



CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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President PETER UHRY got activities started in the customary manner by introducing pledge leader KURT SCHAFFIR. Song leader ERF PORTER, with GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE on the keyboard, led us in spirited renditions of "God Bless America", "Summer Time", and "The Band Played On". Corresponding Secretary BOB CAREY told us about a 130-year-old man who had to get married.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. PETER UHRY:

A. Explained that, while the new RMA membership brochure states that dues are \$100 a year, it is actually \$90 as of May 1, 2017. The higher rate will go into effect next year.

B. Noted our mentoring program, which aims to familiarize new candidates with the RMA's activities. JIM SANTORA was this week's mentor.

2. JOHN CARON called our attention to a program to be presented next Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Greenwich library, to be co-sponsored by the RMA. The speaker, Marc Wortman, is the author of "1941," a new book questioning judgments made by American leaders prior to the start of World War II, and drawing parallels to current events.

COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP: HORST TEBBE reported 108 attendees, including four candidates: Alex Gospodinoff, Mike Ross, Alan Ginsberg and today's **inductee** Peter Berg.

PETER grew up in Pittsburgh. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and NYU Graduate School of business. After college, he moved to New York, and in 1978 moved to Cos Cob, where he has lived in the same house ever since. He worked 32 years in financial services and as financial advisor. He served one term

on the BET, ran for First Selectman, and currently serves on the board of the Cos Cob Association and is completing his seventh term on the RTM. His sponsors are DON CONWAY and PAUL SETTELMEYER.

The **birthday boys** celebrated this week were GEORGE UBOGY – 79, MARTIN WAINE – 84, HENRY W. BAKER – 86, JOSEPH W. ROE – 86, and GERALD Z. GIBIAN – 79.

VOLUNTEERS: LES CHEIKIN told us that 33 men reported 350 hours for outside agencies, and 25 members reported 118 hours for RMA activities. The greatest number for the week reported by an individual member was 41 hours, by DON CONWAY.

PROGRAMS: HOLLISTER STURGES told us about today's speaker, Susan Granger (see below). Next week we will welcome Connecticut Senator Chris Murphy – sure to attract a large audience.

SPECIAL EVENTS: MIKE FERRARESE delivered the status report below:

THE SCOREBOARD

BRIDGE: KURT SCHAFFIR reported 8 players: GRANT PERKINS was first with 3580 points, PETER STERN was second with 3290, and KURT SCHAFFIR was third with 860.

TENNIS: PETER UHRY reported that DON BREISMEISTER and Peter Urbanoski were the winners on Court 1; and JOHN KNIGHT and MIKE SMITH won on Court 2.

GOLF: On a beautiful day, 12 members participated. MIKE SMITH was closest to the pin on No. 7, and PETER UHRY on No. 15. RICHARD BARTHOLOMEW hit the longest drive. The best scores were 89 for RICHARD BARTHOLOMEW, and 85 for TOM HEALY.

HEARTS: JACK SWEGER reported 8 players. The winners were: RALPH VIGGIANO and MIKE AMBROSINO on table one, and TONY RIGGI and JACK SWEGER on table two.

WALKERS: TAD LARRABEE invited us to join him on his Thursday morning walks, which are well planned and well organized. Places visited include local parks and country clubs.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

HOLLISTER STURGES introduced Susan Granger, a personable, articulate and truly authoritative speaker on the art and business of movie making. She was born in Hollywood, a member of a family of high-level studio executives. For more than 25 years she has served as anchorwoman and internationally syndicated movie critic. Her speech ranged from the international economics of motion picture production to

evaluation of the key factors impacting the industry's future: both production and distribution --particularly the shift from theaters to individualized viewing, bringing entertainment directly into the home. She is the author of the recently published book on "150 Timeless Movies."

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Events are open to all members, spouses, candidates and guests. For reservations contact trip coordinators ABBEY SMOLER (203-531-0236) and MIKE FERRARESE (203-554-0678). Checks for payment are to be made out to the RMA, and must be received within two (2) weeks following the making of the reservations or the reservations will be cancelled.

- [Culinary Institute & FDR Museum - April 20, 2017](#); Lunch at the Caterina De Medici Restaurant; Cost \$96 per person; Bus departs from St. Catherine 9:30 AM; Wait listed
- [New York Botanical Gardens- May 25, 2017](#)- Bus transportation – departure from St. Catherine's at 8:30 a.m. Lunch at Mario's Italian Restaurant -- \$98 per person_ Wait listed:
- [Belmont Race Track. -June 15, 2017](#) -Bus transportation – departure from St. Catherine's at 10:30 a.m. Members' Lunch Club -- Sumptuous buffet lunch -- \$80 per person. Jacket and tie required.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Next week the RMA will welcome: **Senator Chris Murphy** "Serving the People"

Scribe of the Week: KURT SCHAFFIR

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