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"Imagine all the people living life in peace."

John Lennon

President **RUSS HARDEN** was able to get the meeting started between 10:02 and 10:04 by moving on with "We are the RMA," followed immediately by the Pledge, which he also led.

Corresponding Secretary **ARNOLD GORDON** announced that **WILL MORRISON** is reaching out to members who might need help scheduling vaccination. He provided this link which provides a form. Filling out and submitting this form will get the process moving.

[CLICK HERE FOR VACCINE ASSISTANCE FROM THE RMA](#)

ARNOLD is searching for anyone who knew **DICK FORD**, a member who died at 92, and who might be able to provide a memorial for him.

RUSS HARDEN filled in as jokester on short notice, with a story about a gent from Kansas City with an unusual speech idiosyncrasy.

MEMBERSHIP: **PETER STERN** reported 61 members in attendance and for birthdays: **LARRY POLLOCK** (92), **DOUG TAYLOR** (94), **ABBEY SMOLER** (90), **PETER STREICH** (90), and **BOB GRAYSON** (76). All were regaled by the birthday song over Zoom.

TREASURER: **JEFF JUNKER** had nothing new to report.:

VISITING: **MIKE AMBROSINO** reported that all seemed to be well and that **JIM DEAN** is off the disabled list after his second cataract surgery.

JIM FISHBEIN noted that we are averaging 60 to 75 members attending our membership meetings. In the interest of improving on that number, he has arranged for a survey. On

January 26, we will all be receiving a survey from Survey Monkey. He urged us to keep an eye out for it, as it might go to "spam".

THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER: **JERRY SCHWENDEMAN** previewed Tony Winner Kai Harada, a Greenwich native. Mr. Harada is a sound director for the Broadway theater. He will explain the duties and challenges of his profession.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER: **HOLLISTER STURGIS** previewed Dr. John Hughes, Professor of Medicine at Yale. Dr. Hughes will speak on biomedical ethics, and particularly on the links between equity and rationing.

FUN AND GAMES

TENNIS: **PETER DODGE** noted that there were four matches on two courts. Winners were the combos of **MAHONEY** and **HOWLAND**, **DODGE** and **BREISMEISTER**, **MAHONEY** and **DODGE**, and **FRISHMAN** and **MARRASO**.

PLATFORM TENNIS: **RUSS HARDEN** reported on a jolly mixed group of eight players. They meet on Tuesdays at 9:30 at the Loughlin Courts.

PICKLEBALL: **JOHN KNIGHT** reported that eight players were able to mix in with the crowd at Christiano Courts. They play on Mondays from 1:00 to 3:30.

TAI CHI: **WILL MORRISON** has created a website. He welcomes us all to check it out.

EXPERIENCE TAI CHI

WALKERS: **TAD LARRABEE** reported on 10 walkers who were guided through the art and nature of Bruce Park by **ART STEMPELMAN**. Thursday's walk is planned for Byram Park.

For additional information: tadlarra@optonline.net.

HEARTS: **MIKE AMBROSINO** reported that on Monday, he won 2 games and **JOHN STANKUNAS** won 2. **TOM HEALY** shot the moon thrice.

BRIDGE: **TONY COCCHI** reported on 7 players.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: **JOHN FEBLES** noted reports of 433 outside hours from 8 members and 53 inside hours from 3 members. **ALAN GUNZBERG** reported 100 hours to top the list. **JOHN** is urging members to continue to report their hours to him, since it is important to the RMA to be able to report these totals.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

JERRY SCHWENDEMAN introduced today's speaker Kai Harada, to speak on "A Sound Designer's Journey to Broadway." Mr. Harada is a Tony Award winner and a native of Greenwich. Among his contributions are "Wicked" and "Million Dollar Quartet."

'Sound design' in musical theater is focused on "reinforcement", not simply amplification.

In recent years, audience expectations have changed in step with increasing electric instrumentation, changes in actor training and changes in venue design. Younger writers, composers and directors are eager to overcome potential deficits in natural acoustics. ("There are no more Ethel Mermans")

The sound designer answers to producers, script writers, cast, directors and "music supervisors." Mr. Hirada uses his experience in 'Million Dollar Quartet'--a 2008-2010 production reviving a night when Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins performed together.

After a brief video, he takes us through a step-by-step journey to getting this performance successfully to Broadway, specifically from a sound designer's point of view, including the details of placing microphones, "technical rehearsals" on site, and audience previews. In the end, adept use of "politics and psychology" is critical.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Dr. John Hughes, Professor of Medicine at Yale will discuss biomedical issues in health care delivery: "The Moral Imperative to Say No: The Inevitable Link between Equity and Rationing."

NOTE TO CBB CONTRIBUTORS: next week's CBB scribe will be **ARNOLD GORDON**. Please send a copy of any remarks you want included in the CBB to **ARNOLD** at ajgordo@verizon.net.

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RMA 2020 CALENDAR

Weekly Repetitive Activities			
Date	Time	Activity	Contact
Mondays	1:00pm	Outdoor Pickle Ball at Christiano Park	Tony Cocchi @ anthony.cocchi@lehman.cuny.edu
Tuesdays	9:30 to 11:00	Platform Tennis, Loughlin Ave. Cos Cob	James Dean @ jhdeanco@gmail.com
Wednesdays	10:00to 11:00	RMA Weekly Zoom Meeting	Horst Tebbe @ onehorst@optimum.net or Len Carusi @ lencarusi@gmail.com
Wednesdays	1:00 to 3:00	On-Line Bridge	Andre Mazurek @ mazurek.a.g@gmail.com
Wednesdays	3:00 to 4:00	Zoom: "Tai Chi New Joiners"	Will Morrison @ wdmorrison@gmail.com
Thursdays	9:00 AM	RMA Walking	Tad Larrabee @ tadarra@optonline.net
Fridays	1:00 PM	On-Line Hearts	Don Conway @ spiderduck4@gmail.com
Fridays	1:30pm to 3:00pm	Indoor Tennis	Andy Holmes @ andyholmes56@gmail.com
	Various Times TBD	On-Line Hearts	Don Conway @ spiderduck4@gmail.com