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After the audio crew finished pasting a mike on BOB PHILLIPS, he rang the bell and introduced KURT SCHAFFIR to lead the assembled group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. TOM HEALY, with JIM SANTORA on the keyboard, conducted the singing of "The Star-spangled Banner" followed by "You're Nobody till Somebody Loves You," and "Side by Side." Corresponding Secretary BILL DYNAN amused the group with the story of a man who, thinking about what he could offer his next wife, decided against giving her his present wife's left-handed golf clubs. BOB PHILLIPS explained that the RMA would not hold meetings when the Greenwich public schools are closed due to inclement weather.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: GRANT PERKINS spoke of the rewards and the importance of volunteering. JOHN FEBLES thanked the Salvation Army bell ringers. In the future, their assignments will be limited to one hour rather than two, and grandchildren should be encouraged to participate. BOB LUCE invited us to attend the Greenwich Choral Society's performances, starting with "Christmas Magic" on December 6 and 7.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **Obituaries** were delivered by BILL DYNAN for BILL BURKE, and by MIKE SPRINGALL for JOHN PAUL. BILL BURKE, 98, a long-time resident of Greenwich, is survived by his wife Mary, three daughters and a son and their spouses and children. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He graduated from Loyola University, and had a career with Texas U.S. Chemical where he retired at 67 as Vice President, Marketing. He served for 20 more years as volunteer consultant for the National Executive Service Corps. He served as President of the RMA from 1992 to 1993. JOHN PAUL was born in Philadelphia in 1939. He graduated from Cornell Law School, and worked at Bethlehem Steel till 1969. He became VP for Public Affairs with AMAX Coal Co. and later the American Clean Coal Coalition. He is survived by his wife Marilyn and three sons. **VISITING:** CHUCK STANDARD reported that EDGAR MORRILL died in California last week. He visited with JIM DANIELS and BILL EUSTIS. We welcomed back REID McINTYRE. **PROGRAMS:** HOLLISTER STURGES gave an introduction to today's speaker **Dr. Joel Blatt** who teaches 19th and 20th century Modern Western Traditions at UCONN Stamford. JOHN deCSEPEL told us about next week's speaker, **Dr. Donna Coletti**, whose specialty is palliative medicine – dealing with

patients at the end of life. **MEMBERSHIP:** JIM FAHY in his inimitable fashion reported attendance of 138 members, five candidates, and a guest – Charlie Carey, guest of RON KLINGNER. The **birthday** boys are GERRY FOX, 80; DAVID DOWNS, 85; GIG CHELWICK, 89; NEVILLE SARGEANT, 79; FRED BROOKS, 80; TED SPOOL, 84; BARRY MONTGOMERY, 75; CARL Van AKEN, 92, and BIN BINSHADLER, 96. **Inductee** CHARLES SHIMBETTI was sponsored by BOB BISHOP and BILL SALTSMAN. CHARLES was born in Manhattan and attended high school in New York City. He served in the Armed Services in the Korean war, became a licensed plumber, and worked at the GM Chevrolet plant in Tarrytown from which he retired. He served as volunteer fireman for 40 years, was active in other volunteer work, and now lives in Riverside with his wife Joan Vallo, to be nearer to their two daughters and grandchildren. **VOLUNTEERS:** MARIO BONAPARTE reported 972 volunteer hours for outside agencies by 69 members; and 160 hours for RMA activities by 39 members. The most hours - 64 -were reported by DOUG FRANCEFORT.

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY: BRIDGE: There was no RMA meeting last week, and no bridge. KURT SCHAFFIR reported that the previous week there were 16 players; WAYNE DeVRIES was first with 3190, BRUNO SCHRAGE second with 3000; and DAVID DOWNS third with 2850. **TENNIS:** PETER UHRY reported that on November 21 PETER STREICH and RON FRIEDMAN were the winners on Court #1, and PETER UHRY and Allan Bernard on Court #2. On November 28 PETER STREICH and Mike Warner were first on Court #1. RANDY MOTLAND will be captain next week.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Dr. Joel Blatt gave us a comprehensive and interesting review of the unification of Germany in the 19th century, of the key role played by Bismarck, of the complex factors that led to the extensive armament of the European powers, of their misjudgments culminating in the conflagration of World War I, and of the tremendous and lasting impact of this war on Europe and the world balance of power.

Kurt Schaffir -Editor

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to members, spouses, candidates and guests. Contact Richard Limbacher or Gerry Lessuck. Checks made out to RMA of Greenwich.

January 22, 2015: Metropolitan Opera backstage tour. \$80 P/P. Departure: 10:15 a.m. from St. Catherine's Church. Restaurant: Le Rivage; Status – 8 Seats open.

February 5, 2015. N.Y. Philharmonic rehearsal, Lincoln Center. \$98 P/P. Departure 8:00 a.m. Restaurant: Atlantic Grille. Status – 5 seats open.

March 19, 2015. LeMont Doherty Earth Observatory. Cost TBA; Departure TBA.
Status: Open.

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