

# Retired Men's Club of Arlington: July 2026 Newsletter

Celebrating our 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary

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

<b>Robert (Bob) Frazier</b>	<b>Lexington</b>	<b>date of death 6-6-2026</b>
<b>Charles Hayes</b>	<b>Arlington</b>	<b>date of death 5-20-2026</b>
<b>Robert (Bob) Donahue</b>	<b>Arlington</b>	<b>date of death 6-10-2026</b>

## A Message from the President

### **Fellow Members & Visitors:**

As we welcome the bright days of July, the energy across the RMCA shows no signs of slowing down. Summer is officially in full swing, and it is a pleasure to see so many of you staying active and connected—whether you are hitting the fairways every Tuesday morning, locking in your seats for our upcoming regional trips, or joining us for our newly structured monthly gatherings.

Now that our foundational updates and charter modernization are successfully behind us, our focus is entirely on growth, sustainability, and honoring our core mission. As a brotherhood rooted in Faith, Fellowship, and Service, our new meeting format is designed to make sharing our community easier than ever. By dedicating our second Wednesday of the month to open, public speaker events, we are creating the perfect opportunity to welcome friends, family, and prospective members into our community.

We are also officially launching our brand-new digital front door at [rmcarlington.org](http://rmcarlington.org) or our new domain **rmca.club**! This modern website makes it easier than ever for members and visitors alike to download event forms, view trip flyers, check golf tee times, and stay connected.

One of our club's most meaningful traditions is supporting the next generation of our families. Now that our June 30<sup>th</sup> application deadline has closed, our committee is transitioning into our evaluation phase. We will be holding our official Scholarship Lottery Drawing at our general membership meeting on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, with the formal awards presentation to follow in August.

To anchor these vital student scholarships, senior events, and continuous community programming, we are officially kicking off our **2026 RMCA Summer Donation**

**Campaign** with a goal of raising **\$5,000**. As a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit, 100% of your tax-deductible gift goes directly back into supporting our club's vital mission.

Between our new web presence, our summer campaign, and an incredible lineup of local restaurant fundraisers, we are setting a strong, sustainable path forward. Thank you for your continued dedication, your energy, and your pride in this club.

Let's make this summer unforgettable—bringing faith to our mission, fellowship to our meetings, and service to our community! Stay cool, and I look forward to seeing you—and your guests—at our next gathering.

## **Celebrating Our Nation, Our Faith & Our Freedom**

As we mark Independence Day on the 4th of July, the RMCA stands united in celebrating the birth of our nation and the enduring principles of liberty, faith, and community. We owe a profound debt of gratitude to the many veterans within our own ranks who served to protect these freedoms. May we always honor their sacrifice and carry ourselves with pride and mutual respect.

## **2026 Scholarship Program Update & In Memoriam**

*Supporting the academic and technical dreams of our members' descendants.*

- **Deadline Closed:** The application window for our 2026 program officially closed on June 30th. Thank you to everyone who submitted applications.
- **The July Lottery:** The official lottery drawing to select this year's recipients will take place live at our General Membership Meeting on **Wednesday, July 22nd**.
- **Awards Presentation:** Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, August 26th** (our 4th Wednesday meeting), where we will formally present the awards to our winning students.
- **Honoring Brother Bob Donahue:** The RMCA family sends its deepest condolences to Charleen and the family of Bob Donahue, a long-time member who gave so much to Cribbage and the Singing Grandpops. At his family's request, memorial donations made in Bob's honor are being directed to the RMCA scholarship fund. To honor his legacy and increase our structural support for families, the Executive Board has voted to expand next year's program to feature **three \$1,000 scholarships**. Two of these will be major Memorial Scholarships, and Bob's name and memory will proudly anchor this expanded tradition.

**Questions?** Contact Scholarship Chair Bill Young (617-484-7898) or Assistant Chair Bill Landry.

## 2026 Summer Donation Campaign

*Help us reach our \$5,000 goal to secure our upcoming student scholarships and senior outreach programs!*

- **Give Online:** Visit our secure digital donation page at [rmcarlington.org/donating/](https://rmcarlington.org/donating/) to make a fast, secure tax-deductible contribution.
- **Zero-Fee Credit Card Giving:** When giving online, you can now select "Other" for the transaction processing fees and type in **\$0** to pay entirely with a credit card and ensure 100% of your donation goes strictly to the club.
- **Give by Mail:** We gratefully accept check donations of any amount. Please make checks payable to **RMCA** and mail to our secure mailbox:

*Retired Men's Club of Arlington, P.O. Box 195, Arlington, MA 02476-0002*

- **Tax Info:** The RMCA, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. **EIN: 04-2704470.**

## July & August Meeting Schedule

- **Wednesday, July 8th @ 10:00 AM (Monthly Speaker Series):** Join us for our monthly Speaker Series on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. This event is fully open to the public, so please bring along friends, family, or neighbors!
- **Wednesday, July 22nd @ 9:30 AM (General Membership Meeting & Scholarship Lottery):** Our official monthly business meeting for administrative updates, club finances, and internal activities. Be sure to attend as we draw the winners for this year's scholarship awards!
- **Wednesday, August 12th @ 10:00 AM (Monthly Speaker Series):** Save the date for August's public speaker event. We encourage you to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to this highly informative community presentation.
- **Wednesday, August 26th @ 9:30 AM (General Membership Meeting & Awards Presentation):** Our second monthly gathering, where we will formally present the scholarship awards to our winning students.
- **Weekly Golf League:** Every Tuesday morning! Check the golf pages on the website for updated tee times and pairings.

## Club Music & Sports Look-Ahead

- **The Singing Grandpops:** Our legendary chorus is officially on summer break for July and August! Enjoy the time off, gentlemen—rehearsals and performances will start back up in September.

- **RMCA Candlepin Bowling League:** Rest up those arms over the summer! The bowling league will officially kick off its next season on **Thursday, September 10, 2026**. Keep an eye on the website as we get closer for registration details.

## Upcoming Excursions & Flyers

*Download full trip flyers and lock in your sign-ups on the Trips Page at [rmcarlington.org](http://rmcarlington.org)!*

- **Newport Harbor Cruise (Wednesday, July 29, 2026):** We have a few remaining seats left! Registration has been extended with a hard stop deadline of **July 15, 2026**. Cost is \$148 with meal choices of chicken, seafood, or veggie.
- **Beach Boys Tribute (Wednesday, August 19, 2026):** Enjoy Foster's Clambake featuring lobster or BBQ chicken. Cost is \$159, and payments are due by **July 23, 2026**.
- **Spirit Of Boston Cruise (Friday, September 4, 2026):** Features a buffet lunch, bingo, dancing, and music. Cost is \$159, with payments due by **July 31, 2026**.
- **Solid Gold Saturday Night (Thursday, September 17, 2026):** Heading to Danversport with your choice of chicken parm or baked haddock. Cost is \$152, with payments due by **August 21, 2026**.

## RMCA Dining Series: Dine to Donate Fundraisers

*Support the club by dropping in for great food and fellowship at our local partner restaurants!*

- **June Success Story — The Heights Pub (Arlington)**
  - **Thank You!** A huge thank you to everyone who supported our night out on June 16th. Our members generated \$584 in business, resulting in a **\$100 donation check** back to the club. Let's carry this fantastic momentum into July!
- **July — The Chateau Restaurant (Waltham)**
  - **Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2026
  - **Club Benefit:** 20% of food sales goes back to RMCA!
  - **Instructions:** Be sure to tell your server to **"FLAG YOUR CHECK."**
- **August — The Smoke Shop BBQ (Woburn)**
  - **Date:** Thursday, August 13, 2026
  - **Club Benefit:** 20% of food sales goes back to RMCA!
  - **Instructions:** Mention you are with the **Retired Men's Club** when paying.
- **September — Fiorella's Cucina (Burlington)**
  - **Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2026
  - **Club Benefit:** 15% of your meal goes back to RMCA!
  - **Instructions:** Mention **"RMCA Fundraiser"** when ordering.

## Looking Ahead Together

As we navigate a busy and exciting summer, your active participation is what keeps the RMCA vibrant, unified, and growing. Whether you are supporting our local restaurant nights, giving to our summer campaign, or bringing a guest to our next public speaker meeting, you are making a direct impact on the future of our brotherhood.

Thank you for your continued dedication, your leadership, and your pride in this club. Let's keep working together to secure our foundation and support our community.

To stay up to date with real-time schedule adjustments, download flyers, or make a secure online donation, remember to keep an eye on our new digital homes at [rmcarlington.org](http://rmcarlington.org) and [rmca.club](https://www.rmca.club).

Stay cool, stay safe, and I will see you at our next gathering!

## Yours in Faith, Fellowship, and Service,

### Jim Haynie

President

Retired Men's Club of Arlington (RMCA)

*Aligning Our Foundation, Securing Our Future*

## 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**

Website: [www.rmcarlington.org](http://www.rmcarlington.org)

- Trips and Activities: Jim Haynie – 781-218-9073 / [RMCAActivities@gmail.com](mailto:RMCAActivities@gmail.com)
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**Meeting Reminder:** 2<sup>ND</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday / Doors Open: 9:00 AM / Location: St Camillus Lower Hall

## **Upcoming Speakers**

<b>July 8</b>	<b>Lourie August</b>	<b>Looking at trends</b>
<b>July 22</b>	<b>Admin</b>	
<b>Aug 12</b>	<b>Dale J Tamburro</b>	
<b>Aug 26</b>	<b>Admin</b>	
<b>Sept 9</b>	<b>Doug Hall</b>	
<b>Sept 23</b>	<b>Admin</b>	