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"The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?" -Psalm 27

President DON CONWAY called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. STEVE MARINO led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and showed us slides of our recently departed member LLOYD HULL. A memorial service for LLOYD will be held February 3d. More details will appear in a future CBB. Song leader TOM HEALY, accompanied by BOB MORGAN on the Steinway, led us in singing *God Bless America, I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles and Heart of My Heart*. JERRY SCHWENDEMAN recounted a "groaner" involving Roy Rogers and his new patent leather shoes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) DON told us that BOB CAREY is looking for help for the next ROMEO lunch.
- 2) CHET RISIO invited everyone to pick up the profile sent last week on TOM CAHILL on the way out.
- 3) RUSS HARDEN announced that the date of our annual picnic will be September 13.
- 4) PETER UHRY and ABBEY SMOLER introduced Rosanne Benedict of St. Catherine of Siena Church. She invited us all to take a copy on pink paper of her church's future trips, with the purpose of letting any of us join in those trips, in addition to our own.
- 5) GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE gave a memorial for DAVID BURLESON, who passed December 31, 2017 at the age of 86. He worked in New York at the United Nations, and in Paris at UNESCO. A recipient of a Ph.D in anthropology from Harvard University, he taught there and in El Salvador. He was the RMA resident poet. RIP, David.

6) JOHN AWDZIEWICZ and ERF PORTER spoke a memorial for ED McHUGH who passed November 20, 2017. His funeral was held November 25 at St. Clement Roman Catholic Church.

7) RETURNEES: DON announced that RALPH VIGGIANO returned from Myrtle Beach.

COMMITTEES:

1. **VISITING:** DON told us that JOHN TONER has returned home and also TONY DI ROLLO. Good news!
2. **PROGRAM:** HOLLISTER STURGES advised that the speaker who was to have come to speak today has had a death in his family. BOB ROBINS has stepped up to speak to us about the 25th amendment to the U.S. Constitution. See details below.
3. BOB PHILLIPS announced that **next week's speaker** will be **Les de Villiers**, former resident of South Africa, speaking on "Gorillas in Our Midst: **Tracking the Gorillas in the Mountains of Rwanda**". He will share his insights and show pictures and a video.
4. **MEMBERSHIP:** HORST TEBBE reported attendance at 80 members and 2 candidates: Dick Frank, sponsored by JOHN CRAINE and Joe Havranek sponsored by JIM FAHY. Those celebrating **birthdays** this week are JERRY POLLACK, 89, and DOUG TAYLOR, 91. Felicitations!
5. **INDUCTEE:** Richard Franck was introduced by his sponsors JAY SCHONDORF and PETER UHRY. They told us that Dick received a Ph.D. at Stanford University, where he taught as Professor of Chemistry. He taught also at Hunter College in New York City. He is a sailor, attends Greenwich Symphony and Greenwich Chamber concerts. Dick volunteers at At Home in Greenwich. **RICHARD FRANCK** was enthusiastically received into RMA by acclamation.
6. **SPECIAL EVENTS:** MIKE FERRARESE told us about several upcoming trips. See details below.
7. **VOLUNTEERS:** JOHN CRAINE announced that 239 hours were recorded by 20 members for outside activities, and 150 hours for RMA activities by 21 men. Most hours were 40, given by HOLLISTER STURGES.

GAMES:

ANDY HOLMES reported the **HEARTS** results: Table 1 winner was JACK SWEGER in game 1, JOE DOWLING in game 2. Table 2 winners were JOHN STANKUNAS in game 1 and MICHAEL AMBROSINO in both games 2 and 3. Table 3 winners were JOHN KNIGHT in game 1, LOU TROVATO in games 2 and 3, and ANDY HOLMES in game 4. RALPH VIGGIANO reported for **TENNIS:** Court 1 winners were GERRY GIBIAN and

MIKE McDONAGH. Court 2 winners were RALPH VIGGIANO and BILL HOWLAND. Captain next week will be PETER UHRY.

RON FRIEDMAN reported the **BRIDGE** scores for 1-10: TONY COCCHI 3200; KURT SCHAFFIR 3020; ANDRZEJ MASUREK 2200.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Was our own **BOB ROBINS**, introduced by HOLLISTER STURGES. BOB was Professor of Political Science at Tulane University. He took his Ph.D at Duke University. His subject today was the 25th amendment of the U.S. Constitution, adopted in 1967. He outlined Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4. BOB and former President Carter were invited to the Pres. Clinton committee that reworked the 25th amendment. Section 1, covers what happens when a President is removed from office resulting from his death or resignation. In these cases, "the Vice President shall become President". Section 2 covers the issues involved when a Vice President is unable to fulfill his responsibilities. In that case, a vote of the full Congress will name a successor. Section 3 specifically addresses the case of a President presenting a written resignation from his office. He is to present it to the Speaker of the House and to the leader pro tempore of the Senate. The Vice President shall then become the Acting President. Section 4 deals with a "contested removal" as in the situation when President Reagan was shot. The Vice President immediately assumes the office of Acting President. Then, a vote of two-thirds of both houses of Congress is required within 21 days to validate the removal.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all members, guests, candidates and spouses. Checks to be made out to RMA, and must be received within two weeks or the reservation will be cancelled. Contact MIKE FERRARESE myagentmike@yahoo.com / 203-554-0678 or ABBEY SMOLER abbeysmoler@gmail.com / 203-531-0235.

"A CHORUS LINE" Thursday ELMSFORD DINNER THEATER, Feb. 22. Cost p/p \$95. Lunch at theater. Bus leaves St. Catherine's at 10 a.m. Status; One vacancy.

BRUCE MUSEUM: "PRECIOUS STONES AND GEMS; WORLD WAR ONE POSTERS" Thursday, Feb. 22. Cost p/p \$60. Lunch at Millbrook Club. Drive your own car. Status: 22 vacancies.

WEST POINT: GUIDED TOUR BY BUS. Thursday, March 22. Cost p/p \$85, lunch in Thayer Hall at West Point. Bus leaves St. Catherine's at 8:45 a.m. Status: Wait Listed.

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDENS TOUR Thursday April 19. Cost P/O \$105. Lunch at Mario's Restaurant. Bus leaves St. Catherine's at 8:45 a.m. Status: 35 vacancies.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER:

Les de Villiers will speak on photographing gorillas in East Africa