Squires Meeting Minutes: 4/13/2023

Joe Watts, president, called the meeting to order at noon. Joe called for a moment of silence in memory of the many slain in the Ukraine invasion. Joe then announced that our member and friend, Bruce Johnson, had his leg amputated two weeks ago. Cards and emails of support were suggested.

Following lunch, guests were introduced and candidates for membership were presented. Mark Friedman introduced Emerson Colby and Jerry Coogan introduced Steve Enroth while Dave Wood presented Rick Marsh and Jon Fitzgerald. Rick and Jon were approved by voice vote and welcomed into the Squires.

Our featured speaker, Professor Peter White, was introduced by Dave Wood. Peter is Professor of Biology and Director of Liberal Education at Colby-Sawyer College. He spoke broadly of developments at the college with emphasis on its STEM program and the college's response to the decline in numbers of young people seeking college enrollment.

The meeting concluded with Mark Friedman announcing that our May speaker is Steve Priest and his talk will be "Hiking on the Knife Edge Trail."

The May meeting will be an anniversary meeting and a time of administrative turn-over. Spouses and significant others are invited and members are asked to come in jackets and ties. The Nominations Committee will present its proposed slate for membership approval. Nominations can also be made from the floor. At this writing, the slate is:

Garry Keane, president Art Scutro, vice president Richard Beffa, treasurer Art Rosen, secretary. Tom Hull, Program Committee Co-chair Peter Keenan, Membership Committee Co-chair

The meeting offers an opportunity to thank Joe Watts for his years of service and welcome the new slate of officers.

My thanks to Mark Friedman for his April 13 note taking during my absence.

Art Rosen, secretary