

CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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President TAD LARRABEE got things started with the help of HORST TEBBE who led us in the pledge, and song leader TOM HEALY. We marched to "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" on "The Sunny Side of the Street" and to "Strawberry Hill," with GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE at the keys.

Corresponding Secretary ARNOLD GORDON presented a dissertation on "Why Men Are Just Happy People," with the participation of BOB LUCE, JERRY SCHWENDEMAN, TOM HEALY, BOB CAREY and RICHARD BISK.

ARNOLD also informed us that the Second Limerick Contest will be held on September 5, 2018, and asked that contestants contact him (ajgordon@verizon.net).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WAYNE WRIGHT told us that DICK GRIFFIN died on July 28. A memorial will be held on Saturday, September 15, at Saint Catherine on Riverside Avenue.

TAD LARRABEE reported on returnees: ARNOLD GORDON from Spain, France and Italy; CHET RISIO from Lake George; GRANT PERKINS from Kennebunkport; PETER UHRY from Union Island; GERRY BOYLE from Nantucket; and BOB PHILLIPS from Basin Harbor, Vermont.

TOM HEALY told us that the Melody Men need more men.

MICHAEL AMBROSINO reported that indoor tennis starts September 7 at OGTA. The cost is \$440. A schedule, roster and letter will be e-mailed to participants. MIKE reminded us that the date for the annual picnic – rain or shine – will be Thursday, September 12, and said that ARNOLD GORDON is doing a great job on gifts. There will be a raffle and a lip-sync contest.

COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP: HORST TEBBE reported attendance of 102 members and one guest – John Kavanagh – guest of JACK WEIR. The **birthday boys** were ALAN

GUNZBERG - 57, BOB UNDERWOOD - 92, BRUNO SCHRAGE – 80, DICK BARTHOLOMEW – 81, ABBOTT JONES – 84, GRANT PERKINS – 75, and GENE SCHWARTZ - 85.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: LOU TROVATO reported 251 outside hours by 32 members and 187 inside hours by 26 members. HOLLISTER STURGES topped the week with 29 hours.

THE SCOREBOARD

BRIDGE: RALPH VIGGIANO reported that last week there were nine players. JOHN FEBLES was first with 3510 points, JOHN HOFFMAN second with 3460, and RALPH was third with 2650. The YMCA is closed today for maintenance, and arrangements have been made for a room at the Western Community Center. Next week the Y will be open again and we will continue to play there at the usual time of 1:15 p.m.

TENNIS: JOHN KNIGHT told us that there was no tennis last week.

HEARTS: ANDY HOLMES reported three tables and twelve players. Winners were GEORGE DIPPY, LOU TROVATO and JOHN KNIGHT. Moon shooters were PETER BERG, LOU TROVATO, JACK WEIR, JACK SCHWEGER, CHARLES GRAVES and GEORGE DIPPY -- twice.

GOLF: PETER STERN reported that there were 11 players, six of whom played 18 holes. JOHN CRAINE was closest to the pin on #7; GEOFFREY BURGE was closest on # 15 and also had the longest drive on #17. Three players broke 100. TONY COCCHI had the lowest score of 86. GRAN BURGESS will be the host on August 21.

MIKE RYAN advised that the golf lunch will be Wednesday, October 10, 2018.

PICKLEBALL: TONY COCCHI reported that there were 8 players. Four courts will be available on Thursdays from 9-11 a.m. at Loughlin Courts.

JOHN CRAINE reported that the *RMA Raft-up* was held on a beautiful afternoon on August 9, 2018, off Great Captains Island. There were ten participants with three sloops. TONY and JANE PARISI enhanced the event with hors d'oeuvres and beverages. A great time was had by all.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

GEORGE UBOGY – A PASSION FOR MUSIC

PETER UHRY introduced Dr. Ubogy who is a physician (former Medical Director of the Addiction Recovery Center at Greenwich Hospital) and a member of the RMA, as well as a skilled musician. His presentation – in words and on the piano – ranged over a number of musical subjects and fascinated the audience. What constitutes musical plagiarism? We enjoyed listening to a number of examples (“One for My Baby,” “On Broadway,” Chabrier’s “Espagna”, and “Stranger in Paradise.” We learned that chord progressions are too broad to be patented. We learned about the art of musical arranging, and listened to how chord progressions are modified to adjust to the

character or mood of the music. Again Dr. Ubogy gave examples (“Over the Rainbow,” “You’ll Never Walk Alone,” “Loch Lomond.”)

A Chimes Master at his alma mater, Cornell University, Dr. Ubogy then explained about the skills and acrobatic ability needed to play the Cornell Chimes. He concluded with a story about a personal performance.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all members, guests, candidates and spouses. Checks to be made out to RMA, must be received within two weeks or the reservation will be cancelled. Contact MIKE FERRARESE (myagentmike@yahoo.com / 203-554-0678) or ABBEY SMOLER (abbeysmoler@gmail.com / 203-531-0236)

[Soundwater Cruise](#) -- August 30, 2018. Cost of \$35 per person. Snacks. Drive yourself; Meet at the boat at 1:30 pm. Status: Eleven places available.

[Goodspeed Theater](#) – “The Drowsy Chaperone.” October 25, 2018. Cost of \$125 per person. Lunch at the Gelston House. Bus departure from St. Catherine at 9:15 a.m. Status: 21 places available.

NEXT WEEK’S SPEAKER

Our speaker next week will be **Dr. Richard Connors**, dermatologist, on the subject of “Skin Cancer – What’s New.”

Your faithful scribe, KURT SCHAFFIR