

July-August 2020

Writing this article for July-August, I'm watching snow fall on that began on Easter Sunday and has carried into Monday. Life in Colorado is great. This article is shorter than usual, probably because few of you have been able to get out and around. I hope by now most of you slipped the surly bonds of "stay at home" and spread your wings.

One way the Annapolis Breakfast Group has overcome the "stay at home" restriction is Zoom meetings. Below is a picture of one of the initial meetings. Pictured are **Jimmy Persels, Ace Sarich, Tom Grim, Rodger Carter, Don Jackson, Charlie Jones, Steve Niss, Tom LoMacchio, Bubba Phillips, Andre Simonpietri, Tom Eubanks, and Bill Caiazza.**



“ANNAPOLIS BREAKFAST GROUP ZOOM”

Wives and widows are also joining in on Zoom meetings. Ginny Jones, wife of **Charlie Jones**, is one of the participants. Any wife or widow wishing to join their meetings can contact Ginny through Charlie at technidigm@gmail.com.

Jim Beesley sent a notification that Tracy Droz Tragos, daughter of **Don Droz** was recognized as a 2020 Guggenheim Fellow. The link to her story is <https://www.gf.org/fellows/all->

fellows/tracy-droz-tragos/. You can also visit her web site at <http://tracydroztragos.com>. Congratulations to Tracy and thanks to Jim.

Sadly, I must report the deaths of Classmates **Neil Brosee** (17th Co.), **Jim Sullivan** (23rd Co.), **George T. (Tom) Kaye** (12th Co.), and **Dick Salmon** (17th Co.). **Dick Salmon** passed an email to me from Susan Brosee that Neil died on 27 March 2020 from lung cancer and a stroke. His wife, Susan, describes Neil as a very caring person, but also very private, and he wanted no memorial service or obituary. Donations in Neil's name can be made to - Lowcountry Food Bank, 2864 Azalea Drive, Charleston, SC 29405-8216 or go to lowcountryfoodbank.org. Susan has also asked for privacy, but please keep her in your prayers. **Charlie Votava** notified me that Jim died on 7 April 2020 after a protracted battle with bladder cancer. Services are still in work for him. Memorial donations in his name can be made to Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia, cceva.org. Please keep Jim's wife, Susan, and family in your prayers. Tom Kaye had suffered a stroke a few years ago, and with the help of his wife Janet, was undergoing an intense rehabilitation program and finally showing nice progress in his recovery efforts. Unfortunately, Tom suffered a Subdural Hematoma from a fall he took earlier this year. Following several days in intensive care after the fall, his condition was stabilized, and he was released to his home where he was receiving care from his wife Janet who is a hospice nurse. He died on 20 May 2020. Local memorial services are planned after the pandemic eases, but Janet provide that information after she has the plans completed. Please keep Janet and family in your prayers. Shortly after notifying me of Neil's death, Dick Salmon had a stroke, from which he never recovered and died on 27 April 2020. His funeral was privately held in Pitman, NJ on 1 May. Memorial donations in Dick's name can be made to Pitman VFW Post 6469, 142 Oakcrest Ave, PO Box 111, Pitman, NJ 08071. Please keep Dick's fiancé, Genevieve (Gene) and Dick's family in your prayers.

The final Class luncheon for 2020 is slated for 12 August at the Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington, VA. Of course its occurrence depends on the status of COVID-19 openings. A message will be sent to those on the luncheon list a couple of weeks before the planned date citing if the luncheon will be held. Until September—All the best—Mike!!!