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“What is the use of a newborn child?

To raise the dead heart? ---to set wild the fettered heart.”

(Poor Richard- Benjamin Franklin)

President **Bob Phillips**, using a new microphone, introduced **Tony Rolla** as pledge leader. Then **Jerry Schwendemen** led us in singing *My Eyes Have Seen The Glory, Oklahoma* and *Oh, What a Beautiful Morning* accompanied by **Jim Santora** on the piano. Corresponding Secretary **Arnold Gordon** had a fun story about a veteran, lady and a dog.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Bob Phillips** reminded us to pay our membership dues promptly and reviewed how candidates become members. (Usually 6 visits.) **Doug Francefort** seeks help placing memorial flags at Putnam Cemetery Thursday at 5PM. (If it rains, call Doug for a rain date time on Friday.) **Peter Uhry** made a pitch for the new RMA caps for \$5.00. **Opera note:** all RMA opera buffs should plan to meet on May 27th when *The Flying Dutchman* will be aired. (Call **George Stockbridge** for details.) **Ralph Viggiano** still needs a picture of past President Robert Church. **Tim Nolan** reminded us about the next ROMEO lunch, \$40, on June 25th, at the Stanwich Club. Walkers should meet **Tad Larrabee** on Thursday morning.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS: **George Shaddock** recognized four RMA members who have enhanced the presence, image and goals of the RMA. These men are:

Bernard Schneider - for his extensive promotion and public relations efforts.

Tad Larrabee- for his work on the upgrading and revisions of "greenwichrma.org"

Horst Tebbe - for his ongoing efforts to insure video production of RMA speakers occurs.

Ralph Viggiano- for his multiple RMA involvements including VP duties, tennis, golf and CBB.

NECROLOGY REPORT - MEMORIAL DAY 2014: **Bill Dynan** reminded us of members who had passed away during the last twelve months. They are listed here in chronological order of their passing starting with: **Joe Guarisco** (06/04/13), **Jim Finney**, **Herb Egli**, **Rich Hopkins**, **Michael Hauptman**, **Derick John Ottley**, **Al Fenn**, **Dick Hermance**, **Chuck Livingston**, **Dom DePasquale**, **Eugene Carey**, **Walter Burns**, **Dr. Robert Starr, Jr**, **Ed Anderson**, **Donald Townsend** and **Ed Krumich**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **Visiting:** **Chuck Standard** reported **Bob Myers** is going home, **Martin Grayson** will return to RMA next week and **Steve Pierson** is in hospital.

Program: **Ted Spool** announced today's speaker, David Koch, and **Win Adkins** tooted that the Melody Men would sing for us next Wednesday.

Membership: **Jim Fahy** reported that 108 members were in attendance, in addition to two guests: **Pegram Worthy** guest of **Sal De Angelo**, and **Dick Lane**, guest of **Frank Zavattaro**; and two candidates: **Mike Ross** and **Bob Ziff**.

Birthday Boys: **Maurice Krohn**, 64; **Klaus Jander**, 73; **Karl Schulze**, 73; **Ernest Banker**, 88 and **Tom Healy**, 74.

Inductee: **Mike Ross**, was sponsored by both **Leon Freeman** and **Peter Uhry**. Mike was an IT Manager at JP Morgan/Chase, when people paid him, and has already shown his interests in volunteering by participating in Call-A-Ride and Meals on Wheels. Also, he likes to swim and play golf. He is a nice fellow...just our kind of guy to induct. (Uhry's personal opinion.)

Volunteers: **Doug Francefort** reported 564 outside hours by 65 men, and 194 RMA hours by 37 men. **Bob Carey** reported 56 -- the highest number of hours for the week.

FUN AND GAMES: **Bridge:** With 12 shufflers at table, **John Febles** was high scoring player with 3450 followed by **David Downs** with 3520 and **Gorey Dunham** with 3220. **Golf:** The weather gods were favorable. **Jim Santora** reported 7 groups and 26 players with five scoring under 100. Closest to the pin on #7 – **Mike Smith**. On 15 it was iron shooter **Mike Ryan** and the longest driver was credited to **Tom Healy**. Golfers are reminded that cancellations should be reported to the Host of the Week before 5:00 PM on Friday. **Granville Burgess** is the golf host for the next two weeks. (As the golf chairman, I will add that we have increased our nine hole players and welcome more if that is what you like to do. Ride or walk, the frustration levels are always there.... BUT you will be a better man for playing. Join us. (Advertisement from the Golf Chairman – Pete U). **Tennis:** **Ralph Viggiano** reported winter tennis ended on a high note (with applause due to the tennis leader Mr.V.) when **John Knight** and **Ralph Viggiano** took honors on court #1 and **Jim Himes** and lobster **Erf Porter** took the honors on court #2. **Ted Spool** reminded players that RMA outdoor tennis on Loughlin Avenue is on every MONDAY and Thursday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.... but not Memorial Day, please,

TODAY'S SPEAKER: **David Koch**, Associate Professor of History at Housatonic College in Bridgeport was introduced by **Ted Spool** and spoke about the complex and extraordinary progress of western mankind in the 1800s. Peppered with names and facts, comments about inventions and mentions of science, medical and philosophical advancements, Professor Koch loaded our brains with what went on in the 19th Century...often called the Age of Romanticism, Invention, Wonder and Science. Which one was most appropriate? "A Casual Stroll Through the Lunatic Asylum" proved to be a volcanic presentation of what led us up to the following observation...(my favorite) that between 1903 with the Wright Brothers and 66 years later, humans flew not 1 mile but 239,000 miles to the moon.

Peter Uhry – Editor

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all members, their ladies, candidates and guests. Checks are to be made out to RMA

*Chairman **Rich Limbacher** 531-9515*

May 22 Goodspeed – *Damn Yankees*. Lunch at **Gelston House**. \$112 per person. Leaving St. Catherine at 9:30 AM. (Traffic tie ups are possible – come early)

June 12 Belmont Race Track, Lunch at the Club House (jacket) . \$70 per person. Wait list. Leaving St. Catherine at 9:30 AM. (Special room this year)

July 27 Tanglewood Apple Tree Inn. \$102. 13 openings. Leaves Eastern Civic Center 9:15 a.m.

August 7 Goodspeed – *Fiddler on the Roof*. **Gelston House**. \$112 per person. 12 openings. Leaving St. Catherine at 9:30 AM.

NEXT WEEK

The World Renown Melody Men, just back from a recital in New Canaan and ready to dazzle their favorite audience of fellow RMA'ers. We can make light of this in print but the work they do in the field, representing our 60 year old organization, is to be applauded.

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