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IS THERE A SILVER LINING TO OUR PREDICAMENT

We are entering the 3rd week of social separation. We are not able to play golf, go to the gym, get together for a game of Bridge or even take a walk with friends (closer than 6 feet apart). This isn't as though we're doomed, but it is a major change and frustration in our lives.

My kids decided that we should communicate online a couple of days a week during these challenging times. All of my kids are professionals with extremely busy lives. Considering that my family consists of 14 of us, it's amazing that we can actually spend these times together. A true silver lining.

Our lives, both personal and economic have halted to a major extent. Let's be creative and put our extra time to good use. There are apps such as Facebook Live and Zoom that allow us to gather virtually. Just knowing that we see and speak with our friends and family can give us comfort.

Over the past month, I have interviewed several of the RMGC members. A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to introduce Brent Atkins who worked for NASA and continues to be involved with helping his neighbors. A couple weeks ago, I wrote an article about a valued member of our community. Frank Quallen, who recently passed away, was respected as a true friend by many, and as a great family man. We can also thank him for his many years of service to our country. Last week, we learned about another well-respected member of our community, Roddy Lee who was an Olympic athlete and is a valued educator.

I would like to challenge the members of the golf community to submit articles to me discussing your own past history or people you know. It's wonderful to spend time online or over the phone discussing where you've been and how you got there. It becomes a history lesson. We are at a place in our lives that we need to share our past with friends, community and more importantly our family. I know there are lots of folks here in Rossmoor that have quite a storied past. I know we have past Presidents of Universities, CEO's of major corporations, Diplomats, Surgeons, Professional athletes, Teachers, Physicians, additional Olympic participants and so on. I'm also sure that some of you have employed many people running your small businesses.

This is an unusual request. However, we're in unusual times. Please send me your thoughts and/or the historical data that would be of interest to all of us here in Rossmoor. I know that the Rossmoor News would love to review and possibly publish an article about you or your friends. Send the information to me at mwfootdr@gmail.com

Bottom line is that there is a silver lining to most every cloudy experience.