DEFINITIONS:

Bent backwards under a horizontal bar while shuffling your feet at weddings or parties. “How low can you go?”

Also defined as “a state of being or place midway between two extremes.”

Or how about limbo as “a state of oblivion”?

◆ What about school openings and resuming sports programs? Disinfecting, sanitizing, spraying, washing, masking, breathing, and distancing. How much more can we do? Are we in limbo?

◆ Getting school “back to normal” to what was already abnormal, e.g. overcrowding, and not enough materials, resources, or pay, and the classic “too many taxes” become topics of concern for September.

Right now, the medical professionals are getting accolades for getting us through this pandemic. Not to steal their thunder or seem like teachers are jealous of the attention, but the focus will change this month.

Do medical professionals have the same working conditions as educational professionals? Class size versus case load? Not enough PPEs vs. protective teaching garb? Can we equate test tubes and swabs with chalk or dry-erase markers? Both jobs worry about needles—but in different ways.

As we always fall back on topics of education, it’s still important to remember the severity of this pandemic. Limbo dancers try to get their backs parallel to the floor to go under the bar. Lying on your back in a medical facility after testing positive doesn’t put you in that same victorious position.

So many questions, so much indecision, and wondering about the outcome. Is the definition of “limbo” getting any clearer?

Remember these perennial burning educational questions?

◆ “Where’s the money going to come from?”

◆ “Is it in the budget?”

◆ “How are we going to pay for all this?”

The heart of teaching is the planning. Solid teachers have a plan, work the plan, and have a Plan B, C, and D. How do you plan when you are in limbo?

≈ Will school be open on Tuesday, September 8, 2020?

≈ Will inquisitive young minds face their teacher live-and-in-person or on a computer monitor screen from home? (That’s two questions in one—another form of limbo.)

≈ Will there be a schedule for both, or will they be committed to only one? (Did it again.)

≈ Are these questions for the governor, the Commissioner of Education, or the Board of Regents? This puts us in varying levels of limbo-ness.

I’m healthy. If I needed to go to the hospital right now, my symptoms would indicate that I needed a limbotomy.

**Saranne Rap**

3 WCRT Scholarship winners recognized  
Golf Benefit for Meals on Wheels
From The President

SUSAN ROGER WCRT President

Dear WCRT Members,

For many, retirement means the changing of schedules and the freedom to do what we dreamed of while working -- travel, parties, socializing, sports, museums, etc.

However, that's not the new reality. Covid 19 has changed all that. Social distancing, travel restrictions (many European countries don't want us to visit) are now the new norm. Even restrictions from going state to state removes some families from getting together.

But if we deal with these changes intelligently, we may turn a corner. We have to look forward to opportunities.

During my time wheelchair bound due to a broken leg, I had the opportunity to teach again. Now my husband knows how to run the washer, dryer, and dishwasher. He was a good cook to begin with, but is having fun experimenting in the kitchen.

Even he is looking forward to opportunities. He wants to teach me how to run the rototiller, chain saw, and weed whacker.

So keep your mind open to opportunities and stay safe.

Susan Roger

Protect your WCRT, NYSUT membership

Members with email addresses registered on the website wcteachers.org will receive publications and notices by email. Please keep email information up to date on that site.

Our files are not linked to that site, so please notify the WCT office of any changes in address, phone, or email, etc.

Prohibitive U.S. Mail costs may soon force us to cancel postal mailings, so please consider going green to save money.

The Commentator and PostScript may be viewed at www.wcteachers.org once a member registers.

If you have not paid your dues by now, your name will be removed from our files and you will not be eligible for NYSUT benefits until dues are paid. Make checks payable to WCT and mail to WCRT.

Renewal notices go out in the fall. Dues for 2019-2020 are:

- $20.00 Yearly
- $200.00 Individual Lifetime;
- $325.00 Couples Lifetime.

Pay Lifetime and alleviate the yearly task of renewing.

wct@frontiernet.net or www.wcteachers.org

SAVE THESE DATES

(future details coming soon)

Apr. 15 Print April 2020 PostScript
Apr. 28 WCRT executive board mtg. 10:00-12:00
Apr. 30-May1 NYSUT Rep. Assembly, Albany
May 14 WCRT Spring Luncheon, Christos Restaurant, 11am
May 20 Capasso Scholarship Reception, 7pm, WCT upstairs
May 21 Leventhal/WCRT Scholarships Reception, 7pm, WCT upstairs
May 28 RC13 Spring Luncheon,

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE IN THE FALL

WCRT Officers and Board of Directors

July 1, 2019-June 30, 2021

President.......... Susan Roger 226-8285
1st. Vice-Pres. Roger Higgins 297-8757
2nd. V.P........ Leslie Leventhal 297-4430
Rec Secy........ Flo Mondanaro 454-0352
Corr Secy. Christine Romano 896-8371
Treasurer......... Tom DeRito 440-3476
Past Pres........... Alice Baker 452-5793

WCRT Rep. to WCT Representative
Assembly…. Ellen Korz 297-9713

Directors

Ruth Ehlers 831-6390
Jane Stockslager 297-3766
Jack Devine 297-5032
Barbara Stuck 896-9572
Mary Ann Moran 297-4785

Committee Chairpersons

Political Action: ............... Cliff Foley
Constitution/Bylaws: ..Jane Stockslager
Gifts and Contributions...Mary Coiteux
Retiree Council 13 Liaison.... Cliff Foley

WCRT Mission Statement:
To bring WCSD retirees together for mutual assistance and socialization, and to promote the best interests of retired educators.

Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers Newsletter
280 New Hackensack Rd.
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
(845) 227-5065

Editor: Bill Dourdis
williamdourdis@gmail.com
(845) 266-0430

The WCRT PostScript is a 2017 NYSUT United Communications
Competition Winner
with two awards:
1st Place, Best Feature Writing,
I can see for miles and miles...
by Barbara Searle;
Award of Distinction, General Excellence,
The WCRT PostScript to Bill Dourdis, editor.

SAVE THESE DATES

JULY - AUG., 2020
On November 3 Americans will go to the polls to elect the President of the United States. This column is not to be viewed as an endorsement of any candidate since there are many other issues which each of us must weigh in making our choice. We are only looking at some of the education issues.

The two likely candidates are Donald Trump and Joe Biden. They have presented different opinions on educational issues including the opening of schools in the fall.

Trump in a tweet on July 6 put in all caps that “SCHOOLS MUST OPEN IN THE FALL!!!” The reasoning is that there is a need for the country to resume normal economic function. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued guidelines to open schools. Trump on July 8 tweeted, “I disagree with the CDC on their very tough & expensive guidelines for opening schools. While they want them open, they are asking schools to do very impractical things. I will be meeting with them!!” On July 23 the CDC bent to Trump’s wishes and has issued new guidelines easing up on school opening requirements.

Biden has presented a five step plan to open schools. It begins, according to NPR, with getting the COVID 19 virus under control. Among other things, this would mean an increase in testing. Secondly the U. S. must, “set national safety guidelines and empower local decision making.” Third is the need for emergency education funding of about $30 billion for public schools. The fourth point is a plan to ensure, “quality learning during the pandemic, including improving remote learning for students,” and finally, to close “the COVID-19 educational equity gap,” which he describes as leading minority and low-income students to falling behind educationally compared with their white and more affluent peers.

School choice is another area with candidate differences. According to PolitiFact, “Biden opposes the Trump conception of ‘school choice,’ which is private school vouchers that would destroy our public schools. He’s also against for-profit and low-performing charter schools, and believes in holding all charter schools accountable. He does not oppose districts letting parents choose to send their children to public magnet schools, high-performing public charters or traditional public schools.”

Trump has stated, “A child’s zip code in America should never determine their future, and that’s what was happening. So we’re very, very strong on school choice.” School choice is the term for giving students and families options in K-12 education, usually referring to charter schools and/or vouchers for private schools. In his State of the Union address in January, Trump urged Congress to green-light a plan that would provide federal tax credits for scholarships to private schools and other education services.

The choice of who will head the Department of Education is an important issue. Trump selected Betsy DeVos in 2017. She was confirmed by the Senate. According to the National Education Association’s Education Votes, “She has worked to subvert public education. She has promoted the privatization of public schools through vouchers, called for deep cuts to federal funding, rolled back protections for vulnerable children, and shilled for the for-profit college industry that has defrauded countless students.”

Biden has stated in the June 2020 issue of the NEA Today, “It’s really important that we have someone who’s actually been in the classroom…and includes educators in the making of policy.”

The two had very different comments on teachers. Trump at his July Mount Rushmore event stated that public schools and teachers were, “Against every law of society and nature, our children are taught in school to hate their own country and to believe that the men and women who built it were not heroes but that they were villains. The radical view of American history is a web of lies, all perspective is removed, every virtue is obscured, every motive is twisted, every fact is distorted, and every flaw is magnified until the history is purged and the record is disfigured beyond all recognition.”

On the same day Biden was addressing the NEA Representative Assembly, “You are, and I’m not joking about this, you are the most important profession in the United States. You are the ones that give these kids wings. You give them confidence. You let them believe in themselves. You equip them.”

With Election Day coming quickly, we need to weigh education’s future in America. To quote Nelson Mandela, “Education is the most powerful weapon which can be used to change the world.”

If you are aware of a member’s illness, or the need to send a condolence card, please contact Ruth Ehlers at 831-6390 or ruthellene1@icloud.com

Notify these groups of an address change or death of a member:
WCT office, 280 New Hackensack Rd. Wappingers Falls, N.Y. 12590 (845) 227-5065 wct@frontiernet.net
WCT, same as above
NYSUT, 800-342-9810 800 Troy-Schenectady Rd. Latham, NY 12110-2455 www.nysut.org
NYSTRS, www.nystrs.org 800-348-7298 x 6250 10 Corporate Woods Drive Albany, NY 12211-2395
WCSD, Human Resources 25 Corporate Park Dr. P.O. Box 396 Hopewell Jct., NY 12533 845-298-5000 x 115
Here’s how to register your email with the website:

1. Go to www.wcteachers.org
2. On the right-hand side, go to the “Member Login” module
3. Click on the “Click Here to sign-up” link (It is yellow)
4. Enter all of your information on the form. This is the information that we will use to maintain our records and to send email and/or text notifications. Make sure that you choose a username and password that you will remember.
5. Click submit
6. Review all of your information
7. Click Submit again
8. Wait 24-48 hours for us to verify your membership. You will receive an email advising you that you are good to go. At this point, you can come back to the website and login.

Hope this helps. Thanks,

Nancy Beiner
WCT Webmaster
webmaster@wcteachers.org

---

As a service to any interested WCRT member, our union’s financial report is always available upon request.

Address your questions or concerns to tderito@verizon.net and we’ll make arrangements to satisfy your numerical curiosity.

We provide communicative services to our former colleagues, philanthropic support through student academic scholarships, and donations to community libraries and Meals on Wheels.

TOM DERITO
WCRT Treasurer

JANE STOCKSLAGER
WCRT Constitution, By-Laws

CONSTITUTION ON WCT WEB SITE:
The WCRT Constitution/By-Laws is now available on the WCT website under the Retirees section. This is the Constitution that was voted on at the May 2015 Spring Luncheon. If you have any questions, please contact me at the address below.

www.WCTeachers.org or tderito@verizon.net

www.WCTeachers.org or sundancewf@aol.com

Attention WCRT members receiving the PostScript by postal mail. Please use the invitation enclosed in your newsletter for all up-coming luncheons & events. The WCRT is going green and saving postage costs.

...Even the apple trees are social distancing!!!!!!
(Terhune Orchards, North Ave. Pleasant Valley, NY.) Bill Dourdis photo

JULY - AUG., 2020
Can’t believe this was the last RA meeting of the school year. Most end-of-the-year RA meetings consist of so much discussion of meetings, testing, budget, and closing out the school year problems. This was so different. Not that this is an easy end of the year, but there is so much unknown and many procedures are different.

By the time you read this, you will know if the budget passed or not. It will be another few days until we know. If it does not pass, 33 members will lose their jobs. Because the cost of bringing up another vote is about $250,000, that will likely not occur. Also, to put up another budget, major cuts must be evident. Let’s hope it passes. As an aside, between 400 and 600 ballots were invalid because the people did not follow directions.

As of this meeting, nothing official has been discussed or decided about the opening of school in September:
• The District will follow the directives of the health agencies, the Governor, and the Dutchess County Executive;
• Different districts may have different opening dates and guidelines, depending on the clusters of infection;
• NYSUT has sent out to our Presidents, a 40-page guide to follow to reopen schools; and
• Pasquale may not have another meeting until August to discuss the opening for the school year.

I hope some of you saw the webinar about AFLAC. We have a new representative, James Maloney. Personally, I have had the Cancer Policy since the late 80s. They have upgraded their policies to include so much more. I hope you will follow the links the WCT will be sending and check it out.

Have a great summer! Stay safe!
Ellen Korz

Our lives are still in limbo. We don’t know what’s coming. We can’t really plan for tomorrow. Still, many people in our community need our help, maybe more now than ever.

CAPE (Council on Addiction Prevention and Education) still works to help those in Dutchess County cope with substance abuse. They are still running programs, as best they can, and trying to raise funds to meet the needs of our community.

Our Southern Dutchess Community Coalition will meet online on July 16 at 1:00 p.m. This publication will not get to you before then, but we meet once a month to address services needed in our area. You can go to the CAPE website, www.capedc.org and learn more.

Ellen Korz
The WCRT offers up to three scholarships, each for $500, to a graduating senior at RCK, JJ, & Orchard View schools. Applicants should have a high school average of 80 or better, and seniors pursuing an education or education-related program in college are given additional consideration.

3 WCRT Scholarship winners recognized

Senior Veronica Martinez won the WCRT Scholarship for Roy C. Ketcham High School.

She is the daughter of Barbara Coste. Veronica is ranked 24 in a class of 427 students and carries an 83.29 GPA.

She will attend Dutchess Community College majoring in Early Childhood Education and minoring in Business.

Veronica believes she was chosen by the committee because of her detailed description of her experiences and the reasons why she is choosing a career in education.

While at John Jay High School before transferring to Ketcham, she was president of the Human Rights Club.

Veronica spends time in Poughkeepsie at the Lunchbox, a soup kitchen for children in afterschool care.

Over the summer she worked at Splashdown waterpark 5 days a week for 6-7 hrs. She also babysits two young children throughout the school year on a consistent basis.

In Veronica’s free time she rides horses, which is her passion. She has been to many equine camps growing up and says she would love to compete.

Veronica spends time in Poughkeepsie at the Lunchbox, a soup kitchen for children in afterschool care.

Over the summer she worked at Splashdown waterpark 5 days a week for 6-7 hrs. She also babysits two young children throughout the school year on a consistent basis.

In Veronica’s free time she rides horses, which is her passion. She has been to many equine camps growing up and says she would love to compete.

In her own words, “Growing up with an educator shaped my mind to fall in love with the field. My mother is a certified General and Special Ed. teacher, teaching for more than 15 years, so naturally I was more understanding and compassionate towards teachers. I saw first hand what it took to excel at the career. Not only the academics, but the empathy and understanding that goes with being a great teacher.

“When given the opportunity, I would help her with organizing lesson essentials, help grade papers and come up with ideas to incorporate into her lessons or decoration ideas for her classroom. I watched as she spent time creating interactive lesson plans and strategies that would engage and mystify her students. She would tell me that every day was an opportunity to connect with students on a level that had yet to be done. Watching her passion, I understood that teaching was more than just sitting in front of a white board and playing a slideshow. It was performing each day for the most important audience, our greatest critics, our future.”

Jenna Martinez is John Jay High School’s winner. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Marcos Martinez. She is ranked 176 in a class of 522 with a GPA of 89.32.

Alicia Loscalzo, Jenna’s Counselor, nominated her to the committee with these words: “...It is no surprise that Jenna earned the Exemplary Character and Citizenship Award -- she is a dedicated community member and volunteer!

“Jenna developed time management skills balancing a part-time job at a restaurant, playing Varsity Lacrosse, volunteering at an elementary school and through Sparrow’s Nest, where women undergo cancer treatments, and remaining focused on her academics, including college-level and AP level courses. Jenna focuses on school because she wants to learn, rather than only wanting a good grade. She is mature in understanding that education will bring her success in her future and success will bring her happiness....

Dr. Steven Birnbaum APES/Chemistry and Junior Class Advisor: “Jenna was in my Practical Chemistry course during 2018-19... Jenna is interested in a career in education, starting with teaching, and then on into administration. This will be a great fit for her. She is smart and helps other students. She is organized. She is a leader. She is very comfortable expressing herself, and confronts situations directly with good communication skills and interpersonal skills....”

Jennifer Pedersen, Brinckerhoff Elementary, noted, “...Jenna was in my elementary school class, and as a high school student, has volunteered in my second grade classroom.... Along with being a valuable asset to my students and me, Jenna is successful academically, socially, and athletically while maintaining a B+ average. This speaks to her ability to multi-task, her conscientiousness, and her dedication to success in every aspect of her life....

In Jenna’s words, “...My occupation of choice has remained the same.... From a very young age, I loved to teach.... The idea of making a difference in a child’s life...is enough to acquire all aspects of what made teaching elementary children my dream job.”

The WCRT’s Orchard View Alternative High School scholarship recipient is Autumn Sharpe.

Since her transfer to OV in 2016/17, Michelle Califano has been Autumn’s School Counselor and wrote her Letter of Recommendation:

...Autumn made the decision to attend Orchard View during her freshman year. She felt a smaller environment would help her to be more successful, considering the daily anxiety she experienced. Upon coming to the school, Autumn brought a light that others would soon follow. She consistently excelled academically and socially.

During her time at OV, Autumn connected to staff and students alike. She could always be "caught" being kind and considerate to all people, no matter who they were or where they came from. Autumn consistently went out of her way to help others.

Despite significant obstacles, Autumn remained dedicated to her academics. She never once was deterred or distracted.

Autumn has always had a natural inclination to the helping field, but seemed unsure of her future. She knew she wanted to teach, protect, and support her fellow community at some level and has decided to pursue her education in Nursing. During this most difficult time in our Nation, it seems fitting to honor this pursuit specifically and acknowledge the special kind of person it takes to commit to a life of helping. She is a perfect candidate for this field, and this nomination.

She embodies perseverance, dignity, and human kindness and will one day honor her career as a Nurse without a doubt....
This is a magnified slide of a person without the corona virus. Hopefully, you see yourself in this picture.
East Fishkill - Elizabeth F. Portman, 92, a lifelong area resident, passed away peacefully on June 19, 2020 at her home. Known to everyone as "Lib" or "Libby", she was born on April 3, 1928 in Carmel, NY and was the daughter of Norman and Bertha (Metcalf) Van Anden.

Lib graduated with her BA from Syracuse University in 1949. It was at Syracuse where she met Henry J. ("Bud") Portman. Lib and Bud were married on April 3, 1950, at St. Andrew's Church in Poughkeepsie, NY. Bud was her stalwart husband of 44 years until his passing on August 6, 1994. It was also at Syracuse where Lib and Bud met their friends known as the "Syracuse Gang", who remained their cherished friends through the ensuing decades.

Lib was a First Grade Teacher in the Wappingers Central School District for over 40 years, retiring in 1986 from Myers Corners Elementary School. Over the years, she served both as a President of the PTA and as a President of the local Teachers' Union.

An early devotee to the RV, Lib travelled extensively with her family throughout the United States, claiming to have stepped foot in all the "lower 48 States." For a few years, Lib actually drove the RV as her transportation to and fro her teaching job at Myers Corners. It was through "camping" that Lib and Bud met their friends known as the "Pawling Gang," who remained their cherished friends through the ensuing decades.

Lib also travelled throughout Europe, the Mediterranean, and the Middle East. She always wanted to see the Pyramids, and she did. She got a kick out of travelling under her Irish passport and the nod it gave to her Irish roots. As a lover of geography, she always kept a World Atlas at her side for reference. She would create challenging quizzes involving little-known and unique geographical facts, and most times she would stump those who were brave enough to undertake her challenge.

Most of her summers were spent on Cape Cod, where she played hostess to friends and family, including many years for her mother, Bertha, and Bud's great aunt, Louise Paquet, with Lance playing bartender providing the ladies with their Happy Hour pitcher of whiskey sours. During these Summers, Lib and Lance interchangeably referred to each other as Alf and Ralph from the "Green Acres" TV show in performing ad hoc and barely competent maintenance and repairs to the cottages.

Lib was a faithful and active 70-year member of her beloved Order of the Eastern Star (OES), the world's largest fraternal organization which admits both women and men to membership. OES makes substantial charitable donations to Alzheimer's disease research, juvenile diabetes research, juvenile asthma research, and provides support to Masonic and/or Eastern Star retirement centers and nursing homes. She devoted immeasurable time and much passion to the organization, holding virtually every office at the local and statewide levels. She had the honor and privilege of serving for the entire year of 1993 as the Grand Matron for the State of New York, a duty which she performed with boundless zeal.

Survivors include her sons, Brett Portman of Clovis, NM, and her devoted caregiver, Lance Portman, and his wife Donna, of Hopewell Jct., her beloved grandchildren, Quincy and Paul Portman, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Lib is now reunited with Bud and resting in peace next to him at the Hopewell Cemetery, Hopewell Junction, NY.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice. Please visit Elizabeth's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.
**Nancy Anne Rappleyea**

**Poughkeepsie** - Nancy Anne Rappleyea, a life-long Poughkeepsie resident, passed away at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at the age of eighty six. She was the daughter of Gertrude Whalen Rappleyea and Guy Rappleyea.

She attended Poughkeepsie Schools and received a Bachelor's Degree in Education from SUNY New Paltz followed by a few years employment in NY City. **Nancy went on to teach at Hyde Park Elementary School and then spent the remaining years of her career in the Wappingers School District.** She especially enjoyed teaching children in the younger grades.

Nancy belonged to the Poughkeepsie Ski Club and many charitable organizations and was a devoted parishioner of St. Mary's Church. After retirement, she was very helpful in caring for her mother and other elderly family members. The household always included a well-trained and well-loved dog.

Nancy was predeceased by her brothers, Guy Rappleyea, Esquire (Mary), Monsignor Robert Rappleyea (St. Mary's Wappingers Falls, Holy Cross, Manhattan), Allan Rappleyea, Esquire (Julie), and her sister, Mary Jean King (Judge John King). She is survived by one sister, Kathleen O’Leary (Paul) and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10:00 am at Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel, St. Peter's Church, Pastor Patrick Curley, on Friday, August 7, 2020. Followed by interment in the family plot at St. Mary's Cemetery, Kingston, NY.

**Elaine Browne**

Muriel "Elaine" Browne, a local resident all her life, died on June 5, 2020 at Vassar Hospital as a result of complications associated with the covid-19 virus. Elaine was born on the family farm, Cedar Crest, in Wappingers Falls, on September 18, 1925 to Frederic A. Smith and Geraldine Broglie Smith.

**Elaine graduated from Wappingers Central School in 1942.** She studied Child Education at Vassar College and was a graduate of the class of 1945, the first class to graduate in three years. She started her teaching career at Bethlehem Day Nursery in New York City.

**She also taught at St. George's School in Wappingers Falls and spent the remainder of her career as a kindergarten teacher at Brinckerhoff Elementary School in Wappingers.** She was a devoted and conscientious teacher who still heard from some of her former students on a regular basis. **[She retired in 1986.]**

On December 26, 1948 she married Fielding P. Browne, with whom she enjoyed almost 55 years of marriage. He predeceased her on September 10, 2003. She was also predeceased by her brother, Donald Smith and brother-in-law William Donohue.

Elaine cherished her family. She is survived by her son Peter Browne and his partner, Fawn, Wappingers Falls, her daughter, Darcy Stricker and her husband, Darcy Stricker and his partner Jade, Kingston and her granddaughter Kamalyn Stricker, Highland.

She is also survived by her extended family, granddaughters Marieke (David) Baker, Seattle, and Kaitlin (Josh) Brandstater and her great grandchildren Gabriel and Lydia Brandstater, Philadelphia. She is also survived by her sister Cynthia (Robert) Deitrick, Poughkeepsie, her sisters-in-law Stephanie Smith, North Carolina and Jacqueline Donohue, Arizona and her much loved nieces, nephews and their families.

Elaine was a loyal and wonderful daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She enjoyed cooking and baking and was very generous in preparing meals for friends in need. Elaine loved inviting groups of friends and family for special luncheons. She was an avid sports fan but especially liked to follow tennis and baseball. She enjoyed playing the piano, reading and watching Jeopardy. She loved animals, especially cats, and is survived by her cat Paris who is now taking over in Darcy and Bob’s home. Elaine was a classy and compassionate person, with never a bad word to think or say about anyone. She had numerous friends and once you became her friend, you were never anything else. She will be greatly missed.

Elaine will be interred at the columbarium at Zion Episcopal Church in Wappingers Falls, NY. Elaine was baptized, confirmed, and married at Zion Church and her faith and church family were important to her. She was an active member of the Church and served as President of the Women of Zion, on the Altar Society and participated in study and service groups. Due to the current pandemic, a memorial service at Zion Episcopal Church will be held at a later date.

Donations in Elaine’s memory may be made to Zion Episcopal Church, 12 Satterlee Place, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590 or to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of George Moylan Funeral Home, Rosendale, New York. To send an online condolence, please visit [www.gj-moylanfuneralhome.com](http://www.gj-moylanfuneralhome.com)
The rioting in major cities across the U.S. has spread to The Villages, Florida, a retirement community of 100,000. Looters in Florida’s friendliest hometown have especially broken into stores that sell items like laxatives, vitamins, hearing aids, reading glasses, energy drinks, and surgical stockings.

The thugs were easily caught and arrested since they were using their walkers and golf carts to flee.

The protests have been limited to the evening hours because most of the lawbreakers either had doctor’s appointments during the day or rioting would have interfered with their naps. The marches didn’t last that long because many of the demonstrators had to get home to pee. In many cases, the demonstrators simply forgot why they were even there!

Official considered a curfew starting at 9:00 p.m. But since that’s the time when most of the residents go to bed anyway, it was decided that it wasn’t needed. Community leaders concluded that part of the problem was that residents were restless because they had too much time on their hands since the recreation centers, pools, theaters, boutique stores, and especially the bars were closed due to the coronavirus.

Community officials wanted to form a committee to look further into the problem, but the next day no one could remember why they needed a committee. LOL

Source: Forwarded fictional email.
Sender’s Note: Don’t forget to mention WALT MEIER was the ringleader.

Editor’s caption: Baseball starts.
Covid continues. When will it end?
Dear Golfers and Supporters,

Hello! We hope this important message finds you and your family well and weathering the storm of these unprecedented times.

We are sad and disappointed to announce that we will not be coming together in person for this year’s New Hamburg Yacht Club’s 17 Annual Day of Golf to benefit the Wappingers Falls Meals-on-Wheels organization.

We are concerned about the health and safety of both our players and volunteers. It simply doesn’t make sense to take the risk.

We also felt it was inappropriate and unfair to ask the local small businesses that have been so generous in the past for sponsorships and advertisements after the devastating effects they suffered, and continue to suffer, due to the current economic situation. As things open up, please support those who have supported us in the past. We have attached a list of local businesses that have been generous to our cause.

Since the financial needs of Meals-on-Wheels remains even greater during these times, we would like all of you to consider the following. If you are one of the fortunate people that have been minimally impacted, please consider making a donation directly to Meal-on-Wheels. We have set up a Go Fund Me page or you can send a check. Details are provided in our included brochure.

Stay safe and healthy,    NHYC Golf Committee
DAY OF GOLF DONATIONS

☐ $200.00  ☐ $125.00
☐ $50.00  ☐ $25.00
☐ $ Other _______

* Check, Cash or
https://www.gofundme.com/f/nhyc-virtual-day-of-golf

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK OR CASH DONATION

Name and/or Business:

________________________

Address: __________________________

________________________

Phone: __________________________

Email: __________________________

TOTAL Amount Enclosed: __________________________

Mail completed forms to:
Skip Rottkamp
57 DeGarmo Hills Road
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

CHECKS PAYABLE TO
MEALS ON WHEELS OF WAPPINGERS

Golf letter and supporter list on page 11.