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“When I was a boy, I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it.” Clarence Darrow

Following a ZOOM technical update by **HORST TEBBE** and a somewhat scratchy rendition of the RMA anthem, President **RUSS HARDEN** opened the meeting at 10:00 AM and called on **DON CONWAY** to lead us in the pledge. A newly beardless **ARNOLD GORDON** followed with a request to send the names, email addresses and phone numbers of prospective members to **PETER STERN** at pmstern@optonline.net. **PETER** will invite them to join the RMA.

EULOGY

ARNOLD introduced **ERF PORTER**, who offered a personal remembrance of **HARRY LEIGH** who passed away on his 88th birthday May 30, 2020, a victim of COVID-19. **ERF** recalled **HARRY** as a big fan of Greenwich football programs and a devoted fisherman. He fondly recalled that he accompanied **HARRY** on many fishing adventures, particularly one in pursuit of trout and salmon in Maine, when **HARRY** was beginning a career in the paper industry. **ERF** also noted that **HARRY** served as a flying forward observer for artillery during the Korean War.

MEMBERSHIP

PETER STERN acknowledged the presence of **KURT SCHAFFIR** and **PETER ARTURI**, who have been absent from recent meetings. **PETER** then announced that there were 72 members present. He introduced Dave Hardman, a guest of **HORST TEBBE**, and saluted **MIKE AMOROSO** (83) and **HERNANDO MADERO** (81) on their birthdays.

PETER urged all members to be on the look-out for prospective new members, and to send the names, email addresses and phone numbers of prospects to him at pmstern@optonline.net.

STEVE BOISE nominated **ANDERS EKERNAS** for RMA membership. He noted that **ANDERS** is a native of Sweden, who came to the United States in 1987 and enjoyed a career as a financial investor. Click below for further biographical notes on **ANDERS'** life and career.

[Click here](#) for details on **ANDERS EKERNAS**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President **HARDEN** introduced **TOM HEALY**, who told an old story about a San Francisco store offering women a chance to select the right husband. While **TOM's** story drew applause – most came from the [applause recording](#) he brought to his presentation. Hahaha!

Treasurer **JEFF JUNKER** announced that to-date 187 members have paid their annual dues, and that he is pursuing payment from about 40 remaining members.

JOHN FEBLES provided an update on the Salvation Army's COVID-19 related relief efforts. Click below for details.

[Click here](#) for information on Salvation Army's COVID-19 efforts

PROGRAMS

GEORGE UBOGY noted that today's speaker will be Dr. EDWARD MILLER, formerly CEO of Johns Hopkins Medicine, Dean of Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and Vice President of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. MILLER, who recently joined the RMA, will discuss the emergence of *Academic Hospital Systems* and their role in healthcare.

HOLLISTER STURGES announced next week's speaker will be Paige Knox of Columbia University and The Metropolitan Museum of Art, who will speak on *Van Gogh's Perspective on the Changing Seasons*.

FUN & GAMES

PAUL CAMPION said that a happy group of 25 played this week, and that **PETE TUNLEY** had a particularly good day almost driving 16 and showing other flashes of brilliance. **PAUL** announced next Tuesday's play will begin at 8:00 AM, and that in July, we will start at 9:30 AM. **PAUL** requires the names of next week's players – 9 or 18 holes – by Thursday. Tee times will be sent out Saturday.

ANDY HOLMES announced that the indoor tennis season, which came to an abrupt halt on March 16th due to the coronavirus, will be resuming on July 7th. **ANDY** offered a great big thank you to **PETER ORBANOWSKI** who has made it possible for our players to finish our season.

For those of you who were participating in last season's indoor tennis, you should have received an email from **ANDY** on Sunday along with the revised schedule. And if there is anyone who would like to join our indoor tennis group for the upcoming indoor tennis season, please contact ANDY at andyholmes56@gmail.com or by phone at 203-615-3351.

JOHN KNIGHT announced that outdoor tennis is played on Mondays and Thursdays from 9-11 AM. **JOHN** also noted that the town is adding to the number Pickleball courts at Loughlin Avenue.

WILL MORRISON noted that ZOOM based Tai Chi classes are held on Mondays and Fridays at 3 PM.

TAD LARRABEE said tomorrow's walking group will meet in the Byram Library parking lot at 10:00 AM. The group will walk around Byram and try to get to the beach and rocky point in SW Byram, which is the most westerly point in CT. **TAD** suggests if you have places you would like to explore in the area, please let him know. He is looking for good places to walk that are not too stressful and that have decent parking, because walkers will not be carpooling for a while.

Today's Speaker

GEORGE UBOGY introduced RMA member Dr. EDWARD MILLER, formerly CEO of Johns Hopkins Medicine, Dean of Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and Vice President of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Miller reviewed how Johns Hopkins, a wealthy Baltimore merchant, at his death willed that his fortune be used for the creation of a university and hospital. The university opened in 1876 and the hospital in 1887. The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine opened in 1893, and notably accepted women students, as well as men. In 1910, following an assessment of all U.S. hospitals, Johns Hopkins Hospital was judged to be the model for all teaching hospitals. Dr. Miller explained that the emergence of Academic Health Systems (networks of large teaching hospitals teamed with smaller community hospitals) began in 1994 largely to counter the rapidly rising cost of medical care, that precluded community hospitals from acquiring the resources to keep-up with advances in medicine. There are now about 120 such networks in the United States serving about five percent of the population. In general, they have reduced the control of payors and fostered investment in community hospitals. They have also promoted changes in clinical care by introducing more personalized care and better record keeping. Reduced staff work hours, improved diagnoses via checklists and the introduction of hospitalists have contributed to improved safety. With respect to what the future holds, Dr. Miller does not envision universal

Medicare, but does see expanded Medicaid. He thinks reliance on telemedicine will grow and what he called “hospital at home” will become more common. There will be improved long term healthcare, and, to improve infection control, hospitals will provide private rooms for all patients.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

On July 1, the RMA will welcome Paige Knox of Columbia University and The Metropolitan Museum of Art, who will speak on Van Gogh’s perspective on the changing seasons.

NOTE TO CBB CONTRIBUTORS: next week’s CBB scribe will be **GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE**. Please send a copy of any remarks you want included in the CBB to **GEORGE** at george.stockbridge51@gmail.com.

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