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MISSING YOUR STIMULUS CHECKS? (by Robert P. Langley)

Recently, the Lifers' Unlimited Club questioned why some AIC were receiving their stimulus checks while others (similarly positioned) were not? So, after looking into the matter this is what we discovered.

Initially, there's no reason for you to look for your stimulus check if you weren't eligible to receive it. Therefore, to be eligible, people who are incarcerated must:

- Be a United States citizen, permanent resident, or qualifying resident alien.
- Have a valid Social Security Number or Individual Tax Identification Number.
- Not be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return.
- Your 2018 or 2019 income is under \$99,000 (single, or married filing separately) or \$198,000 (married filing jointly). You also qualify if you have little or no income.



Assuming you're eligible, it's important to remember that even though people who are incarcerated were not *deliberately* excluded in the original Stimulus Bill, neither were they intentionally *included*. As a result, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) opposed providing incarcerated people their stimulus checks. It was only after *Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bornstein* and the *Equal Justice Society* filed a lawsuit that a federal judge issued an order requiring the IRS to stop withholding stimulus checks for incarcerated individuals. Naturally, by this time, the IRS had already built its stimulus-check-tracking systems so there aren't any IRS websites specifically intended for incarcerated people to track their stimulus checks. With that said, for the AIC who is eligible (and who has timely applied for their

Economic Impact Payment) here's a brief outline regarding the steps you – as an incarcerated individual – can take to check on the status of your stimulus checks.

If you haven't received your \$1,400 stimulus check here's how you can have a friend or family member check on its status

AIC can track the status of their third stimulus check by using the IRS [Get My Payment](#) tool (it's available in English and Spanish). When you use this tool, you will get one of the following three messages:

Payment Status, which means:

- A payment has been processed. You will be shown a payment date and whether the payment type is direct deposit or by mail.
- You're eligible, but a payment has not been processed and a payment date is not available.

Payment Status Not Available, which means:

- Your payment has not been processed.
- You're not eligible for a payment.
- According to the IRS, it's normal for the [Get My Payment](#) tool to give you a message that says "Payment Status Not Available" until the payment is scheduled to be issued. This message doesn't mean you're not eligible or that you won't receive a payment – you'll likely just have to wait.

Need More Information, which means:

- Your payment was returned to the IRS because the post office was unable to deliver it. If this message is displayed, you will have a chance to enter your banking information and receive your payment as a direct deposit. Otherwise, you will need to update your address before the IRS can send you your payment.

Another way to track your \$1,400 stimulus check is to use the IRS [Where's My Refund](#) tool. Enter your Social Security Number, your filing status and your exact refund amount, then press "Send." If you entered your information correctly, you'll be taken to a page that shows your refund status. If not, you may be asked to verify your personal tax data and try again. If all the information looks correct, you'll need to enter the date you filed your taxes, along with whether you filed on paper or electronically.

There's also a mobile app, called [IRS2Go](#) that checks your tax refund status. According to the IRS, they update the data in this tool overnight, so if you don't see a status change after 24 hours or more, check back the following day. Both IRS tools (online and mobile) will show you one of three messages to explain your tax return status.

- Received: The IRS now has your tax return and is working to process it.
- Approved: The IRS has processed your tax return and confirmed the amount of your stimulus payment, if you're owed one.
- Sent: Your refund is now on its way to your bank *via* direct deposit or as a paper check to your address.

How to request a payment trace and claim your missing \$1,400 stimulus check with the IRS

You can request an IRS payment trace only if you receive a confirmation letter from the IRS that your payment was sent (also called Notice 1444), or if the [Get My Payment](#) tool shows that your payment was issued but you have not received it within the listed timeframes. This is the case for all three-stimulus checks (\$600, \$1,200 and \$1,400).

To request a payment trace, call the IRS at 800-919-9835 or mail or fax a completed *Form 3911, Taxpayer Statement Regarding Refund*. A payment trace Form 3911 is meant to lead the IRS to investigate what happened to payments not returned to the IRS. **Note:** If you call the number, let your people know they'll have to listen through the recorded content before they connect with an agent.

To complete Form 3911 for your third stimulus check, the IRS provides the following instructions:

- Write "EIP3" on the top of the form (EIP stands for Economic Impact Payment).
- Complete the form answering all refund questions as they relate to your payment.
- When completing item 7 under Section 1:
 1. Check the box for "Individual" as the *Type of return*.
 2. Enter "2021" as the *Tax Period*.
 3. Do not write anything for the *Date Filed*.
 4. Sign the form.

You should not mail Form 3911 if you've already requested a trace by phone. The IRS also warns that you should not request a payment trace to (a) determine if you were eligible to get a stimulus check; or (b) confirm the amount you should have received.

If you send a kite to the Lifers' Club requesting a Form 3911, we will provide it to you.

Common AIC Questions

- **Can an AIC have a friend or loved one file a tax return for them?**

The IRS generally has not given permission for friends/loved ones on the outside to file a tax return for an incarcerated person without including a power of attorney. If you decide to go in this direction be sure to execute a lawful power of attorney.

- **I submitted a 2019 tax return, but I haven't received my first or second stimulus checks. What do I do?**

Most likely, the IRS was unable to process your 2019 tax return in time to issue your first and second stimulus checks. Therefore, if you haven't received them, you will have to claim your stimulus payment as the Recovery Rebate Credit by filing a 2020 tax return Form 1040. Assuming that you've timely filed your 2019 and 2020 tax returns, it may be possible to call the IRS's hotline at 1-800-919-9835 to check on the status of your first or second stimulus checks. Please note that information on the first and second payment is no longer available on the IRS [Get My Payment](#) tool. However, you may be able to view information about these payments by creating an account on [IRS.gov/account](https://www.irs.gov/account). To create an account, you will need the following basic information: Full name, email, birthday, Social Security Number or Individual Tax Identification Number, tax filing status and current address.

- **Can my lawyer file for me?**

Yes. Attorneys can file on behalf of an AIC by using IRS *Form 2848, Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative*. If you send a kite to the Lifers' Club requesting an IRS Form 2848 we will provide it to you.

If you haven't received your stimulus checks, the IRS has published a list of eight reasons that could potentially be holding them up

In order, they are:

- Your tax return has errors.
- Your tax return is incomplete and/or illegible.
- You've submitted multiple tax returns.
- You've submitted multiple addresses.
- You're listed as a "dependent" on someone else's tax return.
- Your refund has been affected by identity theft or fraud.
- You filed for the earned income tax or additional tax credit.
- Your tax return needs further review.

By now everyone should know that you have until May 17, 2021, to claim your first and second payment as the Recovery Rebate tax credit on your 2020 tax return

If you need help claiming your first and second payment as the Recovery Rebate tax credit on your 2020 tax return, you can:

- Visit Code for America's *Get Your Refund* website to connect with an IRS-certified volunteer that can help you file for your taxes for free.
- Contact your local *Volunteer Income Tax Assistance* (VITA) or *AAPR Foundation's Tax-Aide* site to get free tax help from an IRS-certified volunteer.
- Use *Prison Policy Initiative's* legal resource database to search by state for law firms and organizations that provide free legal assistance to people who are incarcerated on civil matters.

If a friend and/or family member want additional information about stimulus checks for people who are incarcerated, they can

- Visit Cares Act Prison Case, a webpage resource created by *Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bornstein* and the *Equal Justice Society*, who filed the lawsuit that successfully fought for the right of people who are incarcerated to receive stimulus checks.
- Call Root & Rebound at (510) 279-4662 to request a Root & Rebound's Stimulus Payment Recovery Rebate Credit FAQ Packet with a sample blank Form 1040. This packet can be sent to people who are incarcerated so that they can file for the Recovery Rebate Tax Credit. They are also available to answer any general questions about stimulus checks from Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm (Pacific Time).

Additional contacts

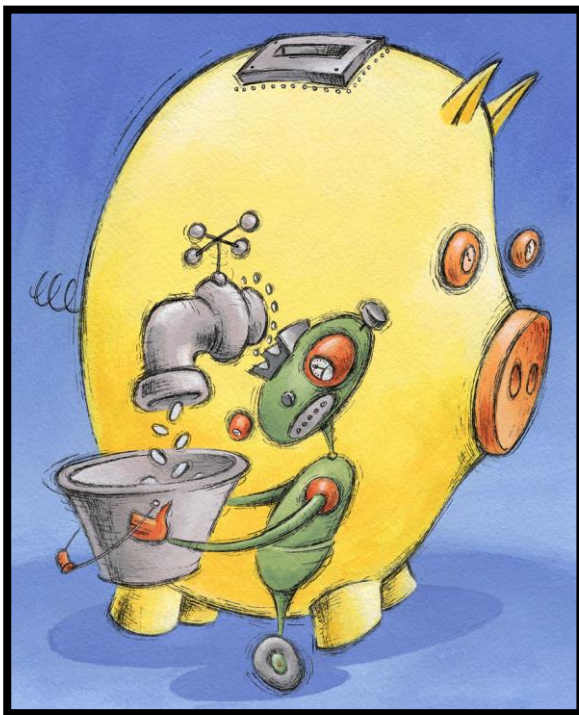
- For more information on the recovery rebate credit, you can go to [IRS.gov/RRC](https://www.irs.gov/RRC).
- If you can't locate your Notice 1444 or Notice 1444-B you can go to [IRS.gov/Account](https://www.irs.gov/Account) and set up an account.
- You can try asking a low income tax clinic for help (1-877-777-4778).
- You can try asking a *Volunteer Income Tax Assistance* program for help (1-800-906-9887).
- You can ask a friend or family member to contact the IRS at 1-800-919-9835 (general information about Recovery Rebate Credit) and/or 1-800-829-1040 (tax payer help line).

- You can ask a friend or family member to visit Code for America's "Get Your Refund" website to connect with an IRS-certified volunteer that can help you file your taxes for free.
- You can ask a friend or family member to contact your local Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and/or AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide site to get free tax help from an IRS-certified volunteer.

All of the websites and phone numbers in this article have been verified by the editor and, although the Lifers' Club is publishing the IRS's help line numbers, please know they have also stated: "Our phone assistants don't have information beyond what's available on IRS.gov."

Finally, the Lifers' Unlimited Club cannot advise AIC on how to fill out their tax returns or what measures to take. This article is only meant to provide AIC with some information that may assist them in their own effort to obtain and/or locate the status of their stimulus checks. Keep in mind that in spite of your incarceration – you are entitled to the Economic Impact Payments. Therefore, if you're eligible, continue to persevere and fight for what's yours. Good Luck! (RPL).

Oregon voters favor less punitive approaches to crime, misbehavior, poll finds (by Betsy Hammond & Nicole Hayden)



Oregon voters favor new, less-punitive approaches to crime and mental health crises, with enthusiasm sky-high diminishing police response to minor behavior incidents. Voters are less supportive of ending mandatory minimum sentences.

Those are among the results of a new poll, conducted by left-leaning polling firm *Data for Progress for The Appeal*, a program that puts out criminal justice analysis and news with a progressive spin.

The online poll, conducted from March 5 to March 9, found that 62% of likely voters favor repealing Measure 11 mandatory minimum sentences and allowing prosecutors, judge and juries more discretion. One third of voters, including 50% of Republicans, told pollsters they oppose such a rollback.

The poll had a margin of error of minus 4.4%.

A competing poll, conducted by Fallon Research & Communications for the Oregon District Attorneys Association late last year, found voters narrowly support Oregon's mandatory minimum sentences for the most serious crimes. But it also found most voters were open to reducing the mandatory minimum sentences for some lower-level assaults and robberies.

In 2019, lawmakers voted for a landmark juvenile justice reform that focused on rehabilitation, sending more cases to juvenile courts and limiting sentences so most youthful serious offenders will be released before or at age 25. But proposals to give judges more leeway on sentencing adults face an uphill battle this session, because any such change would require a two-thirds vote in each chamber.

In the poll, likely voters also expressed over-whelming support for funding non-police response to mental health or homeless-related calls for help. Eighty-one percent of poll respondents said they

would support using taxpayer dollars to help cities or counties create programs similar to the three-decade-old Eugene-area program known as Cahoots.

That program functions as another leg of the local first response system, sending behavioral health workers instead of police to mental health crisis calls. In addition to saving lives, the \$2 million program saved the city of Eugene around \$14 million in 2019, said Chris Hecht, the executive coordinator of the White Bird Clinic, which operates Cahoots. Those savings come from not having to provide ambulance rides and emergency room treatment and from the decrease in policing.

Street Roots, a nonprofit news and advocacy organization in Portland that helps individuals experiencing homelessness sell newspapers to earn income, published a similar survey of city of Portland residents only that was conducted by McKelvey Consulting.

Of the 416 Portlanders surveyed, 87% said they believed a non-police first responder is better trained to help a person experiencing a crisis on the streets connected to their mental health, substance abuse or homelessness.

Eighty percent of the respondents said they do not believe that Portland Police are equipped to deal with individuals experiencing mental health crisis and 61% said they did not believe that Portland Police have a positive impact on homelessness in their neighborhood.

The statewide poll conducted by Data for Progress also found Oregon voters favor allowing courts to impose lesser sentences on defendants who've experienced domestic violence in cases in which such abuse was found to be a contributing factor to the offense.

A bill currently before the House Judiciary Committee would require the court to consider evidence of domestic violence when sentencing someone found guilty of a crime.

Seventy percent of those polled, including majorities of Republicans and unaffiliated voters, said they favor the bill.

Finally, the poll found a slim degree of support for decriminalizing the actions of adults who sell and pay for consensual sex. Oregon voters indicated they favor such a step 54% to 37%.

The most likely of the four options to become reality in Oregon in the near-term is the switch to non-police responses to some emergency calls.

Both federal and state efforts are underway to provide funding to spur that change.

House Bill 2417 would require the Oregon Department of Human Services to provide matching grants to cities or counties to operate these mobile crisis teams. The House Committee on Behavioral Health held a public hearing for the bill at the end of February but has yet to schedule a vote on it.

Legislative staff are still talking input on the bill to ensure it will include funding for a variety of mobile crisis team formats, said Jon Pugsley, legislative director for Rep. Tawna Sancheze, D-Portland, who co-sponsored the bill.

Complementary to the state bill, U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Oregon, introduced the Cahoots Act in the U.S. House. It's the House companion to a Senate version introduced by U.S. Senator Ron Wyden, D-Oregon. The Cahoots Act would allow communities to be reimbursed by Medicaid for up to 95% of service costs.

That would build on the \$1 billion in Medicaid funding for alternatives to policing authorized under the federal coronavirus relief package Congress approved. That allows communities to cash in on a Medicaid reimbursement of up to 85% until the billion-dollar cap is reached.

"As our country continues to explore ways to reduce police brutality and adequately address mental health and substance use disorder crisis, we must invest more in proven models that prioritize effective, trauma-informed care," said DeFazio in a statement.



A Message to the Lifers' Club from American Legion Post 58 Baseball Program

Thank you for your donation to the American legion post 58 Baseball Program. Your total donation/Sponsorship of \$600.00, \$300 to the AAA Crushers and \$300 to the Single A, Silverton Bandits will be used to purchase multiple program needs, such as balls, uniforms, travel and umpire costs.

Your many years of support for our American Legion Post 58 activities is always well received. Your contribution is an item of discussion at our Post meetings and at the ballpark with the players and Fans. Your club is always announced over the loud speaker as one of our team sponsors.

Thank you for your support,

Mike

American Legion Post 58 Baseball

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UN Human Rights Experts Urge U.S. Federal Government to Take Steps to End the Death Penalty

Describing capital punishment as an "inherently flawed" and "abhorrent practice," United Nations human rights experts have called on President Joe Biden to take action to end the death penalty in the U.S.

In a statement issued from the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner on Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland on March 11, 2021, the rights experts said the death penalty "serves no deterrent value and cannot be reconciled with the right to life." A press release from the High Commissioner's office criticized the United States for carrying out the death penalty despite "violations of due process guarantees, such as lack of access to an effective legal defense, and in ignorance of essential facts."

The human rights experts – which include Agnes Callamard, the U.N. Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment – are part of the Special procedures program of the Human Rights Council, an independent fact-finding and monitoring mechanism that addresses human rights issues around the world.

"We call on President Biden to urgently grant clemency to the 48 individuals currently on death row for federal crimes," the experts said, and "further urge the President, as well as members of Congress, to strongly support legislative efforts to formally abolish the death penalty at federal level."

"In the meantime, President Biden should consider all other possible federal-level actions including directing the Department of Justice to stop seeking the death penalty and withdrawing notices of intent to seek the death penalty in ongoing cases," they said.

The experts said U.S. executions “have repeatedly resulted in degrading spectacles” and criticized the administration of the death penalty nationwide for “disproportionately impacting[ing] African-Americans and people living in poverty.” Citing “thousands of individuals on state death rows across the country” and several pending state execution dates, they urged that “[a]ction must also be taken to address death penalties handed down at the state level.” (Death Penalty Information Center) (RPL).

FREE HANDBOOKS

Prisoner Diabetes Handbook: A 37-page handbook written by and for people in prison. Free for one copy.

Jailhouse Lawyers' Handbook: National Lawyers Guild, P.O. Box 1266
New York, New York 10009. Write to them to ask for a free copy.

PEN Writing Program for Prisoners: PEN American Center, 588 Broadway, Suite 303, New York, New York 10012. Provides incarcerated people with skilled writing mentors and audiences for their work. Write to them for a free *Handbook for Writers in Prison*. (RPL).

Increasing Self-Compassion (by Lorin Jackson and Lucy Gleysteen)

Many people are not fully aware of the ways in which their negative thoughts impact them throughout their day and in their lives. One of the reasons we experience negative thoughts are our past (or current) experiences with trauma. In other words, trauma can impact the way that we see and understand ourselves.

Some people who have experienced trauma, oppression, and/or abuse at a young age develop what is called a “negative internal voice.” This voice (or these internal “tapes”) might reveal themselves in the form of feelings of worthlessness, self-hatred, or hopelessness. Example of negative thoughts can include recurring thoughts like, “I’m stupid,” “I’m a horrible person,” or, “No one will ever want to be close to me.”

Some of these messages are things we’ve been told at different points in our lives, sometimes by parents, teachers, or people in our community. Sometimes, these messages come from people with power and privilege who feel a sense of superiority because of their identity.

Sometimes these feelings emerge as a response to recognizing we might have hurt someone else or caused harm.



These feelings have an enormous impact on how we live our lives and relate to people. These thoughts impact our emotional wellbeing and overall sense of self worth. These thoughts can make it harder to seek support and comfort because of our feelings of worthlessness. Negative thoughts contribute to anxiety, depression, suicidal tendencies, and other mental health concerns.

This article is about how to tolerate and redirect distressing emotions. If these feelings have been growing over the course of a lifetime, this article can be a possible starting place for learning to grow an internal sense of self-compassion.

Noticing Emotions: One way that you can assist yourself and strengthen your self-care is by doing check-in with yourself. You can ask yourself by doing what is called a self-assessment and try to identify what you are actually feeling.

It can be hard to put names to feelings, but our bodies can give us data to identify the type of emotion we're experiencing. An example of this is when we feel a sinking feeling in our stomach when anxious or a light warm feeling when happy. Noticing what you feel and having the chance to pinpoint how to describe what you're feeling is called naming. This process of identifying your emotions, naming them, and attempting to identify the underlying causes or even reasons for what you feel can help make often overwhelming emotions less scary and more tolerable – like letting light in where you saw only darkness before. Oftentimes, something has aggravated our fears and played off what we didn't know or could not immediately access. This causes more negative emotions that tend to build like items in a storage closet.

There are some additional questions you can ask yourself to self-regulate when you feel difficult or overwhelming emotions.

Self-Regulation: Self-regulation is the ability to manage emotions and behaviors in a positive way. It's the ability to keep disruptive emotions and impulses under control.

One way that people manage to self-regulate is through engaging in coping skills. Coping skills are the things we do to feel better. It is important to note that there is a difference between healthy and unhealthy coping mechanisms. Coping skills are different for everyone, as well, but some examples of healthy coping skills include: talking to a friend, journaling, exercising, working on art, eating comforting food, taking a nap, or listening to music. Healthy coping skills help you self-regulate, while unhealthy coping skills can enact more harm and stall the healing process.

Reality Testing: If you're stuck on a negative thought, you can ask these questions:

- Is it true? Is it absolutely true? If so, what is the evidence?
- How does this thought make me feel?
- What are kinder, more compassionate ways to view the situation?
- What would things be like if I didn't hold this belief?

It can also be helpful to get an outside perspective if these questions feel hard to answer on your own.

Trying to Calm your Body: This can be done through:

- Deep breathing or sighing
- Grounding exercises
- Lengthening the spine, then holding that posture for at least 30 seconds

- Placing your hand on your heart, holding it while noticing how it feels
- Repeatedly tensing your body, then releasing it
- Releasing tension in your jaw
- Relaxing your arms and your legs

Taking Space: Sometimes, we need a minute away from others to check in with ourselves. You can communicate with others that you need time alone. This can signal to others that you are carving out time for yourself and engaging in good self-care practices.

Mindfulness: Mindfulness is the ability to be aware of what we are feeling and thinking. There are different ways of engaging in mindfulness, including sitting in stillness/in quiet, meditation, yoga, journaling, focusing on breathing, and bringing awareness to all of your senses.

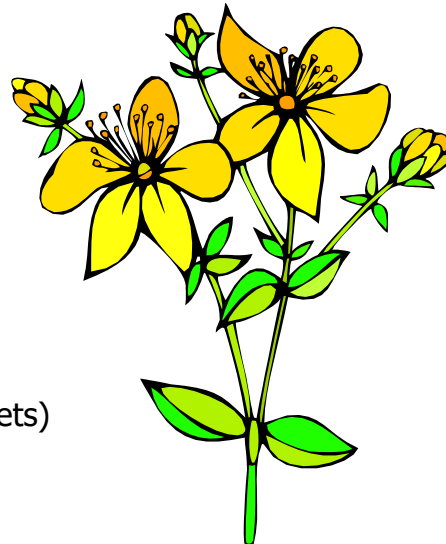
When It Feels Like Nothing Is Working: Sometimes no matter how hard we try, it can be challenging to overcome difficult emotions by ourselves. Despite our best efforts, sometimes the only way out way out of hard feelings and experiences is through them. In situations like these, one way to self-soothe is by reminding yourself that emotions are temporary and also survivable. Sometimes emotions feel impossible, but we have all survived difficult emotions and lived to see another day. Even when we thought we would not survive, we have. (Prison Health News) (RPL).

Allan's Specialty Tea Options

For a limited time and by special order only, the Lifers' Unlimited Club in partnership with Allan's Coffee & Tea is offering the following regular and herbal teas.

REGULAR TEAS

- English Breakfast Black (100ct Pyramid Sachets)
- Earl Grey Black (100ct Pyramid Sachets)
- Large Leaf Masala Chai (100ct Pyramid Sachets)
- Coconut Rush Black (100ct Pyramid Sachets)
- Four Horseman Black (100ct Pyramid Sachets)
- Chinese Sencha Green (100ct Pyramid Sachets)
- Jasmine Special Grade GR (100ct Pyramid Sachets)
- Pomegranate Mojito Green (100ct Pyramid Sachets)
- Cinnamon Orange Spice Rooibos (100ct Pyramid Sachets)
- Madagascar Coconut White (100ct Pyramid Sachets)
- Gold Rush White (100ct Pyramid Sachets)
- Creme Brulee Oolong (100ct Pyramid Sachets)



HERBAL TEAS

- Seven Seas (100ct Pyramid Sachets) (Ingredients: Cinnamon Chips, Rooibos Herbal Tea, Eleuthero Root, Peppermint, Echinacea, Sarsaparilla Root, Licorice Root)
- Wellness Blend (100ct Pyramid Sachets) (Ingredients: Lemongrass, Peppermint, Rose Hips, Licorice Root, Chamomile Flowers)
- Insomniac's Dream (100ct Pyramid Sachets) (Ingredients: Chamomile Flowers, Lemon Balm, Catnip, Lemongrass, Peppermint)

- Vanilla Spice (100ct Pyramid Sachets) (Ingredients: Cinnamon Chips, Ginger Root, Fennel Seeds, All Natural Flavor).

If you're interested in purchasing any of Allan's Specialty Teas (prices start at \$45.00 per 100ct) please send a kite to the Lifers' Club stating your request. (RPL).

Counting Down the 100 Books to Read Before You Die (Trust book recommendations from real people, not robots)

Continuing from April 2021's newsletter...

69. *Mrs Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf

Clarissa Dalloway said that she would buy the flowers herself, or so begins *Mrs Dalloway*. More than a mere story, Virginia Woolf breathes new life into stream of consciousness storytelling in this probing, gentle, and deeply transformative

68. *Moby-Dick* by Herman Melville

Man faces off against white whale in this 700-page story that remains one of the grandest works about morality and the nature of obsession. A must-read, and not just for the adventure.

67. *Metamorphosis* by Franz Kafka

What would you do if you wake up one morning and discover that you are now an insect? Franz Kafka answers this burning question in this short novel, regarded by many as a master stroke of genius.

66. *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert

Who is Madame Bovary? Gustave Flaubert once replied: "Madame Bovary, c'est moi." And so he does show through this undisputedly great novel that Madame Bovary — a longing, brutally, introspective, hedonistic woman — lives in all of us.

65. *Love in the Time of Cholera* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Florentino Ariza and Fermina Daza fell in love when they were young and were untimely torn apart by Fermina's father. But what happens when Florentino never forgets about Fermina — and decides to make his intentions known again after fifty years of separation? *Love in the Time of Cholera* is a towering magical realist classic.

64. *The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien

No author casts a greater shadow over one genre quite like J.R.R. Tolkien and epic fantasy. Start here with the trilogy that launched it all: *The Lord of the Rings* and Frodo's quest to rid Middle-Earth of Sauron once and for all.



63. *Lolita* by Vladimir Nabokov

The story of Humbert Humbert's obsessive quest for 12-year old Dolores Haze has haunted and captivated audiences for decades. *Lolita* is dark, sardonic, and ultimately genius study of madness and unreliability.

62. *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott

The four March sisters — Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy — grow up and come of age in this seminal work of family drama. They might be women, but they are by no means little in the halls of great literature.

61. *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Not many stories are as unanimously beloved as this short one by Antoine de Saint-Exupery. Once readers find themselves the shoes of the little prince and seeing through his eyes, they won't be able to look away.

60. *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis

Lions, witches, talking fauns, and Turkish delights — oh my! C.S. Lewis' allegorical story about the four Pevensie siblings who walk into a closet and disappear into the land of Narnia has captivated children (and adults) for decades. (RPL).

An Introduction To Street Roots

In the upcoming weeks, the Lifers' Unlimited Club will be hosting a fundraiser for the benefit of Street Roots. Street Roots was founded in 1999 and is a nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization in Portland, Oregon, that publishes a weekly alternative newspaper sold by people experiencing homelessness and poverty to earn an income. Similar to the Lifers' Club, they value:

Creativity.

We celebrate resourcefulness and imagination.

Dignity.

We lift each other up through the quality of our work and our engagement with each other.

Equity.

We hold the work of anti-racism and anti-oppression as central to our aspirations of justice.

Grace.

We regard each other not by our worst moment, but our best future.

Integrity.

We hold truth and justice paramount in telling our stories.

Relation.

We build solidarity by knowing each other across difference.

Their mission is to create income opportunities for people experiencing homelessness and poverty by producing a newspaper and other media that are catalysts for individual and social change. Inherent in their mission, Street Roots believes everyone is entitled to opportunity and dignity, and the freedom to reach their fullest potential: "We recognize that Black, Indigenous folks and people of color are disproportionately impacted by socio-economic injustice, including homelessness, and solutions to that injustice means solutions for all. To achieve that goal, we must be intentional in our work toward equity, ensuring that those most affected by injustice have the most resources to fight injustice." The Lifers' Club fundraiser will be aimed towards helping Street Roots realize their goal. (RPL).



BBQ NOTICE

As you know the Lifers' 2021 Pop-Up BBQs began on April 3rd and have proceeded every weekend since.

Thanks to all of the workers who spend their weekends cooking and serving up the food.

More importantly, a special thanks to all of the AIC that have stood in the long lines (rain or shine) – and battled through the delays – to purchase the various food items. Please know that we appreciate your business and although it may not be immediately apparent:

**WE ARE LISTENING TO YOUR
FEEDBACK AND IMPLEMENTING
CHANGES AIMED AT IMPROVING OUR
SERVICE TOWARDS THOSE WHO WAIT-
IN-LINE TO MAKE THEIR PURCHASES.**

If you have any feedback, suggestions and/or complaints (w/solutions) regarding our service during the Pop-Up BBQs please send us a kite and let us know; they will be reviewed and taken seriously.

Our goal is to make the Pop-Up BBQs easy to attend and enjoyable to eat.

Until we fully arrive at our goal “thank you” for your patience and please know that we are trying to do our best. (RPL).



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Newsletter

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Lifers' Unlimited Club 2021 Calendar

Unfortunately, all events are closed until social distancing restrictions are lifted. We will, however, do our best to keep everyone advised as events and/or circumstances change. Thank you for your patience.

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Just a reminder the Lifers' Unlimited Club Pop-Up BBQs are back! All purchases will be by punch card only. Please know that we're open to suggestions as far as the menu goes, therefore, if you have any ideas please send them to the Lifers' Club for consideration. Thanks.



~~~~~ WE ALL HAVE UNLIMITED POWER ~~~~~

**Lifers' Unlimited Club Executive Body**

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Mission Statement

The purpose of the Lifer's Unlimited Club is to unite the incarcerated men of OSP with a goal of improving the quality of life for those inside and outside of these walls. The club will work with charity programs, informational services, youth speaking panels and other positive programs.

We cannot change the past, however, we believe through rehabilitation and pro-social behavior we can create a more productive future.