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*"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."
Ralph Waldo Emerson*

President **JERRY SCHWENDEMAN** opened the meeting at 10:00 AM and called on **PETER STERN** to lead us in the pledge. **JACK SWEGER** accompanied by **BOB MORGAN** on the piano, then led members in singing *God Bless America, Blue Skies* and *Sentimental Journey*. **WAYNE DEVRIES**, in his inaugural stint as corresponding secretary, told of a man given three wishes knowing that, whatever he wished for he would get one, but every lawyer would get two. He chose a Ferrari, five million dollars and to donate a kidney. **WAYNE** also told of the executive, whose secretary noticed his barn door was open, asked if she saw a soldier at attention. Her reply: I saw a tired old veteran!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEVE BOISE offered a remembrance of long time RMA member, **DOUG FRANCEFORT**, who passed away on January 7 at age 91. **STEVE** recalled **DOUG's** many contributions to the RMA, the Town of Greenwich, the Boy Scouts and other charitable organizations. He particularly recalled **DOUG's** commitment to the Book Shed at the town's recycling center, which he created and managed for 30 years along with his wife, Eleanor.

DICK BERGSTRESSER announced the passing of **JOHN CARON**. Services for **JOHN** will be held on Saturday, January 25, at St. Michael's Church in Greenwich.

TONY COCCHI noted the first ROMEO luncheon in many months drew 25 members to Louie's Restaurant on January 12. All had a great time. The next luncheon is tentatively scheduled for February 24 at *Zody's 19th Hole* in Stamford.

JIM FISHBEIN introduced a new initiative to promote new membership. RMA volunteers will be asked to be Ambassadors to various organizations in our communities (churches, synagogues, country clubs, etc.) and to identify someone with whom they can work to make the RMA known to retired members of those organizations. For more information, please contact either **JIM** or **HOLLISTER STURGES**.

JOE MANCINELLI noted that there has been a recent rash of junk emails that purport to be from other RMA members. They frequently begin with something like: "Joe, do you have a minute? Please call me." Please **check** the sending address carefully to verify authenticity prior responding to this type of email from a fellow RMA member.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program: Today's speaker will be Paul D. Hicks, lawyer and writer, who will discuss his recently published book: *The Litchfield Law School: Guiding the New Nation*.

Next week's speaker will be Dr. Bruce McGibbon, Medical Director of Radiation Therapy in Cancer at Greenwich Hospital, who will address *Advances in Radiology Therapy in Cancer*.

Membership: **HORST TEBBE** reported 88 members present at today's meeting along with two guests: Geoff Hornbeck, G/O **FRANK SCARPA** and **JIM BOARDMAN**; Pat MacCarthy G/O **CHARLIE ADAMS**. Today's birthday boys are **BOB JAMIESON** – 75, **JACK POOLE** – 77, **ARNOLD WELLES** – 73, **JERRY POLLACK** – 91, **DENNIS MONSON** – 73.

The RMA welcomed new member, **PETER DODGE**, who was sponsored by **RON FRIEDMAN** and **HORST TEBBE**.

Volunteers: **DON ROTZIEN** announced that for the week ending January 15, 2020, 41 members reported 408 volunteer hours for outside agencies and 30 members reported 205 volunteer hours for the RMA. **PETER BERG** reported the most hours (43).

FUN AND GAMES

Bridge: **RON MURRAY** announced that 3 teams of 2 players each played on January 8. The winners were **ANDRE MAZUREK & RON MURRAY** (2430), **RON FRIEDMAN & FRANK LEE** (1150) and **PETER DODGE & TONY COCCHI** (880).

Tennis: **ANDY HOLMES** reported the January 10 winners were: court 1 **GEOFFREY BURGE & ANDY HOLMES**, court 2 **RON FRIEDMAN & BILL HOWLAND**. Next week's captain is **ANDRE MAZUREK**.

Hearts: **MICHAEL AMBROSINO** reported 12 players played 8 games last week. Winners were: **JIM DEAN (2), JACK SWEGER (2), GRANT PERKINS (2), RICK HOLTZ** and **MICHAEL AMBROSINO**. Moon shooters were: **JIM DEAN (3), JACK SWEGER (2), RICK HOLZ, JOHN STANKUNAS, JACK WEIR, GRANT PERKINS, TOM HEALY** and **GEORGE DIPPY**.

Tai Chi: **WILL MORRISON** noted that a new class will be offered at the Greenwich Senior Center beginning at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, January 21. He also noted there will be no class on Monday, January 20.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Special events are open to all members, spouses, candidates and guests. Checks should be made out to RMA and must be received within two weeks of the reservation(s) or the reservation(s) will be cancelled. Busses depart from the St. Catherine Church parking lot on Riverside Avenue opposite the Church. Contact persons are listed with each event.

Open Rehearsal, NY Philharmonic Orchestra. Date: March 12, 2020. Cost: \$105 PP.
Transportation: Bus leaves St. Catherine's at 8:30 AM. Lunch: Café Fiorello. Openings: 19.
Contact: **GERRY LESSUK** 203-698-9451.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Paul Hicks, a lawyer and writer, discussed his recently published book, *The Litchfield Law School: Guiding the New Nation*. Founded in 1784 by Tapping Reeve, this school is recognized as one of the earliest U.S. law schools. It was unique in that it offered a 14-month curriculum that featured classroom lectures by Reeve instead of the typical 3-5-year apprenticeship in vogue at the time. Its purpose was to promote a national perspective on the law, train lawyers and gain respect for the legal profession. The class notes of Reeve's students, who came from many states, especially from the South, were carefully preserved and formed the foundation of classes later taught at universities such as Harvard and Yale. The influence of the school is illustrated by the number of political leaders that emerged from its program, including 2 Vice Presidents (Burr and Calhoun), 5 Governors of Connecticut and over 100 U.S. Representatives from several states. Mr. Hicks' presentation provided insights into the impact on our nation of this little-known Connecticut school.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

On January 22, the RMA will welcome
 Dr. Bruce McGibbon
 Subject: *Advances in Radiology Therapy in Cancer*

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RMA 2020 Calendar

Weekly Repetitive Activities			
Date	Time	Activity	Location
Mondays	3:00 to 4:00	Tai Chi Beginner	Greenwich Sr. Center
Tuesdays	10:00 am	Platform Tennis	Loughlin Ave. Courts, Cos Cob
Wednesdays	10:00am to 11:00 am	RMA Weekly Meeting	First Presbyterian Church, One West Putnam Ave., Greenwich CT
Wednesdays	1:00 to 3:00 pm	Hearts	Greenwich Civic Ctr. 90 Harding Road, Old Greenwich
Wednesdays	3:00 to 4:00	Tai Chi Advanced	Greenwich Sr. Center
Wednesdays	1:00 to 3:00 pm	Bridge	Greenwich YMCA
Thursdays	9:00 AM	RMA Walking	Various TBD
Fridays	1:30pm to 3:00 pm	Indoor Tennis	Old Greenwich Tennis Academy
RMA Special Events			
February 24, 2020	To Be Announced	ROMEO Luncheon	Zody's 19 th Hole
March 12, 2020	8:00 am	Open Rehearsal NY Philharmonic	Lincoln Center, NYC