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"We don't stop playing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop playing"
George Bernard Shaw

At 10 AM on a sunny Wednesday morning **RUSS HARDEN's** visage suddenly appeared on 84 screens across Fairfield county and beyond. The third RMA Zoom meeting had come to order.

Russ previewed the day's agenda for the Zoom participants. In honor of Flag Day, Monday, June 14, Virtual Pledge Leader **ARNOLD GORDON** prefaced the pledge by citing two interesting factoids about the pledge. It was 66 years ago, this month that the words "under God" were added to the pledge. At the time, a call went out to add music to the pledge to make it a song. A melody by Irving Caesar, a popular songwriter of the time was adopted. Since then there have been other melodies written for the pledge.

Corresponding Secretary **WAYNE DEVRIES** told a knee slapper about the folly of talking through a face mask.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAM – GERRY GIBIAN gave a heads' up on the day's speaker David Alan Richards who will speak on Rudyard Kipling -details below.

BOB PHILLIPS previewed next week's speaker, Larry Kantor, an economist, and former Managing Director/Global Head of Research at Barclay's Bank. Larry returns to the RMA annually to give interesting and incisive talks on economics topics. Next week: "The Economy, Financial Markets and the Pandemic."

HOLLISTER STURGES reported that programs, via Zoom, have been lined up through mid-July. He hoped to continue the winning streak as long as needed.

JOHN FEBLES requested RMA members who are members of local churches, synagogues and other social organizations forward to him the name and e-mail address of people within that organization who would like to receive PR information from RMA. There is no obligation on the recipient, we just want to let them know what we are doing. **JOHN's** email: ifebles13@gmail.com

TREASURER – JEFF JUNKER reported that to date 174 members have coughed up their dues for the 2020-2021 season. Reminders to the rest will go out soon

MEMBERSHIP-PETER STERN gave up the numbers, Total attendance 84, Guest: Anders Ekernas, guest of **STEVE BOIES**, Welcome to Long-time member **Dr. PETER ARTURI** who has not attended in-person meetings in a while, joined us today on Zoom. Extending a virtual welcome handshake. Announcement: When logging into Zoom, please use your first and family name, rather than an e-mail address, so you can be identified. Birthdays: **GEORGE DIPPY 86, BOB MORGAN 84, MICHAEL AMBROSINO 75, BILL SALTSMAN 94 !!!**. Happy natal day guys!

SPECIAL EVENTS-DON CONWAY promised up-to-date information on the Belmont Trip... soon. Regarding the West Point trip, **DON** reported that his contact at the Point suggested that we bring box lunches and confirmed that the Parade of Cadets would be on the program.

GAMES AND OTHER DIVERSIONS

GOLF- PAUL CAMPION approached the mike and reported a lovely[sic] day of golf with 20 RMA golfers participating. No highlights were recorded as some decided not to finish or slowly limped home. Housekeeping: membership cards for the Griff must be up to date as of June 16. For the month of June, we will start at 8:00, later in July. Also, for June the Griff is restoring 50% of our former slots. No change: Those wishing to play must get your name to Paul by Thursday noon: paulcampion@optonline.net

WALKING - TAD LARRABEE announced with glee that “Walking is back!” The first walk, on Greenwich Point, is scheduled for Thursday June 18th at 9:00am. Contact Tad to sign up: tadlarra@optonline.net

TAI CHI - WILL MORRISON reported that virtual sessions were going well, and there is room for more folks to join. Email will at: wdmorrison@gmail.com

TODAYS TALK

David Alan Richards is a retired NYC real estate attorney who, amongst other things, negotiated the High Line transaction on behalf of the railroads. He holds degrees from Yale and Cambridge and his Kipling collection at Yale is the world's largest. Last year Richards was honored by receiving a Who's Who Lifetime Achievement Award. He has been a member of the RMA for about 1 year

The presentation gave us an overview of Kipling's literary life and achievements and explored Kipling's long and fateful relationship with America. He was the first English writer to win the Nobel Prize in Literature. Kipling was born in India and lived there as well as in England and America.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Larry Kantor PhD-Economist on

“The Economy, Financial Markets and the Pandemic; Where Do We Go from Here?”

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