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Another month down and another month of crazy events happening around us. Fortunately, our much-needed getaway to Cancun went off without a hitch. Everyone on our American Airlines flights to and from Dallas were very respectful. As asked, everyone social distanced while boarding and deplaning, as well as wearing masks for everyone's safety while onboard, except when eating. Upon arrival at our gate, everyone respected the request by our pilot and flight crew to remain seated and allow orderly exit by row beginning at the front of the plane. It was so nice to see so much respect and order by everyone on the flights. The pandemic is also bad in parts of Mexico. I'm not sure if they are in an election year, but apparently Mexico respects the guidance of WHO and the CDC and has been following the same recommendations for controlling the spread of COVID-19, closing non-essential businesses, limiting occupancy for restaurants, hotels, etc. to ensure appropriate social-distancing. I saw these things with my own eyes, so it isn't just the U.S. dealing with the economic impact of the pandemic. With only a very light sunburn on my nose and cheeks one day, I can say the vacation was awesome!

It is hard to believe that we will not be together in a few weeks for the 2020 ADDC Convention and Educational Conference. As far as I know, this will be the first year in 69 years that we will not have a convention. I'm sure all of you who love seeing our friends and comrades, at our region meeting and convention each year are as disappointed as I. It certainly will make seeing each other in 2021 that much sweeter.

The 2020 Registrar Committee sent the official 2021 Officer Ballots to club presidents early last month. Each club should have a few weeks to review, discuss, and decide how they will cast their votes for 2021 Officers. Don't forget, the ballots must be completed and returned with a postmark no later than Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Once the ballots are received by the Registrar Committee, they will tally the votes and we will announce the results of the election around the 1<sup>st</sup> of October.

The August Board Conference Call was postponed one week since I was trying to play catch up after returning to work after vacation. We were going to have our call on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, but because Hurricane Laura came up through Louisiana and Arkansas, we postponed again until September 3<sup>rd</sup>, so we were not able to approve the Q2 Financial for release to membership. It should be approved and sent out after Labor Day.

Have a great holiday!

*"Well done is better than well said." Benjamin Franklin*