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“The trouble with having an open mind is that people will insist on coming along and trying to put things in it”.

Author **Tony Pratchett**

Another virtual meeting using zoom technology got underway at 10am with President **RUSS HARDEN** presiding. Following a prerecorded version of the RMA song, **ANDY HOLMES** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **RUSS** announced that all RMA special events have been postponed until further notice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARNOLD GORDON invited members to consider presenting little vignettes during the zoom meetings along the lines that **MICHAEL AMBROSINO** did last week when he described and recommended a book about Yogi Berra. Such presentations are meant to add some human-interest moments. If you play a musical instrument, feel free to show off a little; how about an interesting hobby that you would like to share. Please contact **ARNOLD** (ajgordo@verizon.com) with your proposal. **ARNOLD** also mentioned that we will be inviting such contributions from outside the RMA, especially if they provide useful and important information. For example, there are plans to invite our Greenwich Voting Registrars in September to tell us how voting will be handled for the November elections.

For this week's version of “tall tales” **ARNOLD** invited **AV RIVEL** to talk. **AV** produced two tales, one involving a special birthday present for a senior who misunderstood his choices, and the other about attractive “birthday suits” depending on one's age.

WALKING: **TAD LARRABEE** reported that **ARTHUR STAMPLEMAN** led the walkers on a nice tour of historic Rye, N. Y. and along Long Island Sound. The group returned to their cars before the rains came. If you want to join the walkers, email **TAD LARRABEE** at tadlarra@optonline.net and he will add you to the weekly emails about future walks.

MEMBERSHIP

PETER STERN reported that 65 members zoomed in on the virtual meeting. Bruce Socket a guest of **GEOFFREY BURGE** attended. The following members celebrated birthdays:

BART BARTHOLOMEW	83
ABBOTT JONES	86
GRANT PERKINS	77
RON MURRY	86
GENE SCHWARTZ	87
TOM WEST	80
ED BLOOM	90
JIM BUTLER	78

JEFF JUNKER reported on the status of the collection of annual membership dues. Currently, 205 members have paid the annual dues. Eleven members have asked to be moved to inactive status. This leaves 21 members who have yet to respond. The Board will be reaching out to the 21 with phone calls.

PROGRAMS

ED MILLER introduced today's program. Norman Roth is CEO of Greenwich Hospital and will discuss *Innovations at Greenwich Hospital*. Mr. Roth will also introduce Diane Kelly who will give an overview of clinical services. Ms. Kelly became President of Greenwich Hospital this past June.

ARTHUR STAMPLEMAN introduced next week's speaker Adam Clayton Powell III, who will discuss protecting the security of the election process in today's digital world.

FUN AND GAMES

GOLF: Twenty players appeared at tee time. **PAUL CAMPION** said that three hours prior to tee time the area had experienced a major thunderstorm leaving the golf course very wet and the fairways very soggy, which eliminated the roll.

These conditions did not bother **MIKE RYAN** who broke 50 on the front nine. Next week the greens on the back nine will undergo aeration and temporary greens will be in use.

INDOOR TENNIS: ANDY HOLMES announced that the winners on court #1 were **GEOFFREY BURGE** and **JOE MANCINELLI**. The winners on court #2 were **PETER DODGE** and **BILL FAKUNDINY**. Next week's captain will be **GEOFFREY BURGE**. For those who signed up for the upcoming indoor tennis season, the fees are due; Please send your check to **ANDY HOLMES** and make it payable to the RMA. ANDY also advised that outdoor tennis was suspended for lack of interest.

BRIDGE: Last week for the first time, bridge players used the Trickstercards App, which allows remote players with visual and audio capability to play bridge. **TONY COCCHI** advised that four players participated - one from Florida, one from Lake George, and two from Greenwich. Anyone interested in playing should contact **TONY** at anthony.cocchi@lehman.cuny.edu.

HEARTS: Five games were played. **MICHAEL AMROSINO** reported that **ANDY HOLMES** won three games, and **MICHAEL** and **TOM HEALY** each won once. Persons interested in joining the group should contact **MICHAEL** or **TOM HEALY**.

TODAY'S SPEAKERS

Norman Roth titled his talk *Innovations at Greenwich Hospital*. Upon finishing he introduced Diane Kelly for an overview of clinical services. First some history: The Hospital was founded in 1903; in 1906 it was located on Milbank Avenue; in 1917 Commodore Benedict donated land at 5 Perry Ridge Road and donated \$250,000 for buildings; today the Hospital, together with the Yale-New Haven Hospital and the Bridgeport Hospital is part of a three-hospital health system, with integration decisions continually being made. Innovations involve a clinical growth plan to increase clinical services, hire more physicians, expand primary care access to feed occupancy, establish outpatient locations, and convert occupancy to 99% private rooms. In her overview of clinical services, Ms. Kelly listed the following: (1) Neuroscience with expanded neurosurgery services and advanced stroke care; (2) Cardiology involving heart and vascular care and effective emergency angioplasty; (3) Pediatrics involving 24/7 emergency care and staffing to handle the 18 areas of specialty pediatric care; (4) Oncology; planning a new cancer care center.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Next week's speaker will be Adam Clayton Powell III and his topic is titled "Tools and Information to Protect the 2020 Election from Cyber Attacks".

NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS: next week's CBB scribe will be **ED FARRELL**. Please send a copy any remarks you want included in the CBB to **ED** at ejf1038r@gmail.com.

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