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Responses to previous topics

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#8.. Jim is so pleased that the Fat Boy is gone.. nothing like science... to think that Trump switched parties 7 times.. I guess he's now a Republican. Not sure he even knows..he can't read..he prefers picture for his briefing..doesn't trust his intelligence groups..loves Putin..and to think he was going to drain the swamp??? .. you don't like the Democratic's because of their policies (what policies..The Fat Boys part was in control..but yet it's the giveaway Dems policies??.. The Fat Boy has more NDAs then there are birds in the sky's.. lost 59 of 60 law suits.. (just because you say it..doesn't make it true)... and tell me.. if you have a wife.. daughter.. female in your life...and you still voted for T.. then you missed the famous Bill Bush(Trump)!bus video.. made me sick to my stomach...so Jim sleeps better..with a normal guy in the WH.. and for those Evangelical who still think that T is ok.. then I would suggest you re- read the Bible.. if that still first change your mind.. try looking in a mirror

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This week's topics:

1. Do you think your end-of-life arrangements are in order? If you are married, are all your assets, accounts & investments in both names? Funerals taken care of?

Got a will made?

2. How about sharing "favorite things" you like to do with your grandchildren?

3. Macular degeneration - How are you dealing with it?

4. Arthritis - How are you dealing with it?

5. COVID thoughts

6. Joint replaced? How's it doing?

7. Dime store memories.

8. Telephone operators - memories

9. What are the biggest challenges your country is facing right now?

10. Topics for next week?

<u>and responses:</u>

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whenever any of our children or grandchildren come over, it's a thing we do, have masking tape and a marker on the table, they can mark whatever they like or want .....someday. We have our funeral arrangements ready the family. Hoping to save them grief and trying to figure things out. Lots of masking tape around the house. Ha

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5. COVID Thoughts – Guys, does the COVID test where they shove a Q-tip up your nose and try to scrape the back of your skull, remind you of another test? It reminds me of the Prostate Exam where the Dr. shoves something else up the other end. For me it's a similar invasion. The COVID testers have put new meaning to that old teenage expression "Up Yours."

My wife and I also got our 1st vaccine shots last week. UW-Madison has been vaccinating workers that have to be on campus. They had extra doses so at 9:40 pm on Wednesday, they started inviting other elderly staff and our names came up. We feel lucky.

4. Arthritis – the scourge of getting old. I have osteoarthritis and have had 2 knees and 1 hip replaced with mechanical joints. They work just fine. I can ski, bike and hike. I don't run anymore and don't miss it either. If your doctor says you need a joint – do it so you can stay active.

Barbara Thalacker - bthalacker@comcast.net

1. The end of life details are handled thru our trust and the pourer will. I am still going to try to prepare a "memorial service" road map with hymns, etc.

2. My favorite things to do with our grandchildren and nieces/nephews and "greats" are to talk with them. They range in age from 40 something down to 3 years old and are such interesting, kind, smart, clever and inquisitive humans.

4. Arthritis is awful. I take a daily anti-inflammatory. Just the way it is.

5. Finally there is hope. The new White House response will be organized, but a long way to go. We got our first shot, but supplies are limited.

6. Bilateral total knee replacements in July 2016 and they have taken 30 years off. No pain and lots of running up and down stairs. So grateful.

8. I was a switchboard operator for several years at Valparaiso University. First the old fashion cord kind and later a lever. It was a lot of fun and we had to keep messages for everyone. MC-WCB. (male caller-will call back) (Mom called) etc.

9. Trying to right the heartless evil and selfishness of the last administration. Joe will have his hands full, but has made a good start in the first weeks already on trans in military, immigration plan, coordinated covid response team, pipeline, diversity in his team, national park protection, environmental protections and the like. And complete, cogent, articulate sentences are like a breath of fresh air. And doesn't Dr. Faucci look about 20 years younger already? Time to get to work.

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9. - A big challenge facing our country right now: - The toxic view that my enemies are people who don't vote like I do is hurting us. We have neighbors in our 162-home community (in Reno, NV) who strongly supported President Trump. I'm a lifelong Democrat, but we're all neighborly when we see each other out walking. Politics isn't discussed, but we sort of know each other's views because of bumper stickers or lettering on caps. I think people are less likely to insult someone face-to-face than on the internet.

A lighter topic: Snow - I still miss Wisconsin, even after 42 years in Florida and 8 years in Nevada.

However, walking in about 3" of snow which we got last night (they got a foot or more up in the foothills) and hearing it crunch under my feet brought back winter memories of Wisconsin.

Thanks Kent for your work on this newsletter.

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1. We will be cremated, have not made plans. Boy we never thought about that when we were young!!!

2. WE play board games and pool with the boys, we play golf and curl with the oldest.

3. I have some degeneration, but it is holding right now.

4. I have very bad arthritis, I get an infusion shot once a month, plus some medicine. It had taken me to hardly walking and my hands were half way shut. My friend just kept after me to use Shaklee, I said no for about three years, I finally gave in. It took about four months before I felt like I was maybe going to live a normal live again. As I was getting better a drug that I get the infusion came out. I stayed on Shaklee plus the shot and yes I have pain, I do not walk over two blocks, and my hands defiantly look and feel like I have arthritis but I keep moving a lot, I play golf using a cart, and curl with a stick, and refuse to let it stop me.

6. I have a new knee, and a complete shoulder replacement. doing good

7. I remember walking around the dime store with a quarter, for an hour, wondering what I could buy.

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01; My will is in order I am single with no dependents so not much to do. Friends and family don't really need my money. What little i have will go to a few select nonprofits so my executor will have an easy time. Note: I intend for my executor to have a long wait.

04; I deal with it like everyone else. Keep moving, exercise and don't get carried away with lifting: and keep the aleve close at hand.

05; The vaccine is here and I got mine, still need the booster. Biden is a bit more transparent as to what is going on and I think the Democrats have a plan. Trump and associates screwed this up royally. Warp Speed and producing a reasonable vaccine quickly was good; but nothing but misinformation on everything else. As people get vaccinated things can resume as normal as possible by summer/fall. Dont trust herd immunity. Either you get the shot and are protected or you dont get it and will get covid eventually. I dont intend to stop mask wearing till it is

deemed safe for all .

09. Lots to do here.; Just the headlines!

Finish up covid vaccinations; Biggest challenge is getting everyone vaccinated. Once that is done work and schools can return to normal with reasonable safety. That will solve a lot of problems

Start on infrastructure repairs; Its got to be paid for...taxes. We can't just charge the repairs and pay later. We have done too much of that. We have charged all of the covid repair and that bill is huge and will need to paid for eventually. Infrastructure construction will.need fiscal responsibility with sensibility. We cannot just ignore it till the bridge falls down or the grid blows up. You borrow what you need but it has to be paid for. Taxes. The future will never shower us with free money; never has never will.

Immigration; needs to get bipartisan plan done so we dont keep redoing it every few years.

Elections: Need to restore confidence in our election by recognizing that there is not wide spread fraud and stop looking to solve something that isnt there, Need to redistrict and do away with gerrymandering. Nonpartisan commission if one can be found.

Gene Hafermann - genehafermann@charter.net

1. We do have an estate plan that includes a will, but it needs to be updated. We know what each other wants related to end of life arrangements, but have not yet set up and paid for funeral arrangements. It’s on my TO DO list.

2. I like just hanging out with our grandkids when we can. Playing games, watching them play, asking questions, do projects. But with 7 of our 9 out in LA, CA, we haven’t seen them in person for almost 2 years.

3. My eye doctor says the only thing I can do for my macular degeneration is to take the AREDS 2 supplement to help slow it down. So far I still only need reading glasses. I can still spot deer at 400 yards. But I tend to need more light to see good.

4. My wife has arthritis and so far cortisone shots have helped her a lot, but they only seem to last about 6 months. Personally I have been fortunate to not experience

arthritis.

5. Hope to get our covid vaccine shots within the next couple weeks. Will continue to mask, social distance, and avoid businesses that don't support and enforce mask mandates. We are certainly thankful to be retired with no kids at home during this pandemic.

6. No joint replacements for either of us so far. I do golf with guys who have had knee and hip replacements and most of them seem to be doing well.

9. Biggest challenge is fighting mis information, racism, and white supremacy. Must find ways to help those in need whether they are among us or coming in from other countries.

Roger Fritz - fritzcat11@yahoo.com

We have started to be driven by politicians , both sides, trying for popularity by giving things to people. Also too much "them and us". Our success in the USA has come from the precepts of the Founding Fathers. Their main idea to me seems to be that if you leave all individuals alone to do their own thing and that if their thing doesn't harm others, society will thrive. It has worked, needing government only to correct the big flaws that developed eg. ending slavery. Just as athletic competition has developed some pretty dam good athletes, social competition like getting good education and having a work ethic, will produce success. Put in the time and effort and you will prosper.

We broke up the empires of the Robber Barons in the past to break up monopolies and encourage competition, and need government to do some more of that now. Nazi and communist propaganda has never turned out well.

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Whether Republican or Democrat, it's nice to have an adult in the White House again.

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Just thought I'd alert everybody to a new crime wave that is going on everywhere in the country.

Car jacking are up 400% THIS year in Chicago and it's only January. (1,200 as of last week)
It's up all over the country.

Be alert ! It seems to be teenagers to age 30. They are stealing, all over the place. They watch for people by themselves not paying attention, looking at their phones, texting. NOT paying attention to your surroundings! They are stealing from people's own driveways, when they are leaving their house or coming home. Before you know it, there is a gun in your face.

Last night an off duty female cop was parking her car at her house/apartment, she was getting out of her car & a car pulled up behind her with 4 guys. Getting out, she had a gun in her face. Stole her purse, gun & car! (9:30 pm) Stealing cars at gas stations, even with kids/ infants in the back. It's even been done at red lights. Food delivery drivers are getting their cars stolen, even UBER drivers.

At first , I thought it was only Chicago, BUT carjackings are up all over the country.

I'm pro wearing masks because of the COVID, but masks & guns are part of the problem.

There was a video of a guy looking at his phone while sitting in his car ,either parked on the street or at a red light. . Another car pulled up along side of him. It pulled up a bit ahead of him on the drivers side . The passenger got out, opened his driver car door before he realized it, had a gun aimed at him. He got out & the guy took his car. PLUS the other car already was a stolen car too. Amazingly, they didn't steal his phone in his hand. So far only a couple car jackers have been arrested.
(With these new keyless cars, if they don't have the key, they can't be started again.)

No one is safe. Be aware of your surroundings, put the phone down. (It is against the law in Illinois, to text while driving, or have it in your hand while driving.) I also think, leave most Credit cards, bank cards at home.

WHAT NEXT! Give me the 1960's !