

# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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“Blow, blow, thou winter wind, Thou art not so unkind as man’s ingratitude.” -Shakespeare

Undaunted by the storm-that-wasn’t, president BOB PHILLIPS addressed a sparse crowd (many of our members didn’t get the memo) with his signature energetic bell ringing. DON CONWAY led the pledge and TOM HEALY and BOB MORGAN led the singing of *God Bless America* and *On the Sunny Side of the Street*. This was followed by rendition of *Baby It’s Cold Outside* by our musical duo TOM & BOB. BOB LUCE, corresponding secretary de-jour told a wonderful fish story.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President PHILLIPS:

1. Reminded the group of the snow policy: If Greenwich Schools cancel, we cancel. If Greenwich Schools start late, we start on time.
2. Called our attention to the latest issue of Greenwich Magazine with an article about the RMA. Thanks to BERNARD SCHNEIDER our publicity chair.
3. Welcomed back RETURNEE DOUG TAYLOR from Vail.

STEVE MYERS: Alerted us to the fact that the Town Of Greenwich was having a sale on radon tests. Usually \$60, during January and February they are only \$25. STEVE who is very scientific encouraged us all to take advantage of this offer.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**VISITING:** CHUCK STANDARD reported “nobody in the hospital” and welcomed back ROGER PIERCE from the DL. BTW; he had one medium size calendar.

**PROGRAM:** ARTO SZABO gave a head’s up on today’s speaker, details below and AL KNIGHT previewed next weeks’ Harvey Weiner, a highly regarded lawyer from Boston and a decorated veteran who will share “Reflections on My Vietnam War”

**MEMBERSHIP:** HORST TEBBE read the numbers.

Total attendance: 100 – 95 members, 1 candidate, and 4 guests:

Alan Berk g.o. JIM FAHY, Dick Ford g.o. WIN ADKINS, Peter Orbanowski g.o. MIKE SMITH and Bill Grep g.o. JACK POOLE. **INDUCTION:** CHARLIE LAND, sponsored by MIKE ROSS & PETER UHRY was unanimously elected to membership. CHARLIE,

a graduate of Yale, and Harvard Law is a 30-year Greenwich resident (Riverside) and was involved with a family business serving the business community with good and esoteric advice.

**VOLUNTEER HOURS:** ED BLOOM reported 398 hours by 43 men in outside activities, 107 RMA hours by 45 men. High scorer for the week, BOB RIMMER 45 hours.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** RICH LIMBACHER gave a favorable report on last week's trip "Backstage at the Met" and reviewed up-coming events. Details below.

### **SPORTS:**

**BRIDGE:** KURT SCHAFFIR did the honors with no tricks, 8 players played, FRANK LEE led the pack with 4240, KURT himself was second with 3620 and BRUNO SHRAGE was third high scorer with 2440. **TENNIS:** ERF PORTER served the report. On court one BERNARD SCHNEIDER and PETER STREICH prevailed and on court two it was SAM MARASSO and TONY RIGGI. This week's captain is RANDY MOTLAND.

### **TODAY'S SPEAKER**

Mark Albertson is a professor of history at Norwalk CC and the author of 3 books on history. He gave a spirited and enlightening talk "*The Great Patriotic War, The Titanic Clash Between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union*"

He stressed the importance of the clash between the Wehrmacht and The Red Army on the outcome of WW II. The numbers he quoted on the men and equipment utilized, the losses on both sides and the ultimate Soviet victory were staggering. An RMA Q&A followed further elucidating the talk.

AV RIVEL -Editor

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

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

**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: One single solitary seat available.

**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: Wait Listed

**Goodspeed – "Guys and Dolls" Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>,** lunch at Gelston House. \$112 per person. Status: Available

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**NEXT WEEK's SPEAKER**

**Harvey Weiner** - *"Reflections on my Vietnam War"*

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