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President RALPH VIGGIANO rang the opening bell at 10:00 AM sharp and summoned BILL DYNAN to lead us in The Pledge. In celebration of our upcoming Independence Day, STEVE MARINO provided a vintage rendition of *God Bless America* by the late great Kate Smith. With BOB MORGAN at the keyboard, JERRY SCHWENDEMAN led us in singing *The Star Spangled Banner*, and two all-time favorites, *Paper Doll* and *You're Nobody 'Til Somebody Loves You*. CHUCK STANDARD educated us on a one word way to direct a blond to comfortably transfer of a bull from farm-to-farm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President VIGGIANO recognized the following five members for their contributions to the success of the RMA: GERRY MAYFIELD; BILL CLEWORTH; PETER SHIEFERDECKER; ARTO SZABO; TIM NOLAN. PETER UHRY announced the availability of the RMA golf shirts and RMA hats for those who have ordered them. PETER urgently requests that those who have ordered a shirt and/or hat be prepared to pay for and retrieve their order at next week's meeting. ARNOLD GORDON put in a PR plug for the new Cos Cob Park and suggested all should visit. TAD LARRABEE raised the idea of expanding the menu at the annual RMA picnic by hiring a BBQ caterer to provide more than the hot dogs traditionally offered at the event. TAD acknowledged that the picnic has traditionally been cost-free to members and guests, and indicated that, if the picnic were catered, there would be a cost to participants, which would not exceed \$10.00 per person. A show of hands suggested less than a majority in favor of the idea, and TAD indicated that he would continue to explore this and other ways to improve our annual picnic.

RETURNEES: President VIGGIANO welcomed MIKE SMITH back from his visit to Maine.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Visiting: CHUCK STANDARD announced the death of GRAHAM WHITEHEAD, who passed away on June 30, 2015. CHUCK noted that ED BURNS is doing better health-wise and expects to return to active participation in our meetings in two or three weeks. CHUCK also noted that FRANK SCARPA and WIN ADKINS are recovering from successful surgeries.

Program: BOB PHILLIPS announced that today's speakers will be Dan Libertino and John Bulakowski, officers of the Sikorsky Archives, who will speak on *The Legacy of Igor I. Sikorsky, The Man and His Company*. HOLLISTER STURGES announced next week's speaker will be Robert Henrey, who will address the topic: *Syria: our Cultural Debt to a Sadly Troubled Land*.

Membership: HORST TEBBE reported 118 members present along with 3 candidates (Charlie Jensen, Michael Ambrosino, Keating Hagmann), and 4 guests (Connie Pappos,

guest of HARRY LEIGH, Lynton Kaufman, guest of GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE, Peter Tunley, guest of RUSS HARDEN, David Burleson, guest of GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE). This week's **Birthdays**: PETER UHRY (76), DAVID ALBERT (87), JOHN CARON (91), HOLLISTER STURGES (76). JIM SANTORA and LOU CHIAPPETTA recommended CHARLIE JENSEN for membership in the RMA, and CHARLIE was unanimously elected to membership.

Notable Anniversary: TOM McEVOY and wife, Susie, are celebrating 65 years of marriage.

Special Events: GERRY LESSUK announced that three trips are currently scheduled. See details below.

Volunteers: WALT HOWE reported that, for the week ending July 1, 2015, 56 men reported 453 volunteer hours on behalf of outside agencies and 29 men reported 111 volunteer hours on behalf of RMA. The most hours (45) were reported by BERNARD SCHNEIDER.

FUN AND GAMES:

Bridge: KURT SCHAFFIR reported that the June 23, 2015, game drew 15 players. JOE ROE was high with 5250 followed by GRANT PERKINS, 3300, and LEN SAARI, 3180.

Golf: BOB PHILLIPS noted that 16 players played on June 30, 2015. TOM HEALY and NICKY ACHIWA tied for low score at 92. 5 other players broke 100. TOM HEALY was closest to the pin on #7; JIM SANTORA was closest on #15. KIP SCHULZE had the longest drive on #17. Noting that fellowship is one of the RMA goals, BOB observed that some players are getting together for lunch or a brew following their rounds, and he encouraged more to do so.

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Dan Libertino and John Bulakowski, long time employees of Sikorsky Aviation Corp. and officers of the Sikorsky Archives, spoke of the life of Igor Sikorsky from his early days in Russia to his migration to the United States and of his pre-eminent place in the history of aviation. They also spoke of the mission of their organization to preserve for educational and research purposes the history of Sikorsky the man, as well as the achievements of his company.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all Members, Guests, Candidates and spouses. Checks should be made out to RMA.

Tanglewood: Boston Symphony Orchestra, Sunday August 9, lunch at Apple Tree Inn. \$125 per person. Status: 9 places available.

Westchester Broadway Theater: "Backwards in High Heels," Thursday September 17, lunch at theater. \$85 per person. Status: 30 places available.

Goodspeed Opera House: "A Wonderful Life," Thursday October 22, lunch at Gelston House. \$115 per person. Status: 40 places available.

For more details and to sign-up, contact GERRY LESSUK (gerrless@att.net, 203-698-9451)

NEXT WEEK' SPEAKER

Robert Henrey.

Subject: *Syria: our Cultural Debt to a Sadly Troubled Land.*

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Respectfully Submitted: **Ed Farrell**