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“So teach us to number our days that we might get a heart of wisdom”.

Psalm 90

President PETER UHRY rang the bell at 9:57 A.M. to herd us all into the meeting room. CHUCK STANDARD led the Pledge. JERRY SCHWENDEMAN conducted us in “Grand Old Flag”, “Sunny Side of the Street” and “When You’re Smiling”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: PETER announced that the RMA has renewed permission to use metered spaces in the volunteer parking lot 9:00 A.M. to noon, and also, starting July 1, we can park in metered spaces on Lafayette Place. JERRY told us that the annual picnic will be held 9-15-16 at Tod’s Point. Sign-up sheets for helpers are on the bulletin board. PETER advised us that JACK BAUSMAN had died recently, and that a memorial will be given for him at next week’s meeting. JIM FISHBEIN announced that today’s speaker is **Laurence Kantor** (see details below). GEORGE UBOGY said that next week’s speaker will be **David Shafer**, speaking about the renowned physicist, Richard Feynman, who was on the team that worked on the development of the atomic bomb.

We had a limerick contest with 11 entries which was well received by the members. There was much laughter and applause as each entry was read and voted on by judges MIKE SMITH, JOHN FEBLES and TONY RIGGI. Winners selected by the judges and seconded by Limerick Leader ARNOLD GORDON were awarded prizes by him. Mr. GORDON managed to clear out both some of his liquor cabinet and items from his basement in the form of prizes. Pres. UHRY said “we may do another such event in the future, based on the positive response received this morning”. He also welcomed:

RETURNEES: DOUG FRANCEFORT from Manchester, VT, TAD LARRABEE from his 50th anniversary in Nova Scotia and GERRY FOX from Florida. Welcome back, guys!

MEMORIAL: JACK BAUSMAN’s service will be Friday, June 24, at 11A.M. in Christ Church.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: VISITING CHUCK STANDARD reported that JOE MALARA is at Waveney in New Canaan, is discouraged and would welcome a phone call at 203-594-5389. BOB OPPENHEIMER, now 101, is alive and well in California and sends greetings.

MEMBERSHIP: HORST TEBBE reported 116 members in attendance, plus two candidates, Mark Mittner and Bill O'Donnell and one guest, Deryck Doncalf g/o JOHN FEBLES. Those celebrating birthdays are MIKE AMBROSINO, 71, MIKE ROSS, 71, PAUL SETTELMAYER, 71, F. RICHARDSFORD III, 87, DANIEL V. BARRETT, 72, and J. ROBERT CAREY, 84.

VOLUNTEERS: DOUG FRANCEFORT told us there were 427 hours reported by 50 men for outside agencies; 191 hours by 34 men for RMA activities.

GAMES: PETER UHRY hit us with the **GOLF scores:** 10 players: 2 played 9 holes and 8 finished 18. Scores under 100 were notched by NICKY ACHIWA, JAY SCHONDORF and ROZ CURTIS. Closest to the pin on #7 JACK WEIR... on #15 JAY SCHONDORF; longest drive on #17 was by JACK WEIR. Next week, play will PRECEDE the women, at 8:05. Early! KURT SCHAFFIR dealt up the **BRIDGE scores** from June 8: ANDRE MAZUREK at 4250, JAMES CHUNG at 3040, and FRANK LEE WITH 2950.

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Harvard professor **Laurence Kantor**, formerly Managing Director and Global Head of Research at Barclays. He pointed out that we are into the 8th year of slow recovery from what happened in 2008. We probably have another year or two before a recession starts. Such events as China's bubble bursting, or Britain's exit from the Euro market might be two factors that spark a recession. Markets could lose confidence in the Euro, or in China's ability to keep buying U.S. treasury notes. But he said that the fact the U.S. has an abundance of cheap energy in the ground, that most technical innovation comes from the U.S. and immigrants are hammering at our doors to bring their skills to us, is the good news. The bad news is that we've got to get used to slow growth for the long term.

SPECIAL EVENTS

TOM HEALY advised us that there are three openings for the trip to Belmont Racetrack tomorrow. Cost \$75; bus leaves St. Catherine's at 11 A.M.

MIKE FERRARES announced three trips on behalf of ABBEY SMOLER (203-531-0236 abbeysmoler@gmail.com).

1) **SOUNDWATER CRUISE Thurs. July 14.** Snacks and wine aboard. Cost \$65; boat departs 3:30 p.m. Directions to dock available at a future meeting. Transportation to the dock is by personal car. There is a waiting list. If you want to go, place your name on the list in the event of a cancellation.

2) **GOODSPEED OPERA HOUSE: The musical "Bye Bye Birdie"** Thurs. Aug. 11. Lunch at Gelston House; cost \$115. Bus departs St. Catherine's 10 A.M. There are still seats available.

3) **SAGAMORE HILL. Theodore Roosevelt's home and museum.** Thursday, September 22; cost \$75, lunch at Canterbury Oyster Bar; bus leaves St. Catherine's 8:30 A.M.

George Stockbridge, Scribe of the Week

NEXT WEEK

David Shafer will speak about renowned physicist, Richard Feynman.

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