

# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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*"I decided not to write the Cigar Box Bulletin this week"..... **April Fool's!***

The bell was rung, and rung, and rung till all was quiet and YHS could give the pledge, followed by ERF PORTER leading us in the "Star-Spangled Banner," ably assisted by "TINKLIN' PETE" RYAN. In honor of Easter, they then led us in "EASTER PARADE," wherein we were able to pose that age-old question: what the heck is the rotogravure? No songbook lyrics were necessary as we all belted out "Take Me Out To The Ballgame," while visions of snow-covered hot dogs danced in our heads. ARNOLD GORDON tickled our funny bones with a tale about why wives should never insist that their hubbies give up golf or booze. Then PREXY BOB recognized a rather large rabbit sitting in the front row. Despite being informed that the by-laws did not permit rabbits in the RMA, said bunny was permitted to tell a hare-raising joke about the miraculous effects of "hare" spray. And we never did find out who was inside that suit.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** PREXY BOB reminded us that \$70 dues are due May 1. He informed us that the Board is updating the Policy and Procedures manual and that the town will be issuing us parking passes in July. BOB WYLIE dished the dirt about Earth Day on April 15. Check our bulletin board and other town information sites for events by organizations like the Audubon Society, the Land Trust, and the Conservation Commission. Bob urges us all to "make every day Earth Day." "ENIGMATIC STEVE" MARINO told us about an exciting event at the library attended by some 80 people, but he wouldn't tell us what the event was. Given the mystery surrounding his appearance, it may have involved the man in the bunny suit. **RETURNEES:** GERRY MAYFIELD from Vero Beach, WALTER ANDERES from Arizona, ARNOLD GORDON from Punta Gorda, FL, PETER UHRY from a tour of the southern states, and BERNARD SCHNEIDER from Key West and Miami Beach. Reportedly, they were all extremely happy that they returned to yesterday's snow storm.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** **VISITING:** CHUCK STANDARD reported DAVID DOWNS, SANDY BUCHSBAUM, STEVE PIERSON, and DON O'KEEFE are not in good health. Alas, Steve's wife doesn't think he will be back at the RMA, but Sandy hopes to be back at the end of April. **PROGRAM:** JOHN DECSEPEL prepped us for today's speaker, comedian Jane Condon and made sure we would welcome her by threatening to have to tell us jokes if she didn't show up. His announcement about next week's speaker, **Dr. Susan Bissell**, who will speak about protecting children in crisis, was met with a great deal more sanguinity. **MEMBERSHIP:** HORST TEBBE reported 115 members, 3 candidates, and 1 guest: Michael Sanifier, g/o WIN ADKINS. The **Birthday Boys** are: BOB RIMMER (77), PETER RYAN (79), JOHN HARKINS (73), JACK MINOR (78), JOHN AWDZIEWICZ (83), JEFF PARKER (85), LARRY REBAK (78) and DENNIS LUKAS (78). Happy birthday, youngsters! **VOLUNTEERS:** GERRY MAYFIELD tallied 530 hours by 50 members to outside agencies and 125 hours for RMA activities by 28 members. MARTY WAINE reported the most hours, with 73. Gerry spontaneously told us a joke about a wild party where a woman guessed the profession of a man by the numb way he left her feeling after love-making, leaving us to wonder what kind of crowd Gerry hangs out with in Vero Beach. PRESIDENT BOB noted that only 50 members reported hours for outside agencies but we have 250 members, with the obvious implication that we can do a lot better. Watch this space for weekly improvements! **SPECIAL EVENTS:** GERRY LESSUK gave us the good news: "Guys and Dolls" at the Goodspeed on May 28 is wait listed at \$115; the Belmont Race Track on June 18 has 15 places available for \$75; and Tanglewood/Boston Symphony on August 9 will cost \$125 and has 24 spots to fill.

**GAMES PEOPLE PLAY:** **BRIDGE:** KURT SCHAFFIR has high hopes for returning snow birds since they were down to 7 players last week. MARTY WAINE won with 3240. Since Marty also turned in the most volunteer hours, we feel duty bound to remind us all that bridge is not a volunteer activity. Vainly chasing Marty were FRANK LEE at 2400 and DICK CASE at 1750. **GOLF:** MIKE RYAN gave us the good news that the Griff is open for play next Tuesday and that we can sign up for the next two weeks on the board. Carts only next week. Please give your \$15 dues to either Mike 1 or Mike 2. The Griff opens this Friday for those who can't wait to test their snow game. **TENNIS:** RALPH VIGGIANO served up the news that MIKE WARNER and Bill Fakundiny were winners on Court 1 and RON FRIEDMAN and ERF PORTER bested the competition on Court 2. Ralph noted that if Erf was a winner, he, Ralph, had best start practicing more, but Erf graciously refused to backhand him. JEFF PARKER captains next week.

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Vivacious and energetic **Jane Condon** kept us in stitches for half an hour with jokes about her family—Irish from Brockton, Mass; her sons and husband—they've had the "same sex" marriage for 36 years; Greenwich—where they issue you pearls before you shop in the supermarket; and other topics from passing gas to passing motorists. She ably demonstrated that there is nothing like laughter to cure the when-the-heck-will-this-winter-be-over blues! And, we had

a record-breaking 223 people in attendance. There's nothing like an event at the RMA, eh?

**GRAN BURGESS**, *Your Humble Scribe (YHS)*

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Open to all members, spouses, candidates, and guests. Checks made out to RMA.

**May 28: Goodspeed for "GUYS AND DOLLS,"** \$115, Restaurant: Gelston House. Wait list.

**June 18: Belmont Race Track,** \$75, Restaurant: Belmont Room (Dress Code). 15 places available.

**August 9: Tanglewood/Boston Symphony,** \$125, Restaurant: Apple Tree Inn. 24 places available.

### **NEXT WEEK**

**Dr. Susan Bissell** on protecting children in crisis about violence, exploitation, and abuse towards children around the globe.

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