

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE / NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 2023 – 45th ANNIVERSARY

Dear Brother Members:

We lost member Salvatore “Sully” Femia, age 95, June 24, Arlington. Our deepest condolences to his family.

Regular meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 9:30am. July 1 is the beginning of our fiscal year ie our 45th year. RMCA began July 1, 1979.

Note: The end of the fiscal year is on June 30. Heads up to Committee Chairmen, Bowling, Cribbage, Golf, Fidelity and Grandpops, that bank statements etc. will be due mid-July so that we can audit the books and prepare the 990-tax return. Thanks to Jim Bina who will be auditing the books again this year.

Thanks to the members/families who made donations to the Club. This year we will be offering 2 - \$1000 scholarships in 2023, The Donahue Family Scholarship and the Singing Grandpops Scholarship. Applications are available on websites and have been emailed to members. Drawing will take place July 12 meeting. Checks will be presented to the winners at the Aug 9 meeting.

PROGRAMS/GUEST SPEAKERS: Featured guest speakers include:

07/12/23	<u>BG Ret Leonid Kondratiuk</u>	ROOTS OF UKRANIAN WAR
07/26/23	LIZ BLUMENTHAL	RED CROSS

Health and Welfare: Please contact any ill members that you are aware of and bring a little cheer into their lives. I am sad to announce that Tony is taking a leave of absence. 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 participate in the program or made donations. Thanks to Phil Ste. Marie for running the program.

Bowling: 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-handicapped league, so it does not matter what your average is. Bowling starts at 9am on Fridays. Bowling dues are \$18 per week. So come on down to Woburn Bowl drome. The new Bowling Chairman is be Tony Masci with Felix Costanza Assistant 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 Dues are \$65 with greens fees \$20. Golf at the Reedy Meadows Golf Course in Lynnfield.

Cribbage. The tournament is underway. Brush up your skills by coming down and playing. 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:**

THE SINGING GRAND POPS ARE OFF FOR THE SUMMMER. SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER.

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 as follows:

RMCA CONSOLIDATED TRIPS FOR 2023 AS OF 7/1/2023:

DATE	DESCRITION	VENDOR	COST
July 5, 2023,	THIMBLE ISLAND CRUISE + LUNCH	via LANDMARK	\$125.00
Aug. 7, 2023,	CORVETTES + FORSTERS LOBSTER	via BEST TIMES	\$119.00
Sept. 7, 2023,	NEIL DIAMOND + MEAL CASTLETON	via BEST TIMES	\$120.00
Sept. 18-21, 2023,	ATLANTIC CITY NORTH TOWER	via COACH	\$495.00
Oct. 26, 2023,	CAPTAIN JACK + FOXWOOD	via FOXY	\$125.00
Nov. 1, 2023,	COVERED BRIDGES NH & VT + LUNCH	via LANDMARK	\$110.00
Nov. 15, 2023,	NEWPORT PLAYHOUSE	via FOXY	\$150.00
Dec. 7, 2023,	COUNTRY MUSIC CHRISTMAS	via BEST TIMES	\$130.00
Dec. 14, 2023,	SALEM CROSS + LUNCH + BRIGHT LIGHTS	via FOXY	\$120.00

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 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. Our membership has been increasing during the past few months. 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 to this newsletter and on our website is a membership card, so cut it out and give it 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 the 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__

Information__

New ____

Name: _____MI_____

Address: _____

City: _____State____Zip_____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____Phone_____

Cash Amount_____ Check #. _____ \$ _____

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

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

