

Good morning! This is your weekly virtual meeting of the Green Bay Area Retired Men's Club. We hope you are safe and well. The sound of the bell means it's time once again to put away tables and chairs and proceed to the auditorium. (I know we're all looking forward to the time when we can actually do that again.)

INVOCATION

From Bill Hartung:

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally he decided the animal was old and the well needed to be covered up anyway, it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey. He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement, he quieted down. A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well and was astonished at what he saw. With every shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up. As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and trotted off!

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping-stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up!

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

<https://youtu.be/GXyUngOEFJI>

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The board and officers of your GB Area Retired Men's Club continue to plan and prepare for the day when we can all meet together again. Yesterday we held our regularly scheduled board meeting online from our homes. The decision about when to reconvene our weekly Tuesday morning meetings at the library will depend on announcements by state and local government officials, as well as the library's decisions about use of their meeting room and auditorium. – Jack Rhyner

TRAVEL MUGS ARE HERE

Our brand new stainless steel insulated travel mugs with our club logo have arrived. Only \$10 each. Email or call treasurer Tom Froelich (tfroelich@gmail.com) (920-265-5104) and we'll get one delivered to your door.

TOURS

Reminder: The May 15th tour has been rescheduled to Friday, September 18th. Itinerary: Dutch Windmill in Little Chute, Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton, lunch at Golden Corral in Appleton, Waupaca Foundry in Waupaca, Rawhide Youth Services South of New London. Questions? Call Fred Kaminski, 920 562 0443

HUMORIST

From Bob Srenaski...

U.S. Supreme Court Justice, Thurgood Marshall said this in 1990: "I have a lifetime appointment and I intend to serve it. I expect to die at 110, shot by a jealous husband." Now that's "attitude."

LIVING WILL

A man and his wife were sitting in the living room one evening and he said to her: "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." His wife got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all his beer.

CLASS REUNION

It had been 35 years since I had seen any of my classmates and I must admit to having a good deal of difficulty recognizing individuals at the cocktail reception after so many years. One fellow was standing alone a bit apart from the large group, so I and my wife walked over and introduced ourselves, "Hello, I'm Bob Srenaski and this is my wife Donna. It's been 35 years since we graduated and I have to admit that I'm having difficulty recalling your name." He said he understood and that his name was Jack Lingford. I mentioned that he seemed to be alone and would he like to join us for a drink. He said "yes" and thanked us for the invitation because he was alone after having lost two wives.

Me: "Sorry to hear that."

Jack: "They both passed away."

Me: "Cancer?"

Jack: "Nope. The first one died from eating poison mushrooms."

Me: "Oh my goodness, you don't hear of that happening very often. And your second wife?"

Jack: "She died from a fractured skull."

Me: "From a fall?"

Jack: "Refused to eat her mushrooms."

TODAY'S SPEAKER: THE IMPORTANCE OF LAUGHTER

In the times of coronavirus, this video teaches the importance of laughing.

<https://youtu.be/b2qM1I-JCEQ>

Until we meet again, stay safe! Be well!

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