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Hello and good morning (or afternoon or evening or good night, depending on when you read this). We hope you are safe and well another week. I can smell the coffee from here and I'm imagining I hear Jack ringing the bell. Let's all imagine our way into the auditorium for another virtual meeting of the Green Bay Area Retired Men's Club.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

I woke up this morning and thought, ugh, no old man's meeting again. What a downer. But, wait. That's mostly good. Because I woke up - that's good; I am thinking - that's good; I'm missing all you guy's faces - that's not so good but better than thinking it won't happen again - but it will. So, I grabbed my super GBARMC mug, filled it with coffee, and tried to decide if today would have been a horn day or bell. You guys all do the same. So eat right, stay safe, and we'll get to doing this again in a bit. – 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.

INVOCATION

“Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny.” – C.S. Lewis

“When you can't control what's happening, challenge yourself to control the way you respond to what's happening. That's where your power is!”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

<https://news.yahoo.com/4-old-inspires-daily-pledge-230734145.html>

We recite the Pledge of Allegiance each Tuesday morning during our regular club meetings. Here's a brief history of the Pledge from USHistory.org.

The Pledge of Allegiance was written in August 1892 by the socialist minister Francis Bellamy (1855-1931). It was originally published in The Youth's Companion on September 8, 1892. Bellamy had hoped that the pledge would be used by citizens in any country. In its original form it read:

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In 1923, the words, "the Flag of the United States of America" were added. At this time it read:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In 1954, in response to the Communist threat of the times, President Eisenhower encouraged Congress to add the words "under God," creating the 31-word pledge we say today. Bellamy's daughter objected to this alteration. Today it reads:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Section 4 of the Flag Code states:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform, men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute."

TOURS

September 18 (Friday) Day Tour

7 AM - Leave the Park and Ride lot across from the Brown County Sheriff's location just South of Highway 172.

8 AM - Arrive at the Dutch Windmill in Little Chute.

10 AM - Arrive at Pierce Manufacturing (fire truck mfg.) in Appleton.

11:30 AM - Arrive at Golden Corral restaurant in Appleton for lunch.

2 PM - Arrive at Waupaca Foundry in Waupaca.

4 PM - Arrive at Rawhide Youth Services South of New London.

8 to 9 PM - Arrive at the Park and Ride near the Sheriff's location.

\$50 PER PERSON. Payable on or before Tuesday September 1st. Payment by check is preferred. Payable to Green Bay Area Retired Men's Club. Payments will be collected by Tom Froelich or Fred Kaminski. Dinner at Rawhide Youth Services is NOT included in the \$50 payment for the tour. Lunch at Golden Corral is included.

Questions? Ask Fred Kaminski. Phone or text 920 562 0443.

HUMORIST

From Bill Hartung...

Mexican magician had a disappearing act where he would vanish in a cloud of smoke on the count of three. Assistant counted off "UNO... DOS...and poof, the magician disappeared without a "tres".

A guy walks into a bar and orders a double martini. He slams it down in one gulp and orders another one. He slams that one down too and orders a third. The bartender said, "Hey buddy, what in the heck are you doing? You are going to kill yourself drinking like that. Do you have a problem?"

The guy said, "My wife and I got into a big fight and she is not speaking to me for 30 days".

The bartender said, "Well that might not be all that bad. Think of it positively. A little peace and quiet isn't going to hurt anything. Enjoy it".

The guy said, "Yes, but this is the last day".

Julius Caesar walks into a bar. He says to the bartender, "I'll have a martinus."

The bartender says, "Don't you mean martini?"

"If I wanted two, I would have asked for them."

A novice birding guide was leading a boat trip to identify the various seabirds that could be seen offshore. He quickly realized he was in over his head so he just started calling out any name that came into his mind.

"That's a Ring-billed Gull. That's a Herring Gull. That's a Laughing Gull."

None of the birders questioned him. Why? They were very gullible.

A young couple got married and went on a cruise for their honeymoon. When they returned home, the bride immediately called her mother, who lived 3 hours away.

"Well darling," said mom, "how was the honeymoon?"

"It was wonderful...and so romantic. We had a great time but as soon as we got home, he started using really horrible language...words I'd never heard

before...horrible four-letter words. You have to come get me...PLEASE!" Then the bride started sobbing over the phone.

"But honey, what did he say. What four-letter words did he say that's troubling you so much? You have to help me understand."

Still sobbing, the bride said "Words like cook, dust, iron, wash..."

A man goes to a shrink and says, "Doctor, my wife is unfaithful to me. Every evening, she goes to Larry's bar and picks up men. In fact, she sleeps with anybody who asks her! I'm going crazy. What do you think I should do?"

"Relax," says the doctor, "take a deep breath and calm down. Now, tell me, exactly where is Larry's bar?"

TODAY'S SPEAKER

If anyone has the right to say "I told you so," it's Bill Gates. Here is a presentation he gave *in 2015* titled "We're Not Ready for the Next Epidemic."

https://youtu.be/6Af6b_wyiwl

GOD BLESS AMERICA

An finally today, here's a video link contributed by club member John Badtke who sends us this note, "This seems appropriate for today's environment...much needed!" https://youtu.be/UFv-fqQ9D_Y

Until we meet again, stay safe! Be well!

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