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"It is only the poor who are forbidden to beg."

Anatole France, Crainquebille , 1901

President BOB PHILLIPS asked members and guests to stand for the Pledge at 10:00 am led by Henry Baker. RICHARD LIMBACHER, accompanied by GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE, led the singing of *It's a Grand Old Flag, Button up Your Overcoat* and *If I Could be with You*. Corresponding Secretary, TOM HEALY, presented the weekly touch of good humor giving us the history of Ralph and Edna in a mental hospital, their visit to the pool and her putting him up to dry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President BOB PHILLIPS welcomed all members and reminded us of the October 8th Anniversary Celebration. DON CONWAY then reminded us of the Picnic at Tod's Point on September 18th starting at 11:00 am. GRANT PERKINS spoke on the continuing need for volunteers and was followed by DAVID DOWNS who advised us on the value of the direct contribution to the Greenwich Salvation Army assuring 100% local usage. HORST TEBBE then drew our attention to the need for skilled aids to assist DON CONWAY, BOB BISHOP, ED PARKER, STEVE MARINO, TED SPOOL and BERNARD SCHNEIDER in the operation of the sound and the visual equipment. Next, RALPH VIGGIANO stepped up to kindly advise us that cookies will join the Danish pastry for our nourishment at one meeting each month and advised us that today, August 27th, was the last day to sign up for the Fall Tennis Season. Cortina Kortula, a Board member of Greenwich Symphony spoke briefly about the three free concerts for students and kindly made available free CDs of the orchestra's 2012 performances. **Returnees:** Over the past week were JOHN AWDZIEWICZ from Block Island, REID McINTYRE from Stockholm, St. Petersburg and London, plus RANDY MOTLAND from Martha's Vineyard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: For **Visiting**, CHUCK STANDARD announced that ED BURNS is out of Nathaniel Witherell but STEVE PIERSON has been admitted there; he will welcome calls and/or visitors. Chuck had declared it a beautiful day and graciously offered available 2015 calendars. **Program Committee:** STEVE MYERS asked us to stay and hear the presentation of Juanita James, President and CEO of Fairfield County Community Foundation which promotes philanthropy as a means of creating innovative and collaborative solutions to critical community needs, a fine tie-in to RMA's emphasis on volunteering. **Membership Committee:** After his aloha, Chairman Jim Fahy announced attendance of 105 members, one candidate, Jack Boardus, and two guests: Bob Simms introduced by MIKE SMITH and Bob Tames introduced by MIKE SMITH. JIM & Catherine MacKAY celebrated 73 years of wedded bliss on August 23rd while during the past week, BILL EUSTIS turned 85, RUSS HARDEN turned 72, LEO FUTIA reached his 95th year, MIKE SMITH turned 75 and BILL WURST turned 83. **Special Events:** See below. **Volunteer Activity:** GERRY FOX told us that as of the week ending August 27th, there were 495 hours reported for outside agencies by 59 RMA members and 128 hours for RMA activities by 27 RMA members. The person reporting the most hours was DON CONWAY with 23 hours while DON HELLER had accumulated 45 hours over time.

FUN AND GAMES: **Bridge:** Advisor KURT SCHAFFIR reported the August 20th numbers ; from 13 players GRANT PERKINS scored 3740, BRUNO SCHRAGE 3480 and FRANK LEE 3330. **Golf:** PETER UHRY said that 15 players had taken part, 4 had broken 90, GERRY LESSUK was closest to the pin on #7, NICKY ACHIWA hit the longest drive on # 17 while PETER, his own self, was closest to the pin on #15. **Tennis:** TED SPOOL reminded members that summer tennis with 8- 10 players occurs at the Loughlin Avenue courts in Cos Cob on Monday and Thursday.

TODAY'S SPEAKER: JUANITA JAMES, President and CEO of Fairfield County Community Trust (FCCT) thanked RMA along with her friend and RMA member PETER McSPADDEN for her opportunity to speak with us. With Juanita, FCCT is moving toward innovation and collaborative solutions. At the same time, the Fund for Woman and Girls has been looking at ways to equalize and advance their positions; the annual "Full Circle Report" works to meet problems of inequality. The foundation recognizes the importance of corporations and internships and also has set up a program where effective high school students can interact with children in middle school to counsel against drugs and violence. The Foundation can be viewed as a first among equals with effective answers and means to social and violent concerns that affect our town and our families.

JIM BUTLER -Editor

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all Members, guests, candidates and spouses. Checks are made out to the RMA.

New York 9/11 Memorial Museum: Thursday, October 2nd, Lunch at Blue Water Grill, Fully booked, waiting list only. Depart from St. Catherine's Church at 8:30am

Holiday Inn , Goodspeed Opera House, Thursday, October 30th ; \$ 112.00 each, Lunch at Gelston House; Twenty three tickets available; Depart by bus from St. Catherine's Church

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NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

GEORGE RATLIFF, Greenwich Chaplaincy

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