



THE MILE VIEW



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MILE – Touching Base

This has been a strange time, hasn't it? At the beginning of this academic year, it seemed as if things were going to proceed as usual for MILE. After a successful first semester, our industrious Curriculum Committee planned a spring term with engaging and thought-provoking presentations. Our calendar was set, we were ready to go...and then the coronavirus struck. The Middlesex Community College Campus was closed and folks our age were advised to shelter at home.

But before we prematurely curtailed our spring semester, the MILE Advisory Committee was able to finalize several of our annual responsibilities:

- We funded \$1,500 for the annual MILE scholarship.
- We also donated \$5,000 to the Middlesex Foundation.
- MILE submitted our annual contribution of 30% of our members' dues to MxCC.
- As of March 10th, there was \$5,170.00 in the Extra MILE Fund provided by your generous donations.

With so much in flux, we have been planning on how we could safely bring a close to this year and preserve some of the traditions that are so much a part of MILE. Here is our plan:

ANNUAL MEETING: MILE will conduct the business of our Annual Meeting through email. On June 1st, all members will receive an email with the Annual Meeting Agenda. It will include: 1.) a copy of the proposed 2020-21 budget, 2.) a copy of the proposed changes to the MILE By-Laws, and 3.) the proposed slate of officers for 2020-2022. You will also receive a Survey Monkey link so that you can anonymously vote on these three items, once you have reviewed them. Those, who do not have email access, will be sent these items by the U.S. mail. Members will have until June 15th to complete and submit their votes. Members will receive the final results after the June Advisory Board meeting.

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON: The date for the Volunteer Luncheon is on hold for now. We are definitely planning to honor those of you who have given of your time and efforts over the past year. We just need to wait to see when it will be possible to schedule an event with a larger gathering, such as this, at the college. We will keep you informed as soon as a date can be scheduled.

Another piece of sad news from this spring, one of MILE's founding members, Philomena McKinstry, aged 93 of Portland, died of coronavirus in April.

Looking Ahead

So even though as of this writing we remain quarantined, the MILE Advisory Council and Curriculum Committee have been looking ahead with hopes of reopening in the fall. They have scheduled speakers for the fall semester, but as of this writing, neither Governor Lamont nor MxCC has not yet made a determination about the start of school. We will send out an email blast as soon as we get any information. I will also be sending you another MILE View at the end of the summer to update you as to the status of the schedule. You may also check **our website** www.mileonline.org for the latest information.

We are looking forward to the time when we can all be together again to appreciate the offerings at MILE. In the meantime, please stay safe.

Loretta Rubin

Chair, MILE Advisory Board