

CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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In his usual enthusiastic manner, President RALPH VIGGIANO started the meeting at the appointed hour of 10:00. (He later also led a literary discussion). BOB BISHOP led off with the recital of the pledge to the flag, followed by BOB MORGAN leading the singing of *America the Beautiful*, with JIM SANTORA at the keyboard. TOM HEALY provided the obligatory humor – two ethnically balanced stories - one about a Jewish grandmother and the other about an Italian grandfather.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President VIGGIANO offered six members for special recognition: BILL SALTSMAN, DOUG TAYLOR, WIN ADKINS, BILL DYNAN, MANNY BONVENUTO, and FRED WALDRON. Returnees are DOUG TAYLOR from Quebec City, and STEVE BOIES from Portland, Oregon. JOHN FEBLES urged us to support the food drive benefiting the *Neighbor to Neighbor Food Pantry* and the *Town Hall Emergency Pantry*, at Town Hall tomorrow, starting at 8:00 a.m. JOHN DeCSEPEL delivered the eulogy for JAMES V. DANIEL. He was born in Texas and received a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Texas Tech. He saw active service as Air Force navigator, and served in the Reserve with the rank of Captain. He received an MBA from Harvard University in 1960, worked for several chemical companies, and later joined Brown Brothers as a security analyst. He served on the boards of the Greenwich Chamber players and the Greenwich Symphony. His wife died in 2003. He is survived by three daughters and four grandchildren.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHUCK STANDARD reported that RICH LIMBACHER expects to get a new knee; DON O'KEEFE is coming along; and GRAHAM WHITEHEAD also. All three are at Nathaniel Witherell. STEVE MYERS told us that today's speaker would be **Denise Savageau**, Director of the Town of Greenwich Conservation Commission, to speak on *Climate Change – What It Means For Greenwich*. She graduated from UCon, with a concentration in Environmental Economics and Natural Resource Management, and is actively involved in the Town's Emergency Operations Center and other Town planning

groups. BOB PHILLIPS reported that **next week's speakers** Dan Libertino and John Bulakowski will talk about the legacy of Igor Sikorsky. A Russian aeronautics engineer, he built the first four-engine plane in 1913 and later emigrated to the U.S. where he designed the helicopter and founded the Sikorsky Aviation Corporation. HORST TEBBE reported attendance of 110, including candidate Charlie Jenson and three guests: David Burleson, guest of TAD LARRABEE, Lynton Kaufman, guest of GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE; and Keating Hagmann, guest of RUSS HARDEN. The birthday boys were MIKE AMOROSO, 78; RICH LIMBACHER, 86; GEORGE PAPALIAN, 93; and JIM HIMES, 75. MIKE HAYDEN told us that 55 members reported 426 volunteer hours for outside agencies, and 25 members reported 123 hours for RMA activities. The most hours for the week – 30 – were reported by DICK ROBINSON.

FUN AND GAMES

BRIDGE: KURT SCHAFFIR reported 15 players. GRANT PERKINS was first with 2660 points; BOB UNDERWOOD second with 2300; and LEN SAARI third with 2140. **GOLF:** BOB PHILLIPS reported that despite warm and humid conditions, 15 players participated. NIKI ACHIWA, JIM SANTORA, REID McINTYRE and KIP SCHULZE scored under 100. KIP SCHULZE not only made the longest drive but also came closest to the pin on holes 7 and 15.

SPECIAL EVENTS

These are open to all members, guests, candidates and spouses. Contact GERRY LESSUK for information and reservations.

Tanglewood / Boston Symphony – August 9, 2015, \$125 per person including lunch at Appletree Inn. Bus leaves St. Catherine at 9:30. A few places are still available.

Westchester Broadway Theater – September 17, 2015. *Backwards in High Heels* (based on Fred Astair and Ginger Rodgers) \$85 per person including lunch in the theater. Bus leaves St. Catherine at 10:15 a.m. Places are available.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Denise Savageau, Conservation Director for Greenwich, presented an informative review of the subject of climate change and its meaning for Greenwich. She focused on three topics: First, an understanding of the science of climate change, the role of oceans, of rapid atmospheric changes over the past 50 years, and longer-term analysis and projections. Second, the local impact on the northeastern United States, relating to rainfall, severe storms, and the rise in sea levels. Third, steps to be taken for mitigation

of, and adaptation to, climate change. There clearly is a need for better public understanding, and for scientists to keep asking questions.

KURT SCHAFFIR, *Scribe of the Week*

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