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**GREETINGS FROM THE GHOST CAMPUS**

Greeting Journal Victims, from the "Ghost Campus" at Miami University!

Nice and quiet here during the "official" spring break! Only folks still here are off campus students. Miami staff and regular Oxfordians. And there's not much opportunity to see them since the Rec Center, The Circle Bar, Oxford Community Arts Center and the local Trivia nights are all closed or cancelled... that pretty much is all of my social life!

I'm keeping busy around the house. I try to spend a couple hours a day on "puttering"... today I cleaned out the beds around the patio and I've got spring raking and maybe some grass seed spreading on my list. In addition to that I am getting better at online backgammon and Wii games (Tiger Woods Golf and Bowling); also binge watching TV and doing some reading and writing.

Part of the writing is getting ready for our 2nd Oxford Tale Spinners Storytelling Group. We held our first meeting just before the major shutdowns and it was pretty well attended with 5 "tellers". I told a story about my child care worker days at Bellefaire and the others ranged from a long term practical joke to a personal history... great fun and can't wait for the next one.... might not be until next fall.

For binge watching, I've been through all the Marvel movies, the Jack Ryan series, Ms. Maisel, and am up to date on my few regular shows. I just watched the Irishman... felt like a cross between Goodfellas, Little Big Man and Forrest Gump, but well acted! And I do recommend Modern Love... very well done series. If you've got any nominations, I'd love to hear them!

I've attached a letter I just sent to the guys on the status of the House. We are doing our best to remain in operation and support the guys who are in town or want to be here... but I almost fear it's a matter of time before someone shuts us down. I understand it as a practical matter but still feels like a loss.

One piece of news... my younger and not as good-looking brother Rob and his wife Shelley have both been diagnosed with COVID-19. After a hospital stay they have been sent home to "suffer and recover" so the prognosis is good... kind of brings reality closer to home. Prayers and good thoughts welcome.

Personally, I'm thinking about seeing if I can get arrested tomorrow for showing up at a local golf course where you put $ 10 in the kiosk and go play... I promise I won't infect anyone! After all walking alone is allowed and I just like to have golf clubs with me when I take a walk... And as Mark Twain said, "Golf is a good walk spoiled!!"

Hope you and yours are doing well and adjusting to the "quiet life". As the Sarge always said at the beginning of Hill Street Blues... "Let's be careful out there!" And wash your hands!