

Retired Men's Club of Arlington

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE/NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2025 46th Anniversary

We lost the following brother members, may they Rest in Peace.

Anthony Chakoian Medford Date of death 11/30/24

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

January 8 Robert Kaulfuss The energy transition that must come

January 22 Steve McKenna Exploring Real Estate

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.

Upcoming schedule for the Singing Grandpops:

01/2/25 Belmont Manor, 34 Agassiz Ave Thursday 2:00

01/16/25 Brightview, Arlington, 1 Symmes Rd Thursday 2:00

01/24/25 Providence House, Brighton, 180 Corey Rd Thursday 2:30

Practice on Wednesdays at 10:00 am except on RMCA meeting days, when practice is after the meeting.

BOWLING: *To all members looking for an opportunity to start bowling and enjoy a social experience. 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-handicapped league, so it does not matter what your average is. **Bowling has begun, still time to join. Substitues are welcome, even for a few weeks.***

The RMCA Bowling League meets at 9:30AM every Thursday at the Wakefield Bowladrome, Doors open at 9AM for a few minutes of free practice.

Our League is for **members only**. There are 4 members per team and the teams bowl against each other.

Bowling fee is \$15.00 (\$12 for bowling fees and \$3 for dues) each Thursday, absentee fee is \$3.00. We use the dues for rolloff prizes and a free luncheon banquet at the end of the season. The Wakefield Bowladrome is located at 92 Water Street, Wakefield. Enter through the parking lot door. There is no bowling if Wakefield schools are closed or delayed because of storms. Bowling Chairman is Tony Masci (arl_mass@yahoo.com)

Thank you to the chairmen and volunteers that put on an excellent Christmas party for the club. Your efforts are appreciated.

CRIBBAGE: Monday mornings at 9:30 in lower Church Hall. 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. Our last Cribbage tournament resulted in payouts of approximately \$1600.00. Our amount of participants are approximately 30-35. Thanks to John Boudreau as Chairman and Bill Young as Assistant.

Whist Players Wanted: Bob Coffey would like to begin a Whist Card Game. If interested in playing whist, please call Bob at 781-933-7930. Games would be held in *the Hall area*.

Golf: Another successful season, see you next spring!

Cornhole and Darts: Come on down on Tuesdays at 10am in the Lower Church Hall and enjoy some friendly competition with your fellow brothers.

Poker players wanted: Games are played on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 10:00 to 2:00 in the lower Church Hall. The stakes are 10/20 cents with a \$5 buy-in. Come on down and enjoy a friendly game with fellow club members.

DUES ARE DUE!!: Again, one of our goals is to increase our membership. 350 renewal letters were sent out for 2025. 197 members have renewed their dues for 2024. 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. 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 do not 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. New membership cards will be issued in January regular meeting.

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Trip Committee: the 2024 trip season has come to an end. It was a very disappointing year as we had to cancel several trips due to the lack of attendance by members and guests. Trip revenues are very important and contribute about a third of RMCA revenues. Hopefully, the New Trip Committee will draft trips that will appeal to the membership and their guests. Peter Galluzzo will NOT be chairing the committee in 2025 and hence a new chairman is needed. If interested in chairing the committee, please contact Mac Moran

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

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 and get lifetime income from the annuity payments. 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 including RMCA.
See you soon at a meeting!

Mac Moran, RMCA President

RMCA OFFICERS 2024 - 2026

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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.

RMCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

January 1, 2025, thru December 31, 2025, 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

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