

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR MARCH 2022 – 43nd ANNIVERSARY

Dear Brother Members:

We lost members Frank Smith, 2/3, Burlington; Cesare DiFava, 2/13, E. Cambridge; Joseph Carito, 2/15 Peabody; John Defeo, 2/18, Arlington. John was a faithful member who headed our hospitality activities and was an e-board member. Our condolences go out to their families.

Regular meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month in 2022 at 10 am.

PROGRAMS/GUEST SPEAKERS: Featured **guest speakers** include Singing Grandpops 3/9)wives invited; 3/23 Dr. Kaelen Hammond, Worries, Stress; 4/13, Joanne Sliney RN, Blood Pressure; 4/27, Mark Thompson, Raid 1942; 5/11 Nancy Blanton, Dallin's work in Arlington.

Chateau Charity Fundraiser was held on Jan 27 and we raised \$209 plus \$74 in donations for our scholarships and charities. The next fundraiser will be April 21. Thanks to Phil Ste. Marie for running the program.

Scholarship program: . John Conway has volunteered to take over the Chairmanship. We thank John for stepping up to the plate to take over this important program. The Members Scholarship will be renamed "The William "Bill" Hayward Memorial Scholarship" for 2022. The Singing Grandpops will donate \$1000 to the Scholarship Fund. We thank them for their generosity. So, we will offer 2 \$1000 scholarships in 2022. Application form will be emailed to all members.

Bowling now in full swing. New bowlers are more than welcome to join, even as a substitute, and have some fun and meet with your brother members. The league is a fully handicap league so it does not matter what your average is. Bowling starts at 9am. So come on down to Woburn Bowladrome. Contact John Conway, 781-272-5527 for further information. On Feb. 18 we had a rolloff (high over averages) and the winners were Mike Foley, Rich Fennelly, Gene Santoro, Frank Hewitt, Tony Dello Russo, Jack Marsden.

Cribbage tournament is underway. It is not too late to participate. Brush up your skills by coming down and play and be ready for the next tournament. Dues are \$8.00 per week. Note that women are allowed to play. They do not have to be related to Club members. The winners of the tournament which ended Feb. 14 were Jim Maffa, tied for second were Guy Spezzaferro and Gary Richard and tied for third were George Gibson and Peter Galluzzo

The **Singing Grandpops'** are still in need of singers (you really do not need singing ability) to join the Singing Grandpops. Contact Ray Carmichael, Jim Whalen or Tom Woodbury. The Grandpops are the ambassadors of the Club bringing joy and happiness wherever they go. You will enjoy this special activity. **Grandpop's Schedule** is as follows: March 9 special performance at the Club. Wives are invited. Brightview, Arlington, March 22 2pm. Neville Place, Cambridge, May 27, 1pm Chelmsford Crossing June 3, 1:30.

Planned trips for 2022 at the end of this newsletter. We hope to have a complete list in the next issue. We will need a chairman to lead the trip committee group for 2022. Please contact Peter Galluzzo if you're interested in leading this Club activity.

Again, one of our goals is to increase our **membership**. Please reach out to your friends, relatives, neighbors etc. If each of you brings in one new member, we can double our membership. As a result of the pandemic, many workers have decided to retire and they are looking for something to do. If you know one, then sign them up as a new member and if they don't like what we offer then they do not have to pay or if they do pay their dues, they can ask for a refund. Attached in this newsletter and on our website is a membership card, so cut it out and give to your neighbor, relative, friend and meet and make new friends. Note that they do not have to be retired or from Arlington. Also, note that the membership application now contains a contact name and phone number in case of an emergency.

RMCA NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION FOR 2022

Time flies and we will be holding our bi-annual nominations and election in 2022. Nominations for our 8 elected officers will be held on the March 9 and March 24 meetings and the election of officers will be held on April 13. Officers to be nominated and elected are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Membership and Assistant Membership. Terms are for 2 years. Knowledge of Excel or spreadsheets is a bonus. Computer access/knowledge is required. This election will probably be the most important to keep the Club functioning.

Miscellaneous:

Get involved! You only get out of it what you put into it. Do nothing, get nothing.

REMINDER: When entering the hall between 9 -9:30, please use rear entrance and not the side entrance to the Church, as there is a daily Mass going on.

ESTATE PLANNING:

Please note that the Club is a 501(C)(3) charitable tax exempt organization so any donations to the Club are tax deductible on your tax return. The exemption certificate is posted on our website. New from the IRS is that you can take a distribution from your IRA as part of your Minimum Required Distribution and donate it to the Club and it will NOT be included in your taxable income. Please think about this option in your estate planning.

See you soon at a meeting!

Pete

RMCA PROPOSED TRIPS 2022

TRIP DESCRIPTION	DATE	PRICE
AMERICAN HERITAGE WAYSIDE INN	TUES APR 26	110
ST. PATRICK -- cancelled	TUES MAR 15??	110
CAPTAIN JACK & FOXWOODS	WED JUN 2	110
SALEM CROSS INN/QUABBIN RES.	TUES OCT 11	120
YULETIDE NEWPORT	WED NOV 30	110
CASABLANCA BY THE SEA	WED JUL 6	120
SARATOGA SPECTACULAR	WED JUL20/21	309
RED SOX BALTIMORE	FRI AUG 19/21	455
AC RESORTS	MONMAY16/19	460
AC RESORTS	MON SEP 19/22	475
NEWPORT PLAY SOCIAL SECURITY	Wed Oct 19	125
BOB HOPE USO	TUES NOV 15	115
ISABELLA STUART MUSEUM	TUES DEC 7	115
ESSEX VALLEY STEAM TRAIN RIVERBOAT	TUES AUG 9	115
MAJESTIC MAINE CRUISE	TUES JUL 12	115
BLOCK ISLAND	TUES AUG 30	135
INDIAN PRINCESS CRUISE & LUNCH	WED SEPT 7	110

RMCA OFFICERS 2022

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RMCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

January 1,2022 thru December 31,2022 DUES \$35.00 Renewal__
Information__
New ____

Name:_____

Address:_____

City: _____ State_____ Zip_____

Email Address:_____

Telephone:_____

Emergency Contact:_____ Phone_____

Cash Amount_____ Check # ._____ \$_____

Please mail application along with payment made to: **RMCA**
Mail to: **Mike Sclafani, RMCA, P.O. Box 195, Arlington, MA 02476-0002**