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Next Board Meeting Sept 15, 2020

In Remembrance



Karl Warner 62nd St.





CHIRP !! ...

I came across this idea when a family member told me about a chirping smoke alarm in his house that was about 12 feet above the floor. He was ill -equipped to climb that high and change it himself.

This got me to thinking – I have lived in communities where the fire department will come out and change batteries for residents, but Scottsdale is too large. The only similar service offered by Scottsdale FD is for low income residents.

We all know that rule #1 says smoke alarm batteries only start chirping between the hours of midnight and 5:00 AM – totally frustrating. To help my family member, I did a little research. There are companies who perform this service. I sent him a link to a fellow named Joe who not only replaces batteries, but also A/C filters, light bulbs, refrigerator water filters, R/O system maintenance, among other chores.

This service can be one-time or you can sign up for scheduled visits. Most of our residents should not be climbing ladders and this is a task best left to someone more agile. At our age, we should not be taking any chances with safety.

Here is a thought – do you have children or family members who are always stumped trying to think of a birthday or Christmas present for you? Why not ask them to give you this service as a gift. I am guessing you will appreciate this more than a bouquet of flowers, candy, or a tchotchke you don't really need. In addition to giving you convenience, you will also receive the gift of safety.

Things to do around Scottsdale

- Lisa LeMaster

July—Aug in Scottsdale in the Covid Environment



In the Time of Plague

We keep indoors.

When we dare to venture out we are cautious.

Our neighbors smile, but in their eyes there is reserve and suspicion.

They keep their distance, as we do ours, in mute accord.

Much of our fear is unspoken, for there is at last the weight of custom, the tender of rote consolation.

We endure thoughts of demise and measure the distance of death.

Death too wears a mask.

But consider, there may well be good in our misfortune if we can find it.

It is hidden in the darkness of our fear.

But discover it and see that it is hope and more; it is the gift of opportunity.

We have the rare chance to prevail, to pose a resolution for world renewal.

We can be better than we have ever been.

We can improve the human condition.

We can imagine, then strive to realize, our potential for goodness and morality.

We can overcome pestilence, war and poverty.

We can preserve our sacred purpose.

We can determine who we are in our essential nature and who we can be.

We are committed to this end for our own sake and for the sake of those who will come after us.

There is a better future, and we can secure it. Let us take up the task, and let us be worthy of our best destiny.

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The writer is a novelist as well as a poet and won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1969 for "House Made of Dawn."

Thoughts on Travels-



Bon Voyage Karl, you left us way too soon, you and your column will be missed.

Sports Trivia:



Triple Play

The rarest type of triple play, and one of the rarest events of any kind in baseball, is for a single fielder to complete all three outs. There have only been 15 unassisted triple plays in MLB history, making this feat rarer than a perfect game.

The most recent MLB unassisted triple play occurred on August 23, 2009, by second baseman Eric Bruntlett of the Philadelphia Phillies, in a game against the New York Mets. This was only the second gameending unassisted triple play in MLB history, the first one having occurred in 1927.