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In his exuberance, President PETER UHRY chased lingerers into their seats with his bell at 10:02a.m. JOHN AWDZIEWICZ led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then, under the leadership of DON CONWAY, we sang *America the Beautiful, Oh What a Beautiful Morning* (and it was) and *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*. GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE did his usual magic at the piano. Corresponding Secretary of the day, GERRY SCHWENDEMAN, drew hearty laughter to a story about an elderly woman who donated to her church large amounts of money sent her by her "veterinarian" son. She told the pastor when asked, that he owned cat houses in two cities in Nevada.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** President UHRY had several (mostly) important announcements: (1) He urged the recalcitrant dues-owners to come up with the \$80 moolah mucho quicko. (2) **Read this one carefully:** new parking passes on yellow paper are now available and must be used starting July 6<sup>th</sup> for the usual parking lot, but also, as an added RMA privilege, for both sides of Lafayette Place in any metered spot. Do **NOT** write anything on the pass (including on the blank date line). (3) PETER challenged us with a trivia question. On this date, Marilyn Monroe and Arthur Miller were married. Where? Pound Ridge, NY. (4) There will be a flag raising ceremony at Greenwich Town Hall at 9a.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup> commemorating fallen patriots and to celebrate Greenwich's history; refreshments will be served inside Town Hall. (5) PETER asked members to think about volunteering to write a brief "Member Profile," suggested by CHET RISIO, as a way to share the "real you" to help members to get to know each other better. PETER set the example in the printed (but not the digital) version of last week's CBB. If interested or wish to learn more, contact CHET ([chetris@optonline.net](mailto:chetris@optonline.net) or 914-939-8460). (6) **Returnees** of the day: SANDY BUCHSBAUM from a river cruise to Prague, Vienna and Budapest and JERRY BERRAFATI from Sweden, Finland and Russia. (7) More scribes are needed; join our exclusive club and reap all sorts of psychological benefits! Contact CHET RISIO (see above) and he might give you a signing bonus. (8) At the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, be prepared to fill out a short survey on what you think are the pros and cons of RMA meetings; your ideas will be welcomed. (9) With no reports on visiting from CHUCK STANDARD, PETER pawned off a bunch of 2017 calendars. (10) Speaking of CHUCK, he was interviewed by WGCH-AM on this date in the p.m., for a broadcast on the "DARBY AND FRIENDS" radio show at 12:30p.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Tune in to hear one our favorite members.

MIKE FERRARESE asks all those signed up for the Soundwater cruise on July 14<sup>th</sup> to pay their fare on or before the next meeting, or those on the waiting list will be contacted to take their place. Contact MIKE (203-554-0678, [myagentmike@yahoo.com](mailto:myagentmike@yahoo.com)) or send him a check: 77 Havemeyer Lane, Unit 420, Stamford, CT 06902.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: MEMBERSHIP:** HORST TEBBE reported 94 members, 2 candidates and 4 guests in attendance: John Condon g/o PETER SCHIEFERDECKER, Tom Macinovich g/o JIM FAHY, Jim Boddaner g/o JOHN deCSEPEL and Dieter Blennemann g/o KLAUS JANDER. PETER STERN and WILLIAM SALTSMAN as his sponsors lauded our newest member, BILL O'DONNELL, during his induction. BILL is a graduate of Fordham Law School and spent the latter years of his career as Assistant General Counsel at US Tobacco in Greenwich. BILL is a long-time ski buddy of PETER STERN (who revealed that he is a great party-guy); WILLIAM has known BILL for 55 years, since BILL was an office boy at WILLIAM'S law firm. There was only one birthday boy, JIM HIMES, Sr. (71); we sang the usual song in his absence.

**PROGRAM:** JOHN deCSEPEL previewed today's speaker, **Patrick Decker**, CEO of Xylem, Inc. GEORGE UBOGY announced that next week **Norman Roth**, President of Greenwich Hospital, will describe current operations and the latest innovations at the institution.

**VOLUNTEERS:** GERRY MAYFIELD told us that a piddling 253 hours were reported by 42 men for outside agencies and 177 hours by 32 men for RMA activities. Gentlemen, we can do better.

**FUN AND GAMES: BRIDGE** – KURT SCHAFFIR reported that on June 22, 12 players fought it out. High scorers were GRANT PERKINS (2850), BRUNO SCHRAGE (2740), and Andre Mazurek (2610). **GOLF** – MIKE SMITH gave the results for 5 foursomes on June 28<sup>th</sup>: closest to the pin on #7, GERRY LESSUK, on #15, NICKY ACHIWA; longest drive by MIKE SMITH. There were four scores under 90, including two in the 80s, with DICK BARTHOLEMEW grabbing the lowest, an 83. As a reward, he is next week's captain! **SUMMER TENNIS** - TED SPOOL lamented that too few players have been showing up at the Cos Cob courts on Loughlin Avenue from 9-11a.m. Mondays and Thursdays. The ongoing Wimbledon tournament should inspire more of you to grab your rackets and join the fun.

**TODAY'S SPEAKER: Patrick Decker**, a resident of Old Greenwich, is CEO of Xylem Inc., the largest publicly traded water-technology company in the country, located on King Street in Rye Brook, NY. With 13,000 employees, it enables customers in more than 150 countries to transport, treat, test and efficiently use water in public utility, residential, commercial, and industrial settings. Peter described the difficult regulatory, demographic, and infrastructure challenges facing societies around the world in the availability, quality, access and use of water. E.g., access to and quality of water is the #1 policy issue in China, where technological solutions are being applied to enable the reuse of industrial waste water. Water from 7 reservoirs feed the demand for 1 billion gallons per day in New York City; his company has installed systems to monitor the

quality of the water and reservoir levels. He described a public-private partnership Xylem supports, Watermark, whereby employees volunteer to install systems that provide water to schools and communities in undeveloped areas of places like Brazil, India, Peru, and China. Lots of discussion flowed during the Q&A session.

Your humble Scribbler – **Arnold J. Gordon**

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Thursday, July 14: SOUNDWATER CRUISE** - Snacks and wine on board. \$65 per person. The boat departs at 3:30p.m. Directions to the dock: contact MIKE FERRARESE (203-554-0678, [myagentmike@yahoo.com](mailto:myagentmike@yahoo.com)). Status: Wait listed.

**Thursday, August 11: GOODSPEED OPERA HOUSE** for the musical “Bye Bye Birdie”. Lunch at Gelston House. \$115 per person. Bus departs from St. Catherine’s Church at 8:30a.m. Space is available.

**Thursday, September 22: SAGAMORE HILLS, Theodore Roosevelt’s home** and museum. \$75 per person including lunch at Canterbury Oyster Bar. Bus departs from St. Catherine’s at 8:30a.m. Space is available.

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

### **NEXT WEEK’s Speaker**

RMA will welcome **Norman Roth**, President of Greenwich Hospital, who will talk on “Greenwich Hospital: Present and Future.”

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