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## A Note From the President

**W**elcome back, Questers, to the fall semester of 2021! Despite a few minor issues, all went well during the first week of our return to 25 Broadway. Both our in-person and Zoom participants were able to attend an assortment of fascinating classes with very few distractions. We thank all of you who attended live at 25 Broadway and on Zoom for your patience, understanding and cooperation.

Many thanks to the entire team of Quest members who made our smooth

return possible — from the Covid Sticker Affixers, to the Quest Catalog Distributors, to the In-class Attendance Assistants, to the Membership and Tech Teams, to the Lead Coordinators, to the Course Presenters. A special thank you goes to Wayne Cotter and Sheryl Harawitz, who oversaw operations in the auditorium and in room 15–17, respectively. Our group of enthusiastic and capable Quest members enabled us to jumpstart our exciting fall program... a big round of applause to you all!

A reminder that 25 Broadway will be closed on Columbus Day, October 11th, and all classes planned for that day will be cancelled. The courses affected are Classic Rock, Howards End, Contemporary Poetry, and Movers and Shakers. Each of these courses will be postponing one of its presentations until the spring 2022 semester. We apologize for any inconvenience and look forward to seeing you in class on Tuesday, October 12, whether in person or on Zoom.

– Warm regards,  
Ruth Ward

## CultureQuest Events for the Fall

**September 24:** Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art  
*American Collection (virtual tour)*

**October 8:** Metropolitan Museum of Art  
*The Medici: Portraits and Politics, 1512-1570 Exhibition (virtual tour)*

**October 22:** Grounds for Sculpture  
*Guided Tour of Sculptures by Contemporary Artists (in-person, outdoor tour)*

**November 5:** Metropolitan Opera  
*"La Boheme" Final Dress Rehearsal (in-person event)*

**December 3:** Museum of Arts and Design  
*Sheila Pepe and Carrie Moyers Exhibition and Beth Lipman Exhibition (in-person tour)*

## Jane Brody to Speak at Quest *by Arlynn Greenbaum*

**T**he Distinguished Guest Lecture Committee is pleased to announce that Jane Brody, the beloved Personal Health columnist for *The New York Times*, will be our Kenneth Leedom/Peter Cott Memorial Guest Speaker on March 9, 2022. She will discuss her timely book, *Jane Brody's Guide To The Great Beyond: A Practical Primer to Help You and Your Loved Ones Prepare Medically, Legally and Emotionally for the End of Life*.

Brody joined the *Times* in 1965; her award-winning column is published in the *Science Times* every Tuesday. She received a degree in biochemistry from Cornell University and in science writing from the University of Wisconsin School of Journalism. She worked as a reporter for the *Minneapolis Tribune* for two years before joining the *Times*.

The mother of twin boys, Brody is the grandmother of four, and lives in Brooklyn, where she was born and bred.

The staff of QNews wish our Editor **Carolyn McGuire** a complete and speedy recovery.

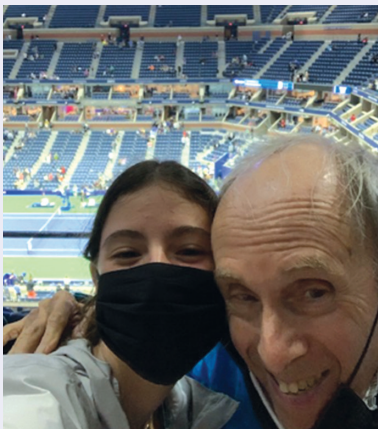
## Zip-Code Lunch

*by Donna Ramer*

One of our founding members and a few of our newest ones bonded over lunch at The Penny Farthing on Friday, August 27th, at what is hoped to be the first of many Quest zip-code lunches. The group, mostly living in or adjacent to zip code 10003, included **Beverly Francus, Helen McMahon, Jo Ellen Terrell, Susan Keohane, Sheryl Harawitz, Madeleine Brecher, Donna Ramer, Michele Mackey, and Sue Jacobs.** New Jersey-based **Judy Hampson** and Brooklynites **Diane Crothers, Mary Ann Donnelly** and **Martha Drezin** were honorary zip coders for the day.

## A Hurricane Story

*by Stan Lieblein*



On Wednesday, September 1st I took my 14 year old granddaughter to an evening session of the US Open by LIRR train from Manhattan. Midway through the second match we were informed that all LIRR trains and subways were cancelled. Also, the parking lots were flooded. An earlier previously suspended match was added to keep us occupied. We had visions of sleeping at Arthur Ashe stadium. Eventually, my son-in-law was able to rescue us after driving from Brooklyn around the floods. Arrived in Brooklyn at 2:30 am, tired and excited.

## Questers Cheer on Home Team

*by Donna Ramer*

From the jump ball to the last dribble, seven Questers cheered their home team to victory on Friday, Sept 18, at Barclays Center in Brooklyn. New York Liberty maintained at least a 10-point lead over the Washington (D.C.) Mystics to end the game 91-80. Season ticket holder Sheryl Harawitz and long-time fan Ilene Winkler, along with rookie fans Mary Ann Donnelly, Diane Crothers, Martha Drezin, Bryn Meehan and Donna Ramer, rocked to the music and shouted enthusiastically with each hook shot, bank shot and bonus free-throw. And the next day we learned that Liberty made it into the playoffs.



## Creative Corner

On a visit to her family in Missouri. Betty Farber reconnected to her great-grandchildren. Here is a poem about two of them.

### Two Great-Grandchildren

*by Betty Farber*

#### Max

Of Max, you hear such good reports  
About his excellence in sports.  
And knowing him you soon will find  
His ways are helpful, good and kind.  
He'll please your eye and touch your heart  
When you view his abstract art.  
You'll know his paintings, when you see 'em  
Featured at the Met Museum.

#### Charlotte

Jacob and Toby's younger sister  
Might be called a "fashionista."  
Selects her outfits with great care;  
Chooses the ribbons for her hair.  
Reminds you of some reigning queens  
Even when she's wearing jeans.  
Although she hasn't reached the age  
Where she is acting on the stage,  
The faculty of Yale will clamor  
For her to join the School of Drama.



**The Trikini 2020**

## Who's Doing What



The Center for Jewish History reopened to the public at the end of August and **Estelle Selzer** was the first member of the Center to visit. The exhibit on Emile Bocian in Chinatown is a small photographic display with descriptions. Photos were taken in the 1970s and 80s. This exhibit, along with the rest of the museum, is highly recommended and is very manageable. Here Estelle is holding a tote bag that was given to her by Visitor Services.

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**Judi and Pete Weis** took a road trip to Ohio for family reasons, and stopped at Cornell for nostalgia, and at Watkins Glen to see this most spectacular of State Parks.

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**Due to My Isolation  
I Finished Three Books  
Yesterday.  
And Believe Me,  
That's a Lot of Coloring**

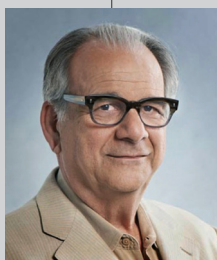
## We Remember Rick Salter

*by Bob Reiss*

**T**hey say it's harder to make good friends as an adult than when we were younger. That certainly was true for me until I met Rick Salter when we were both south of 75. As far as I was concerned, we became more than good friends. Rick became a role model for me. He showed me that at our age we could still actively support ideals and principles, we could still make a difference, we could still be relevant. Rick made me a better person.

The classes that Rick gave at Quest were clearly among the most popular and well attended of all. Why was that so? Well, first, it seems he appealed to the PowerPoint backlash set since Rick never resorted to this ubiquitous crutch the rest of us lean on. No, Rick had his yellow legal pad with his handwritten notes and proceeded to make a compelling case on his chosen subject. But I think what set his talks apart was the strong and sincere conviction he brought to his presentation. There was no doubt where he stood on a subject and by the end of the talk you were utterly convinced of his point of view.

He imparted to us his great passion for indigenous peoples.



He taught us so much about First Nations and native Americans as, for example, when he spoke on *'America – Prior to European Contact or Louis Riel: A Canadian Hero Executed by the Government of Canada'*. I believe our Quest group became collectively "woke" on the true history of our lands, not the false narratives that we learned in school. And we can't forget his passion when relating *The Golden Spruce: A True Story of Myth, Madness and Greed*. And his pride in discussing the *Constitution of Canada* (to which he contributed relative to indigenous peoples). He predicted that the class would want to sing "O Canada" after his talk *The Other Americas – Our Cousins North and South*.

But the extent of the subject matter he spoke on went far beyond Canada and Canadian history. He presented on personalities as varied as you can get, e.g. Angela Merkel, Emma Goldman, Louis Brandeis, Friedrich Engels, and Tatanka Yotanka (Chief Sitting Bull). He gave classes on foreign affairs, legal issues, and politics.

The Quest Community is deeply saddened by the loss of Rick Salter. But we shall always treasure what we learned from him.



## 25th Anniversary Gala Luncheon

**A**fter several Covid-postponed delays, we are delighted to confirm that our gala 25th Anniversary Luncheon (it's now actually the 26th!) will be held at **12:00 Noon, on Friday November 19th, at the Harmonie Club**, located on East 60th Street, just off Fifth Avenue. Best of all, there will be no charge for Quest members who attend. We will have live music, cocktails, and a superb three-course luncheon. Invitations will go out shortly; please watch your email. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

**I have not lost  
my marbles yet,  
but there is a tiny hole  
in the bag!**

**If We Continue  
Wearing Masks  
for 10 More Years  
Our Children  
Will Think  
Our Mouth is a  
Private part**



## Calling All Quest Travelers:

**W**e have some very exciting news to share: We can now confirm our new date for our three-day "Civil Rights" week-end trip: **March 24 — 27, 2022**. Details are below. (Our own David Bernard has actually been on this trip [before Covid], and recommends it so highly that he has agreed to go again and join us!)

Here is our itinerary:

**Thursday, March 24th:** Afternoon flight to Atlanta (book independently), arriving in Atlanta in time for dinner. Overnight at the Holiday Inn Express, in Fairburn, GA, where we will meet our (wonderful and highly recommended) tour guide, Billy Planer, and go over our trip details.

**Friday, March 25th:** After breakfast at the hotel, we'll depart by coach for Montgomery, AL, where we visit the Rosa Parks Museum, actually stand where the Civil Rights movement began, and learn about the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Then, after lunch, we'll visit the powerful, moving Equal Justice Initiative's Legacy Museum & Lynching Memorial. Next, we'll visit the Southern Poverty Law Center Memorial, followed by a discussion with our group leader. Dinner will be on own in Montgomery. Overnight at the Fairfield Inn, in Montgomery.

**Saturday, March 26th:** After breakfast, we'll head to Selma, Alabama, where we'll tour Selma and the now famous Edmund Pettus Bridge. We'll meet with, and hear the story of, someone who was actually present that now famous day, and was beaten on the march. We'll also learn about Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and his involvement in the struggle. After lunch we'll depart for the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, followed by a walking tour of Freedom Park & the 16th Street Baptist Church, the historic church where four girls died in a now-famous bombing. After dinner, we'll depart for Atlanta and the Holiday Inn Express (in Fairburn, GA), where we'll spend the night.

**Sunday, March 27th:** After breakfast we'll depart for a meeting with Fair Fight 2020, where we'll discuss the issues of voting rights and voter suppression in Georgia (and across the nation), and the complex issue of abortion laws in Georgia. Next, we'll head to the King Center, visiting Dr. King's tomb, followed by an 11:00 o'clock service at the famed Ebenezer Baptist Church, Dr. King's historic place of worship. After services, we'll depart for the airport and our return flight home.

Here is the cost (excluding airfare from NYC to Atlanta and back):

**For 25 – 50 people..... \$ 985/person**

**For 20 – 24 people..... \$ 1,095/person**

(There is a \$255 single room supplement. Subtract \$60 per person for a third person sharing a room, and subtract \$90 for a fourth person sharing a room).

*Here's the "fine print:" Prices include all meals, beginning with Friday's breakfast and ending with Sunday's breakfast, all ground transportation, hotels, admission and programming costs. Meals on the trip consist of entrée and drink only. Appetizers and desserts are extra. Snacks are not provided.*

We need to have a firm count of how many Questers\* will join us on this trip. So far, in addition to David Bernard, Frieda Lipp and Michael & Marva Wellner have already signed up. If you would like to join us, please e-mail Michael (captmike46@aol.com), and/or Frieda Lipp (friedalipp@gmail.com, and/or Karen Levin (karenlevin19@gmail.com) and/or David Bernard (davidbernardmd@gmail.com) and confirm your interest.

*\*Family and friends are most welcome. Deposit and final payment details will follow.*

**This is guaranteed to be a fabulous week-end, and we hope that you'll be able to join us!**