



# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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*"Why do Americans choose from just two people for President and 50 for Miss America?" Anonymous.*

VP DON CONWAY, offering a tie-less and relaxed demeanor at the podium, rang the bell at 10:02AM. Laggards were encouraged to assemble as DON offered "cheap seats down front".

ARNOLD GORDON led all in the Pledge.

GERRY SCHWENDEMAN conducted the songfest with *The Star Spangled Banner*, *Hey, Look Me Over*, and *There's no Business Like Show Business*. BOB MORGAN accompanied on the piano.

JOHN HARRIS told of an American business man in Japan eagerly attempting to use that language and totally confusing his Japanese host.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. GERRY SCHWENDEMAN talked of the annual picnic on Sept. 8 at Tod's Point. He urged non-resident members to sign up so permits can be issued.
2. ARNOLD GORDON urged all to attend a free concert by The Survivors, a Dixieland band, on Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:15PM at the Seaside Garden on Greenwich Point.
3. Returnees: DON CONWAY said the sole returnee was CHET RISIO from "iss-land". CHET corrected DON saying it was "island". Lost in the confusion was what island and where. (Camping on Agnes Island in Lake George.) CHET'S poorly scribbled note didn't help DON.
4. RMA Raftup: JOHN CRAINE hailed the annual boating event starting at noon, Thursday, August 18. Members, spouses and guests are invited. Call JOHN at 203 698-0118.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**VISITING:** WAYNE WRIGHT, subbing for CHUCK STANDARD, announced that JOE MALARA is at Waveny, 203 594-5389, RON KLINGNER is at Greenwich Woods, 203347-1688, and CHUCK is at home in Edgehill, 203 637-9894.

**MEMORIAL:** AV RIVEL gave a poignant and personal eulogy in honor of MARTIN GRAYSON, who passed away July 7, 2016 at the age of 88 years. With a PhD in Chemistry from Purdue he was awarded 33 patents. MARTIN is best remembered as Chairman of the CBB, coining the phrase "Chief Ink Stained Wretch". His love of words is best evidenced by his poetry. AV concluded his memorial by reading one of MARTIN's poems; "Glistening Grievs and Golden Sorrows".

**MEMBERSHIP:** HORST TEBBE reported 104 members in attendance plus one candidate and five guests. The guests were: Steve Elliott g/o GERRY FOX, Lou Rothman, g/o GERRY GIBIAN, Bob Kurzman, g/o GERRY GIBIAN, Jules Lipow, g/o STEPHEN MARINO and Tony Cocchi, g/o MICHAEL AMBROSINO.

**Inductee:** Dieter Blennemann was presented for membership by KLAUS JANDER and FREDERIC BROOKS. On a rousing chorus of "ayes" DIETER was accepted as a member in the RMA.

There was one birthday boy, ROBERTJ. UNDERWOOD, age 90.

**VOLUNTEERS:** MIKE HAYDEN reported, for the week of Aug. 10, there were 436 hours reported by 47 men for outside agencies and 193 hours by 27 men for RMA activities. Reporting the most hours was JOHN TONER with 40 hours.

## FUN AND GAMES

**TENNIS:** MIKE AMBROSINO said the fall/winter tennis program will start Sept. 9, 2016 thru May 5, 2017. Next week all players will receive a schedule, roster and introductory letter. Contact MIKE at [brooklynoil@yahoo.com](mailto:brooklynoil@yahoo.com) <mailto:[brooklynoil@yahoo.com](mailto:brooklynoil@yahoo.com)> or 203 629-1897.

**BRIDGE:** KURT SCHAFFIR listed the bridge scores for Aug. 3rd. There was a total of 15 players with JAMES CHUNG leading with 6,540 points, BRUNO SCHRAGE at 6,270 and MARTIN WAINE WITH 6,210.

**GOLF:** RALPH VIGGIANO gave the golf scores for Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>. Top scorer was DICK BARTHOLOMEW at 87 with RALPH and REID McINTYRE tied at 91 and KIP SCHULTZE with a 93. Closest to the pin at #7 was BOB MORGAN and, at #15, RALPH VIGGIANO. The longest drive was done by NICKY ACHIWA.

## TODAY'S SPEAKER

BOB ROBBINS introduced Barbara Ormerod-Glynn, Director of the Greenwich Libraries. The subject of her talk, "Greenwich Library in the Digital Age", addressed the conundrum of the modern library; The steadfast reliance on the printed page and the increasing use of digitized material. She summarized this widening gap as "Bookbooks vs. E-books". Yet this activity is only a small part of the evolving modern library. No longer a convenient facility for media, libraries have become community centers, offering a free and vital resource open to the public. No better example is the Greenwich Library System.

Ms. Ormerod-Glynn stressed the assets which have earned Greenwich Library its Five-Star rating. It contains:

- 450,000 items for use by residents
- 14,000 audio books
- 35,000 DVDs which far exceeds Netflix's total
- An embedded art museum, the Flynn Gallery
- 100 computer terminals and Wi-Fi access.
- 1,800 cultural programs a year
- Digital content available 24/7
- The Cole Auditorium, 19 study rooms and a meeting room

Despite the many values inherent in these extensive resources, one stood out. During Hurricane Sandy, with extensive power failures throughout the town, residents gathered in the library, finding comfort and reassurance in its stable environment.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all Members, Spouses, Candidates and Guests. Checks payable to the RMA. Contact MIKE FERRARESE 203 554-0678, [myagentmike@yahoo.com](mailto:myagentmike@yahoo.com) or ABBEY SMOLER 203 531-0236 [abbeysmoler@gmail.com](mailto:abbeysmoler@gmail.com)

**SAGAMORE HILL:** T. Roosevelt home), Thursday, September 22, 2016. Lunch: Canterbury Oyster Bar. Cost: \$75.00 per person. Status: Wait listed. Bus leaves St. Catherine's at 8:30 am. Contact ABBEY SMOLER ([abbeysmoler@gmail.com](mailto:abbeysmoler@gmail.com) / 203-531-0236) for information.

**GOODSPEED OPERA HOUSE:** "Chasing Rainbows, The Judy Garland Story". October 27, 2016. Lunch at the Gelston House, \$115.00pp. Bus departs St Catherine's at 10.0AM. Status: 29 places available.

## **NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER**

**Dr. Joonun (Chris) Choi**, Director of Cardiology Resident Medical Education at Stamford Hospital. Dr. Choi will speak about heart problems in a presentation titled, "Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Your Heart But Were Afraid To Ask".

Your Humble Scribe: **CHET RISIO**

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