

MEN'S CLUB NEWS



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Coronavirus

This article was written on March 20, but most likely you will not be reading it until on or about the first of May. I can only wonder where the epidemic will have led us by then.

At this point it appears as though the time period before we overcome this virus will be lengthy. This is a battle the likes of which many of us have never seen in our entire lives. A few weeks ago, the North Shore Towers Board wisely scheduled a meeting to address the Coronavirus crisis. The meeting was addressed by Board President Fred Chemow, Dr. Stanley Goldsmith, General Manager Glen Kotowski, and Dr. Gabriela Solis Ramirez of Northwell Health. Dr. Solis Ramirez, being an expert in the field of infectious diseases, explained many of the precautions we should be taking to win the battle. A few days later, a series of federal,



state and city regulations were issued, some of which were going to have a profound effect on our everyday lives. Hopefully we are all following them. I've been using the sanitizing container in both the lobby and arcade and I keep a safe distance from others (which can have some ancillary benefits). Next week I have appointments with both my dentist and my accountant. I was hoping to make both of them but was recently informed that the IRS was granting a three month extension to file tax

returns. I decided it would be wise to wait.

On March 15, I gathered up enough courage to venture out to ShopRite and saw just what I suspected—empty shelves and long lines at the checkout. There were a few cans of Progresso broccoli cheese soup left on the shelf. I figured I would play it smart and return later the next evening. The shelves were still pretty bare. Not surprisingly, the two cans of broccoli cheese soup remained. Who would buy broccoli cheese soup? Walking through the arcade

on the March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), I wondered if Buffy's and the VIP room would have corned beef and cabbage on their menus. Both restaurants were closed but city regulations permitted them to deliver. Passover falls on April 8 and Easter Sunday on April 12 this year. I hope that the men making deliveries on those two days are in pretty good shape!

Unfortunately, the Men's Club has had to cancel all upcoming events. Technology, as great as it is, has allowed us to keep in touch with one another, but it is not the same as actually being together. I will miss the breakfasts, Steve's current events as well as the luncheons and club dinners. I feel as though we are in the "twilight zone" and cannot wait for it to end.

I've tried to make light of some situations as the country navigates through this crisis. Hopefully if we all adhere to the rules and regulations set forth, we can mitigate the effects of the coronavirus.



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