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"Its useless hold a person to anything he says while he is in love, drunk or running for office." Actress Shirley MacLaine

President **JERRY SCHWENDEMAN** convened the meeting at 10 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **PETER BERG**. Song Leader **TOM HEALY** opened the singing with *The Star-Spangled Banner* and followed with *We Are the RMA* and *Winter Wonderland*. **BOB MORGAN** accompanied on the piano.

Treasurer of the day was **JEFF JUNKER**, assisted by **WAYNE DeVRIES**, the Mentor was **ANDRZEJ MAZUREK**, and the Scribe was **GERRY LESSUK**. Corresponding secretary **BOB LUCE** told a brief story of a husband getting out of bed and going outside to check the very bad weather and his wife's reaction when he returned to their bed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. President **JERRY SCHWENDEMAN** reported that on December 7, 2019 at 4:30 pm, during a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony at the John Margenot Atrium, fourteen identified living RMA members who served during World War II will be recognized.

2. VISITING: **MICHAEL AMBROSINO** provided the following report. **JACK WEIR** had a hip replacement last week at the Stamford Hospital. He is recovering at home and will accept phone calls and email. **RALPH VIGGIANO** was in and out of the Greenwich Hospital regarding a bleeding disorder and is due to be released today. **TED SPOOL** is recovering at home from a cancer treatment. **DOUG FRANCEFORT** who suffered a broken hip and shoulder is recovering at Nathaniel Witherall.

RETURNEES: **TOM McGUIRE** from Maine.

3. ROMEO REVIVAL: **TONY COCCHI** discussed efforts underway to revive the Romeo luncheon. Interest has been shown by 21 members. Any others who are interested in being added to the list of 21 should email **TONY** at anthonycocchi@lehman.cuny.edu. The first venue will be selected by **FRANK LEE** whose idea it was to restart the Romeo lunches.

4. **TAD LARRABEE** said that the Greenwich Choral Society will present *A Holiday Tapestry* at Christ Church at 254 E. Putnam Avenue on Saturday, December 7 at 4:pm, and Sunday, December 8 at 2:30pm and 5pm.

5. **STEVE MYERS** advised that they are interested in upgrading the quality of the projector used at the meetings, and he would like feedback on whether the projector used at the meeting met this objective.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP: As reported by **ED FARRELL**, there were in attendance 101 members, four guests and one candidate. The guests were Patrick Hale, g/o **RUSS HARDEN**; David Watkins, g/o **GRANVILLE BURGESS**; Mark Foy, g/o **ANDY HOLMES** and **MICHAEL AMBROSINO**, and Geoff Hornbeck, g/o **FRANK SCARPA**. Inductee Mark Geimer was sponsored by **JIM BOARDMAN** and **WAYNE DeVRIES**. **MARK** who is a long-time resident of Greenwich was inducted by acclimation. The birthdays of the following members were celebrated: **ROGER CLARKE**, 73, **WILL MORRISON**, 70, **CARL VAN AKEN**, 97, **HAROLD KUPLESKY**, 81, and **DWIGHT CHAPIN**, 79.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: For the week ending today, **GEOFFREY BURGE** reported that there were 452 outside hours by 35 members and 163 inside hours by 26 members. Top honors went to **MICHAEL AMBROSINO** with 75 hours.

SPECIAL EVENTS: On January 16, 2020 the Big Apple Circus will perform at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. **MAURICE KROHN** said that lunch will be at Fiorello's Cafe at 1900 Broadway. The cost will be \$125 per person. Reservations can be made at the next meeting.

PROGRAMS: Today's program, entitled *Journey's with Cousteau and the Crew of the Calypso*, was introduced by **ARNOLD GORDON**. The speaker, Richard E. Hyman, served as a member of the crew.

HOLLISTER STURGESS said that next week's speaker, Page Knox, will be making another Art History presentation to the RMA, this time her presentation shall be about the works of Leonardo daVinci at the Louvre.

SCOREBOARD

TENNIS: The results for this past November 29 were reported by **GEOFFREY BURGE**. Winners on Court #1 were **PETER ORBANOWSKI** and **ANDY HOLMES**. Winners on Court #2 were **GERRY GIBIAN** and Susi Orbanowski. This week's Captain is **RALPH NEWITTER**.

HEARTS: Last week 12 players completed 7 games. **LOU TROVATO** named the winners: **PETER BERG (2)**, **TONY GRAHAM (2)**, **LOU TROVATO**, **JOHN STANKUNAS** and **TAD LARRABEE**. Moon Shots were made by **PETER BERG (2)**, **TOM HEALY**, **LOU TROVATO**, **GRANT PERKINS**, **JIM DEAN** and **TONY GRAHAM**. **LOU** also reported that on this coming December 18, at the Eastern Civic Center in Old Greenwich, lunch will be served for the Hearts players and all other RMA members that care to attend. There will be no charge for the lunch.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Richard Hyman titled his talk *Journey's with Cousteau and the Crew of the Calypso*. As a member of the Crew, Richard served as a diver, navigator, and photographer. During the years 1973 - 1979 Richard went on four expeditions with the Calypso: to Foster Lake in Saskatchewan, Canada; to Mexico; to the Belize barrier reef; and to Martinique and Venezuela. Jacques-Yves Cousteau's legacy was putting the undersea world into our living rooms. Richard is currently the leader of Future Frogman, a non-profit organization that supports multidisciplinary education and exploration of our planet's waters. He also holds a position as a Distinguished Visiting Professional at Fairfield University's Center for Applied Ethics. Richard has a bachelor's degree in economics and business administration from Furman University. He also attended Fairfield, Georgetown and Yale Universities where he studied business, communications, environments science and engineering, and writing. His business career has been in telecommunications and technology.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

2019 marks the five hundredth anniversary of the death of Leonardo da Vinci. Page Knox will discuss some of his best-known works in a lecture that examines the unique life and creative mind of one of the most renowned geniuses of all time.

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RMA 2019/2020 Calendar

Weekly Repetitive Activities		
Date	Time	
Mondays	3:00 to 4:00	Tai
Wednesdays	10:00am to 11:00am	RMA V
Wednesdays	1:00 to 3:00pm	
Wednesdays	3:00 to 4:00	Tai C
Wednesdays	1:00 to 4:00pm	
Thursdays	9:00 AM	RM
Fridays	1:30pm to 3:00pm	Inc
RMA Special Events		
January 16, 2020	TBD	Big