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“Government expands to absorb revenue and then some.”

Wiker’s Law

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President **PETER UHRY** opened the meeting at 10:00 AM with and asked **BOB SCHMITZ** to lead us in The Pledge. **JERRY SCHWENDEMAN** with **GEORGE UBOGY** on the piano then stepped up to lead us in the songs, *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, *I’ve been Working on the Railroad* and *It’s Later Than You Think*. **BILL DYNAN** followed by relating a tale of a gentleman’s sensitive operation, his purchase of some new clothes through a very competent tailor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President **PETER UHRY** returned to announce that **RMA Parking Passes** could be obtained during intermission and at next week’s meeting. We should not fill space on the Pass which will be available only to dues paying members. **PETER** also stated that our membership total is declining. We are always encouraged to introduce friends and neighbors; but **the Publicity Committee** needs help in spreading the word. Happily, **PETER** will be interviewed about the RMA on “Darby & Friends” broadcast by WGCH (1490 AM) on June 26th at 12:30 PM.

HARRY TWITCHELL came forward to read a fine **memorial on JACK BAUSMAN** who had passed away on June 9th; followed by **ROY ROWAN** with his touching poem for **JACK** entitled “The Wind in Smith Cove”. We also learned that **BILL HORTON**, former member, had passed away.

GRANVILLE BURGESS advised us that the **Theatre Artists Workshop “Second Annual Fringe”** would be presented for \$10.00 on 24th, & 25th at 8pm and June 26th at 3pm inside the Masonic Lodge in South Norwalk. **KLAUS JANDER** reminded us that the **Woman’s Club** needs help from volunteers to **assist with parking** as the appraisal fair takes place on Sunday, June 26th between 1 and 4pm. **CHET RISIO** then described the **production of the CBB** while noting that **additional help is welcome** in the scribe and printing/internet process; a morning V.P. meeting was looking at the future content of the **CBB**. **CHUCK STANDARD** welcomed us with his reminder of the good weather and mentioned that several pocket calendars were available; **CHUCK** also told us that **tickets for the Greenwich Symphony are available at a discounted price**. **JOHN FEBLES** then thanked us for past aid with **Salvation Army bell ringing** and touched on the camping and sleep over program. **JOHN CRAINE** reminded us that **Shell Fish Day**

is open at the **Greenwich Point Museum**. **AV RIVEL** announced that this week's RETURNEE is **ROBERT PHILLIPS**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP: **HORST TEBBE** reported that 127 members appeared including one candidate, Deryck Duncalf plus two guests, Peter Blennemann g/o **KLAUS JENDER** and Ted Karchuta g/o **HORST TEBBE**. Birthdays had occurred last week for **JOHN B. MARGENOT- 88, RALPH MASTOLONI-94, WALTER B KIRKMAN-89 ARTHUR ROBINSON-85** and **MICHAEL A. AMOROSO- 79**.

VOLUNTEERS: **GRANT PERKINS** advised us that for the week of June 22nd there were 511 hours reported by 52 men from outside agencies and 183 hours by 33 men for **RMA**. Most hours were reported by **MICHAEL AMBROSINO** with 66 hours.

GAMES

Bridge: **KURT SCHAFFIR** stated that 11 players had participated with **SANJAY SANTHMAN** at 4270, **JAMES CHUNG** at 3630 and **KURT SCHAFFIR** at 2820. **Golf:** **ROSWELL CURTIS** told us that 18 players were present on June 21st with the low score of 90 going to **TOM HEALY** who was also closest to the pin at #15. **JIM SANTORA** was closest to the pin at #7 and Gran Burgess had the longest drive.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

GEORGE UBOGY introduced **Dave Schafer** who was to present **the story of Richard Feynman:** the man, his career and his ideas. Born in Queens of Jewish parents from Poland, Richard did not start to speak until the age of three. Growing up as a skeptic he looked at evidence and beyond, unprecedented in achieving the perfect score on both the math and physics graduate admission tests. Very charismatic, he often dismissed the academic intelligence of others but was more flexible with creative artists. Assigned to Los Alamos in 1939, he worked with brilliant scientists Nils Bohr and John von Neumann to develop nuclear energy in **the "Manhattan Project"** spending 15 hours a day in charge of the 'bomb computation group'. Despite his daily hard work, Richard didn't mind playing jokes on his friends; while facing them in conversation he placed his hands behind his back and opened up their safe. In presenting the view of Richard Feynman, David Schafer also projected humorous cartoons touching his comments along with written summaries of Richard Feynman's talents.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ABBEY SMOLER (203)531-0236 presented the following three trips. In **ABBEY'S** absence please contact **MIKE FERRARESE** (203-554-0678)

1. **SOUNDWATER CRUISE**, Thursday, July 14th, snacks and wine aboard. Cost is \$65; the boat departs at 3:30 P.M. Directions to the dock will be available at a future meetings. There is a waiting list.
2. **GOODSPEED OPERA HOUSE**: The musical “Bye Bye Birdie” is Thursday, August 11th. Lunch at Gelston House. The cost is \$115. Seats are available on the bus from St. Catherine’s at 10 AM.
3. **SAGAMORE HILL**, Theodore Roosevelt’s home and museum, Thursday September 22nd cost \$75 including lunch at the Oyster Bar. The bus leaves St. Catherine’s at 8:30 AM.

NEXT WEEK

The Speaker will be **Patrick Decker**, President of Xylem Company

“Water Standards and Solutions”

JAMES BUTLER, Scribe of the week

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MEMBER PROFILE

Beginning this week we will endeavor to draw a larger picture of members. Up to now most members know each other simply as a face identified by a name tag. This series will illuminate the life that flourished long before the RMA.

PETER UHRY was raised in rural Pound Ridge, NY where his parents moved in 1942. He attended the University of Colorado, Boulder where lifelong interests in geology, photography, travel and skiing emerged. In 1962, following six months of active duty with the Army National Guard, he moved to San Francisco. Apartments in Chinatown, North Beach (City Lights Bookstore and The Kingston Trio) and house rentals in Marin County, Los Gatos and Palo Alto followed.

Peter married in 1963. Sydney and he had two girls and they now have two grandchildren. Early on, Peter worked with Safeco Insurance as an administrator in Burlingame, CA. Media sales came along in 1969 with Sunset Magazine. They transferred him to their New York office in 1972. The Uhry’s settled in Old Greenwich where they lived for 42 years. Peter continued his work in magazine media sales until 2013, mostly as an independent sales representative and sales manager. Ducks Unlimited, The Old Farmer’s Almanac plus magazines owned by Meredith, Time Warner, & Cahners were ones he represented. Most of the time the area he covered was between Washington, DC and Maine.

Flooding by Sandy prompted a move to higher ground in Riverside. Peter has always maintained an interest in the outdoors and open space. He served as Greenwich Audubon President twice, Old Greenwich Association President three times and now

serves on the Riverside Association Board as well as the Board of Greenwich Green & Clean. He and Sydney belong to the Old Greenwich Yacht Club where both he and his wife are active members.

At RMA he is on the Program Committee, has been both the Golf Chairman, a CBB Scribe and joined the RMA Board six years ago. This year, Peter is our RMA President.