

Coronado Thunderbirds Newsletter

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JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2021 MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S DESK

January is the month when the outgoing Coronado Thunderbirds Board Members introduce the incoming Board members for the upcoming year, 2021 in this case. Because we were unable to meet face-to-face during our September 8, 2020, annual meeting, the entire Board agreed to stay on for another year. This was approved by those members who were able to participate in our Zoom General Monthly Meeting.

The single change agreed upon was that Dave Melgaard, 2020 VP/Programs, will step up as President in 2021. And I will step back to VP/Programs. This is a role I very much enjoyed before, and will once again have assistance from Club member, Deborah Belasich. She and I have already come up with a preliminary list of future program topics and speakers.

My lovely wife, Janice, and I, enjoyed a glass of wine, savored the warmth from the fireplace, and reflected on this past year as we disassembled our Christmas tree and put the ornaments and wreath away. We very much enjoyed a 3-time zones Zoom meeting with our family on Christmas day. Everyone is fortunate to still be working. Both of the nurses in our family are doing well and steering clear of the Covid-19 pandemic. And, we are all signed up for virus inoculations just as soon as we qualify.

Janice and I also enjoyed leaving our semi-seclusion at home for the weekly Friday night "Fish and Chips" takeout order from our local family-owned Cedar Crest restaurant. Also, we've weathered the inconvenience of the failure of three appliances in our 30-year-

old home. The ice-maker in our refrigerator broke. Then the heat stopped working in our master bedroom even as the high for the day didn't make it above freezing. And then the dishwasher poured water all over our kitchen from some unknown leak. Have you tried to locate and purchase a major appliance recently? One local retailer told us their dishwashers were backordered until April 2021. We found a replacement locally and I challenged myself to do the installation. (It's actually working much better than the original!) Oh, and the Christmas present I ordered for Janice is now a week overdue (so far) from Amazon...Yikes! (I'm in the doghouse... Again)

UNPRECEDENTED seems to be the word of choice highlighted numerous times every day concerning the pandemic. The response to these serious effects, Covid-19 versus the economy, are reviewed constantly by "Decision Makers." The impact of their decisions affects us all. Some decisions are very unpopular. So, we must each cope with and make decisions regarding our own behaviors.

As I submitted in the previous issue of our newsletter, this situation clearly remains unprecedented in our living memory. And it's still with us, but for how much longer? With so much turbulence in the world right now, it's great to celebrate our Coronado Thunderbirds community. Times ARE tough right now. But through our shared participation, hosted by Dave Melgaard on Zoom, with the Coronado Thunderbirds friends, we'll get through this together."

News from MVC and FSS: I drove around Kirtland AFB Monday, December 21st, to hand deliver our holiday greeting cards. At the **Mountain View Club**, I verified that Billy Mayberry, former manager, had successfully relocated to Italy after a several months' delay. His then replacement, Ms. Lisa Welch, has moved on. The Operations Manager, Ms. Stefanie Long, has also departed. The previous Event Planner/Concierge, Ms. Lauren Wilder, is now filling the Operations Manager role. The manager of the bowling alley, whom the Board members had previously worked with, is

acting MVC Manager while the bowling alley is closed and a replacement MVC Manager is identified.

The MVC room where we used to hold monthly meetings is now full-time providing meals 3 times daily to groups of military transferees who are in quarantine for 14 days before moving on to their next assignment. (This good news for the staff who are employed with cooking and serving.) There have been significant upgrades in the Ballrooms (Sandia 1, 2, and 3) which include new carpeting, a new stage, a removable dance floor, and improved audio/visual equipment. The room is all fresh-looking and exceptionally nice.

At the Force Support Squadron (personnel there are largely outside the purview of our membership), the Commander, Lt. Col. Daniel Rigsbee, and the office manager were both out of the office, as was Ms. Barbara Holland, Deputy Director of FSS. I did leave behind our holiday cards for them. Dave Melgaard, I, and the Board members, had previously met with Ernest Fasoldt, Community Services Flight Chief, who has since relocated to Korea. Ernie had provided the changes to include the increased MVC monthly membership fees for some of us and the renaming of member categories. His replacement is Aaron Feinberg, who I expect we will get to know going forward. Aaron is the lead contact for the MVC, Kirtland Lanes, Tijeras Golf Course, gyms/pool, Aero Club, RV parking, etc.

PLEASE, TAKE GREAT CARE and BE WELL!
John P. Anthes, 2020 Outgoing President
2021 Incoming/Returning VP/Programs



Dave Melgaard
2020 Outgoing Vice President/
Programs/Zoom Meister
2021 Incoming President
440-9690

GENERAL MONTHLY MEETINGS

Zoom Virtual Business Meeting, 11:00 am, Tuesday, January 12th

Zoom Virtual Program, Tuesday, January 12th, immediately following the Business Meeting - TBA



Zoom Virtual Business Meeting, 11:00 am, Tuesday, February 9th

Zoom Virtual Program, Tuesday, February 9th, immediately following the Business Meeting - "A Stroll Down Memory Lane of Early Broadcast Black and White TV" by Jim

Hanlon. Jim will review jobs he had during the summers of 1956-1958 during the early years as a relief engineer at WCPO-TV in Cincinnati, Ohio.

James T. Hanlon, "Jim," has been a licensed amateur since 1952 and W8KGI since 1970. He has BEE, MS and PhD degrees in Electrical Engineering from Ohio State, and worked as a television engineer for WCPO-TV, Cincinnati, taught Electrical Engineering at Ohio State while getting his last degree, and worked for Bell Labs and Sandia National Labs in components design. Jim collects and restores "vintage" amateur equipment, and currently has 24 receivers, 42 transmitters, and 3 transceivers on the air. He is retired and lives in Sandia Park, New Mexico, where his antennas are at 6900 feet elevation above sea level.



He has previously presented: "126 Years of High Frequency Amateur Radio Innovation" tracking the evolution of amateur radio from Marconi's Sparks in 1894 through CW, AM, SSB and digital technology to the present SDR Transceivers of 2020."



Ellen Biernacki
2020/2021 Entertainment Chair
296-1036

POPEJOY PERFORMANCES ARE POSTPONED AT LEAST UNTIL MARCH 12, 2021.

2020/2021 Season - Popejoy

(To get the Popejoy group rates, we need a minimum of 10 people going to a show.)

- Viva MOMIX—Fri, Mar 12, 2021, 7:30 pm
- Canadian Brass—Fri, Apr 16, 2021, 7:30 pm (2019/2020 Season)
- Broadway Princess Party—Sun, May 2, 2021, 3:00 pm (2019/2020 Season)
- A Mariachi Mother's Day—Sun, May 9, 2021, 3:00 pm
- Jersey Boys—Thu, May 13-Sun, May 16, 2021, various times
- The Righteous Brothers — Sun, May 23, 2021, 3:00 pm
- Anastasia—Thu, Jun 10-Sun, Jun 13, 2021, various times
- Come From Away—Wed, Jul 21 -Sun, Jul 25, 2021, various times (2019/2020 Season)
- Hamilton--Wed, Aug 18-Sun, Sep 5, 2021, various times (2019/2020 Season)

- Killer Queen—Sat, Sep 25, 2021, 8:00 pm (2019/2020 Season)
- Hairspray—Thu, Oct 14-Sun, Oct 17, 2021, various times (2019/2020 Season)
- The Daily Show Writers Comedy Tour—Saturday, Oct 16, 2021, 8 pm
- Cirque Mechanics (Birdhouse Factory) - Friday, Nov 12, 2021, 7:30 pm
- Capitol Steps—Sunday, Nov 14, 2021, 3:00 pm
- Christmas with The 5 Browns—Friday, Dec 17, 2021, 7:30 pm

2021/2022 Season - Popejoy

- The Temptations—Thursday, Jan 13, 2022, 7:30 pm
- The Peking Acrobats— Friday, Feb 11, 2022, 7:30 pm
- Ailey II—Friday, Feb 18, 2022, 7:30 pm
- The Glenn Miller Orchestra—Sunday, Feb 20, 2022, 3:00 pm
- Lucy Loves Desi—Friday, Mar 11, 2022, 7:30 pm
- Danú—Thursday, Mar 17, 2022, 7:30 pm
- Macbeth—Sunday, Mar 20, 2022, 3:00 pm
- Bessie, Billie & Nina—Pioneering Women in Jazz— Sunday, Mar 27, 2022, 3:00 pm
- Drum Tao—Fri, Apr 1, 2022, 7:30 pm (2019/2020 Season)
- A Tribute to Aretha Franklin: The Queen of Soul—**TBD 2021/2022 Season**
- American Ballet Theatre Studio Company—**TBD 2021/2022 Season**
- Sweet Honey in the Rock®: A Tribute to Prince—**TBD 2021/2022 Season**
- The TEN Tenors—**TBD 2021/2022 Season**

Adobe Theater

Closed for in-person shows. In the meantime, enjoy The Adobe's online season of events (www.adobetheater.org).

Upcoming Events—Krapp's Last Tape, Virtually streaming Thursday-Saturday, Jan 14-16, 2021, at 7:30 pm and Sunday, Jan 17, 2021, at 2:00 pm. Revered Albuquerque actors and directors James Cady and Philip J. Shortell will ALTERNATE performances, directed by each other. They chose this play to do together because they are longtime friends and nearing the twilight of their years! And patrons no doubt will want to watch both performances as each of these actors bring their own personalities to this one-man show. Tickets available soon.

Albuquerque Little Theatre

The Box Office is closed until further notice. You may check www.albuquerquelittletheatre.org to find out about current ticket reservations.



Pete Havey, Sr.
2020/2021 Membership Chair
268-6816

Escort privileges are suspended due to COVID-19 safety protocols.

Our Club fiscal year is from January to December, so please remember to pay your annual dues no later than January 31, 2021. Dues are still only \$15.00 per year, per person wanting a Kirtland AFB badge. Please send your checks by January 31, 2021,

made out to "Coronado Thunderbirds,"

to:

Pete Havey, Sr.
917 Georgia ST SE
Albuquerque, NM 87108

Mountain View Club (MVC) Activities

There is no information in January 2021 "The Blast" about Meals To Go.

KAFB Activities

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 conditions on KAFB and in the surrounding area, the installation commander is extending the Declaration of a Public Health Emergency, dated March 13, 2020. This declaration renewal will terminate on **Jan. 31, 2021**.

For now, Kirtland Lanes and the Mountain View Club are closed. Tijeras Arroyo Golf Course has 25% capacity, and its Bogey Bar & Grill has 25% patio dining and take-out.

BOGEY BAR & GRILL
CARRY OUT

let's do **LUNCH**

Tijeras Arroyo Golf Course
846-7835

<i>monday</i>	Chicken Adobo with Rice and Vegetables: \$7
<i>tuesday</i>	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce & Garlic Bread: \$7
<i>wednesday</i>	Mongolian Chicken over Rice: \$7
<i>thursday</i>	Tortilla Shell Taco Salad: \$7
<i>friday</i>	Chicken Fried Steak with Creamy White Pepper Gravy, Mashed Potatoes and Vegetables: \$7



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Connie DeFoe
2020/2021 Publicity/Newsletter/Web Site Chair