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Summertime efficiency CBB!

PLEDGE: JERRY SCHWENDEMAN

SINGING: CHUCK STANDARD led us in our first-Wednesday of the month patriotic songs: "Star-Spangled Banner," "Grand Ol' Flag," and "Yankee-Doodle Dandy." BOB MORGAN kept us up to rhythm on the piano.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: HARRY TWITCHELL regaled us with a fairy tale about how fear of resurrection convinced the U.S. delegation to vote to spend \$50,000 to have The Donald buried in the USA rather than Jerusalem.

RETURNEES: Nobody came back!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PARKING PASSES: use the yellow one you were given. You MAY PARK ON LAFAYETTE PLACE, even though the pass says you cannot. Ignore it!

SURVEY: A survey about what should be in the weekly meeting was handed out and it seems most everyone filled it out. Thanks.

MELODY MEN: TOM HEALY encouraged us to go to the Mets game on August 14 at 1 pm and support our wonderful singing group as they perform the National Anthem. You could also support the Mets as they battle the San Diego Padres. Call Tom at 203-661-2954 to sign up. Call by THURSDAY LATEST (if the CBB gets to you in time.)

SALVATION ARMY: JOHN FEBLES passed around and posted a flyer about the Food Drive sponsored by the Salvation Army from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm July 7. Bring food to the Town Hall Meeting Room in Town Hall and help Greenwich children in need.

YORKTOWN AND THE FRENCH: GEORGE UBOGY gave a fascinating history of just how the French saved our provincials during the Revolution by not only supplying us with ships, troops, and weaponry, but also providing money to our soldiers who were about to refuse to fight unless they were paid in coin, not in worthless script. As George said, truly we would today be singing "God Save The Queen" if it were not for the French. Merci grand beaucoup!

BUDGET: STEVE BOIES reported on our budget, noting that we need to better balance it. He stated that we would no longer be able to subsidize the Annual Dinner as in the

past. There are other budgetary matters to be discussed. Steve posted a copy and WE WILL VOTE ON THE BUDGET AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING.

COMMITTEES:

VISITING: CHUCK STANDARD reported that BILL DYNAN is ill but he had no details. Anyone knowing anything please contact both Chuck and PETE UHRY. ABBEY SMOLER's hip replacement seems to be going well. JOE MALARA is weakening and can no longer walk much.

PROGRAM: GEORGY UBOGY gave us a prep talk about today's speaker, Norman Roth, of the Greenwich Hospital System. HOLLISTER STURGES told us about author Janice Nimura who will speak next week about the "Historical Role of Women in Japan and the World."

MEMBERSHIP: HORST TEBBE reported 113 members, 3 candidates, and 2 guests: Dereck Duncalf g/o LOU ROTHMAN and Joe Manicilli g/o TOM NACINOVICH. HENRY and Joan BAKER celebrated 65 years of wedded bliss. **Birthdays:** JOHN CARON (92), HOLLISTER STURGES (77), JOE MALARA (96), and DAN FREDLAND (72). Happy Birthday, all!

CANDIDATE: WAYNE WRIGHT and GERRY GIBIAN spoke highly of Mark Mittler, who spoke of the pleasure of rehabbing his elbow with an attractive physical therapist whose therapy—and we won't speculate on what kind—hastened his recovery and allowed the membership to resoundingly rename him MARK MITTLER!

VOLUNTEERS: ED BLOOM reported 350 hours by 46 men for outside agencies and 140 hours by 32 men for RMA activities with MIKE AMBROSINO reporting the most hours with 24. Thanks to all!

SPECIAL EVENTS: MIKE FARRARESE announced some people who signed up for the Soundwater Cruise on July 14 had not paid so he was opening the trip to those on the waiting list and anyone else. Details below.

SPORTS:

BRIDGE: KURT SCHAFFIR reported 16 players, with JAMES CHUNG, scoring 5100. DICK CASE 4210, and GRANT PERKINS 3670.

GOLF: RICHARD BARTHOLOMEW reported that there were only 16 18-hole golfers on Tuesday, with 5 cancellations because of the weather. He urged greater participation by the membership, extolling the fun we have after the round in having a drink and lunch together. BART had an 81, RALPH VIGGIANO had an 89, and 7 players scored in the 90's, for an average round of 98.3. Closest to the pin: GERRY LESSUK on 7 and NICKI ACHIWA on 15, with RALPH pounding out the longest drive, even though he was playing from the further-back white tees. BART will be the host next week.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Norman Roth reported that Greenwich Hospital is a leader in state for safety in hospital care, having reduced falls by 50% and having trained 100% of the medical staff to avoid mistakes. Each month they hand out a "great catch" award to someone who has

prevented a serious mistake. GH has been recognized in the highest 5% nationally for patient experience. The talk detailed many aspects of GH's business—cardiology, maternity, surgery, pediatrics, and more. Roth stated that hospital care is moving to wellness programs and preventative care but it won't really happen for 20 years. Healthcare needs to consolidate to manage costs better. The speaker left us with a greater appreciation of our hospital and a greater respect for the challenges facing health care professionals.

SPECIAL EVENTS

*Open to all members, spouses, candidates, and guests. Checks made out to RMA
For tickets and information, contact MIKE FARRARESE 203 554-0678 myagentmike@yahoo.com*

SOUNDWATER CRUISE, Thursday, July 14th. Snacks and wine on board. \$65 pp. The boat departs at 3:30pm.

Directions to the dock, contact MIKE (see above) Status: 4 places available.

GOODSPEED OPERA HOUSE, the musical "Bye Bye Birdie", Thursday, August 11th. Lunch at Gelston House. \$115pp. Bus departs St. Catherine's at 8:30am. Status: open.

SAGAMORE HILLS, Theodore Roosevelt's home and museum, Thursday, September 22nd. \$75pp including lunch at Canterbury Oyster Bar. Bus departs St. Catherine's at 8:30am. Status: open.

GRAN BURGESS, Your Humble Scribe (YHS)

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MEMBER PROFILES

This series in the CBB is intended to allow RMA members to get to know one another better. More often than not we know more about a member from his obituary than during his lifetime. Members are invited to write their profiles and submit them for publication in the CBB. It could be whatever members wish to tell about themselves. For example; place of birth, where they lived, education, occupation, interests, marriage, family, military service, volunteerism, when they joined the RMA and their participation within the RMA. Call CHET RISIO 914 939-8460 and/or send your profile to him at chetris@optonline.net.

The Member Profile series will appear once a month. The next profile will be in the August 3, 2016 issue.