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"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful." – Albert Schweitzer

RMA President **JACK WEIR** opened the meeting at 9:46 am. **MIKE HAYDEN** led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. **TOM HEALY** led the songs assisted by **JIM SANTORA** on the piano, starting with "Yankee Doodle Boy," followed by "Carolina in the Morning," and a favorite snack, "That's S'Amore," uh, I mean, "That's Amore."

JACK acknowledged those who make this meeting possible. For today's meeting, they are CBB Editor **TIM BROOKS**, Scribe **JOHN REESE** at jreese@validea.com, formatter **MARK GEIMER**, projectionist – our usual duo of **LEN CARUSI** and **TONY COCCHI**. Volunteer advocate today is **DON ROTZIEN**, greeter **JOHN KAVANAGH**, the mentor **ANDY HOLMES**. Refreshments today are courtesy of **SPIKE LIPSCHUTZ**. And our audio/video team, **ED PARKER, MARK GEIMER, PETER DODGE, HORST TEBBE, BARRY RICHELSON**, and **STEVE MARINO**. Set up, **BOB BISHOP, JIM BUTLER**, and **JOHN CRAINE**.

JACK made the following announcements:

1. Parking—"no complaints received and all who are eligible for a permit and want one have it, so I am disbanding our parking committee of **BOB BISHOP**, **PETER STERN** and me, and thank you both for a job well done. **PETER** will however retain the extra permits for members/future members who need one because they drive to the meeting. If any new complaints/issues arise contact me or **PETER**."
2. There is updated information on the RMA St. Patrick's Day Parade on Greenwich Avenue. The parade date has been moved from March 24 to March 17 (and rightfully so!). The RMA has been issued a formal invitation to march in the parade under our banner. **JACK** asked for a show of hands, and many members said they would participate.
3. Still looking for human interest presenters for March/April. Contact **JACK** at johnkweir47@aol.com

JEFF JUNKER, our treasurer, spoke to the membership about the rising costs in our world and the need for the RMA to increase revenues to meet them. He has stated several times that our wonderful meeting venue at 1st Presbyterian Church costs the RMA \$500/meeting to rent. He pointed out that we are all cozy and warm here under the bright lights of the chandeliers. The church is paying those energy costs and he asked the members if they have looked at the increases in their home heating and electric bills over the past few years. He then asked the membership to consider this regarding coffee and sweets served at our meetings. Given that we ask each member for a \$2 dollar payment into the cigar box each meeting, he made the point that where else in town can you get a coffee and half donut for \$2? (I was shocked, shocked! that he has the discipline to limit himself to half a donut...but in all seriousness I understand his overall point that our own costs are rising and perhaps RMA's fees could stand to be raised a bit and still be a bargain.)

Corresponding Secretary **ARNOLD GORDON** opened with the sad news just learned a few days ago that member **EARLE COTE** died on January 16 at his home in Miami, FL. **EARLE** was a member only from May 2019 to May 2020; **PETER TUNLEY** was his sponsor.

Attached is his obituary. As usual, we would like to honor **EARLE** with an RMA eulogy. Please contact **ARNOLD** if you knew **EARLE** and could do the honors (ajgordo@verizon.net; 203-340-9336). Next week, **STEVE BOIES** will present a remembrance of **TOM CAHILL**, who passed away February 7. **JACK WEIR** will do the same for **ED FARRELL** at a future date.

[Earle Cote Obituary](#)

It is long overdue that we remember another of our members, **ED BLOOM**, who died on September 29, 2023. **ED** was 93 years old. He was an RMA member from June 2011 until the very end. He grew up in Boston and Cape Cod and received bachelor and law degrees at Harvard, and an MA in Taxation at NYU. **ED** had a long career as an international tax lawyer. He served on the Greenwich P&Z Board of Appeals and the Town Housing Authority. He always enjoyed coming to RMA meetings and speaker programs. His obituary can be found here:

https://patch.com/connecticut/greenwich/obituary-edward-c-bloom-93-greenwich?utm_source=shared-email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=share

Perhaps you have seen the Senior Time column periodically published in the *Greenwich Time*. It features interviews with people of “seniority” and **ED** was interviewed for the April 9, 2006, edition. I think you will find very interesting the answers he gave to many personal questions. For example, he was a stutterer from his youth until late in life; his favorite drink was vodka. A copy of the interview is on the bulletin board.

DAVID MICHONSKI has recommended that we try to see Agathie Christie’s play *The Mousetrap*, the longest running play in theater history. It is playing from February 29 through March 24 at the Kweskin Theater on Newfield Avenue in Stamford. For details see https://www.curtaincallinc.com/shows/agatha-christies-the-mousetrap/?mc_cid=f56f68e9bd&mc_eid=3bb07605ff

At last week’s meeting, one of the questions posed to **DAVID**, who spoke about the Greenwich real estate market, concerned the highly contentious lawsuit against the National Association of Realtors related to the commissions paid to the buyer and seller

agents. The suit can have far reaching consequences for the real estate market. A detailed explanation was published in the *Wall Street Journal* last week and can be found here.

ARNOLD thanked **PAT MacCARTHY** for calling this to his attention.

<https://www.wsj.com/real-estate/national-association-realtors-crisis-lawsuits-home-buyers-6030e372?st=vluiu4fk6mielyu&reflink=desktopwebshare> [permalink](#)

ARNOLD left them groaning with these:

“Why do horses have lower divorce rates. It’s because they are in stable relationships.”

“The other day I yelled into a colander and I strained my voice.”

“Ever hear someone say, ‘Nothing rhymes with orange?’ Tell them ‘No, it doesn’t’.”

“I went to the toy store and asked the assistant where the Schwarzenegger dolls are and he replied, ‘Aisle B, back’.”

“I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won’t lie, it was a rocky road.”

JERRY SCHWENDEMAN, our jokester for today sang a song popularized by Little Jimmy Dickens. The funny part was the refrain “may the bird of paradise fly up your nose.” Well, it was funny when he sang it!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

PETER STERN conducted the induction of Gerry Seitz, and called up **JERRY COLEMAN** as his nominator. **JERRY** said “It is my great pleasure to nominate my good friend Gerry Seitz to become a member of our club. I first met Gerry over 30 years ago on the squash courts of the University Club in the city. After our game he suggested I move to Rye and 15 years later I finally succumbed in doing so.

“Gerry was born in Brooklyn, graduated from Holy Cross, spent three years as a naval officer, graduated from Harvard law School, and practiced in the city until moving to the Ferguson Cohen firm, a hefty stone’s throw from where we now sit. Yes indeed, he is a trusts and estates lawyer. Gerry has and continues to participate in various civic, charitable, club and philanthropic activities. He was a member of the city council in Rye, as

well as a member of the zoning, planning and tax assessment boards. He is a former president of the Manursing Island Club and member of the board of the Apawamis Club. Gerry is a Knight of Malta and chairs a fund for education for the New York Archdiocese, and his condo board in Florida. Gerry is a terrific raconteur and seemingly has a story for everything. And he still plays quality doubles tennis and squash. He has three sons and five grandchildren, all of whom were educated at universities in the State of Texas, so although he maintains traces of his NY accent he will readily respond if you address him "Howdy, Podnah." In sum, I am very happy to nominate Gerry for membership in our club." **JACK WIER** seconded the nomination, and Gerry was approved unanimously.



Coleman, Seitz, Weir

Gerry's acceptance remarks were: "Well, first, I'd like to thank all of you for electing me, and obviously, particular enthusiasm for both **JERRY** and **JACK**. I'd like also to see if I could record what **JERRY**'s comments were, because I was just doing some estate planning, and I think I just heard my obituary. When **JERRY** announced his retirement and said he was joining this organization, I was in a sense envious because he was

retiring, and I also was very interested in the organization and frustrated because I felt I'd never be able to join it because I hadn't retired. And then I discovered that, in fact, you guys are very broadly based and take people who are not yet retired. I postponed retirement because I've always associated it with middle age and have looked at middle age as 15 years older than I, but you have taken me to another range. And since I have attended a couple of meetings here, I've been very, very impressed with the programs, and I have recommended to two friends that they try to join you. So many thanks. Thank you very much."

PETER STERN then led us in a surprise 99th birthday celebration for RMA member **PETER SCHIEFERDECKER**, a past president of the RMA. We learned from **MIKE SMITH** (also a

past president) that **PETER** has a fascinating history in all of his 99 years. He has written about his early years in a book that talks about growing up in Holland during World War II when he was a young teen. In his book, he describes the German and later on the British and American bombers flying over his head on their respective missions. Later on, he served in the Dutch military in Indonesia, helping to keep down the Sukarno insurrection. It happens that his duty station, it was near a city called Mojokerto, a city near Surabaya, where one of my paper mill customers is and where I often visited. We have to be careful about the pronunciation. He single-handedly put down the insurrection for a time while he was there. Several years later, he and Eddie moved to Greenwich, where he ran an important investment company in New York very successfully. **PETER** and **MIKE** met at Riverside Yacht Club, where he was an avid sailor and a treasurer while Mike was a commodore way back in 1990. Besides his financial acumen, **PETER** has a wonderful sense of humor, which was highlighted as he edited the Riverside Yacht Club monthly newspaper many, many years. Also, his sense of the ridiculous shined here at the RMA, where he enjoyed jokes and enjoyed the singing.

TOM HEALY (also a past president) added “**PETER** is also an avid reader and headed our Riverside Readers book group for many years. For all my sins, now I am in charge of that. For many of you, as many of you already know, **PETER** is a wonderful friend, and I am very pleased to be here helping celebrate his 99 years and more to come.” **BOB PHILLIPS** (also a past president) took the microphone and shared “**PETER** and I have known each other for quite some time. My wife is of the same origins as **PETER** from the Netherlands. And we've gotten together on numerous occasions. So, I just want to say, **PETER**, very happy birthday on your 99th year.”

Eleven past presidents in the audience joined the photo op, and **ANDY** took this 99th birthday picture. (Standing L-R: **PETE UHRY**, **MIKE RYAN**, **MICHAEL AMBROSINO**, **BOB PHILLIPS**, **BART BARTHOLOMEW**, **MIKE SMITH**, **JOE MANCINELLI**, **TOM HEALY**, **TAD LARRABEE**, **JOHN CRAINE**, **JACK WEIR**, **JERRY SCHWENDEMAN**.)



But believe it or not, **PETER** was not the most tenured RMA member attending this birthday party. While **PETER** joined the RMA on October 12th 1994, attending on Zoom today is **WALT ANDERES**, who joined the RMA a few months before, on August 12, 1994.

PETER STERN then announced attendance today as 89, plus eight on Zoom, for a total of 97 (count by **JAMES DEAN** and **BOB MEANEY**). He followed with the birthdays this week. With **JIM SANTORA** at the piano, we sang Happy Birthday.

4.	RICK	5.	WOLFF	6.	79
7.	PETER	8.	SCHIEFERDECKER		99
	RANDY		MOTLAND		89
	WAYNE		DE VRIES		81

There were four guests today: Rob Goldie, guest of **BRIAN MAHONEY**, Bao Nguyan, guest of **FRED WU** and **SAM MARASSO**, Gerry Brown, guest of **JIM SANTORA** and **JOHN KAVANAGH**, and Phil Schweitzer, guest of **ED PARKER** and **FRANK SCARPA**. Returnees were **SPIKE LIPSCHUTZ** from warm Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands, and **JOHN REESE** from snowy and ice-cold Lapland, Finland, & Sweden, where he played with and ate the reindeer (it was actually tasty!)

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Turning to the speaker program, **BOB MEANEY** announced that today's speaker was Stuart Reid, author of a new book, *The Lumumba Plot -- The Secret History of the CIA and a Cold War Assassination*. **BOB PHILLIPS** then introduced next week's speaker, Phil Vitiello, a regional historian whose focus has been on the Civil War and the Titanic. He spoke to the RMA in May of 2022 on the Titanic and her sister ships. Next week, Phil will be relating the story of the H.L. Hunley, a Confederate submarine which made history by becoming the first submarine to sink a ship in combat when it sank the Union warship USS Housatonic on the night of February 17, 1864, on the outer perimeter of the Charleston, South Carolina harbor. The feat was so advanced that it would not occur again for another 50 years. But after completing this historic mission, the Hunley would disappear, never to return to its home base. This began a 140-year search for this historic vessel, which was ultimately found in 1995 and raised in 2000. "The Story of the Hunley" is a uniquely interesting chapter in Civil War history. Come next week and learn all about it.

Volunteer Programs: WILL MORRISON. "It's been a while since we've given an update of the leaderboard for volunteer hours. So, I'm going to post the whole list on the board. You can climb up that leaderboard, just clock those hours. We really have a number of areas and charities that are looking for help. Give it some thought and, you know, round out your day with some volunteering."

Since October 1, 73 members have volunteered 4,087 hours. Congratulations to the top ten contributors! Don't forget to log your hours either at the back table or online at <http://greenwichrma.org/log>.

Tenacious 10	Volunteer	Last logged	Total Hours
1	Junker, Jeff	2/14/2024	297
2	Hayden, Mike	2/7/2024	232.5
3	Gordon, Arnold	2/14/2024	180.4

4	Dean, Jim	1/24/2024	143.5
5	Denne, John	2/17/2024	138
7	Wu, Fred	1/10/2024	133
8	Gunzburg, Alan	11/15/2023	125
9	Brooks, Tim	12/31/2023	123
10	Rimmer, Bob	2/1/2024	116

ROMEO Lunch: DON ROTZIEN reported that our next ROMEO lunch is scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 1:00 o'clock, at Sally's Apizza, on Summer Street in Stamford. It's right across the street from the theater on lower Summer Street. There's parking across the street. And for you new members, it's a great way to meet your new colleagues. Hope to see you there. Please email **DON** at dsrotzien@gmail.com if you wish to attend. Lunch prices are generally between \$15-\$20 plus beverages, tax and a suggested 20% tip.

Greenwich Choral Society concert: TAD LARRABEE announced that this coming Saturday, February 24 at 4 o'clock, there's going to be a Greenwich Choral Society concert at the PAC in the high school. It's a very interesting program because it involves mostly rather current composers who are women. I've been loving the rehearsals. It's a very different music than you probably hear. You haven't heard it before because some of them are actually commissioned by us for this particular concert. The details are on the bulletin board in the back, and if you have any questions, please see **TAD**.

Epicurean Potluck Dinner: JOE MANCINELLI, Epicurean chairman, introduced new member **KRIS BRATBERG's** delicious idea. The idea is to bring together a few people who enjoy cooking to share what they've prepared at the host's home. They haven't even talked about whether we would include spouses or significant others, so it's a work in progress still, but **KRIS** has offered to host the first dinner and looks forward to a fun affair. We'd get together with five or six or ten people, and everybody would be responsible for bringing something, and it would be a fun time. A show of hands of about 20 members indicated interest in this potluck meal, so **JOE** and **KRIS** will pursue this, and get a sign-up list up in one of the coming meetings.

Belmont trip: TOM HEALY told us a little bit of a story about the Belmont trip. This year,

Belmont is closed. It's under construction because they're building hotels and a lot of other things there right now. We can go to Aqueduct, but it's going to be very different experience. The price would probably be the same, 115 bucks apiece, but what would happen is we need 50 people to guarantee that they would open the buffet. It's one big room, not like the Belmont room that we've had in the past. It takes about the same time to get to Aqueduct as it is to Belmont. Basically, the one extra that they have this year is that there is a casino adjacent to Aqueduct, and you can actually walk between the two buildings. There are no live tables, they're mostly slot machines, and I understand it's one of the biggest on the East Coast. So, I'm just saying I've given our contact at the New York Racing Association two particular dates, the last two Thursdays in June, because it's possible that if we can't get 50 people, they have another group that wants to go, and if they can mesh the two of us, we can have our racetrack trip that particular day. So, what I would like you to do is think about it and ask your wives, your girlfriends, whatever, if they want to go. And if we want to have 50 people for just us, that's fine too. But if you could give me a heads up so that I can have a count, that would even be beneficial. I will be asking for a count next week.

RMA Artificial Intelligence/ChatGPT/Tech Discussion Group: JOHN REESE

announced that now that he is back from his travels, we are going to have the next general RMA Artificial Intelligence/ChatGPT/tech discussion group meeting this Wednesday Feb. 28 in the late afternoon. It will be virtual by Zoom, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and may go a few minutes over. This is an open discussion group, where basically you can share your experiences, hear other people's experiences using ChatGPT, ask questions about what you are trying to do, discuss societal implications like the end of human life due to ChatGPT, little issues like that. Everybody who has already signed up before, and there are more than 25 of you right now, are already on the list and you will be receiving a calendar invitation and Zoom link this weekend. Those who are interested (but have not previously signed up for this group) please send me an email, jreese@validea.com, to add you to the RMA Artificial Intelligence/ChatGPT/Tech Discussion Group.

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

Walkers and Talkers: **TAD LARRABEE** gave the RMA Walkers report. Last Thursday morning was another cool but beautiful day for a walk. The RMA Walkers explored western Greenwich both north and south of West Putnam Avenue under the guidance of **JEFF JUNKER**. **JEFF** is a true explorer. He seems to know every nook and cranny from north of Glenville to Long Island Sound and he never gets lost.

Bridge: **RON MURRAY** gave the bridge results for Wednesday, February 14. We had seven players. Top scores were **ED MASTOLONI**, 3350, **TONY COCCHI**, 2850, **RON FRIEDMAN**, 2470. "We play Wednesday afternoon in the cafe on the ground floor of the Greenwich Library. Lunch is available. We invite all members and guests who are interested in bridge, whether they are new or experienced players, to join our group. If you are a new player or your memory is a bit hazy, not to worry - we have some very good players who will be happy to answer your questions."

Tai Chi: **WILL MORRISON** reminded us that the group meets at 9:30 on Monday mornings.

Given the growing prowess of those coming to class the course content is being upgraded to focus on what is called the "Fundamentals Form." Contact **WILL** for more info, and find out more at taichihealth.com.

Hearts: **BOB SHULLMAN** gave the hearts report. "After the morning meeting, eight members enjoyed themselves playing seven hearts games at two tables at the library. At table 1 three games were played and the winners were **JACK WEIR**, who won two games and shot the moon once, and **JACK SWEGER**, who won one game. At the second table four games were played. **TOM HEALY** won three while **JOE DOWLING** won the fourth. Amazingly there were also eight moon shots; **TOM** had five and **JOE** had three.

Tennis: **ANDY HOLMES** reported that last Friday, eight of us got together at the Old Greenwich Tennis Academy to each play two doubles tennis matches. In the opening round, winners on court one were **LAWRENCE MERL** and **RALPH NEWITTER**, and on court two, winners were **MARK PRUNER** and **JOE MANCINELLI**. In the finals round, winners on court one were **MARK** again and **RALPH**, and on court two, **RON FRIEDMAN**

and **ANDY HOLMES** won. This week's captain will be **RON FRIEDMAN**.

Pickleball: **PAT MacCARTHY** gave the pickleball report. “Although we haven't played since February 12 due to snow on the courts, RMA pickleball is normally played from 11 am until 1 pm on Mondays and from 10 am until 12 pm on Thursdays at Christiano Field. If you want to join the pickleball contact list, please email **PAT** at pmacCarthy415@gmail.com. I am optimistic we'll be able to play on Monday. Anybody on the pickleball list will get an email from me on Sunday.”

Platform Tennis: **JIM DEAN**, back from his honeymoon, thanked **MIKE AMBROSINO**. “In my absence, he took over captaining the team, but I'm back now. My knees are a little weak, but nonetheless, we played yesterday. Brilliant day. Great play. A dozen players. In fact, we may have to petition the town to add a court to accommodate us. So, all are welcome. It's great. We've got maybe a month and a half to two months of play left in the season, and all are invited.”

JACK WEIR adjourned the meeting at 10:33.

TODAY'S SPEAKER



At the RMA meeting on February 21, Stuart Reid spoke about his new book *The Lumumba Plot*, which investigates the dramatic rise and demise of Patrice Lumumba, Congo's first democratically elected leader after the country gained independence from brutal Belgian rule in June 1960.

Reid began by outlining Belgium's wretched colonial legacy in Congo. Initially, King Leopold II ran Congo as his own private estate for profit, but international outcry over

atrocities forced the Belgian government to annex the territory as an official colony in 1908. The Belgians subsequently prevented any development of an educated African elite in order to avoid calls for independence – there was an infamous saying: “no elites, no problems.”

It was within this restricted environment that the remarkably self-taught Patrice Lumumba emerged in the late 1950s as an influential member of various cultural groups agitating for independence. He honed his political skills while working as a beer salesman in urban bars and in 1958 co-founded the Congolese National Movement party (MNC). However, everything accelerated quickly in early 1959 when riots erupted in the capital city of Leopoldville. As African colonies elsewhere gained independence and faced anti-colonial unrest, Belgium hastily arranged for Congo’s independence to appease growing nationalist pressure.

Elections were quickly organized in May 1960 and the magnetic Lumumba won the most votes, becoming prime minister of an extraordinarily diverse coalition government. With only 20 Congolese university graduates in the entire world, and only two in its government, the woefully inexperienced cabinet faced the monumental task of shepherding the country to independence with little preparation and guidance. Despite a bold, aggressive independence day speech in front of a startled King Baudouin, critiquing Belgian atrocities, the first few days brought cautious optimism that an orderly transition of power could still be managed.

Those hopes evaporated in early July 1960 as Congo plunged into chaos just a week after independence. The Congolese army rank-and-file mutinied against the all-white Belgian officers in anger over persistent racial inequalities, triggering a broader revolution and flight of nearly all Europeans running core government services. Meanwhile, Congo’s mineral-rich southeastern province of Katanga took advantage of the loss of control by unilaterally declaring independence.

Desperate to save the disintegrating country, Prime Minister Lumumba requested UN peacekeeping support and blocked Katangan secession attempts. But his appeals to the UN

Secretary General and then the Eisenhower administration failed. A pivotal White House meeting on August 18 apparently saw President Eisenhower directly order the CIA to assassinate Lumumba over concerns about Soviet influence and personal annoyance, marking the only known instance of an American president apparently requesting a foreign leader's assassination, albeit an unsuccessful one (by poisoning).

With UN peacekeepers refusing to help stabilize Katanga by force, Lumumba turned to the Soviet Union in hopes of regaining control. But rather than securing military aid, this request simply provided justification for his opponents in Washington and Leopoldville to actively plot Lumumba's demise. In September 1960, Lumumba's one-time close friend and mentee Joseph Mobutu seized power in a coup tacitly endorsed by CIA station chief Larry Devlin. The pro-Western Mobutu confined his former mentor to house arrest under UN guard.

With President-elect Kennedy potentially more open to working with Lumumba, Mobutu aimed to permanently neutralize the perceived Communist threat before the January 20th inauguration. In mid-January 1961, Devlin learned of yet kept superiors uninformed about Mobutu's plan to lethally dispose of Lumumba outside the capital. Lumumba was subsequently transported to the secessionist Katanga province and killed by firing squad on January 17, just three days before Kennedy assumed office.

Over the next few years, CIA assistance helped Mobutu steadily suppress various rebellions and ultimately consolidate dictatorial authority by 1965 with enthusiastic US backing. As the country deteriorated under his extraordinarily corrupt and repressive misrule over the next 30 years, persistent US support for the loyal Cold War autocrat set the stage for state collapse and catastrophic civil war after Mobutu was finally ousted in 1997 by rebel forces.

In conclusion, Reid argued that the tragic decision to prioritize Mobutu over Lumumba in 1960-61 despite more moderate options still haunts the deeply troubled Democratic Republic of the Congo today. Instability and outside interference from that period forward have continued entrenching poverty and conflict ever since.

Stuart's talk was followed by a lively question & answer session. The talk can be viewed by going to the RMA website at <https://greenwichrma.org>, and clicking on "Speakers." Note: The views expressed in RMA presentations are those of the speakers. They are not intended to represent the views of the RMA or its members.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

TO CBB CONTRIBUTORS: Scribe for the next meeting will be →**ARNOLD GORDON**←. Please send a copy of any remarks you want included in the CBB to him, *via email please!*

ALL MEMBERS: Do not forget to report all your inside and outside volunteer hours at www.greenwichrma.org/log.

ALL MEMBERS: The CBB team works every week to write and publish an informative and concise bulletin for our members' enjoyment. We can always use new members to join the Scribe Tribe. Please contact **TIM BROOKS** at tbroo@aol.com if you can support this effort.

ALL MEMBERS are reminded that in addition to streaming on the Internet, RMA speakers are normally shown on the local public access TV channels, Verizon FIOS channel 24 and Optimum (Cablevision) channel 79.

Pictures by **ANDY HOLMES**.

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RMA 2024 CALENDAR

Weekly Repetitive Activities*			
Day	Time	Activity	Contact
Mondays	9:30 am	QiGong and Tai Chi Workout	Register in advance with Will Morrison – wdmorrison@gmail.com
Mondays	11:00 am	Pickleball	Pat MacCarthy – pmacCarthy415@gmail.com Michael LaGamma– mdlgamma@optonline.net
Tuesdays	9:30 am	RMA Golf, the Griff Golf Course, Greenwich	Mike Ryan – ryantomac@netscape.net
Tuesdays	10 am-12 pm	Platform (paddle) tennis at Loughlin Field, Cos Cob	James Dean - Jhdeanco@gmail.com
Wednesdays	9:45 to 10:30 am	RMA Weekly Meeting	Horst Tebbe – onehorst@optimum.net or Len Carusi at lencarusi@gmail.com
Wednesdays	1:00 pm	Hearts	Bob Shullman – bob.shullman@gmail.com
Wednesdays	1:00 pm	Bridge	Andre Mazurek - Mazurek.a.j@gmail.com
Thursdays	9:00 am	RMA Walking	Tad Larrabee - tadlarra@optonline.net
Thursdays	10:00 am	Pickleball	Pat MacCarthy – pmacCarthy415@gmail.com Michael LaGamma – mdlgamma@optonline.net
Friday	Contact Holmes	Indoor Tennis	Andy Holmes - Andyholmes56@gmail.com

*Day & time of some events may vary; check with contact