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“The law is the last result of human wisdom acting upon human experience for the benefit of the public.” Mrs. Piozzi, Anecdotes of Samuel Johnson - 1786

RALPH VIGGIANO called upon DON CONWAY to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Our scheduled song leader, JERRY SCHWENDEMAN was elsewhere being interviewed by Channel 12. So ever resourceful RALPH asked ERF PORTER to sub. And, with ease and gusto ERF led the 122 assembled RMAers in song including: “America the Beautiful” and “He’s Got the Whole World in his Hands.” Nimble fingered GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE tickled the ivories. President RALPH gave shout outs to RMA contributors SAM MARASSO, GEORGE DIPPY, JOHN FEBLES, ERF PORTER, TONY PARISI and BOB LUCE. Having recognized BOB LUCE, he now came forward and shared a funny story about an older man and a frog. The punch line....”no I will not kiss you.... at my age you are more interesting as a talking frog.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RALPH initiated the day’s reports. **MEMBERSHIP:** Any male, with only a few exceptions, can join RMA. We have only one class of membership and that is a paid member. The Board decided this in 2012. (One wise individual rose to ask about accepting trans-genders, which prompted some chuckles in the audience). **WINTER TENNIS:** If you plan to play, contact RALPH by email. Checks needed by end of August. **MELODY MEN:** Special recognition was given for our singers who will perform the National Anthem at Citi Field prior to this Wednesday night’s Met’s game. (Way to go guys). **RAFT-UP:** JOHN CRAINE is rescheduling the annual raft-up due to a showery forecast. The new date is August 13. (Contact JOHN for details at 203-698-0118.) **PICNIC:** ARNOLD GORDON seeks volunteers to help collect prizes for the annual picnic scheduled for Sept 10 at Greenwich Point. (All members and candidates can attend and bring a guest to this popular event. More details to follow). **TWO EULOGIES:** JOHN DeCSEPEL gave a eulogy for WIN ADKINS, who contributed to the RMA, his community and so many other people during his life. Described as a “teacher of life”, this well educated man taught others to better understand how to lead their lives. A memorial service will be held August 1 at the Round Hill Community Church, 11 AM. An obituary appeared in the Greenwich Time July 29th. RMAers will long remember him. BILL DYNAN, who for years has been the one to share news of the passing of our members, seeks a person to replace him in this role. BILL spoke this morning about the passing

of WILLIAM CORDNER who lived at Edgehill, served in the Navy in WW II and held degrees from Amherst College, Columbia and Harvard University. He worked with Citi-Group for 37 years and was locally active with the Historical Society as Treasurer and with both Innis Arden and Riverside Yacht Clubs as a member.

RETURNEES: GERRY FOX from Chautauqua; MIKE SMITH from Seattle, WA; FRED BROOKS from Ecuador and Peru and BOB CAREY from Florida.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **VISITING:** CHUCK STANDARD failed to tell us that RICH LIMBACHER (back from knee surgery and more) was sitting ten feet to his right... but CHUCK is now 96 years old so we cut him some slack. RICH still felt slighted and, with a smile, let CHUCK know it in a friendly way. **TODAYS PROGRAM:** Today Nelson Tebbe spoke about Constitutional Law. RMA member and father HORST TEBBE introduced him. (See below for details.) **NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER** will be RMAer HOLLISTER STURGES who will discuss river paintings. John DeCSEPEL made this announcement. **MEMBERSHIP:** HORST TEBBE said today's attendance was 117 members, 1 candidate and 4 guests: Robert Whitby, g/o BOB ROBERTS; Lynton Kaufman, g/o GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE; Martin Heslin g/o DOUG TAYLOR and Juern Repenning, g/o LLOYD HULL. The many birthday boys noted were CHARLES MARSHALL 85, KURT SCHAFFIR 90, ARTO SZABO 80, EDWARD LARAJA 88, TONY RIGGI 83, SAL DeANGELO 92, parachuting CHUCK STANDARD 96, SAM YORK 86, JOHN RIIS 91, RICHARD RADCLIFFE 91 and BRIAN SPILLE 73. Many happy returns, gentlemen! **SPECIAL EVENTS:** GERRY LESSUK gave the Special Events report (see details below). **VOLUNTEERS:** GERRY MAYFIELD reported that 42 RMA members volunteered 344 hours to outside agencies; and 27 men reported 131 hours for RMA activities. (NOTE: Member SAL DeANGELO's son, Bob DeAngelo, is taking over as the new CEO of the Greenwich YMCA. RMA got its start some 60 plus years ago at the YMCA).

INDUCTEE : ROBERT KEATING HAGMAN was voted into our ranks today after sponsoring remarks by BOB PHILLIPS and RUSS HARDEN. KEATING has lived in Greenwich 43 years, worked with Black Rock, Inc. as a Managing Director, likes to cycle, ski and hike and was the former President of the Grenfall Assoc. of America.

GAMES: For **Bridge** – JOHN FEBLES said 16 players played on July 15. WAYNE DeVRIES came in first with 5360 points; JOHN HOFFMAN second with 3740 and DICK CASE was third with 3690. For **Golf** -- KIP SCHULZE reported only 10 golfers braved the heat, 4 of whom played 9 holes. JAY SCHONDORF took low score honors with a 94 followed by JIM SANTORA with a 96. ROS CURTIS was closest to the pin on #7 and host KIP hit the longest drive on #17. No one hit the green on hole 15.

TODAY'S SPEAKER was **Nelson Tebbe**. Nelson addressed RMA previously, gaining much praise from our members. He did not disappoint in this Wednesday's appearance when he spoke about two recent Supreme Court decisions. He titled his

talk: The Supreme Court Term in Constitutional Law: Correct Outcomes, Unconvincing Reasons? This well educated, articulate and concise speaking college professor shared his observation about the wording used by the Supreme Court Justices in two cases decided this last spring. One case was Obergefell V. Hodges, which required states to include same-sex couples in civil marriage. Nelson said this case, and the second one he focused on, showed how even people who supported the outcome felt that the dissenting Justices might have had stronger arguments. The second case was Walker v. Sons of Confederate Veterans. The hour-long presentation and discussion speculated that alternative points of view might have been used by both sides of the Court in issuing their opinions. To view the discussion, go to our RMA website (see below) where it will be posted next week for all to see.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all members, guests, candidates and spouses. Checks payable to RMA.

Tanglewood: Boston Symphony Sunday, August 9. Departs 9am Eastern Civic Center. CURRENTLY TWO OPENINGS at \$125 each.

Westchester Broadway Theater, “Backward in High Heels” - Thursday, Sept. 17, \$85 p/p, including lunch. 3 spaces available.

Goodspeed Opera House, “It’s a Wonderful Life” - Thursday, Oct. 22, lunch at Gelston House, \$115 p/p. Leaves St. Catherine’s at 10am. 19 Places are available.

For details, go to GERRY LESSUK (gerrless@att.net) 203-698-9451.

NEXT WEEK’S SPEAKER

HOLLISTER STURGES, former Executive Director of the Bruce Museum, will speak about river paintings.

Visit the RMA website at www.greenwichrma.org

Prepared with humility and humor in mind. PETER UHRY
