



# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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*Love is blind; friendship closes its eyes ...Nietzsche*

It was a relatively balmy day as President DON CONWAY rang the opening bell at 10:00am. JOHN CRAINE to lead us in the Pledge. ERF PORTER, accompanied by PETER RYAN, led the song singing. The patriotic song was America the Beautiful. ERF then introduced what he hoped would be a Ray Bolger medley of Once in Love with Amy and Toot, Toot, Tootsie Good-bye. Only to be later informed that the latter is really an Al Jolson song. BOB CAREY then entertained us with a story about nuance.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DON CONWAY -1) Encourage all to attend the POCD meeting at town hall to be held shortly. 2) Asked if anyone had experience writing for TV, he had a contact looking for same. 3) Recalled four members who had recently died and asked for people familiar with them to volunteer to do a eulogy. DAVID BURLESON, RON KLINGER, WILLIAM GERSCHE and HAVEN KNIGHT.

PETER UHRY came forth and polled the house for Numismatists or Philatelists who might be interested in forming a group; there were very few coin or stamp collectors.

GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE announced the first meeting of the Shakespeare Group. Contact him at [203-698-0710](tel:203-698-0710) for details.

### COMMITTEES

**VISITING:** DON CONWAY, acting chair, reported that DON BREISMEISTER is rehabbing at home after back surgery. JOHN TONER is at Nathaniel Witherhell after knee replacement and TED SPOOL is still out and fighting.



**PROGRAM:** BOB RIMMER did double duty introducing both this week and next week's speakers. Today's program presented Assistant US District Attorney for Connecticut, **Vanessa Richards**, and **Jeremy Tendler**, coordinator for cyber crime investigations for the US Postal Service in all of New England who spoke on How to Protect Yourself from Cyber Crime. More below. Next Week's speaker will be **Jerry Shereshewsky** whose topic will be Social Media and the Communications Revolution. Looks like someone is trying to drag us old codgers into the 21st Century.

**MEMBERSHIP:** HORST TEBBE recounted the numbers, 93 members, 3 candidates and 2 inductees for a total of 98. Candidates in attendance were Dieter Frank, Dave Kane and Mr. Carstensen. Birthday celebrants who were serenaded included BOB ALDEN 90 !!! (way to go BOB), JAN MEYER 83, BILL FAKUNDINY 86, MIKE HAYDEN 86, BOB JAMIESON 73 and JACK POOLE 75.

Felicitations to all.

### **INDUCTEES**

**Charlie Adams**, sponsored by HOLLISTER STURGES and PETER UHRY (standing in for ARNOLD GORDON. Charlie is a Brooklyn native living in Greenwich since 1985. In real life (before retirement) he was a Development Aid professional working around the world in the non-profit and NGO world. He presently hangs out at the Norwalk Aquarium giving talks and diving in the shark tank.

**Ken Kolb**, sponsored by PETER UHRY and seconded by HORST TEBBE. Ken, a former practitioner of Broadcast Advertising Sales and long-time Greenwich native (he came to town as a three year old) is an amateur Sports Historian. In his spare time he dons a zebra shirt and referees ice hockey, volleyball and baseball (OK, he umps baseball). Welcome aboard CHARLIE and KEN.

**VOLUNTEER HOURS:** DON HERMANN volunteered the information that 30 men reported a total of 261 outside hours and 16 men 62 RMA hours. High man of the week was Brian Maher with 22 hours.

ABBEY SMOLER spoke on coming trips. He mentioned that the West Point trip was oversubscribed and he and MIKE FARRARESE were working to see if they could increase the head-count.

### **GAMES RMAers Play**

**HEARTS:** JOHN KNIGHT reported that on table 1, TOM HEALY bested JOHN STANKUNAS in a tiebreaker game and JACK SWEGER and MIKE AMBROSINO were winners on table 2. Only MIKE shot the moon. Next week's captain, ED FARRELL.



**BRIDGE:** FRANK LEE dealt out the scores for last week's games; #1 WAYNE DEVRIES 3380, #2 KURT SCHAFFIR 2700 and #3 GRANT PERKINS 2590.

**TENNIS:** MIKE AMBROSINO served the scores. On Court 1 PETER ORBANOWSKI and ANDRZEJ MAZUREK triumphed and on Court 2 TOM HEALY and MIKE AMBROSINO bested the other guys.

### **TODAY'S SPEAKERS**

**Vanessa Richards**, assistant Federal District Attorney, and **Jeremy Tendler**, senior inspector for the US Postal Service, gave an enlightening and alarming talk about cyber crime. They started off by explaining the efforts by both of their organizations in combatting cyber crime, then explained the different kinds of fraud, deception and extortion that was lurking "out there". They explained and gave examples of Phishing, Spearfishing, Malware and Ransomware. The motivation for cyber fraud is most often financial gain. Other motives include, Hacktivism: i.e. using the internet to cause harm in the name of a particular cause and, more sinisterly, cyber fraud is used for espionage and terrorist activities. Finally, our guests explained tactics for avoiding falling victim to cyber crime. The chilling conclusion is that the only way for computer users to avoid being victimized is vigilance, awareness, and thinking before clicking the mouse.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Open to all members, guests, candidates and spouses. Checks to be made out to RMA, and must be received within two weeks or the reservation will be cancelled. Contact MIKE FERRARESE ([myagentmike@yahoo.com](mailto:myagentmike@yahoo.com) / [203-554-0678](tel:203-554-0678)) or ABBEY SMOLER ([abbeysmoler@gmail.com](mailto:abbeysmoler@gmail.com) / [203-531-0235](tel:203-531-0235))

**New York Philharmonic Rehearsal, January 11, 2018.** Lunch at the Atlantic Grill, \$110. Bus departs from St. Catherine's parking lot at 7:45 a.m. Status: Wait Listed

**Elmsford Dinner Theater, "A Chorus Line" February 22, 2018,** Lunch at the theater, \$95. Bus departs St. Catherine's at 10:00am. Status: 1 Opening

**Bruce Museum, March 22, 2018,** Lunch at the Millbrook Club, \$95. Transportation: Self. Arrive at Bruce Museum at 9:45 a.m. Status: 24 places available

**West Point Tour,** April 19, 2018. Lunch at the Thayer Hotel, \$85. Bus departs 8:45am from St. Catherine's parking lot. Status: wait listed. Trying to open more spots.

## **NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER**

Next week the RMA will welcome **Jerry Sheresewsky**, a serious player in media sales and marketing who will inform us about Social Media and the Communications Revolution.