

# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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*"I hate war! Eleanor hates war! Fala hates war!"* -Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 1941

President TAD LARRABEE rang the business meeting to order at 10a.m. ARNOLD GORDON led us in the Pledge. GEORGE UBOGY at the Steinway and JERRY SCHWENDEMAN as song leader, directed us in "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory of the Coming of the Lord"; "Taps" and "Auld Lang Syne" in memory of the RMA members who have passed on. JERRY came back to tell us a joke about a farmer's solution to getting his pigs pregnant.

WAYNE WRIGHT gave us the bad news that JOE MANCINELLI was hospitalized for 3 days in Athens, Greece, while on a Mediterranean cruise with his wife. He had problems with blood circulation. He hopes to return to the U.S. tomorrow.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MEMORIALS:** JIM SANTORA gave a memorial for LOUIS ANTHONY CHIAPETTA, who passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 6, 2018, at the age of 98. LOU was a Greenwich native, graduating from Greenwich High School and the University of Toledo before serving in the U.S. Army. He was director of the tax department for 34 years at Pitney Bowes. His trademark was his hand-tied bow ties.

WAYNE WRIGHT presented a **memorial** for MANUEL BONVENUTO, who passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at the age of 96. A native of Greenwich's North Mianus, he graduated from Greenwich High School and earned an Associate's Degree at the University of Bridgeport. MANNY worked at Pitney Bowes from 1950 to 1984, where he was a foreman.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** PETER UHRY brought an RMA shirt and an RMA hat to the podium. He is offering them at a bargain basement low price. Don't miss out. Contact him at [uhry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:uhry@sbcglobal.net).

GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE announced the next meeting of the **RMA Shakespeare Group** will be Tuesday afternoon, June 12, at 1:30 p.m. in the home of LARRY POSNER. If you are interested in joining us for a viewing of the bard's comedy, "Twelfth Night", email GEORGE at [grspersonal@aol.com](mailto:grspersonal@aol.com)

TOM MORONEY announced that the "Greenwich Reads Together" book chosen is "Code Girls" about the 10,000 women who were recruited as codebreakers during World War II, authored by Liza Mundy.

RETURNEES: None were announced.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MEMBERSHIP:** HORST TEBBE related that there were 93 members and 4 guests: Godfrey Burge, g/o PAUL SETTELMAYER; Federico Castellanos g/o HORST TEBBE; Bob Meaney, g/o HORST TEBBE and Flemming Hellmann, g/o HOLLISTER STURGES. Those celebrating **birthdays** were DICK BERGSTRESSER, 84; AL KNIGHT, 76; JOE COLEMAN, 90; JOHN HARRIS, 84; and DOUG CAMPBELL, 89. Many happy returns, gentlemen! HORST wanted to report "apparently incorrect email addresses"; please see HORST TEBBE: JOE HAVRANEK; TOM WOOLEY; MIKE ROSS; ALEX GOSPODINOFF and TONY PARISI.

**VOLUNTEERS:** MIKE HAYDEN told us that for the week of May 18, there were only 212 hours for outside activities; 83 hours for RMA activities. Most hours were reported by Maurice Krohn who had 24.

**PROGRAM:** HOLLISTER STURGES announced that today's speaker would be **Flemming Hellman**, industrial executive and author speaking about his book on sale "Odyssey Uncharted". Next week's speaker will be **Jerry Shereshewsky**, former Senior Vice President at Young & Rubicam.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** MIKE FERRARESE previewed upcoming trips (details below).

## **GAMES PEOPLE PLAY**

**BRIDGE:** BRUNO SCHRAGE reported that they had 9 players. Top scorers were FRANK LEE with 3490; JOHN FEBLES with 3470 and RALPH VIGGIANO with 3190.

**GOLF:** PETER UHRY related that on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 24 players started, with KURT SCHAFFIR and GERRY FRIEDMAN in the lead. Six players scored below 100 with RUSS HARDIN netting an 89 and PETER TUNLEY shooting 91, JIM BOARDMAN 93 and TONY COCCHI 96. Closest to the pin on #7 was TONY COCCHI; closest to the pin on #15 was PETER UHRY. KEATING HAGMAN had the longest drive on #17. BRUNO will host again next week, starting at 11a.m. behind the ladies. PETER STERN will host on June 5 and June 12.

JOHN KNIGHT reported on **Pickle Ball**: There were 9 players: On Court 1: GEORGE UBOGY, ANDY HOLMES, ANDREJ MAZUREK and PETER UHRY. On court 2: JOHN KNIGHT, TONY COCCHI, PETER TUNLEY and GEORGE DIPPY. MICHAEL AMBROSINO also participated in mixed teams from the 2 courts. Tomorrow the games will be at Laughlin Court from 9 to 11 a.m.

**HEARTS**: JACK SWEGER announced that there were 3 tables and 12 players. Table 1 completed 3 games. GRANT PERKINS won 2 games with a record low score of 1 point! LEN SAARI was winner of game 3. Table 2 played 2 games. Winners were DON CONWAY and JOHN KNIGHT. Table 3 finished 2 games. Winners were ANDY HOLMES and JACK WEIR. Moon shooters were GRANT PERKINS (2), LEN SAARI (2), JOHN STANKUNAS, DON CONWAY, PETER BERG, JOHN KNIGHT and JACK SWEGER. Next week's captain is RICK HOLZ.

### TODAY'S SPEAKER

Speaker **Flemming Hellman** related his having lived on four continents. His father had left Denmark for Malaya where he invested in a rubber plantation. His son, Flemming, was born there in 1936. The price of rubber collapsed when the Japanese invaded Malaya and Singapore, and his father lost everything. They fled to Australia, near Perth, and then lived in Melbourne, Cambridge (England) where Flemming's brother was a student. When the war was over their father took the family to Denmark to live. Flemming earned his law degree in Cambridge University. A spirited question and answer period followed.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

*Open to all members, guests, candidates and spouses. Checks made out to RMA and must be received within two weeks or the reservation will be canceled. Contact MIKE FERRARESE [myagentmike@yahoo.com](mailto:myagentmike@yahoo.com) 203 554-0687 or ABBEY SMOLER [abbeysmoler@gmail.com](mailto:abbeysmoler@gmail.com) 203 531-0235.*

**Belmont Race Track; June 14**, Cost \$85, buffet lunch in the Belmont lounge. Bus leaves St. Catherine's at 10:30 a.m. Status; Wait listed. Note: JACKET AND TIE REQUIRED.

**Sound Water Cruise, August 30, 2 to 4p.m.** Cost \$35. Snacks served aboard. Self-drive.

Status: open

### NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

**Jerry Shereshewsky** speaks on the replacement of the U.S. Postal Service by the desktop computer, and then by mobile devices, and why they play such a key role in our lives today.