

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

THE MEN'S CLUB: Return to Normality



BY HOWARD ARKIN

The Men's Club took a giant step forward on July 5th when Gary Darche hosted the first live "Open Mike" current events session in well over a year. Gary chose six topics to discuss, ranging from the Mets/Yankees subway series to Bill Cosby's release from prison. Gary, a life-long Yankees fan, was quite unhappy over the series result. The fact that he was born in Brooklyn and became a Yankees fan by choice was no reason for him to deserve any sympathy from us.

The vaccination issue came up and it was agreed upon unanimously that only in certain situations should everyone not be vaccinated. Unless the vaccine is detrimental to one's health it should be required. Regarding Bill Cosby's release from prison, I was very surprised to find out that half of the men thought that it was warranted. Is a current District Attorney bound by what many thought was a poor decision by his predecessor? Someone voiced his opinion by quoting Charles Dickens: "The law is an ass."

Donald Trump, a name that has not come up too much recently, surfaced again. Allen

Men's Club Open Mike
July 5, 2021
1st In-Person Post COVID



Pictures by Toby Horowitz

Weisselberg, the Trump Organization's Chief Financial Officer, has been indicted by Manhattan District Attorney Cy Vance for income tax evasion and fraud. Trump sees this indictment as a "witch hunt." I think that the feeling of the men was that the indictment is not a "witch hunt" but that Trump will not face future indictments anyway because of it.

At the time of the meeting, the New York City mayoral race results were still in doubt. We now know that the Democratic nominee is going to be Eric Adams and that ranked choice voting had no effect on the outcome. I'm still undecided, but Paul Arden's argument did impress me.

"If I wanted my second or third choice to be the mayor, I would have voted for them first," he said. I think that most of us do not fully understand it but it seems that ranked choice voting is here to stay. The public financing of NYC elections also met with criticism. Giving a candidate eight dollars for every dollar contributed to their campaign seems too excessive. If a candidate has money left over after the election, where does it go?

The tragedy of the Surfside, Florida, condominium was discussed in great detail. One focal point in the discussion was the need for assessments that were necessary to make repairs to the building. I think that it is going to take a long time before the investigations are completed and we fully know how this tragedy happened. The only topic that we were unable to get to was the "The January Insurrection" which was tabled until our next meeting.

The meeting was well attended but the Coleridge Room in Building Three can accommodate quite a few more. So why not come down next Monday? The class starts at 10:30 a.m.

The Men's Club: Back and Better than Ever

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The Men's Club is strong and if you did not renew your membership, just ask those who did and attended our luncheon on June 24 at Umberto's. It was good to see our members enjoying an afternoon with old and new members. And let's not forget our big Bingo game on June 27 or our first Open Mike on July 5.

The photos say it all, and it was great to see everyone in person (not on Zoom), so don't miss these upcoming events:

Thursday, August 12, 7:30 pm
- Main Card Room

Wendy Behar discusses "Caring for the mind and body in the golden years"

Sunday, August 29, 12:00 pm
- Members' Free Brunch at Buffy's
Sunday, August 29, 7:00 pm



Lunch at Umberto's, June 24

North Shore Towers Men's Club
Bingo June 27, 2021



- Bingo in the Large Card Room
Sunday, September 26, 7:00 pm
- Bingo in the Large Card Room
Wednesday, September 29
- Annual Dinner Dance at The Jericho Terrace.

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