

This Week

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 Route 66
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Scott R Piotrowski was born and raised in Willoughby, Ohio, in the eastern suburbs of Cleveland, and is a current resident of Glendale (CA). Yearly family vacations were road trips to new places, and his fondest memories of those were the trips to Boston and Williamsburg (VA), thus confirming history was in his blood from a young age.



While attending Marietta (OH) College in the 1990s, Piotrowski became interested in film. Once he received his BS from Marietta in Mathematics (with a minor in history), it was off to Los Angeles to pursue the dreams of so many before and that interest in film.

It was on his move to Los Angeles in 1996 that Piotrowski found and fell in love with Route 66. Initially, northwest Arizona was the portion of 66 that he knew best, and in 1998 he produced and directed a short film, *158 Miles to Yesterday*, that chronicles the longest remaining stretch of Mother Road, from

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Dialing In

By Steve Kerekes,
 President



Building Better Friendships A Short Taxonomy of Friendship Types

In the articles written in this column over the past several weeks, I have considered the means a person uses to predict his or her future happiness. The last article discussed how one of the best means is to employ friends of good judgment as sounding boards for our thoughts, plans, and ambitions. But not all friends, or even most, have good judgment, or even any utilitarian purpose that is readily discernible. I have at least a couple of friends that come to mind who have something less than good judgment, but are incredibly amusing and fun to be with. If I were to use them as sounding boards at all, it would be to do something other than what they recommend. I can say this because they are not in this Club and they will never read this article.

*This week's selection explores the various kinds of friendships that exist in our lives. It comes from the book *Friendship - An Expose*, by Joseph Epstein (pages 1-10, Mariner Books, 2006).*

"The beauty of the word *friend* is that it's so ambiguous," wrote Miss Manners in

one of her columns. I take Miss Manners's meaning, though ambiguity is not necessarily a beautiful quality for someone who is attempting to understand what friendship is and how it works, and at book length no less. How much better if the meaning, implications, and significance of the word were nicely locked into a firm and easy definition! Alas, they aren't, and perhaps never will be.

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Friendship is the strongest of relationships not bound by or hostage to biology, which is to say, blood. It is, in this sense, as C.S. Lewis writes in *The Four Loves*, "the least natural of loves; the least instinctive, organic, biological, gregarious and necessary." As Lewis goes on to point out, we can breed without friendship and

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September 14

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Program Review

Music brings Lost Memories to Life *Encouraging Some who have been Silent to Speak*



Elliott Gold, our speaker at last week's meeting, has had a fascinating career as a photo-journalist for *Time-Life* magazines. I am sure that he could have told many interesting stories of the projects and stories that he worked on in the course of his photography career. Rather, he chose to speak on a topic that is very close to his heart.

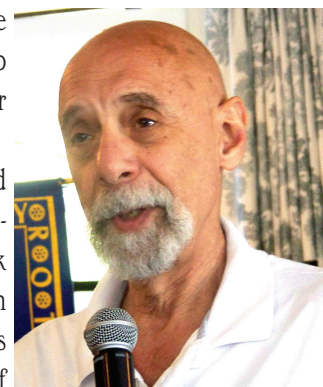
Gold interviews senior citizens and has a rather unusual way of conducting the interviews. He plays music; more specifically, he plays the music that was popular at the time his subject was a young man or woman.

Gold discovered that nothing returns a memory as clearly as a song. Before he starts the interview he needs to know when his subject was born, their date of birth, where they grew up, and, if available, their favorite artists. Once he has this information, he prepares a playlist of songs which were popular at the time of their youth. For women, he chooses songs that were popular when they were 10 to 18; for men it is songs that were popular when they were 13 to 21. When he plays the music that these men and women listened to in their teenage years, they instantly recalled what they were doing at the time, where they lived, the names of their teachers and friends. They even spoke of the clothes they wore and the movies they saw. The memories and stories came pouring out after they heard their favorite songs from their teenage years.

Even though many of Gold's interviewees were suffering from dementia or Alzheimer's at the time of the interview with him, they were able to tell him stories and experiences from their youth as a result of his playing the music from when they grew up. Elliot recalled an interview he conducted with woman who rarely if ever spoke in the presence of her family and caregivers. After he played the songs from her

youth, she opened up about her past life.

Gold has written a book which contains stories of



many of the people he interviewed using his unconventional technique, called *Rememories, The Music and the Memories That Shaped Our Lives*. Some of the people Elliot interviewed for the book are celebrities: entertainers like Fabian and Grace Slick, or politicians such as Andrew Young, the former mayor of Atlanta. He brought copies of the book for the Altadena Rotarians to take home. He also offered to conduct interviews for the attendees who wanted to preserve the memories of that special friend, parent or relative. The interviews are preserved on a CD and given to the child or friend without charge.

It is a wonderful service that Elliot Told provides to those who want to preserve the memories and stories of their elderly family members and friends. Boyd Hudson ○

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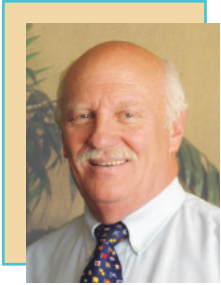
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09/13 - Boyd & Alice Hudson

Kim Jong Un and The Nuclear Threat



P'yongyang's insistence on thermonuclear weapons' testing and progressive development of lift vehicles capable of 1500-mile apogees under the orchestration/direction of a true narcissist, definitely pose a serious and viable threat to our people, our economy, and our way of life.

What to do about it?

Negotiations have failed to stop nuclear research. Buying out the North Korean regime with bribes has failed. Economic threats have failed. Verbal threats of consequences have failed. Sanctions have failed. Promises have failed.

Advisories to the American people to prepare for the possibility of protracted conflict on a nuclear scale are a clear possibility with no assurances that China will look the other way in the event of a preemptive strike by the US or in the event of an allied invasion in conjunction with South Korea, Japan and possibly Australia. China wants regional stability, and undoubtedly will pay much for peace and tranquility both in treasure and lives if necessary.

And then ... of course, there is our perpetual nemesis: Russia, the only country truly capable of matching our nuclear arsenal – missile for missile – in a race for mutually assured destruction (MAD). Putin is not likely to sit by and do nothing even if he fights a proxy war.

In another scenario, North Korea goes

on with its testing and miniaturization of thermonuclear war heads, increasing throw weights and the sophistication of its ICBMs. Launches lobbed over Japan will not be popular! And we can pretty much expect the United Nations to sit by and do nothing – its usual and customary role.

President Trump has apparently already given orders for US armed forces to shoot down and destroy any missile launched from North Korea and moving toward the continental United States, Hawaii or Guam. We have – according to my understanding – some 20 anti-missile missiles to accomplish this mission. Perhaps we need more! I am not at all sure how good the technology is.

Under the maxim of *walking softly while carrying a big stick*, we have been well served in the past, never forgetting, however, that Neville Chamberlain taught us the expensive lesson inherent in policies of appeasement which do not work well.

The president also is said to be considering a new *shoot down* order for any North Korean missile launched and moving toward Japan or South Korea. This policy works for me in a posture of self-defense if nothing more.

It would be nice to simply take out Kim Jong Un in hopes that his regime will simply fold and open its windows to the west, but that is unlikely. He is well protected and not entirely stable.

John Bolton, former UN Ambassador, who has advised the president informally on security matters, said the US is being "driven in the direction of a preemptive

strike because North Korea won't back down." Is he right?

US anti-ballistic programs operate under the aegis of the Missile Defense Agency.

Among these programs is the 26-year-old Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system, (THAAD), whose *hit to kill* interceptors are designed to shoot down an incoming missile through kinetic energy that explodes the missile on impact. "It's called stopping a bullet with a bullet" ... unless you miss!

Is preemption inevitable then? Nothing is inevitable!

Our hope and prayer is that the strategy of knocking down Kim Jong Un's missiles is effective! We can continue to hope that China will recognize it is within our mutual interests to pressure North Korea to step down and stop their missile and thermonuclear testing. Meanwhile ... "Trust in God and keep your powder dry!" (William Blacker- 1834). ○

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near Ash Fork to the California border.

But his love for his new home of Los Angeles took root, and he realized the lack of information about 66 through his new home. In 2003, Piotrowski released his self-published, self-distributed guide to Los Angeles' 66: *Finding the End of the Mother Road: Route 66 in Los Angeles County*. Since then, Piotrowski has become an internationally-known supporter of Metropolitan Route 66, and the preeminent expert on Los Angeles' Route 66. ○

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carry on existence without it. Friendship does not arise out of necessity, but out of preference. Unlike our family, which we have no say in choosing, our friendships are based almost entirely on personal selection. “God’s apology,” the English essayist Hugh Kingsmill amusingly called friends; by which he meant that, by way of apology, and to make amends to us for the families He has burdened us with, God has also supplied us with friends.

The breadth of meanings the word *friend* takes in is such that all one can safely say through definition is that a friend is someone one likes and wishes to see again, though I can think of exceptions and qualifications even to this innocuous formulation. Rather than attempt to define *friend* straightaway, perhaps I would do better to begin by distinguishing between the kinds and degrees of friendship.

The first necessary distinction is that between a friend and an acquaintance. Dictionaries aren’t of much help here either. An acquaintance, I should say, is someone you know, may even have known for a long while, but almost never plan to meet, unless for some very specific reason. He or she may be someone pleasing enough to encounter – on the street, at a party or professional function, even in a hospital – but one generally does so with a slight element of surprise. A relationship with an acquaintance doesn’t postulate a future. You may or may not meet again, no obligation on either side, nothing owed but recognition and civility. You might dislike, in fact despise, an acquaintance, and do so with a clear conscience, something one is not permitted to do with a person one claims to call a friend. Yet there are some who prefer acquaintances to friends, as does the narrator of Julian Fellowes’s recent novel *Snobs*, who remarks that he much prefers acquaintances over friends, for they offer,

more variety and require so much less in the way of participation and obligation, leaving one’s life less clogged with human complication.

Old Friends - Categories of

Closer to the matter are the categories of Old Friends, Out-of-Town Friends, Professional Friends, Secondary Friends, Male-Female Friends, and Ex-Friends. I won’t bother to add Fair-Weather Friends, though I have a friend I call my Foul-Weather Friend, because we chiefly meet in the winter or on rainy days, since on all his other free days he is out playing golf.

Old friends include friends from one’s past whom one may or may not any longer see regularly. Old friends often include friends from as far back as one’s grade school or high school or college days. They might also include friends made in the military. Often these are friendships that have gone not so much sour as inactive: one of the parties to the friendship has moved to another area of the country, or perhaps once shared interests or causes or outlooks have changed, respective fortunes may have radically altered, and, in the mix of all these possibilities, the previous basis for the friendship has become diluted or has dissolved. A common past – or at any rate a patch of the past – is what usually unites old friends. At their best, school reunions are sustained by the feeling supplied by old friendships.

Sometimes meeting an old friend can be terribly disappointing, not to say sad, so far apart might friends have grown or so differently might they now view the world and therefore each other. Sometimes such meetings can be very sweet, especially when one still finds in an old friend – after a long lapse of time – the qualities one first liked in him Or her twenty, thirty, forty, fifty and more years ago.

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Owing to American mobility – people moving about the country for work, a more pleasing environment, retirement, and much else – the category of out-of-town friend has become a larger one than perhaps at any previous time. Some friends are not merely out of town, but out of the country. One usually makes such friends through one’s professional associations: scientists often meet in faraway places with colleagues from around the world; connections get made, and out of them friendships begin to form. The main – it may be a crucial—distinction between out-of-town and other friends is that the element of regularity plays a much smaller – or sometimes almost no – part in out-of-town friendships.

Good feelings can certainly stay alive with friends who live in Paris, London, Bombay, and South America, but friendship doesn’t get much of a workout at such distances. ... Of course, it is also possible that, if these fine out-of-town friendships were put to the test of reasonable regularity (a meeting every month or so), things might fall apart – presence, to reverse the old cliché, making the heart grow colder.

Aristotle – in the *Nicomachean Ethics* – talks about friendships based on pleasure and friendships based on utility, neither of which, he believed, qualified as friendship of the highest order. When the pleasure was gone or when the usefulness had run its course, the friendship was finished. Yet surely everyone has had, and still has, friendships begun in the most strict utility – where one person might even have been paid to render a service to the other – that happily developed into richer friendships. Why shouldn’t some of one’s closest friends also be friends made in the line of work? Not for nothing are many physicians most friendly with fellow physicians, painters with painters, accountants with accountants,

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Collaborative PASadena



Speaking at our August 31 meeting, Collaborative PASadena's Director Lisa

Cavelier called upon our neighborhoods in Altadena, Sierra Madre, and Pasadena to *Make a Difference* through celebrating and bridging our communities geographically, ethnically, spiritually, politically, economically, educationally, and inspirationally.

The Collaborative goal?

Safe, stable and nurturing communities in which to raise our children with the promise of health, happiness and a productive, satisfying life for all ... that sometimes illusive *pursuit of happiness* Thomas Jefferson bespoke as an inalienable right along with life and liberty.

To accomplish this lofty undertaking, Lisa regularly meets with *powers that be* in City government, the halls of academia,

finance and business to solicit tacit and complicit cooperation and consent to pursue programs to uplift and improve and to inure to the benefit of all.

Pride in accomplishment, in pulling together is the reward in itself when there is something to show for the effort when all is said and done to the best of our collective abilities. That is both the lesson and end of knowing we have given our all and given our best.

We applaud the labors of Lisa as she cajoles, charms, leads and inspires us to do all that we can to make our community the haven for families, the light of learning, the heart of congeniality and bulwark of safety that it should be. No less than that proverbial 'Light upon the hill' referenced by governor John Winthrop and later by Ronald Reagan is the metamorphosis we seek and together we can achieve if we *Collaborate*.

Lisa's message as clarion of possibilities



came to mix and mingle, to join with us and to encourage us to join in workshops for parents, in workshops for children, in task forces to accomplish and to achieve together. Thank you Lisa for the awe, the vision, the path and the light you bring.

John Frykenberg ○

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poets with poets.

Secondary Friendships are those in which one realizes that one isn't one of the main players in the relationship, or might not have been befriended at all if another relationship hadn't first been in place. A secondary friendship is one entered into as the friend of a friend, or as the relation of a friend. One's wife, say, is dear friends with another woman, who suggests that you go out to dinner as a foursome, putting you in a friendly relationship with your wife's friend and your wife's friend's husband, whom you may or may not like. I have a friend who is in precisely such a re-

lation in which he likes his wife's friend but strongly dislikes his wife's friend's husband, with whom he has been faking friendliness for decades. He is too good a husband, and too gentle a man, to complain; he grins and (barely) bears it.

Specialized Friendships are those whom one sees only during a particular activity – tennis, golf, bridge, poker, pottery, yoga, bowling – and has no real connection outside that specific activity. Sometimes, of course, one can first meet someone through this activity and the friendship can branch out and deepen, no longer requiring the game or craft or hobby or interest in ques-

tion to keep it going. But more often, once one or the other party quits the activity, the friendship is done too.

Friendships can also be divided among those people who are older or younger or contemporary with oneself. The standard friendships – if any such thing as a standard can be said to exist in friendship – are probably those among contemporaries, who figure to have so much more in the way of common background and interests and to be at the same stage in life, which bring similar problems and pleasures and hence many more things to talk about."

To be continued next week. ○

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