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President BOB PHILLIPS was welcomed back in true RMA fashion: he called on JERRY SCHWENDEMAN to lead us in the pledge, but no Jerry. BOB BISHOP ably filled in. He then called on CHUCK STANDARD to lead us in song, but Chuck reported that he had led last week. YHS stepped up to lead us in “America The Beautiful,” “Baby Face”, and “Side By Side,” ably assisted by BOB MORGAN on the 88’s. Quickly parting his hair down the middle to become a different person, YHS then regaled us with the story of a blonde mortician who took care of burials by using her head, and a few others. And Prexy Bob learned his lesson: it’s dangerous to go away!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GEORGE SHADDOCK stepped to the podium to give an Outstanding Service Award to HORST TEBBE. Then RALPH VIGGIANO brought us the news we’ve all been waiting for: the hats are in! He also made a plea for anyone having a picture of ROBERT CHURCH or KEITH HEYMAN or BILL LEHREN to please contact him, and anyone who knew LINN GRIM well and could write a few sentences for our Presidents Book please do likewise. TIM “DROLL” NOLAN gave his usual amusing reminder of the Romeo luncheon on June 25 at the Stanwich Club, \$40.00. In a bow to modernity, you don’t have to wear a tie. When told he had originally said November 25th, he drolly answered “Excuse me, I just stopped by the bar.” We’ll certainly miss the humor when this Romeo lunch has past, but rumor has it that there may be more in the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Visiting: CHUCK STANDARD reported that STEVE PIERSON is preparing to move into a retirement facility soon, but not sure where. MARTIN GRAYSON is still not well enough to return, and BOB MEYER is walking with a walker now.

Program: LLOYD HULL filled in for absent JOHN DECSEPEL and told us about the much-anticipated appearance of Lowell Weicker later in the morning, and BERNARD SCHNEIDER spoke about next week’s speaker, Andy Shapiro, who will tell us about the automobile business and sundry associated ideas.

Membership: JIM FAHY reported that 135 members, 1 candidate and 6 guests were present. The candidate was Dick Lane, and the guests were Doug Fainelli (JOHN AWDZIEWICZ), Del Eberhard (BILL HOWLAND), Cal Burnes (HOLLISTER TURGES), Bruno Schrage (KURT SCHAFFIR), John Curtin (DICK BERGSTRESSER), and Alan Scuterude (DON SARGEANT). We sang the candle song for: GEORGE DIPPY (80), BILL HORTON (86), BILL SALTSMAN (88), TONY PARISI (81), and PAUL ETTTELMEYER (69). Finally, Jim announced that Arnold and Francesca Gordon celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss on June 7.

Volunteer Hours: MIKE HAYDEN reported 485 hours at outside agencies by 56 members and 116 hours to good ol’ RMA activities by 24 members.

Special Events: were detailed by GERRY LESSUK, with help from TOM HEALY, and are listed below.

Returnees: GERRY FOX from Vero Beach, FL; DAN GRIMISICH from Clearwater, FL; FRANK LEE, from Berlin and Croatia; ARNOLD STANCELL from China and Washington, DC; and the aforementioned BOB PHILLIPS from Germany and The Netherlands. Welcome back, fellas!

FUN & GAMES:

Bridge: KURT SCHAFFER reported 15 players dealt the cards. Top scorers: GRANT PERKINS, 4720; HUGO GRUENDEL, 4510, and WAYNE DEVRIES, 3140.

Golf: KIP SCHULZE bemoaned the fact that there were 15 bridge players and only 8 golfers! (It is true that 6 golfers played elsewhere because of the slow play of the women last week.) Kip himself was closest to the pin on #7. He then gave his playing partner a few tips, and JIM MACKAY proceeded to get closest on #15 and then hit the longest drive.

Tennis: TED SPOOL reported that summer tennis continues on Mondays and Thursdays—that is, it will continue if the weather begins to cooperate.

TODAY'S PROGRAM:

Lowell Weicker offered opinions on a variety of subjects before a packed house, including many visitors. He spoke about the Republican Party's need to move more to the center, nationally and in Connecticut, because a democracy cannot function effectively with only one party in power. He strongly condemned ownership of assault weapons and handguns, which garnered sustained applause. He defended his implementation of an income tax, citing the \$1 billion budget deficit at the time and mentioning that a 13% sales tax was the other alternative. Afterwards, many members continued fervently discussing politics. An exciting and stimulating speaker!

GRAN BURGESS --Editor

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

On June 12th (Thursday), by the time you read this, the horses will have run!

July 27th (Sunday). Tanglewood, \$102, wait list.

August 7th (Thursday). Goodspeed Opera. **Fiddler on the Roof.** Lunch at the Gelston House; 7 tickets at \$112.00 per person are still available.

October 2nd. A trip to **The 9/11 MEMORIAL.** For \$99.00. The departure time will be at 8:45 AM. The restaurant is the Blue Water.

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NEXT WEEK

Andy Shapiro – About the automobile business.

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