



CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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Nattily dressed and smiling, President DON CONWAY “got the show on the road” a couple of minutes after the appointed ten o'clock hour. ARNOLD GORDON made his first appearance of the day as pledge leader. He was followed by virtual baton wielder TOM HEALY and Steinway artist PETER RYAN as they led the assembled group in singing America the Beautiful, Once in Love with Amy and Side by Side.

Dr. GORDON then returned as Corresponding Secretary to tell two slightly ribald stores about euphemisms and puns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. For his third at-bat ARNOLD announced the passing of RAYMOND LEBLANC at the age of 99. Would someone who knew RAYMOND and would like to prepare a memorial tribute please call ARNOLD at 203-340-9336 or write to ajgordo@verizon.net.

He then announced, with gusto, the forthcoming first RMA Burma Shave Rhyme Contest at the June 14th meeting – details are found below at the end of these minutes.

2. President CONWAY:

-Please do not park behind 28 Lafayette Place, the building next to the church. That space is reserved for patrons of the offices in the building. They have threatened to call the police if non-authorized vehicles are parked there.

-TOM WOOLEY is turning 90 next week, so there will be a cake.

-Did not report any returnees, not sure whether there were no returnees, or he plum forgot.

3. PETER UHRY: Will continue to take orders for RMA Polo shirts and hats until the end of this week: 203-637-9482

4. ERF PORTER –made two Memorial Day Announcements

-VIN MASI is once again leading the program of placing flags at the graves of deceased vets. It will happen today, May 24.

-The annual American Legion Post 29 Memorial Day Service will be held at the Indian Harbor Yacht Club on Monday, May 29 at 8:00 AM. It will include a special tribute to veterans of WW I and Viet Nam. Guest speaker will be Edward Vick of Old Greenwich, a highly decorated former US Navy Officer who served two tours in Viet Nam.

COMMITTEES

VISITING: CHUCK STANDARD reported, once again, that no RMA'ers are in the hospital or in rehab. He asked all to notify him if the situation changes for you or other RMA folks you know.

MEMBERSHIP JIM FAHY, reprising a familiar role, stepped up to pinch-hit for absent HORST TEBBE. There was a total of 94 attendees: 92 members, 1 candidate, Alex Rospodinoff, and 1 guest Peter Le Beau, guest of ERF PORTER. There were NO birthdays to celebrate, but we sang Happy Birthday anyway.

VOLUNTEERS: JOHN FEBLES, sans computer, reported: 452 outside hours by 44 men and 494 RMA hours by 32 men, with CHARLIE SHIBETTI leading the way with 60 accumulated hours.

PROGRAMS BOB PHILLIPS primed us for attorney **Robert Fiske Jr.'s** highly anticipated talk (see below) and HOLLISTER STURGES urged us to stick around next week for a talk on "The National Drug Addiction Crisis" delivered by **Alan J. Mathis**, President and CEO of Liberation Programs, one of Connecticut's leading non-profits dealing with all aspects of substance abuse.

SPECIAL EVENTS: MIKE FERRARESE provided the latest information for the upcoming events listed below.

GAMES RMA MEN PLAY

HEARTS: JACK SWEGER reported that on Table 1, only one game was played and PETER BERG won it. On Table 2, two games were played, both won by TOM HEALY! JACK expressed his heart-felt thanks to PETER BERG for donating a card table to the group.

BRIDGE: Rookie presenter TONY COCCHI dealt up last week's scores. FRANK LEE was again the week's winner with 3390 points, followed by JOHN HOFFMAN with 3060, and BRUNO SCHRAGE at 3050. Very friendly cards.

TENNIS: PETER UHRY who reported that the *Tennis* Luncheon was a "smashing" success. (Get it?)

GOLF: PETER UHRY also reported: Low scorers were KIP SCHULZE with 97 and TED EWING who shot an amazing 82! Closest to the pin on 7 was PETER STERN who birdied; on 17 it was ROS CURTIS. Longest drive – KIP SCHULZE again. Next week's Captain – MIKE ROSS.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

BOB PHILLIPS introduced our speaker, **Robert Fiske Jr.** Mr. Fiske is a veteran of 55 years in the legal profession, 46 years in private practice and 9 years in public service as an assistant US Attorney, a US Attorney and the Whitewater Independent counsel. The talk was Law and Order meets The West Wing. He listed some of his high-profile cases in both private and public practice and then homed in on his three highest profile cases. They were USFL v. NFL, the prosecution of drug-dealer Nicky Barnes, and the Whitewater case during the Clinton administration. It was high level "from the inside" reporting of cases we all had read about when they were happening. An appreciative audience asked some spirited questions.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Events are open to all members, spouses, candidates and guests. For reservations contact trip coordinators ABBEY SMOLER (203-531-0236) and MIKE FERRARESE (203-554-0678). Checks for payment are to be made out to the RMA, and must be received within two (2) weeks following the making of the reservations or the reservations will be cancelled.

- [New York Botanical Gardens- May 25, 2017](#)- Bus transportation – departure from St. Catherine's at 8:30 a.m. Lunch at Mario's Italian Restaurant -- \$98 per person. Two spots are available.
- [Belmont Race Track. -June 15, 2017](#) Bus transportation – departure from St. Catherine's at 10:30 a.m. Members' Lunch Club -- Sumptuous buffet lunch -- \$80 per person. Jacket and tie required.
- [Mark Twain House/Museum, July 20](#), \$76/pp, bus from St. Catherine's at 8:45am, box lunch: 1 place available.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

The RMA will welcome **Alan Mathis**, CEO of Liberation Programs, Inc.: "The National Drug Addiction Crisis"

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The first annual "make a BURMA SHAVE STYLE rhyme contest."

Where: At the Wednesday June 14th general meeting of RMA

FIRST RMA BURMA SHAVE RHYMING CONTEST

FOR BACKGROUND ON BURMA SHAVE VERSES AND REAL EXAMPLES FROM
LONG AGO:

<http://www.backwoodshome.com/feeling-nostalgic-now-youll-rave-heres-the-story-of-burma-shave/>

<http://fiftiesweb.com/pop/burma-shave-1/>

Who is eligible: Any member of RMA can participate

What are the rules:

1. Your rhyming 4 or 5 line entry must be on a topic relating to RMA...but be "clean enough to be read aloud in mixed company." ONLY ONE ENTRY PER MEMBER PLEASE.
2. Your rhyme must end with the initials RMA. Note: RMA cannot be part of your 4-5 line rhyme.
3. How you rhyme your verse is up to you. Note: historically some Burma Shave roadside ads did not rhyme but eventually they all did...so to simplify things....we will have rhymed entries.
4. All entries must be submitted in writing (preferably via e-mail) to both PETER UHRY and ARNOLD GORDON by Friday June 9th.

5. To be eligible for the over the top fabulous low cost prizes (what they are we have no idea yet), you must be present on June 14 to read your entry. Fame and glory will be given to the top three entries. The winning rhymes will be posted in the CBB.

6. Like our limerick contest of last year, a panel of inexperienced amateurs will be named to select their top three entries. Then the members will be asked to vote on the three to declare the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place horses (er, rhymers).

Two samples:

OVER 60
WORRY NOT
JOIN OUR GROUP
AND GAIN A LOT.

RMA

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LIKE TO HEAR
YOU VOLUNTEER
DOESN'T MATTER WHERE
POINT IS - YOU CARE.

RMA

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