



# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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*"Do unto others as you would have done to you." (Anonymous)*

President JERRY SCHWENDEMAN herded in the raucous members at precisely 10:00am.

MIKE HAYDEN led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

TOM HEALY then led us singing *America the Beautiful, In the Good Old "Summertime, America the Beautiful and It Had to be You*, very ably accompanied by JIM SANTORA on the Steinway.

BOB LUCE stepped up as Corresponding Secretary a.k.a. joke teller related a droll story about a husband and wife on the golf course.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **RETURNEES:** JIM BUTLER from Martha's Vineyard, MIKE HAYDEN from South Carolina aboard the USS Laffey Yorktown, BOB PHILLIPS from Basin Harbor, Vermont; ARNOLD STANCELL from Atlanta, and RANDY MOTLAND from Martha's Vineyard.

2. **ANNUAL RAFTUP:** JOHN CRAINE disclosed that the annual Raft-Up will be held starting at noon Thursday, August 15 including both sail and power boats. The participants will rendezvous off Great Captain's Island. Bring food, drinks and enjoy fellowship with old and new friends. Spouses and guests are invited. The RaftUp will end around 2:30pm. Call JOHN at 203-698.0118.
3. **President JERRY SCHWENDEMAN** said that we overlooked the requirement for a vote on the 2019-2020 budget, "Oops!" We are hereby recording it in today's CBB.
4. **GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE** said that the RMA Shakespeare Group will meet Wednesday afternoon to view the DVD of one of the bard's best comedies, *As You Like It*. The meeting will be held at the home of KEITH SMITH, 37 Jones Park Drive in Riverside. Drive to the end, round the roundabout, and park in front of his house or in his driveway. Come around to the back door. We will roll the film at 1:30pm.
5. **MAURICE KROHN** advised us that on October 10, at the cost of \$110 per person, there will be a 2-hour guided tour visit to Wave Hill in The Bronx with lunch at The Lobster House on City Island. Menu includes salad, pasta, choice of broiled salmon, shrimp scampi, fried shrimp, chicken parmesan, broiled whole lobster, prime rib of beef, or single 7 oz. lobster tail, all served with veggies, potatoes, soda, coffee, ice cream and cake in our honor.
6. **Human interest story:** CHET RISIO introduced PETER UHRY who talked about growing up on a farm in Pound Ridge in a house built in 1750 with a root cellar across from Emily Shaw restaurant. His discussion touched upon many anecdotal tales of his childhood and brought back a great deal of nostalgia to the RMA members.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**MEMBERSHIP:** HORST TEBBE told us that there were 101 members present (no candidates, no visitors). Those celebrating birthdays were JOE MANCINELLI 69, BOB UNDERWOOD 93; ALAN GUNZBERT 60, BRUNO SCHRAGE 81, BART BARTHOLOMEW 82, ABBOTT JONES 85, and GRANT PERKINS 75. Happy birthday, all!

**VOLUNTEER HOURS:** JIM FISHBEIN solicited more volunteer hours.

BOB FRISHMAN reported 404 volunteer hours given by 36 members and 146 hours by 24 members. ALAN GUNZBURG had the most hours at 35.

**VISITING:** MICHAEL AMBROSINO told us that BILL HOWLAND is recovering nicely from bypass surgery.

## FUN AND GAMES

**INDOOR TENNIS:** MICHAEL AMBROSINO stating that a letter, schedule and roster were emailed last week to all players. The season starts Sept. 6. He urged those who have not yet paid to do so.

**GOLF:** PAUL CAMPION reported 12 players ventured onto the course despite the raindrops. Closest to the pin #7 was PETER STERN, longest drive #17 was MICHAEL AMBROSINO, and closest to #15 was characterized as "everyone in the general vicinity."

**PICKLEBALL:** TONY COCCI told us there were 13 players on Thursday and 10 players on Monday. Tomorrow (Thursday) pickleball only. Come on down!

**HEARTS:** JOHN KAVANAGH said there were 5 winners: TOM HEALY (2), JOHN KNIGHT, JIM BEAN, and JOHN KAVANAGH. Moon shots TOM HEALY, JIM DEAN, and JOHN KAVANAGH. Next week's captain will be TOM HEALY.

**BRIDGE:** No Report.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all members, spouses, candidates and guests. Checks should be made out to RMA and must be received within two weeks of the reservation(s) or the reservation(s) will be cancelled. Busses depart from the St. Catherine Church parking lot on Riverside Avenue opposite the Church. Contact persons are listed with each event.

**PEPSICO SCULPTURE GARDENS TOUR:** September 19, 2019. The tour will be led by ARTHUR STAMPLEMAN and will view 45 works by the 20th century's leading artists. An upscale buffet lunch will follow at the Doral Arrow Wood Resort. Cost of full buffet is \$40, or the extensive salad bar is \$25. Transportation is self-drive, arrive by 10:00am, status: full, reservations are still available. Contact JIM FISHBEIN or MAURICE KROHN.

**WAIVE HILL GARDENS, RIVERDALE, NY:** October 10, 2019. A two-hour guided tour from 9 to 11:00am; free gift and 10% discount on any purchase. See [www.wavehill.org](http://www.wavehill.org). lunch at The Lobster House on City Island, cost \$110pp, bus departs at 8:00am, status: places available until September 18, 2019. Contact MAURICE KROHN.

## TODAY'S SPEAKER

TODAY'S SPEAKER was Aleksandr Y. Troyb, Esq. He spoke in great detail about immigration. He told us who is coming illegally and why. Immigrants come

mainly from Central America via Mexico, and from the Philippines Islands, mainly because they fear the violence and crime in their own countries. He said that there is no legal pathway for the vast majority of "intruding" immigrants, and traditionally there are long waiting times stretching for up to 24 years. There are exceptions made if the immigrants are talented athletes, professors, physical therapists, scientists, etc. Anyone willing to sponsor these exceptional persons must have an income high enough to ensure that they don't become a burden on the economy. On the other hand, low skilled workers are valuable to work on the farms at harvest time. Future legislation may focus on protecting border guards, more than 700 more miles of border fencing, increasing training of border officers and scaling up the prosecutions of illegal border crossings. A spirited Q and A followed.

### NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

HOLLISTER STURGES announced that next week's speaker will be Francis Marrone, speaking on *The Historic Buildings of Central Greenwich*.

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### RMA 2019 Calendar

Weekly Repetitive Activities			
Date	Time	Activity	Location
Mondays	9:00am to 11:00am	Summer Tennis or Pickleball	Loughlin Ave. Courts
Mondays	3:00 to 4:00	Tai Chi Beginner	Greenwich Sr. Center
Tuesdays April through September	Various 8:00am to 11:00am Tee Times	Golf	Harris Griffith Golf Course
Wednesdays	10:00am to 11:00am	RMA Weekly Meeting	First Presbyterian Church, One West Putnam Ave., Greenwich CT
Wednesdays	1:00 to 3:00pm	Hearts	Greenwich Civic Ctr. 90 Harding Road, Old Greenwich
Wednesdays	3:00 to 4:00	Tai Chi Advanced	Greenwich Sr. Center
Wednesdays	1:00 to 3:00pm	Bridge	Greenwich YMCA

Thursdays	9:00am to 11:00am	Pickleball	Loughlin Ave. Courts
Thursdays	9:00 AM	RMA Walking	Various TBD
<b>RMA Special Events</b>			
September 12, 2019	10:30am	ANNUAL RMA PICNIC	Greenwich Point Park
September 19, 2019	10:00am	PepsiCo Kendal Sculpture Gardens	Purchase, NY
October 10, 2019	9:00 to 11:00am	Wave Hill Tour	Riverdale, NY
November 13, 2019	12:00 Noon	ANNUAL RMA BANQUET	Tamarack Country Club