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"Those who dare to fail miserably can achieve greatly."

John F. Kennedy

President **JERRY SCHWENDEMAN** opened the meeting at 10:00 am and called on **STEVE MARINO** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **TOM HEALY**, accompanied by **JIM SANTORA** on the piano, then led members in singing *God Bless America, You've Got to Have Heart* and *You Belong to Me*. **TOM HEALY** followed with a joke about a guy who took a call on a lost phone and approved several very expensive purchases by the wife of the phone's owner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARNOLD GORDON announced that Bruce McGuire, President of the CT Hedge Fund Assoc. has invited RMA members to the association's next meeting to get an in-depth perspective on the market from Jim Chanos, founder and managing partner of Kynikos Assoc. and Charlie Gasperino, Senior Correspondent for FOX Business Network. The program will be held on June 6, 2019, from 5-8 pm at the Indian Harbor Yacht Club on Steamboat Rd. in Greenwich. For further information see <https://www.cthedge.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1207193>. If you are interested, please RSVP to Bruce McGuire at bruce@theforum.com, and mention you are with the RMA.

ARNOLD also noted that June 6 will mark the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings at Normandy. At our June 5 meeting, **BOB WYLIE** will help us commemorate D-Day by recalling his experiences on the beaches at Normandy.

TAD LARRABEE announced there will be weekly RMA picnics beginning at 5:30pm each Wednesday evening during the summer at Greenwich Point. No sign-up. No reservations. Bring your own food and drink and enjoy good company.

Peter de Le Beau of the Greenwich American Legion post announced a Memorial Day dockside ceremony honoring *Women in War*. The program begins at the Indian Harbor Yacht Club at 8:00 am on Memorial Day, members are invited to participate.

REGULAR REPORTS

Program: **JERRY SCHWENDEMAN** noted that today's program will feature the RMA's own Melody Men offering many of their favorite songs.

TAD LARRABEE announced next week's speaker will be Pulitzer Prize winning author **David Blight**, who will discuss his recent book on the life of Frederick Douglas.

Membership: **HORST TEBBE** reported 103 members and 2 candidates present at today's meeting. Candidate Earle Cote was introduced by **PETER TUNLEY** and seconded by **GEORGE UBOGY**. Candidate Don Rotzien was nominated by **ROS CURTIS** seconded by **RANDY MOTLAND**. Both candidates were unanimously elected to membership in the RMA. Today's **birthday boys are:** **KIP SCHULZE**, 82, **KLAUS JANDER**, 83, **BILL O'DONNELL**, 74, **MIKE FINLAY**, 77, **STEVE ELIOT**, 78, **TOM HEALY**, 81.

VOLUNTEERS: **HAROLD KUPLESKY** announced that for the week ending May 22, 2019, 44 members reported 370 volunteer hours for outside agencies and 29 members reported 125 volunteer hours for the RMA. **ROS CURTIS** reported the most hours with 32.

GAMES OF THE RMA

Bridge: **PETER STERN** announced the winners last week were: **ANDRZEJ MAZUREK** (3820); **RON FRIEDMAN** (2310); **JOHN HOFFMAN** (2250).

Tennis and Pickle Ball: **JOHN KNIGHT** and **TONY COCCHI** announced that spring tennis is played from 9-11 am every Monday at Loughlin Field. Pickle Ball is played on the same courts on Thursdays 9-11 AM. **JOHN** noted that that there will be no tennis at the Stanwich School this summer because of construction at the school.

Hearts: **JOHN STANKUNAS** reported 16 players last week. Winners were: **ED FARRELL** (2), **LOU TROVATO** (2), **GEORGE DIPPY**, **TOM HEALY**, **JOHN STANKUNAS**, **RALPH VIGGIANO**, **LEN SAARI**, **JIM DEAN** and **CHARLES GRAVES**. Moon Shooters were **GEORGE DIPPY** (2), **JIM DEAN** (2), **JOHN STANKUNAS**, **RALPH VIGGIANO**, **LEN SAARI**, **JOHN KAVANAGH** AND **CHARLES GRAVES**.

Golf: **PETER UHRY** reported that 20 players challenged the course yesterday. **RICHARD BARTHOLOMEW** had the lowest score of 91. **RICHARD** was

also closest to the pin on 15, and **MICHAEL AMBROSINO** had the longest drive on 17. **PETER** noted that following next week RMA play will surrender early tee times to the ladies. Next week's host will be **PETER TUNLEY**.

Tao Chi: **WILL MORRISON** announced that Tai Chi practitioners meet Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:00 pm at the Greenwich Senior Center.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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 or the reservation will be canceled. Buses depart from the St. Catherine Church parking lot on Riverside Avenue opposite the church. Contact persons are listed with each event.

Belmont Racetrack: June 13, 2019, lunch at the Belmont Room where there is a **DRESS CODE** requiring coats and ties and suitable attire for women. Cost \$85, bus departs at 1:00 pm. Status: Wait Listed. Contact **TOM HEALY** 203-661-2954

Botanical Gardens: A Robert Marx exhibit, July 11, 2019, lunch at Mario's on Arthur Ave., \$115, bus departs at 8:45 am. Status: 21 places open. Contact **MIKE FERRARESE** at 203-554-0678.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

In lieu of the weekly guest speaker, today we were treated to a songfest from our very own Melody Men. They were in fine voice and had a few surprises, with a **TOM HEALY & JERRY SCHWENDEMAN** dance routine, and **TONY COCCHI'S Remember Song** with guitar in tow. The hour-long Program, which included audience participation, was an eclectic mix of songs from the 30's to the 70's. The songs included Broadway show tunes, popular classics, and even bossa nova. With the smiles on their faces and banter during the Program, it wasn't clear who had a better time, the performers or the audience. The Melody Men are looking forward to making this an annual Spring RMA Event, as it had been in the past. It appears that, "Like a good wine, the Melody Men get better with age."

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Next week the RMA will welcome
David Blight,
Subject: *The Life of Frederick Douglas.*

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