

# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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“Wealth is like sea water; the more we drink, the thirstier we become, and the same is true of fame.”  
**Arthur Schopenhauer**, Parega and Parapolipomena 1851

President RALPH VIGGIANO opened the meeting and, in the absence of GRAN BURGESS, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. ERF PORTER then came forward and, with GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE on the piano, conducted us in singing “America the Beautiful”, “Down By The Old Mill Stream”, and “It Had To Be You”. BOB CAREY stepped forward with the distinct tales of the Trooper and the Lady, one on body heat, plus a story of six elks, their hunters, and a previous travel accident. Ralph returned to recognize AV RIVEL, CARL VAN AKEN, MARTIN GRAYSON, TOM CAHILL, FRED BROOKS and ROS CURTIS for their efforts on behalf of the Association. RALPH then stated the necessity of a count of tennis players for the September season. RALPH also announced the need of a Public Relations Manager who can aid with the growth of communications and events.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEVE MARINO reminded everyone of the RAFT-UP on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon. Old and new friends can cruise, meet at the Old Greenwich Yacht Club pier and request the launch operator to bring them to “Traces”, John CRAINE’s vessel. Bring something to eat and flexible clothing. BOB ROBINS then stepped up and announced that immediately after the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, the R.O.M.E.O. lunch would be available at Fairview Country Club, 1241 King Street, Greenwich at \$45.00 per person. Tenderloin of Beef or Grilled Atlantic Salmon are the choices for the main course; there is a cash bar for alcoholic beverages. The wine raffle and cash raffle can be chosen. For participation, (sign up) starts August 12<sup>th</sup>. ARNOLD GORDON stepped up to address the need for volunteers to help collect or donate prizes for the September 10<sup>th</sup> event at Greenwich Point; all members and guests can attend, more details will follow.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**VISITING:** CHUCK STANDARD advised that more calendars will be available next month; good news followed, no fellow RMA members are in rehab or hospitals.

**MEMBERSHIP:** HORST TEBBE announced that there were 114 members, 2 candidates: David Burluson and Lynton Kaufman, and guest Peter Tuniey g/o RUSS HARDEN. Inductee MIKE AMBROSINO was proposed for RMA membership by BOB BISHOP and accepted with a unanimous AYE. MICHAEL had retired recently after 40 years from his own fuel business, Brooklyn Oil, and has vowed to be an active volunteer as a member. **RETURNEES:** TED SPOOL indicated NICKY ACHIWA from Germany, Wien, Austria and Budapest, Hungary; JIM BUTLER from Martha’s Vineyard Massachusetts and KURT SCHAFFIR from Bethany Beach, Delaware. **BIRTHDAYS:** JOHN H. HOFFMAN at 86 and PETER CRUMBINE at 77. **VOLUNTEERS:** ED BLOOM

reported that 52 members volunteered 327 hours to outside agencies; 25 members reported 91 hours. KLAUS JANDER put in 32 hours (including past weeks). **TODAY'S PROGRAM:** JOHN DeCSEPEL presented a preview of the presentation of HOLLISTER STURGES on River Paintings of George C. Bingham. See details below.

### GAMES

**Bridge** – KURT SCHAFFIR advised that 11 players were present on 7/29. GRANT PERKINS had 4600 points, RALPH VIGGIANO came in second with 4000 points and JOHN FEBLES placed third with 3840 points. **Golf** – MIKE RYAN reported a total of 14 players on August 4<sup>th</sup>. JAY SCHONDORF was closest at the pin on the 7<sup>th</sup> hole, MIKE SMITH was closest to the pin on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole, the longest drive was on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole by RICHARD BARTHOLOMEW. 6 players were below 100 with RICHARD BARTHOLOMEW shooting a blazing 83. JIM SANTORA will be our host for next week and beyond.

### TODAY'S SPEAKER

JOHN De CSEPEL introduced HOLLISTER STURGES who started the event with a brief description of the life of painter George C. Bingham starting his career as a cabinet maker and developed into an eventually wonderful painter of the frontier, viewed on the Missouri River from 1834 to 1850. His paintings of boatmen on the River ranging from "Fur Trader" to "The Wood Boat" showed clear perspective of working figures on the River before the steamboats.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

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

**Tanglewood Boston Symphony, Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.** Lunch at the Apple Tree Inn at \$125.00 per person. Bus departs 9am. Eastern Civic Center

**Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre, "Backward in High Heels" (The Ginger Rogers Story) Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>,** \$85.00 per person including lunch at the theatre. Bus departs St. Catherine's at 10:15 am – 1 place available.

**Goodspeed Opera House, "It's A Wonderful Life"- Thursday, October 22,** lunch at Gelston House \$115 p/p. Bus leaves from St. Catherine's at 10pm. 15 places available.

For details and to sign up, contact GERRY LESSUK (gerrless@att.net) 203 698 9451

### NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

CHUCK STANDARD advised that **Art Gottfried** will return to address The Battle of the Philippines, "The Mission Beyond Darkness". Chuck said that he was personally involved as a pilot flying a plane in that battle.

Respectfully submitted, **Jim Butler** -Editor

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