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"Success is not final, failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts."

Winston Churchill

At 10:01am President **JERRY SCHWENDEMAN** rang the bell calling all to assemble. **TOM HEALY** led the Pledge and former Navy pilot **MIKE HAYDEN** conducted the song fest. A rousing *Anchors Aweigh* led onto *There's No Business Like Show Business* and ended with *For Me and My Gal*. **GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE** was on the eighty-eights. Corresponding Secretary (Enough with the "Correspondence. He's a joke teller) **TOM HEALY** ran off some Henny Youngman one liners; *"Wives are magicians; they can turn anything into an argument."*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Returnees: **JEFF JUNKER** from Antigua, West Indies.

JIM FISHBEIN ushered in a new initiative, designed to attract more members to the RMA. The idea is to ask for volunteers from the membership to be RMA Ambassadors to organizations in our community. This could be to a church or synagogue, a country club, a company or any organization that might have potential members for us. Ambassadors would convey our programs schedules and other publicity and make sure the contact knows what the RMA is, what it does and what it offers to the community. Ideally this contact would build on an existing relationship with a group you know. Please contact **HOLLISTER STURGES** or **JIM FISHBEIN** for further info.

DICK BERGSTRESSER delivered a fond eulogy for the recently deceased **JOHN CARON**. Born in 1924 and a graduate of Notre Dame, **JOHN** joined the U.S. Navy in WW II and was present when the peace treaty was signed. As CEO of Caron Int'l, a supplier of wool yarn, he led the

company into becoming a national supplier. An Emeritus Trustee of Notre Dame he enjoyed the status of a family box on the 50-yard line. An avid sportsman, skiing, tennis, etc., **JOHN** and wife, Anne, had six children. A service of Christian burial will be held at St. Michael's on Saturday, January 25.

Today's Speaker: **JOEL BLUMBERG** urged all to stay for a talk on *Radiation Therapy* by DR. Bruce McGibbon of Greenwich Hospital.

Next Week's Speaker: **ARTHUR STAMPLEMAN** informed us that Howard Husock, Senior Fellow at the Manhattan Institute, will address "*Effective Ways to Lift People out of Poverty.*"

Visiting: **MICHAEL AMBROSINO** reported that **GEOFFREY BURGE** is recovering from skin cancer surgery at home. **DOUG TAYLOR** fell and struck his head but is recovering nicely at home.

Shakespeare Group: **GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE** proclaimed all are welcome to view "*Kiss Me Kate*" at **KEITH SMITH'S** home on 37 Jones Park Drive in Riverside at 1:15pm on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020.

COMMITTEES

Membership: **HORST TEBBE** gave the attendance for the day, which included 97 members, one inductee and two guests for an even 100. Birthdays for this week were; **DOUG TAYLOR** 93, **ABBEY SMOLER** 89, **PETER STREICH** 89 and **BOB GRAYSON** 75. The guests were Jim Kingsley, g/o **JOE MANCINELLI** and Fred Wu g/o **STEVE MYERS** and **SAM MARASSO**.

Geoffrey Hornbeck was sponsored for membership by **JIM DEAN** and **JIM BOARDMAN**. Geoffrey has an MBA in finance from the Baruch Graduate School of Business-CCNY, worked in Institutional Equity Sales at Morgan Stanley and retired as Executive Director. A former squash player Geoffrey now plays golf and is an avid reader. **GEOFFREY** was resoundingly accepted into the RMA.

Volunteer hours: **BOB FRISHMAN** totaled the hours for the week ending January 22, 2020: 288 outside hours by 33 members and 183 inside hours by 29 members. Top honors went to **HOLLISTER STURGES** with 32 hours.

GAMES OF THE RMA

Bridge: **FRANK LEE**, with **ANDRZEJ MAZUREK'S** verification, dealt the bridge scores. There were 6 players and 3 teams. **ANDRZEJ** and **FRANK LEE** had 2220 points, **RON MURRAY** and **TONY COCCHI** 2170 and **RON FRIEDMAN** and **PETER DODGE** 1520.

Tennis: **ANDRZEJ** served the scores, on Court 1 **BOB GRAYSON** and **ANDY HOLMES** won over **RALPH NEWITTER** and **ANDRZEJ MAZUREK**. On Court 2, **RON FRIEDMAN** and **PETER ORBANOWSKI** bested **BILL FAKUNDINY** and **BILL HOWLAND**. In the finals round, **PETER ORBANOWSKI** and **ANDY HOLMES** were the winners on court 1 and **ANDRZEJ MAZUREK** and **BILL HOWLAND** won on court 2. The captain next week is **SAM MARASSO**.

Hearts: **TOM HEALY** detailed the scores for January 15. 3 tables with 12 players and 7 games completed. Winners at table 1: **PETER BERG** and **TOM HEALY**, table 2: **GRANT PERKINS** and **JACK SWEGER**, table 3: **JOHN KNIGHT** and **JOHN STANKUNAS**. Moonshots: **PETER BERG** (2) **GRANT PERKINS** (2) and (1) each for **JACK SWEGER**, **JOHN STANKUNAS** and **TOM HEALY**. Next week's captain is **JACK SWEGER**.

Platform tennis: **JIM DEAN** declared the thirty-degree conditions on January 21 were almost perfect. Members **AMBROSINO**, **COCCHI**, **DEAN**, **HOLMES** and **ROTZIEN** played four sets. Because of cancellations there were an uneven number of players. Next week **JIM** will schedule players as they register and advise all players prior to Tuesday.

Tai Chi: **WILL MORRISON** said the group meets every Monday and Wednesday at 3:00pm.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Special Events are open to all members, spouses, candidates and guests. Checks should be made out to RMA and must be received within two weeks of the reservation(s) or they will be canceled. Busses depart from the St. Catherine Church parking lot on Riverside Avenue opposite the church. Contact persons are listed with each event.

Open Rehearsal, NY Philharmonic Orchestra. March 12, 2020, cost \$105 pp. The program will include the ballet music from *Petrouchka* by Stravinsky and Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto #3. Lunch at Café Fiorello. Bus leaves St. Catherine's at 8:00am. Openings:13. Contact **GERRY LESSUK** at 203 698-9451.

South Pacific at the Goodspeed Opera House, April 23 or April 30. Lunch at the Gelston House. Bus departs St. Catherine's at 8:00am. See **DON CONWAY** or **MAURICE KROHN** for details.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

JOEL BLUMBERG introduced Dr. Bruce McGibbon, who spoke on "*Advances in Radiation for Cancer.*" Dr. McGibbon, Director of Radiation Therapy at Greenwich Hospital, revealed the exciting new means of treating cancer with pin-point accuracy. Cancers of the breast, prostate, brain and lung can be treated with no discomfort to the patient. Ionized radiation breaks up the chemical bonds that form cancers. Dr. McGibbon said the treatment is a team effort from

the front desk preparing the patient to the Radiation Therapist who positions the patient on the Radiation Machine, designated LINACE.

Using a computer imaging the radiation beam, less than 1/8 of an inch, is guided accurately to the malignancy. After several treatments the malignancy is gone. Skin cancers including those on eyelids can be treated safely. The success rate of RT is 90% vs 70% using previous methods. Dr. McGibbon's talk was well presented with excellent graphic illustrations.

Note: This writer can attest to the success of RT having undergone treatment for cancer in his lower spinal column. The cancer was removed, and the T-12 vertebrae grew back in a remarkably short time.

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RMA 2020 Calendar

Weekly Repetitive Activities			
Date	Time	Activity	Location
Mondays	3:00 to 4:00	Tai Chi Beginner	Greenwich Sr. Center
Tuesdays	10:00 am	Platform Tennis	Loughlin Ave. Courts, Cos Cob
Wednesdays	10:00am to 11:00 am	RMA Weekly Meeting	First Presbyterian Church, One West Putnam Ave., Greenwich CT
Wednesdays	1:00 to 3:00 pm	Hearts	Greenwich Civic Ctr. 90 Harding Road, Old Greenwich
Wednesdays	3:00 to 4:00	Tai Chi Advanced	Greenwich Sr. Center
Wednesdays	1:00 to 3:00 pm	Bridge	Greenwich YMCA
Thursdays	9:00 AM	RMA Walking	Various TBD
Fridays	1:30pm to 3:00 pm	Indoor Tennis	Old Greenwich Tennis Academy
RMA Special Events			
February 24, 2020	To Be Announced	ROMEO Luncheon	Zody's 19 th Hole
March 12, 2020	8:00 am	Open Rehearsal NY Philharmonic	Lincoln Center, NYC
April 23 or 30	8:00 am	South Pacific	Goodspeed Opera House