

CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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President TAD LARRABEE opened the meeting at 10 a.m. Then PETER UHRY led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. TOM HEALY then directed us, JIM SANTORA accompanying on the Steinway, on our singing of *America, Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree*, and *This Little Light of Mine*.

Corresponding Secretary (aka joke teller) ARNOLD GORDON sang a ditty about a man on his wedding night discovering the best parts of his "real" wife.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dues: This year's dues of \$100 is due by the end of the month.

Tax Counseling Service: MARTIN WAINE announced the tax counseling service is operated by the AARP Foundation which is a separate non-political volunteer organization and is staffed partially by volunteers from the RMA.

This year, JAY SCHONDORF, JOE DOWLING, BOB PHILLIPS, MARTIN WAINE and ROS CURTIS volunteered.

Volunteer counselors are trained and certified by the IRS. Training for the next season begins in November, 2018. Tax Returns are prepared on computer software and all training materials are provided. If you are interested in participating, contact MARTIN WAINE mwaine@optonline.net 203-326-1722

CBB Scribes: CHET RISIO said that all information given to the CBB Scribes should be on 8 1/2 by 11 inch sheets of paper to avoid things getting lost. In addition, the material needs to be readable by the scribes.

VISITING: WAYNE WRIGHT reported that MANNY BONVENUTO passed away about a week ago. There is a service tomorrow at 11AM at St Paul's Catholic Church.

RETURNEES: JOHN CRAINE from Florida, PETER UHRY from Italy, GRANT PERKINS from North Carolina, and BOB PHILLIPS from San Francisco

Memorial

TOM HEALY reminded us of the character of PETER RYAN who passed away at the age of 82. Peter is survived by his wife of 57 years and his children Andrea, Clark and Peter. Peter graduated from Georgetown University and served in the US Army. He worked for 40 years in broadcasting at WTOP and then joined Harrington, Righter and Parsons, eventually becoming President and COO.

Among his accomplishments were President of the Broadcast Advertising Club of New York and Chicago, board member of the International Radio and Television Society and the Patient Airlift Service (PALS). He also spent many hours flying his plane and patients to medical facilities up and down the East Coast.

Peter loved golf and music. He played golf regularly at his club. At the RMA he was one of the regular piano players as well as the accompanist for the Melody Men the last 2 years.

He was a great example of an RMAer.

REST IN PEACE !

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP: HORST TEBBE advised that there were 116 members in attendance, 1 candidate and 2 visitors. Those celebrating birthdays were SERGE GABRIEL 89, JACK CUFF 70, DICK CASE 83, BOB PHILIPS 77, GEORGE SUTER 86, JIM FISHBEIN 72, JAY SCHONDFORF 81, TOM WOOLEY 91, and MAURICE KROHN 69.

MIKE WARNER was inducted as a new member of the RMA. He was sponsored by PETER UHRY and DAVE KANE.

VOLUNTEERS: JOHN FEBLES advised that there were 395 hours by 46 men for outside activities, and 131 hours by 20 men for RMA activities. The maximum hours reported was by MAURICE KROHN with 25 hours.

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

Bridge: KURT SCHAFFIR reported there were 5 players. The 3 highest were KURT SCHAFFIR with 3670, JOHN FEBLES with 3280, and RON FRIEDMAN with 3260.

Tennis: The winners on court #1 were MIKE SMITH and RON FRIEDMAN; the winners on court #2 were JOE MANCINELLI and TOM HEALY. Next week is the year end luncheon at the Riverside Yacht Club at noon. The cost is \$35.

Pickleball: TONY COCCHI reported that there were 9 players engaged in multiple teams and combinations on both courts. Teams are emerging from this new activity and spirited rivalries are appearing.

Hearts: PETER BERG reported that there were 8 players. MICHAEL AMBROSINO won both games at Table #1 and JOHN STANKUNAS won both games at table 2. Those shooting the moon were MICHAEL AMBROSINO, PETER BERG, PETER STERN, and JOHN STANKUNAS.

Golf: MIKE SMITH reported that last week there were 18 players, 4 players shot in the 90s and JIM BOARDMAN was the low man with a 91. Closest to the pin: on hole number 7 JIM AWDZIEWICZ, and on hole number 15 was MIKE SMITH. JIM BOARDMAN had the longest drive on number 17.

The play started in fog conditions which dissipated quickly. Sign-up sheets for the next 2 weeks are posted in the back of the auditorium. JAY SCHONDORF is the captain next week.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Dr. Park Williams is an Associate Research Professor at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. He is a bioclimatologist whose research straddles the fields of climatology and ecology. **His talk was about The Impact of Climate Change on Global Water Resources Essential for Life.**

Widespread severe droughts and extreme weather events are expected to become more frequent as the world warms. While many places have too little water, others are faced with the problem of too much. Climate change plays a central role: stressing the availability of water, increasing risk of flooding, and threatening water quality. Scientists study how drought and flood risk may evolve in coming years and decades, especially as the contrasts between wet and dry regions intensify, rain belts shift and precipitation extremes amplify.

His research has included the causes and consequences of drought in North America. He and colleagues have determined for the first time the role that climate change has played in the ongoing California drought. His work also shows that since the early 1980s, approximately two times more western US forest area burned than would have been the case in the absence of human-caused warming.

Through the use of computer modeling and simulation, graphs, photos and film clips, the author explained the seriousness of the current situation.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all members, guests, candidates and spouses. Checks to be made out to RMA and must be received within two weeks or the reservation will be canceled. Contact MIKE FERRARESE myagentmike@yahoo.com 203 554-0678 or ABBEY SMOLER abbeysmoler@gmail.com 203 531-0235

New York Botanical Gardens: 5-24-18. Cost p/p \$105. Lunch at Mario's Restaurant on Arthur Avenue. Bus leaves St. Catherine's 8:45. Status: 5 places available.

Belmont Race Track: 6-14-18. Cost p/p \$85. Buffet lunch in Belmont room. Bus leaves St. Catherine's 10:30a.m. Status: Status: 1 place available. JACKET and TIE REQUIRED

Sound Water Cruise: 8-30-18. Cost p/p \$35. Snacks. Self Drive. 2-4PM
Status: 35 places available

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

David Weisbrod has been a senior financial services executive in a career spanning more than 40 years. He was CEO of LCH Clearnet LLC, a leading clearing house, acting as an intermediary between buyers and sellers of financial instruments. He was Vice Chairman of Risk Management at JPMorgan, responsible for assessing the financial impact of possible disruptive events on the business. He will talk about how the stock market crash of 2008 was the greatest financial crisis in the US since the crash of 1929. How did it happen, and how close did world markets come to almost total collapse.