

The History Club met via Zoom on October 28 with a robust attendance of more than thirty members. Jeff Mohn presented a short history of Russia, focusing on the Russian Revolution of 1917, and how the outcome of that revolution reverberated and affected all of our lives through the 20th, and into the 21st century. A write-up follows

“THE EVENTS OF 1917 THROUGH 1924 IN RUSSIA, AND HOW THEY AFFECTED THE ENTIRE WORLD”



We will examine some of the history and sociology of Russia, and the causes of the 1905 and 1917 revolutions. We'll discuss the events of the 1917 March revolution, the overthrow of Tsar Nicholas II, and the lead in to the October revolution. We'll look at some of the main characters, Vladimir Lenin, Leon Trotsky and Joseph Stalin, and we'll talk about the Russian Civil War that ended in 1921. And finally, we'll look at the aftermath, when Joseph Stalin took over the Party and became an ultimate dictator.

These were times that were turbulent and horrific, resulting in an epic social upheaval and the deaths of millions of people. These events wound up profoundly changing the course of world history.

Jeff Mohn will be the presenter. Jeff served as a Russian linguist in the U.S. Air Force during the height of the Cold War, flying intelligence gathering missions on the western fringes of the Soviet Union and its satellite nations. While in the Air Force, Jeff also studied Russian History at Syracuse University. He and his wife toured Russia in 2017.