

The June 9 meeting was conducted via Zoom. Joe Watts opened the meeting, greeted everyone, reviewed the reasons why the meeting was being zoomed, and added that it was also being recorded. He then introduced Sandy Salmela, who offered "Words of Inspiration" drawn from the writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Art Rosen followed and proposed Scott Warde for Country Squires membership. Art noted that Scott was a graduate of Norwich University and was a retired USAF Lieutenant Colonel. Art outlined Scott's accomplishments in the service and reminded the group that Scott and his wife Sandy were our presenters at the May Squires luncheon. There being no objections, Joe welcomed Scott to Squires membership.

Bill Helm, chair of the Program Committee, followed and introduced Doug Lyon as the day's speaker. Bill reviewed Doug's many accomplishments and his significant roles at both the New London Hospital and Colby-Sawyer College. As background to his talk – "Gun Violence in the USA" - Doug described his years as a recreational gun owner and past member of the NRA. Doug reviewed the history of the issue and compared the status of the United States relative to other nations with respect to gun proliferation and violence. In view of the terrible mass homicides that have occurred both recently and over many years, his well-organized talk was timely and generated many questions and comments, guided by Bill Matson.

Art Rosen  
Secretary