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## **CIGAR BOX BULLETIN**

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“Life doesn't imitate art, it imitates bad television.” (Woody Allen)

President TAD LARRABEE called the meeting to order at 10 AM. To get things going, TAD also led the members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Then Song Leader JERRY SCHWENDEMAN, ably assisted at the piano by BOB MORGAN, opened the singing with God Bless America, and concluded with Sentimental Journey and Hello Dolly.

Corresponding Secretary RICH BISK in his first time at the podium related a story of a father and young son spending time together that took place in a pharmacy. The son asked his father about the different quantity sized packages of condoms and learned that it depended upon whether the male making the purchase was in high school, college, or married.

There were three returnees, all from Florida: FRANK SCARPA from Naples; PETER TUNLEY from Palm Beach Gardens, and PAUL KEELER from Vero Beach.

Your scribe was advised that ANDY HOLMES got married.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\* Two RMA members recently passed away:

PETER RYAN died this past May 5th at age 82 after a long illness. PETER was a graduate of Georgetown University and served in the U.S Army. He spent 40 years working in Broadcast TV in a

variety of managerial roles. He was a lifelong golfer, pilot and musician. Memorial services and Interment took place today. See this link for a published obituary:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/greenwichtime/obituary.aspx?n=peter-franklin-ryan&pid=188946690>

LOU CHIAPPETTA passed away this past Sunday, May 6th at the age of 98.

LOU graduated from Greenwich High School and the University of Toledo before serving in the U.S. Army. During his 34 year career with Pitney Bowes, LOU was Director of the Tax Department. He was known for his colorful bow ties and fondness for Florida winters. Visitation and a Mass will be held at St. Catherine Church in Riverside on this coming Friday, May 11th starting at 10AM.

2. JIM SANTORA announced that on Monday, June 11, 2018 the Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich will host its 15th Annual Golf Tournament. Proceeds are used to send more deserving kids to camp. See Jim for details.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: As reported by HORST TEBBE, there were in attendance 112 members, and two guests - Steve Brecher, g/o JOEL BLUMBERG, and Rick Wolff, g/o FRANK SCARPA. Happy Birthday was extended to MARIO BONAPARTE (93), DON HERMANN (84), and PETER TUNLEY (73).

Programs: **Today's speaker, Alisyn Camerota**, a journalist and anchor of CNN's morning show "New Day" was introduced by JERRY SCHWENDEMAN. The speaker's talk will be about a Journalist's Struggle for Truth. Ms Camerota is also a first time novelist of a book titled "Amanda Wakes Up", about an idealistic young journalist who is employed on a cable news channel during an unusual presidential race. STEVE MYERS advised that next week's speaker, Park Williams, PhD of the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, will discuss the role that climate change plays in the availability of global water resources.

Volunteer Hours: These hours were reported by DON HERMANN: There were 444 outside hours by 42 members, and 81 inside hours by 19 members. Top RMA member hours went to PETER BERG with 40.

Special Events: Full details on the scheduled Special Events are set forth below.

With regard to the Botanical Gardens trip for those who have signed up, Mario's restaurant requires that the restaurant be notified of entree selections in advance of the May 24th date. For those who have not made a choice, please see ABBEY SMOLER or MIKE FERRARESE.

## FUN AND GAMES

Bridge: Eight members played. KURT SCHAFFIR reported that the three highest scores were PETER STERN with 5140, ANDRZEJ MAZUREK with 3860, and JOHN FEBLES with 2950.

Golf: MIKE SMITH said that 24 players teed off on Tuesday. Nine players scored in the 90's; three players had scores in the 80's, and TONY COCCHI shot an 83. PETER TUNLEY was closest to the pin on the 7th hole; KURT SCHAFFIR on No.17, and RUSS HARDEN had the longest drive on no. 17. MIKE again will serve as captain next week.

Pickleball: GEORGE UBOGY reported that Pickleball winners were ANDRZEJ MAZUREK, TONY COCCHI, MICHAEL AMBROSINO, and GEORGE UBOGY. Pickle Ball is played at the Loughlin Avenue Tennis Courts on Thursdays from 9 to 11AM.

Hearts: Eight players were involved on two tables. MICHAEL AMBROSINO said that three games were played at each table. On Table 1 MICHAEL won two games and ANDY HOLMES won once. On Table 2 the winners were LOU TROVATO, PETER BERG and GEORGE DIPPY. Shooting the moon once was JOHN KNIGHT, LOU TROVATO, and TOM HEALY, and twice was MICHAEL AMBROSINO. PETER STERN mooned the sun.

Tennis: ANDY HOLMES and JOHN KNIGHT reported that the winners were PETER ORBANOWSKI and MICHAEL McDONAGH on Court 1, and MICHAEL AMBROSINO and DAVID KANE on Court 2. Next week's captain is MICHAEL AMBROSINO.

## TODAY'S SPEAKER

Alisyn Camerota is a journalist employed by the cable news channel CNN

as an anchor on its morning news show. She is a graduate of American University in Washington, D.C. with a degree in Broadcast Journalism and a minor in Criminal Justice. Prior to her job with CNN she worked at the Fox News Channel and a number of other stations. Alison's day starts at 3:30AM, and is in a car by 3:45AM reviewing current news stories. She is at work by 4:45AM. The news show starts at 6AM. The news program is assisted by a staff of 50 including investigators, reporters, writers and producers. In the pursuit of the truth, Alisyn says she follows the rules of broadcast journalism, including these two: check your biases at the door and double check your sources. A single source is sat on until it can be confirmed by a second source. The foregoing helps avoid fake news, made up stories, and fiction writers promoting a point of view. In the struggle for truth, the journalist must distinguish fact from feelings.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all members, spouses, candidates and guests. For reservations contact trip coordinators ABBEY SMOLER (203-531-0236) or MIKE FERRARESE (203-554-0678). Checks should be made out to the RMA and must be received within two weeks following the making of the reservation(s) or they will be canceled. All buses depart from the St. Catherine church parking lot.

\* NY Botanical Gardens, May 24, 2018, lunch at Mario's restaurant, \$105, bus departs 8:45AM, status: 13 places open.

\* Belmont Race Track, June 14, 2018, buffet lunch in the Belmont Room, \$85,  
bus departs 10:30AM, status: 4 places open.

\* Sound Water Cruise, August 30, 2018, snacks on board, \$35, self-drive to  
location, cruise hours 2 to 4PM, status: open.

## NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Park Williams, a bioclimatologist which straddles the fields of climatology and ecology, and an Associate Research Professor at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, will discuss "The Impact of Climate Change on Global Water Resources Essential for Life".

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