scientific research dedicated to marine biological conservation, in honor of the late John Prescott's contributions to the health of our oceans.

### **Edmund C. Toomey Endowed Education Fund (2005)**

To provide support for community and education programs for people of all ages to learn about the world of water.

### **Akiko Shiraki Dynner Fund for Ocean Exploration and Conservation (2005)**

To support ocean exploration, research and conservation activities.

### **The Buttrick Fund for Volunteer Programs (2006)**

To support the Aquarium's volunteer programs and to encourage other departments to collaborate with the Aquarium's active corps of volunteers who donate thousands of hours of time to the institution each year.

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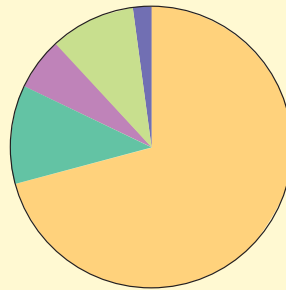
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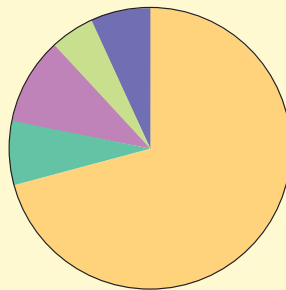
## 2008 Financial Snapshot

*The New England Aquarium finished the year in a sound financial position. The charts below summarize annual operating sources of revenue and expense for the year ending December 31, 2008.*



### Revenue (millions)

Admission and Sales	\$ 26.9
Grants and Contracts	\$ 3.7
Membership	\$ 2.1
Gifts	\$ 3.8
Corporate Partners	\$ 0.7
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	\$ 37.2



### Expenses (millions)

Aquarium Operations and Animal Care	\$ 25.0
Education	\$ 2.7
Conservation/Research	\$ 3.7
Fundraising*	\$ 2.8
Operating Reserve	\$ 3.0
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	\$ 37.2

*\*includes Grants and Contracts, Membership, Gifts and Corporate Partners*