

CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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Waste no more time arguing about what a good man should be. Be one! **Marcus Aurelius**

President VIGGIANO feeling the full power of his office rang the bell to start the final RMA meeting of May 2015. JOHN CARON led the pledge and then screened a short video from Memorial Day ceremonies at the Indian Hill YC. The musical duo of TOM HEALY and GEORGE UBOGY, led the assembled choristers in *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, *Swing Low Sweet Chariot* and *Auld Lang Syngie*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: RALPH VIGGIANO

- Please advise guests who are coming just for the speaker to wait in the lobby until the break.
- Dues are due: mail them to RMA, 37 Lafayette Pl, 06830
- Please shut off phones during the meeting, especially during the speaker's thing.
- Women's club still looking for parking help June 6 – posted on bulletin board.
- Prostate cancer forum, Greenwich Hospital, June 1 6:30 – posted.
- FaCE Focus Group seeking volunteers June 1, 1:30 – posted.

PRESIDENT'S SHOUT-OUT for recognition of service to the RMA: DAVID DOWNS, STEVE MARINO, GRAN BURGESS, STEVE BOIES, DICK CASE and MARTIN WAINE.

OTHER SPEAKERS

FRANK LEE – Call-A-Ride needs drivers, male or female, regular gig or substitute, see FRANK or JIM FAHY.

WIN ADKINS – Peter Max's work will be exhibited at the Charles Parker Gallery, 17 E. Putnam Ave, May 27, 2015 from 6-8 PM.

TOM HEALY – Taking names for trip to City Stadium July 29 to hear the Melody Men sing the National Anthem and...to see a baseball game featuring the Mets.

JOHN HARRIS – Corresponding Secretary de jour told a spirited shaggy dog story eliciting multiple groans.

RETURNEES: Returning snow-birds GERRY FOX (Vero Beach), RICHARD COHN (Stuart), BILL CLEWORTH (Vero Beach) JOE ROE (Naples) and AV RIVEL back from Niagara Falls Ontario

COMMITTEE REPORTS: VISITING: CHUCK STANDARD reported on 5 members at Nathaniel Witherell: RICH LIMBACHER, GRAHAM WHITEHEAD, DAN O'KEEFE, JIM DANIEL and DICK RADCLIFFE. All are doing well except for JIM who is in hospice.

PROGRAM: HORST TEBBE prefaced his report by reminding us of the Pomona College Glee Club Concert tomorrow night (his daughter sings with them). He then quickly previewed today's speaker, details below. WIN ADKINS followed with a "needs no introduction" head's up of the Melody Men who will sing for us next week. Don't miss it! **MEMBERSHIP:** HORST TEBBE returned to report that 118 members, 2 candidates, and 1 guest: Satism Khorana a guest of JAN MEYER were in attendance. The **Birthday Boys** TOM HEALY (77) JOHN ROMANS (75) GEORGE DUDAS (65) AL KNIGHT (73) AND DICK BERGSTRESSER (81) Happy birthday, GUYS! **INDUCTEE:** TED EWING, sponsored by MIKE SMITH and PETE MCSPADDEN was welcomed into our merry band. TED is an avid skier, golfer tennis player and volunteer, perfect! Welcome aboard TED! **VOLUNTEERS:** ED BLOOM tallied 413 hours by 58 members to outside agencies and 91 hours for RMA activities by 238 members BOB CAREY was high man with 30 accumulated hours! **SPECIAL EVENTS:** GERRY LESSUK entered stage left and reported on the events listed below.

SCOREBOARD: BRIDGE: WAYNE DEVRIES dealt the scores from last week, FRANK LEE 3380, DICK CASE, 3170 and RALPH THE PREXY 3160. **GOLF:** MIKE RYAN swung out the report on last week's highpoints, closest to pin on 7 –JIM SANTORA, closest on 15, TED EWING, longest drive on 17, BOB MORGAN, MIKE would like to see more golfers out there, sign up, it's fun! **TENNIS:** TED SPOOL reminded everybody that until June 18 play would be at the **Bruce Park Courts** every Monday and Thursday 9:00 – 11:00.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Gary Ashley, General Manager of the Riverside Yacht Club talked about his growing up in the hospitality business, mom and dad owned pubs and restaurants, and managing restaurants and hotels until he stumbled upon a very successful career in managing private clubs. He explained how the paid manager works with the elected board and leaders (Commodores) of the club to provide services to their members. His stories about how crises; the nor'easter of 1996, hurricanes Irene and Sandy and the financial crisis of 2008 were managed by his staff and the membership were most interesting.

A spirited Q & A followed.

Today's appointed scribe is **Av Rivel**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all members, spouses, candidates, and guests. Checks made out to RMA.

May 28: Goodspeed for "GUYS AND DOLLS," \$115, Restaurant: Gelston House. ***Wait list.***

June 18: Belmont Race Track, \$75, Restaurant: Belmont Room (Dress Code). ***Wait list***

August 9: Tanglewood/Boston Symphony, \$125, Rest. Apple Tree Inn. 10 places available.

Next Week THE MELODY MEN !!!!

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