



CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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President DON CONWAY rang his bell to assemble the group in the sanctuary. He gave appropriate recognition to our treasurer, WAYNE DEVRIES, and the week's mentor, RUSS HARDEN. Honoring CHUCK STANDARD who passed away last week, song leader JACK SWEGER, with BOB MORGAN on the keyboard, led us in singing CHUCK's favorite patriotic songs: "God Bless America," "You're a Grand Old Flag," and "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy." BOB BISHOP suggested that next week we wear coats and ties in CHUCK's honor.

Corresponding Secretary ARNOLD GORDON amused us with a series of jokes. ARNOLD also reminded us to wear special protective glasses if we wanted to view the sun's ellipse next week. RUSS HARDEN reminded us to come to the picnic on September 14.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOB ROBINS spoke **in memory of Philip Smith**. As a rural Methodist minister's child in rural Oklahoma, he worked on farm-boy jobs. He graduated from Oklahoma City University, and soon acquired computer and internet skills. He became expert in hospital system digital development and this became his career. Philip had two children. His wife predeceased him before he moved to Greenwich. He became an active member of the RMA, helping with web maintenance and publicity. There will be a memorial service Saturday, September 9, at 2:30 at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich.

PETER UHRY urged all to stay for today's speaker, Rear Admiral **John Weigold** (see below). He then told us that next week we will enjoy another musical program by GEORGE UBOGY. This time he will draw on the music of Rogers and Hammerstein, with special reference to the world of chimes and carillons.

COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP: HORST TEBBE reported 110 attendees, including one inductee and two guests: Marshall Tuppo, guest of CHET RISIO, and Arbot Jones, guest of BOB PHILLIPS. The **inductee**, LAWRENCE SPANN, was introduced by his sponsor,

CHARLIE JENSEN, and duly elected to membership. LARRY was born in Greenwich, is a graduate of Greenwich High School, and served in the U.S. Army of Occupation in Okinawa. He was a long-time member of the Greenwich Fire Department, with special competence as Apparatus Mechanic.

The **birthday boys** celebrated this week were BOB UNDERWOOD, 91; NICK MECCA, 89; BRUNO SCHRAGE, 79; BART BARTHOLOMEW, 80; RUSS PERKINS, 74; GENE SCHWARTZ, 84; ED BLOOM, 87; JIM BUTLER, 75; JOE MANCINELLI, 67; and ALAN GUNZBURG, 58.

VOLUNTEERS: TONY COCCHI reported that 32 men had served 262 volunteer hours for outside agencies, and 26 members reported 134 hours for RMA activities. The greatest number for the week reported by an individual member was 23 hours, by MICHAEL AMBROSINO.

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

BRIDGE: BRUNO SCHRAGE reported that 10 members played last week: He was first with 3520 points, GRANT PERKINS was second with 3170, and KURT SCHAFFIR was third with 2340.

HEARTS: PETER BERG reported two tables. The winners at Table 1 were JACK SWEGER and TOM HEALY, and on Table 2 MIKE AMBROSINO and PETER BERG. Moon shots were achieved by JOHN KNIGHT, MIKE AMBROSINO and TOM HEALY.

TENNIS: Summer tennis is played on Monday from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. For the fall season (September 2017 to May 2018) send a check for \$505, payable to OGTA, to MICHAEL AMBROSINO, 1 Knollwood Drive East, Greenwich CT 06830.

GOLF: Three foursomes and some nine-holers participated. At least ten men broke 100 – three broke 90. JIM BOARDMAN shot a low 85, and TONY COCCHI a 76. Closest to the pin on seven was MIKE SMITH, and on 15, PETE UHRY. Both scored birdies. GRAN BURGESS hit the longest drive.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Rear Admiral John F. Weigold IV was assigned to his current role as reserve deputy commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet in December 2015. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, the Naval War College and the Joint Forces Staff College.

An exceptionally large audience learned about the history and linkages of the Indo-Asia-Pacific region through which passes a third of the world's trade. Sixty percent of the U.S. Navy-- 140,000 personnel -- is assigned to this area. International Naval activities are guided by traditional laws and agreements. Current concerns in the South China Sea result from China's efforts to change these rules. U.S. operations are largely based on old technology. Bringing them up to date is a slow process. China is catching up rapidly.

North Korea is very difficult to infiltrate. It is difficult to figure out what they will do, and we have been forced to take a defensive posture. Much of our effort is focused on building relationships with other nations in the area.

Admiral Weigold's impressive knowledge and experience were greatly appreciated.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to members, spouses, candidates and guests. Checks made out to RMA must be received within two weeks following the reservation or the reservation will be cancelled.

Trip coordinators MIKE FERRARESE (203-554-0678) and ABBEY SMOLER (203-531-0236)

August 31, 2017 – Soundwaters boating trip – 2:00 to 4:30pm. **Drive your own car.**
Meet at dock at 1:30 p.m. Snacks and water. \$35 per person. Status: one opening.

September 21, 2017 – “Oklahoma” at Goodspeed Opera House. Bus leaves St. Catherine at 9:45 a.m. Lunch at Gelston House. \$120 per person. Status: wait listed.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

GEORGE UBOGY will present a musical program on Rodgers and Hammerstein

KURT SCHAFFIR, Scribe of the Week

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