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Responses to previous topics:

Jim McEvers - jim.mcevers@frontier.com

Yep I was once a Republican..not any more..I still believe in honesty..don't cheat..pay your bills..not hookers..drain the swamp.. did that really happy..replace Obama care?.reduce taxes by 35% for the middle class???.oh and if any FATHER, MOTHER say the Billy Bush video.. “ if you are famous you can grab any woman by the P..and get away with it..

Yep Jim has a daughter..and no man should be Pres if he talks about women as if they are a piece of MEAT.. so you know know why Jim is so so pleased with the Fat Guy...is no longer our President..plus he can't read..no retention..short memory is gone..Joe may have lost a few steps.. but he still.

Has character.. values.. and let's not fall back on FOX news that Joe became rich from ??? It's book deals.. by both his wife and Joe..speaking engagements..oh and he paid taxes on his earring .. not the \$750 that the Fat Boy paid.. I can go on and on about riots... well I can tell you that in the middle of the demonstration we're WHITE RICH GUYS..who took high mend items from Nordys and sold them...yes he lost his scholarship to SMU.. got caught.. Dad was heading up the Republican Party in WA

So yes I'm a former Republican who still hold truth and values.. not a creep from NY who will be in court for years to come

Lenore Haferman <lenorehaferman@yahoo.com>

I loved Chuck's Holiday Inn Idea.

This week's topics:

1. Your thoughts about this video - Touring Wisconsin Rapids with John McGivern

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CD5Cwmlku9U>

2. If you still live in your home town, how come you never attend a class reunion - or do you?

3. Have the COVID shutdowns affected you or your kid's finances? How?

4. How often do you curse? And what's your go-to string of curse words?

5. Is socialism or the US a good idea? Why or why not?

6. Heading south for the winter? Where ya goin'?

7. How often do you help others? Who do you help? How do you help?

8. Do you like reality TV shows? Why or why not? If so, which ones?

9. When was the last time you went to a movie theater?

10. What was the last book you read?

11. What do you take with you everywhere you go?

12. Whatever else, maybe a topic for next week?

and responses:

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5. Socialism is misunderstood and has been used by the alt-right as a dirty word. Socialism exists in many iterations. Simply explained, a shared wealth exists, where society takes care of the elderly, disabled who can't work, children who, thru labor laws, aren't allowed to work under the age of 16, and people with physical or mental health conditions who can't work due to such conditions are supported by tax income. Large corporations would pay their fair share and those who are extremely wealthy would bear their equal cost. This country has gone upside down as there are so many tax breaks at the top, that those in the middle class and below have to pay more taxes per dollar earned than those nearer the top. Some of the other centralized services paid for thru taxes include police, fires, roads and bridges, lawmakers, public land preservation, parks, health systems, support for segments of the population such as farmers, manufacturing credits, common lands, public fisheries, conservation efforts, air and water quality, public schools, to name just a very few. Canada, for example, has some of the benefits of a society more socialistic than ours, such as health care for. The US has some of the benefits of a more capitalistic society, such as more accumulated wealth at the top. The US is a balance that benefits both ends and is able to, when done right, to take care of each other.

7. For the past ten or so years, I have volunteered with hospice. All of the clients I have companioned thru their last months, or sometimes years, have given me far more than I have given to them. Recently, I am volunteering at a weekly respite center for unhoused people, living their lives on the streets of the city. Many have mental health issues, or are not he street thru no fault of their own, whether thru the disease of alcohol or drug addiction or poverty from lack of opportunity or the like. We offer a place to rest for a few hours out of the heat or cold, books, snacks and clothing, as well as social contact. One man entertains us with his guitar and another plays jazz or pop music on the piano. Soon there will be a second center at another local church. There are navigators from social services who meet with our guests to connect them with food, housing or a job.

8. My favorite reality show is "The Amazing Race". It allows me to travel the world without leaving my chair during the pandemic. During this time, I have become obsessed with British mysteries on Acorn and BritBox.

7 The last 4 books I read are by Ruth Reichl, the consummate foodie, last Managing Editor of Gourmet magazine. I also have cooked more in the last 10 months than in the last 10 years. I have only been inside a restaurant during this entire pandemic because of the lockdown. And then we were only one of 2 parties inside...no longer allowed now because of cases. Unfortunately, some people have not understood that masks protect everyone. Either that lesson will be learned, or we will continue to

die at these high rates. I guess Wisconsin/Minnesota, and the Dakotas are finally learning this too.

1. And the first question. The travel interview was so entertaining. Well done. Cranberries, architecture and the paper mill (which was responsible for my food, clothing, shelter and education growing up).

I so appreciate this newsletter for the connection to home. Note: more of home which isn't divisive and less about politics, which is. Most people don't disagree with the beauty of central Wisconsin.

Chris Gorski sends this link: A "Trip Down Memory Lane.

How is this For Nostalgia?

<http://packautomotivemuseum.com/nostalgia.html>

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8. - Reality TV shows

I've watched Dancing with the Stars since it began in 2005. Ballroom and Latin dancing are so great to watch when done well. Nonprofessional dancers from retired football players to gymnasts and ice skaters have competed over the years. ABC got rid of long-time co-hosts Tom Bergeron and Erin Andrews this season and brought in Tyra Banks as host. Not everyone likes the new host, but I still love the show.

11. - Last book I've read

That would be At Bertram's Hotel by Agatha Christie. The book was published in 1965, and Christie had been writing mysteries since 1920. I'm a huge fan of her mysteries, especially those with Miss Marple as her detective. To think that a woman was able to make a living writing mysteries, starting in 1920, is amazing to me. She is still read to this day.

I'm now reading another mystery called The Blue Last by Martha Grimes. Her books are great too, mostly set in England. Each book's title is the name of an English pub which fits into the mystery, and her detective is Richard Jury.

With all the noise and division in American politics these days, it's nice to escape into a mystery

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The McGivern video was as much fun to do as it was to watch. Tom really enjoyed doing the segment at Historic Point Basse. He teaches a cast iron cooking class every fall and this year had a guy from Minnesota want to join the class just to make the bean hole beans. Unfortunately, the class was canceled this year due to Covid. This particular segment was taped in September 2016.

We both still live in our hometown. He has gone to several AHS class reunions and I have gone to just one of his and one of mine.

Our friends up north (Boulder Junction) laugh when we tell them we are heading south for the winter. They think it's hysterical that we only go 2 hours south. That makes us several hours north of where they live most of the year.

I cannot remember the last time we saw a movie in an actual theater. Both of the libraries we use do movies and we haven't even been to them for a couple of years. Nothing we want to see.

I read several books a week. The last one was the latest in the Stephanie Plum series by Janet Evanovich.

I take my water bottle, my purse and my knitting wherever I go.

Chuck Hiners - chuck@crgfinancialconsulting.com

Thanks for digging up the video and sharing it is a great piece of work. At the 50th reunion Heilman, Gene Hafermann and I had lunch at Andy's on Saturday August 15. The food was better than mediocre.

Mike Keiser has unearthed a gem in Sand Valley with the help of architects Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw.

Now if we can get a visionary to figure out what to do with the paper mill

I remember Terry Stake on WFHR in the 70s and 80s with guarantee-cotton-pickin-teeing.

My go tos are unprintable

Roger Fritz - fritzcat11@yahoo.com

1. Your thoughts about this video - Touring Wisconsin Rapids with John McGivern - Enjoyed it and watched it twice.

2. If you still live in your home town, how come you never attend a class reunion - or do you?

I live in Virginia and still attend them. One positive aspect I enjoy is meeting "kids" I had not hung with. Some of my classmates have very interesting spouses.

4. How often do you curse? And what's your go-to string of curse words?

My Mom, now in Heaven, would be pissed (oops!) if she caught me swearing. Forty three years in construction taught me a second language...laced with curse words. The list is too long and Mom would object to me listing them here.

5. Is socialism or the US a good idea? Why or why not?

Socialism has a broad range of definitions from Communism and National Socialism (German Nazis) to just helping out people in need. The more folks can do on their own, the better. This bullshit (oops!) about bureaucrats micromanaging every aspect of society in the name of fixing the virus is a good example of why less socialism is better. Individual initiative is what made the US great and successful and gets er done.

6. Heading south for the winter? Where ya goin? - Hell! (oops!) Virginia is the south. Nice average climate.

7. How often do you help others? Who do you help? How do you help?

I seem to like doing other people's work more than my own and often volunteer my services. We have a big church yard sale and it keeps me busy processing donations. We had a big storm last week that raised the level of the lake (Smith Mountain Lake) I went around the neighborhood and secured all the crap (oops!) folks left on their docks including two boats that had floated off their boat lifts. Now that the tics are gone, I'll get back to cutting up trees that have tipped over and in some cases have fallen onto sheds and lawns. I've also recently dropped off potatoes to various soup kitchens and charities that distribute food.

10. What was the last book you read? - Dam (oops!) good question. I'm reading,

and rereading one now, but can't remember the title? Something about building the first US Navy frigates. Kent's The Military News Letter....

11. What do you take with you everywhere you go? - My wife.