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President DON CONWAY invited KURT SCHAFFIR to start the proceedings with the customary recitation of the Pledge to the flag. JERRY SCHWENDEMAN, with GEORGE UBOGY at the keys, led a rousing rendition of “The Air Force Song,” followed by “Hey Look Me Over” and “Danny Boy” – with a second stanza solo by DON CONWAY. Corresponding Secretary TOM HEALY then rounded out the preliminaries with a story about a sign-language conversation between a Mafia boss, a mute bookkeeper and a wily lawyer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISITING: WAYNE WRIGHT reported that PETER RYAN is not well; CHARLES ADAMS is back from the hospital and expects to be with us soon. GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE advised us that the RMA *Shakespeare Group* will meet at the home of JOE MANCINELLI on Thursday, April 26, at 1:00 pm to view a performance of “Romeo and Juliet”. The movie was filmed in the restored Globe Theater on the banks of the Thames, before a large and extremely enthusiastic audience. If interested please e-mail GEORGE at grspersonal@aol.com. STEPHEN MYERS called our attention to a talk entitled “Reimagining Our Economic Future, a 21st Century Vision for our Town, State and Region” by a group of local planning authorities, on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at the Cole Auditorium. WAYNE DeVRIES reminded us that RMA dues of \$100 are due now. He told us that the RMA received an IRS notice telling us that we had not filed a tax return last year. Thanks to last year’s treasurer STEPHEN BOIES’ excellent record keeping, we had a copy of the return and a certified mail receipt showing that it had indeed been filed and received.

TOM MAHONEY told us about the next phase of the “Greenwich Reads Together” program sponsored by the Greenwich Library. RMA members are invited to participate in the book selection process by accessing the Internet Website WWW.greenwichreadstogether.org for additional information about, and for voting for one the following four books: “Exit West,” “Janesville,” “Behold the Dreamers,” or “Code Girls.” The voting period is April 16-27, 2018. The winner will be announced at the end of the month, and the Greenwich community will be

invited to read the selected book for discussion among families, in schools and in community groups. The author will be invited to visit Greenwich in the fall.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: RICK HOLZ reported that this week 491 outside hours were contributed by 41 members, and 126 inside hours by 25 members. The top number of hours this week – 55 --were reported by ALAN GUNZBURG.

COMITTEES

PROGRAM: Today's speaker, Katie DeLuca (see below), spoke about "Planning for Greenwich's Future." JOHN TONER told us that next week's speaker will be Peter Tesei, our First Selectman.

MEMBERSHIP: HORST TEBBE announced that today's unusually high attendance of 113 included 112 members and Gerhard Peter, guest of HORST TEBBE. The **birthday boys** were GERRY GIBIAN, 80; MARK MITTLER, 75; BOB WYLIE, 93; GERRY LESSUK, 92; JOSEPH DEVITA, 89; REID McINTYRE, 85; BRIAN MAHER, 77; AV RIVEL, 82; and JOE DOWLING, 79. JOHN V. HOEY, sponsored by RUSS HARDEN and JACK SWEGER, was elected to membership. JOHN was born in Teaneck, NJ, in 1946. He was a NYSE specialist for 33 years and purchased a seat on the exchange. He provided volunteer services to a number of organizations including Habitat for Humanity and the Naples Community Hospital System. He and his wife Nancy have a home in Naples, FL.

SPECIAL EVENTS: ABBEY SMOLER reported on our special events (see below).

THE SCOREBOARD

TENNIS: SAM MARASSO and M. McDonagh won on Court 1, and ANDRZEJ MAZUREK and GERRY GIBIAN won on Court 2.

HEARTS: There were three tables and twelve players. On Table 1 JACK SWEGER won two games and LOU TROVATO won one. On Table 2 MIKE AMBROSINO had two wins and GEORGE DIPPY had one. On Table 3 DON CONWAY took two games and RALPH VIGGIANO took one. On moon shots ED FARRELL led with three, JOHN STAKUNAS and JACK SWEGER each shot two, and MIKE AMBROSINO, DON CONWAY, JOHN KNIGHT, LOU TROVATO and RALPH VIGGIANO each did it once.

BRIDGE: There were 9 players. PETER STERN was first with 4280, ANDRZEJ MAZUREK was second with 3220, and FRANK LEE was third with 3160. **GOLF:** The weather bested us again – three weeks in a row!

PICKLEBALL: Ten RMA members attended pickleball lessons by Betsy Underhill at the YWCA on April 13. Additional lessons are scheduled on April 20 at 9:00 am.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all members, guests, candidates and spouses. Checks to be made out to RMA, and must be received within two weeks or the reservation will be

cancelled. Contact MIKE FERRARESE (myagentmike@yahoo.com / 203-554-0678) or ABBEY SMOLER (abbeysmoler@gmail.com / 203-531-0236)

West Point – April 19, 2018, \$85 per person. Lunch at Thayer Hotel. Bus leaves St. Catherine’s at 8:45 am. Status: Five slots available.

Botanical Garden/ Georgia O’Keefe Art ---May 24, 2018, \$105 per person. Mario’s Restaurant. Bus leaves St. Catherine’s at 8:45 am. Status: 17 slots available.

Belmont Race Track, June 14, 2018, \$85 per person. Buffet in the Belmont Room. Bus leaves St. Catherine’s at 10:30 am. Status: Four slots available.

TODAY’S SPEAKER

PETER UHRY introduced **Katie DeLuca, the Director of Greenwich’s Planning and Zoning Department**. Ms. DeLuca graduated from Greenwich Academy and earned a Master’s degree in geography from the University of Connecticut. She joined the Planning and Zoning Department in 2001, and was appointed Director in 2014. As part of her current effort to prepare a Plan of Conservation and Development she invited each of the RMA member present to name an issue or concern facing Greenwich. The town’s general objectives include keeping it generally residential and preserving our open spaces. Some 45 responses were received, covering a broad range of issues – from parking to affordable housing to sidewalk safety to burying electric cables. Ms. DeLuca will offer these for further discussion at a community meeting to be held at the Cole Auditorium on May 17, 2018.

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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE/ACTIVITY HEADS

MAY 1, 2018 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2019	POSITION	
POSITION	NOMINEE	COMMITTEES DEFINED IN P&
President	Tad Larrabee	Activities/Get Involved
1 st Vice-President	Jerry Schwendeman	- Athletic
2 nd Vice-President	Russ Harden	- Boaters
3 rd Vice-President	Michael Ambrosino	- Golf
Treasurer	Wayne DeVries	- Tennis/Pickleball - Sur
Recording Secretary	Jim Fishbein	- Tennis - Winter
		- Walk & Talk
BOARD MEMBERS		- Recreational

Membership	Horst Tebbe	- Bridge
Program	Hollister Sturges	- Hearts
Publicity/Communcations	Jack Cuff	- Opera
Special Events 1	Abby Smoler	- R.O.M.E.O.
Special Events 2	Mike Ferrarese	- Shakespeare
Director-at-Large 1 Yr	Jack Weir	- Taxpayer Assistance
Director-at-Large 1 yr	Andy Holmes	Archive
Past President	Don Conway	Audio-Visual (sub-group of Prog
Past President	Peter Uhry	
		Corresponding Secretary
STANDING COMMITTEES		Health & Safety
Cigar Box Bulletin	Chet Risio	MailChimp (sub of Publicity/Com
Volunteers	Peter Stern	Meeting Set Up & Property
Audit	Jim Steen	Melody Men
		Member Profiles (sub of Cigar B
NOMINATING COUNCIL		Memorials
Expires April 30, 2019	Peter Uhry	Music
Expires April 30, 2019	Bob Bishop	Program Flyer (sub-group of Pro
Expires April 30, 2020	Don Conway	Refreshments
Expires April 30, 2020	Jack Weir	Technology
Expires April 30, 2021	Bob Robins	Video Editing/Vimeo (sub of Pro
		Visiting
OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD COMM		Website
Expires April 30, 2019	Ralph Viggiano	
Expires April 30, 2020	Peter Uhry	OTHER
Expires April 30, 2021	Don Conway	Budget
		Contractual Matters*
		*Meeting room, Facilities &
		Policies & Procedures manual

Annual Dinner	Jerry Schwendeman	President's Book
Annual Picnic	Michael Ambrosino	Mentors/New Member Recruitment