

Gone with Fishin'

THE MEN'S CLUB

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At our last meeting Aug. 14, approximately 75 members and guests sat mesmerized as they listened to our neighbor, Joe Reveman, speak and show a video about his experiences as a radio operator aboard a B-17 Flying Fortress during World War II. The video vividly reminded us of newsreels of that era. How someone could survive those multiple, life-threatening experiences boggles the mind. His last mission, his 24th, ironically

occurred on Friday the 13th in April, 1945, just a few weeks before the war in Europe ended. His plane crashed on landing and he was pulled out of the wreckage by his buddies just before the plane blew up. His presentation pointedly reminded us of the sacrifices made by his generation. Truly, the angels were on his side. Afterwards, Joe was surrounded by several of our membership who had similar stories to tell.

At the business portion of our meeting it was announced that the club raised over

\$500 for the American Cancer Society. It was also announced that our membership now stands at 112. Although our fiscal year starts in October, when the annual dues of \$60 is due, if you join us now, you will be paid up until October of 2015. For further information, contact Leo Tujak at leotrx@gmail.com. We are also working with a discount restaurant program wherein our members will get free membership and will be able to get discounts of 10 to 50 percent at restaurants both here and in Florida.

It seems that we have a vast pool of people in our community who have interesting backgrounds, talent, careers or stories to tell and for the next two months we will have two of them speaking at our meetings. On Sept. 18, Terrie Rabinowitz, a psychoanalyst, will talk about relationships. And on Oct. 9, Jack Kahgan, who has a literary background, will speak about Franz Kafka. If you'd like to share your personal history or expertise, please contact our events chairman, Amie Rabinowitz, at ar3804@aol.com.

These past few weeks saw many of our members enjoying several activities. The fishing trip scheduled for July 16 had to be postponed for a week because of heavy weather. When they did go out, they were rewarded with a beautiful day and calm seas. About 70 fish were caught, but only two were "keepers."

Amie Rabinowitz caught the biggest fish and graciously donated it to the second place finisher, Toby Horowitz's son. On July 24, 14 club members attended a Brooklyn Cyclones baseball game after an early dinner at Gargiulo's. A good time was had by all, especially as the home team won. It wasn't Ebbets Field, but it was still Brooklyn. For those who enjoy a more sedentary activity, a Texas Hold 'Em Tourney was held on August 4. On August 19, 54 of our members and guests journeyed to Caesar's Palace in Atlantic City to try to beat the odds. Slot machines were the favored sport and most people were winners – or so they said. Probably the biggest winners were those who just went shopping. The group was further rewarded by two movies on the bus. Future planned activities include a "Marriage Game" Night, a trip to the Tenement Museum, and a Bingo Night on August 28th. For more information please contact our events Chairman, Amie Rabinowitz.

For information about joining the Men's Club, please contact Al Fuchs at afuchs98@aol.com or Leo Tujak at leotrx@gmail.com.

It's important to note that the September meeting will be held on Sept. 18, the third Thursday in the month in order not to conflict with Sept. 11 observances. Meetings will also start at a new time, 7:30 p.m.



The Men's Club fishing trip was postponed a week due to bad weather.