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“Silence is golden when you can’t think of the right answer” *Muhammad Ali*

Promptly at 10:00 hours, President PETER UHRY rang the bell and then cajoled the members to find their seats and they eventually did. STEVE MARINO proudly led the Pledge. Maestro DON CONWAY ably assisted by GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE and his Steinway led the singing of *God Bless America, Me and My Gal, Girl of My Dreams and Good Bye My Coney Island Baby*. **Jokester of the week** TOM HEALY told a story about a frazzled pharmacist and instructions for using a basic medical tool.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest **Darby Cartrun** is a radio host on WGCH. Her program is a “good news” program highlighting Greenwich area residents with interesting stories to tell. She has interviewed RMAers CHUCK STANDARD and PETER UHRY in the past. If you’ve got a story to tell, PETER UHRY can make the contact.

1. **PETER** announced:

- a. The passing of long time RMA member MARTIN GRAYSON. MARTIN served for many years as Editor-in-chief of the CBB.
- b. A pair of glasses has been found; the loser has not been located.
- c. “Daughters of the Samurai”, the book written by last week’s speaker, **Janice Namura**, is available for sale by HOLLISTER STURGES for \$20.
- d. Reminded all that 1) coffee or snacks were restricted to the area of the room behind the chairs and 2) used coffee cups and napkins should be properly disposed of in trash containers and not left on tables.

e. Briefly reviewed results from the member survey and promised a full report after the Board had been briefed.

RETURNEES: ARNOLD GORDON (Iceland) and STEVE BOIES (Nantucket) There's a limerick there, isn't there?

2. **JERRY SCHWENDEMAN** reminded all that the annual picnic would be held on Thursday, September 8th at Greenwich Point. Volunteers are needed for all functions. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or call, JERRY, ARNOLD GORDON or PETER UHRY.

3. **TOM HEALY** reported that the Melody Men would be singing the National Anthem at Citi Field on Sunday, August 14, at 1:00 PM. A bus is being arranged, cost will be about \$100 for the bus and ticket to the game. Contact TOM if interested 203-661-2954

INDUCTEE: Deryck Duncalf was sponsored by two of his neighbors, JOHN FEBLES and WAYNE WRIGHT. Deryck practiced anesthesiology and was Chair and Professor of anesthesiology at Montefiore Medical Center in New York City. He is widely traveled as judged by the number of countries visited listed on his membership application.

Welcome aboard, DERYCK!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

VISITING: CHUCK STANDARD told us that BILL DYNAN is home; JOE MALARA was hospitalized again; he really appreciates the calls and visits and ABBEY SMOLER is recovering at home and hopes to return on August 10.

PROGRAM: GEORGE UBOGY announced that next week he would be our featured speaker on "Music for Non-Musicians". His talk will include recorded illustrations. **MEMBERSHIP:** HORST TEBBE reported 114 members present along with four candidates and 3 guests, Steve Elliott g.o. GERRY FOX, Bob Kurzman g.o. JIM BOARDMAN and Doug Seward g.o. BOB CAREY.

Men celebrating their natal day were: THOM MCEVOY 82, KEITH SMITH 77 and RICHARD ROGERS 86. HAPPY CANDLES, MEN!

VOLUNTEERS: TOM WOOLEY recited the volunteer hours for the past week: 349 outside hours by 47 men and 152 RMA hours by 31 men. High scorer for the week: JIM SANTORA with 26 hours.

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

GOLF: TOM HEALY gave the exciting golf report. 18 golfers teed off on Tuesday. Closest to the pin on 7 and longest drive on 17 – RICH BARTHOLOMEW, closest to the

pin on 15 – JAY SCHONDORF. Low scores: RICH BARTHOLOMEW 89, RALPH VIGGIANO AND REID MCINTYRE 90, 7 other golfers in the 90s, 8 golfers enjoyed the walk.

BRIDGE: KURT SCHAFFIR dealt the stats: 12 players, #1 GRANT PERKINS 4840, DICK CASE 4240 and JOE ROE 2860.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Jean Paul Desrosiers is an ex-marine, certified personal trainer and extreme sportsman. His illustrated talk took us with him on the “Marathon des Sables” which is a 5-day, 150-mile race in the Moroccan desert where temperatures can vary from 125 in the shade to the 40’s at night. He spoke with enthusiasm and detail on his preparations for the trek and some of the about 1,200 people he participated with. Jean Paul is constantly challenging himself to reach higher goals. He promised to return to tell us about the 10-day trek across Patagonia which ended when they were evacuated by the Chilean Army after 5 days.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all members, guests, candidates and significant others. Checks payable to the RMA

GOODSPEED OPERA HOUSE. The musical “Bye Bye Birdie”, Thurs, Aug. 11, 2016
Lunch at the Gelston House. Cost: \$115pp. Bus departs St. Catherine’s at
10:00AM. STATUS: 14 places open

SAGAMORE HILLS (T. Roosevelt home), Thursday, September 22, 2016. Lunch:
Canterbury Oyster Bar. Cost: \$75.00 per person. Bus leaves St. Catherine’s at 8:30
am. STATUS: Wait listed

******NEW-GOODSPEED OPERA HOUSE** “Chasing Rainbows”, the Judy Garland
Story, Thursday, Oct 27,2016. Lunch at the Gelston House. Cost: \$115pp. Bus departs
St. Catherine’s at 10:00AM. STATUS: Wide open

For more information, or to sign up, contact MIKE FERRARESE

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