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“It is better to be faithful than famous.” Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919)

President **RALPH VIGGIANO** opened the meeting at 10:02 AM and called on **LARRY SCHMITZ** to leads us in The Pledge. **TOM HEALY** then stepped up to conduct us in the songs, *God Bless America*, *Ain't She Sweet*, and *Always*. **WAYNE WRIGHT** followed by relating a tale of a lady being driven to a grocery store, her body taps and the shopping list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President **RALPH VIGGANO** returned to remind us that our Annual Dues be paid prior to our next meeting on May 4th. He also highlighted the presentation on the effects and treatment of prostate cancer that is scheduled for May 2nd, 2016 at the Greenwich Hospital, Noble Conference Center at 7:00 PM by Daniel Petrylak M.D. **MIKE AMBROSINO** then followed to tell us that the Tennis lunch is scheduled for May 11th at 12:45 at the Griff Golf Course, Fairways Restaurant for \$15.00. **MIKE** also stated that there will be a golf outing and lunch for benefit of St. Michael's Church families, \$675.00 for a foursome; prizes will be available for longest drive, closest to the pin, low net and gross score. **CHET RISIO**, then graced us with a poem marking the many efforts and long attention that **GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE** had given us during his past years as the outstanding editor of the **CBB**. Next, **TAD LARRABEE** announced that the Greenwich Choral Society will present a concert featuring Mendelsson's St. Paul on May 7th, 2016 4:30 PM at Manhattanville College in Purchase, New York. – 203 622 5136. **RUSS HARDEN** then announced that Lennie and **JOHN deCSEPEL** will be honored as Citizens of the Year at the Round Hill Club on May 26th starting at 6:30 PM; tickets are available at \$225.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

VISITING: **CHUCK STANDARD** told us that **DICK RADCLIFFE** was better and that **JOE MALARA** continued to improve in walking short distances.

PROGRAM: **JIM FISHBEIN & GEORGE UBOGY** will be introducing the speakers this week and on May 4th. This week, Anne Gilhuly will address us on "The Great Essayist, Michel deMontaigne". Next week, Dr. Earnest Fleishman, former Superintendent of Schools in Greenwich, will speak on "The Most Important Actions to Make Our Nation's Educational System More Competitive."

MEMBERSHIP: **HORST TEBBE** reported 110 members plus one candidate, Walker Collins, and two guests; Wallace Beneville g/o **CHARLES MOSHER** and Bill O'Donnell g/o **PETER STERN**. This week's birthday boys are **GERALD BOYLE 78, WALTER K HOWE 83, JAMES R. WILSON 74, DUDLEY H DOMMERICH 76, PETER J TUNLEY, 71, RICHARD J COHN 90, ROBERT B HARMON 90.**

RETURNEES: **JOHN L CALABRO** from Florida, **JOSEPH DEVITA** from Naples, Florida, **STEVE BOIES** from Portland Oregon, **PETER J TUNLEY** from Florida, **REID McINTYRE** from Williamsburg, Virginia, **GENE SCHWARTZ** from Pittsburgh, and **LOU MILANI** from a cruise on the French Rivera.

VOLUNTERS: **ARNOLD GORDON** told us that 496 hours were reported by 50 men for outside agencies and 118 hours by 29 men for RMA activities. The most hours were 38 hours by **MILES McDONALD**.

OFFICERS REPORT

As the year draws to a close, our V.P.s and President summarized the growth of the RMA. Third Vice President **TAD LARRABEE** touched on the rescue of the annual picnic, the new recordkeeping system and help in maintaining our new web site. Second Vice President, **DON CONWAY** spoke of increasing our efforts to revitalize our committees and attracting new volunteers while up grading our food and music presentations. First Vice President **PETER UHRY** reported on the successful November dinner at the Burning Tree Country Club with alternative venues being considered for the future. He also spoke of the fine dedication of **JIM FISHBEIN** and **HOLLISTER STURGES** with the Program Committee, as well as **STEVE MARINO, DON CONWAY** and **HORST TEBBE** on the technical team plus **TED SPOOL, STEVE MYERS** on the cameras with **ED PARKER** on the audio board. **TAD LARABEE** received special mention for developing the website. President **RALPH VIGGIANO** finished the review by mentioning the names of our late members as well as touching on the efforts of over 100 members over the last year also mentioning the continued updates of The Presidents' Book. After thanking the members for strong support during the past year, **RALPH** was rewarded with a standing ovation for his excellent role as President of the RMA.

FUN AND GAMES

Bridge: **KURT SCHAFFIR** reported that on April 20th, 15 players were present. High scorers were **KURT SCHAFFIR (2670), JAMES CHUNG (2190)** and **JOHN FEBLES (2160)**. **GOLF:** To be reported next week. **TENNIS:** **RON FRIEDMAN** reported last week's winners were **RON FRIEDMAN & BRUNO SCHRAGE** on Court 1 and **MIKE SMITH** with **GERRY GILMAN** on Court 2. **JOHN KNIGHT** will be Captain on May 6th (last Tennis) **TED SPOOL** reported that Summer Tennis has started on Mondays and

Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Town tennis courts off Loughlin Avenue in Cos Cob.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Anne Gilhuly, a lifetime teacher and favorite speaker in Greenwich, enthusiastically reviewed for members and guests "The Great Essayist, Michel deMontaigne". Having given multiple lectures in Greenwich on the plays of Shakespeare, Anne introduced us to the life de Montaigne, an extremely talented writer and speaker. Living during an era of violence, terror and religious wars, Michel de Montaigne freed himself from a career in law in 1570 and turned to wonderful essays, expressing free images on men as "halves of each other", "Of Cannibals" and "Of Experience" touched on many topics varying from the spirit of man to the nature of sex; among others who admired him was William Shakespeare.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all Members, Guests, Candidates and Spouses. Checks are payable to the RMA.

Goodspeed Opera House. The musical "Anything Goes" Thursday, May 26, 2016 . Lunch is at Gelston House. Cost: \$105.00 per person. The bus leaves St. Catherine's at 8:30 AM

Belmont Race Track. Thursday, June 16, 2016. Buffet lunch at the Belmont Room. Cost is \$75.00 per person. The bus leaves St. Catherine's at 10:30 AM. Status: 4 places available.

GERRY LESSUK (203 698 95410) will continue his fine role as contact for the next three months. Thereafter, **ABBEY SMOLER (abbeysmoler@gmail.com 203 531 0236)** or **MIKE FERRARESE(myagentmike@yahoo.com 203 554 0678)** may be contacted to sign-up.

NEXT WEEKS SPEAKER

Next week RMA will welcome **Dr. Ernest Fleishman**, "The Most Important Actions to Make Our Nation's Educational System More Competitive".

Scribe: **Jim Butler**

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