

# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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"What a man thinks is his own business. What matters is what he does". **Goethe**

At precisely 29 seconds before 10 a.m. President MIKE SMITH loudly rang the meeting to order. ARNOLD GORDON led the Pledge of Allegiance, TOM HEALY led the singing of our two 1950's songs of the week, "Rock Around the Clock" and "Shake, Rattle and Roll", very ably accompanied on the Steinway by BOB MORGAN who demonstrated how to play "rock". Corresponding Secretary ARNOLD GORDON related stories about an Easter hare who waved; the best dry arrangement; and a conversation in church between a mature man and the devil. Two out of three ain't bad!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** MIKE SMITH invited us to celebrate "happy post tax-filing day". BERNARD SCHNEIDER reminded us that the Greenwich Town Party is being held in the center of town on Saturday, May 24th. See publicity in newspapers and online. STEVE MARINO announced new courses being given at the Senior Center on Greenwich Avenue: Monday, April 21 is the Basic I-Phone course; Tuesday April 22 is the Basic Digital Photo Course, to which you "must bring along your apparatus". Both are at 9:30 a.m. JOHN DE CSEPEL pleaded for more Meals on Wheels drivers. See him for more info. GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE advised us that AV RIVEL has two tickets for the LIVE IN HD FROM THE MET production of Mozart's 'Cosi Fan Tutti" Saturday, April 26at 12:55 p.m. in White Plains Theater. Price is \$35 for the pair. GEORGE has one free ticket to the same production, but at the Bay Plaza Cinema, off Exit 11 of I-95 just south of Westchester. He is driving from Old Greenwich and will provide round trip transport. Contact him if you can use it. GEORGE SHADDOCK spoke to us about an art exhibit at Round Hill Community Church of sculpture by Bob Harmon and painting by Lyn Harmon continuing for the next two weeks. Walk through the sanctuary, and look for a sign to the gallery behind it.

**RETURNEES:** AV RIVEL from Israel; NICKY ACHIWA from Japan; SANDY BUCHSBAUM from Greece, Istanbul and Florida.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**VISITING:** CHUCK STANDARD happily reported that no member is in hospital, nor in rehab. Great news!

**PROGRAM: Today's speaker:** HOLLISTER STURGES advised us that we will enjoy a presentation by **Harlan Stone** of the United States Tennis Association

(see more below). **Next weeks' speaker:** STEVE MYERS invited us to hear **Gwen Ruta**, president of the Environmental Defense Fund.

**MEMBERSHIP:** JIM FAHY reported 118 members present plus 4 guests: Gilbert Raker, g/o GERRY MAYFIELD, Bill Grempp, g/o JACK POOLE; Don Hermann, g/o GARY KRAUT; Mike Hayden, g/o BOB WYLIE. Those celebrating **birthdays:** HENRY BAKER, 83; JOE ROE, 83; BOB WYLIE, 89; GERRY LESSUK, 88; BILL BURKE, 98; JOSEPH DEVITA, 84; PAT LINSKEY, 70; REID MCINTYRE 82. Also BILL DYNAN and wife Ann celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. Congratulations to all!

**VOLUNTEERS:** GERRY MAYFIELD announced that for the week ending 4-16-14 there were 674 hours reported for outside agencies by 61 RMA members and 120 hours reported for RMA activities by 29 RMA members. The person reporting the most hours was HOLLISTER STURGES, with 62 hours. In addition, he reported that the MELODY MEN hours not previously reported are 340 rehearsal hours plus 655 performance hours, for a whopping total of 995 hours. ENCORE, ENCORE !!!

**GAMES: Bridge:** KURT SCHAFFIR dealt us the news that he was high man of 6 players, scoring 2920; next was DAVID DOWNS with 2840 followed by DICK CASE with 2390. **Golf:** PETER UHRY sliced off his report that because of rain, there was no golf yesterday, urging us to “be brave and sign up for next week”. BOB MORGAN will be captain and host. **Tennis:** RALPH VIGGIANO served up his news that MIKE WARNER and JIM HIMES were winners on Court 1, while PETER UHRY and BERNARD SCHNEIDER won on Court 2.

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** **Harlan Stone** is currently ranked #1 tennis player in New England, having played nationally for the last 30 years. His talk today was titled “The Business of the U.S. Open” (a U.S.T.A. event). His video showed both women and men playing in the U.S. Open competition. He told us that the U.S.T.A. organization promotes and develops the growth of tennis in America. Its New York area event last year drew 710,000 attendees, the largest annually supported live sports event worldwide. In addition, it was streamed live online to more than 100 million viewers. Many questions were asked by RMAers, and directly answered by the speaker.

**George Stockbridge** -Editor

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Checks to be drawn to: RMA. Events are open to all members, their ladies, candidates and guests.

Special events Chair RICH LIMBACHER (203-531-0515) and GERRY LESSUK (203-698-9451) reported:

April 17: Norman Rockwell Museum; Lunch at Red Lion Inn with BILL EUSTIS paying our wine bill. Thanks, Bill, even though you can't be with us. 7 places still open. Tickets \$80 p/p. Leaves St. Catherine's 8 a.m.

May 22: Goodspeed – Damn Yankees; Lunch at Gelston House. Waiting list. \$112 p/p Leaving St. Catherine's 9:30 a.m.

June 12: Belmont Race Track; Lunch in Belmont Room, \$70 p/p; 4 places open. Jackets required. Leaves St. Catherine's 10:30 a.m.

July 27 (Sunday) Tanglewood, with lunch at Apple Tree Inn. \$102 p/p, 20 places open. Bus leaves Eastern Civic Center 8:15 a.m.

Interest was tested about a trip on June 20 to see the Dave Brubeck Quartet, together with other RMA groups of Fairfield County. Ticket cost, if we go, \$20 p/p paid at Unitarian Church, Westport. Stay tuned.

### **NEXT WEEK**

**Gwen Ruta**, Environmental Defense Fund

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