

# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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*"It usually takes me more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech"* Mark Twain

President **BOB PHILLIPS** rang the bell to open the meeting and invited **JOHN CRAINE** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Joined by **PETER RYAN** on the piano, **JERRY SCHWENDEMAN** directed us in singing *The Star Spangled Banner*, *You Made Me Love You* and *The Sunny Side of the Street*. Following rigorous applause, **JOHN HARRIS** related the story of purchasing a statue with English pound.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MARTIN WAINE** advised us of the dedicated efforts of volunteers in the AARP Tax Counseling Service Group, assisting more than 400 low to middle income people with their tax returns. Thanks were given to **DICK CASE**, **LEON FREEMAN**, **ED BURNS** and **ROS CURTIS** for many years of aid however, more volunteers are needed. **2. BOB LUCE** announced the January 24th–25th concert of the Greenwich Symphony with Ryan Anthony at the Dickerman Hollister Auditorium, Greenwich High School. Works of Tchaikovsky, Haydn and Nielsen will be presented. **3. TIM NOLAN** followed with a stirring invitation to Romeo, the fine luncheon to be presented at the Field Club starting at noon on January 21. Attendance was still available given payment of \$ 40.00 during our meeting's intermission. **4. BOB PHILLIPS** added the announcement that **ARTO SZABO'S** art exhibition was now on display at the Round Hill Community Church from 9:00am to 5:00pm daily.

## RETURNEES, VISITING, SPECIAL EVENTS and PROGRAMS

**RETURNING** this week from San Francisco and Colorado was our President **BOB PHILLIPS** who earlier had announced current news that our well known member, **JOHN TONER**, has been nominated as Selectman for RTM! **VISITING:** **CHUCK STANDARD** did advise us that at least one calendar was left. **RON KLINGNER** was back home for visitors while **MARIO BONAPARTE** and **JEFF PARKER** were welcomed back. **SPECIAL EVENTS:** **GERRY LESSUK** reviewed the upcoming special events as seen below. **TODAY'S PROGRAM** with Robert S. Solomon on "Fifty Years on Wall Street: Lessons Learned of Financial Literacy" was previewed by **BERNARD SCHNEIDER**. A summary can be viewed below. **NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** **JIM FISHBEIN** announced that Richard Koch would speak about "Custom Home Building – Concept to Occupancy: How to Make It Fun".

## **VOLUNTEERISM, MEMBERSHIP and BIRTHDAYS**

**VOLUNTEERISM: HOLLISTER STURGES** told us that during the week ending January 14<sup>th</sup>, 498 volunteer hours were reported for outside agencies by 51 RMA Members and 91 hours reported for RMA activities by 25 RMA members. **MARTIN WAINS** attained the highest individual hours at 88. **MEMBERSHIP: JIM FAHY** welcomed us with a strong “good morning !” and stated that a total of 108 males were present of whom 105 were members. Phillip Smith and Rick Holz attended as candidates plus Al Illuzzi as a guest of **BILL SALTSMAN**. **BIRTHDAYS:** Five men had birthdays; **Bob Alden** on Jan.2 turned 87; the following week, **DON O’KEEFE** reached 79, **ED BURNS** attained 83, **STEVE LEIFER** achieved the age of 77 and **JERRY POLLACK** arrived at 86. Well done!

## **SPORTS and ACTIVITIES**

**BRIDGE: KURT SCHAFFIR** told us that out of the 10 players on January 7, **GRANT PERKINS** scored 5270 points while **DICK CASE** and **WAYNE DEVRIES** tied at 4620 points each. **TENNIS: MIKE SMITH** reported that on 1/9/15 **MARTIN WAINE** and **RANDY MOTLAND** triumphed on Court #1 and **ERF PORTER** with **MIKE SMITH** prevailed on Court 2. **ERF PORTER** will serve as Captain next week.

**CHORUS: JERRY MAYFIELD** reported that the talented Melody Men had volunteered 1,033.5 hours for their Fall Tour which brought their total hours for 2014 to 1,816.5 hours, a great volunteer accomplishment!

## **TODAY’S PRESENTER**

We were fortunate to hear **Robert S. Solomon** converse with us on “Fifty Years on Wall Street: Lessons Learned of Financial Literacy”. Who, what, why, where, when and how much, has changed on Wall Street over fifty years. With that in mind, Robert Solomon spoke to us with a compelling style of historical events, practical experience and clear words that touched on the hopes and concerns of the audience. His comments on the diversification of investments with the good example of the Vanguard S&P MC 400 as a well balanced portfolio, were well received.

*CBB Scribe for January 14, 2015 was **JIM BUTLER***

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

*Open to all Members, Guests, Candidates and Spouses. Checks should be in favor of the RMA*

**Metropolitan Opera Backstage Tour at Lincoln Center, Thursday, January 22, 2015;** lunch at Le Rivage. Cost is \$80.00 per person. Departure is by bus from St. Catherine’s Church parking lot at 10:15am. Return from NYC will likely commence around 4:30pm Status: Wait Listed

**New York Philharmonic rehearsal at Lincoln Center, Thursday, February 5, 2015** featuring Rachmaninoff’s 2nd Symphony, lunch at Atlantic Grill. Cost is \$98.00 per

person. Departure is by bus from ST. Catherine's parking lot at 8:00am. Status: Wait listed.

**Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory: Thursday, March 19, 2015.** A visit to this interesting science laboratory, in-house lunch. Cost is \$50.00 per person. Departure is by bus from St. Catherine's Church parking lot at 9:00am. Status: Four spaces available.

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

### **NEXT WEEK**

Next week's speaker will be **Richard Koch** presenting "Custom Home Building – Concept to Occupancy: How to Make it Fun".

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