

# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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JUSTICE, JUSTICE, SHALL THY PURSUE

*“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”*

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

BOB PHILLIPS presented STEVE MARINO as Pledge Leader. GRAHAM BURGESS, as Song Master, accompanied by BOB MORGAN on the ivories, led us in “America the Beautiful, “When the Red Red Robin Comes Bob Bob Bobbin’ Along” and “Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah.” TOM HEALY took us on a dark tour of lawyer humor.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1- BOB PHILLIPS discussed the proposed Revised By-Laws, which had been prepared by the By-Laws Committee, approved by the Board of Directors, and submitted to the Members for their review and comment at the March 19 meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Membership approves the draft called “RMA\_4MEMBERSHIP\_OK031214”, first presented to the Membership at the weekly meeting of March 12, 2014, as and for the By-Laws of the Retired Men’s Association of Greenwich, Inc., effective from and after March 26, 2014.

2- GEORGE SHADDOCK presented to the RMA Membership the following list of Directors, Officers, Committee Chairmen and other RMA positions, recommended by the Nominating Council. The Membership will vote on these positions at its next meeting, on April 2, 2014.

a- Officers/Directors: President -Bob Phillips; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President -Ralph Viggiano; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Peter Uhry; 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President -Don Conway; Treasurer -Steve Boies; Recording Secretary -Granville Burgess; and Publicity Director -Bernard Schneider.

b- Directors at Large: Arnold Gordon, Tad Larrabee.

c- Previous President/Directors: Mike Smith, George Shaddock.

d- Standing Committee Chairmen/ Directors: Membership Chairman, Jim Fahy; Program Chairman, John Decsepel; Special Events Chairman, Rich Limbacher.

e- Standing Committee Chairmen: CBB Editor, George Stockbridge; Audit, Richard Bartholomew; Volunteer, Steve Marino.

f- Nominating Council (2014-2015): Mike Smith (Chairman), George Shaddock (Vice Chairman), David Downs (4/30/15), Peter Schieferdecker (4/30/16), Jim Santora. (4/30/17).

3- GEORGE SHADDOCK made a special request to the Membership for assistance on behalf of the Connecticut Association of Filipino American Families to help those devastated by Typhoon Haiyan

Yolanda on the island of Leyte in the Philippines, the site of General Douglas MacArthur's return in 1944. Those interested in assisting should contact BILL MERKLE or GEORGE SHADDOCK, or CAFAF, Inc. (203-550-4634).

4- GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE announced that Mozart's Opera, Don Giovanni, is being shown on April 2 at 7 P.M. at the Bowtie/Criterion Theater on Railroad Avenue in Greenwich. The RMA Opera Group is looking to borrow videos or DVD's of operas.

5- **Returns:** JOHN DECSEPEL from Palm Desert, CA; ARNOLD GORDON from Punta Gorda, FL.; and BOB MORGAN, from Venice, Italy.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **Visiting:** CHUCK STANDARD reported that STEVE PIERSON is rehabilitating at Nathaniel Witherell, going home Friday; and that LEON FREEDMAN is recuperating at home.

2. **Membership:** Jim Fahy announced 115 in attendance with 113 members, 1 candidate and 1 guest.

3. **Birthday Boys:** PHIL HAHN (82), JOHN PAUL (75), and HORST TEBBE (74).

4. **Volunteer Hours:** MARIO BONAPARTE reported 518 hours to outside agencies by 55 men, and 98 RMA hours by 21 men. KLAUS JANDER reported 34 hours.

## **FUN & GAMES:**

**Bridge:** KURT SCHAFFIR reported the 3 top scorers: KURT SCHAFFIR -4,170; HOLLISTER STURGES -3,710; RALPH VIGGIANO -3,020.

**Golf:** RALPH VIGGIANO explained that the reopening of The Griff remains uncertain, but hopefully imminent; when the course opens, RMA golfers will be ready to go.

**Tennis:** Winners on Court 1 were MIKE WARNER and RALPH VIGGIANO; and on Court 2, PETER UHRY and RANDY MOTLAND.

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** RAE and DANA CORREIA, owners/operators of Douro Portuguese Restaurant in Greenwich discussed the ingredients—food preparation, the business side, overall attention to detail—that is required to have a successful restaurant. They provided a unique perspective of restaurant management that meets the needs of a Greenwich clientele.

**NEXT WEEK:** TOD LAUDONIA, will speak on The Greenwich Tax Collector's Office: Past, Present and Future.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

*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**.

**April 17 (Thursday). Norman Rockwell Museum,** Stockbridge, MA. Tickets \$80 p/p (note change); bus leaves St. Catherine at 8:00 am; 2 tickets available.

**May 22 (Thursday). Goodspeed Opera.** “Damn Yankees.” Lunch at the Gelston House; tickets \$112 p/p Bus leaves St. Catherine at 9:45 am; wait list.

**June 12 (Thursday). Belmont Raceway.** Lunch at the Belmont Room (buffet); tickets \$70; bus leaves St. Catherine’s at 9:30 am; 19 tickets available.

**Aug 25 (Sunday). Tanglewood.** Lunch at the Apple Tree Inn; tickets \$102; bus leaves Eastern Civic Center at 9:30 am; tickets available

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