

CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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President MIKE SMITH rang the bell. KURT SCHAFFIR led the Pledge. DON CONWAY sang a memorable solo of Frank Loesser's "Oh Danny Boy." This came after GEORGE UBOGY educated us on this Irish number by Frank Loesser. GEORGE played it on the piano along with "America the Beautiful" and "I'd love to take you on a slow boat to China." (As some members might say - WHY?) Following this, we were treated to a trio of jokes delivered by the ever humorous BILL DYNAN. Of the three, the one about getting a value in the doctor's office for services observed was this editor's favorite. **Returnees** are FRANK ZAVATTARO from S. Carolina, GEORGE UBOGY and REID McINTYRE from Florida and CHARLIE MOSHER from Istanbul, Turkey.

FOOD DRIVE: JIM SANTORA asked that we bring contributions for the "Neighbor to Neighbor" food drive to the entrance of our meeting room on March 26. Please bring one can or box of dried food next week. Let's make a difference for those in need.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: BOB PHILLIPS announced that, in connection with the RMA's incorporation, a new set of by-laws has been prepared and has been posted on our web site for everyone's review. Printed copies are in the back of the hall. BOB will call for a vote at the March 26 meeting. BILL EUSTIS complimented the By-Law Committee on the work that they have done. PETER UHRY invited everyone to attend a Friends of Binney Park meeting on March 27th at 7PM at First Congregational Church in Old Greenwich to discuss the FUTURE OF BINNEY PARK. GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE seeks to borrow video tapes of operas for his opera group to screen. DON CONWAY alerted us to the availability of senior tax credits and recommended one contact the Assessor's office for more information. BILL DYNAN read a memorial for DON TOWNSEND, a long time resident, volunteer, singer and RMA member. A service will be held for Don on March 21 at 1PM at St Paul's in Riverside.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **Visiting:** CHUCK STANDARD told us that MARTIN GRAYSON and RON KLINGNER are back and that STEVE PIERSON hopes to be soon. **Membership:** JIM FAHY (who said "ELLLOOOO") reported a meeting attendance of 125, including two candidates (MIKE WARNER and JACK POOLE) and two guests -- CHARLEY LAND, guest of PETER UHRY and RICHARD KONTOS, guest of MICHAEL SPRINGALL. The **birthday boys are:** BILL DeGRUCHY, 78; (BOW TIE) LOU CHIAPPETTA, 94; (STRIDER) TAD LARRABEE, 73; ART ROSENBERG, 80 and TOM DUFFY, 80. RALPH VIGGIANO, and his wife Kathleen, celebrated their 40th anniversary this week. (Good show you two!). **Program:** PETER McSPADDEN presented today's speaker, Ms. MISSY WOLFE, author of "Insubordinate Spirit." AL KNIGHT announced next week's speaker will be the owners of DUORO restaurant in Greenwich. They will share what it takes to run a successful Greenwich eatery. **Volunteers:** DOUG FRANCEFORT said for the week ending 3/19 there were 546 hours reported for outside agencies by 68 men and 178 hours reported by 25 men for RMA duties. BOB CAREY reported the most hours with 70.

FUN AND GAMES: **Bridge:** KURT SCHAFFIR reported eight bridge players last week. HOLLISTSER STURGES was third with 2980, MARTY WAYNE had 3400 and the winner was GRANT PERKINS with 3630. **Tennis:** PETER UHRY and BERNARD SCHNEIDER won on Court 1; and MIKE SMITH and JEFF PARKER won on Court 2. Contact RALPH VIGIANNIO to sign up for next season. The deadline is March 26 – requires a \$100 deposit. **Golf:** PETER UHRY announced that golf play this season will start on Tuesday April 8. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board. He is collecting

\$20 and asks that anyone interested in golf, who did not get an email from PETER in the last several days, to please contact him to get signed up. **Walkers:** will walk per TAD LARRABEE.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Missy Wolfe is a resident of Old Greenwich and has written a non-fiction book about the early history of the Greenwich area. Using slides in her talk, she focused on the tangled and often combative relations between various religious groups as well as Dutch, English and Native American political/cultural groups in the area. She underscored how the English eventually, over a period of years in the mid-1600s, expanded their influence into western New England. Matters were made especially difficult because of an inept Dutch Governor, misunderstandings with the Indians and a struggle for economic advantage dealing with the fur trade. An interesting talk. The book is called: "Insubordinate Spirit."

Peter Uhry -Editor

SPECIAL EVENTS

For information contact RICH LIMBACKER or JERRY LESSUK. Checks to be made to RMA.

Thursday April 17, 8:15 a.m. – Norman Rockwell Museum. Lunch at Red Lion Inn. \$85 per person. Three openings.

Thursday May 22, 9:30 a.m. – Goodspeed – “Damn Yankees”. \$112 per person. Lunch at Gelston House. On ticket exchange.

Thursday June 12, 10:30 - Belmont Race Track. - only take 40 people - Belmont Room this year -\$70 per person

Sunday July 27th, 9:30 a.m. Leave from Eastern Civic Center. Tanglewood. Up-front seating. Apple Tree Inn. - \$102 per person

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

The **owners of DUORO restaurant** in Greenwich. They will share what it takes to run a successful Greenwich eatery.

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