

Dear fellow mathematics educator:

Twelve days ago I gave a Zoom presentation to the Metropolitan Mathematics Club of Chicago (MMC). This organization holds a special place for me: it is my home organization; I first met my wife (who became its first woman president) at an MMC meeting; and the organization has honored me by inviting me to be the after-dinner speaker 27 times since 1969.

The MMC has a long history. It was formed in 1914 as the Men's Mathematics Club of Chicago (a Women's Mathematics Club followed two years later). In 1919, the MMC sent an invitation to mathematics teacher organizations across the country to meet at a National Education Association annual meeting in Cleveland. At this meeting, NCTM was formed and its first president and first secretary-treasurer came from the MMC. In 1972, the MMC became coed.

*The members of the MMC range from new teachers to experienced supervisors and retirees who attend as many local and national meetings as they can. Many are department heads and/or math team coaches with considerable knowledge of mathematics beyond what they teach. Consequently, it is not easy to come up with a talk that not only will be new for MMC but also new for its members. Furthermore, because I have retired from teaching and administrative duties, I have no current research projects to speak about. So, for this talk, originally scheduled for May 2020 but postponed until this online presentation because of the pandemic, I chose a potpourri of lessons under the title: *Some Great Middle and High School Mathematics Lessons Few People Teach.**

One advantage of giving the talk online is that it is easy to tape and distribute. I have been told that this tape will exist for a month. Here is the url:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/DQvupNeYxpSbEtoVBlhktlqmBWiUMvc9S20YrJvCVDehtAcToOD4db0Lijl0FZ9M.Fx-QbdTOFCJKSqnk?startTime=1611363479000>

Of course you are under no obligation of any kind to view this video. But if you do, I hope you find the hour to be enjoyable and to have been worth your time.

Please stay safe!!

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