

CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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“Taking one consideration with another
A policeman’s lot is not a happy one”
Gilbert and Sullivan

President **Bob Phillips** energetically stepped into his new role, introducing **John Craine** as pledge leader and **ErF Porter** to lead us in singing “**America, the Beautiful**,” “**Side by Side**,” and “**For Me and My Gal**” accompanied by **Peter Ryan** on the piano, Corresponding Secretary **Tom Healy** regaled us with a story about a sly golfer beating the devil at his game.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bob reminded us to pay our membership dues promptly. **Peter Uhry** made a pitch for the new RMA emblazoned golf caps for \$5.00. **Ralph Viggiano** asked that anyone who has a picture of past president Keith Heyman, Joseph Robinson, William Lehren or Robert Church send him a copy. **Tim Nolan** reminded us about the next ROMEO lunch, \$40, on June 5th, at the Stanwich Club. **Jim Daniels** announced the Spring Chamber Players’ Musicales on Sunday, June 8th, at Audubon Greenwich, 613 Riversville Road with complimentary wine and buffet (\$40, half tax deductible). Walkers should meet **Tad Larrabee** on Thursday morning.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Visiting: **Chuck Standard** reported that **Bob Myers** is still in rehab.

Program: **Bob Wylie** announced that our next speaker will be David Koch, Associate Professor of History at Housatonic Community College, who will tell us about **The Age of Progress – Inventions and Scientific Advances of the 19th Century**. These inventions continue to have an impact on our mode of life today.

Membership: **Jim Fahy** reported that 125 members were in attendance, in addition to two guests: **Herb Johnson**, guest of **Fred Brooks**, and **Dick Lane**, guest of **Frank Zavattaro**; and two candidates: **Mike Ross** and **Rick Holz**.

Birthday Boys: **Herb Egli, 83; Serge Gabriel, 84; Pete Dixon, 89; Fran Auger, 90; Dick Case, 78; Bob Phillips, 72; George Suter, 81; Jay Schondorf, 76, and Tom Wooley, 86.**

Inductee: **Peter H. Maher, M.D.**, was warmly sponsored by **Arnold Gordon** and **Ron Wilson**. Peter’s medical career included residence at Greenwich Hospital and Sloane Kettering, extended independent medical practice, and volunteer service in the U.S. and overseas. He and his wife Angela have four children.

Volunteers: **John Febles** reported 560 outside hours by 59 men, and 159 RMA hours by 36 men. **Dick Chase** reported 33 -- the highest number of hours for the week.

FUN AND GAMES:

Bridge: With 10 players on deck, **Kurt Schaffir** identified the top three as **Hollister Sturges – 3930, Len Saari – 3680, and Ralph Viggiano – 3040.**

Golf: The weather gods were favorable. **Jim Santora** reported that with 32 participants, five scored under 100. Golfers are reminded that cancellations may be reported to the Host of the Week only

until 5:00 p.m. on Friday. After that the list goes to the Griff office, and players will be charged unless they have called the office directly with a valid reason for cancellation.

Tennis: **Ralph Viggiano** reported that the indoor winter season is now over. Last week **Jeff Parker** and **Ralph Viggiano** won on Court 1, and **Tony Riggi** and **Ron Friedman** won on Court 2. **Ted Spool** reminded players that RMA outdoor tennis on Loughlin Avenue is on every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

TODAY'S SPEAKER: **Bob Stone** introduced **Chief Jim Heavy**, Greenwich Chief of Police. Greenwich's 283 miles of road and 18 miles of coastline are well protected by 155 officers (12 of them female) patrolling the area and responding to some 40,000 incident calls a year. (16 civilian operators handle the calls.) Keeping as many officers as possible active is a challenge because it takes time to get new recruits through the police academy and fully up to speed, and at any time close to 50 officers may be eligible for retirement. Getting police cars equipped with online computers has been very helpful. Chief Heavy began his career in Greenwich in 1986, and was appointed to his present office in 2012. He is an Army veteran and has served as military police officer. Like about a third of the police force, he lives in Greenwich.

Kurt Schaffir -Editor

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all members, their ladies, candidates and guests

Checks are to be made out to RMA

*Chairman **Rich Limbacher** 531-9515*

May 22 Goodspeed – Damn Yankees. Lunch at **Gelston House**. \$112 per person. Leaving St. Catherine at 9:30 am.

June 12 Belmont Race Track, Lunch at the Club House (jacket) . \$70 per person. Wait list. Leaving St. Catherine at 9:30 am.

July 27 Tanglewood Apple Tree Inn. \$102. 13 openings. Leaves Eastern Civic Center 9:15 a.m.

August 7 Goodspeed – Fiddler on the Roof. **Gelston House**. \$112 per person. 12 openings. Leaving St. Catherine at 9:30 am.

NEXT WEEK

David Koch, Associate Professor of History at Housatonic Community College, will tell us about **The Age of Progress – Inventions and Scientific Advances of the 19th Century**.

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