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"Some cause happiness wherever they go. Others whenever they go." Unknown

Promptly at 10:00am President RALPH VIGGIANO rang the bell and called the meeting to order. Pledge leader GRAN BURGESS led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Then GRAN, as Song Leader, conducted the group in singing *America The Beautiful*, *April Showers* and *Red Red Robin*. JIM SANTORA caressed the ivories as piano accompanist. TOM HEALY told several Henny Youngman jokes that included a golf gun that made a hole-in-one. The groans from the members could be heard for miles.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GEORGE DIPPY mentioned a Crop Walk for Neighbor to Neighbor to be held Sunday, April 24th, 2:00 to 4:00pm, at the Greenwich High School track. Participants will carry water for up to a mile as a symbolic gesture for those billions around the world who must fetch water daily for their existence. Give your donation checks payable to Crop Walk to GEORGE.

BOB LUCE informed the group that the Greenwich Choral Society will present Mendelssohn's Oratorio, *Saint Paul*, on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 4:30pm in the O'Byrne Chapel of Manhattanville College, 2900 Purchase Street. Purchase, NY. Tickets are \$45, 38 & 28. Order online at GreenwichChoralSociety.org or call 203-622-5136.

GRAN BURGESS, in his third time at the podium, spoke of a presentation by The Theater Arts Workshop in Norwalk, CT. Allan Zeller and Kimberly Squires, a husband and wife acting team, will perform one act plays portraying 18 characters. April, 15, 16 and 17 at the Workshop, 5 Gregory Blvd, Norwalk. \$10.00 suggested donation. Call 203 854-6830 for further information.

RETURNEES: ARNOLD GORDON from Punta Gorda, Florida, KIP SHULZE from Southeast Asia and GEORGE UBOGY from Sarasota, Florida. Welcome back, guys.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

VISITING: CHUCK STANDARD reported that HAVEN KNIGHT is rehabilitating. DICK RADCLIFFE is in Nathaniel Witherell and would welcome calls at 203 622-1861. JOE MALARA is still in Waveny with no improvement in his condition. CHUCK then gave a hearty "Welcome Back" to CHARLIE JENSEN.

PROGRAMS: GERRY GIBIAN urged us to listen to today's speaker, **Dr. James Rosoff**, on the subject of prostate cancer. To screen or not to screen is not a simple question. GERRY then informed the assembly of next week's speaker. Sean Pica, who, while serving time in prison, earned a college degree and now has a major role in rehabilitating prisoners.

MEMBERSHIP: HORST TEBBE made several announcements:

This week BILL and Ann DYNAN celebrated 63 years of marriage and BILL and Mary Sue SALTSMAN celebrated their 60 years.

There were 112 members in attendance plus one candidate and three guests.

The guests were Walker Cullins, g/o SAL DEANGELO, Mike Finlay, g/o ERF PORTER and Bill Grep, g/o JACK POOLE.

The RMA has now completed the 200th video of its programs. The last one, on April 6th, was the entertaining talk/concert by renowned concert pianist, Frederick Chiu.

The **birthday** boys were GEORGE UBOGY, 78, MARTIN WAINE, 83, HENRY BAKER, 85, JOSEPH ROE, 85, GERRY GIBIAN, 88, and ROBERT WYLIE, 91. Happy Birthday, gentlemen.

VOLUNTEERS: Volunteer Hours: MICHAEL AMBROSINO reported for the week of April 13. There were 534 hours by 47 members for outside agencies and 114 hours for RMA activities by 27 members. The person reporting the most hours was BILL SALTSMAN with 126 hours.

SPECIAL EVENTS: GERRY LESSUK of the Special Events committee said the tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Art has 10 places available. Details on that And the other events are below.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Crozer Martin was presented for membership by JOHN CARON and DICK BERGSTRESSER and resoundingly accepted. CRO resides in Cos Cob and is a graduate of the University of Bridgeport and was employed by Moran Towing Company in their Accounts Payable Dept.

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

Bridge: KURT SHAFFIR gave the scores for April 6, 2016. BRUNO SCHRAGE had 3,840 points. DICK CASE followed with 2,600 and MARTIN WAINE was third with 2,380.

Golf: JOHN AWDZIEWICZ sadly reported that the event was rained out and hopes for better weather next week.

Tennis: BRUNO SCHRAGE, captain, gave the scores for the April 8th matches. On court 1 RON FRIEDMAN and PETER ORBANOWSKY won 7-5. On court 2 PETER STREICH and BRUNO won 6-4. Next week's captain is ERF PORTER.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

GERRY GIBIAN presented Dr. James Rosoff, Assistant Professor of Urology at Yale Medical School, and his talk on "Prostate Cancer Screening: Pros and Cons". Dr. Rosoff is also the Attending Urologist at Greenwich Hospital. While the subject of any cancer is frightening Dr. Rosoff pointed out that since the early 1990's early screening has resulted in a mortality decrease of as much as 4% per year. It is the largest decrease of any cancer. Screening for PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) has to be approached carefully. Age, race, family history and life expectancy should be taken into account. He cautioned that active surveillance is vital. Questions from the members showed an intense interest in the subject.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Metropolitan Museum of Art: a guided tour of the American Wing, Thursday, April 21, 2016. Lunch at the Petrie Court. Cost \$95pp. Bus departs St. Catherine's at 8:30am. Status: 10 places available.

Goodspeed Opera House: the Cole Porter musical "Anything Goes", Thursday, May 26, 2016. Lunch at Gelston House. Cost \$105pp. Bus departs St. Catherine's at 10:00am. Status: 1 place available.

Belmont Race Track, Thursday, June 16, 2016. Buffet lunch in the Belmont Room. Cost \$75pp. Bus departs St. Catherine's at 10:30am. Status: 9 places available.

For more details and to sign up, contact
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NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Sean Pica, while serving a 24 year sentence in prison, graduated from the Hudson Link for Higher Education and is now its Director. He and several other prisoners founded Hudson Link as a way to end the cycle of crime and recidivism through education. Sean is currently pursuing his MBA. He will relate his compelling life story and his efforts to rehabilitate prisoners.

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