

1106-VH-2154 **Sarah L. Mabrouk*** (smabrouk@framingham.edu), Framingham State University, 100 State Street, PO Box 9101, Framingham, MA 01701-9101. *The Regional Dinner Meeting: An Opportunity for Outreach, Interaction, and Learning.*

Since 2003, I have organized a regional dinner meeting in the Northeastern Section. This dinner meeting, which I named in memory of my colleague Kenneth J. Preskenis, has become an annual event providing opportunities for what Ken might call sharing good food with good friends, making new friends, and learning a bit of mathematics. The diverse presentations during the past twelve years have given students an opportunity to learn about, among other things, chaos and fractals, knot theory, using mathematics to model a zombie outbreak and to solve an art forgery case, and the connections of mathematics to art and music. In this presentation, I will share information about organizing the dinner meeting including support from within and outside the University, the wonderful mathematicians who have given presentations during the past twelve years, interaction between students and faculty during the dinner and reception, and attendance during presentations as well as how I use the presentations as a learning experience for my own students. (Received September 15, 2014)