



The Pointer

January/February 2021 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events (Planned)

Event/Recurring Date	This Month's Date/Time	Contact Person
CP Mens "Romeos" Lunch -- 1 st Monday	Cancelled	Rex Fenn
CP Ladies "Juliets" Lunch -- 1 st Wednesday	Cancelled	Kay Mullins
CP Ladies Coffee ---2 nd Monday	Cancelled	Kay Fenn
CP Euchre -- 2 nd Tuesday & 2 nd Thursday	Cancelled	Pam Sanders
CP Book Club -- 3 rd Monday	Cancelled	Tina Edwards
Mahjong --Every Monday & Thursday	Cancelled	Dottie Harmon
Texas Hold 'Em -- 3 rd Wednesday	Cancelled	Andy Godin
Mexican Train Dominoes -- 3 rd Friday	Cancelled	Dottie Harmon
CP Cocktails -- 4 th Thursday	Cancelled	Norma Silcott
CP Community Meeting	On Hold	Ray Starkloff

Clubhouse COVID-19 Lockdown Continues

Your Board regrets to inform all that the lockdown of the Clubhouse due to the current pandemic must continue until we can determine it is safe to continue community activities. The good news is that both the State of Ohio and Franklin County are **slowly rolling out the Covid-19 vaccinations, beginning with those who are 80 years old and above, and extending the rollout weekly to other age groups, with those 65 and above eligible the week of February 8. This should cover a significant percentage of our community population, but it will not cover all of the people we interact with.** It will be several months before the vaccination penetration will be sufficient to achieve what is described as "herd immunity," meaning the population that has been vaccinated is able to help thwart the disease spread from those who have not been vaccinated. The Fitness Room remains open and will continue to be stocked with disinfecting supplies. Please be diligent in using these supplies before and after your workout. The Library is also available for checking out books to read at home.

Our Story

By Kathy Gilkey



With it being Valentine's Day, it's the perfect time to share our "love" story. (Condensed version)

Gregg and I (Kathy) had both lost our spouses to cancer. It had been 11 years for me and over 3 years for Gregg. In 2016, we had both joined [match.com](#). (a dating website). I was from Buffalo, NY and Gregg had recently moved to Westerville, OH.

While I (Kathy) was visiting my daughter in Columbus for Easter in 2016, I was showing her the men that were available on the dating site, and Gregg's picture popped up. We both liked his profile and picture, so I decided to send him a "wink". He replied with "I like your profile and picture, but Buffalo is 5 hours away." I explained to him that I come to Columbus once a month to visit my daughter. He suggested that the next time I was in Columbus let him know and we could meet. Well, it just so happened that I was in Columbus for Easter. So, we made plans to meet the next night for drinks. We talked for 5 hours and knew that there was definitely something special there. We met again a few nights later and decided that we wanted to start seeing each other. I had decided that January that I wanted to retire in June and move to Columbus to be near my daughter, son in law, and grandkids.

Gregg came to Buffalo a few times and I was coming to Columbus once a month to visit my daughter. We got engaged in May. In June, I retired and sold my house. Gregg stayed and helped me downsize my 5-bedroom house of over 40 years and get ready for the move. In August, I moved all my stuff into Gregg's apartment garage in Westerville while we searched for the perfect home for us. Shortly after that, we found our forever home in Collingville Pointe Place. We got married in July 2017.

We are both so lucky to have found love a second time and believe that our first loves were shooting cupid's arrows from above to help us find each other.

Look Who's Your Neighbor

By Andy Godin



Hello Collingwood. We are the Talbotts, Lynne and Greg, who moved to 4662 Wenham Park in November 2014, where we have made many new friends.

I (Greg) was active on the condo association board for three years and am presently the volunteer coordinator. I enjoy playing Texas hold 'em and going out to lunch with the ROMEO group.

I (Lynne) served on the Social Committee for 3 years and I am presently our Librarian. I learned to play Mahjong and now I'm addicted to it and enjoy going out to lunch with my Collingwood lady friends.

We were both born in East Liverpool, Ohio, which at one time (a long time ago) was known as "THE POTTERY CAPITAL OF THE WORLD," with over 200 potteries in the area.

We met during our senior year at East Liverpool High School, the home of the Potters, when Lynne asked Greg to sit with her on the band bus trip to the Pittsburgh Steelers football game, where the high school band was going to perform at halftime....and the rest is history! We both graduated in 1965.

During Greg's school years, he was active in the high school marching band, played trumpet and baritone horns, basketball, baseball, and worked on the school newspaper. He also held several jobs including passing out the local newspaper, working part time for the city of East Liverpool as a general laborer, and working at his aunt and uncle's grocery store. After high school, Greg joined the Army for three years during the Vietnam war. He served in the Finance Department in Korea, Germany, and several stateside locations. He was the GI's favorite soldier on payday.

Lynne enjoyed the marching band where she played clarinet and was a member of the Future Nurses Club in high school and the youth group at the Methodist church and sang in the church choir.

After graduation, Lynne went to nursing school for one year. She had always wanted to be a nurse, but when she almost passed out watching a live surgery, she decided to try a different job. She went to Kent State, then to cytotechnology school.

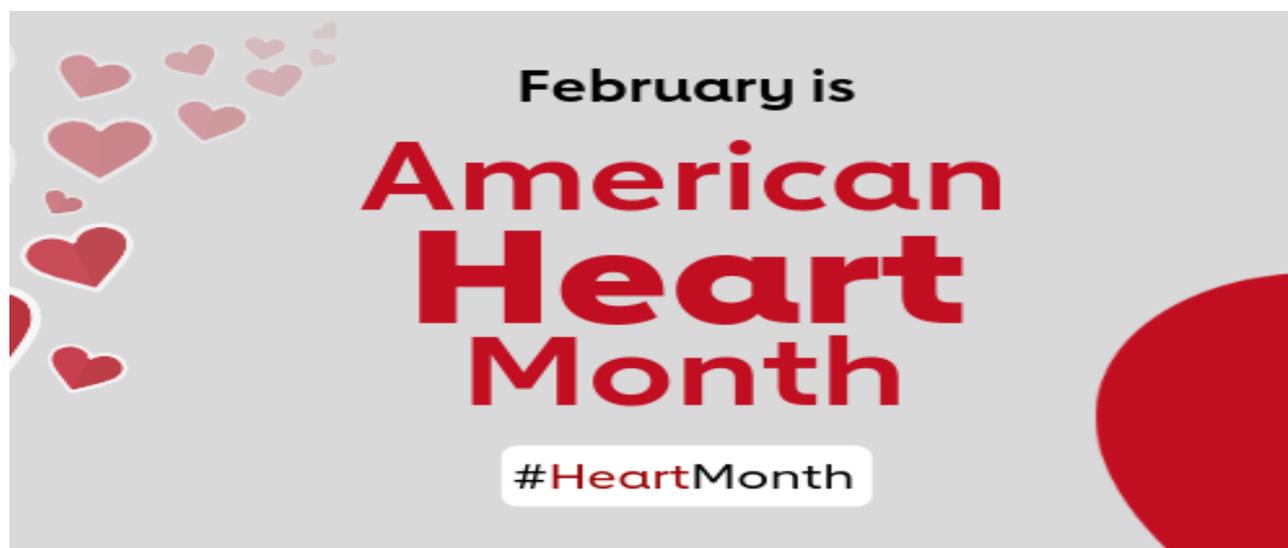
We were married on September 14, 1969 and moved to Mansfield in 1970. Greg attended North Central Technical College where he received a degree in Computer Science. He got a job with American Electric Power in Canton and later transferred to the Columbus office in 1988. Greg coached baseball for young teens for many years. He learned to drive a tractor when the league needed help building a baseball field behind the Blendon Township offices. During this time, Lynne worked in a hospital lab then went to work as a lunch lady in Canton and in Westerville Schools.

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(Greg & Lynn continued)

We both enjoy going to the Smoky Mountain National Park, near Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. We always stay at the same resort, have made friends from all over the country, and have remained in touch with many of them over the years.

We have two children and three grandchildren. They all live in Gahanna, so we can spend time with them and watch them grow up.



On the first Friday of every February, which is designated as **American Heart Month**, the nation comes together, igniting a wave of red from coast to coast. This annual groundswell unites millions of people for a common goal: the eradication of heart disease and stroke.

American Heart Month, a federally designated event, is an ideal time to remind Americans to focus on their hearts and encourage them to get their families, friends and communities involved.

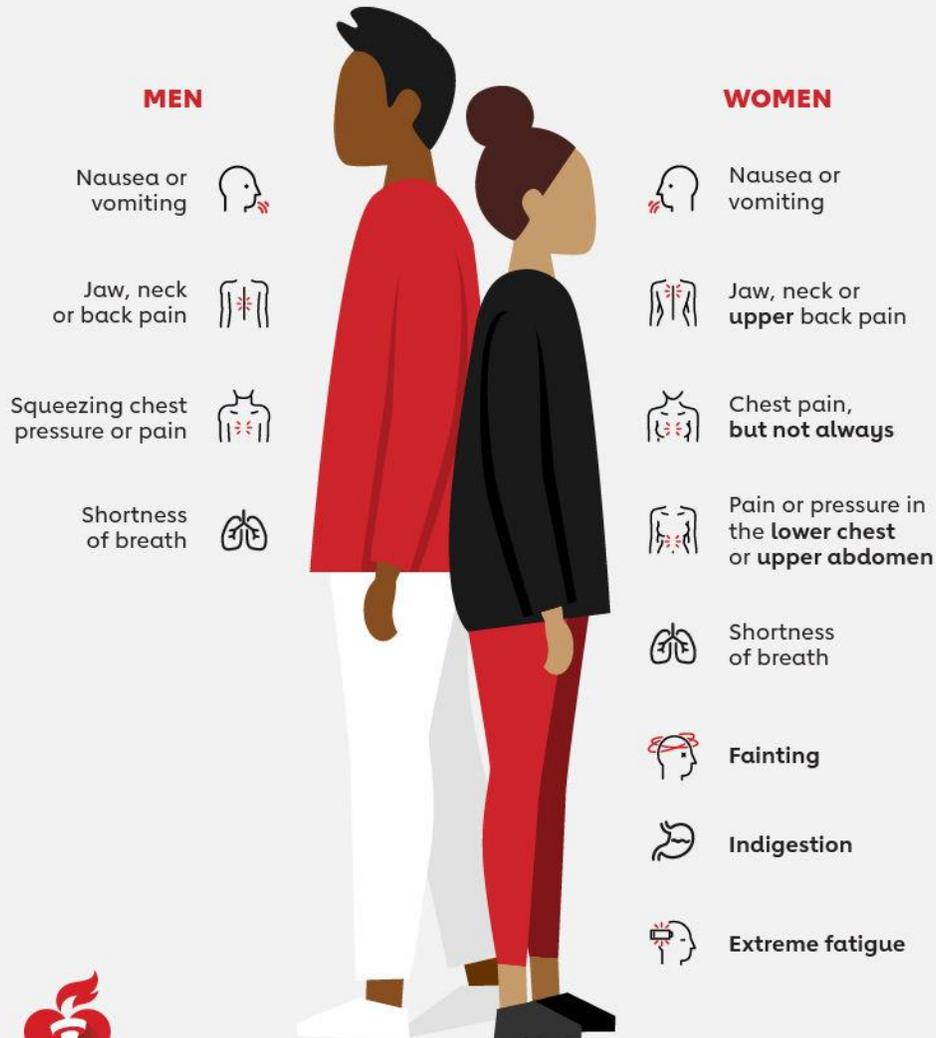
The first American Heart Month, which took place in February 1964, was proclaimed by President Lyndon B. Johnson on December 30, 1963. The Congress, by joint resolution on that date, has requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating February as American Heart Month. While American Heart Month is a federally designated month in the United States, it's important to realize that cardiovascular disease knows no borders.

While there are some stereotypes that maybe focus more on men, **LADIES** -- pay attention to this list comparing symptoms (next page) as we are clearly susceptible to this.

HEART ATTACK SYMPTOMS: MEN VS. WOMEN

By American Heart Association News

The most common symptom of a heart attack for both men and women is chest pain. But women may experience less obvious warning signs.



Source: American Heart Association's journal, *Circulation*
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Welcome New Residents

1. Ron and Pamela Burns, 4595 Collingville Way
2. Lauri Emswiler, 4632 Collingville Way

Joys & Concerns

by Nancy Starkloff

We have been sending cards and extending get well wishes and condolences to several in our community during this time when group meetings were not possible. Please call **Nancy at 614-216-3865** if you know of concerns or joys that our community leadership should be recognizing.



1. Nancy Miller (4582 Collingwood Pointe Pl) is going to be at Parkside Senior Living in Westerville for an extended time now. It would be much appreciated if anyone would like to drop by to leave a goodie basket of any kind, e.g., flowers, cookies, bottled water, or her favorite - green tea as just little things for her to enjoy besides what the facility provides. Her husband, Russ Miller is also a full-time resident in this same facility now for his dementia. Nancy and Russ do not have children nor other family and friends living nearby. Due to COVID, they are unable to have in-person visits for now. Nancy loves to talk on the phone, and we understand several of you have been so kind to talk to her. If others are willing to send a card and provide a telephone number she could call, or you can call her at Parkside, the address and main phone # is: **730 N Spring Rd, Westerville, OH 43082, (614) 794-9300.**
2. We extend our sympathies to Eileen Godin who lost her brother this past month.
3. We have had a few others in our community that have battled COVID and flu virus in recent months. We respect their privacy in not sharing names here.

Book Club

By Tina Edwards

February Book The Silent Patient By Alex Michaelides	Book Hostess: Edye Buchanan	Book Club Meeting Date: February 15, by Zoom online
March Book Woman of Troublesome Creek By Kim Michele Richardson	Book Hostess: Tina Edwards	3 rd Tuesday of the month
April Book American Dirt	Book Hostess: Kathy Strohm	3 rd Tuesday of the month
May Book Lady Clementine By Marie Bennett	Book Hostess: Donna Welcome	3 rd Tuesday of the month

February is Black History Month

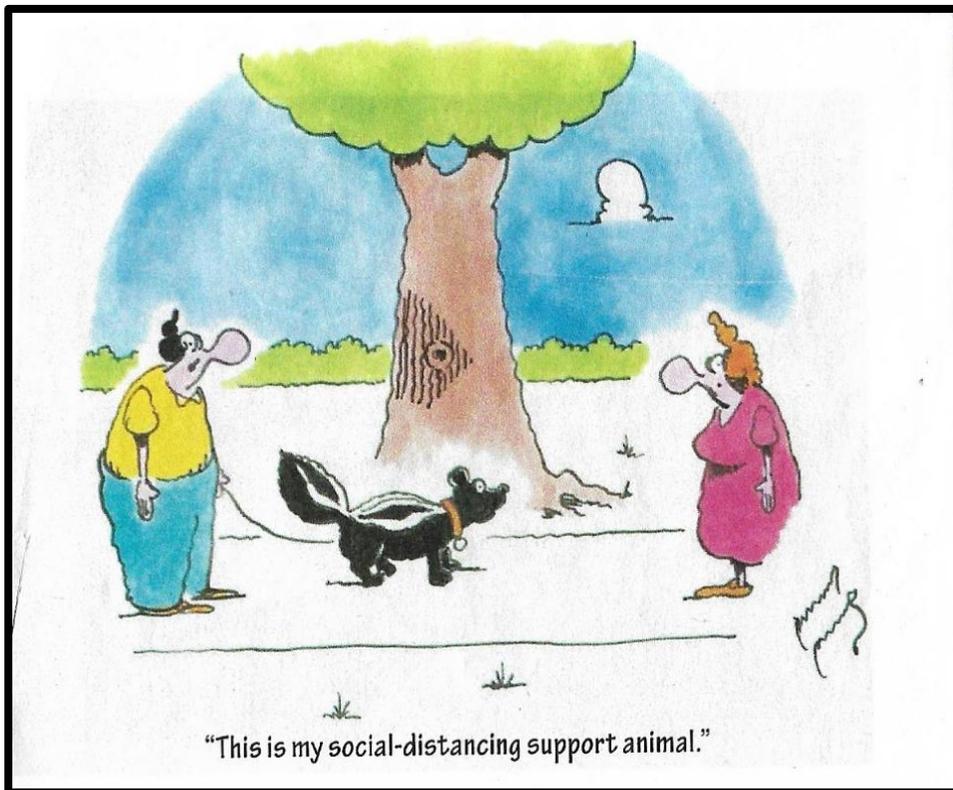
February marks **Black History Month**, which, since 1976, has been a federally recognized, nationwide celebration that calls on all Americans to reflect on the significant roles that African Americans have played in shaping US history.

Carter G. Woodson, the son former slaves and an African American historian, is credited with the creation of Black History Month.

The theme this year is “Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity” and explores the African diaspora, and the spread of Black families across the United States.

Smile Moments:

From Greg Talbott: *Don't forget—February is an active time for skunks! We had some issues last year.*





Our Ohio National Guard provided some critical services for both Ohio and our nation’s capital in 2020 and again in January 2021. Perhaps there are some who aren’t familiar with the role of the National Guard. Here’s a little online info.

The Ohio National Guard comprises the Ohio Army National Guard and the Ohio Air National Guard. The commander-in-chief of the Ohio Army National Guard is the governor of the state of Ohio. If the Ohio Army National Guard is called to federal service, then the President of the United States becomes the commander-in-chief. The military commander of all forces in the State of Ohio is the Adjutant General, Major General John C. Harris, Jr. is responsible for the command of **17,000 members**, preparedness and readiness, installation management, and budget of the Ohio National Guard. The current Assistant Adjutant General for Army, with responsibility for overseeing the

Ohio Army National Guard training and operations, is Brigadier General Thomas E. Moore II.^[2] The current Assistant Adjutant General for Air is Major General James R. Camp with responsibility for overseeing the Ohio Air National Guard.^[3]

Ohio Army and Air National Guard units **can be mobilized at any time by the governor of the State of Ohio upon declaration of a state of emergency or by the presidential order to supplement regular armed federal forces.** Unlike Army Reserve members, National Guard members cannot be mobilized individually (except through voluntary transfers and temporary duty assignment (TDY), but only as part of their respective units.) However, there has been a significant number of individual activations to support military operations since 2001. The legality of this policy has been a source of contention in some quarters. The Ohio Military Reserve and the Ohio Naval Militia constitute Ohio's state defense force, and augment the Ohio National Guard during stateside missions, especially when units of the National Guard are federalized.

The Ohio National Guard is made up of Citizen-Soldiers, meaning that the members of the National Guard lead civilian lives in addition to their duties as a soldier. As a Citizen-Soldier, members only train with their National Guard Units for roughly two days a month (one weekend), and two weeks of training in the summer, called Annual Training (AT).

Collingwood Pointe at the Preserve Financials

Collingwood Pointe at the Preserve BALANCE SHEET As of December 31, 2020

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

1106-Alliance-RES xx1198	\$	59,347.09
1107-Popular Bank xx5691		25,128.55
1110-Alliance-OP xx3960		13,400.22
1113-CF Bank CD xx0628 6/21/21		52,576.37
1115-CF Bank CD xx0636 03/23/21		53,820.42
1180-Alliance-Debit Card xx3578		514.36
1185-A/R DUE TO OP FROM RES		<u>45,280.21</u>

Total Current Assets \$ 250,067.22

FIXED ASSETS

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 250,067.22

LIABILITIES AND OWNERS' EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES

2070-A/P DUE TO OP FROM RES	\$	45,280.21
2075-Popular Bank-Loan #19101		1,033,625.91
2085-FLAG FUND		<u>(99.06)</u>

Total Current Liabilities \$ 1,078,807.06

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Total Liabilities \$ 1,078,807.06

ASSOCIATION EQUITY

YEAR-TO-DATE NET INCOME		73,738.15
RESERVES RET'D EARNING		(166,215.85)
RETAINED EARNINGS		<u>(734,262.14)</u>

Total Equity \$ (828,739.84)

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY \$ 250,067.22

Collingwood Pointe at the Preserve
BALANCE SHEET
As of November 30, 2020

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

1106-Alliance-RES xx1198	\$ 54,686.67
1107-Popular Bank xx5691	25,124.28
1110-Alliance-OP xx3960	16,582.68
1113-CF Bank CD xx0628 6/21/21	52,522.15
1115-CF Bank CD xx0636 03/23/21	53,183.68
1180-Alliance-Debit Card xx3578	600.05
1185-A/R DUE TO OP FROM RES	<u>45,280.21</u>

Total Current Assets \$ 247,979.72

FIXED ASSETS

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 247,979.72

LIABILITIES AND OWNERS' EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES

2070-A/P DUE TO OP FROM RES	\$ 45,280.21
2075-Popular Bank-Loan #19101	1,038,899.97
2085-FLAG FUND	<u>(99.06)</u>

Total Current Liabilities \$ 1,084,081.12

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Total Liabilities \$ 1,084,081.12

ASSOCIATION EQUITY

YEAR-TO-DATE NET INCOME	66,376.59
RESERVES RET'D EARNING	(168,215.85)
RETAINED EARNINGS	<u>(734,262.14)</u>

Total Equity \$ (836,101.40)

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY \$ 247,979.72



Where Are You Traveling to in 2021?

By Kathy Strohm

Well, COVID and Coronavirus sure did put a big dent in travel plans in 2020 to say the least but there were some who still were able to safely travel by restricting their form of travel – for example going by car instead of flying, limiting who they traveled with, limiting the kinds of things they did on vacations, etc.

We have many **SNOWBIRDS** in our community who packed up in October and November and went to their normal winter destinations and we would like to hear how that experience was for them when they return in the Spring. Email to our newsletter editor Kathy Strohm, at kmstrohm@twc.com, if you'd like to share how the experience of winter travel and living in your "home away from home" has been. Many of us here are watching the Florida news stories on their Covid-19 vaccination programs, and they appear to be ahead of the Ohio vaccination program for seniors. Hopefully, Ohio is going to be catching up quickly with the schedule for all those over 65 being rolled out in February.

For those who have continued to stay here in the Columbus area continuously throughout 2020 but did travel to see family or to travel for some leisure relaxation, perhaps it would help those who did not travel at all in 2020 to hear how those who did travel were able to do so safely. Plan your 2021 to be safe.

As your newsletter editor, I'll start off with my 2020 trip and steps we took to be as safe as possible. I was Covid-19 tested to be Negative due to having surgery on my arm in early October. My negative test result fulfilled a requirement for travel to the New England states of Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, and Massachusetts the second week of October. A friend who is in my inner "circle of trust for Covid" and I traveled by car. We had one overnight stay in a hotel in New York on the way to that area, and one overnight stay in Pennsylvania on the return trip home. We took our own disinfectant wipes into every restaurant, and wiped down our seats, tables, menus, salt & pepper shakers, etc. and found that 99% of the restaurants we visited, staff were extremely careful to follow the Covid guidelines. They maintained 6-foot distancing on table seating and spacing, reducing capacity of how many were being allowed inside, used disposable paper menus, & provided individual condiment packages.

Hotels were totally changed up for Covid safety. Breakfast buffets were eliminated – (a breakfast sack was provided instead) and To Go coffee was available, and Pools/Hot Tubs/Spas were closed. We elected not to have the cleaning staff in the room during our hotel stays, instead leaving soiled towels outside the door & picking up clean towels at the front desk. We put out the Do Not Disturb sign daily to insure no staff came in while we were gone.

The check in process was secure and socially distanced, and we were assured the room had been sanitized between guests, and any normally shared facilities were not being used. We still took our own disinfectant supplies and cleaned all surfaces in our own rooms. (e.g. bathroom counters, desk, nightstands, TV remote, etc.) We also used Lysol disinfectant spray on all the fabric surfaces in the room, e.g. chair and sofa.

Clearly, traveling in your own vehicle is the safest option. We found clean state highway restroom facility locations and the usually reliable McDonald's clean restrooms, but we also found that many places had closed off their Restrooms for use by their customers. Planning for use of restroom facilities should be kept in mind.

We also found that some businesses, asked for credit card payment only, while others, primarily small business owners, accepted cash only. Plan to have both cash and credit cards.

I cannot skip over the MASK WEARING topic. In the New England states (in October 2020) we found **much stronger policies on mask wearing than in Ohio.** They not only required a mask in all stores, restaurants, hotels, but in all PUBLIC PLACES, including walking outside in parks and on sidewalks. We had a challenge getting used to wearing a mask when we were outside, but we complied as required. They had signs explaining that a mask had to be worn over the Nose, Mouth, and Chin to be considered to be worn properly. Ohio at that time was still having a big problem with many people wearing their masks only over their mouth, letting it hang below their nose. We still have this issue in Ohio and in many places in 2021. At no time did we ride any form of mass transportation like a shuttle bus, on this Fall 2020 trip. We did not consider use of any Taxi or ride sharing service like UBER to be safe. We drove ourselves directly to and from every location we went to see and parked our own vehicle, (did not use valet parking).

We limited contact with frequently touched surfaces, such as handrails, elevator buttons, bathroom door handles, and kiosks. I particularly need to hold onto the handrail on stairs for safety. We carried hand sanitizer everywhere we went and used it religiously (constantly)! After touching items in stores, we used sanitizer on hands and many shops offered this at the store entrance.

We continued to offer the courtesy of taking vacation photos for others as we have done in the past, followed immediately by use of hand sanitizer. The same courtesy was offered to us, which we accepted, and as long as we disinfected our hands and wiped down our phones, we felt this was safe.

All souvenir purchases were wiped down with disinfectant wipes before they were brought back home. Clothing items (T-shirts) were washed before being worn, hats sprayed with Lysol, etc. just to be extra safe.

We came home healthy and happy we had safely traveled to the see this gorgeous area of our great country. If you have always wanted to see the northeast US in the Fall, it is a trip well worth taking.

So.....Where Are You Going to Travel In 2021?

If you'd like to share your plans or travel experiences for a future newsletter, contact me, Kathy Strohm, at kmstrohm@twc.com or 740-816-2870. **Hopefully, we will all have both vaccine doses in time for travel!**

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