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Here are the volunteers who publish this Bulletin each week for your enjoyment: **Editor:** George Stockbridge, Chair; **Scribes:** Gran Burgess, Av Rivel, Kurt Schaffir, Peter Uhry, Bernard Schneider, Jim Butler, Arnold Gordon, Ed Farrell; Martin Grayson, Emeritus; **Format and Layout:** Gene Schwartz, Fred Waldron; **Archivist:** Harold Frost; **Printing:** Chet Risio, Larry Schmitz

President BOB PHILLIPS rang the opening bell at 10:00 AM sharp and summoned STEVE MARINO to lead us in The Pledge. With GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE at the keyboard, TOM HEALY led us in singing *God Bless America*, *The Whiffenpoof Song* and *You Belong to Me*. CHUCK STANDARD enlightened us on how careful we must be in soliciting information from the staffs of restaurants where English might be a second language.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: STEVE MARINO alerted us to a free presentation on current events, international relations and media start-ups by Charles Bausman (son of member JACK BAUSMAN) at the Greenwich Library at 6:30 PM on March 31, 2015. STEVE MYERS announced that he would be polling members who recently visited the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory to ascertain their views on whether a future visit to the observatory should be considered. BOB PHILLIPS introduced PETER SCHIEFERDECKER, who introduced the nominees for RMA office during the coming year. BOB PHILLIPS asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none, and all of the nominees introduced by SCHIEFERDECKER were elected unanimously. They are:

OFFICERS

President: RALPH VIGGIANO; 1st VP: PETER UHRY; 2nd VP: DON CONWAY; 3rd VP: TAD LARRABEE; Secretary: JIM SANTORA; Treasurer: STEVE BOIES.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Special Events: RICH LIMBACHER & JERRY LESSUK; CBB: GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE; Membership: HORST TEBBE; Publicity: BERNARD SCHNEIDER; Program: HOLLISTER STURGES & JIM FISHBEIN; Volunteer: JOHN FEBLES.

At Large Directors: ARNOLD GORDON & GERRY SCHWENDEMANN.

Nominating Council: AL KNIGHT.

RETURNEES: BOB PHILLIPS welcomed returnees REID MCINTYRE (Florida) and PAUL SETTELMAYER (Lithuania).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Visiting: CHUCK STANDARD reported that DAVID DOWNS is on the mend and hopes to be at next week's meeting.

Program: JIM FISHBEIN announced that today's speaker will be Ambassador Donald P. Gregg, a veteran diplomat, who served for 43 years in many capacities with the CIA and also served as Ambassador to the Republic of Korea. JOHN DECSEPEL noted that next week's speaker will be Jane Condon, a nationally known comedienne who will help us celebrate *April Fools Day*.

Membership: HORST TEBBE reported 112 members present along with 3 candidates (Dick Ford, Gerry Gibian, Rick Hulz), and 1 guest (Peter Van Aken, a guest of CARL VAN AKEN). This week's lone Birthday Boy: PHIL HAHN (83).

Special Events: GERRY LESSUK announced that three trips are currently scheduled. See details below.

Volunteers: MARIO BONAPARTE reported that, for the week ending March 25, 2015, 51 men reported 407 volunteer hours on behalf of outside agencies and 24 men reported 123 volunteer hours on behalf of RMA. The most hours (24) were reported by JAY SCHONDORF.

FUN AND GAMES:

Bridge: KURT SCHAFFIR reported that the March 18, 2015, game drew 8 players. BRUNO SCHRAGE was high with 4170 followed by GRANT PERKINS, 3890, and FRANK LEE, 2650.

Tennis: RANDY MOTLAND reported the following winners on March 13, 2015. Court 1: RON FRIEDMAN & RANDY MOTLAND. Court 2: Fred Baker & BRUNO SCHRAGE. RANDY also reported the following winners on March 20, 2015. Court 1: Bill Fakundiny & RANDY MOTLAND. Court 2: RON FRIEDMAN & JEFF PARKER. Next week's captain will be MIKE WARNER.

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Ambassador Donald P. Gregg, who served the United States with the CIA and as ambassador to the Republic of Korea, provided our membership with a frank and insightful talk on the history of our country's relationship with the two Koreas, including his view of how and why the U.S. has missed opportunities for improving our relationship with North Korea. Through insights gained during his six visits to North Korea (most recently in 2014), Ambassador Gregg was able to share with us his first-hand knowledge of the personalities of North Korean leaders, and their views on U.S.- Korea relationships. His presentation will soon be available on the RMA website: www.greenwichrma.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all Members, Guests, Candidates and spouses. Checks should be made out to RMA.

Goodspeed Opera House: "Guys and Dolls" Thursday, May 28, lunch at Gelston House. \$112 per person. Status: Wait List.

Belmont Raceway: Thursday, June 18, lunch in Belmont Room (Dress code: Men jackets and ties; women dress or pants suit). \$75 per person. Status: 18 places available.

Tanglewood: Boston Symphony Orchestra, Sunday August 9, lunch at Apple Tree Inn. \$125 per person. Status: 28 places available.

For more details and to sign-up, contact GERRY LESSUK (gerrless@att.net, 203-698-9451) or RICH LIMBACHER (limbacher29@verizon.net, 203-531-9515)

NEXT WEEK

Next week the RMA will welcome **Jane Condon**, comedienne

Visit our website at www.greenwichrma.org.

Respectfully Submitted: **Ed Farrell**