

# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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*Sacred Cows Make the Tastiest Hamburgers. Paul Krassner*

President **RALPH VIGGIANO** called the meeting to order. **PAUL BRADY** led us in the Pledge. **GRANVILLE BURGESS** as Songmaster, and **PETER RYAN** on the ivories, led us in *The Star Spangled Banner*, *Hey Look Me Over* and *Carolina in the Morning*. Corresponding Secretary **HARRY TWITCHELL** explained that the institution of marriage isn't always what it seems.

**PRESIDENT'S SHOUT OUT** for recognition of service to the RMA: **JOHN CRAINE**, **TOM HEALY**, **RICH LIMBACHER**, **MIKE RYAN**, and **MIKE SMITH**.

**RETURNEES:** **GERRY BOYLE** (Ireland and Southwest England); **LARRY REBAK** (Palm Beach Gardens, Florida); **ANDY DOMMERICH** (The Villages, Florida) and **JIM BUTLER** (Pamplona, Spain).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** **GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE** announced that Literacy Volunteers ([familycenters.org](http://familycenters.org)), which provides small group instruction to adults with limited English language and literacy skills in Greenwich and Stamford, is looking for tutors. Tutor training workshops would be held on June 8, 10, 15 and 17 in the evening. RMA treasurer **STEVE BOIES** announced that the financial report for the year ended May 1 had been completed and available, and that any member who wanted to see the Report or discuss it should see him. **PETER UHRY** announced that RMA hats remain available (\$11), and that next week, he will be taking orders for the newly-available RMA blue shirts (\$32). Those interested should see him. He also announced the availability of a phonograph album *The Corps with the Brass Band Sound*, featuring American Legion Drum Corps, Post No. 29, Greenwich Connecticut. **RALPH VIGGIANO** announced that he had been in contact with former RMA Presidents **LEON FREEMAN** and **GEORGE SHADDOCK**, and all was well with them.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** **VISITING:** **CHUCK STANDARD** noted that 5 members were at Nathaniel Witherell: **JIM DANIEL**, **DON O'KEEFE**, **RICH LIMBACHER**, **DICK RADCLIFFE** and **GRAHAM WHITEHEAD**. **MEL MARGULIS** is returning home from Osborne and **ED BURNS** is now at home. **PROGRAM:** **WIN ADKINS** announced the Melody Men who, like fine wine, grow more mellow and intoxicating with age.

**MEMORIAL:** **BILL DYNAN** offered a memorial for **CARL STONE**, who passed away on May 19 at the age of 90. **CARL** was a computer executive, who worked for Oak Ridge National Laboratory, General Electric and Digital Equipment Corporation, among

others. During World War II he served in the Pacific as a lieutenant in the Navy. During his retirement he was active in the Sons of the American Revolution, serving as President of the Matthew Mead Branch in Greenwich and then President of the Connecticut Society. He was Treasurer of the Greenwich Arts Council and a Board member of the Greenwich Symphony Orchestra. He is survived by his wife Viviane Stone, a daughter, a son, and three grandchildren. **MEMBERSHIP: HORST TEBBE** reported attendance at 128: 121 members, 3 candidates (Charlie Jensen, Dick Roberts and Rick Holz) and 4 guests: Michael Androsino, guest of **BILL SALTSMAN**; Satish Khorana, guest of **JAN MEYER**; Peter Tunley, guest of **RUSS HARDEN**; and Bruce Socket, guest of **PETER UHRY**. **BIRTHDAY BOYS: DOUG CAMPBELL** ( 86); **JOE IMM** (86); **HARRY LEIGH**( 83); **JOHN HARRIS** (81); **JOHN DECSEPEL** (79); **ERF PORTER** (79) **RALPH FREYDBERG** (77); **RALPH VIGGIANO** (67). **VOLUNTEER: MARIO BONAPARTE** reported, for the week ending June 3: 530 outside hours by 62 men and 56 RMA hours by 28 men. **TAD LARRABEE** reported 43 hours.

**FUN AND GAMES: GOLF: GRAN BURGESS** announced that golf was rained out last week. **BRIDGE: KURT SCHAFFIR** announced that the game on May 27, 2015 had 14 players. Top three scorers were: **BRUNO SCHRAGE, RALPH VIGGIANO** and **DICK CASE**.

**TODAY'S SPEAKER: THE MELODY MEN.** *Those oldies but goodies remind me of you. The songs of the past bring back memories of you. Forever they will haunt me, but what can I do. Those oldies but goodies remind me of you.*

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

*Open to all Members, guests, candidates and spouses. Checks are made out to the RMA.*

**BELMONT RACE TRACK: Thursday, June 18, 2015.** Cost is \$75 per person. Lunch at the track. Men and women to dress appropriately. Departure by bus from St. Catherine's Church at 10 AM. Wait list.

**TANGLEWOOD, BOSTON SYMPHONY.** Sunday, August 9, 2015. Cost is \$125 per person; lunch at The Apple Tree Inn. Departure by bus from Eastern Civic Center at 9:30AM. 6 places available.

For more details contact **GERRY LESSUK** ([gerrless@att.net](mailto:gerrless@att.net), [203-698-9451](tel:203-698-9451)).

### **NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER**

**Dr. David L. Levinson**, President of Norwalk Community College, will speak on the subject of *Student Success at NCC*. *"In the coming years, jobs requiring at least an associate degree are projected to grow twice as fast as jobs requiring no college experience. We will not fill those jobs—or keep those jobs on our shores—without the training afforded by community colleges"*- President Obama. In an increasingly competitive world economy, America's economic strength depends upon the education

and skills of its workers. As the largest part of the nation's higher education system, community colleges enroll more than 6 million students and are growing rapidly. They feature affordable tuition, open admission policies, flexible course schedules, and convenient locations. Community colleges are particularly important for students who are older, working, or need remedial classes. In his 2015 State of the Union Address, President Obama outlined a plan (the "American College Promise") to offer two years of free community college to students-- "as free and universal in America as high school." Higher education is expensive, and initiatives aimed at lessening the burden should be welcomed as a step in the right direction.

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