

Retired Men's Club of Arlington: May 2026 Newsletter

Celebrating our 47th anniversary

A Message from the President

"Charting a Sustainable Path Forward Together"

Fellow Members,

As we step into May, I want to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to the officers and committee members who have stepped forward to be part of our new leadership team. Your willingness to embrace a collaborative "team model" is exactly what we need to move the RMCA forward.

We are reminded in **Hebrews 6:10** that *"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."* It is in that spirit of service and brotherhood that we continue our work.

Honoring Our Heroes

As we approach Memorial Day, we take a moment to pause and remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Many within our own club have served in the armed forces, and we owe a debt of gratitude to all who have worn the uniform. May we keep their families in our prayers and never take for granted the liberties we enjoy today.

Securing Our Financial Future

During our executive meeting last Friday, we had a very candid discussion about the club's health. We ended last year with an **\$11,000 deficit**, and it is my primary mission to ensure we return to the black. To do this, we are taking immediate and strategic actions:

- **Operational Efficiency:** We are making immediate cuts to underutilized expenses, specifically our Zoom account and dedicated telephone line.
- **Church Negotiations:** We are currently in discussions with the church to re-evaluate our expenses and ensure our partnership remains sustainable for both parties.
- **Dues Realignment:** To keep pace with rising costs, we are proposing a modest increase in annual membership dues to **\$40**, effective **January 1, 2027**.
 - *Early Bird Incentive:* Any member who renews **prior to January 1** can do so at the current **\$35** rate.

A Call to Action: Be a Part of the Club, Not Just an Attendee

The RMCA is more than just a place to show up for a meeting; it is a community of stakeholders. I am asking every one of you to find a way to contribute your unique talents. We are seeing our numbers grow, and to support that momentum, we are implementing a new **membership check-in** for all club activities. This ensures we are engaging with you and properly welcoming the new faces joining us.

Specifically, we are in need of:

- **Hospitality:** Volunteers to help run our special events and ensure everyone feels welcome.
- **Marketing & Advertising:** Someone to help us expand our outreach and tell the RMCA story. We need help from someone with a marketing background!
- **Fundraising Lead:** Someone that can help us guide our fundraisers and revenue-generating efforts.

Trips & Summer Events

We have a lot of excitement on the horizon! Our **Elvis Tribute trip** launched last week with a fantastic turnout and plenty of fun. Looking ahead:

- **PA Dutch Country:** Our 3-day trip to Lancaster starts this **Wednesday, April 29th**, and concludes on **May 1st**. We have a group of 15 participants attending this excursion.
- **Summer BBQ Fundraiser:** We are planning a BBQ for members and significant others here at the church. To maximize the impact, **I am looking for sponsors** to cover food and supplies so all ticket proceeds go directly to our funds.
- **Upcoming Deadlines:** We have two fantastic trips coming up—the **Newport Playhouse (June 3rd)** and the **Newport Lighthouse Cruise (July 29th)**. Both require a **40-passenger minimum**, and we are currently about 30 people short on each. Please sign up at the next meeting so we can reach our numbers!

Upcoming May Highlights

- **Golf Season Kick-off:** Tuesday, May 5th.
- **General Meetings:** Wednesday, May 13th and Wednesday, May 27th.
- **Executive Board Meeting:** Wednesday, May 20th at 9:00 AM.
- **RMCA Fundraiser:** Thursday, May 21st, at **China Sky in Winchester**.

Let us move forward with faith and a shared commitment to our club's future.

Warm regards,

Jim Haynie President, RMCA

The Singing Grandpops

The Grandpops are the ambassadors of the Club, bringing joy and happiness wherever they go. **Singers are still needed** (no professional ability required). Contact Ray Carmichael or Tom Woodbury to join. Follow us on Facebook: **Singing Grandpops- RMCA**

May Performance Schedule:

5/6	Levine Cohen	Wednesday	1:30
5/15	Waterstone, Lexington	Friday	2:00

5/29 Neville Place, Cambridge Friday 2:00

Practice: Wednesdays at 10:00 AM (unless it is a meeting day, then practice is after the meeting)

Club Trips and Guest Speakers

Trips: Our travel program provides a social experience for everyone. Please visit www.rmcarlington.org/trips for details.

Upcoming Speakers

5/13 Jim Ramsey WWII Gliders

5/26 TBD

Weekly Activities and Groups

Cribbage: Mondays at 9:45 (Lower Church hall) Dues: \$8.00/week. Women are welcome to play!

Chair: John Boudreau; Asst: John Matte

Poker: Mon/Wed/Fri, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Stakes 10/20 cents: \$5.00 buy in

Golf: League begins Tuesday, May 5. Contact Mike Comer (978-657-6521) or Chris Ciano (781-643-9152)

Drop in Center: Open Monday thru Friday for fellowship.

Membership and Giving

- **2026 Dues: \$35.00** Please mail to Tony Masci, RMCA, PO Box 195, Arlington, MA 02476-0002
- **FundRaiser: The next Chateau Fundraiser is Thursday, July 9**
- **501(C) (3) Status:** Donations are tax-deductible. Consider IRA distributions or donor-advised funds for estate planning
- **Donations:** to support the club, send to **PO Box 195, Arlington, MA, 02476-0002 Attention Tony Masci**

RMCA Contact Information

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Meeting Reminder: 2ND and 4th Wednesday / **Doors Open:** 9:00 AM / **Location:**
St Camillus Lower Hall