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RCTLIFE ... Adapting to a New Environment

How does one LIFE member go through this traditional holiday season in a very non-traditional COVID-19 Virus quarantine, especially without being able to host a party for the LIFE Board? Let me count the ways.

FIRST and FOREMOST—To prevent social isolation and intellectual brain freeze take lots of current LIFE classes via ZOOM and anticipate the next set of classes through the winter. The ZOOM format has allowed us to expand the scope of instructors and class offerings. Chrisanne, Jamie, and the Program Committee have pulled together classes of amazing quality and diversity in subject areas of international relations, history, current affairs, the arts, nature, science, medicine, and more.

SECOND—Decorate the house from one end to the other, enjoy the visual effects and pretend a lot.

THIRD—Keep seed in the bird feeders, rabbit chow on the patio, and enjoy the parade of wildlife in the back yard (including 23 wild turkeys a few days ago).

FOURTH—Bundle up and walk outside whenever the weather allows.

FIFTH AND LAST—Light a fire in the fireplace, read a good book, and wait for the world to heal.



Brenda Dicken
LIFE Board Member

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Teacher Feature...

David Stebenne earned a B.A. in history from Yale and a J.D. and a Ph.D. in history from Columbia. He is a member of the Maryland Bar, and a specialist in modern American political and legal history. He has taught at Ohio State since 1993. He has written two books and co-authored a third one. The first, "Arthur J. Goldberg: New Deal Liberal," explores the rise and decline of New Deal era liberalism from the 1930's through the 1960's. His second book, "Modern Republican: Arthur Larson and the Eisenhower Years," is a study of the rise and decline of moderately conservative ideas from the 1940's through the 1960's. David co-authored a history of the leading suburban new town of Columbia, Maryland with Joseph Mitchell. The book was published by the History Press in 2007 with the title "New City Upon A Hill: A History of Columbia, Maryland." He is currently working on a new book project, which is a history of the rise of the American middle class from the 1930's through the 1960's. His new article entitled "Is American Democracy Endangered?" was published in the Drake Law Review in December 2018. He contributes to such publications aimed at educated general readers as: The Conversation, the Huffington Post, the New Republic, the Observer, and Salon.



David Stebenne PhD, JD
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