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“Dad, how can soldiers killing each other solve the world’s problems?” *Calvin & Hobbes*

President RALPH VIGGIANO broke with precedence and rang the bell 2 minutes early to start the first post-Labor Day RMA meeting of 2015. LOU CHIAPPETTA led the pledge with gusto. The unsinkable RICH LIMBACHER, returning from the DL led the singing accompanied by nimble fingered BOB MORGAN. We sang *God Bless America*, *Baby Face* and *Heart of my Heart*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President VIGGIANO announced that the picnic will be held, rain or shine. He reminded all that the speaker starts at 11 A.M. and asked that everyone be in their seats with cell phones quieted. He mentioned again that the RMA is looking for a donation of a lap-top computer and would appreciate contacting him if available. GERRY MAYFIELD reported that The “Greenwich At Home” social last week was a huge success and, thanked all that helped and attended. TAD LARRABEE reiterated that the Picnic will be great and will be held, rain or shine. PETER UHRY gave a heads up about the Annual RMA Dinner, actually luncheon, on November 4, 2015 and asked that potential table hosts contact him. BOB ROBINS announced that this is the last chance to pay for next week’s ROMEO luncheon at Fairview CC.

CORRESPONDING HUMOR REPORT: ARNOLD GORDON, substituting for the missing scheduled humorist, ad-libbed a puny story which was so bad it was good.

RETURNEES: GEORGE UBOGY from Rio de Janeiro and WAYNE DEVRIES from Maine.

MEMORIAL: RALPH VIGGIANO memorialized DONALD O’KEEFE, a long time RMA member, who died this past week. He worked most of his career with Colt Industries and was an active member in St. Mary’s Church in Greenwich. A funeral mass was held last Saturday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **VISITING:** CHUCK STANDARD reported no new entries to the hospital or rehab this past week. He solicited small, pocket calendars, unused, to fill on-hand requests. **PROGRAMS:** JIM FISHBEIN previewed this week’s speaker and JOHN DECSEPEL explained in broad strokes that next week’s speaker, Maryann Ainsworth, a curator at New York’s Metropolitan Museum will present an insider’s view of the work of a Curator of European Art. **MEMBERSHIP:** HORST TEBBE counted the house and reported 110 members, 1 candidate and no guests. Total 111 chairs filled.

Candled members this week: JERRY SCHWENDEMAN 76, MAURY LINDEN 89 and ED PARKER 70. Felicitations to all. **VOLUNTEERS:** MIKE AMBROSINO making his first prime-time appearance at the podium reported 270 hours by 36 men at outside agencies and 124 hours by 21 men volunteering for the RMA. Top scorer was TAD LARRABEE with 34 hours. **SPECIAL EVENTS:** GERRY LESSUK outlined the events and made special note that tickets for the Goodspeed theatre on October 22, must be ordered by September 22.

INDUCTEE: Surprising the president and the membership chair, sponsors GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE and LLOYD HULL presented candidate LYNTON KAUFMAN for induction. LYNTON's qualifications for membership, a well-travelled, high-tech executive, heavily involved in volunteer work in the community made him a shoo-in despite the unusual method of his presentation. In addition, he sings barbershop! Welcome aboard LYNTON!

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY: **Bridge:** KURT SCHAFFIR dealt the scores: 14 players, #1 NEVILLE SARGEANT 2780, LEN SAARI 2380 and JOE ROE 2260: **Golf:** ROS CURTIS pored the report that 17 players sweated out the course with 6 players shooting under 100 and Prexy VIGGIANO shooting a mere 90! Closest to the pin on 7 Was ROSS CURTIS and on 15 was JIM SANTORA, with the longest drive by RALPH VIGGIANO.

TODAY' PROGRAM: JIM FISHBEIN introduced Dr. Ronald Kahan, a retired dermatologist who has found a second career in helping people understand Medicare and to get the most out of coverage and to access care effectively and with ease. His talk centered on understanding different kinds of coverage available, their advantages and disadvantages and the cost implications. He also provided a head's up on changes in fees coming up in 2016. A spirited RMA Q&A followed.

Av Rivel – Scribe of the Week

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

September 17: Westchester Broadway Theater: *Backwards in High Heels*, \$85: wait list

October 22, 2015: Goodspeed Opera House: *A Wonderful Life*, \$115, 12 places available. (*Reservations MUST be in by September 22*)

NEXT WEEK

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