

**Second Annual NES/MAA Dinner Meeting in Memory of Kenneth J. Preskenis**  
**Framingham State College**  
Thursday, April 22, 2004

A dedicated teacher committed to excellence, a serious scholar, a popular son of South Boston, and a gentleman – Ken Preskenis died on Thanksgiving Day, 2002. Ken Preskenis had a passion for mathematics and for sharing that love with others, especially, youngsters. A relentless pursuer of knowledge, he was a regular participant at the weekly seminars in functional analysis at Brown University where he earned his M.S. in 1967 and his Ph.D. in 1971. He joined the faculty at Framingham State College in 1977 after teaching at Newton College and then at Boston College for a total of 14 years. Ken was the author of a number of articles in analysis and mathematics education, a regular attendee and contributor at MAA/NES meetings, a South Boston Athletic Hall of Famer, and a recipient of the Michael E. Glynn South Boston Community Service Award.

Please join us as we honor the memory of our dear friend and colleague Kenneth J. Preskenis.

**Speaker: Dr. Thomas Koshy, Framingham State College**

**Presentation Title:** The Ubiquitous Catalan Numbers

**Abstract:** This talk touches on the history and the numerous occurrences of Catalan Numbers, and their various applications to computer science, graph theory, and combinatorics.

**Date:** Thursday, April 22, 2004

**Location:** D. Justin McCarthy College Center, Framingham State College

**Schedule:**

5:45 – 6:30 pm Reception with cash bar, McCarthy's, Second Floor of D. Justin McCarthy  
College Center  
6:30 – 8:00 pm Dinner, 1839 Room, Third Floor of D. Justin McCarthy College Center  
8:00 – 9:00 pm Speaker, Fireplace Lounge, Third Floor of D. Justin McCarthy College Center

**Reception:** Crudite with ranch and blue cheese dip, Cheese and crackers, Sliced fruit; Sparkling non-alcoholic punch; Cash Bar

**Buffet Dinner:** Assorted warm dinner rolls with butter; Tossed salad with Ranch dressing, Balsamic vinaigrette, Red Wine Vinegar, Olive Oil; Top Round Au Jus (sliced), Italian Marinated Grilled Chicken Breast, Pasta with Roasted Vegetables; Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes; Steamed Fresh Summer Squash and Zucchini with Fresh Garlic and Basil; Chocolate Cake, Carrot Cake, Cheesecake with Strawberries on the side; Bottled Water; Coffee, Decaf, and Hot Tea.

**Cost:** \$18.00 (Please make checks payable to Framingham State College Mathematics Department.)

**Registration Deadline:** Monday, April 12, 2004

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