



## **EBBA Annual meeting 4/17/ 2012**

- 1) Joe remembered the first meeting 20 years ago - acknowledging the first Board members – Joe was the 4<sup>th</sup> president
- 2) This year, after having dropped below 100, are back up with over 20 new members this year. 106 members presently
- 3) Our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Business Expo was one of the biggest so far, thanks to the efforts of Rose Culp and a host of volunteers – in the future we are committed to holding the event on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September so that it is predictable. We have 20 tables sold already.
- 4) Joe mentioned the plan to create an EBBA Christmas party this year that small businesses can call their own party – inviting employees.
- 5) To kick off the EBBA quarterly breakfast Small Business Support Meeting series: the Post Office will present on their improved, affordable, no individualized label, Direct Mail Service by Peter Clarke, the USPS greater Boston Development Specialist on April 23 8:30am at TJ Smith's Victorian House, 13 Cross St EB
- 6) Members present enjoyed a delicious family style turkey dinner and lively individual discussion
- 7) Members present participated in a discussion about the biggest challenges facing the small business person. Prevalent was the struggle with health care costs, and the increase in overhead costs but the inability to raise prices to the customer due to the current market. Discussion facilitated by Rosie Carey & Jacquie Rose.

Next EBBA regular Board meeting set for Tuesday May 1, 2012 at TJ Smiths- all members are invited to attend.