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President RALPH VIGGIANO opened the meeting at the stroke of 10:00 and introduced JOE MALARA who led us in the pledge to the flag. GRAN BURGESS, accompanied by DICK ROBERTS at the piano, led the singing of *God Bless America*, followed by *Baby Face* and *Good Night Irene*. Corresponding Secretary CHUCK STANDARD had an amusing story about an Irish painter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President VIGGIANO offered the following members for this week's special recognition: JOHN DECSEPEL, JIM BUTLER, NICK TOURNILLION, and Dr. PETER ARTURI. He also reminded us of the need for checks for tennis membership. **Returnees are:** AV RIVEL from the West Coast; BOB WYLIE from Florida; BOB CAREY from San Diego; and GERRY BOYLE from Martha's Vineyard. TAD LARRABEE reminded us that Thursday, September 10, is the date for our picnic. The setup crew will assemble at Greenwich Point at 9:30 a.m., and games and festivities will get under way at 10:30. In case of inclement weather the backup site is the Eastern Civic Center in Old Greenwich. GERRY MAYFIELD invited our members to a casual cocktail party and a great opportunity to meet other local seniors at St. Catherine's parish hall on Friday, September 4, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. RSVP at gmayfield2@mac.com. BOB ROBINS reminded us about the next ROMEO luncheon on Wednesday, September 16, at the Fairview Country Club (jackets required); full luncheon menu for \$45 (cash bar). From DAVE BURLESON we learned about the RMA poetry group which meets on the first Friday of the month at his house at 179 Valley Road (203-622-1990). JERRY SCHWENDEMAN spoke about preparations for the Greenwich anniversary parade.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **VISITING:** CHUCK STANDARD reports that ED BURNS and BILL DYNAN are in Greenwich Hospital. HOLLISTER STURGES and DON O'KEEFE are at Nathaniel Witherell. **PROGRAMS:** JOHN CARON told us that next week's speaker will be **Captain Carl Lahti**, commanding officer of the Naval Submarine Base at Groton, CT. He is a veteran of numerous submarine sea tours, and more recently has been involved with strategic planning and policy on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon. **MEMBERSHIP:** DOUG TAYLOR reported attendance by 114 members, as well as two guests - Rusty Graham, guest of AV RIVEL, and Mike Warner, guest of PETER UHRY. We helped BILL EUSTIS celebrate his 86th birthday, and JIM and Catherine MacKAY their 74th anniversary. ROBERT WHITBY, an active supporter of numerous charities, and an avid mountain climber, was sponsored by BOB ROBINS

and KLAUS JANDER and was duly elected to membership. He told an interesting story about hosting his Sherpa. **VOLUNTEERS:** ARNOLD GORDON reported 424 outside agency hours by 55 RMA members, and 34 hours of RMA hours by 34 members. DON CONWAY reported the most hours: 45.

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY: KURT SCHAFFIR did double duty for bridge and golf. Among last week's eight bridge players, GRANT PERKINS was first with 4510 points, DICK CASE second with 3310, and BOB UNDERWOOD third with 2680. On last week's hot and humid Tuesday, 14 golfers started and 12 completed the course. Six scored under 100, but none under 90. MIKE SMITH was closest to the pin on the fifth hole and TOM HEALY was closest on the 15th. NICKI ACHIWA hit the longest drive.

TODAY' PROGRAM: BOB PHILLIPS introduced **Marina Julia Neary**, who is the author of an interesting three-part novel dealing with events preceding and accompanying the insurrection which swept Ireland during Easter week of 1916, known as the Easter Rising, and which ended British domination of Ireland and led to the establishment of an independent Irish Republic. She displayed extensive, in-depth expertise of Irish history and of the extended and continuing Irish struggle for independence.

Kurt Schaffir – Scribe of the Week

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to members, spouses, candidates and guests. Checks made out to RMA.

September 17: Westchester Broadway Theater: *Backwards in High Heels*, \$85: wait list

October 22, 2015: Goodspeed Opera House: *A Wonderful Life*, \$115, 10 places available.

NEXT WEEK

Captain Carl Lahti, commanding officer of the Naval Submarine Base at Groton, CT.
