

November 14, 2023

**President Steve Lechter** opened the meeting at 9:10 AM in the Ballroom of the Sharon Community Center. 67 Members and guests were present.

**Ed Shifman** presented the Colors and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**President's Remarks:** Steve took note of **Jim Maltz's** holiday themed headgear.

Next **Breakfast** will be held here on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up and make your payment ASAP. **Peter** is recovering from hernia surgery so please volunteer to serve and help with clean-up.

**Discussion Group** is off to a great start. Meets next on Friday morning the 17<sup>th</sup> at the Adult Center at 8:30 AM. Please see Steve to sign up and complete the required paperwork in advance. Thus far there have been no outbreaks of violence.

We are contemplating establishing both a **Bridge Group** as well as a **Cigar/ Adult Beverage Group**. Location of the Cigar/Adult Beverage Group meeting place may be a problem. Please let Steve know if you are interested in either one or both of these proposed activities.

**Mike Yawitch** was called forward and presented with a **Certificate of Appreciation** from the Club for his years of leading the Golf group. He had previously announced that he is stepping down from his leadership position. Thank you, Mike, for your service to the Club.

**Secretary's Report:** **Secretary Norman Ainbinder** read his notes of the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting which were accepted as presented.

**Glad & Sad:** **Harvey Tobolsky** notified us of the following:

Condolences are extended to the family of **Paul Snyder** who passed away on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Services and burial were held on June 19<sup>th</sup>. A donation in his memory will be made to Hessco Elder Services.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Peter Bickoff** who is scheduled for hernia surgery today.

Mazel Tov to **Mark and Marti Stone** whose granddaughter, Lily Hefez, celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on October 20<sup>th</sup> at Temple Israel.

**Charity Committee:** **Andy Klassman** reminded members of the need for nonperishable food donations to either of our food banks particularly at this time of year. If unable to donate food, your check, made payable to either food pantry would also be most appreciated.

**Walking Group** meets year around, weather permitting, on Friday mornings at 9:00 AM. Contact **Andy Klassman** for details.

**Whist** meets on Wednesday from 1-4 PM. See **Ed Rubin** as there are now vacancies available due to the recent Snowbird migration.

**Hits and Misses Chorus** is now under the direction of **Business Manager/Impresario, Ed Rubin**. Please let him know if you would be interested in joining. No prior professional musical training is required but attendance at rehearsals starting in May will be necessary.

**Program Committee:** **Chairman Bob Soffer** introduced **Club Member Ira Abramson** as today's speaker. Through personal research, Ira, has concluded that the American Indian Squanto, and the Englishman Steven Hopkins were responsible for the first Thanksgiving celebration in the Massachusetts Colony at Plymouth.

Ira briefly traced the history of the English Colonists settlements along the Atlantic coast as well as his understanding of the Indigenous Peoples settlements. The relationship between the two groups was often somewhat tense and saw outbreaks of violence from time to time. Hopkins is credited with writing the statements leading directly to the formation of the Mayflower Compact document. He also is credited with working with Squanto and representatives of local tribes and getting Massasoit to agree to a peace treaty.

A brief Q & A followed Ira's presentation.

Raffle: There were 2 winners.

Next meeting will be on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norman Ainbinder, Secretary