

Stonebridge Men's Club

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It's hard to believe that it is already March and that over two years have passed since the beginning of the pandemic. We've seen a lot of ups and downs during that time which has caused various restrictions imposed on the utilization of the Clubhouse. We had hoped to have our annual Super Bowl event on January 24 in the Clubhouse Ballroom. However, with the increase in Covid cases related to the Omicron variant during December and the low attendance at various other Clubs' functions in the Ballroom at the end of year and in early January, we postponed the event to a future date. In the hope that reduced cases will allow for a live meeting in the future, we decided to resume using, as we have done many times over the past two years, a Zoom presentation for our members on February 28 and postponed a live meeting until March.

We can only hope that the rest of the year will improve with the easing of restrictions and the resumption of activities with our fellow residents.

For our February 28 event, we were pleased to arrange the return of Jim Coll, former NYPD detective and currently a Professor of Political Science at Hofstra University. Jim's subject last year was "How the JFK Assassination Changed the Constitution" which was met with rave reviews by our members. This year's presentation was "The Lives and Constitutions of Antonin Scalia and Ruth Bader Ginsburg." The talk was a compelling and timely presentation about these two icons on opposite sides of the Supreme Court spectrum who demonstrated cooperation, friendship and respect for each other, a lesson for these trying times. Future events are being planned.

Other than the cancellation of this past January's meeting, and despite the pandemic, the Men's Club Board has continued to maintain its meeting schedule whether in person or on Zoom. As I had mentioned in previous articles, many Board officers are approaching the end of their terms. We are looking for volunteers to serve as Board officers in various positions as well as on committees on next year's Board starting July 1, 2022. A fully staffed Board is needed to continue member entertainment events and donations supporting our veterans, food pantries, scholarships and other charitable causes as called for in our By-

laws. Without enough members willing to donate their time, the Men's Club will experience difficulties continuing its mission.

For those wishing to learn more about joining the Board or one of our committees, please contact me at president@stonebridgemensclub.com. Anyone interested in joining or renewing their membership can email Stan Fischer at membership@stonebridgemensclub.com or simply drop off a \$25 check in the Men's Club mailbox at the Clubhouse. All new members will receive a Men's Club t-shirt. For more information about the Men's Club, please visit our website at www.stonebridgemensclub.com.

We look forward to seeing many of you at future events. Be well and stay safe.

