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Here are the volunteers who publish this Bulletin each week for your enjoyment:

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President BOB PHILLIPS rang the opening bell at 10 AM sharp and summoned LOU CHIAPETTA to lead us in The Pledge. With BOB MORGAN at the keyboard, GERRY SCHWENDEMAN led us in singing *The Star Spangled Banner*, *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* and *You're Nobody 'Til Somebody Loves You*. Corresponding Secretary ARNOLD GORDON regaled us with stories about an Italian spouse selection process and a nun's gas station adventure.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: BOB PHILLIPS sought members' help in locating NICK MECCA's Korean War hat left behind at a recent RMA meeting. RALPH VIGGIANO announced that Volume 3 of the RMA *Presidents Book* has been completed and soon will be available for viewing on the RMA web site. PETER UHRY and DON CONWAY are asking members for help in acquiring donations for the RMA picnic particularly from local merchants. PETER noted that "The Boys in the Boat" program is set for October 15 and urged all to read this book. PETER also announced that this year's golf luncheon will be held on October 22 at a venue to be determined. ARNOLD GORDON introduced Darien's Book Aid Program and sought donations of books (info: darienbookaid.org). GRANT PERKINS reminded us of the need for volunteers, and introduced GERRY MAYFIELD, who described the At Home in Greenwich organization which offers a variety of services to senior folks in our town (info: www.athomeingreenwich.org). BOB BISHOP explained that more volunteers are needed with RMA facilities management particularly in the areas of audio/visual and meeting room preparation. BOB PHILLIPS recognized GEORGE DIPPY for designing and procuring our new RMA caps. JOHN CRAINE announced a second Raft-up to be held at Great Captain's Island on September 25. Contact JOHN or TONY PARISI for particulars.

Returnees: CHUCK STANDARD welcomed ED BURNS and ART ROBINSON back to the RMA fold.

Memorial: BILL DYNAN eulogized CLYDE MOONIE, who passed away on August 14, 2014.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Visiting: CHUCK STANDARD (with an unusually large number of calendars in hand) noted that STEVE PIERSON continues in re-hab at Nathaniel Witherell and that BILL OSGOOD is in home hospice.

Program Committee: BERNARD SCHNEIDER announced that today's speaker will be Reverend Mike Gatliff, Director of Greenwich Chaplaincy.

Membership Committee: Chairman JIM FAHY reported 125 members present along with 2 candidates (Jack Bogardus and Don Hermann). This week's **Birthday Boys:** SAM MARASSO (75), WARREN LEIBFRIED (81) and NICK TOURNILLON (81).

Special Events: RICHARD LIMBACHER told us that our annual trip to hear the New York Philharmonic is set for February 12.

Volunteers: MIKE HAYDEN reported that, for the week ending September 3, 68 men reported 525 volunteer hours on behalf of outside agencies and 145 hours on behalf of RMA. The most hours (33) were reported by TAD LARRABEE.

FUN AND GAMES: **Bridge:** KURT SCHAFFIR reported that the August 27 game drew 13 players. AL HARTIG was high with 3580 followed by TOM McEVOY, 3290, and KURT SCHAFFIR, 3140. **Golf:** 22 souls braved the heat and humidity on September 2. As an experiment, all hit from the green tees to speed-up play and improve scores. TED EWING led the scoring with an outstanding 78 followed by BART BARTHOLOMEW 86 and NICKY ACHIWA 89. Longest drive: TED EWING. Closest to pin #7: MIKE SMITH. Closest to pin # 15: TED EWING. **Tennis:** TED SPOOL noted that summer tennis continues at the town tennis courts off Loughlin Ave. in Cos Cob on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

TODAY'S SPEAKER: BERNARD SCHNEIDER introduced Sam Dibler, President of Greenwich Chaplaincy, who, in turn, introduced **Reverend Mike Gatliff**, Director of Greenwich Chaplaincy. Rev. Gatliff explained the work of Greenwich Chaplaincy Services (GCS) in our community. Using examples of how GCS impacts the lives of people in our local nursing homes and assisted living facilities, he explained that the job of GCS chaplains is to nurture the souls and spirits of those who find themselves in a "new normal" life.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Events are open to all Members, Guests, Candidates and spouses. Checks made out to RMA.

New York: 911 Memorial Museum Thursday, October 2, 2014. Cost: \$104 per person with lunch at Blue Water Grill. Waiting list only. Depart from St. Catherine's Church at 8:30 AM.

Holiday Inn at Goodspeed Opera House, Thursday, October 30, 2014. Cost: \$112 per person with lunch at Gelston House. Twenty tickets available. Depart from St. Catherine's at 9:45 AM

For trip information contact GERRY LESSUK (gerrless@att.net, 203-698-9451) or RICH LIMBACHER (limbacher29@verizon.net, 203-531-9515).

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Allen Brown, Executive Director at Nathaniel Witherell.

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Respectfully Submitted, ED FARRELL