

# The Choke Rod

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## President's Message

Dear Club members,

Hopefully we are turning the corner and we may have seen, at least here in the U.S., the worst of this pandemic. However the virus may be with us for some time to come. For this reason it is important that we continue to wear a mask and follow social distancing. This is especially important for those of us who have been around a while and/or who suffer from heart disease, obesity, diabetes, or some chronic lung related illness.

Although I miss the social contact our dinners at Goat Hill Pizza and the great times we have together I think it makes good sense to postpone or cancel all of the Club activities scheduled for the month of May. This would include Memorial Day and our regular monthly meeting. You will continue to receive an abbreviated version of **The Choke Rod** and we may find a way to have a virtual ZOOM June meeting using the magic of electronics. One way or another we will stay in touch.

I am encouraged by the steps our political leaders are taking in an effort to bring people back to work. Currently our unemployment is a little over 20%. At the height of the great depression in 1934 unemployment maxed-out at 25%. We are dancing very close to the brink. It is a little like walking a tightrope – one false step could mean disaster. However with the cautious one step at a time approach our state and Federal governments are taking we should be able to conquer this threat to our health and economic well being.

So ignore the partisan political rhetoric and say a little prayer for Governors Cuomo, Newsom, Inslee, Murphy, Whitmer, DeWine and all the others whose leadership we are depending on to lead us safely through this crisis.

Ignore the prognostications of the conspiracy theorists.

See you at the virtual ZOOM June meeting on Thursday June 11. Details and a link to sign-in will follow in a future e-mail you will be receiving from the club.

Stay home and stay safe,

*Barry Kinney*