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“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter. The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. The time is always right to do what is right.” **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

BOB PHILLIPS presented BOB BISHOP as Pledge Leader. WIN ADKINS, as Song Master, accompanied by GEORGE UBOGY on the ivories, led us in “The Battle Hymn of the Republic”, “Standing on the Corner” and “Summertime”. JERRY SCHWENDEMAN explained the lucrative side of veterinary practice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. BOB PHILLIPS announced that there are still concerns with RMA members parking illegally in the adjoining municipal parking lot; continuing to do so may well have adverse consequences on the RMA's parking privileges.
2. DON CONWAY announced that the Grand RMA Picnic would be held on Thursday, September 11. Volunteers are needed, particularly to help with the cooking.
3. PETER UHRY announced that the RMA would participate in Greenwich Reads Together This year's book is *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown, about the University of Washington rowing team at the 1936 Olympics. A panel discussion will be held at the RMA on October 15 on “What Makes a Great Coach.” The members of the RMA are invited to read the book and to participate in Town-wide activities.
4. BOB PHILLIPS announced that the sale and distribution of RMA hats, being conducted by GEORGE DIPPY, is continuing.
5. GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE announced that Verdi's Opera, *La Traviata*, is being shown tonight at 7 P.M. at the Bow Tie/Criterion Theater on Railroad Avenue in Greenwich. The RMA Opera Group is exploring a trip to the Metropolitan Opera to see Verdi's *Aida*, which starts playing in late October, continuing until next April. Tickets in the rear orchestra are priced between \$73-\$103. If interested, call George
6. “It ain't over till it's over” said Yogi Berra; but at Shea Stadium it doesn't begin until the MELODY MEN sing the National Anthem—Tuesday, August 12 against the Washington Nationals. All are invited; if interested in going, contact TOM HEALY.
7. Returnees: BOB CAREY, San Diego, CA; GRIFF GRIFFIN, Lakes of North Italy (Gorda to Maggiore); SAM MARASSO, Newport, RI; JERRY SCHWENDEMAN, Houston, TX; MIKE SPRINGALL, Bath, England and Cardiff, Wales.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Visiting: CHUCK STANDARD reported that MIKE HARRIS is rehabilitating at Edge Hill; STEVE PIERSON is rehabilitating at Greenwich Woods; and RON KLINGNER is recuperating at home from pelvic surgery.

2. Membership: JIM FAHY announced 118 in attendance, with 111 members, 3 candidates and 4 guests.

3. Birthday Boys: GEORGE PAPALIAN (92); RICH LIMBACHER (85); MIKE AMOROSO (77); JIM HIMES (74).

Wedding Milestones: RAY and JANET SLOAN, celebrating 65 years today; TOM and SUSIE MCEVOY, celebrated 64 years yesterday.

4. Inductees: The RMA proudly welcomes GIL RAKER, sponsored by GERRY MAYFIELD and ED PARKER. GIL has been the CEO of several NYSE and NASDAQ companies.

5. Volunteer Hours: MARIO BONAPARTE reported 548 hours to outside agencies by 58 men, and 90 RMA hours by 22 men. BOB CAREY reported 84 hours (several weeks).

FUN & GAMES:

1. Bridge. KURT SCHAFFIR reported 13 players. The 3 top scorers were HOLLISTER STURGES, 4,600 points; GRANT PERKINS, 3330 points; and HUGO GRUENDEL, 3200 points

2. Golf. NICKY ACHIWA reported that 17 men participated, including 3 nine-holers. ROS CURTIS was low score with 91; MIKE SMITH and TOM HEALY SHOT 93. JAY SCHONDORF was nearest to the hole on ## 7 and 15. LEON FREEMAN had the longest drive on #17.

3. Tennis: TED SPOOL reported that summer tennis continues on Mondays and Thursdays between 9 and 11, at the courts on Loughlin Avenue in Cos Cob.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: **JUDGE DAVID R. TOBIN** of the Connecticut Superior Court (and formerly of the Connecticut Probate Court and the United States Navy's Judge Advocate General's Office) spoke on "Reflections on a Judicial Career". He explained the necessity for fair and impartial judges, requiring knowledge of the law, an understanding of human behavior, and plain common sense.

BERNARD SCHNEIDER –Editor

SPECIAL EVENTS:

*Checks are to be made out to: RMA. Open to all members and their partners, candidates and guests.
For more information, See Rich Limbacher 531-9515 or Gerry Lessuk 698-9451.*

July 27 (Sunday). Tanglewood. Lunch at the Apple Tree Inn; tickets \$112; bus leaves Eastern Civic Center at 9:15 am; wait list.

August 7 (Thursday). Goodspeed Opera “Fiddler on the Roof”. Lunch at the Gelston House. Tickets \$112 p/p Bus leaves St. Catherine at 9:45 am; wait list.

October 2 (Thursday). 9/11 Memorial Museum. Lunch at Blue Water Grill. Tickets \$104 p/p. Bus leaves St. Catherine at 8:45 am; wait list.

NEXT WEEK:

AMBASSADOR DAVID NILES (European Union, Canada, Greece, United States Mission to NATO; and other diplomatic posts), will speak to us on “Russia, Putin, Where Do We Go From Here”.

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