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"Do not worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older it will avoid you". (Comedian Joey Adams)

Today's meeting was held in the church's sanctuary. Without the benefit of the sounding bell, but with some vocal urging, President DON CONWAY called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. RALPH VIGGIANO led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Song Leader JERRY SCHWENDEMAN led the group in singing the *Battle Hymn of the Republic, It Had To Be You* and *On the Sunny Side of the Street*. PETER RYAN ably provided piano support.

Recording Secretary ARNOLD GORDON recounted the tale of the Post Office receiving a letter addressed to God from an impecunious woman asking for funds to host a dinner for friends. Funds were collected and all but a few dollars short of the amount asked for was sent. A follow up letter to God claimed the Post Office had shorted the amount received. (No good deed goes unpunished).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ERF PORTER urged members who are veterans to participate in the Veterans Day Parade on Greenwich Avenue which will take place on this coming November 10th between 9:00AM and 10:45AM. The participants will be treated to lunch following the parade.

KLAUS JANDER reported that the Women's Club of Greenwich was holding a fundraiser, the Holiday Boutique, on this coming November 10th and 11th and, as in past years, is asking for volunteers to give parking directions to persons visiting the fundraiser.

PETER UHRY advised that The Riverside Association of Greenwich CT is sponsoring RTM Candidate Forums for Districts 5 and 12 on October 30, 2017 from 7:30PM to 9:00PM at the Riverside School Gym and the North Mianus School Media Center, respectively. Go to www.riversideassociation.org for more information.

Memorial by MIKE SMITH: On this past September 17th BILL ZBORAY a long time RMA member died in Windsor, CT. BILL was born in Greenwich and lived here until 2006, then moved to Windsor due to his wife's health. He taught American History and coached track at Eastern Middle School in Greenwich for many years. As a student at Stamford High he held the school record for the mile run (4:37:07 minutes). BILL was an avid tennis player.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAMS: PETER UHRY urged all to attend Today's Speaker, **Lincoln Millstein**. Lincoln's talk is titled "Dramatic Changes Inside the Turbulent World of Newspapers" which will focus on what is happening with newspapers today. AL KNIGHT advised that next week's speaker will be **Richard Halkyard**, who will discuss "Training Workers for 21st Century Rail Transportation".

MEMBERSHIP: As reported by HORST TEBBE there were 100 members in attendance, one inductee and two guests for a total of 103. The guests were Jack Harcourt, g/o RUSS HARDEN, and Peter Le Beau, g/o ERF PORTER. **Happy Birthday** was extended to TONY DIROLLO (90), JOHN KNIGHT (77), RON FRIEDMAN (83) and DON SARGEANT (72). The Inductee, William (Bill) Burke, was introduced by JIM BOARDMAN, seconded by HORST TEBBE and approved by acclamation. BILL has lived in Greenwich over 30 years, was educated at Harvard, and is a retired Tax Attorney. He belongs to many professional and civic organizations and enjoys travel and golf.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: These hours were reported by ROS CURTIS. There were 348 Outside Hours by 43 members, and 158 Inside Hours by 24 members. Top RMA member hours went to ROS CURTIS with 28.

SPECIAL EVENTS: MIKE FERRARESE announced two scheduled events for 2018. Details are set forth below.

SCOREBOARD

GOLF: MIKE RYAN said that due to inclement weather golf play yesterday was cancelled. The annual golf lunch at the Field Club takes place tomorrow (October 26th) Twenty nine golfers have signed up.

BRIDGE: ANDRZEJ MAZUREK reported that eight members played with the following three having the highest scores - RON FRIEDMAN with 2789, FRANK LEE with 2690, and JOHN FEBLES with 2360.

TENNIS: MICHAEL AMBROSINO reported the winners, as follows: On Court #1, JOE MANCINELLI AND JOHN KNIGHT. On Court #2, MICHAEL AMBROSINO and BILL FAKUNDINY. Next week's captain is PETER TUNLEY.

HEARTS: Eight players were involved on two tables. JAY SCHONDORF said that two games were held on Table #1 and the winner of both games was ANDY HOLMES. On Table #2 the winners in a tie break in game #1 were JACK SWEGER and ED FARRELL, and in game #2 MICHAEL AMBROSINO. Shooting the Moon once was ED FARRELL, and twice were TOM HEALY and MICHAEL AMBROSINO.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Lincoln Millstein is a senior vice president of Hearst, one of the nation's largest diversified media and information companies, and also serves as a senior advisor to the CEO of that company on a wide range of issues. To show the dramatic changes that have occurred he related a brief history of our newspaper industry. The oldest newspaper was published in Boston in 1764*. Pamphlets were more extensively used to disseminate news. The purchase of newspapers were expensive and thus directed to the wealthy. In 1830 Benjamin Day cut the price of newspapers by including advertising and kicked off the start of mass media. The advent of wars, technology advances and the telegraph further advanced newspaper coverage. The golden age of newspapers was from the mid 1970's to 2000 when both morning and afternoon editions were printed. The challenge came in 1992 with the arrival of digital services through computers. Web sites were created which also disseminated news. Newspapers developed business organizations and plans to meet the challenge of many years of declining circulation in both print and digital.

Editor's note: Some sources state the oldest newspaper was published in 1690 in Boston. It was named "Publick Occurrences".

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

NY Philharmonic Open Rehearsal - January 11, 2018, cost \$110, lunch at the Atlantic Grill, departs 8:00AM, Status: Wait List.

Elmsford Dinner Theater/Musical A Chorus Line, February 22, 2018, Cost \$95 includes dinner, departs 9:45AM, Status: 25 places open.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Richard Halkyard will be discussing training candidates for employment in the railroad industry.

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