

APRIL 11, 2023

President Jeff Shapiro called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 AM in the Ballroom of the Sharon Community Center.

71 Members and guests were present.

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

Presidents Remarks: Dues should be paid at your earliest convenience prior to the end of May to avoid the penalty for late payment. Payment must be by personal check and should be given to Treasurer Ralph Jacobs at a meeting or mailed to Ralph's home. Please sign up for the May Breakfast no later than the Thursday immediately preceding. New members are entitled to one free breakfast but must sign up in advance. No admission without a reservation.

The Mens Club has made a \$250 donation to the Friends of the Sharon Council on Aging as we did last year. They have a very limited budget and need donations to fund their programs and activities.

Secretary Norman Ainbinder read the notes of the March 28th meeting. The notes were accepted as presented. There was no meeting on April 4th as we held our regular monthly breakfast.

Kathie Medeiros, Executive Director of the Sharon Council on Aging spoke briefly and thanked us for our financial support and participation.

Glad and Sad: Harvey Tobolsky asked that we observe a moment of silence to honor the following members who had recently passed away: Sidney Shuman on November 2nd . Danny Sirkin on October 6th . Barry Sudikoff on April 2nd . We extend our condolences to their families.

Congratulations to Jeff and Marcia Shapiro's granddaughter, Maddie Parks, who is a student and basketball player at Lexington High School and was recently selected as a Middlesex League All Star and Middlesex League All Conference player.

Get well soon wishes are sent to Steve Kleinberg's wife, Ellie, who is recuperating at home following a recent hospitalization. Biker Gang: Lew

Victor announced that the Gang will be meeting this Sunday and riding the Emerald Necklace to Fenway Park where they will be taking in a Red Sox game.

Please contact Lew if you are interested in joining them on future rides.

Whist: Assistant Secretary Ed Rubin advises that there is always room for new or returning players at the weekly games held downstairs in the Adult Center at 1:00 PM every Wednesday. Please contact Ed in advance as you must be pre-registered to be able to play.

Miniature Golf Tournament: Ira Abramson asked for a show of hands of those who would be interested in participating, most likely on May 15th. Please see Ira for details.

Annual Luncheon and Installation of Officers: Vice President Steve Lechter announced that plans are being finalized for a return of the luncheon on June 22nd at Conrad's Restaurant in Walpole. The cost is \$35 per person. A buffet meal will be served. A flier will be sent out shortly. Program Committee Chairman Bob Soffer introduced Phil Abraham who is an AARP Volunteer Speaker.

Phil's topic today was: "Watch out for Frauds and Scams". Interestingly, Phil pointed out that young people between the ages of 20 through 30s are most often the victims of scams or fraudulent transactions. However, we all need to be aware of the most frequent scams being perpetrated against Seniors, in particular those involving a phone call from someone claiming to be a grandchild in distress.

Secure handling of our credit cards, Soc Sec and Medicare cards, date of birth, as well as banking and financial information are just a few of the personal data items we should always be very cautious about. Computer records of passwords and accounts must be in a secured format and not easily accessible to a hacker. Another area very often overlooked is the information given in obituary notices which could make your residence the target of a break-in. Always ask someone to stay behind to greet all visitors.

The members found his presentation most interesting and many of the questions reflected an awareness of scams.

We again thank Steve Cohn for his efforts to facilitate the speaker's slide presentation which will be posted on the Club's website. There were 2 winners in the Raffle.

Respectfully submitted, Norman Ainbinder, Secretary

April 18, 2023

President Jeff Shapiro called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 AM in the Ballroom of the Sharon Community Center. 72 Members and guests were present.

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

President's Remarks: Dues should be paid by the end of May to avoid the penalty. Payment is by personal check only and should be given to our Treasurer Ralph Jacobs at a meeting or mailed to his home.

Reservations for the May Breakfast should be made now to ensure your place at the table.

The Annual Luncheon is back. Mark your calendar for June 22nd. Detailed flyer will be out shortly.

Membership: Committee Member Phil Rosen introduced **Joel Brandt** whose application was approved by voice vote. Phil assured us that Joel received the proper orientation and club information.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Norman Ainbinder read the minutes of the April 11th meeting which were accepted as presented.

Glad and Sad: Harvey Tobolsky advised us that **Tim Ronayne** was injured when he recently fell and suffered a fractured arm and also had some teeth removed.

Corn Hole: Barry Fireman announced that the game was on for today immediately following the meeting.

Charity Committee: Chairman Andy Klassman announced that the Club will be presenting Family Table of Jewish Family and Children's Service with a check for \$500 at noon on Thursday at Temple B'nai Tikvah of Canton. Please continue to bring in your nonperishable food, household, and personal care items as well as personal checks. Your donations are very much appreciated and needed.

Walking Group: Meets Friday mornings at 9:00, weather permitting. Contact **Andy Klassman** for details. The opportunity to get some fresh air, light exercise and interesting conversation should not be missed.

Golf: Mike Yawitch announced that the new season has officially begun. Play is planned for the 19th at Chemawa in North Attleborough, weather permitting. You must sign up in advance with Mike.

Travel and Entertainment: Al Bruno announced that tickets are now available for a **Spring Boston Pops Concert** on May 31st featuring **Keith Lockhart, Conductor** and the piano artistry of **Jean-Yves Thibaudet** and **Michael Feinstein** in **Two Pianos: Who Could Ask for Anything More**. Round trip bus transportation from the Community Center is included in the price. Tickets are in the Balcony. Contact Al if you are interested.

Program Committee: Chairman Bob Soffer introduced club member **Dr. Jay Ritt**. Through DNA testing with Ancestry as well as 23 & Me and with the assistance of a local genealogist, he was able to discover his roots. The biggest shock was finding that the man he had always thought of as his father, in fact was not. His search led him to question a cousin on his mother's side of the family who advised him that that his mother had been artificially inseminated. Shockingly, he discovered that the semen was from her obstetrician at a hospital in the Bronx, NY. Further, it will never be known if the doctor deceptively used his own sperm as all the adult participants are now deceased. Additionally, Jay discovered half siblings and cousins who he had never known and in turn never knew of him or each other. The mystery runs deep but it is apparent from what Jay has been able to reconstruct that the doctor who attended to his mother had many children. Jay and his "other family" have an interesting story to research and tell.

An interesting Question and Answer session followed Jay's presentation.

Raffle: There were 2 winners.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Ainbinder, Secretary

April 25, 2023

President Jeff Shapiro called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM in the Ballroom of the Sharon Community Center. 75 Members and guests were present.

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

President's Remarks: Two deceased former Club members, Dr. Jay Schwab and Danny Sirkin were recognized in the Memoriam Section of the 2022 Sharon Annual Town Report for their work benefiting the Town of Sharon.

Don't forget to make your reservations for the Ralph Generazzo Luncheon on June 22 nd . Please

see the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer with your check.

Al Bruno has made arrangements for us to attend a Boston Pops Concert on May 31 st . Tickets are available thru Al. Bus transportation to/from the Community Center is included. Please get your payment to Al ASAP.

Late breaking news. Now that most of our members have returned from their Winter vacations and the level of activity at the Community Center will be picking up, parking will become a problem. Please carpool. Additional parking will be available at the beach.

Membership: Committee Member Harvey Janson introduced Howard Leibman whose application was approved by voice vote. Harvey assured that Howard received the proper orientation and club information. Welcome aboard Howard!

Secretary's Report: Secretary Norman Ainbinder read the minutes of the April 18 th meeting which were accepted as presented.

Glad and Sad: Harvey Tobolsky reported the following:

Congratulations to Gerald and Marilyn Epstein who will celebrate their 55th Anniversary on April 27 th .

We extend congratulations to Dan and Helen Liberman whose granddaughter, Leah was elected to the National Honor Society of Dance. She was recognized for her artistic merit, leadership and academic achievements.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Ralph Jacobs reminded us of the following upcoming events:

May Breakfast: payment of \$10 must be received by noon this coming Thursday.

Luncheon reservation and payment of \$35/person no later than June 22 nd .

Dues: \$25 no later than May 31 st to avoid the Late Fee.

Phone Squad will be activated toward the end of May, if needed.

Boston Pops Trip: Al Bruno asked that if you are interested in purchasing tickets for the May 31 st concert that you see him as soon as possible. There are still some tickets and space is available on the second bus.

Mini Golf Tournament: Ira Abramson has made arrangements with Stix Fun Center in North Attleborough for a fun filled competition starting at 9:00 AM on May 15 th . The rain date is May 22 nd . Reservations are limited so see IRA today.

Whist: Meets every Wednesday downstairs in the Senior Center. See Assistant Secretary Ed Rubin for reservations. No walk-ins permitted.

Golf: Mike Yawitch announced that the matches have resumed for this year. Please contact him for Tee Times and to confirm a reservation.

Investment Club: Meets this week as it does always on the last Tuesday of each month downstairs here at the Community Center. Buy in is approximately \$8K. Returns have remained pretty good despite an up and down market. See Treasurer Ralph Jacobs for information or drop by to observe.

Biker Gang: See Lew Victor for information on meeting place and route planned for this week.

Day Trips: Dan Liberman hopes to have information available at our next meeting. He also needs assistance with the Club Website.

Program Committee: Chairman Bob Soffer introduced Dr. Stephen Gerzol whose subject

today was: The Cattle Car: Stepping In and Out of Darkness. Dr. Gerzol spoke of how he and his wife became interested in this interactive exhibit and exact replica of a Nazi Cattle Car. It is primarily intended as a learning experience for high school and college students throughout the country. Currently it is touring the greater Boston area with a stop scheduled for Sharon at Temple Sinai later this week. The project was the vision of a high school student from Florida. The general public is welcome to attend.

Dr Gerzol spoke of his family's experiences during WWII and his own activism in Israel during the Yom Kippur War of 1973 as a radiologist.

An interesting and informative Q & A followed Dr. Gerzol's presentation.

Raffle: Two prizes were awarded.

Next week is the Monthly Breakfast and regular meetings will resume on May 9 th .

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Ainbinder, Secretary