

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since this is the last Bulletin for 2020, I would like to recognize and thank on your behalf everyone involved in depositing it in our In-Box each month. These include all those who have contributed articles particularly our “regulars”: Ken Jeffrey, our Bulletin Editor and Randy Cook, our Web Master who do the heavy lifting. I find it a challenge to write a letter and then send it off in to cyber-space which is why I'm in awe with the time, skill and logistics in providing over 300 of us each month with this professional and informative newsletter.

To those of you who have returned your survey, thank you. If you wish assistance in its completion, please give me a call or send me a note. We will arrange for someone to complete it over the telephone.

Dale Schenk and the Strategic Concepts Group are offering to assist in setting up “Table Discussions” in the half hour before our Tuesday meetings similar to our coffee and cookie time at the ICC. A group of six have been meeting since early December. Based on their early experience, they suggest no more than six or seven join the Table. Contact Dale directly if you would like to get a Table going or join one In Progress.

In a separate article, Garry Ransom, one of our meeting “Zoom Masters” provides step by step details of how to set up your own “free” Zoom account. You not only will be able to experiment with various options such as muting and unmuting, send a question to Chat but find out how easy it is to invite family and friends to a Zoom chat and all at no cost.

It would appear that the vaccine rollout will be more robust than anticipated. The Board with assistance from Dale Schenk's Group will begin detailed planning for the day we will return to the ICC. Timing will depend on Government regulations, access to the vaccine and our own comfort level. We will continue to have video access to our meetings even after all of us are comfortable in joining a large gathering. So, the transition will be gradual. No one will be left out.

There is every reason to be optimistic that during 2021 Covid will release its stranglehold on our lives. We will not return to normal but to a society that is much more aware of what is really important.

Jim Sanders