Thank you to the 163 members who participated in the recent Quest election, to all of the candidates, to the NEC for organizing and running Quest elections, and to the Online Learning Committee for organizing the Meet the Candidates programs via Zoom. Congratulations to our new officers and at-large Council members:

- Ruth Ward, Vice President
- Karen Levin, Secretary
- Stephanie Butler, Treasurer
- David Bernard, Council Member
- Arlynn Greenbaum, Council Member
- Penelope Pi-Sunyer, Council Member

The first meeting of the new Council will be held on July 6 at 2:30 pm via Zoom. If any member desires to have an item placed on the Council Meeting agenda, please send the item to me.

Our Summer program has gotten off to a great start. All of the presentations have been interesting. Special thanks to Bob Reiss and Roy Clary for their bonus program, “Mr. Jefferson’s Women,” a play written by Bob and performed by Roy.

We are still waiting to receive information from City College on whether or not in-person classes will be held in the Fall. However, the Curriculum, Scheduling, and Online Learning Committees have all worked on contingency plans, in the event Quest will be meeting via Zoom in the Fall. Thanks to the members and Chairs of all three committees.

Continue to be safe, healthy, and intellectually engaged.

– Bob Gottfried

Why I Love New York
by Beth Collender

I keep hearing that New Yorkers will flee the city if there are fewer restaurants, bars and events to amuse us when it reopens.

I’ll definitely miss those things but they’re not why I love living here. I love that I can live on my own but never feel isolated. I walk out my door (no car needed) and see familiar faces, even if we’re all behind masks. There’s more fear on the street but I also feel more community as people say hello and check to see how others are doing.

And the city constantly delights and surprises me with treats like the bright red Cardinal posing for a picture or the store awning that changed overnight into a flowered spring bonnet. And what other city has a fabulous park like ours that we can enjoy even now, as long as we mask up and socially distance? In New York I’m surrounded by life — unplanned, spontaneous, and free to all. So no, I’m not going anywhere, even if the city is different when it reopens. New Yorkers are here for each other, and we’ll bring it back, stronger than ever, as we’ve done in the past.

REM E M B E R T O W A S H Y O U R H A N D S
Who’s Doing What

Pat Geehr has created a beautiful garden since she has so much Corona time to tend it.

Andrea Irvine starts her day: “from my building’s rooftop; cool, beautiful, shaded and all to myself — gets busy late afternoon with the wine/snack crowd! Walk around swinging my arms — lame attempt at exercise! Check my Hudson River view and all the flower pots before settling into my shaded corner with cuppa tea. Absolutely best way to start any day.”

Arlynn Greenbaum is glad to be playing tennis again at her outdoor club in Throgs Neck. That’s the good news. The bad news is that all her old aches and pains have returned. But it’s worth it!

Questers keeping in touch in Riverside Park.

Arlene Curinga is enjoying being at Marilyn Weiss’s home in Westhampton. The ability to enjoy the sun and sand is wonderful and the pool will open in a couple of days. Did go back to the city for two days and was able to meet my cousin in Central Park and catch up. My happiness is complete as I have an appointment with Marco, my hairdresser, for color and cut in 10 days.

Estelle Selzer has been playing more bridge online than she played when she wasn’t sheltered in place. Her partner is fellow Quester Phyllis Weiss. Phyllis has been up in the Berkshires with her family since the pandemic started. If anyone plays bridge and wants to practice or play duplicate you can set up an account on BridgeBase.com and play for hours.

Judy and Pete Weis actually got into the water in the bay (Accabonac Harbor) on June 8, weeks before we usually do. Not to say it was easy; not to tell you how long we stood there at the edge. Brrrrr.

Lorraine Weberg says: “Here’s what I did last Tuesday. And yes, I did pull up the mask to cover my nose when I left the house.”

Joan Diamond is happy to announce that this morning she got an announcement that her local beautician is reopening, and suggests a Still Shaggy Column.

Dena Kerren writes “Like all of us I’m spending time trying to accomplish projects I’ve been avoiding. I’m lucky to be with my family out on Long Island so no complaints. My daughter came across this photo that so depicts the “60’s” cigarette and all. It’s a fun photo.

Larry Shapiro Photographs the Reopening, Phase 1, riding to the outskirts of Queens: Oakland Lake.

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Who’s Doing What

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Betty Farber, Ruth Kovner and Palma Mahl were tired of seeing friends merely on Zoom, Face Time, or on cellphone photos, we figured out how to have a lunch date during the pandemic. We each packed a lunch and walked up to 15 blocks to meet at the benches in front of the Senior Center at First Avenue and 70th Street.

Wearing our masks (except while eating), using our hand sanitizer and socially distancing, we ate our sandwiches and shared potato chips and cookies, as we caught up with each other’s lives: Have you watched Quest’s Zoom classes? Where are you buying your groceries? What are you watching on Netflix? Where did you get that cool mask?

The conversation is different but the camaraderie is the same. So until the world heals, we will keep on enjoying a lunch date that is in step with the times.

Addie Tomei As my 80th birthday was approaching, our children, Marisa and Adam, announced my gift would arrive a day early, as the Juneteenth celebrations might complicate delivery. I was thrilled to receive a dazzling, six-stemmed orchid plant.

Then Marisa texted that we should go outside our brownstone door. There at the bottom of our stoop were four young men: one playing the melodica (a keyboard that is played by mouth), another playing a trumpet, serenading me with Happy Birthday! The other two are my daughter’s friends: one is recording it all, the other is FaceTiming with my kids, who were able to see the “surprise” event that they had planned. People passing on West 13th Street cheered!

I didn’t want it to end. So I invited everyone to have a drink in our garden. Wearing masks, they marched through our house into the backyard.

It was a magical few hours that I will remember even if I get Alzheimer’s.

Creative Corner

Memorial Day Chocolate City Style
(The Unmasking and Undressing of Amerikkkiller)
by Richard Byrd

There are no Statues
Parades Monuments
Tombs or Street signs
for our unknown
Soldiers

No 17th birthday for Yusef Hawkins
Our Martyrs Adorn
The Blood Drenched
Boulevards of disfigured
Dreams

No 11th birthday for Clifford Glover
Beware The Warrior Man
The Specter of Malcolm X
Will Not Be Muzzled

No 26th birthday for Ahmaud Arbery
No 67th birthday for Eleanor Bumpors
No 27th birthday for Breanna Taylor
No 15th Birthday for Emmet Til
No 47th Birthday For George Floyd

Beware The Soldier Woman
The Essence of Harriet Tubman
Will Emerge Once Again

No 13th Birthday For Tamir Rice
No 18th Birthday For Trayvon Martin
No 29th Birthday For Sandra Bland
No 24th Birthday For Mack Charles Parker
No 16th Birthday for Randolph Evans

Beware The Virago Woman
The Heart of Daisy Bates
Will Be Replenished

No 24th Birthday for Michael Griffith
No 93rd Birthday for Kathryn Johnston
No 12th Birthday for Ricky Bodden
No 44th Birthday for Eric Garner
No 69th Birthday for Kenneth Chamberlain Sr,

Beware The Vindicator
The Shadow of Nat Turner
Will Be Reanimated

Check out these signs.

Signs of Our Times

PEOPLE KEEP ASKING
"IS COVID 19 REALLY THAT SERIOUS?"
LISTEN UP
CASINOS AND CHURCHES ARE CLOSED
WHEN HEAVEN AND HELL
AGREE ON THE SAME THING
IT’S PROBABLY PRETTY SERIOUS

We are about 3 weeks away from knowing everyone’s true hair color

REM E M B E R T O W A S H Y O U R H A N D S
Travel Update


**Tanglewood:** in the Berkshires. Five Days: July 15–19, or Aug. 12–16, 2021. Prices begin at $1749/person (double). As we all know there is so much available in the Berkshires (summer home of Boston Symphony Orchestra).

**Savannah & Charleston:** A tale of two cities. Eight Days: Feb. 21–28, Mar. 28–Apr. 4, Apr. 11–18, or May 2–9, 2021. Prices begin at $2349/person (double). Experience charming southern culture in these historic and beautiful waterfront cities.

**The Spoleto Festival:** Charleston SC. Six Days: May 28–June 2, June 2–7, or June 8–13, 2021. Prices begin at $2299/person (double). This international multi-arts festival is a world-famous celebration featuring works by world renowned artists.

**American Shakespeare Center, Staunton VA.** Five Days: April 6–10, May 11–15, June 1–5, or Sept. 21–25, 2021. Prices begin at $799/person (double). Attend three plays at the Blackfriars Playhouse. (Note that a number of Questers have already signed up for this trip.)

**Wine Trail in Nearby Warwick NY:** just one hour by car from NYC. We will visit four wineries, sampling the very the best wines produced in NY State, and we’ll enjoy a delightful lunch in this historic town. Prices to be advised. Dates are flexible.

**Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton NJ:** is a 42-acre sculpture park, museum, and arboretum. It has become one of the premier cultural destinations in New Jersey. We will view the sculptures and have lunch. Dates and Prices to be advised.

Bits & Pieces

**Phil Gisser** is still hiding out in Hemlock Farms, Pennsylvania with his daughter and her husband. They are beginning to see more people as the summer residents return to their second homes. He can still walk an hour and see, maybe half a dozen others. Here is picture of the one straight segment of his daily walk. Note the crowds.

**Profile of Quester Marion Schultheis**

Marion Schultheis & her husband Bob moved to their dream home on Sutton Place in NYC in 1998 after living in various states over the years. Job opportunities took them to Atlanta, Edmonton, Alberta. In 1977 they moved to St. Paul, MN, where they stayed until returning to NYC. Bob continued to work in IT, and Marion worked in investments, “At some point we started thinking about where we wanted to retire”. We found the apartment and neighborhood of our dreams... Sutton Place. One of the most compelling things about their location, like many Sutton residents agree, is the view: “Our view of the east river and Roosevelt Island brings back memories for me,” Marion tells us. “In the 1960s I worked for the New York Service for the Handicapped,” Marion says. “I retired about 19 years ago and keep busy being a docent at the American Museum of Natural History, and taking life-long learning classes at Quest.” Marion and Bob were featured in the Sutton Place Magazine in May 2020.
### Let's Laugh a Little...  
**compiled by Vivian Oliver**

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| 2019: Stay away from negative people.  
2020: Stay away from positive people. |
| This virus has done what no woman had been able to do…cancel all sports, shut down all bars, and keep men at home. |
| Day 25 at home and the dog is looking at me like, “See? This is why I chew the furniture.” |
| Does anyone know if we can take show- ers yet or should we just keep washing our hands? |
| My friend said that her scale says her mask weighs 7 and a half pounds. |
| I swear my fridge just said “what the hell do you want now?” |
| When this is over… what meeting do I attend first… Weight Watchers or AA? |
| Quarantine has turned us into dogs. We roam the house all day looking for food. We are told “no” if we get too close to strangers. And we get really excited about car rides. |
| If a cow does not give milk, is it a milk dud or an udder failure? |
| Apparently you can’t use “beefstew” as a password… It’s not strogenoff! |
| You know what they say: feed a cold, starve a fever, drink a corona. |
| I’ll tell you a coronavirus joke now, but you’ll have to wait two weeks to see if you got it. |

### Movie Quiz  
**submitted by Betty Farber & Lucille Granfort**

Here are lines that you may know. They come from films made long ago.

**Movie Quote:**
1. “Snap out of it!”
2. “I’ve got a feeling we’re not in Kansas any more.”
3. “May the force be with you.”
4. “Show me the money.”
5. “Love means never having to say you’re sorry.”
6. “I’m as mad as hell, and I’m not going to take this anymore.”
7. “The stuff that dreams are made of.”
8. “I’ll have what she’s having.”
10. “This could be the start of a beautiful friendship.”
11. “Fasten your seatbelts. It’s going to be a bumpy night.”
12. “Leave the gun, take the cannoli.”

**Answers:**
1. Moonstruck  
2. The Wizard Of Oz  
3. Star Wars  
4. Jerry Mcguire  
5. Love Story  
6. Network  
7. The Maltese Falcon  
8. When Harry Met Sally  
9. Young Frankenstein  
10. Casablanca  
11. All About Eve  
12. The Godfather

### Birds Of Florida  
**by Linda Downs**

This is the first time I have had the opportunity to watch the same birds each day for over three months since coming to Orlando during the corona virus shutdown. This is a city of lakes, filled with wildlife.

Every sun-up a house wren eats red berries off a hawthorn outside my bedroom window. Vultures soar on the air currents in the sky. A swan laid eggs in reeds of a neighboring lake and we watched the pair take turns on the nest for over a month before five fuzzy cygnets appeared. We heard the babies of the red tailed hawk in the neighborhood trees. Weeks later we watched the parents teach the fledglings to fly. This is a Peaceable Kingdom that brings such joy in hard times.

### Zoom Team News  
**by Michael Wellner**

Our Zoom Summer Sessions are moving right along, with a few additions — often on a Wednesday — to our previously announced schedule. Please watch for the NWAQ e-mailings each weekend to see what’s on tap the following week. Attendance has been unusually strong for these summer sessions, and we are delighted. Thank you all for your continued support. As always, if you have any technical issues or questions about Zoom, please e-mail any of us on the team. Enjoy the rest of the summer.
**Quarantine Through Art**  
*submitted by Steve Allen*

### Week 1

**RED TULIPS**  
by Helen Saffran

Pulsing with Spring life  
The red tulips  
Are stronger than  
The Corona virus

### Week 2

### Week 3

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### Creative Corner

**Q-Toon**  
by W. Cotter

“Other than the alcohol, cigarettes and junk food. I think I’ve handled this pandemic pretty well.”

## Remember to Wash Your Hands
REMEMBER TO WASH YOUR HANDS

Questers March in Protest

Panny King: On Sunday, 6/7, there was a march throughout the town of Rutherford, NJ protesting George Floyd’s death as well as rotten treatment for all people of color. Policeman marched too. My daughter, Stasie, and I marched with them. People from many other towns participated.

Roy Clary: I marched in a protest while a helicopter hovered overhead.

Linda Downs: I participated in a caravan demonstration last Saturday in Orlando, FL. About 40 cars accompanied by police drove through the streets and received air fists and honks throughout the city. This is a safe and effective way for us elders to participate in demonstrations.

Ilene Winkler & Sandra Abramson: Our second rally. This is in Tottenville, Staten Island. A few days ago we went to a rally in Asbury Park, and my partner Ralph wrote an Op Ed about it that was published on the Daily News website. Feels so good to be out rather than watching it all on TV.


Judy Weiss: Pete and I were in our first crowd this afternoon since the pandemic arrived. A peaceful protest and rally in East Hampton. An estimated 2,000 masked people, mostly white, in support of Black Lives Matter. Excellent speakers including the woman rabbi of the Jewish Center of the Hamptons who gave an eloquent talk, and other clergy and community leaders. Organized by energetic young people of many ethnicities. It was great to be there!

Roy Clary: Yesterday, I marched for awhile with the protestors. Yesterday was a beautiful and peaceful day. A helicopter hovered over us. Sadly, as night arrived, the beauty and the peace were gone.

Sandra Abramson: Did a vigil at a nursing home on Memorial Day — great feeling!