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At approximately 10:00am, the internet around Greenwich lit up with RMA Zoomers signing onto the weekly RMA Membership Zoom call. They were greeted with a rousing chorus of "We Are The RMA" at which President **RUSS HARDEN** initiated the meeting. The *Pledge of Allegiance* was presented by **PETER STERN**.

AV RIVEL then humored us with his attempt to go bar hopping while never leaving his home as well as a story about a gentleman who described how he got a new car in a very unusual manner.

MEMBERSHIP

PETER STERN informed us that we had 68 Zoom meeting attendees. He also acknowledged Bo Jarnstedt as a guest of **ARNOLD GORDON**, with a shout out to **ANDERS EKERNAS** for attendance at his first meeting as an RMA member. A Happy Birthday tune was sent out to **TOM NACINOVICH 80, PETE UHRY 81, CRO MARTIN 67, TONY FITZPATRICK 71, HOLLISTER STRUGES 81**, and the senior of the group, **ALEX GOSPODINOFF 93**.

HORST TEBBE and **PETER UHRY** took this opportunity to sponsor Dave Hardman for induction into the RMA. Dave is the father of five children, two of whom are GHS graduates, along with two grandchildren. He has traveled extensively and enjoys bicycling, paddle boarding and kayaking. He has been a Greenwich resident since 1995, except for his stay in Hong Kong from 1997 to 2001. A graduate of the United States Military Academy and the Harvard Business School, Dave has held senior positions in a wide variety of charities including The Shurl and Kay Curci Foundation and Relief International. He is also a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Town of Greenwich. Following a show of hands with "The Ayes Have It," **DAVE HARDMAN** was welcomed into the RMA!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARNOLD GORDON notified everyone that the Town of Greenwich has postponed the deadline for paying real estate taxes until October 1st for this year.

JEFF JUNKER reported that he has received a total of 189 paid dues with 38 members still outstanding.

MAURICE KROHN announced that the Belmont Raceway trip is being looked at and it may be rescheduled. However, he indicated that all Special Events may be delayed until after April 1, 2021.

STEPHEN MEYERS informed us that on July 8th Professor Steven Levitsky will be speaking on "American Democracy in Crisis: Outlook for the Future." He will discuss the polarization of the last decade that comes from focusing on racial and cultural re-alignments.

FUN AND GAMES

Golf: **PAUL CAMPION** reports that there were twenty resourceful golfers, some were dry, but others got drenched. Some of the noted heroics were performed by **JIM DEAN** who birdied the third hole and **ANDRE MAZUREK** who continued with his booming drives. **GEOFF BURGE** and **GRAN BURGESS** each broke 90, with **GRAN** recording five pars on the back nine and shooting 40!!!

Tee times for July will be pushed back to a 11:00 – 11:30 timeframe.

Indoor Tennis: **ANDY HOLMES** announced that indoor tennis, which got interrupted by the coronavirus, will finish out its 2019/2020 season with play resuming on July 10th. The 2020/2021 indoor tennis season will begin in September. If you have an interest and have not yet contacted **ANDY**, he may be reached by email at andyholmes56@gmail.com or by phone at 203-615-3351.

Hearts: **TOM HEALY** announced that Hearts is played on-line each week using the Trickster website.

Bridge: **TONY COCCHI** informed us that they are playing on-line bridge, anyone interested can contact **TONY** for details at anthony.cocchi@lehman.cuny.edu.

Walk & Talk: **TAD LARRABEE** noted that the next walk would meet on July 2nd at 9:00 am at the Byram Library, with a walk to be conducted in north Port Chester. Contact **TAD** at 203-637-4023 for future walks.

Tai Chi: **WILL MORRISON** reminded everyone that Tai Chi is held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:00 PM. Furthermore, they will be conducting Tai Chi walks along with the RMA walking group.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

The RMA was truly fortunate to have Page Knox, PH. D. present "Vincent Van Gogh and the Seasons." Page Knox is an adjunct professor in the Art History Department of Columbia University and a lecturer and educator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She provided a provocative, educational, and thoroughly enjoyable presentation of Vincent Van Gogh. Through her descriptive analysis accompanied with slides of his work, she touched upon Van Gogh's life, his themes, and the symbolic aspects of his paintings. His art became immensely popular after his early death and as Professor Knox pointed out, he has been mythologized by many as the quintessential tortured artist. Two of his more famous works, *The Potato Eaters* and *The Starry Night* were discussed in her presentation and she identified several films that portray the man and his art.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Professor Steven Levitsky, Ph. D.

"American Democracy in Crisis: Outlook for the Future."

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