

Minutes of the October 13, 2022 Country Squires Luncheon

The meeting was opened at noon by Joe Watts, president. Joe announced that one of our speakers, Don Catino, had to leave by 1:15 for a class he was leading. Don's talk would begin at about 12:30 during lunch. Joe then called on Art Rosen who offered "The Parable of the Olive Tree" for the "Moment of Inspiration." Lunch and table conversation followed.

Don Catino and Eric Osterberg were our speakers and Climate Change was the issue. Don's view was that the matter was unsettled both as to its severity and human responsibility. He raised many questions and said there were few answers. Because of this, Don felt government responses were premature and unwise. He felt they contributed to inflation while curbing fossil fuel exploration and damaging national security.

Eric was next to speak. With charts going back through the centuries, he showed a steady high-low movement of emissions up to the 1950s and then a dramatic upsurge. Eric felt it was clearly the result of human activity. He outlined consequences including a rise in sea waters. After establishing severity, Eric outlined notable successes in reducing carbon emissions resulting from use of electric cars, nuclear, and other non-fossil fuels. Eric agreed with Don that curbing the problem will take some adaptation on all our parts.

The question period was lively after both talks. Unfortunately, Don had to leave before Eric's talk and was not available for its the question period.

The business part of the meeting followed with Jon Bellis introducing his guest, Richard Beffa, and with two candidates for membership inducted by acclamation, Ron Crowell and Maynard Wheeler. Dave Wood closed the meeting announcing the November talk. Speaker will be Art Rosen and the talk will be "The Thanksgiving Story Rarely Told."

We look forward to seeing you next at the November meeting.

Art Rosen, Secretary