

RNN Newsletter

July 2020



Happy July 4th Celebration!

Here is the information from the press release of BOS:

The 2020 Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular broadcast, under the direction Keith Lockhart, will present A Boston Pops Salute to Our Heroes, featuring both new content and retrospective highlights from many of the most beloved performers from the past three years. With America's Orchestra taking center stage, the program will include the Boston Pops' newly released video production and viral hit of John Williams' Summon the Heroes, paying tribute to the healthcare workers, first responders, and other essential service providers who are the heroes of the COVID-19 pandemic, and honoring the memories of those who have lost their lives during this crisis. Opening with Brian Stokes Mitchell singing "America the Beautiful" and closing with the ever-popular fireworks extravaganza, the wide-ranging broadcast will also honor the great traditions of Boston's Independence Day celebration with performances of Tchaikovsky's "1812" Overture, "The Stars and Stripes Forever," and the annual Patriotic Sing-Along, taken from broadcasts in 2017, 2018, and 2019. Boston Pops Conductor Keith Lockhart teams up with Bloomberg's Kim Carrigan, Joe Shortsleeve, and Janet Wu to host the show. Bloomberg will broadcast A Boston Pops Salute to Our Heroes on Bloomberg Television (available on cable/satellite and streaming services) and on Bloomberg Radio on Saturday, July 4, 8-11 p.m., EDT, with repeat broadcasts taking place at 11 p.m. (7/4) and 2 a.m. (7/5). The show will be simulcast locally on Boston's WHDH-TV on July 4, 8-11 p.m.

To find the complete information go to:

<https://bostonpopsjuly4th.org/>

Lets meet- a monthly ZOOM Social!



**Join us on ZOOM!
on Tuesday July 28th
from 4:00 to 5:30 pm**



ZOOM login invitation will be sent day before to all RNN members

Last call for renewal

If you have not done so, it is time to renew your membership to RNN. If your form is hiding in a pile somewhere and you cannot find it, please email Rachel Baumgartner arkbee13@gmail.com and one will be emailed to you. At the end of July we will be redoing the lists on the website and taking off those who have chosen not to renew.

Please let Rachel know if there is a problem, a specific reason for not renewing, or if you need a break. Let us know if the organization is not fulfilling your expectations, and what we can do within pandemic limitations to fill that need.

Absentee voting allows for Mail-in due to COVID 19

From Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth, William Galvin:

A new law has been passed clarifying that any person taking precaution related to COVID-19 in response to a declared state of emergency or from guidance from a medical professional, local or state health official, or any civil authority shall be deemed to be unable by reason of physical disability to cast their vote in person at a polling location.

It is the opinion of this office that you qualify for an absentee ballot due to physical disability if:

- You are ill;
- You are confined to your home because you may transmit infection; or
- **You cannot leave your home because you are a member of a population vulnerable to illness;**
- **You are staying in your home or avoiding your polling place as a precautionary measure in response to COVID-19.**

There will be an election in Reading on September 1. If you wish to participate by absentee ballot, the following link is where and how to get your absentee ballot. Remember to allow time for the Town to send you the ballot and for you to return it.

<https://www.readingma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif1116/f/uploads/english-absentee-ballot-application.pdf>

Interest Groups Updates

Even in the best of times (like summer of 2019, for example) many groups suspended their activities until the Fall. We are lucky to have some of our groups continuing their interactions using ZOOM technology.

Koffee Klatch Group (a message from Ginny)

We will meet on Zoom on Monday, July 20th at 10:00am.

A day or two before we "meet" you will receive an email with login info.



Film and Arts Group (a message from Gina)

Movie Monday returns on Monday, July 13th at 2:00 pm via Zoom! I'll send out the Zoom invitation next week when we're closer to the meeting date.

Looking forward to hearing about the movies you've seen. So get your popcorn and enjoy the



show!

Meditation Group (a message from Pat)

A second guided **Loving Kindness Meditation** will be offered on Zoom on Friday, July 31st at 1:30 pm. A Zoom invitation will be sent out on July 30th to all people on the meditation group list. If you're not on that list, please contact Pat at pbrenn42@comcast.net. If you wish to try a Loving Kindness meditation beforehand on YouTube, try Pat's latest favorite, "Loving Kindness in These Challenging Times" by Andrew Warr.

And, last but not least, thank you to the Reading Public Library for bringing this site to our attention. Check it out:

<https://www.dk.com/us/information/home-activities-for-adults/>