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Iron Sharpeneth Iron

I prefer the company of peasants because they have not been educated sufficiently to reason incorrectly.

Michel de Montaigne French essayist 1533 - 1592

President **Bob Phillips** took charge for the first time by introducing old reliable **Lou Chiappetta** as our Pledge leader. **Gran Burgess** led us in song, while **Bob Morgan** accompanied him on the piano. No one was prepared with a joke, so the joke was on us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dues should be paid promptly, no latter than the end of May. Make a check out to the RMA. See **Jim Fahy** with any questions. **Bob Phillips** put out a call for help in the Refreshments Department. Ask Leon Freeman or John Romans for details. Bob then told us about a new approach for new members. The RMA Board of Directors have decided to have all new members attend a meeting at 9:30 am, a half hour before the regular scheduled meeting with their sponsors and club officers to explain club policy and volunteer opportunities. Bob, still holding the floor, reported that for the next month, anyone reporting volunteer hours should also state where the hours are given in order to evaluate our resources. Peter Uhry went into full swing swaggering around in our newest chapeau. Yes, we have hats, beautifully trimmed with our RMA logo and our anniversary date embroidered on the back - 1954-2014. You can't go wrong for \$5. Place your orders at the next meeting. George Shaddock reminded us to change our on line banking passwords. There are up to 13 symbols now. If we can't remember our own passwords, what chance does a hacker have? George Stockbridge informed us that the next opera event will be May 10, a Saturday matinee "Live in HD from the Met", titled La Cenerentola by Rossini. Tickets on sale at theaters in our area for \$25. Martin Waine told us about the "tax group" who have helped people preparing their taxes this year. The walkers should meet Tad Larrabee on Thursday morning. Rich Limbacher gave us information on the "Dave Brubeck Tribute Concert", sponsored by the "Y" Men of Westport to be held June 28 @ 3:00 pm. A charge of \$20 will be collected at the door. Call Jeff Hare 203 254- 2221 or Brian Strong 203 451-6457.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Visiting: Chuck Standard reported on Bob Myer.

Program: Bob Wylie introduced next week's speaker, Greenwich Police Chief, James J. Heavy. **Peter Uhry** introduced today's speaker, Dermotologist Dr. Richard C. Connors.

Membership: Jim Fahy reported that 128 members were in attendance, with 4 candidates present: Mike Hayden, Rick Holz, Mike Ross and Waine DeVries. Four guests were Dick Lane g/o Dan **Barrett**, Herb Johnson and Jim Conner g/o **Mike Springall** and Gilbert Raker g/o **Gerry Mayfield**.

Birthday Boys: Mario Bonaparte 89, and John Jinishian, 94.

Inductee: Mike Hayden was robustly accepted as our newest member after being presented by **Gerry Mayfield** and **Bob Wylie.** Welcome to the club, **Mike**.

Volunteer: Tom Wooley reported 773 hours to outside agencies by 62 men and 103 RMA hours by 23 men. **Dave Downs** reported 96 hours after many weeks of service.

FUN& GAMES: Bridge: Kurt Schaffir shuffled out the deck and found: Grant Perkins with 4140 points, Kurt Schaffir with 4010 points and Dave Downs with 3860. Golf: Bob Morgan announced the results of yesterday's action. Closest to the pin on #7 Peter Ryan. Closest to the pin on #15 John Awdziewicz. Longest drive on #17 Gran Burgess. Notable scores: Peter Ryan shot 86. Jim Santora will host the next two weeks. Remember, if you sign up, you are responsible to pay up. There tuff at the Griff. Tennis: Friday's tennis action produced winners on court #1 to be Jim Himes and Bernard Schneider, while Jeff Parker and Peter Streich took honors on court #2. Captain for the last week this season is Ralph Viggiano. Don't forget, we have summer tennis starting up every Tuesday and Thursday @ 9:00 am. Courts regularly change locations, and this week we play at Loughlin Ave. off Strickland Road, Cos Cob. See Ted Spool.

TODAY'S SPEAKER:

Dr. Richard C. Connors

Dermatologist

Attention all golfers and everyone else who enjoys outdoor activities. Sun block is needed. Dr. Connors well-delivered presentation gave us all the information we needed to have a summer full of fun, if only we stay out of the sun. I couldn't resist it. You really only have to apply a good sunscreen that offers broad-spectrum (UVA and UVB) protection, water resistant and SPF of 30 or more. The epidermis is where the damage starts and Dr. Connors suggest that we regularly check ourselves for sun damage, especially the upper back. He covered Prevention - Recognition - Treatment. After mentioning Basal, Squamous and Melanoma cancers, I won't leave home without it - suntan lotion. If you missed anything, the good doctor brought handouts full of information, accompanied with pictures to keep you out of his office. Do see him regularly for an evaluation. After all, I can't see my back no matter how hard I try. *dalla penna di - Ralph Viggiano*

SPECIAL EVENTS

Checks are to be made out to: RMA. Open to all members, their ladies, candidates and guests.

May 22 Goodspeed - *Damn Yankees,* Lunch at Gelston House. Wait List, a long list. Tickets at \$112.60 p/p Leaving St. Catherine at 9:30 am

June 12 Belmont Race track -Lunch in the Belmont Room. Ticket Exchange. Tickets at \$70 p/p Leaving St. Catherine at 10:30 am. You need a jacket, no jeans.

July 27 Tanglewood Eastern Civic Center. Lunch Apple Tree Inn. Available Tickets at \$102 p/p. Leaving St. Catherine at 9:15 am

Aug 7 Goodspeed Fiddler On The Roof. Lunch at Gelston House. Available Tickets at \$112 p/p. Leaving St. Catherine at 9:30 am

Special Events Chairman Rich Limbacher 531-9515 or Gerry Lessuk 698-9451

NEXT WEEK

Greenwich Police Chief, James J. Heavy

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