

CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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"Blow, blow thou winter wind/ Thou art not so unkind as man' ingratitude" -W. *Shakespeare*.

The promised storm proved feeble and a goodly bunch of RMAer's (details later) greeted President **Mike Smith's** vigorous bell ringing. **Bob Bishop** pledged, **Bob Morgan** tickled the you-know-whats and **Rich Limbacher** with *élan* led us in *God Bless American*, *Yes Sir, That's My Baby* and *That's Amore*. **Tom Healy** provided the moment of mirth with a story about modern love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Three representatives of the YMCA invited us to their gala on March 1 and offered to sell us tickets to their raffle during the break.

Bill Merkle informed us of a concert by pianist Pierluigi Sampietro Sunday, March 2, 3:00 PM at the First Congregational Church to benefit victims of the typhoon that recently ravaged parts of the Philippines.

Bob Luce's concert is by the Greenwich Choral Society on Saturday, March 8, 4:30 PM at Christ Church.

George Stockbridge (203-637-1390) reported that *La Boehme* would be shown at the Bow Tie Criterion on Railroad Ave. in Greenwich on February 26 at 7PM. door. Additionally, the next Met Live HD performance of *Prince Igor* will be shown at area movie theatres on Saturday, March 1 at Noon, and the next Opera Group will be March 11, "The Daughter of the Regiment" by Donizetti. Changing hats, **George** implored indented participants in the CBB Scribes luncheon to submit checks ASAP.

President Smith announced his planned absence from our next meeting on March 5 and directed all inquiries to **Ralph Viggiano**.

Returnees: **Steve Myers** from South America, and **Peter Schieferdecker** from Tanzania and Amsterdam

Memorial: **Bill Dynan** eulogized **Walter Burns** who died while still a candidate for membership. **Walter**, a life long resident of Cos Cob careered on Wall Street and enjoyed a second act as a restaurateur. An enthusiastic sailor he was active in the Special Olympics sailing program.

Visiting: **Chuck Standard** reported that **Martin Grayson** and **Don Townsend** were struggling with their illnesses. **Dick Radcliffe** is going home today and **Steve Pierson** is moving into rehab.

Program: **Arto Szabo** gave a heads up on today's speaker (more below), and **John deCsepel** prepared us for Deb Sawch of Columbia University and Teach For America who would speak next week on Education in the 21st Century

Membership: **Jim Fahy** looking very dapper in his newly sprouted lip hair read the numbers: 108 members, 4 candidates and 2 guests – Mike Hayden g/o **Gerry Mayfield** and **Mike Gibbs** g/o

Constable Fahy. Birthday guys serenaded were **Randy Motland** 79, **Paul Muller** 93, **Mel Margulis** 86 and **Bill McAndrews** 75. Keep on truckin' guys.

Induction: Sponsored by **Bob Alden** and **Chuck Standard**, **John Morrison** received a warm welcome to membership. **John**, a Stamford resident served in WW II flying 50 missions over Europe, spent 30 years with the CIA and retired from a career in private law practice. Welcome aboard, **John!**

Volunteer: **Gerry Mayfield** reported **561 hours by 58** men outside, and 108 hrs. by 26 men – inside. High Man, **Martin Waine** 72 hours. Nice work men.

Special Events: It was **Jerry Lessuck's** time at bat as he reported the information below.

GAMES GUYS PLAY:

Bridge by **Kurt Schaffir** –**Ralph Viggiano** 5820, **Kurt Himself** 4290 and **Dave Downs** 2980

Tennis- 1 by **Erf Porter** –Court 1 –**Mike Smith & Peter Uhry**, Court 2 **Ralph Viggiano** and **Erf Porter**, Next week's captain – **Randy Motland**. **Tennis-2**-time to sign up for next indoor season, contact **Ralph Viggiano** 914-772-7185.

Golf: A sure sign of spring. **Peter Uhry** has posted last year's roster on the bulletin board. If you played last year, please confirm or correct the contact information, if you do not plan to play this year, please cross out your name. If you did not play last year, and want to this year, contact **Peter** 203-637-9482.

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Marianne Szegedy-Maszak, journalist and author of "I Kiss Your Hands Many Times" Ms. Szegedy-Maszak related her family's history against the backdrop of European and particularly Hungarian history from the end of WW I to the end of WW II. This précis cannot do justice to her story or the warm and articulate manner in which she told it. Dropping editorial neutrality, I recommend that all read it for themselves.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Checks are to be made out to: RMA. Open to all members, their ladies, candidates and guests.

Mar 13 New York Simulation Center Lunch at Coppolas East 14 places available. Tickets \$85 p/p, Leaving St. Catherine at 8:15 a.m.

April 17 Norman Rockwell Museum Lunch at Red Lion Inn 8 places available. Tickets \$80 p/p, Leaving St. Catherine at 8:00 a.m.

May 22 Goodspeed - Damn Yankees Lunch at Gelston House 30 places available. Tickets \$112 p/p. Leaving St. Catherine at 9:30 a.m.

Special Events Chairman **Rich Limbacher** 531-9515 or **Gerry Lessuk** 698-9451

NEXT WEEK

Deb Sawch on: Not Your Father's Education Anymore; Teaching and Learning in our Globalized, Interconnected World

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