

## Celebrating 50 Years of NEPPA: A Night to Remember!

On August 1st, NEPPA celebrated a significant milestone—our 50th Anniversary—at the scenic Sunset Tiki Bar and Grill in Westford, MA. The warm summer evening set the stage for a memorable night of fun, networking, and friendship, all enjoyed with a beautiful view of the water.

Our heartfelt thanks to our incredible sponsors, SAGE, Ariel, BAG MAKERS, Branded Treats, Gemline, PDQ Line, and Vu Line Direct whose support made the event truly special. A special shout-out to SAGE for their generous sponsorship of the drink tickets and the signature SAGE Sangria — a delicious touch!

The evening was also graced by several of our respected past presidents:

- Christine Carpenter Gleason (2023)
- Loren Cayer (2022)
- David Kennealey (2021)
- Karen Santos (2020)
- Heather O'Neill (2018)
- Nancy Bercovitz (2013)
- David Zimmerman (2007)
- Jennifer Pollano (2005)
- Frank Firicano (1979-1980)

It was a true pleasure to reconnect with so many of our former leaders. The celebration offered a unique opportunity to reminisce and share favorite stories about NEPPA and the industry. Reflecting on our journey from where we started to where we are today made this event particularly special.

As we wrap up this milestone year, we encourage everyone who attended to stay in touch with both old friends and new connections made during the event. For those who couldn't join us, we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Fall Expo in September, October networking event and our holiday party later in the year.

Celebrating 50 years has given us much to appreciate. We are fortunate to be part of such a vibrant and supportive community. Here's to another 50 years of success and friendship. Cheers to us all!

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