

CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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"Half the lies they tell about me aren't true" Yogi Berra

Right on time, **President Smith** vigorously rang the bell to begin his valedictory full meeting. Next week he will share the podium with incoming prexy **Bob Phillips**. **Henry Baker** ably led the pledge followed by the musical duo of **Win Adkins** and **Peter Ryan** leading the assembled faithful in *God Bless America*, *Walking My Baby Back Home* and *Everybody Loves Somebody, Sometimes*, thank you Kate Smith, Johnny Ray and Dean Martin. **Bill Dynan** evoked laughter with stories of advanced technology in dentistry and security.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mike Smith- Reminder – VP reports are due next week, April 30. Please, turn in those volunteer hours.

Bernard Schneider – The Greenwich Town Party is May 25 and RMA will have a booth. More details to come

Peter Uhry – Kudos to **Bernard** (see above) for doing such a great job in getting RMA's name into the community. To further that aim, an RMA baseball cap has been developed, modestly modeled by **George Dippy**. A quick show of hands indicated vigorous potential sales, stay tuned.

Tad Larrabee - Photos of the Norman Rockwell Museum visit are on the website.

Returnees: **Doug Taylor** announce the lone returnee, **Gerry Boyle** from Ireland and the UK. He then related some clever Shakespearean puns

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VISITING: **Chuck Standard** (it **was** a good day) reported that **John Calabro** is in rehab at Witherall.

PROGRAM: **Steve Myers** previewed today's speaker, (see below). **Ted Spool** informed us that next week we would hear from Cindi Bigelow, CEO of Bigelow Tea on "Acting Entrepreneurially in a Family Business".

MEMBERSHIP: **Jim Fahy** read the numbers. 149 total attendees, including 146 members, 2 candidates and 1 guest Gil Raker g.o. **Gerry Mayfield**. No wonder parking was so tight. Birthday serenades were, **Brian Maher** 74, **Av Rivel** (myself) 78, **Mike Harris** 91, **Bill Dynan** 91, **Bob Robins** 76, **Jim Smeriglio** 88, **Gerry Boyle** 76, and **Walt Howe** 89 – Happy Candles all !!

SPECIAL EVENTS: **Rich Limbacher** waxed poetic on the Norman Rockwell visit (see the photos on the web site) before updating coming events, (see below).

VOLUNTEERS: Now it was **Arnold Gordon's** turn to read the numbers -402 hours by 54 members for outside hours and 123 hours by 26 men for RMA hours. High counts by **Mike Amoroso** and **Mike Ryan** at 20 each.

SPORTING NEWS:

Bridge - **Kurt Schaffir** dealt the numbers: # 1 **Dave Downs** 3490 #2 Himself, **Kurt Schaffir** 3570 #3 **Martin Waine** -2980.

Golf - **Bob Morgan** did the numbers: Closest to the pin # 7 **JIM SANTORA** – a hole-in-one (you can't get much closer than that) CONGRATS, **JIM!** Closest on # 15 **Kip Schulze**. Six players shot in the 90's.

Tennis - **Ralph Viggiano** served up the numbers: Court 1, **Nicky Achiwa** and **Mike Smith**, Court 2 **Tony Riggi** and **Ralph Viggiano** himself. Captain next week-**Nicky Achiwa**.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Gwen Ruta is VP of the Environmental Defense Fund. EDF's charter is to work globally to protect human health and the environment. She has strong credentials, both academic and experiential to be a prime mover in this organization.

She began by stating her basic premises. "What is good for the planet is good for business" and "defending the environment is NOT just about climate change" She proceeded to tell us how EDF promotes market incentives to change behavior providing examples with EDF/industry stories including such giants as Walmart, FedEx and McDonalds among others. A spirited RMA Q&A followed her informative talk.

Av Rivel -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)*

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

June 12: **Belmont Race Track; Lunch in Belmont Room.** \$70 p/p; Ticket Ex. Jackets required. Leaves St. Catherines 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.

August 7th. **Goodspeed – Fiddler on the Roof** – details coming soon.

NEXT WEEK

Cindi Bigelow, CEO Bigelow Tea – Entrepreneurship in a Family Business

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>.