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Here are the volunteers who publish this Bulletin each week for your enjoyment: **Editor:** George Stockbridge, Chair; **Scribes:** Gran Burgess, Av Rivel, Kurt Schaffir, Peter Uhry, Jim Butler, Arnold Gordon, Ed Farrell; Martin Grayson, Emeritus; **Format and Layout:** Gene Schwartz, Fred Waldron; **Archivist:** Harold Frost; **Printing:** Chet Risio, Larry Schmitz

President RALPH VIGGIANO rang the opening bell at 10:00 AM sharp and summoned ARNOLD GORDON to lead us in The Pledge. With GEORGE UBOGY at the keyboard, BOB MORGAN led us in singing *America the Beautiful*, *Sentimental Journey* and *This Little Light of Mine*. TOM HEALY told us of how a wise Italian mother taught son Anthony and his roommate, Maria, where they could find their lost sugar bowl. RALPH recognized the following for the many contributions to the RMA: GRANT PERKINS; MIKE BALINT; DICK BERGSTRESSER; JIM HIMES; and BOB PHILLIPS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: RALPH VIGGIANO reminded all that parking passes are now required for the parking lot adjacent to our meeting venue, and that cars without passes are likely to be ticketed. RALPH urged members to consider taking on the chairmanship of the RMA's Program Committee, a key volunteer position, which offers the holder an opportunity to make a significant contribution to our association's success. RALPH also asked those interested in playing tennis this fall to please see him for details. PETER UHRY announced a casual cocktail party will be held at St. Catherine's Parish Hall on September 4th at 4:30 PM sponsored by the Social Seniors of St. Catherine's, At Home in Greenwich and the RMA for the purpose of learning about the **At Home in Greenwich** program and getting to meet "other social people." GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE is urgently seeking a computer-literate (especially Microsoft Word literate) person to succeed FRED WALDRON as co-publisher with GENE SCHWARTZ of the weekly CBB. Anyone with an interest in this important position should see GEORGE for details. BOB ROBINS solicited participants (members and Y chromosome-carrying guests) for the next ROMEO luncheon on September 16th at the Fairview Country Club. Cost for the luncheon: \$45. JOHN CRAINE announced the 2015 Raft-up is on for tomorrow, August 13th beginning at noon at Greenwich Cove. TAD LARRABEE is seeking additional volunteers for the September 10 RMA picnic. TAD noted that it is VERY IMPORTANT FOR MEMBERS WHO DO NOT LIVE IN GREENWICH and who plan to attend the picnic to see him to secure the necessary permits to enter Greenwich Point.

EULOGY: FRED BROOKS offered a personal remembrance of JOHN CALIMAFDE, who passed away on August 5, 2015. FRED reflected on his and JOHN's personal and business relationships, and remembered JOHN as someone who contributed much to his profession and our community. RIP.

RETURNEES: RALPH VIGGIANO welcomed returnees TOM HEALY, BILL SALTSMAN, FRANK ALBRIZIO and GRANT PERKINS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Visiting: CHUCK STANDARD announced that HOLLISTER STURGES recently suffered a broken ankle and is recovering at home.

Program: CHUCK STANDARD announced that today's speaker will be historian Art Gottlieb, who will speak on the important WWII battles in the Pacific focusing on the Battle of the Philippine Sea. GEORGE UBOGY announced that next week's speaker will be Dr. John Hughes, whose topic will be: *The Affordable Care Act – A Report Card*.

Membership: HORST TEBBE reported 113 members present along with 3 candidates (Robert Whitby, David Burleson, and Lynton Kaufman). This week's **birthday boys** are: JOE RINDLER (72); BOB KAVEE (81); BOB UNDERWOOD (89); NICK MECCA (87); BRUNO SCHRAGE (77).

Special Events: GERRY LESSUK announced that two trips are currently scheduled. See details below.

Volunteers: GERRY MAYFIELD reported that, for the week ending August 12, 2015, 50 men reported 402 volunteer hours on behalf of outside agencies and 29 men reported 154 volunteer hours on behalf of RMA. The most hours (62) were reported by BOB RIMMER.

FUN AND GAMES :

Bridge: KURT SCHAFFIR reported that the August 5, 2015, game drew 8 players. KURT was high with 3140 points followed by BOB UNDERWOOD with 3080 and WAYNE DEVRIES with 2420.

Golf: JIM SANTORA lamented that no one was at the Griff yesterday to see him break par for the first time ever – probably because all the other regular RMA golfers had the good sense to avoid yesterday's rain. JIM will repeat his *sub-par performance* next week for all to see.

TODAY'S SPEAKER: **Art Gottlieb**, the historian who has addressed the RMA on several earlier occasions on a variety of topics, provided us with some new insights into the personalities and conditions that contributed to the success of U.S. forces during the Battle of the Philippine Sea. His analysis of the personality differences between Admiral Chester Nimitz and Admiral Raymond Spruance and how each reacted to Japanese battle tactics in the Pacific proved enlightening and entertaining.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all Members, Guests, Candidates and spouses. Checks should be made out to RMA.

Westchester Broadway Theater: "Backwards in High Heels" Thursday, September 17, 2015, lunch at the theater. \$85 per person. Status: 1 place available.

Goodspeed Opera House: "A Wonderful Life" Thursday, October 22, lunch at Gelston House. \$115 per person. Status: 13 places available.

For more details and to sign-up, contact GERRY LESSUK (gerrless@att.net, 203-698-9451)

NEXT WEEK

Dr. John Hughes. Topic: *The Affordable Care Act – A Report Card*.

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Respectfully Submitted: **Ed Farrell**