

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2020



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NEXT MEETING

To Be Determined

Meetings are the second Thursday of each month (except during December, July & August) at the Dennis Senior Center, 1045 Rt. 134, E. Dennis at 1:30 PM.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow RMC members,

I hope this letter finds you, your family and your friends safe and healthy as the pandemic wears on. Also that you are getting out and about occasionally for some fresh air and fresh scenery. A socially responsible walk around the neighborhood or some brisk ocean air at sunset can work wonders for your soul.

The effects of COVID-19 affect us in many ways. Because of its possible impact of those most vulnerable, two

Executive Committee members have been compelled to resign from the Committee, effective immediately. If you are interested in becoming more active in the Club, the EC is a good way to do it. Send me an email or give me a call for details and to get the ball rolling. I look forward to hearing from you.

Your club is trying hard to do its part to keep you active and engaged. As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, Paul DeSisto (golf) and Jack Puleo (bowling) are making excellent progress toward the club's goal of safely starting both our golf and bowling activities on their normal schedules. Please check them out.

We haven't given up on a Fall clambake or our annual Christmas luncheon. In a weak moment, Bill Peters offered to organize both. There are many issues to overcome, but perhaps the most difficult is the Governor's limit on size of indoor gatherings at a fifty-person maximum or a percentage of the facility's allowable fire occupancy – whichever is smaller. We'll keep you informed.

The Dennis Senior Center presents similar challenges for our monthly meetings. They are eager to accommodate us, but the Town Health Department has embraced the Governor's edict. The Center is currently closed to all visitors. Speculation has it that they will open in two stages. First, seniors will be allowed admission individually, perhaps by appointment, and then in a more traditional way with limits on the size of gatherings.

On the topic of the Dennis Senior Center, many are asking when the new addition will be opening, especially considering what is visible when you drive by. The newly painted and completed parking area, the striking appearance of the building's outside and occasional moving vans seen delivering furniture and other items might lead one to believe it's going to be any day now. Unfortunately, not so. There remains a massive amount of work to be carried out inside the new structure and in integrating the two halves. I'm no expert, but the most recently announced date for completion in early spring next year looks pretty likely to me.

Here's a little good news. At a recent Executive Committee meeting, committee members unanimously approved applying 2020 dues paid to both 2020 and 2021. In short, if you are a currently paid up 2020 member of The Retired Men's Club, your 2021 dues are waived. You will not have to pay dues next year. New members will be required to pay 2021 dues.

Embracing the proverb that a little caution goes a long way, please consider this. We have had a spate of scammer emails to members purporting to be from other members. They often ask if you know someone or are a member of a social organization or a shopping site or something similar. If you answer their email, their usual next step is a fabricated sob story asking for help, most often gift cards. Our message is this: If you get an email from someone you do not recognize or usually correspond with, don't answer! It could be a scam and the scammers will steal your money in a matter of minutes. Trash it! If you think it might be true, be safe and call the person who allegedly sent it. I cannot stress this enough. The scammer is experienced and does not care if taking your money will cost you your house, your car or your next prescription. Be careful, we already have one instance of a person being ripped off.

As many of you know, the Club lost a long-time member and good friend when Ben Beaudry passed away about two weeks ago. Some of us attended a graveside celebration of Ben's life via Zoom. If you are interested, that ceremony and a video tribute capturing much of Ben's 99-year long life is now available for viewing on line at www.benbeaudry.com. No sign up or log in is required.

Some may also know of Ben's relationship with his close friend Barbara Morrison. Barbara has received countless cards, flowers and other remembrances from their many RMC friends. She is currently undergoing medical treatment in Boston and cannot reply to all of you for the wonderful kindness you have shown her. She has asked me to thank you all for remembering her at this difficult time. Thank you all.

Finally, have you been to the doctor lately? Better get ready for changes. Medicare will be beginning new on-line healthcare procedures. The government says they are just as good as the old-style office visits and save a lot of money. For example :

Morris, an 82-year-old man, had an on-line video visit with his doctor. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?' Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.' The doctor said, 'I didn't say that. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'

The moral of the story? Pay attention and listen carefully to your doctor!

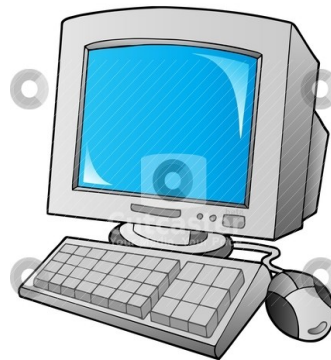
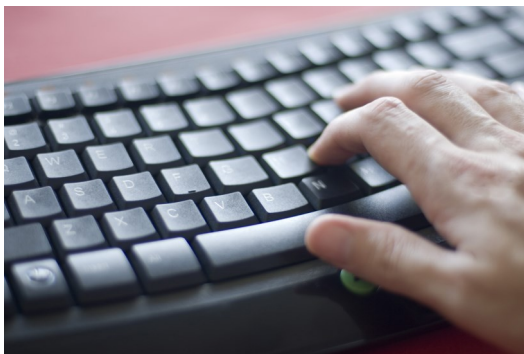
That's it for this month. Visit our website at www.retiredmensclub.com for all the latest.

Be safe,

Charlie

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RMC members are urged to explore our website. You can get the monthly newsletter, a calendar of activities, a membership application, a listing of officers & committees, RMC Site Help and submit your suggestions (Talk2Us).





August 2020 Membership Report

With no new members since March and with one termination, we now have 298 members in the club.

On July 12, we lost our oldest member, Ben Beaudry, who was 99 years old. Ben had been a member of the club since 2007. He will be missed by many of us.

We are still accepting applications for membership, so if the opportunity comes up, don't hesitate to recommend someone!

Good news for all of us. The Executive Committee has rescinded dues payments for the 2020-2021 season.

Ken Lyman

Membership Chairman





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charitable Giving Committee

Due to the limited amount of funds that we have to give away for charitable donations (because of the lack of meetings), we will not ask the membership for recommendations this year. We will hold the funds and combine them with 2021 funds for next year.

Fall Golf

The courses scheduled for this Fall have been contacted. The dates are: 9/14; 9/21; 9/29; 10/5; 10/19. While nothing has been finalized at this point, they are all receptive to hosting an RMC Tournament.. In mid-August, we will speak with the courses again. At that time, we will assess the Pandemic impact and make decisions accordingly. At issue are shotgun start vs specific t-times, single or double person carts, walking, number of player limitations, out door luncheons etc. Watch your email for further detail.

Bowling

The start of the bowling league depends on state and local health and safety protocols. Bowlers will be contacted in mid- August with updates.

Sunshine Committee

If you know any infirmed RMC members or in the case of a death, be sure to contact Tom Murphy, Sunshine Committee Chairman. (tfmurph23@gmail.com or 508-397-4351). His committee will communicate with the individual or the family. We need volunteers to serve on this committee.



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