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President BOB PHILLIPS called on TONY Di ROLLO to lead the assembled group in the pledge to the flag, promptly followed by DON CONWAY conducting *America the Beautiful, The Wiffenpoof Song, and Yes Sir, that's my Baby*, accompanied by GEORGE UBOGY. Corresponding Secretary TOM HEALY regaled the group with a story about a surprising message from Italy. Returnees are STEVE BOIES from Northern California, Oregon and Washington, and ARTO SZABO from Washington D.C.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRANT PERKINS told of volunteer needs for *Meals on Wheels* drivers, particularly Wednesdays when a lot of the regular drivers are at the RMA meeting. JOHN DeCSEPEL asked for volunteer help in identifying RMA meeting speakers and subjects. RALPH VIGGIANO would like all table hosts for the annual dinner on November 12 to pick up their *Table Host Sheets* now. He also needs a volunteer to help at the *Senior Health Fair* at the *Eastern Civic Center* on October 2. BERNARD SCHNEIDER explained the special significance of our *RMA Recognition Day* meeting on October 8. DON CONWAY gave us a final reminder for tomorrow's RMA picnic. JOHN CRAINE announced that there will be a second *Raft-up* on September 25. GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE is looking for language training help for adults at the *Family Centers*. TIM NOLAN would like those planning to attend the *Romeo Luncheon* next Wednesday at the *Millbrook Club* to pay their \$37 promptly. DICK BARTHOLEMEW called attention to a talk by Gretchen Morgensen at the *Pequot Library*. Members looking for additional information on any of these events should contact the person named in each case.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Visiting: CHUCK STANDARD reported that MANNY BONVENUTO, BILL EUSTIS, WALTER KIRKMAN and PAUL PAGUE are in the hospital, each as a result of a fall. We welcomed back PAUL BRADY and JOE MALARA. **Membership:** JIM FAHY reported there were 123 members present, as well as two guests: Jim Fishbein, guest of BOB WYLIE, and Harvey Bozzi, guest of TOM DUFFY; and four candidates: Rick Holz, Ted Ewing, Don Hermann, and Bob James. The **birthday** boys are JIM SANTORA, 73; JOHN TONER, 68; GRAHAM WHITEHEAD, 86; STEVE LEIFER, 76; NICKY ACHIWA, 70; and HARRY TWITCHELL, 93. We celebrated DAVE and

ELEANOR FRANCEFORT's 65th anniversary. **Program:** In next week's program, PETER McSPADDEN explained, Dick Lewis, the owner of several food franchises, will tell us about the fast-food industry and issues of current interest relating to the minimum wage and to operating problems in Russia. **Volunteer Hours:** WALT HOWE reported 804 hours for outside agencies by 57 members and 205 hours for RMA activities by 34 men.

FUN AND GAMES

Bridge: With 14 players, KURT SCHAFFIR was first with 5260, BERT KLEBANOW second with 3700, and JOHN HOFFMAN third with 3670. **Golf:** On a rainy course, 12 players started but only 7 finished. DICK BARTHALOMEW was closest to the pin on #7, ROS CURTIS closest to the pin on #15, and TED EWING had the longest drive on #17. Scores ranged from 84 up. Next week's captain is MIKE SMITH. **Tennis** MIKE SMITH and MIKE WARNER won on Court 1; BERNARD SCHNEIDER and TED HOUSER on Court 2. PETER UHRY will be next week's captain. TED SPOOL reminded us that **summer tennis** continues Monday and Thursday from 9:00 to 11:00 in Cos Cob.

SPEAKER

JOHN DeCSEPEL introduced Professor **Philip McKnight**, a leading authority on environmental law and history, with a long and distinguished law career. The U.S. has traditionally shied away from involvement in foreign affairs. As a result, treaties relating to environmental protection, dating back to the 1970s, have often failed to win congressional approval. These treaties generally called for the developed nations – and particularly the U.S - to provide the funding while developing nations were exempt. In 1987 the Montreal Protocol for protection of the ozone layer gained acceptance but the subsequent Kyoto Protocol to halt emission of greenhouse gases and mitigate global heating did not. Professor McKnight emphasized the importance of addressing these environmental issues more actively, and the need for the U.S. to take a stronger leadership role, without which there will be little progress.

SPECIAL EVENTS

[9/11 Memorial Museum](#) – Thursday, October 2, 2014. Bus departure 8:30. \$104 per person; Blue Water Grill lunch; wait list.

[Goodspeed Opera Holiday Inn](#) – Thursday October 30, 2014. Bus departure 9:45. \$112 per person; Gelston House lunch; 8 places available.

[New York Philharmonic](#) – Thursday, February 5, 2015. Bus departure 8:00. \$98 per person, Atlantic Grill lunch; Places available.

Events open to members, their ladies, candidates and guests. Contact: Rich Limbacher or Gerry Lessuk.

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