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Yup, that's Al and Bill waving goodbye at The Inn. They have chaired the Gourmets for lo these many years, done a terrific job, introduced the club to most of the fine eating establishments in the area and have developed probably one of our more active subgroups in our club. This soiree at the Inn drew, I'm told, 90 plus people. It's a tough act to follow but our erstwhile Wine Wizard, Ted McCormick has agreed to take a swing at it and he has recruited four other RMC'ers to help him, Don Damoth, Al Guido, Bob DiNucci and Rob McDonald. All formidable guys, but they will need all of their formabilities, so we wish them the best and Good Luck.

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The Prez Sez



It is almost Thanksgiving already? You must be kidding!! We are still raking leaves and cutting the grass! It seemed that hot summer weather would never come, and now, after a few sparkling Indian Summer days, the leaves are nearly gone and the World Series faces raw November.

No Worries! Launched into the end-of-year holiday rush by a spectacular Hopkins Inn Gourmet farewell by Ryff and Lutzius, we are entering the most family-centric quarter of the year, with candy-grabbing ghosts and goblins soon transformed into Pilgrims and Indians, sharing their harvest as well as their hopes for health and happiness.

As we turn back our clocks for daylight savings, so might we turn our thoughts back to the things that make our lives so special... the friends and family who provide the day-to-day energy that illuminates our existence. The

little things we do for each other, and the kindnesses engendered in return, all add a special quality to living in a town like Ridgefield, and participating in an association like the Mens Club.

Last month, we thought about what "Fellowship" means, and how there are opportunities for members to express their thanks by stepping in to key roles being vacated by others who have long served the Club. I am delighted and thankful to report that volunteers are rising to the challenge. More are needed.

It isn't Thanksgiving already, it is always like Thanksgiving, every day!

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Bulls & Bears

by Dick Paul



At \$3.2 billion Goldman Sach's record profits for the last quarter made headlines.

These profits came with a 29% profit margin and 40% of revenues set aside for 2009 bonuses. Goldman plans to distribute \$23B as bonuses for 2009. Based on an employee count just north of 37,000, the average bonus per employee is about \$670,000. Their decision to stay only in the investment business with access to cheap short-term government money (\$21 billion) was a smart business decision. Most people are upset by the payment of large bonuses at this time. It is understandable as it is highly visible and readily perceived. However the real problem and the one that should be addressed is the current business model for large banks. The banks pay large bonuses from the short-term gains from highly risky activities and the taxpayers take the long-term losses that result from these high-risk activities. How can a business lose following this model!

This model is made possible by the systemic risk that results from a concentrated net-

work of parties all obligated one to the other through a series of private agreements, i.e. credit default swaps (CDS). A CDS is a swap contract in which the buyer of the CDS makes a series of payments to the seller and, in exchange, receives a payoff if a credit instrument (bond or loan) goes into default.

Current use of CDSs has become more concentrated due to fewer players remaining after elimination of many, due to the credit crunch. Hedge funds hold about 10% of CDS contracts while more than half of the remaining contracts worldwide are held by just five large banks. Further increasing the inter-connectivity and concentrating the risk these banks are buying and selling among themselves CDS contracts on CDS contracts. As long as this architecture remains in place there will be systemic risk as both Lehman Brothers and AIG amply demonstrated.



As my last B&B column indicated I see no immediate solution forthcoming. The key

players assigned to fix this problem unfortunately are the same ones that created it in the first place. The only official in the Obama administration who has provided guidance that is counter to all others is Paul Volcker (he is the one person as head of the Federal Reserve during the 1979-1987 period who had the foresight and political courage to get inflation under control). Unfortunately no one is paying any attention to him. George Soros, the very successful hedge fund manager and internationalist, has suggested that banks be prohibited from engaging in these high risk activities and limit them to hedge funds. This approach is somewhat self-serving as this would mean that all the smart people working for the banks would move over to work for the hedge funds.

What it all comes down to is that those in a preferred position in the financial industry want to keep that preferred position or even improve on it. Those without want change that enhances their position. If you keep all of this in mind you will fully understand what is going on. Longer term do we have the political courage to change these dynamics?

In Defense Of Brokers

by Christopher Crowl
(former Broker)

Dick Paul made some comments about brokers at our October 7th meeting and I would like to respond to them. I spent 12 years in my business career as a full service broker for one of America's most respected firms, Edward Jones. I was extremely proud of my firm and everything I did for my clients.

For some reason he seems to be disappointed that brokers get paid. I couldn't agree less. Everyone needs to make a living. He stated brokers were only in the business for the money. That is silly. Do engineers only design bridges so they can get paid? Do doctors only see patients so they can get paid? Let's be a bit more positive.

I was able during my time as a broker to provide strong and sensible advice to hundreds of people and I never did it for the money. It was a profession that my firm and I took very seriously and worked very hard for our clients. Together we tried as hard to protect assets as we did to grow assets. We felt an obligation to our clients offering them counsel in their lives.

I have seen that the average person usually can't make profitable decisions by themselves. They will almost al-

ways buy high and sell low. They need a person to help them through the good times as well as the bad. Balancing a portfolio is something that an individual very often can't do alone. I saw quite a few clients of mine overloaded with one particular stock. We sat by the hour and I tried my best to get them to diversify. Quite often my advice fell on deaf ears. There were always the same personal reasons. "A family gift, acquired from my employer, and great company and it will never go down." Today I point you to some of the stocks I saw most aggressively held and advice not taken. IBM, F, HP, DELL, GM, GE, AOL, CSCO, MSFT, INTC, C, I could go on for hours.

Personally whenever someone interviewed me I started with a serious discussion of their financial lives. It was not always easy for them give me their personal information but I always asked them about their credit card balances and any other outstanding debt.. I counseled them, that if you have outstanding debt that you are paying in excess of 15%+ on it will be hard to get ahead financially. The first thing before investing would be to take care of that debt. You can't make any progress averaging 6-8% annual return in the market when you are paying out 15%+ interest on credit cards. It surprised me how few people could under-

stand this.

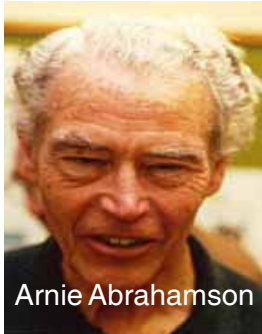
I respect the members of the RMC, but I will tell you that in general the majority of men have little idea how to manage their investments without any help. Furthermore they also generally have no financial involvement with their wives. Sadly we often predecease our wives and we generally leave them with too many unanswered questions and a jumbled financial mess. This is unfair and a perfect spot where a good financial advisor can be invaluable.

Also for anyone over 40, I always wanted to know if they had done any estate planing. It makes no sense to give more money to the government than you are required to. I generally found most people didn't have a will, let alone a trust. I also wanted to know what arrangements they had made for long term care.

So I think there is certainly a place in most peoples lives for a financial advisor. I recall that only 23% of Americans are financially prepared to retire. That tells you quite a bit about our ability to manage our own finances without help. We just can't do it. I will never forget a Business Week cover in June of 1999, it showed a monkey reading the stock pages and the headline, "Who Needs A Broker Any more?" Fast forward to today. I rest my case!

My best advice is to find yourself a strong financial advisor.

Three Great Losses



Arnie Abrahamson

Arnie
1918-2009



Reno Severini

Reno
1919-2009



Don Stevens

Don
1925-2009

October has turned out to be a month of sadness for the RMC. We have lost three of our long time members; Reno Severini on October 12, Don Stevens on October 23, and Arnie Abrahamson on October 30. All had been made Honorary members because of various and sundry health problems.

While active, they were seen frequently at our biweekly meetings and Men's Club functions. Arnie became famous for the wonderful Strudel he and Ruth provided us with for our spring and fall picnics. Reno was a golf enthusiast, beginning his career as a caddy at Silver Spring. He loved to play with The Ridgefield Men's Senior Golf Club and particularly with his buddy Bud Rigby. He was always puzzled by the fact that he couldn't hit the ball as far, when he was in his late 80's as he did when he was 40. Don loved woodworking and was very proficient at it, he was also a chair caner ala Ferd Bedini, another RMC'er of many years ago. Earl Myers was his buddy and they always enjoyed having lunch together after our meetings.

All of these men were active in our Ridgefield Community, giving of their free time to various local organizations.

Reno's funeral service was held on October 16, Arnie's was held on November 4 and a service will be held for Don on November 7th.

Our Club members will remember these guys as humble, talented, low key and warm hearted. Their Fellowship will be missed.

We send heartfelt sympathies to their wives, Ruth, Tee and Helen, their children and all of their family members.

Suitable donations in their memories will be made to charities of the family's choice

Arnie



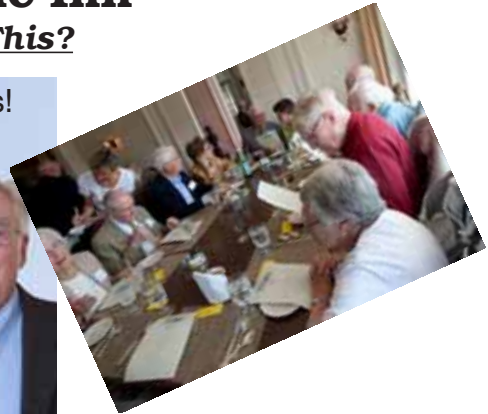
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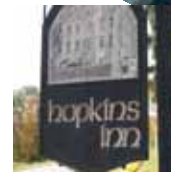
Luncheon At The Inn

What's Better than This?

Thanks for the Memories!



October 22, 2009



Photos courtesy of Roger Scott and Frank Kromer

This was the last luncheon they would put together and it was glorious, a perfect day with appetizers and cocktails on the porch and patio, better to observe the autumnal splendor of Lake Waramaug. During their tenure this group have had libations and manna at a wide range of sites, including Le Chateau, Two Steps, Nino's, L'Europe, Bernard's and Jim Barbarie's. As mentioned on page one, The Gourmets are one of the most widely attended activities in the RMC. Al and Bill have graciously offered to stay on in an advisory capacity during the transition period. The Hopkins Inn has already been reserved for Wednesday, October 27, 2010.

The new leader, Mr. McCormick, will be ably assisted by Don Damoth, Al Guido, Bob DiNuzzi and Rob McDonald. As a couple of these are "snow birds", Ted does need a couple of more volunteers who can help during January, February, March and April. Hopefully your response will be swift and gratifying.

Thank you again Al and Bill for a great ride!!!

Jim Connelly and Ted McCormick were contributors to this article

The Biography Page



Bob Perry

I was born in Amarillo, Texas on September 28, 1934, but soon moved to Plainview. Graduating from the University of Texas in August 1956 with a BS in Chemical Engineering, I skipped the graduation ceremony on August 31 and hurried to Plainview, where Gayle and I were married on September 4. After a short honeymoon in Colorado, we drove to Victoria, Texas to join Union Carbide Corporation.

Gayle was a sophomore when I was a senior in high school, and lived five blocks from me. We were engaged when I was at UT and she was at TSCW in Denton, Texas. She recalls a high school date, that some how slipped my mind. This came to light after we had been married about six months. She was not happy! The next 37 years with Carbide were spent in Victoria, Texas; Charleston, West Virginia; St. Charles Parish, Louisiana; Toronto, Canada; commuting to New York; and finally Danbury. Gayle and I moved to Ridgefield in 1976. She says I picked the earlier spots, but she is picking the last, so we are not likely to leave Ridgefield.

I retired as Vice President of Manufacturing and Engineering in 1993, and spent the next five years as Director of Technical Activities for the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) in New York. I continue an association with AIChE as a consultant for the Center for Chemical Process Safety. In an unusual twist of fate, I got a second chance to wear a cap and gown at the University of Texas in 1996, when I was named a Distinguished Graduate of the College of Engineering.

Gayle and I have three children, David in San Francisco, Debbie in Danbury, and Bruce in Ridgefield.

My hobby is Morgan cars. I have owned a 1934 three-wheeler, a 1967 Plus 4, a 1976 Plus 8, and currently a 2003 Plus 8. The Morgan Motor Company in Malvern, England is the oldest privately held automobile company in the

world, and celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2009. You will no doubt note that as I get older, the Morgans get younger.



John Rosa

As told to Jim Callahan

John Rosa is a Connecticut native, actually a Fairfield County native! John was born and raised in Stamford and moved to Ridgefield in 1966. He graduated from Stamford High School and studied Engineering at both Norwalk Community College and the Stamford Branch of UCONN. He spent 42 years at Dorr-Oliver, Inc. in Stamford and Milford in various positions in Engineering and also as Manager of Estimating, Purchasing and Order Management. Before retiring in 2003, he spent three years with Tek-Air Systems, Inc. in Danbury as Manager of Purchasing.

John married Carole in 1959 and they have three children: John Jr., a Ridgefield Firefighter-EMT; Deborah of Rockfall CT; and Jill of Danbury. They have five grandchildren and one soon to be great-grandchild.

He enjoys many varied activities. In 1974 he was one of the founders of the Farmingville Girls Softball League, the first organized sports program in Ridgefield for girls in the elementary and middle school age group. He also started the Current Events class at Founders Hall and served as moderator for the first four years. Besides being an active member of St. Elizabeth Seton Church, he enjoys all sports (especially baseball and the NY Yankees). Working outdoors, walking, the lighthouses and the Maine coastline also intrigue him. In addition to spending a lot of time with his family and grandchildren he also has automobiles as a hobby (currently owns four including a classic 1980 Buick.)

In Vino Veritas

by Col. Jack Daniels



Malbec has been the grape we have been studying during the RMC Wine Wizards October meetings.

Not a popular grape worldwide, it is not even grown in many countries such as South Africa and Germany. Australia has been systematically pulling up its Malbec vines and Italy now has less than 200 acres. In Schoonmakers Encyclopedia it is described as, "A red-wine grape cultivated in Bordeaux where it plays a relatively small role compared to that of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc. Jancis Robinson's Oxford Book of Wine is dismissive saying it is a ". . .black grape variety once popular in Bordeaux but now more readily associated with Argentina and Cahors". Later, in the same entry she states, "Malbec has been declining in popularity in France for it has many of the disadvantages of Merlot (sensitivity to Coulure, frost, downy mildew, and rot) without as much obvious fruit quality."

Talk about "bad press"! What does Malbec have that makes

growing the grapes and bottling the wine still worthwhile... and profitable? Robinson admits that ". . .it can taste like a rather rustic Merlot" and also ". . .when grown in the high rugged limestone vineyards of Cahors it may recall to us why the English used to refer to Cahors as 'the black wine' ". In North America a bottle of 100% Malbec is a rarity. However, we do see Malbec in small quantities being dutifully added to California's "Meritage" blends so that they can be properly certified as containing the five grapes authorized for Bordeaux reds.



It is only in South America and in particular in Argentina and Chile that Malbec has taken hold. Here it yields wines that Robinson describes as, "ripe and lush and capable of extended ageing". Malbec is the second most cultivated red grape in Argentina and the third in Chile. The Mendoza area of Argentina produces a Malbec that is fruity, deep colored, and robust with enough alcohol, weight and structure to benefit from oak ageing.

These wines are worth search-

ing for. Most of them are less than \$20 with some even less than \$10. Penaflo, the largest producer of Malbec has a full line under the Trapiche, Medalla, and Fond de Cave labels. Then we have Chile with its Concha y Toro brand which produces excellent Malbecs as do Santa Rita and Santa Carolina. Again, I repeat the old adage, experiment and go to several wine stores to check for 100% Malbec wines. Uruguay or Brazil are possibilities to explore as well. There are at least three examples coming from California. Some few months ago I did institute a similar quest for Grenache/Garnacha and was rewarded with seven different bottles from four countries. Looking for rarities is an exciting pastime, often rewarding. It is much better than drinking the same Cabernets and Chardonnays that have become repetitious if not actually boring over time. Your ABCs are the ticket! "Anything But Cabernet" and "Anything But Chardonnay".

Malbecs with their slight rusticity and deep color are perfect matches for Thanksgiving Turkey fare. Surprise guests this year with a unique matching of turkey and Malbec. Happy Hunting!

Darla Shaw Humanitarian Traveler

reported by Jim Connelly



What if someone told you Darla Shaw was an exciting, talented, inspiring woman? After listening to Dr. Shaw at our RMC meeting on October 7, I would have to say you are underestimating her. She is all of that and more. She presented herself dressed in the clothes of a native Peruvian woman. She probably wore the same native dress on her trip to Peru, one of the 100 countries she has visited in the last several years. Darla Shaw has been in Academia for many years. She has been a teacher for 54 years, 38 of them spent in the Ridgefield school system, she is now on the faculty at WestConn and has been there for the last 16 years. She can not be defined however in that limited fashion. She is also an athlete, an author, a musician, writer of musical theatre but wait she is also a

Humanitarian Traveler and this is the niche in her exciting life that she has come to share with the RMC.

OK, so what is a Humanitarian Traveler? That's a traveler that doesn't travel for fun. In Darla's case she goes to these mostly out of the way places, places where most folk don't go because she's interested in the way 70% of the world's population live, in poverty, without not just the luxuries of life but in many instances without the necessities of life, poor living spaces, lack of educational facilities, and unsanitary places. She wants to make changes in their lives for the better. She is not just a do gooder walking around with stars in her eyes, going to these places in the world. She is most of the time aware of what she will be facing she follows a specific program of rules that allows for her safety and still makes it possible for her to get the job done. As said before she is not there to have fun, stay in the best hotels or eat in the best restaurants. She is there to help people change their lives using the skills she has honed in her multifaceted life. Of all the trips she has taken she remarked the place that touched her most was India. She talked about people there that probably most of us never heard

about; the Dump People, the Train People, the Street People. These are not derogatory terms but terms that describe where these people spend their miserable lives: in a dump, on the street, on the train tracks. This is where they have to carve out their existence. Dr. Shaw is there to see if she can help them with education, teaching them skills they do not have and have no way of obtaining perhaps giving them hope, that there is another way. This is Humanitarian Travel and there are folks such as Darla Shaw that travel not for their pleasure but for the pleasure of the human beings they come in contact with all over the world. A challenging way to spend your life, yes but oh how rewarding. A quotation from G.B. Shaw seems an apt way to sum up this woman's life.

“Some men see things as they are and say ‘why’? Others dream things that never were and say ‘why not’?”

A Visit to Highstead with The Director Bill Toomey

reported by Jim Connelly

There are things that are happening in our own backyard that sometimes we are not aware of until somebody comes along and says, "Didn't you know that was there"? Then along comes Bill Toomey Executive Director of The Highstead Foundation, "A fund raiser?" you say "NO" The Highstead Foundation is a non-profit science and conservative organization dedicated to research, regional conservation and ecologically sensitive land management. The Foundations centerpiece is the Highstead Arboretum, 150 acres of several habitats such as diverse woodlands, meadows ponds and swamp habitat. We are fortunate to have them. They not only provide hiking trails but plants cultures, nature programs, falconry exhibits and many other outdoor activities for the local citizenry.

For example Biil described the Kalmia collection, mountain laurel to the uninitiated, and the largest collection of this beautiful plant in the state. Walks are scheduled during June when they are flowering

at their peak.

An important part of their mission is also to inspire curiosity and build knowledge of wooded landscapes, so forest conservation, protecting what's left of our wonder New England forest is an important aspect of what the Foundation does. This kind of conservation activity protects and encourages wildlife to populate these forest areas. Bill said that this has brought back the Moose into our woodlands. Some have been sighted as close as Redding.

Bill also told our group how his staff has been working with other groups in New England to enhance the future of Connecticut forests, to this end a Wildlands and Woodlands Vision has been established for our state. Under the leadership of The Highstead Foundation Connecticut is becoming stewards of their forest areas.

The long term objective of the Woodlands and Woodlands Vision is to have 60% of our forest land protected, 8% farmland, 20% developed and 5% water and wetlands. Bill feels confident there is plenty of room for conservation without bothering our economy.

Highstead is working with

about 12 partnerships, along with land trusts all together looking at major conservation projects.

It would appear we have an Eden in our midst, serving our community, keeping our beautiful forest lands and the living things that abide in these lands alive and well.



A walk in the woods at Highstead

What's Up!!!

Speakers:

11/04/09 Rev. Dr. Charles Hambrick-Stowe
"Inside Abraham Lincoln"

11/18/09 NOAA Commander E.J. Van Den Ameele
Charting and Surveying Our Nation's Waters

12/02/09 No Speaker
Ladies Luncheon

Gourmets:

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Ladies Holiday Luncheon:

The Holiday Luncheon will be held on December 2 at the Amber Room Colonnade. Festivities will begin at 11:30 am and you can sign up at our regular RMC meetings November 4 and 18. Dar and John will be there to take your donation \$45.50/person; \$91? couple. The choice for your menu will be either Prime Rib of Beef, Salmon with Dill Sauce, Stuffed Breast of Chicken Sunburst. Get your choices and your money in as soon as possible. It will be a gala afternoon.

Wine Wizards:

Here is the menu for the Wine Dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10th at Bar & Grille on 7.

The cost is \$75 per person (tax and tip included) with a 20% coupon for each person (good at any time for another visit).

Send a check made out to Bar & Grille on 7 to Ted as soon as possible. The check will be held until the night of the dinner.

The space is not unlimited so please respond ASAP to be sure of a place.

If you have any questions, call Ted at 438-4524 or tedmacjr@snet.net

Lots of things to do and plenty of places to go. Great time to get into the Holiday Spirit and enjoy the Fellowship of your fellow members and guests.

Trivia Question:

What is the most unusual aspect of Antarctica?

Last Month's Question:

What is the relationship between the Green Hornet and the Lone Ranger?

Answer: The Green Hornet's real name is Britt Reid who is the grand-nephew of the Lone Ranger, whose real name is John Reid, who survived an ambush by Butch Cavendish, the leader of the Hole-in-the-Wall Gang.

Thanksgiving Day

by Mike Powers

*It's Thanksgiving Day,
 We're ready to dine,
 The thermometer just popped
 Time to pour the white wine.
 The food looks delicious
 I can hardly wait
 To sit down at the table
 And load up my plate.
 I'll grab a drumstick
 And a glob of dressing
 Then take a short break
 While Dad says the blessing.
 I'll make a mound of potatoes
 Pass the rolls to Uncle Davey
 Take some peas to please
 Mom ,
 Then pour on the gravy.
 I'll gobble up the cranberry
 salad
 Before somebody steals it
 from me .
 It's one of my favorite dishes
 Made from grandmother's
 recipe.
 I'll have seconds and thirds
 And a piece of pumpkin pie.
 When the indigestion hits
 I'll think I'm going to die ,
 But I'll be okay tomorrow
 And I know the day will fly by
 Until it's time to get stuffed
 again
 On Mom's tasty turkey pot pie.*



Happy Thanksgiving

Reflections on Veterans Day

by Jim Connelly

Ninety one years ago on November 11 at 11:11 AM cannons stopped, soldiers climbed out of their trenches, the battlefields were quiet and the war that was to end all wars came to an end; an armistice was declared. This day came to be known as Armistice day, a day set aside to reflect and remember the sacrifices made by the men and women of that time, to ensure a peace and to end a conflict that caused nearly 117,000 casualties.

The next year, 1919, veterans who had survived that war began marching in parades throughout our land. They were heroes, ceremonies and speeches were given in every city, village and town to honor these heroes. This was the war to end all wars, they thought naively, ----- never again, they said!!!!

My memory takes me back to pre- World War II, the mid to late thirties; my family, as did most, celebrated that day, now in 1938, known officially as Armistice Day. We attended the parades and Armistice Day ceremonies. It was not yet known as Veterans Day.

We joined my grandparents, whose house was on the parade route across the street from a large town cemetery, where small American flags left at each fallen veteran's headstone on Memorial Day, waved in the brisk November breeze.

As I recall the parade was stirring, military bands, rows of marching soldiers, sailors and marines, veterans from that war, that in my young mind ended so long ago, twenty years had gone by, a lifetime to a twelve year old. They were still able to step out to the lively marching tunes played by the drum and bugle corps that they were following. "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," "Over There, Over There," "It's A Grand Old Flag," "It's A Long Way To Tipperary." These were the tunes of 1918.

Then came the Gold Star Mothers riding in an open car with their blue arm bands, waving to the crowd that lined the parade route.

Patriotism and love of country stirred in my twelve year old breast.

As we continued to watch the survivors of another war, the Civil War, that pitted brother against brother, rolled by in their big open car. They just sat, turning occasionally from side to side acknowledging the cheers of the crowd. I can recall thinking how old they must be, — they are still alive! We were seventy plus years from the end of that horrific war, the North against the South. There were maybe four old soldiers with their blue uniforms and broad brimmed hats in that car; in a few years that car would drive by empty. They would be gone! **Then there would be none!!**

Today on November 11, 2009 we will assemble to celebrate Vet-

erans Day; Armistice Day was to honor WWI Veterans. In 1954 President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day, the day to honor Veterans of all wars. World War II was over 63 years ago, since then we have had, it seems, one war after another.

Tom Brokaw in his book characterized these World War II veterans as the "The Greatest Generation". Hundreds of millions worldwide were mobilized and took part in that war; out of the 12 + million Americans in uniform there are less than 2,000,000 left and those of us still standing are getting older and greyer every day. The average age of these vets is 84+. An estimated 900 are dying each day. You do the math. It won't take to long before,

There Will Be None

We have come to appreciate more than ever the veterans of Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq and now Afghanistan and Pakistan. These veterans who have endured the worst of what war can bring, massive casualties, merciless enemies and in many cases long and inhumane captivities. We still have thousands of our military unaccounted for, from these wars.

So today on Veterans Day, November 11, stand proud of our Veterans and support them as fully as possible now and long after their military service has ended.