

CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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- *Snow and adolescence are the only problems that disappear if you ignore them long enough* – Earl Wilson
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- Neither snow nor arctic vortex stayed half-a-hundred hearty RMA men from being present when president **Mike Smith** rang the bell. **Don Conway** pledged, **Tom Healy** led and **Peter Ryan** tickled as we lustily sang America the Beautiful (Bates & Ward), I Don't Know Why (Mabon & Lofton) and Yes, Sir That's My Baby (Donaldson & Kahn). **Bill Dynan's** moment of levity involved shopping in Home Depot, I guess laughter is where you find it.
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- **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
- **Steve Boies** sang the praises of the Greenwich Symphony and their program Saturday/Sunday January 25-26. Discount to RMA members, just mention it when you purchase your tickets.
- **George Stockbridge's** recitative was all about opera opportunities for RMA men. They will attend a live performance at the Met on May 10, but tickets must be purchased soon. Contact **George** for questions and reservations 203-637-1390. He also announced dates for Met Opera and Royal Opera screenings. – See Bulletin Board.
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- **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- 1. **Visiting:** Even though it was a beautiful day, **Don Conway** subbed for **Chuck Standard** and reported that due to weather, **Sal DeAngelo** and **George Chelwicks** who were scheduled to return, didn't. Hope to see them next week. **George Evan** is about the same and **Al Hartig** has lost the boot and is coming along.
- 2. **Membership:** **Jim Fahy** announced 50 hearty souls in attendance with 49 members, and 1 candidate. **Birthday boys** were, **Doug Taylor** (86), **Abbey Smoller** (82) **Peter Streich** (82) **Jim MacKay** (92) ! **Len Saari** (75), **Bert Klebanow** (89) and **Eric Knutsen** (74) Keep up the good work !
- 3. **Inductee:** **Gary Kraut** was introduced by **Steve Myers** and **John deCsepel**. **Gary** was the head of his own Investor Relations firm and sits on the boards of several non-profits. He is well travelled and an avid Jazz fan. Welcome aboard **Gary** !
- 4. **Program:** **Hollister Sturgis** gave a heads-up on today's speaker (more below) and **Steve Myers** sailed through next week's speaker (see below)
- 3. **Volunteer Hours:** **Ed Bloom** reported that, for the week ended January 22, there were 224 hours to outside agencies by 25 men, and 42 RMA hours by 16 men. High man for the week was **Doug Francefort** with 70 accumulated hours.
- 4. Missing in the snow: Program Committee (see below) and Returnees
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- **GAMES GUYS PLAY:**
- **Bridge:** **Kurt Schaffir** reported the 3 top scorers amongst 7 players: Tom McEvoy 4080, Martin Wayne 3830 and Dick Case 3020
- **Tennis:** Sans racket, **Ralph Viggiano** reported winners **Erf Porter**, **Peter Streich**, **Randy Motland** and **Himself**. Next weeks go-to-guy – **Tony Riggi**

- **Walkers: Tad Larabee** announced that neither rain, snow, sleet, hail or frigid temps would deter the walkers from their Thursday forays.
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- **THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER** was Professor **Jerry Schulster** of UCONN. Dr. Schulster is a Professor of Psychology, but his passion is opera and his talk was interesting, informative and entertaining. He discussed the forms, characters and plots that pervaded Commedia Dell'arte and their influence on opera buffa. The talk was illustrated by slides and video segments of Don Pasquale by Donizetti. The Q&A was incisive, insightful and informative.
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- **Av Rivel** -Editor
 - **SPECIAL EVENTS**
 - **February 6. Lunch at noon at La Cremaillere in Banksville.** \$65 p/p. Drive yourself to location. places available.
 - **March 13. NEW YORK SIMULATION CENTER (NYC).** Lunch at Copolla's Italian. Tickets \$85 Bus leaves St. Catherine's at 8:45 AM. tickets available.
 - **April 17. Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge MA.** Lunch at Red Lion Inn. Tickets \$80 p/p. Bus leaves St. Catherine @ 9:45 AM. tickets available.
 - Checks are to be made out to: RMA. Open to all members, their ladies, candidates and guests. For more information see **Rich Limbacher** 531-9515 or **Gerry Lessuk** 698-9451.
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 - **NEXT WEEK**
 - **Dr. Sean Higgins** of the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory will speak next week on "Exploring The Sea – Earth's last Frontier".Dr. Higgins is a working scientist, spending much of his time at sea.