

# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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Here are the volunteers who publish this Bulletin each week for your enjoyment: **Editor:** George Stockbridge, Chair; **Scribes:** Gran Burgess, Av Rivel, Kurt Schaffir, Peter Uhry, Bernard Schneider, Jim Butler, Arnold Gordon, Ed Farrell; Martin Grayson, Emeritus; **Format and Layout:** Gene Schwartz, Fred Waldron; **Archivist:** Harold Frost; **Printing:** Chet Risio, Larry Schmitz

With customary aplomb, President BOB PHILLIPS called the assembled group to order at the stroke of 10:00 a.m. and called on JERRY SCHWENDEMAN to lead The Pledge. RICHARD LIMBACHER, with JIM SANTORA at the keyboard, led the singing of *God Bless America* and the ever popular *For Me and My Gal*, and *Baby Face*. Corresponding Secretary CHUCK STANDARD started us off with a story about an amazing computer which provides comprehensive diagnoses together with recommended treatments based on an analysis of body fluids.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** BERNARD SCHNEIDER talked about Greenwich's 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and asked for volunteers for the *Putnam Hill Rededication* on February 22, for conducting neighborhood tours from May 1 to July 31, and for the *Anniversary Gala Parade* on September 27. GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE announced an opening on the 12-man Opera Group which will have its next meeting with a showing of Verdi's *Ernani*. AV RIVEL announced an I-Phone training session to be held in the Technology Lounge at the Senior Center this Thursday at 1:00 p.m. BOB PHILLIPS listed returnees GERRY MAYFIELD from Santa Barbara, CA; JIM BUTLER from Crooked Island, Bahamas; JERRY SCHWENDEMAN from Houston, TX; AV RIVEL from the West Coast of Florida; and GRANT PERKINS from Vietnam, Thailand and Cambodia.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** **Memorial:** BILL DYNAN spoke of GEORGE R. MANNING, 96, who passed away on January 22, 2015. A graduate of Cornell University, he served as food inspector for the military, worked as purchasing agent for Seabrook Farms, and retired from Standard Brands/ Nabisco in 1985. The Mannings lived in various locations in the U.S. before settling in Cos Cob in 1966. George was a member of the First Congregational Church of Old Greenwich, and an active member and willing volunteer of the RMA. George and his wife Nicki loved to sail and to travel. He is survived by two daughters, three sons and six grandchildren. **Visiting:** CHUCK STANDARD reported that SANDY BUCHSBAUM is not expected back for a few weeks. **Program:** If you have questions about the Metro North Railroad, next week's speaker **Jim Cameron** is an authority on the subject. BERNARD SCHNEIDER explained that Mr. Cameron, a civil engineering graduate of Lehigh University, had an early interest in railroads. He had a career in radio broadcasting, and is a former chairman of the Connecticut Metro-North Rail Commuter Council. **Membership:** We learned from HORST TEBBE that our

meeting was attended by 89 members; one candidate for membership DICK FORD; and three guests: Don Lewandoski, guest of LARRY SCHMITZ; Bob Byrnes, guest of RALPH VIGGIANO; and John Zuccerella, guest of RICH LIMBACHER. The **birthday boys** are JACK SWEGER, 84; GRAN BURGESS, 68; HAROLD FROST, 81; BOB JOHNSON, 88; and CHARLIE MOSHER, 84. The day's **inductee** PHILIP SMITH was introduced by his sponsors RON WILSON and JERRY FOX (in absentia). A graduate of Oklahoma City University with graduate studies in physics at Syracuse University, PHILIP took up information technology and joined IBM. He has served as Chief Information Officer of the University Hospital of Oklahoma City, and has now signed on with the RMA IT Committee. Volunteer Hours: DOUG FRANCEFORT reported 384 hours for outside agencies by 39 members, and 77 hours by 24 members.

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** We were entertained by **The Grace Notes**, a group of charming ladies whose a capella singing was greatly enjoyed by everyone. The number of the assembled audience swelled to 122 in anticipation of this treat. Under JEFF PARKER'S direction the group greeted the ladies with a chorus of *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*, and was rewarded by the rendition of ten melodies in close harmony. Created by the Greenwich Junior League in 1967, *The Grace Notes* perform for nursing homes, hospitals rehab facilities, schools and many special events.

**FUN AND GAMES:** **Bridge:** KURT SCHAFFIR reported 9 players at last week's game. FRANK LEE was first with 3600 points, KURT was second with 3380, and DICK CASE third with 2920. **Tennis:** BERNARD SCHNEIDER reported that SAM MARASSO and PETER STREICH won on Court 1, and BERNARD and PETER UHRY on Court 2. MIKE WARNER will be captain next week.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

*These are open to all members guests, candidates and spouses. Check should be made out to RMA. RICH LIMBACHER announced:*

[Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory –March 19, 2015.](#) \$98 per person, including lunch at the Observatory. Bus leaves St. Catherine's at 9:00 a.m. Currently wait-listed.

[Goodspeed Theater – May 28, 2015.](#) \$115 per person, including lunch at Gelston House. Bus leaves St. Catherine's at 10:00 a.m; 10 openings.

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**Kurt Schaffir**, scribe of the week.