

CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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*"Cheers to the New Year and another chance for us to get it right."
Oprah Winfrey*

First Vice President RALPH VIGGIANO rang the opening 2015 bell following an unusual two week holiday recess. President PHILLIPS was away. RALPH invited the assemblage to come together and say The Pledge, led by LOU CHIAPPETTA. With GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE at the piano, WIN ATKINS guided us through singing *God Bless America, There's No Business Like Show Business* and *It Had To Be You*. HARRY TWITCHELL offered us a string of political related one liner jokes. (Your scribe thought for a moment he might be running for office.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Not quite a record, but eight of them)

1. RALPH VIGGIANO indicated the Stamford Public Education Foundation seeks mentors to help once weekly for 40 minutes through the end of the school year. Volunteers will mentor one-on-one with students in grades 5-12 to better prepare them for college. Laura Martin, Program Coordinator, is contact at: 203-965-7733.
2. Literacy Volunteers are sought to work 2 hours weekly in either Stamford or Greenwich. The program teaches English language skills. Training during January. Contact GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE for more details or better: Linda Cook 203-324-3167. (LCook@familycenters.org)
3. RALPH VIGGIANO indicated a woman at Nathaniel Witherell has need of a person to listen to her read for 30 minutes daily. This will help her overcome a tendency to become mute. (NOTE: Perhaps, someone knows a resident staying at Nathaniel Witherall who might help out).
4. GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE says that CHET RISIO would like a person to be his backup for the weekly printed edition of the CBB. Call Chet at: 914-939-8460. This is not a big job but helps those not reading the CBB on-line to have our weekly RMA news. About 30 are brought to each Wednesday meeting.
5. BERNIE SCHNEIDER reminded us all that winter is the best time to have your house checked for radon. Test kits are available from the Greenwich Dept. of Health for \$25. This invisible gas can harm your health. Testing is the only way to determine if your home has it. Call the health dept at 203-622-7843 to obtain a kit (M-F 10am-3pm).
6. STEVE MYERS reminded everyone only two Science Lecture Series presentations remain. One on Jan. 11 (Exploring Antarctica) and one Jan. 20 (March of the Fossil

Penguins). Call the Bruce Museum for times. Reservations are required....call 203-413-6757. \$15 for non-members.

7. JIM SANTORA invited all members that the Boys and Girls Club would receive 5% of all January 7th receipt from sales at Whole Foods in Greenwich. (Eat up fellows).

8. TIM NOLAN wants us to be ROMEOers. Where, when and what? A friendly lunch at the Field Club on Wednesday Jan 21. \$40. Contact TIM at: 203-661-6749.

RETURNEES, VISITING, MEMORIALS, SPECIAL EVENTS and PROGRAM

RETURNEES this week were: DOUG TAYLOR (Vail, CO), BOB LUCE (South Africa) and RANDY MOTLAND (Dominican Republic).

VISITING: CHUCK STANDARD spread his calendar collection on the podium table... saying: "it is a beautiful day." (And it was if you don't mind 20 degree weather). JIM DANIELS and JOHN TONER would agree as they were back from illnesses. STEVE PIERSON, BILL EUSTIS, SANDY BUCHSBAUM and JEFF PARKER are still getting better.

MEMORIALS: BILL DYNAN eulogized member ROBERT ROSENBERG, who died December 13, 2014 at the age of 92. A graduate of both Cornell and Columbia Universities, he served as a pilot in WWII and worked for years on Wall Street. BOB was an avid sportsman engaging in hunting, fishing, golf and tennis. He will be missed by all of us.

SPECIAL EVENTS: GERRY LESSUK brought us up to date on upcoming special events as noted below.

TODAY'S PROGRAM was announced by HORST TEBBE. Our speaker--- Mr. Joseph Gianquinto, a 38 year veteran of the television industry. (see below)

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: JOHN deCSEPEL told us that **Mr. Robert Salomon** will speak about his fifty years working on Wall Street. The focus of his remarks will be observations and forecasts of what to expect in the year ahead as well as his sharing valuable lessons he learned over the years that can improve your financial outcome.

VOLUNTEERISM, MEMBERSHIP

VOLUNTEERS: JERRY MAYFIELD gave the report for a three week period ending on Jan 7th. For the week ending January Jan 7, 2015 there were 680 hours reported for outside agencies by 51 RMA members and 111 hours reported for RMA activities by 26 RMA members. Reporting the most hours was SAL DeANGELO with 54 hours. Also reported was that the Melody Men volunteered 1,033.5 hours for their Fall Tour, which brought their total hours for the full 2014 calendar year to 1,816.5 hours!

MEMBERSHIP AND BIRTHDAYS: JIM FAHY said 103 men were in attendance with 101 members, one candidate and one guest comprising the total. Joe Gianquinto (today's speaker) was the guest of HARRY LEIGH. Thirteen men had birthdays during the period between December 18, 2014 and January 7, 2015. The men and their ages were: NORM COLLINS 86, STEVE BOIES 73, JIM FAHY 77 (Gooooood Going - Jim), JOHN CRAINE 78, DOUG FRANCEFORT 86, BILL EDIC 78, BOB OPPENHEIMER 100 (Cheers Robert), JAN MEYER 80, HAVEN KNIGHT 86, RAY

CHANDLER 94, GRIFF GRIFFIN 85, MIKE HAYDEN 83 and DAVE MCKEE 85. A toast to you all.

SPORTS

BRIDGE: 12 players dealt, bid and folded on December 17th with DAVID DOWNS 3,870, WAYNE DeVRIES 2,840, AND KURT SCHAFFIR 2,560 being the top 3 scorers.

TENNIS: On 12/19/14 , RALPH VIGGIANO with MIKE SMITH won on court #1 and PETE UHRY and Mike Warner won on court #2. Then on 01/02/15, TONY RIGGI and Bill Fakundiny took the honors on court #1 while Mike Warner was the high Canadian style winner on court #2.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

I like it when the speaker is a person who you see at the Post Office and grocery store. Joseph Gianquinto, a resident of Old Greenwich, is a 38 year veteran of the television industry and began his involvement with the television industry in the early 1960s. While he is a poet, I felt he should write a book about his remembrances of the early years of television. He was speaking at RMA to an audience of individuals who watched tv while he worked behind the scenes at the business end of the camera. His remembrances and insights into how this key medium got traction and then dominated our lives between the 1960s and 2000 was fascinating. It wasn't the whole story but it was his story of being involved in television as it grew and became a part of our lives. We all knew many of the players. He provided the stories behind the stories. (PUhry)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Events are open to all Members, Guests, Candidates and spouses. Checks should be made out to RMA.

Metropolitan Opera Backstage Tour at Lincoln Center. Thursday, January 22, 2015; lunch at Le Rivage. Cost is \$80 per person. Departure time is 10:15am. Return from NYC will likely commence around 4:30pm. Wait listed at this writing.

NY Philharmonic at Lincoln Center: Thursday, February 5th, 2015. Rehearsal, featuring Rachmaninoff's 2nd Symphony. Lunch at Atlantic Grill. Cost is \$98 per person. Departure by bus from St. Catherine's Church at 8:00am. Event is on ticket exchange.

Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory on Thursday, March 19th. A visit to this interesting science laboratory. In house lunch. Departure at 9:00am with a cost of \$50. Four spaces available.

For more details and to sign-up, contact GERRY LESSUK (gerrless@att.net, 203-698-9451) or RICH LIMBACHER (limbacher29@verizon.net, 203-531-9515)

NEXT WEEK's SPEAKER

*Next week's speaker will be **Robert S. Salomon**, providing insight about Wall Street based on his fifty year experience downtown in New York.*

*Visit our website at www.greenwichrma.org and at vimeo.com.
CBB Scribe for January 7th - **Peter Uhry***