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Let a man walk ten miles steadily on a hot summer's day along a dusty English road and he will soon discover why beer was invented. G.K. Chesterton

Always-nattily-dressed and wired-for-sound president **Bob Phillips** signaled the start of activities with a well rung bell at the usual 10 AM moment. **Kurt Schaffir** put hand on heart and led the pledge. The team of Melody Men baton meister **Erf Porter**, and Steinway master **Bob Morgan**, led the assembled in *A Grand Old Flag*, *A Beautiful Morning* and *Heart of My Hearts* as the sanctuary resounded with secular music. Filling in for a missing corresponding secretary, former CS **Bob Phillips** read a story about the romance of train travel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bob Phillips- The Lions Club is collecting old eyeglasses to be distributed to those in need. Please deposit yours in the box in the rear of the room.

Returnees: **Rich Limbacher** from Germany, **Bill Dynan** from Daytona Beach, FL and **Bill Cleworth** from Cape, Cod. WELCOME BACK!

Ted Larrabee - Check the RMA website for photos of **Chuck Standard** being honored at Citi Field on July 4th.

John Craine –Raft-up next Thursday, July 24. Check the website for details. **John** promises good weather. Announced with sorrow the passing of Herb Schwartz an RMA Candidate.

John deCsepel - Practically free, \$10, recital by world-class pianist Vladimir Feltsmen at Suny Purchase, July 22 at 7:30 – all Schuman program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Visiting: **Chuck Standard** (it was a good day, but gray) offered many calendars from many dates all free. He also reported on the conditions of recovering RMA'ers **Ed Burns**, **Mike Harris**, **Steve Pierson** and **Al Hartig**.

Program: **Horst Tebbe** previewed today's speaker (his son), (see below). **Hollister Sturges** gave a heads up on next week's speaker, Stephen Lash, Chairman Emeritus of Christies America who will speak on "Collecting Art as an Asset Class".

Membership: **Jim Fahy** read the numbers. 130 total attendees, including 126 members, 1 candidate and 3 guests Frank Noelker g.o. **Ray Sloan**, Ted Ewing g.o. of **Mike Smith** and Tom Fons g.o. **Jim Fahy**. Celebrating natal days, **Tom McEvoy** 90 (thanks for the cake) and **Keith Smith** 75. Happy candles men !!

Special Events: **Rich Limbacher** back from his German idyll shared the skinny on upcoming trips. Details below.

Volunteers: Now it was **John Febles'** turn to read the numbers - 432 hours by 46 members for outside hours and 104 hours by 23 men for RMA hours. High count by **Bill Saltsman** with 27 hours.

SPORTING NEWS:

Bridge – **Kurt Schaffir** dealt the numbers: 15 players, #1 **Wayne De Vries** 4650,

#2 Bruno Schrage 3500 and #3 **Dave Downs** 3190

Golf – **Mike Ryan** reported 14 golfers of which 8 scored below 100 (a very good batting average if you excuse the mixed metaphor) Lowest score – Ted Ewing 84, Closest to pin 7, and longest drive 17 **Rich Bartholomew** and closest on 15 **Jim McKay**

Summer Tennis – **Ted Spool** reported a good time being had by all (no serious score keeping) every Monday & Thursday, 9 -11 Cos Cob courts off of Laughlin Ave.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The business meeting ended at 10:26 breaking all records for short meetings.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Nelson Tebbe is a constitutional law scholar at Cornell and Brooklyn Schools of Law, and son of RMA'er **Horst Tebbe**. His talk was an informed and articulate exposition on the principles of religious freedom in the US and how the concept has evolved over the years. Having given the background he examined the Hobby Lobby decision discussing the legal and political implications of the decision and its potential impact of future law in the US. He spoke to a packed sanctuary with many guests as well as RMAer's staying for his talk. The usual incisive Q and A followed.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Checks to be drawn to: RMA. Events are open to all members, their ladies, candidates and guests.
Special events Chair **Rich Limbacher** (203-531-0515) and **Gerry Lessuk** (203-698-9451)

July 27 (Sunday) Tanglewood, with lunch at Apple Tree Inn. \$102 p/p. *Wait listed.* Bus leaves Eastern Civic Center 8:15 AM

August 7th. Goodspeed – Fiddler on the Roof – \$112 – *Wait listed.* Bus leaves St. Cath. 9:30 AM

October 2 9/11 Memorial – Blue Water Grill, \$104 *Wait listed.* Bus leaves St. Cath. 8:45 AM

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Stephen S. Lash, Chmn Emer Christies USA – *Collecting Art As an Asset Class*

Extensive information about the RMA, including photos, is on our website at <http://www.greenwichrma.org>. Speaker videos can be viewed at <http://www.Vimeo.com>.