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"Bald men are more virile than others but have less opportunities to prove it", anon.

President **DON CONWAY** vigorously rang the bell at 10:00am prompting the members to assemble (and Pavlov's dogs to salivate). **STEVE MARINO** led the members in the Pledge to the flag. **JACK SWEGER** guided the members in a rousing rendition of *America the Beautiful, This land is Your Land* and *That's Amore*. At the Steinway was **GEORGE UBOGY** whose unique accompaniment prompted even the tone deaf to sing like angels. The Corresponding Secretary, **BOB LUCE**, shared with us a witty comparison of the work of an auto mechanic and a cardiologist. The snide mechanic learned that the work of a cardiologist was far more demanding thus meriting the higher income. (The mechanic should get a second opinion)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAD LARRABEE reported the RMA Annual Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 8th, at the Tamarack Country Club. Doors open at 10:30am, dinner begins at 12:00 and ends at 2:30pm. There is a cash bar. Deadline for signing up is Oct 25th. **TAD's** phone: [203 637-4023](tel:2036374023). (Bon Appetito!) **ARNOLD GORDON** informed us that three chemists have been awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry. They are Jacques Dubuchet, Joachim Frank and Richard Henderson. Their work involved development of cryo-electron microscopy. (Students, don't skip the chem classes.) **MIKE RYAN** reminded us the RMA golf lunch is Thursday, Oct 20. Cost is \$45. **JAN MEYER** reported that there are several lecturers discussing "Reclaiming Our Democracy". This event will take place at the Crown Plaza hotel, Stamford, Tuesday, Oct 24th. The registration fee is \$45.00 including lunch. Prez **DON** said the Melody Men will rehearse at the Old Greenwich Congregation Church in preparation for the memorial service for **CHUCK STANDARD** to be held at Riverside Yacht Club, Oct 13, at 2:00pm. The Melody men will give their first performance of the season at Waveny Care Center on Tuesday, Oct 17. The RMA meeting for Oct 25 will be held in the Sanctuary. The Program Committee will meet Oct 25 at 9:00am in the usual space. **MIKE RYAN** said that a memorial service will be held for **LEON FREEMAN** on Sat. Oct 21st at 11:00am at the 1st Congregational church in Old Greenwich followed by a reception at

the Innis Arden Golf Club. Returnees: **WAYNE DEVRIES** returned from California, Vermont and Maine. **GERRY MAYFIELD** returned from Stillwater, Oklahoma, **BOB CAREY** from London and Lyon, France.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP: **ED FARRELL** reported that today's attendance is 109 members and one guest, Bill Burke, g/o **FRANK SCARPA**. Inductees: Lou Trovato, sponsored by **PETER STERN**, was inducted. **LOU** is an IBM retiree who enjoys gardening and wine making. He may start an RMA "fermentation" group. Jim Steen, sponsored by **BOB ROBINS** and **AL KNIGHT**, was inducted. **JIM** worked in insurance finance and enjoys travel. We all sang Happy Birthday to **ED FARRELL**, 79.

VOLUNTEERS: **JOHN FEBLES** told us that 416 outside hours were reported by 45 men and 138 inside hours by 29 men. Top RMA member was **ABBEY SMOLER** at 24 hours. Special Events: See below.

SCOREBOARD

Golf: Captain **PETER TUNLEY** advised us that 20 players were on the course. Six shot in the 90's and two shot in the 80's. **JAMES BOARDMAN** and **TED EWING** tied at 89. **BOB PHILLIPS** was nearest the pin in #7 and **FRANK SCARPA** nearest the pin on #15. **JAMES BOARDMAN** and **BART BARTHOLOMEW** tied for longest drive on #17. Next week's captain is **MIKE RYAN**.

Bridge: **RON FREEDMAN** tallied that there were eleven players. **GRANT PERKINS** scored 6,360, **KURT SCHAFFIR** scored 5,100 and **ANDRZEJ MAZUREK** scored 3,160.

Hearts: **MIKE AMBROSINO** advised us that there were eight players. Game #1, table 1, winner was **GEORGE DIPPY**. Table #2 winner was **RALPH VIGGIANO**. Game #2, table 1 winner was **MIKE AMBROSINO**. Table 2 was **DON CONWAY**. Shooting the moon (No wonder it has so many holes) once; **TOM MORONEY**, **MIKE AMBROSINO** and **RALPH VIGGIANO**. Next week's captain is **ANDY HOLMES**.

Tennis: **MIKE AMBROSINO** loved to tell us that on court #1 won **TUNLEY** with **MAZUREK**, on court # 2 **BREISMEISTER** with **VIGGIANO**. Next week's captain is **JOHN KNIGHT**.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ABBEY SMOLER reminded us that **the RMA trip to the NY Philharmonic rehearsal is scheduled for Jan 11, 2018**. Lunch will be at the Atlantic grill. \$110pp. For further information call **MIKE FERRARESE** [203 554-0678](tel:2035540678) or **ABBEY SMOLER**.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

ARNOLD GORDON introduced **David Gilbert**, Musical Director of the Greenwich Symphony Orchestra, whose topic was "The Life of a Conductor". Mr. Gilbert was the winner of the prestigious Dimitri Mitropoulos Conducting Competition. This achievement led to multiple conducting offers. Among them was the American Ballet Theater. An accomplished flutist, he joined the US Marine Corps Band where he played for four years. Mr. Gilbert was quite informative regarding the history of conducting and the intricacies of leading an orchestra. He recounted an incident that challenged his conducting skills. In China, the soloist, the wife of a dissident, under stress, inadvertently skipped three pages of the score. Mr. Gilbert cleverly signaled the orchestra in a discreet manner to bypass the same three pages. Thus, he brought the orchestra in sync with the soloist. At 81 years old, he is still vigorous and remaining actively conducting with a continuing love for music.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

ARNOLD GORDON announced that next week's speaker will be **Col. Chuck Risio**, who will enlighten us as to the status of the Marine Corps. Col. Risio served in the first Gulf war, Operation Iraqi Freedom and many other assignments. He currently serves in the Pentagon. He is the son of our fellow member, **CHET RISIO**.

Scribe of the week: **MARSHALL TOPPO**, brought back by popular demand.

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