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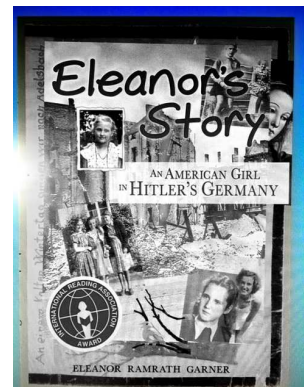
---March 3rd Vanguard Meeting---

We had no guest speaker at our March Vanguard meeting and had 19 members attending in the upstairs conference room of the Air and Space Museum because the central rotunda was being used by another group. Walli Stebel won the Birthday drawing and Emilio Stransky won the 50/50 drawing. This might be the last time we were able to use the front parking lot at the museum, as the Park Commision is going to revamp the front area that is now a parking lot and is due to convert it into a landscaped walk area. Access will most likely be by park tram. Vanguards con also try going to the rear of the museum where we used to hold our August Picnics. There is supposed to be an elevator in the rear repair shop which we could use to get to the 1st floor level. We might have to be patient and flexible to get to our meeting. If work has not started, we might still be able to use the front parking area that we have used since our Vanguard chapter began in 1980.



Mark **April 7th** on your calendar right now! This will be a unique opportunity to meet the award winning author, **Eleanor Garner**, (almost 90 years old) present highlights from her dramatic autobiography entitled "**Eleanor's Story: An American Girl in Hitler's Germany**".

Her story begins as a nine year old when her dad accepts a lucrative job offer and moves the family to Berlin. World War II breaks out while they are crossing the Atlantic. They become trapped.....and cannot return to their beloved America. Her first-hand account is incredibly well-written and descriptive. This is another program you do not want to miss!



Last month we gave you the main characters that were involved in the establishment of the FED which is the Federal Reserve Bank that now regulates our economy. This is a private business that works for profits for its shareholders and was established against the wishes of the founding fathers, who wanted interest free Treasury department dollars, not interest bearing Federal Reserve notes. Both Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson warned us against a private banking system. ---- see page 2

Ben Franklin wrote in his autobiography that the inability of the colonists to get the power to issue their own money permanently out of the hands of George III and the international bankers was (one of) the **PRIME** reasons for the Revolutionary War.

Thomas Jefferson wrote, "If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around them will deprive the people of all property until their children will wake up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered."

So lets go over what has happened regarding monetary policy since the founding of the republic.

1. George Washington and Alexander Hamilton establish the First Bank of the United States in 1791 with a 20 year charter that lapsed in 1811 so that the nation was without a national bank for 5 years until congress established the 2nd Bank of the United States in 1816. In the five years between these two charters, the public used state banks or local private banks to save their money.
2. Andrew Jackson is critical of the 2nd Bank because it refuses loans for expanding the nation westwards and suspects foreign influence. He makes enemies of Nicholas Biddle, the bank director and Henry Clay, a powerful senator from Kentucky. Jackson eventually runs for president against Henry Clay and wins the election of 1828 as well as a second election in 1832. In 1833 Jackson removes all federal funds from the 2nd Bank and deposits them into the various state banks. He notifies the public that funds will no longer be allowed for deposit as of 1 Oct 1833. The central bank is then cashless and closes its doors.
3. Congress votes to recharter the Bank of the United States but Jackson vetoes the bill and congress is unable to override his veto due to strong support from members of congress who are admirers of Jackson. In 1835 Jackson is the first president to be confronted by an assassination attempt. An unemployed house painter, **Richard Lawrence**, goes up to Jackson and fires his pistol at close range, it misfires and Jackson starts beating the man with his cane. Lawrence pulls out a second pistol and it also misfires allowing Jackson's friends, one of whom was **Davy Crockett** to subdue the man. Lawrence was taken to court and declared insane by the jury. The prosecuting attorney was **Francis Scott Key**, the writer of the Star Spangled Banner. Was it really insanity or revenge? Jackson writes that he considered his victory over the bank as his greatest accomplishment.
4. As the Civil War nears, the Federal Government has limited funds in case of insurrection and when the first shots are fired by the Confederacy president **Lincoln** looks for wartime funding. The banks of New York, many of whom are associated with English banks, ask for very high interest rates and Lincoln returns to Washington and asks advice from Salmon Chase, his Treasury Secretary. Chase tells Lincoln he is allowed by the Constitution to issue Federal Money and that was the course Lincoln took by issuing "**Greenbacks**" which were redeemable for government bonds but which the public used for normal buying and selling. A temporary income tax was also levied in 1861 and collected in 1862 (3 percent on yearly income over \$ 600 but 5 percent on incomes over \$ 10,000) The tax lapsed in 1872 and no income tax was levied again until 1913.
5. **Lincoln** is shot by **John Wilkes Booth** whose pistol does not misfire and leads to Lincoln's death. Wilkes is hunted and supposedly shot in a barn. Federal agents arrest those who helped Booth escape and also men who were involved with Booth in a plot to kidnap Lincoln. A recent book **The Lincoln Conspiracy** claims that it was a Confederate agent who was shot, and that Secretary of War Edwin Stanton covered up the identity of the corpse to protect himself and senators who had lost money because of the halt of cotton sales to England during the war and who had plotted to impeach Lincoln. The book claims that Booth escaped to England, while his fellow conspirators and helpers were executed. Booth supposedly returned to the US and died in Enid Oklahoma in 1902 where he had committed suicide by taking poison, but had confessed his identity to his landlady. Booth's motives were given as revenge. by government inquiry. (For the South or for the Banks?)
6. America rebuilds and prospers after the civil war and first the riverboat business, then the railroads and then the oil and steel industries fuel a gigantic industrial revolution. The banks grow in sync with the needs of industry while the aforementioned main characters of last month's newsletter, resolve to take over the US banking system for their own benefit while stating it was for the benefit of the nation.

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Happy Birthday Vanguards



April 4 - **Esther Rodriguez**
April 6 - **Paul Delaney**
April 7 - **David Ellison**
April 12 - **Ed Roeger**
April 14 - **Hank Stey**
April 18 - **Mary Price**

April 21 - **Beatrice O'Connor**
April 23 - **Ruth Marsh**
April 25 - **Alice McCormick, Lillian Miller**
April 28 - **Liz Dano, Mary Doremus, Garret Fuller**
April 29 - **Jim Markham**



April 7 – Jim and Marge Markham (1951)
April 9 - Brad Davis amd Louise Oliverio (2005)
April 16 – Bill and Dorothy Lunt (1945)

We received word from Louise Oliverio that Hal Morgan is recovering from various health problems and is doing rehab to get back to normal and Tom Ormsby is recovering from back surgery. Both would appreciate getting e mails from those who worked with them.

Hal Morgan's wife, Mary Lee, suggests sending emails only. She will print them and bring them to Harold in the ReHab. Please be sure to advise people to address the email as follows:

harold.morgan@usa.net Subject: AA Vanguards

Tom Ormsby is recuperating at home after two major back surgeries. Unfortunately, he is still in a great deal of discomfort and is house-bound.

Tom's email is: goodmantom1@cox.net

---Dan Sivigliano---

Los Angeles retired stock clerk passed away recently. We received word that his service will be on May 16th at 12:00 noon at Immaculate Church 740 S. Shamrock, Monrovia, CA 91006. Those LAX employees who worked with Dan or made his acquaintance might want to attend his service.

---The 3 Diamond Convention---

This year's 3 Diamond Convention will be held in DFW at the **Robert L. Crandall** Campus April 23 - 26, 2020. We sent out a notice earlier in the month (5 March 2020) but if you don't have e-mail you would not have gotten the notice which included prices and registration forms. We do not know yet how the Corona Virus will effect the event. You can contact Jack Bethune for information via e-mail at: **bethune2@flash.net** or **3dsocietytreasurer@gmail.com**.

7. In November of 1910 seven powerful men who represented one fourth of all global wealth, met in secret on Jekyll Island, off the coast of Georgia. The island belonged to senator **Nelson Aldrich** the chairman of the Senate Banking committee. **Aldrich** is the host, along with **Abraham Platt Andrew**, assistant Secretary of the United States Treasury. The other five guests are 1. **Frank A. Vanderlip**, president of the National City Bank of New York, the most powerful bank in the country representing **William Rockefeller**, the younger brother of **John D. Rockefeller**, and the international investment banking house of **Kuhn, Loeb & Company**. 2. **Henry P. Davison** senior partner of the **J.P. Morgan** company. 3. **Charles D. Norton**, president of J.P. Morgan's First National Bank of New York. 4. **Benjamin Strong**, head of J.P. Morgan's Bankers Trust Company 5. **Paul M. Warburg**, a partner in Kuhn Loeb & Company, representing the Rothschild banking dynasty of England and France and brother of Max Warburg who was head of the Warburg banking consortium of Germany and the Netherlands. What plans they made can only be guessed at. But the two banking giants, J.P. Morgan and William Rockefeller were represented here by high officials of their banks and the Rothschild Banks of England and France were represented by Paul Warburg. The two representatives from the U.S. government had vital connections within the federal system and were there to plan the establishment of the FED by avoiding opposition from members of congress. The daughter of Nelson Aldrich was married to John D. Rockefeller Jr. so the connection between the government and the banking system was now also tied by familial relationships. In order to establish the FED, the plotters had to include the leading industrialists and bankers as shareholders in the FED. The house of Morgan had served the **Astors**, who made their fortune in fur trading and New York real estate, the **DuPonts** who had chemical and armament factories, the **Guggenheims** who owned mining companies, the **Vanderbilts** who were in railroads, the **Rockefellers** in oil and banking, and their associates who included the **Stillman, Schiff, Harimann** and **Dulles** families as well as many others. Some writers have mentioned 60 shareholders, others 200. Attempts to find the identity of the shareholders via the Freedom of Information Act are always refused citing "national interests".

8. The election of 1912 featured **William Howard Taft** against **Woodrow Wilson**. Then **Teddy Roosevelt** joined the fray by coming in as a third party candidate thus splitting the Republican votes. This allowed Wilson to become president. Wilson was approached in 1913 by Nelson Aldrich to establish a private central bank and Aldrich also recommended the adoption of an income tax, ostensibly to lower tariffs on international commerce. Edward Mandel House was Wilson's close advisor who recommended that Wilson sign both bills. The income tax should have been installed by an amendment to the Constitution but no proof of its ever being approved by the required number of states can be found. Both bills were signed by Wilson. In his memoirs Wilson listed his greatest regret as the signing of the Federal Reserve Act. He wrote "**I have unwittingly ruined my country**"

9. In 1929 the great depression was brought in deliberately if you believe the testimony of several people who claimed to have been warned by insiders to sell their stocks immediately before the stock market plunge or face the loss of their value. The banks started demanding payment of loans that had been made to buy stocks and the stock owners, not having the money, put up their shares for sale. When thousands did so at the same time, it depressed the price of their stock and those who were waiting on the sidelines with cash, were now able to buy valuable assets for pennies on the dollar. Many suicides and thousands of bankruptcies followed and the nation sank into poverty.

10. Two congressmen, **Charles Lindbergh** of Minnesota (father of the famous pilot) and **Louis McFadden** of Pennsylvania opposed the Federal Reserve System and tried to unseat it. Many years ago I read books that said Lindbergh was beaten severely by thugs and gave up the fight. This information is not on the internet today. McFadden was more determined and tried to start impeachment proceedings against the FED. When I read books on the subject years ago, it was stated that he died of food poisoning after eating out with his family. On the internet today it says that he died of coronary problems. **Ellen Brown**, founder of the Public Banking Institute, cites two earlier attempts on McFadden's life and commented: "**As for Congressman McFadden's impeachment action against the FED, he never got a chance to prove his case. His investigation was terminated by his sudden death in 1936 under suspicious circumstances.**"

11. An interesting sidelight to the history of the FED is a munitions investigation in 1936 by **Senator Gerald Nye** (D-ND) where he concluded that the banking house of Morgan had plunged the US into WWI to protect loans and create a booming arms industry. Nye produced a document titled "**The Next War**" which cynically

referred to the "**old goddess of democracy trick**", through which **Japan** could be used to lure the US into WWII. That turned out to be an amazingly accurate suggestion. World War II ended the great depression and brought on new prosperity for the nation.

12. In 1960 **John F. Kennedy** was elected president. He is the first president to try to eliminate the FED. On June 4, 1963 he signed executive order 11110 allowing the Treasury department to print silver certificates with no interest paid to the FED. That was done so that the nation would not go deeper into debt. But it had the possible result of cutting off the income of the FED and its shareholders completely. Kennedy had made many enemies of powerful interests in the US. The **US military** was against him because he would not let them invade Cuba and when they trained refugee anti-Castro Cuban forces and put on shore in Cuba to overthrow Castro, JFK would not allow air support for them from the US Air Force. **The CIA** was against him because Kennedy had threatened to dismantle it after they had misrepresented intelligence information to him in order to facilitate a Cuban invasion. They were also against him establishing a hot line phone to Moscow meant to avoid a surprise war and also against his request to work with the Soviets on a joint space program. **Israel and the Mossad** were against him because he tried to keep Israel from developing nuclear weapons. The **Mafia** was against him because after helping him get elected in 1960 his brother Bobby (attorney general) was bringing the major Mafia figures to court for extortion rackets. The **FED** was against him for printing non-FED interest free dollars. Outside of the American public, which has power only at the ballot box, Kennedy had no powerful allies on his side. On 22 November 1963, less than six months after his executive order to allow printing of interest free dollars, he was assassinated. Lyndon Johnson repealed executive order 11110 and the FED became again the sole issuer of US currency notes. Some said that Johnson did that while he was on the aircraft that was carrying the body of Kennedy to Washington from Dallas, right after he had been sworn in as president.

13. So we come to the current administration of Donald Trump. He has hung a large painting of Andrew Jackson in the Oval office of the White House. Does that mean he is an enemy of the FED? Only God and Donald Trump knows that for sure. Unlike Kennedy, Trump has only the FED and the CIA as enemies. The FED, because he is dictating (recommending) interest rate cuts which are meant to stimulate the economy. The CIA because he is winding down wars that were being pushed by the CIA and is destroying their independent funding sources, which were authorized during Ronald Reagan's presidency on the advice of his vice president George Bush. Trump does not do communications with foreign leaders via CIA communications but only by State department couriers, so the CIA is in the dark as to his real intentions. Apparently he does not trust them. On his side Trump has as allies, the **US military** which he has generously funded way beyond the limits of the Bush and Obama administrations, and **Israel and the Mossad** are on his side because Trump has taken a very strong pro-Israel policy in the middle east. The **Mafia** no longer seems to be the powerful force in the country that it was in 1963, so Trump need only beware of the CIA and the FED.

14. We now await Trump's policy on the FED. Is he really pushing for its elimination or is that only what the meager evidence suggests to us? The Federal Debt is now around 23 Trillion dollars and can never be paid off. The shareholders of the FED are making more money now than ever in our history, while the government lacks money to repair the nations infrastructure. Roads and bridges continue to deteriorate. We have seen mental hospitals close, and the inmates put out on the street. We have also seen large increases to entrance fees for our national parks. Trump is now pushing the FED to reduce interest rates so we can be on the same level as the European countries. Prior to his administration no president has tried to audit, influence or bypass the FED with the exception of Kennedy. So far the FED seems to be cooperating with Trump's suggestions and this has stimulated the economy. How much further we will go along this path is the big question. If we had not had the FED, and the Treasury was printing interest free federal notes since 1913, the government debt could be zero instead of 23 trillion dollars.



---American Airlines flight diverted after passenger tried to open emergency exit door.--- Rasha Ali, USA Today 5 March 2020

A passenger tried to open the exit door on an airplane when there wasn't an emergency, and it didn't go over too well. An American Airlines flight from Chicago to Dallas/Fort Worth was diverted Tuesday to St. Louis after an unruly passenger attempted to open the emergency exit door mid-flight. He was unsuccessful in doing so. Flight 2300 left Chicago O'Hare International airport around 6:30 p.m. and made an emergency landing at St. Louis Lambert International less than an hour after takeoff. The passenger was removed from the plane and detained by airport police who contacted federal authorities to investigate, Jeff Lea, a St. Louis Lambert spokesperson told USA TODAY. According to ABC and CBS, fellow passengers helped subdue the man to prevent him from opening the exit door. Passenger Jonathan Cowan says he was seated in the exit row when he noticed the man trying to open the door.

---'It has a 9/11-like feel': Southwest CEO says bookings down precipitously from coronavirus concerns--- Dawn Gilbertson, USA Today 5 March 2020

Southwest Airlines doesn't serve Asia or Europe, but that doesn't mean the nation's largest domestic carrier is immune from coronavirus travel fallout. The airline has seen a "very noticeable, precipitous decline in bookings" in the past week, a decline that continues daily, CEO Gary Kelly said in an interview with CNBC on Thursday. "It's really all of a sudden," he said, noting that Southwest's ticket sales were solid through February, before the coronavirus spread broadened and intensified. .

The drop-off in new bookings plus an increase in cancellations was so dramatic Southwest warned investors about it Thursday, saying its first quarter revenue will be down an estimated \$200 million to \$300 million from previous expectations. Kelly said the sudden, sharp decline was "not too shocking" given an increasing number of U.S. cases and a stock market rout. Both add to traveler anxiety. Also playing a role and hitting business travel hard: the increasing number of conventions and business meetings being canceled, he said. "I definitely think it's an overreaction, but nonetheless it is happening," he said. Kelly said he doesn't remember a drop-off in ticket sales at Southwest during the SARS outbreak in 2003. He said the bookings decline is more akin to those Southwest has seen during recessions and 9/11. **"9/11 wasn't an economically driven issue for travel – it was more fear, quite frankly," he said.** "And I think that's really what's manifested this time. ... It has a 9/11-like feel. Hopefully we'll get this behind us very quickly."

--- The (rare) travel upside to coronavirus? You might have a swankier plane on your spring flight--- Dawn Gilbertson, USA Today 9 March 2020

Travelers flying between Boston and Miami on **American Airlines** usually board a Boeing 737 or Airbus A321 – workhorse planes that traverse the country daily. This spring, some passengers are getting a major plane upgrade for the 3 1/2 hour flight. American is swapping in a Boeing 777, a widebody jet with 100 more seats, seatback entertainment and other perks, on some of the flights. **United Airlines** passengers might find the same surprise on select flights between Chicago and Las Vegas or Washington, D.C., and San Francisco. United usually uses a Boeing 737 on those routes but is swapping in a Boeing 777 or Boeing 787 Dreamliner on some flights. The airplane shuffle is happening across the country due to steep international flight cuts by U.S. airlines amid the coronavirus outbreak. **American, Delta and United** have all suspended service between the U.S. and China and Hong Kong through April and reduced or canceled flights to cities in South Korea, Italy and elsewhere. "Those airplanes are no longer flying (internationally) but are a cost burden to the airline if they do nothing with them," said John Grant, senior aviation analyst with travel data and company OAG. "Trying to utilize them as effectively as possible makes sense." The big beneficiaries of the swankier planes, of course, are travelers who pay a premium (albeit it a reduced premium given the sharp drop in travel demand) to sit in the front of the plane. They will find lie-flat seats that aren't the norm on their usual U.S. routes. Travelers with elite frequent flyer status might find themselves sitting there for free thanks to the bigger plane and more chances at an upgrade.

--- American Airlines pilot tests positive for Coronavirus--- 12 Mar 2020 USA Today
An American Airlines pilot based in Dallas has tested positive for Coronavirus. American spokesman Curtis Blessing said the airline's chief medical officer and leaders in its pilots' office are in touch with the the pilot, who is based at the airline's hub at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. There have not been other publicized cases of U.S. airline pilots testing positive, though there have been reports of others in the travel industry testing positive, including airport medical screeners and TSA officers. "We are in close contact with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and public health officials and are coordinating with them on all required health and safety measures," Blessing said. American would not disclose whether the pilot flies international routes or where and when they last flew for American. American's pilots are represented by the Allied Pilots Association. A spokesman did not immediately return a message seeking comment. **Dawn Gilbertson**

---These 13 airports will screen passengers from Europe--- 13 Mar 2020 USA Today
As the number of coronavirus cases in America climbs toward 2,000 and President Trump's 30-day ban on European flights to the U.S. takes effect, the Department of Homeland is routing returning Americans, permanent residents, their families and other exempted foreigners to 13 major international airports. The majority of these airports are gateways to the U.S. and were also used to screen airline passengers returning from China earlier this year. MICHAEL DWYER/AP

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--- JetBlue bans passenger who tested positive for Coronavirus before boarding flight--- 13 Mar 2020 USA Today Eliot Kleinberg
WEST PALM BEACH — JetBlue has banned a passenger who knowingly boarded a flight from New York to Palm Beach after testing positive for coronavirus.

"The health and safety of our customers and crewmembers is our first priority," JetBlue said in a statement sent by spokesperson Derek Dombrowski on Friday. "In reviewing last night's event, we determined the customer boarded our flight knowing he was awaiting results for a coronavirus test without disclosing it to anyone at JetBlue."

The JetBlue statement continued: "Consistent with CDC guidance, we ask all customers who are not feeling well, who believe they may have coronavirus, or who are awaiting test results to avoid travel until they are cleared by a medical professional. Last night's event put our crewmembers, customers, and federal and local officials in an unsettling situation that could have easily been avoided, and as such, this customer will not be permitted to fly on JetBlue in the future."

--- Delta slashes flight capacity by 40%, parks 300 planes in deepest cuts in company history--- 13 Mar 2020 USA Today Dawn Gilbertson, Chris Woodyard
Delta Air Lines announced the deepest service cuts in its history Friday amid the travel implosion due to the coronavirus crisis. Delta will cut its capacity in the next few months by 40%, a reduction even deeper than the one in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001, said CEO Ed Bastian. It plans to park 300 planes as a result.

The airline also said it will eliminate flying to continental Europe for the next 30 days, except for London. Bastian warned the flight cuts may last longer. Delta's move comes amid a stinging travel fallout from the coronavirus crisis continues, with multiple airlines announcing flight cuts, freezing hiring, slashing spending, cutting executive pay and other dramatic coping measures. Delta's decision, however, was among the most dramatic. "Demand for travel is declining at an accelerated pace daily, driving an unprecedented revenue impact," Bastian said in a memo to employees. "Cancellations are rising dramatically with net bookings now negative for travel over the next four weeks."

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