

# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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President RALPH VIGGIANO, in his usual vigorous fashion, called the meeting to order and called on BILL DYNAN to lead the pledge to the flag. Then, led by DON CONWAY and accompanied by pianist PETER RYAN, we raised our voices in praise of “America the Beautiful” and continued with a serenade of “It Had to Be You” and “Peg O’ My Heart.” Corresponding Secretary HARRY TWITCHELL enlightened us on the seven benefits of mother’s milk.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** It was a quiet meeting without any announcements.

**RETURNEES:** JIM FAHY later reported that there were only 80 members and two candidates in attendance. There was one returnee: TOM HEALY from St. Martens.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: VISITING:** RALPH VIGGIANO told us that JOE MALARA is still in the hospital. **PROGRAMS:** Today’s speaker, **Kermit Roosevelt III**, would be introduced by HOLLISTER STURGES (see below). JOHN DESCEPEL announced that next week’s speaker will be attorney **Phillip Berns**, who will give us an authoritative report on immigration law. **MEMBERSHIP:** JIM FAHY welcomed two guests: Larry Chiamonte and James Chung and four **birthday boys:** JORG BLASER, 70; GRANVILLE BURGESS, 69; HAROLD FROST, 82; and CHARLES MOSHER, 85. We also congratulated KATHIE and TOM HEALY who celebrated their 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary today. **VOLUNTEERS:** DOUG FRANCEFORT advised that 41 members reported 398 hours for outside agencies and 25 members reported 99 hours for RMA activities. The greatest number reported by an individual member was 40 hours by PETER MAHER.

**GAMES PEOPLE PLAY:** KURT SCHAFFIR reported that among 12 bridge players BRUNO SCHRAGE was first with 3370 points; RON FRIEDMAN was second with 2600; and WAYNE DEVRIES was third with 2100. For tennis, BILL FAKUNDINY reported the he and PETER UHRY won on Court 1; and JOHN KNIGHT and RALPH VIGGIANO won on Court 2.

**TODAY’S SPEAKER:** Our speaker, **Kermit Roosevelt III**, is professor of constitutional law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School and a former clerk for Supreme Court Justice David Souter. In a lucid and articulate presentation, he focused on the conflict in constitutional law between protection of individual rights and the protection of our national security, exemplified by the internment of west-coast Japanese residents in World War II, and more recent parallel issues related to internment at Guantanamo – measures that conflict with American ideals.

**Kurt Schaffir**, Scribe of the Week

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

*Open to members, spouses, candidates and guests. Checks made payable to the RMA.*

**February 11, 2016:** [Bruce Museum](#) - docent conducted tours. Your own transportation. Arrive at museum 9:45 a.m. Restaurant: Field Club. \$38 per person. Places available.

**April 21, 2016:** [Metropolitan Museum of Art](#). Guided tour of American Wing. Bus transportation – 8:30 a.m. departure from St. Catherine's. Lunch: Petrie Court Café. \$95 per person. Places available.

**May 26, 2016:** [Goodspeed Opera House](#). "Anything Goes." Bus transportation – departure from St. Catherine's at 10:00 a.m. Lunch at Gelston House Restaurant. \$105 per person. Places available.

Trip coordinators Gerry Lessuk (203-698-9751) and Abby Smoler (203-531-0236)

## **NEXT WEEK**

**Phillip Berns**, attorney, will give us an authoritative report on immigration law.