

CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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“Last night I had the strangest dream, I’d never dreamed before. I dreamed that the world had all agreed To put an end to war.” Ed McCurdy

MIKE SMITH presented GRAN BURGESS to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. BERNARD SCHNEIDER mentioned the 2014 election and was then followed by GRAN BURGESS who led us in “The Star Spangled Banner”, “ Que Sera, Sera” and “Good Night Irene”. GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE did well with the ivory accompaniment. “Trifecta” (aka GRAN BURGESS) then educated the those present with the tale of the active middle aged lady who advertised for an active male companion.

The serious duty of electing Directors, Officers, Committee Chairmen and other positions was introduced by GEORGE SHADDOCK and presented for final vote as follows: Officers and Directors: President – BOB PHILLIPS, 1st Vice President – RALPH VIGGIANO, 2nd Vice President – PETER UHRY, 3rd Vice President – DON CONWAY, Treasurer – STEVE BOIES, Recording Secretary - GRANVILLE BURGESS, Publicity Director – BERNARD SCHNEIDER ; Directors at Large: ARNOLD GORDON, TED LARRABEE. Previous Presidents and/or Directors: MIKE SMITH, GEORGE SHADDOCK; Standing Committee Chairmen Directors: Membership Chairman – JIM FAHEY, Program Chairman JOHN DECESPEL, Special Events Chairman – RICH LIMBACHER; Standing Committee Chairmen: CBB Editor – GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE, Audit: RICHARD BARTHOLOMEW, Volunteer – STEVE MARINO; Nominating Council: MIKE SMITH (Chairman), GEORGE SHADDOCK (Vice Chairman), DAVID DOWNS (4/30/15), PETER SCHIEFERDECKER (4/30/16), JIM SANTORA (4/30/17). All of the listed candidates were elected.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The election was followed by JIM SANTORA’S report on the more than six boxes collected for the food drive. GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE followed by announcing that the popular “Don Giovanni” opera would be playing tonight at our local movie house on Railroad Avenue at 7pm, suggesting that we bring our ladies. The next Opera Group meeting is Thursday, April 24th and Tuesday, May 27th. Additionally, live in HD, this Saturday, April 5th at 12:55 pm, “La Boheme” may be seen at appropriate local theatres. Also, Tom Wooley has two tickets for April 6th (next Sunday) for SUNY – Purchase (6th row-center) discounted at only \$50.00 each; he may be called at 914- 937- 2933. Appropriately, GRAM BURGESS mentioned that more song leaders would be welcomed to volunteer. On **returnees**, we learned that TOM McEVOY had returned from Venice, Florida.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VISITING: CHUCK STANDARD stated that no hospital or rehab cases were reported.

MEMBERSHIP: JIM FAHEY reported that 110 members were in attendance accompanied by 4 candidates and 4 guests ie; Candidates were: DENNIS ARROWCET (Inductee),MIKE ROSS, MIKE HAYDEN and JACK POOLE while guests were DON HERMANN of GARY KRAUT and CHARLEY LAND of PETER UHRY . Sponsored by RUSS HARDEN and TOM DUFFY, DENNIS ARROWCET was introduced and elected by all present members. Dennis is active in skiing and tennis while at the same time donating his time to Gray Matters of NYC, Community Partners, Rotary and our town RTM. Having traveled to Russia, China, Australia India and Kenya, Dennis has lived in Greenwich for 39 years and looks forward to aiding non-profit organizations.

BIRTHDAY BOYS: BOB RIMMER (76), PETE RYAN(78), JOHN HARKINS (72), JACK MINOR (77), JOHN AWDZIEWICZ (82), JEFF PARKER (84), LARRY REBAK (77) ALLAN DEERING (80), DENNIS LUKAS (77).

VOLUNTEER HOURS: S. MARIHO reported that there were 550 hours reported for outside agencies by 58 members and 109 hours reported for RMA activities by 37 members. The person reporting the most hours was Arlo Szarbo.

FUN & GAMES:

BRIDGE: KURT SCHAFFIR reported the 3 top scorers out of 9 players were KURT SCHAFFIR and DAVE DOWNS with 3840 and Ralph Viggiano with 2820.

Golf: PETER UHRY announced that the time starts Tuesday, April 8th at 8:30 am; bring \$29.00 and sign up.

Tennis: RALPH VIGGIANO stated that GEORGE DAVIS and NICKY ACHIWA were winners on Court 1 while RALPH VIGGIANO and ANDREA (in relief of Pete Smith) won on Court 2.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: **Tod Laudonia**, Tax Collector is in his third term for the Town of Greenwich and was helpful in explaining the nature of Town taxation and the paths available for information and payment by us to the town. Details of Tax Deferral and Senior Tax Credit were helpfully provided and questions from the Members were clearly answered.

Jim Butler -Editor

SPECIAL EVENTS

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.

Thursday June12, 10:30 - Belmont Race Track - only take 40 people - Belmont Room this year -\$70 per person

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

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Dr. William Dynan, scientist, doctor, interesting person

Extensive information about the RMA, including photos, is on our website at www.greenwichrma.org. Speaker videos can be viewed at www.Vimeo.com.