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President **DON CONWAY** called the meeting to order at 10:00am. **BILL WIGGINS** then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The structure of the usual RMA program was compressed to celebrate the life of long-time RMA member and leader **CHARLES E. (CHUCK) STANDARD**.

TRIBUTE TO CHUCK STANDARD

The tribute began with the Melody Men, led by **TOM HEALY**, who described briefly Chuck's involvement with the singers. The group sang three of Chuck's favorite songs: "The Star Spangled Banner", "The Navy Hymn," and "We'll Meet Again," on which the audience joined in.

ARNOLD GORDON then introduced the speakers, starting with Tom Niles, who knew Chuck from Edgehill. As Tom portrayed Chuck, he made new residents feel welcome and at home, was witty, exuberant, and a true friend of all, particularly those in times of sorrow. He said that Chuck died with grace, honor, and courage.

Tom was followed by Chuck's daughter, Patti Morneault, who characterized him as a wonderful father who, after his World War II experiences (he was a dive-bomber pilot in the Pacific and was awarded the Navy Cross), considered every day a beautiful day. The final speaker, **DOUG TAYLOR**, focused on Chuck's decades of very active membership in the RMA (1985-2017). In addition to serving as Program Chairman, First Vice President, and President (1998-99), he also sponsored more candidates for RMA membership than anyone else. Doug reminded the audience that Chuck lived his own favorite phrase:

STAY WELL AND BE HAPPY!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP: Reported attendance was 96, plus 6 guests—Marshall Toppo (guest of **CHET RISIO**), Bill Burke (**FRANK SCARPA**), Bo Jannsteat (**ARNOLD GORDON**), David Weisbrod (**JACK WEIR**), Audy Holmes (**JAY SCHONDORF**), Al Kestnbaum (**ED FARRELL**).

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS: Two significant birthdays were observed this week: **TIM NOLAN** (92) and **VIN MASI** (90).

VOLUNTEER HOURS: **JOHN FEBLES** reported that for the week ending August 23, 2017, 36 men completed 290 volunteer hours on behalf of outside agencies, and 23 men contributed 122 volunteer hours on behalf of the RMA. The most hours, 26, were given by **HAROLD KUPLESKY**.

SCOREBOARD

GOLF: Despite a hot morning with only occasional breezes, 18 players completed 18 holes and 2 played 9 on August 22, 2017. Two players scored below 90—**TONY COCCHI** (79) and **JIM BOARDMAN** (89)--and 5 other players scored in the 90's, but overall it was Tony's day as he was closest to the pin on both #7 and #15 and hit the longest drive on 17.

BRIDGE: **LEN SAARI** reported that the August 16, 2017, bridge gathering of 11 players was led by **BERT KLEBANOW** (2,340 points), followed by **RON FRIEDMAN** (2,080 points) and **GRANT PERKINS** (2,050 points).

HEARTS: The Hearts guys filled two tables on August 16, 2017, with **PETER BERG** and **JACK SWEGER** each taking a game at Table 1 and **DON CONWAY** and **ED FARRELL** doing the same at Table 2. Four players shot the moon: **Jack Sweger**, **Ed Farrell**, **TOM HEALY** and **JOHN KNIGHT**. The group meets every Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Civic Center in Old Greenwich. New players are welcomed. Contact **JACK SWEGER**.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

The RMA's own **GEORGE UBOGY**, whose presentation last year on classical music was a smash hit, returned to entertain us with an encore music program. This one focusing on musical shows and also discussing the role in music of chimes, such as those at Cornell, his alma mater. He pointed out, using the piano, how some well-known forms for music, such as the waltz, foxtrot, and polka, were found in show tunes. Examples from Rodgers and Hammerstein included "Oh, What A Beautiful Morning", **CHUCK STANDARD's** favorite, which has a waltz structure, while *South Pacific's* "There's Nothing Like A Dame" has polka characteristics. One of his examples--"If I Were A Bell, I'd Ring," from *Guys and Dolls*--was enhanced by a surprise mystery singing guest, Pamela Kuhn, who began singing from the back of the room

as **George** started the piano version. She finished in full voice at the front with **George** to loud applause.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all members, spouses, candidates, and guests. Checks should be made out to RMA and must be received within two weeks following the reservation or the reservation will be cancelled. For reservations contact trip coordinators **MIKE FERRARESE**: [203-554-0678](tel:203-554-0678) or **ABBEY SMOLER**: [203-531-0236](tel:203-531-0236). All buses depart from the St. Catherine's parking lot.

August 31, 2017: Sound Water Cruise. Drive your own car. Meet at dock, Boccuzzi Park, 166 Southfield Ave., Stamford, CT 06902 at 1:30 p.m. Boat departs at 2:00 p.m. Snacks and water. \$35 per person. Status: Wait listed.

September 21, 2017: Oklahoma! at Goodspeed Opera. Lunch at Gelston House. \$120 per person. . Bus departs from St. Catherine's at 9:45a.m.. Status: Wait listed.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

The speaker on August 30 will be **Catherine Onyemelukwe** who went to Nigeria as a Peace Corps volunteer, fell in love with the country, and eventually married a Nigerian. She will talk about her experience in the country, as well as Nigeria's history and culture up to the present.

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