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Hello to all. I don't know about anybody else but I can hardly wait for 2020 to end and to see a start to a much better new year. We continue to work on holding a 'normal' reunion in September 2021 but long range planning is iffy at best under this pandemic. Being Tin Can Sailors we will do everything we can to make this happen - somehow some way. As we move into 2021 we will keep you informed when we have something definite to tell you. In the meantime I wish all of you to stay safe, take care and have a great (socially distant) holiday season.

Sandie E. Siciliano ETN2, 1st VP and Newsletter Editor (ss.sailorsandie@gmail.com)

Ahoy Shipmates and welcome to the "new" newsletter – brought to you by the Officers of our beloved Tin Can, USS Fiske (DD/DDR-842) and facilitated by our Treasurer, James Rapson. I must say that it is a pleasure to be able to communicate with everyone again. I had SO much fun creating custom graphics, adding stories and articles of interest after receiving input from our Officers and Appointments. In retrospect, I hope you enjoyed our old newsletter as much as I enjoyed putting it all together for you. Things change, as we all know, and we're all getting a bit long in the tooth as Father Time is catching up to us; but, with limited resources, we go on. Finally, as 2020 draws to a close, let us all hope and pray for harmony, good health and a better year ahead as we try to get our lives back to some sort of normalcy. Shipmates, I wish you the heartiest of fair winds and following seas, and I do hope we will have another Reunion in the not too distant future.

Peter Brotschul BT2, 2nd VP and Ship's Store Clerk (Petebrotschul@gmail.com)

Hello to all our Shipmates from the Ship's Store and 2021 Reunion Planner. In these trying times I am hoping all of our shipmates are keeping safe. Due to the current uncertainty about our planned Reunion in Sept. 2021 in the Philadelphia/New Jersey area, I do not have much to offer at this time. If you're following the day to day news, it looks like the second wave of this illness is hitting these areas hard. Our Board Members are committed to providing a safe and comfortable gathering for ALL of us. Information is difficult as there are too many restrictions on a Reunion as we are accustomed to. I am following the current guidelines and am hopeful of better days ahead and will keep you informed as best we can. The Ship's Store is still open and available for your needs. Thank you all for your support and I pray that you and your loved ones continue to stay healthy.



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It has been a wild time in the USA since we last got together in Saratoga Springs. It was also a year that we lost a number of Shipmates: Marshall B. Lundberg LT/LCDR; George W. Post, Jr LTJG; David Roddy EN3; Charles Lorzing RD3; Fred Webber FN; Charles May; Warren Van Natter RM2; Howard MacDonald SN; John Frase STG2; Tommy Green SD3; Thomas Bailey, Jr FPG3; Frederick Kroop QM3 and Richard Shaw MM2. Whether we knew each of them or not, they were our shipmates. Their names will be read aloud at the next Reunion Banquet.

James R. Rapson LTjg, Treasurer (jrrapson@cox.net)

While the USS Fiske rests quietly alongside the pier during this pandemic, the business of operating our Association continues. The Master Roster of Shipmates needs constant attention. A reminder to all that your personal information is for the use of the Association ONLY, it is never given to any outside source. The routine bills must be paid and Dues receipts must be posted and deposited. By the way – have you paid your \$10.00 to keep the Association afloat? Just a friendly reminder, that it takes your Dues to remain an active Association. A Reunion in September 2021 is still a high consideration but the plans are totally dependent on the health of the country. We cannot put our Shipmates at risk and Pete Brotschul will do his very best to make it happen. As soon as we have something to report you will hear it on the 1MC!

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HAVE FAITH

Faith can dispel despair; just know that God is in charge of everyone and everything. Nothing surprises God. So remember to pray for one another and the world. Be concerned but do not worry. God is in control of all! Keep the faith by praying!!

Now that there are six responses to our shortened newsletter, I am left with a little bit of “dead space” and I do not want to leave it that way. Please rest assured that your Association has NOT forgotten you and that our future rests with how we continue to communicate with each and every Shipmate. We will do our best to keep you informed and would ask that you also send us a note or an email once in awhile. Communication is the key but only if it is a two way street. Let us know of any questions or concerns so that we may be better able to address the issues.

Until we next meet: **May you always have fair winds and following seas.**



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