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Our genial President PETER UHRY brought the unruly group to order, and introduced pledge leader DICK BERGSTRESSER. Song leader CHUCK STANDARD, with GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE on the keyboard, led us in a patriotic, spirited rendition of "God Bless America," "You're a Grand Old Flag," and "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy."

TOM MORRISON provided a joke (attributed to Bob Hope) so brief we can quote it here in full: When asked where he wanted to be buried, the dying man replied: "Surprise me." PETER UHRY introduced a new feature – "Membership Moments," which this week honored Tom Lehrer, cult hero of the 1950's. This required the piano to be turned so that GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE could face the audience. He impressed us with his piano and vocal performance of a humorous version of "Be Prepared" (the Boy Scout Song), and the Irish ballad "She Did Her Family In."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. PETER UHRY said that members will be invited to recite their favorite limericks at a future meeting.
2. He reported that returnees are RICHARD BARTHOLOMEW from Williamsburg, Virginia; and BERT KLEBANOW from Florida.
3. Also there will be a free piano concert at the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich on May 22, at 4:00 p.m.
4. Members who wish to participate in the placement of flags honoring veterans for Memorial Day will meet at the entrance to the Putnam Cemetery on Parsonage Road on Tuesday, May 24th at 4:30 p.m.
5. RALPH VIGGIANO reminded us of a "Signature Lecture on Ageing," at the Greenwich Library Cole Auditorium tomorrow at 7:00 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

VISITING: CHUCK STANDARD reported that JOE MALARA is still in the hospital. JACK BAUSMAN is in the ICU at Stamford Hospital. BILL DYNAN took a fall, was taken to the hospital and is now in rehab.

PROGRAM: JOHN DESCEPEL announced both this week's speaker (see below) and next week's, who will be **Scott Franz**, Connecticut State Senator from the 36th Assembly District, who will speak on current Assembly activities and issues.

MEMBERSHIP: HORST TEBBE welcomed four guests: Mark Mittler, guest of WAINE WRIGHT; Paul Firstenberg, guest of FRED BROOKS; Joe Mancinnelli, guest of BILL SALTSMAN; and Lloyd Benson, guest of MIKE SMITH; and two candidates: WALLY BENEVILLE, and WALKER COLLINS, who was presented for membership by WAYNE

WRIGHT and GERRY GIBIAN. WALKER, a man of many interests, is a graduate of the University of San Francisco. He made his career as bond trader and commercial banker.

The birthday boys were: FRANCIS D. AUGER, 93; RICHARD P. CASE, 81; ROBERT PHILLIPS, 75; GEORGE SUTER, 84; JIM FISHBEIN, 70; JACOB SCHONDORF, 79; THOMAS WOOLEY, 89; MAURICE KROHN, 68; KLAUS JANDER, 76; and KARL SCHULZE, 77.

VOLUNTEERS: WALTER HOWE reported that 48 men reported 600 hours for outside agencies, and 39 members reported 154 hours for RMA activities. The greatest number reported by an individual member was 150 (accumulated) hours, by MIKE AMOROSO.

FUN AND GAMES

BRIDGE: There were 11 players, KURT SCHAFFIR reported. DAVID DOWNS was first with 3680 points, MARTIN WAINE second with 3070, and RON FRIEDMAN third with 2850.

GOLF: MIKE RYAN reported on the 20 members who played golf. Eight players scored below 100 and two below 90: RICHARD BARTHOLOMEW scored 89 and TED EWING 86. KIP SCHULZE was closest to the pin on #7. RICHARD BARTHOLOMEW was closest on #15 and hit the longest drive on #17.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

A truly enjoyable event: **Maria Tiscia**, professional vocalist, and **David Oliver**, pianist, presented a program of American musical classics – selections from the American Song Book including Gershwin, Rodgers and Hart, Irving Berlin, Harold Arlen, Jerome Kern and Cole Porter. It was a nostalgia trip, and everyone walked out smiling.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

We will be fortunate to have GERRY LESSUK (203-698-9451) as a sign-up contact until June 17, 2016, when he will relinquish his leadership to ABBEY SMOLER (abbeysmoler@gmail.com, 203-531-0236) and MIKE FERRARESE (203-554-0678, myagentmike@yahoo.com). See below for upcoming event details.

Goodspeed Opera House. The musical "Anything Goes." Thursday, May 26, 2016. Lunch at Gelston House. Cost: \$105.00 per person. Bus leaves St. Catherine's at 10:00 AM. Status: Waiting list

Belmont Racetrack. Thursday, June 16, 2016. Buffet lunch in Belmont Room. Cost: \$75.00 per person. Bus leaves St. Catherine's at 10:30 AM. Status: Open – 16 places available.

For more details and to sign-up, contact GERRY LESSUK (gerrless@att.net, 203-698-9451) or ABBEY SMOLER (abbeysmoler@gmail.com, 203-531-0236)

Possible Long Island cruise on Sound Waters July 14, 2016. – 80-foot boat, snacks and wine provided. Depends on attendance by minimum of 40 people. If you would like to participate contact Abbey Smoler (203-531-0236)

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

State Senator **L. Scott Frantz** is half way through his fourth term in the General Assembly where he represents the 36th District, which includes the communities of Greenwich, New Canaan and Stamford. He will speak on current events

KURT SCHAFFIR, Scribe of the Week

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