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From the CT Chapter President

Dear Fellow ARENU Members:

A note from Karoll Wiater, ARENU CT Chapter President

What a fantastic time of year for us to enjoy all of nature’s bounty. I lived on a dairy and vegetable/fruit farm growing up so I naturally gravitate towards any vegetable or fruit stand on my drives. I buy their produce and love to have garden fresh vegetables in our meals and fresh fruit for our desserts.

I do have a small plot in our town community garden and some years I am more successful with it than in other years. The community garden is an organic garden, and it enables us to use the garden with only organic-friendly products. If this sounds of interest to you, check with your Town Community Department to see if there is a community garden available to residents. You may be able to get a plot now and start getting the dirt ready for planting for next year. Later in the fall I will be enriching my plot’s dirt, and planting elephant garlic for next year’s season.



(Picture of vegetables from Spring Brook Farms in Berlin)

Late summer, early fall has countless events to attend. One of the groups that I like to follow and attend the events is the Connecticut Landmarks Organization. Connecticut Landmarks is an organization that has restored and operates significant historic house museums in Connecticut. They are headquartered in Hartford and have a statewide network of

historic properties that span four centuries. Historic properties in their organizations include the Butler-McCook House & Garden in Hartford, Buttolph-Williams House in Wethersfield, Bellamy-Ferriday House and Garden in Bethlehem, and Phelps-Hatheway House and Garden in Suffield to name a few. To access their upcoming calendar of events, use the following link: <https://ctlandmarks.org>.



Speaking of Fairs don’t forget the **Big E** which is starting September 17th and running to October 3rd. I’m not sure what you go there to see, but I have three things that I focus on: the food, the States Buildings, and the Horse Shows. Being a former farmer, I always make sure that I support whatever the farmers are selling especially the chocolate cream puffs and Eclairs at the Big E Bakery which are made with fresh ingredients.

We still need to be concerned about the Covid virus and protecting our loved ones and ourselves. You can get updated CDC information from their web site, cdc.gov, for your area. Look for “Vaccine Information for Older Adults”. (Use term Older Adults – that’s how they refer to us.) I couldn’t find any guidelines for the 3rd shot so it may be too early to find it on their web site. I would suggest talking with your primary care doctor about when they recommend you get your shot or see the guidelines when they are put the on CDC’s web site.

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ARENU CHAPTER NEWS

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A key guideline for staying safe is wearing our masks. I am providing the links for the guidelines again for wearing masks during the pandemic. It is important to wear masks to keep you and your family safe. The CDC has issued guidelines for how to remove and to wash face masks thus providing good mask hygiene. The following links take you to informative websites for mask hygiene:

CDC:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wear-cloth-face-coverings.html>

Mask Hygiene:

<https://www.signs.com/mask-hygiene/>

Study Reveals the Face Mask Mistakes People Make Without Realizing It

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/face-mask-mistakes-covid-19_1_5ff35c27c5b65a92291089df

These websites will provide you with some valuable information for your mask use.

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Eversource Stock as of 9/8/21: \$91.89 (+\$2.16)

Take care and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Karoll Wiater



Isn't it time to go out and play ?

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 15, 10:00 a.m.—Zoom Meeting

Speaker: John White

Topic: “Why It Is Right to Pledge Allegiance to America”

John is an **Eversource/NU retiree**. He worked in Corporate Communications as editor of the NU News and the quarterly shareholder newsletter and he was also the speech writer for NU executives.

As a professional writer, John has published 20 books. His writing has appeared in The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, Esquire, Reader's Digest, Woman's Day, and many other national publications.

His talk for ARENU will be drawn from his latest book, “The Pledge of Allegiance & The Star-Spangled Banner: A Patriot's Primer on the American Spirit and a Citizen's Guide to Restoring the Republic.”

Wednesday, October 20, 10:00 a.m.—Zoom Presentation

NU/Eversource retirees Felix Giordano and Myrtie Terry

will share the program and discuss their books. Felix has written four books and has a fifth on the way. Learn how mild-mannered accountant Felix from Waterbury has published his Jim Buchanan novels including “Montana Harvest,” “The Killing Zone,” “Mystery at Little Bitterroot,” and “Missing in Montana.”

Myrtie Terry will discuss her book, which will be the first in a series beginning with, “The Obrien's: Sean.” Myrtie is well known from her work in HR as well as a past first selectwoman and presently on the Fire Commission in Cromwell.

All of these books are available on Amazon and Kindle.



Wednesday, December 1, 2021, Holiday Luncheon at the Aqua Turf

We're pleased to have **Leonard Boyle, the First Assistant United States Attorney to the United States Attorney for Connecticut**. Len began his career in law enforcement as a police officer in East Hartford. He graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1983 and has served in a number of positions in the criminal justice system. After serving as Assistant United States Attorney, Len was appointed as the Commissioner of the CT State Police in 2004. In 2007 he was named the Director of the FBI's Terrorist Screening Center in Washington, D.C., which is responsible for maintaining the United States government's unified terrorist watch list. He also was responsible for the investigation of the Boston mob including Whitey Bolger. Len returned to CT in 2009 and for the next nine years served as the Deputy Chief State's Attorney and then in the United States Attorney's Office where he supervises criminal, civil and administrative divisions.

27th Annual ARENU Golf Tournament

There were 84 fantastic golfers who participated in the tournament at the Tunxis Country Club on July 29, and a good time was had by all tearing up the course. After a year hiatus (because of the virus), everyone enjoyed seeing old colleagues and sharing stories. Following the golf, a social hour and dinner was served in the Tunxis Pavilion and was the perfect ending to a fun day.

Here are Tournament results:

First place: 57 Mark Sumoski, Bill Controvillas, James Brochu, Chris Runde

Second place: 61 Marvin Glasper, Aaron Glasper, Marcus Wellman, Kevin Mongillo

Third place: 65 Al Pollock, Keith Marvin, Jay Gershman, John Glynn

We hope to see everyone again at next year's tournament. It would also be nice to have some new faces join us as we are always looking for more golfers. All levels of golfers are welcome to play as the Tournament is a scramble emphasizing fun without pressure, and it means levelized play to help make the teams play at the same level. The Tournament will be held the last Thursday of July next year—July 28, 2022. See you then!!



ARENU COORDINATED TRIPS

(Anne Kaiser)

There are still openings for the Botanical Garden trip to New York on October 12, 2021. This trip includes an exhibit by contemporary Japanese artist, Yayoi Kosams. More information is available at <https://arenu.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/botanical-gardens-flyer-2021.pdf>. **Proof of vaccination is required for this trip by the Botanical Gardens.** The deadline for sign-up is October 1, 2021.



A trip to the Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts in Katonah, NY has been added to our travel options. The trip will take place on December 15, 2021. Highlights include a docent-led tour of the historic Rosen House, which will be decorated for the holidays, a concert of holiday music with a sing-along and a holiday tea. More information is available at <https://arenu.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Holiday-Tea-at-Caramoor-Arenu-and-Cromwell-2021.pdf>.

We have also planned the 2022 trips including a trip to Portugal, Canadian Rockies, a Mississippi River Cruise, the Hamptons and more. Additional information is available on the ARENU website.

For additional information, visit www.arenu.org at **Travels News** or contact our travel coordinator, Anne Kaiser with email, Annemkaiser@Yahoo.com



Here is a picture of Bob and Shirley Cronan enjoying time at the racetrack on our recent trip to Saratoga Springs, New York.

OBITUARIES

Our sympathy to the family and friends of those listed below.



<u>Retiree Name</u>	<u>Date Retired</u>	<u>Date Deceased</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>
Danuta Szumer	12/31/1991	7/15/2021	CL&P	Berlin
Paul A. Bellerose	2/1/2003	6/28/2021	YG	Berlin
Nicholas A. Fusco	3/1/1993	8/21/2021	CL&P	Berlin
Robert N. Dispensa	2/1/2018	8/6/2021	PSNH	NH
John Perruccio	9/1/1992	8/16/2021	CL&P	Berlin
Carl K. Brown	6/1/2013	8/14/2021	WMECO	Berlin
John L. Murray	12/1/1991	7/28/2021	CL&P	Berlin
Gerald E. Brownell	4/1/2007	7/19/2021	CL&P	Berlin
Raymond J. O'Toole	1/1/1994	8/6/2021	Eversource	Berlin
William Berry, Jr.	11/1/1993	8/10/2021	CL&P	Berlin
Gary J. Sarra	7/1/2014	7/29/2021	CL&P	Berlin
Richard E. Gilpatrick	5/1/2002	8/2/2021	PSNH	NH
Theodore G. Sheridan	2/2/1996	7/24/2021	YG	Berlin
Daniel S. Belcher	5/1/2011	7/31/2021	PSNH	NH
Bruce J. Sullivan	1/1/2000	7/25/2021	CL&P	Berlin
Frank S. Kaniecki	6/1/2007	7/21/2021	Eversource	Berlin
Arthur S. Johnson	1/1/1994	7/29/2021	CL&P	Berlin
Daniel P. Sheridan, Sr.	6/1/1998	5/12/2021	CL&P	Berlin
Joseph E. Perruccio	4/1/1989	7/19/2021	CL&P	Berlin
Roy D. Gendreau	6/1/2013	5/7/2021	CL&P	Berlin
George A. Fosher, Jr.	10/1/1997	7/13/2021	PSNH	NH
Conrad A. Cote	9/17/1987	6/10/2021	PSNH	NH
Francis A. Romanczuk	11/1/1993	6/24/2021	CL&P	Berlin
Gerald C. Drews	12/31/1991	6/18/2021	Eversource	Berlin
Robert C. Messer	4/1/1987	5/11/2021	WMECO	MA
Leonard R Hooper	5/2/1986	6/19/2021	PSNH	NH
Keith C. Osborn	10/1/1998	6/18/2021	CL&P	Berlin
Terry R. Rathbun	4/1/2021	2/26/2021	Eversource	Berlin
Richard B. Day	1/2/1992	5/22/2021	PSNH	NH
Matthew Marshall	6/1/2014	5/23/2021	Eversource	Berlin
David L. Jones	3/1/2007	5/10/2021	CL&P	Berlin
Samuel D. Armstrong	5/1/2007	3/6/2021	WMECO	MA
Raymond R. Donald	1/1/2000	5/14/2021	NAESC	NH
John N. Cuchetti	4/1/2006	5/10/2021	PSNH	NH
Lucas J. Donchez	8/1/1999	4/14/2021	PSNH	NH
Michael T. Zemke	6/1/2015	4/1/2021	Eversource	Berlin
Robert A. Walker	1/2/1992	5/7/2021	PSNH	NH
Constance L. Jordan	5/1/2002	5/18/2021	PSNH	NH
Michael P. Lombardo	5/2/2002	4/26/2021	CL&P	Berlin
Andrew J. Bandre	11/1/1993	4/30/2021	CL&P	Berlin
Charles (Chuck) Pelletier, Jr.	---	6/5/2021	Eversource	Berlin
Frank C. Hayward	12/27/2020	3/1/2004	Yankee Gas	Berlin

FOUR RETIREES VISIT A BAR



Four old retired men are walking down a street in Yuma, Arizona . They turn a corner and see a sign that says, ***"Old Timers Bar - ALL drinks 10 cents."***

They look at each other and then go in, thinking this is too good to be true.

The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room, "Come on in and let me pour one for you! What'll it be, gentlemen?"

There's a fully stocked bar, so each of the men orders a martini.

In no time the bartender serves up four iced martinis shaken, not stirred, and says, "That'll be 10 cents each, please."

The four guys stare at the bartender for a moment, then at each other. They can't believe their good luck. They pay the 40 cents, finish their martinis, and order another round.

Again, four excellent martinis are produced, with the bartender again saying, "That's 40 cents, please."

They pay the 40 cents, but their curiosity gets the better of them. They've each had two martinis and haven't even spent a dollar yet.

Finally one of them asks, "How can you afford to serve martinis as good as these for a dime apiece?"

"I'm a retired tailor from Phoenix," the bartender says, "and I always wanted to own a bar. Last year I hit the Lottery Jackpot for \$125 million and decided to open this place. Every drink costs a dime. Wine, liquor, beer, it's all the same."

"Wow! That's some story!" one of the men says.

As the four of them sip at their martinis, they can't help noticing seven other people at the end of the bar who don't have any drinks in front of them and haven't ordered anything the whole time they've been there.

Nodding at the seven at the end of the bar, one of the men asks the bartender, "What's with them?"

The bartender says, "They're retired people from Florida. They're waiting for Happy Hour when drinks are half-price."

