

# SENIOR MOMENTS

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## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

On Tuesday March 10, 2020 the Old Guard Meeting wrapped up, our things were put away, the bridge players closed up shop, and we went home. Yes, we knew about the virus, and we had some idea that it would somehow affect our lives for a while. It might even force us to change the way we operated, and it might even be with us for a few weeks but, once we got past it, things would return to normal.

On Tuesday October 5, 2021 things returned to normal, somewhat, but not completely. True, we were back under the familiar roof of the Ethical Culture Society of Westchester, there were fewer chairs, spaced further apart, a television in the front of the room showed little boxes with some of our friends and fellow members in them. Something like the little boxes that we ourselves occupied over the previous 18 months and 18 days of OG meetings. But there was coffee and donut holes. We were home.

Over that time away we learned a lot. We learned how resilient we are, how ZOOM works, how we can mute and unmute ourselves (well some of us learned anyway), how much we like each other, how we help each other, that life goes on even under difficult circumstances, how much a hug, or a handshake, or a pat on the back, or even a fist-bump can mean.

Mostly we learned that we have a lot to offer, to ourselves, to our fellow members, and to our community. Now that we are home, let's commit to making things even better.

*Steve Auerbach*

Actively seeking new articles. Articles, photos and poems can be e-mailed to the editor, [mholstein@optonline.net](mailto:mholstein@optonline.net)

# Old Guard Marches in White Plains Memorial Day Parade

**SUBMITTED BY STEVE LOEWENGART**

Our proud new banner announced our presence as vital participants in Westchester County. The fact that we were marching as a group made several parade watchers take notice and led them to ask about what we do. Thanks to Paul Schneiderman and Gene Kava for spearheading our presence at the parade.



Old guard members fill the stands at the May 25<sup>th</sup> Hudson Renegades baseball game.

# University of Pennsylvania Honors Robert Sandler



On the weekend of May 16th, Bob Sandler's granddaughter, Eliza, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. This continued a Sandler family tradition. His son, Thomas, graduated in 1987 and was celebrating his 35th reunion and Bob was celebrating the 70th reunion of his class of 1952.

As his class President, Bob had received a call from the alumni office of the University of Pennsylvania asking if he would be Marshall of the alumni parade. This was a great honor to receive.

On graduation weekend, Bob proudly led the parade of over 5000 Alumni through the middle of the campus and to the reviewing stand.

On the day of commencement, the class Presidents proudly held up their class flags, creating an historic pathway which the new graduates marched through on their way to Franklin field and their graduation.

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## RAINY DAYS AND THURSDAYS DON'T GET US DOWN!

This morning it rained. After studying wind and cloud patterns, Steve Auerbach predicted that the rain would end at 9:25 AM which was just five minutes before our planned departure time. Several members were non-believers in this prediction and opted to stay dry at home. As 9:25 AM arrived, Steve Auerbach was proven to be on target. The walk proceeded as scheduled.

The walk went ahead with only our stalwart members led by Steve Auerbach and Joanne, Bob Stein, and Steve Loewengart. This intrepid group of Old Guard members were rewarded with a lovely walk through a lush segment of the Bronx River Reservation. Steve Auerbach even was able to find a hidden geo-cache camouflaged in the middle of the woods.

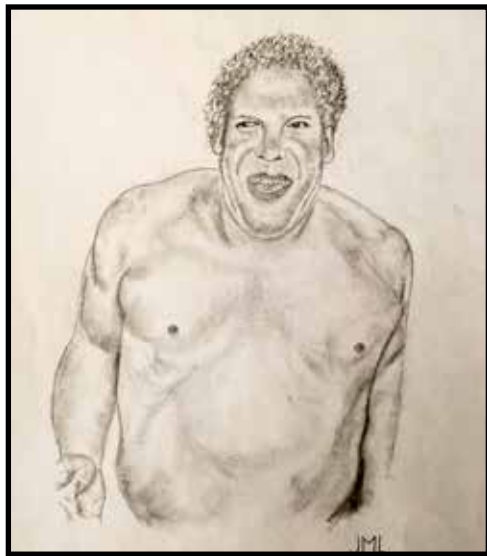
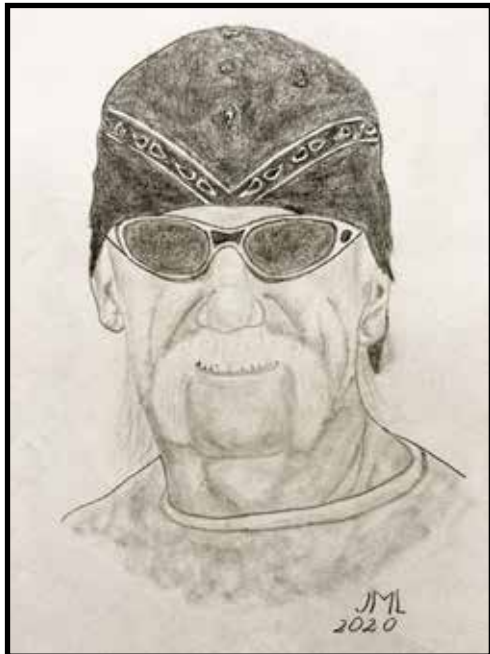
*by Steve Loewengart*



*Join us Thursday mornings for our weekly walk!  
Feel free to bring a guest. For more information:  
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# ART & POETRY CORNER



Julian Leventhal has created portraits of these famous wrestlers. Can you identify them?

Answer: Hulk Hogan  
Andre the Giant



This carrot was meant for walking!  
*Photograph by Michael Holstein*



**New York state primaries include the races for U.S. Senate, governor, lieutenant governor and state assembly.**

**Early voting for the elections begins June 18 and Election Day is June 28**



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