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“We can’t all be heroes. Some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they go by.” *Will Rogers*

Il Presidente VIGGIANO rang, we talked, he rang, we talked, he rang... and we sat! DON CONWAY led us in the pledge, then “Mr. America,” CHUCK STANDARD, gave us the standard songs for the first Wednesday of the month: “The Star-Spangled Banner,” “God Bless America,” and “Grand Ol’ Flag.” GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE tickled along. BOB “Get The Hook” CAREY only told two jokes this time, one involving a wish gone awry via an ostrich, and the other detailing how the IRS uses pressure points on our lower extremities to make us cough up money.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Prexy V reminded us to pay our \$80 dues before May 1; read a letter from Linda Hartig making a donation to the RMA in memory of AL; told us of a letter from a visitor from England who enjoyed our meeting, wrote to say so, and received a courteous response from Prexy, directing her to the website; called all anglers to fly fish with the Mianus chapter of Trout Unlimited (mianustu.com); and reminded latecomers that the bank is always open to pay your CBB donation, even if the cigar box has already passed you by.

FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS: PETER UHRY offered shirts and hats for sale. He will be taking orders over the next two weeks, but, alas, we are not offering RMA socks or underwear. STEVE BOIES trumpeted the final concerts of the Chamber Players on April 10 (4 pm at Round Hill Community Church) & April 11 (7:30 pm at the Bruce Museum), featuring trumpeter Wayne DeMaine. DON CONWAY called us all to the Call-A-Ride Appreciation Day Party at Queen Ann’s cottage at Tod’s Point, 3:30-6 pm, on a date to be disclosed! TOM HEALY put out an urgent call for members to join the Melody Men, now down to 14 singers. This group is one of our most visible ambassadors to the community. Flexibility will be the guiding principle when conflicts arise with rehearsal and performance schedule. May 10 is first performance date. We really need this group to grow! “Ask not what the Melody Men can sing for you, ask what you can sing for the Melody Men!”

RETURNEES: JOHN FEBLES from Miami Beach; BILL SALTSMAN from Florida; RICH BARTHOLOMEW from Jupiter, FL; HORST TEBBE from Colorado ski country; and NICKY ACHIWA from Japan. Welcome back, fellas!

COMMITTEE REPORTS: VISITING: JOE MALARA is not doing that well, only able to walk some 60 feet with assistance. He'd really like to talk to you, so PLEASE CALL JOE AT 203-544-5389. DICK RADCLIFFE has moved to Nathaniel Witherell. HAVEN KNIGHT and CHARLIE JENSEN are all healed up but didn't show, as promised, but JOHN HARRIS is back!

PROGRAMS: HORST TEBBE invited us to stay for a very special program today by pianist Frederic Chiu (see below). GERRY GIBIAN prodded us not to miss next week's speaker, **Dr. James Rosoff**, who will speak about the pros and cons of prostate screening.

MEMBERSHIP: HORST TEBBE reported 107 members, 4 candidates: Cro Martin, Harold Kuplesky, Jack Weir, and Pater Stern; and 3 guests: Wally Beneville, g/o BOB ALDEN; Walker Collins, g/o WAYNE WRIGHT; and Mike Finlay g/o GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE. The Birthday Boys are: JOHN AWDZIEWICZ (84), LAWRENCE REBAK (79), ALLAN DEERING (82), MICHAEL FERRARESE (74), RUURD LEEGSTRA (76), and SANFORD BUCHSBAUM (89). Happy Birthday, fellas!

VOLUNTEERS: JOHN FEBLES reported 422 hours for outside organizations by 47 men and 118 hours for RMA activities by 26 men, with FRANK LEE leading the way with 36 accumulated hours. John remarked that these are very low volunteer hours and reminded us that volunteerism is one of the three legs of our association. He also announced that MIKE RYAN has agreed to co-direct our Salvation Army drive next December along with John, but John would like to step down so if anyone would step up, that would be appreciated. This very worthwhile volunteer activity netted \$2,510 dollars in RMA donations and collected \$5,729 in the kettles.

SPECIAL EVENTS: According to GERRY LESSUK: 1. Met Museum of Art on April 21, at a cost of \$95 dollars, has 12 places available. We need more people! Gerry will make a decision this week concerning the trip. 2. "Anything Goes" at the Goodspeed on May 26 is wait list. 3. Belmont Race Track on June 16 will cost \$75 and has 9 places available.

INDUCTEE: JIM SANTORA amusingly spoke of his first encounter with candidate Peter Stern when he greeted him at a meeting, wandered off not knowing who he was, then heard his name called as Peter's candidate. Peter learned of the RMA through our bridge club, he's a golfer, cook, and volunteers for Neighbor to Neighbor and his prep school. GRANT PERKINS seconded Jim's encomiums, and the membership voted for Peter Stern to forever after appear in these pages as PETER STERN.

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY: BRIDGE: KURT SCHAFFIR justly took pride in the bridge club's recruitment of PETER STERN, then lauded FRANK LEE with 4230 points, GRANT PERKINS with 3220, and JAMES CHUNG with 3320 points from among the 12 players shuffling, bidding, trumping, and finessing. **TENNIS:** SAM MARASSO reported MIKE SMITH/RON FRIEDMAN as Court #1 winners and HIS TRULY/NICKY ACHIWA as victors on Court #2. BRUNO SCHRAGE will be in charge next week. **GOLF:** In the

land o' links, we hope to finally get off next week at the Griff, hosted by JOHN AWDZIEWICZ. Sign up sheets on the bull board.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: **Frederic Chiu**, an internationally renowned concert pianist, regaled us with the story of his life in art. He showed us the iron pipe that he wore on his arms when practicing, to build strength. He began his performance career at age 14, but it was after Julliard, while in Paris, that, spotting a sign saying "Chopin Lived Here," he realized that playing music was not something he knew how to do but something he wanted to do. He later realized that he had been taught, like most artists, to learn music with his head and then proceed to perform in with his heart, but what should happen at some point is that you begin with your heart, with why you want to perform that piece of music, and then proceed to perform it with your head and body. With his wife, he runs a non-profit that teaches this new way to learn to perform, to learn not to practice as he put it, but to think about the music with your heart away from the piano. He concluded with the exquisite playing of two pieces that clearly demonstrated his emotional connection with the music he was playing. An exciting talk-cum-performance that once again demonstrates the RMA's exceptional programming.

Gran Burgess - Your Humble Scribe (YHS)

SPECIAL EVENTS

April 2: Met Museum of Art, \$95, departs St. Catherine's at 8:30, Petrie Court Café, still 12 places!

May 25: "Anything Goes" at the Goodspeed, \$105, wait list.

June 16: Belmont Race Track, \$75, St. Cath's at 10:30, food at the track, 9 places are available.

Open to all members, spouses, candidates, and guests. Checks made payable to the RMA.

NEXT WEEK

Next week's speaker: Dr. James Rosoff of Yale Medical School will comment on the important question, "To screen or not to screen," concerning our prostate.

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