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"More important than winning the election, is governing the nation. That is the test of a political party -the acid, final test."

Adlai Stevenson - Chicago July 26, 1952

President BOB PHILLIPS rang the opening bell prompting the assemblage to come together and say The Pledge, led by LOU CHIAPPETTA. With PETER RYAN at the keyboard, JERRY SCHWENDEMAN cleverly had us sing The National Anthem and key songs of all military services...Navy, Army, Marines and Air Force anthems. TOM HEALY told us a joke. It was surprising unpolitical, not particularly sexy in nature and quite funny....if you understand "dump blonde" jokes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: CT State Representative Fred Camillo led off presenting RMA with a special proclamation recognizing its 60th anniversary. It was gratefully received and accepted in honor of RMA's 60th.

Then, in quick order, the following announcements were made:

1. Robin Pastore alerted us this is the time to review, evaluate and sign on to Medicare Health Programs. Deadline is 12/7. Robin, a local radio show talk host as well as medical insurance representative, can be reached at: 203-249-7871.
2. STEVE MEYERS alerted us to the Bruce Museum Science Lecture Series focusing on Antarctica. The next lecture, West Meets East in a Unique Antarctica Voyage will occur on Nov. 18 at 7pm at the Bruce. \$15. Call: 203-413-6757 for details.
3. Greenwich at Home will host Julie Jansen speaking about "money management and the law" on Nov. 14 at 10am at the 2nd Congregational Church. GERRY MAYFIELD invited all to attend. Free registration is obtained by calling: 203-422-2342.
4. PETER SCHIEFERDECKER offered two Sat. matinee Metropolitan Opera tickets for Aida for Jan. 10 ...Call: 203-622-0191.
5. BOB LUCE invites all to attend the Greenwich Choral Society December concerts on Dec 6 (4:00pm) and Dec 7 (2:30pm and 5:00pm) at Christ's Church Go to <http://www.greeniwchchoralsociety.org/> for prices. Or call: 203-622-5136.
6. It's Salvation Army Kettle time again. An RMA tradition and JOHN FEBLES wants you to help out. Call: 203-869-5343 for slots to ring the bell outside The Food

Emporium in Riverside. Rather than wait until the Nov. 19th meeting to sign up, call JOHN now. (Monetary contributions are welcomed too).

7. The Off Sounders perform along with singing groups from Trinity College this Friday Nov. 7 at Belle Haven Yacht Club. Buffet dinner starts at 6:00pm and the program at 7:30pm. Call JEFF PARKER for details and tickets. 203-637-9329.

8. KLAUS JANDER seeks parking volunteers at the Women's Club Nov.14&15. Details at JANDERS at: 203-629-8184.

9. HARRY TWITCHELL is hoping someone, who wound up with his brand new Land's End yellow slicker will exchange it back to HARRY for the older Goretex one that HARRY inherited. Call HARRY if you think you have it. 203-661-6290.

10. Three members of the Stamford Men's Group attended our meeting today. Welcome fellows.

PARKING: BOB PHILLIPS addressed the need to try car pooling as the parking at Wednesday's meetings is getting challenging. Everyone will receive an RMA member list soon. Use your membership list to find people who live near you. BOB noted the list is not to be publically distributed but for your own personal use.

DINNER: RALPH VIGGIANO has 26 tables for the upcoming luncheon next Wednesday November 12 at the Burning Tree Country Club. Doors open at 10:30am. Come dressed to the "sixes" as this is the RMA's 60th birthday party too.

RETURNEES: BOB PHILLIPS welcomed returnees BILL EDIC (Lake Tahoe, CA), PAUL SETTELMAYER (Greece and Turkey) and BOB CAREY (White Sulphur Springs, WV).

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **Visiting:** CHUCK STANDARD noted that MANNY BONVENUTO is home from Osborne House.

Program Committee: WIN ADKINS announced that today's speaker would be Alan Nevas, retired federal judge. BERNIE SCHNEIDER is to introduce Christopher King on Nov. 19th. Mr. King's remarks will focus on the importance to the U.S. of Australia and neighboring countries in global affairs.

Membership Committee: Chairman JIM FAHY reported 124 members present along with 2 candidates (Charles Shibetti, and Jim Fishbein). There were no guests. This week's **Birthday Boys:** PAUL LEVINE (74); DON CONWAY (77); JIM STARKWEATHER (91) and BILL WIGGIN (87).

Special Events: RICH LIMBACHER raved about last week's "*Holiday Inn*" experience at the Goodspeed Opera House. For future events, please see Special Event section below.

Volunteers: JOHN FEBLES reported that, for the week ending November 5, 60 men reported 765 volunteer hours on behalf of outside agencies and 117 hours on behalf of 23 RMA. The most hours (120) were reported by DAVID DOWNS.

FUN AND GAMES: **Bridge** WAYNE DEVRIES reported that the October 29th game drew 15 players. BRUNO SCHRAGE scored high with 3640 followed by MARTIN WAYNE, 3290, and GRANT PERKINS, 3180. **Tennis:** PETER STREICH and partner

TONY RIGGI were runners up in tennis. SAM MARASSO and ALLEN BERNARD took top honors. **Walking:** TAD LARRABEE continues to invite all for a walk each Thursday.

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Retired Federal Judge, Alan Nevas, came to tell us about three of his most interesting cases. He began his Connecticut judicial career in 1985. The three cases dealt with murder, organized crime, drug distribution, prostitution and child molestation. In the telling, Judge Nevas also enlightened us about the rules of law. As an example, we learned that judges do not like to engage in plea bargaining until a trial has actually begun. We were told that in order for a Federal Judge to try a murder case, there has to be another crime connected to the actual murder. Judge Nevas made a strong presentation, shared many insights, and provided us with a solid take away. (PLU)

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Metropolitan Opera Tour at Lincoln Center. Thursday, January 22, 2015; lunch at Le Rivage. Cost is \$80 per person. Departure time is 10:15am. Return from NYC will likely commence around 4:30pm. 14 open spots at this writing.

NY Philharmonic at Lincoln Center: Thursday, February 5th, 2015, Rehearsal, featuring Rachmaninoff's 2nd Symphony; lunch at Atlantic Grill. Cost is \$98 per person. Departure by bus from St. Catherine's Church at 8:00am. Event is on ticket exchange.

Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory: A visit to this interesting science laboratory is being worked out with a tentative date scheduled for March 19th. More details to follow in the weeks ahead.

For more details and to sign-up, contact GERRY LESSUK (gerrless@att.net, 203-698-9451) or RICH LIMBACHER (limbacher29@verizon.net, 203-531-9515)

NEXT WEEK' SPEAKER

Next week's speaker will be Australian **Christopher King**. Topic: Australia's influence on trade and security in Eastern Asia.

Visit our website at www.greenwichrma.org and at vimeo.com.

CBB Scribe for November 5th: **Peter Uhry**