

# SENIOR MOMENTS

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## THE MAGIC CONTINUES

Old Guard meetings  
continue despite the  
pandemic



### Engaging Old Guard Meetings and Programs Continue on Zoom

As we begin to regain our stride, *Steve Auerbach*, Chairman of the programming committee is happy to announce the resumption of our weekly events, alternating between speakers and discussions of Timely Topics.

April is National Poetry Month, (as well a National Humor Month). On **Tuesday April 21 at 11:00 AM**, following our regular Old Guard meeting, we will have an online presentation by several members of the Poetry Caravan, and perhaps a few special guests. They will be reading poetry, some of their own and some by other authors, with which the men of the OG can enjoy and identify. We invite our members to share with us poetry that they have written or find interesting or humorous. If you are interested in joining the presenters, please let me know at [stevauer@taconic.net](mailto:stevauer@taconic.net), by Sunday April 19, and we will slot you into the program. (*Editors note: If any OG member has written any poems they would like published in Senior Moments, email them to [mholstein@optonline.net](mailto:mholstein@optonline.net)*)

On **Tuesday April 28 at 11:00 AM**, we will resume our Timely Topics discussions with a change of pace. Irwin Robinson will lead an online discussion on Our First Serious Date. (listener discretion is advised.)

Lastly, **Tuesday May 5 at 11:00 AM**, our guest will be Malia DuMond of Bard College. She will present a program on China who has certainly become a major player on the world stage, and who promises to continue in that role in the future. This program will either be in person or online as conditions dictate.

Be on the lookout for emails from Alan Stern announcing the Zoom meeting number and password information necessary to enter these meetings.



## WHEN I GREW UP: RECOLLECTIONS OF MY YOUTH

**PAUL CIOFFARI**

When I grew up in New Rochelle during the 1950's, there were no play dates. You went outside and played with whomever was on your block. Wednesday night was Prince Spaghetti night. Our baseball field was in the street-home plate was a sewer cover, first base was a telephone pole, second base was a street sign, third base was a tree. I recently went back to "the block" and the only thing missing was third base which had been cut down. The Episcopal Church is now part of Iona College as is Mayflower Elementary School. My junior high, Albert Leonard, is now City Hall. How many of you know who Albert Leonard was?

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## ABBOTT AND COSTELLO IN THE COMPUTER AGE

**SUBMITTED BY  
MORT GENN**

You have to be old enough to remember Abbott and Costello, and too old to REALLY understand computers, to fully appreciate this. For those of us who sometimes get flustered by our computers, please read on...

If Bud Abbott and Lou Costello were alive today, their infamous sketch, 'Who's on First?' might have turned out something like this:

COSTELLO CALLS TO BUY A COMPUTER FROM ABBOTT

**ABBOTT:** Super Duper computer store. Can I help you?

**COSTELLO:** Thanks. I'm setting up an office in my den and I'm thinking about buying a computer.

**ABBOTT:** Mac?

**COSTELLO:** No, the name's Lou.

**ABBOTT:** Your computer?

**COSTELLO:** I don't own a computer. I want to buy one.  
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## TO BEARD OR NOT TO BEARD

**BOB SANDLER  
FASHION EDITOR**

What do we do at this unusual time in our history, and the world? We are social distancing ourselves: reading, watching TV and walking around looking for things to do. We are staying safe and of course pondering what we will be eating for lunch and dinner.

So, after many years of shaving every day, I skipped one, then two, then a week and after several months of skipping, I now have a scruffy beard. I really did not plan to, but I found out that if you don't use a razor that's what happens...

Then I told my wife I would shave on Monday, but didn't tell her what Monday! Now when she glances at me she says, "I can't look at you". That's not the man I married". Well, I had a choice (or did I?). We have been married 66 years, and at this stage of my life, I wondered if this silly, scruffy hair on my face was worth her NO!

I surely would love Bobbie to look at me... So here I am..... What do you think?

Stay well and healthy..... *Bob Sandler*

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# HOW DO YOU WEAR YOUR MASK??



JML

*Art by Julian Leventhal*

**ABBOTT:** Mac?

**COSTELLO:** I told you, my name's Lou.

**ABBOTT:** What about Windows?

**COSTELLO:** Why? Will it get stuffy in here?

**ABBOTT:** Do you want a computer with Windows?

**COSTELLO:** I don't know. What will I see when I look at the windows?

**ABBOTT:** Wallpaper.

**COSTELLO:** Never mind the windows. I need a computer and software.

**ABBOTT:** Software for Windows?

**COSTELLO:** No. On the computer! I need something I can use to write proposals, track expenses and run my business. What do you have?

**ABBOTT:**Office.

**COSTELLO:** Yeah, for my office. Can you recommend anything?

**ABBOTT:** I just did.

**COSTELLO:** You just did what?

**ABBOTT:** Recommend something.

**COSTELLO:** You recommended something?

**ABBOTT:** Yes.

**COSTELLO:** For my office?

**ABBOTT:** Yes.

**COSTELLO:**OK, what did you recommend for my office?

**ABBOTT:** Office.

**COSTELLO:** Yes, for my office!

**ABBOTT:** I recommend Office with Windows.

**COSTELLO:** I already have an office with windows! OK, let's just say I'm sitting at my computer and I want to type a proposal. What do I need?

**ABBOTT:** Word.

**COSTELLO:** What word?

**ABBOTT:** Word in Office.

**COSTELLO:** The only word in office is office.

**ABBOTT:** The Word in Office for Windows.

**COSTELLO:** Which word in office for windows?

**ABBOTT:** The Word you get when you click the blue 'W.'

**COSTELLO:** I'm going to click your blue 'w' if you don't start with some straight answers. What about financial book-keeping? You have anything I can track my money with?

**ABBOTT:** Money.

**COSTELLO:** That's right. What do you have?

**ABBOTT:** Money.

**COSTELLO:** I need money to track my money?

**ABBOTT:** It comes bundled with your computer.

**COSTELLO:** What's bundled with my computer?

**ABBOTT:** Money.

**COSTELLO:** Money comes with my computer?

**ABBOTT:** Yes, no extra charge.

**COSTELLO:** I get a bundle of money with my computer? How much?

**ABBOTT:** One copy.

**COSTELLO:** Isn't it illegal to copy money?

**ABBOTT:** Microsoft gave us a license to copy Money.

**COSTELLO:** They can give you a license to copy money?

**ABBOTT:** Why not? THEY OWN IT!

*(A few days later)*

**ABBOTT:** Super Duper computer store. Can I help you?

**COSTELLO:** How do I turn my computer off?

**ABBOTT:** Click on



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