



# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

**Retired Men's Association of Greenwich, Inc.**

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"Amor Vinci Omnia" (Love Conquers All) ...Chaucer

President TAD LARRABEE rang the bell at 10:05am and called the meeting to order. JOE DOWLING led the members in the Pledge to the flag. ERF PORTER and BOB MORGAN encouraged the members to raise their voices in a spirited rendition of *America the Beautiful* and a merry delivery of *Blue Berry Hill* and *Marianne*. JIM SANTORA brought his piano to life with a vigorous accompaniment. BOB LUCE, Corresponding Secretary, delivered a series of bon mots which left the members laughing heartily.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAD LARRABEE reported on the budget for this fiscal year and it was posted on the bulletin board. He asked for a voice vote, "yes or no". The budget, as prepared, was approved by those members in attendance.

MICHAEL AMBROSINO informed us that as a volunteer at Covenant House he received a quantity of hearing aid batteries that were not usable by the residents. These batteries were available to RMA members who may need them.

As chairman of the annual picnic he also mentioned that he wished to organize a songfest. Members should see MIKE if they are interested in participating.

There were no returnees or visiting notices.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

HORST TEBBE reported there were 95 members in attendance and one candidate for induction. He also reported the following members celebrated birthdays: GEORGE DIPPY 84, PAUL KEELER 74, BOB MORGAN 82, PAUL SETTELMAYER 73, BILL SALTSMAN 92, DICK FORD 90, MICHAEL AMBROSINO 73, TONY PARISI 86.

**Today's Speaker:** HOLLISTER STURGES announced that today's speaker will be **Dr. Jill Gildea**, former Superintendent of Greenwich Schools. She will share with us the twelve innovative practices in the Greenwich School System.

**Next Week's Speaker:** GEORGE UBOGY announced next week's speaker will be **Dr. Michael Simberkoff**, retired Chief Physician at the Manhattan VA Hospital. He will advise us as to the VA Health Care System's strengths and weaknesses.

**Membership:** FRANK SCARPA and MICHAEL AMBROSINO proposed Rick Wolf for induction. He comes highly recommended for his "Mr. Fixit" talent and commitment to serve the community. He is a Youngstown State University graduate and US Navy veteran. He has held leadership positions in industry and enjoys golf, fishing and boating. He is married with two children. He expressed his fervent desire to become a member of the RMA. RICK was approved overwhelmingly by the membership.

**Volunteer Hours:** LOU TROVATO reported that there were 341 outside hours by 38 members and 140 inside hours by 30 members. Top RMA member was JERRY STINSON with 49 hours.

**Special Events:** The committee is working on plans to restructure the events.

## GAMES MEMBERS PLAY

**Bridge:** TONY COCCHI said there were 8 players on June 6<sup>th</sup>. BRUNO SCHRAGE came in first with 2210 points, ANDRZEJ MAZUREK had 2160 and TONY COCCHI had 1610.

**Hearts:** There were 12 players on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Game 1 at table 1 was won by MICHAEL AMBROSINO, game 2 went to JOHN HOAY(?). Game 1 at table 2 was won by JACK WEIR, and game 2 by LOU TROVATO. Game 1 at table 3 by PETER BERG, and game 2 by RICK HOLZ. Shooting the moon once were LOU TROVATO and JOHN HOEY(?), and twice by PETER BERG. Next week's captain is GRANT PERKINS.

**Golf:** PETER STERN said the June 12 outing had 27 players, 4 played 9 holes and 23 played 18 holes. Closest to the pin on #7 was BRUCE PANTANO and closest on #15 was ROS CURTIS. Longest drive on #17 by KEATING HAGMAN. 7 players broke 100 and a low score of 88 was made by DICK BARTHOLOMEW. Next week's host is ERF PORTER.

**Pickle Ball:** PETER UHRY reported that there were 8 players and two guests who also indicated an interest in the RMA. No scoring is kept as players just like the exercise and

fun. The fun can be found at the Loughlin Park Tennis Court on Thursdays at 9:00am. No experience is necessary. Call TONY COCCHI 203 698-1922 if you are interested in playing.

### 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 myagent [mike@yahoo.com](mailto:mike@yahoo.com) 203 554-0678 or ABBEY SMOLER [abbeysmoler@gmail.com](mailto:abbeysmoler@gmail.com) 203 531-0236.

**Belmont Race Track, June 14<sup>th</sup>**, Buffet Lunch in the Belmont Room, \$85pp Bus leaves St. Catherine's at 11:15am. Status: Wait Listed

**Sound Water Cruise, Aug.30<sup>th</sup>**, 2:00 – 4:00pm, Snacks, \$35pp. Self drive to the dock. Status: 23 openings.

### TODAY'S SPEAKER

HOLLISTER STURGES introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Jill Gildea, recent Superintendent of Greenwich Public Schools. Dr. Gildea, as a preamble to her presentation, introduced Greg Goldstein, graduating senior at Greenwich High and President of the Student Body. Greg shared with us in glowing terms the educational and social experiences at Greenwich High. He was supportive of the teachers and is looking forward to his matriculation at NYU in the fall.

Dr. Gildea has a rich background in educational leadership and was appreciative of the support of the many Greenwich community organizations. She shared with us the 12 educational practices in the school system. Listed in descending order, they are:

12. Academic Personal and Interpersonal capacities.
11. Healthy School Start Time.
- 10; Reimagined Learning Spaces.
9. Mastery based Progression.
- 8 Personal Learner Profile.
7. STEMinar-project Related Learning.
6. Integrated Partnerships.
5. Digital Learning Environment
4. Growth Mindset
3. Personalized Professional Learning.
2. Personalized Learning Math Pilot
1. Innovation Lab-Tomorrow's School Today.

Dr. Gildea elaborated on each practice and she hoped for stimulus it will provide.

## **NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER**

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