PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE/NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2023 – 44nd ANNIVERSARY

Dear Brother Members**:**

**We lost a member and a great friend and worker, John Conway, Burlington, April 2. John was in charge of Bowling, Scholarship and election committees. We also lost Vinnie DiClemente, March 2, Medford. Our deepest condolences to their families.**

**Regular meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 9:30am.**

**Thanks to the members/families who made donations to the Club. Special thanks to the Hayward Family who donated $5000 for scholarships in Memory of Bill Hayward. Bill was Chairman of the Scholarhip Committee for many years. The monies will be invested such that we will try to set up a perpetual fund for scholarships for many years in Bill’s memory. This year we will be offering 2 - $1000 scholarships in 2023, The Donahue Family Scholarship and the Singing Grandpops Scholarship. Applications are available on website and have been emailed to members. Deadline is June 30 2023. John Conway has passed and many members forwarded applications to John. We are trying to recover those applications. Members who submitted applications to John, should send in a copy to Peter Galluzzo, RMCA Scholarship, PO Box, 195, Arlington, MA 02476-0002.**

**PROGRAMS/GUEST SPEAKERS:** Featured **guest speakers** include :

May 10 Sandra Butra “Life Transition Binder”

May 24 Alan Hoffman ‘ Lafayette in America”

**Health and Welfare**: Complete list of those members who are ill has been compiled by Tony Dello Russo and emailed to the membership. Please contact them and bring a little cheer into their lives. I am sad to announce that Tony will take a leave of absence from this task until his wife Toddy’s medical situation improves. Hence, we need a replacement for Tony in the interim.

**Chateau Charity Fundraiser** The next Fundraiser will be held on Thursday July 27 at the Chateau Restaurant, School St. Waltham. Thanks to the members who participated in the program or made donations. Thanks to Phil Ste. Marie for running the program.

 **Bowling -** Bowling ended on April 14 with a rolloff and awards brunch on April 21. Congratulations to first place finishers: Felix Costanza, John Vieira, Joe Greeley, Bill McCarty. High bowling average winner was Tom Cordima, High Individual Single was Peter Galluzzo, High Triple series was Dan Robichaud. NOTE: THERE IS NO SUMMER BOWLING. New bowlers are more than welcome to join in September, 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 Fridays. Bowling dues are $18 per week. So come on down to Woburn Bowladrome. With John Conway’s passing, the new Bowling chairman will be Tony Masci with Felix Costanza assisting and John Vieira handling the Treasury functions. See you on September 8.

**Golf:** Thanks to Tony Dello Russo, Mike Comer and the Venerable Joe Puccio for running the program. Applications are available for the new season. Dues are $65 with greens fees $20. Golf will begin May 2 at the Reedy Meadows Golf Course in Lynnfield.

**Cribbage** tournament is underway. Brush up your skills by coming down and play. Dues are $8.00 per week. Note that women are allowed to play. They do not have to be related to Club members. Great prizes to all that participate. Contact John Boudreau to join and play.

 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:**

**Planned trips**: We need a chairman to lead the trip committee group for 2023. Please contact Peter Galluzzo if you’re interested in leading this Club activity. A list of the trips are at the end of this Newsletter. If you have a trip in mind, please email me at pjgtaxes@yahoo.com

**DUES ARE DUE!!**

 Again, one of our goals is to increase our **membership**. Dues renewal letters for 2022-23 have been issued. Dues will remain at $35. 1000 RMCA brochures will be distributed to members to 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.

**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. Another suggestion is a donor advised fund where contributions are fully deductible and are distributed to your favorite charities.**

**See you soon at a meeting!**

**Peter Galluzzo, RMCA President**

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 **RMCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

 January 1,2023 thru December 31,2023 DUES $35.00 Renewal\_\_

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 Please mail application along with payment made to: **RMCA**

 Mail to: **John Vieira, RMCA, P.O. Box 195, Arlington, MA 02476-0002**

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| MAY 1-4 | ATLANTIC CITY TROPICANA NORTH TOWER | $465 ppdo |
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| 23-May | BEEGEES DAVENPORT LUNCHEON |  |  |
|  | BEST OF TIMES | $130  |  |
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| JUN 5 - 8 | NIAGARA FALLS CANADA 6 MEALS | $925PPDO  |  |
|  | SIDE TRIPS; PASSPORT/REAL-ID REQUIRED |  |  |
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| 20-Jun | LAKE SUNAPEE CRUISE + LUNCHEON | $115  |  |
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| 11-Jul | THIMBLE ISLAND CRUISE LUNCHEON | $125  |  |
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| 8-Aug | CORVETTES FOSTERS LOBSTER LUNCHEON | $130  |  |
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| 7-Sep | NEIL DIAMOND AND FRIENDS & MEAL | $120  |  |
|  | CASTLETON CTR WINDHAM NH BEST OF TIMES |  |  |
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| SEPT 18-21 | ATLANTIC CITY TROPICANA NORTH TOWER | $495PP  |  |
|  | $30 SLOT $75 MEALS  |  |  |
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| NOV 1 | COVERED BRIDGES AND LUNCHEON | $110  |  |
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| 26-Oct | CAPTAIN JACK LOBSTER/PRIME RIB FOXWOOD | $125 |  |
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| 15-Nov | NEWPORT PLAYHOUSE + BUFFET/CABARET  | $150 |  |
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| 7 Dec | COUNTRY MERRY CHRISTMAS DAVENPORT YC | $130  |  |
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| DEC. 14 | SALEM CROSS/MGM/BRIGHT LIGHTS | $120  |  |
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