



CIGAR BOX BULLETIN



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First VP DON CONWAY brought the group to order, and introduced pledge leader LARRY SCHMITZ. Song leader CHUCK STANDARD, with GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE on the keyboard, led us in patriotic, spirited renditions of "God Bless America," "You're a Grand Old Flag," and "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy."

BOB CAREY provided the humor with a story about the man who came to shoot all the men with whom his wife had cheated, but was told he didn't bring enough ammo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. SERGE GABRIEL urged us to attend a celebration of the "Esquadrielle Lafayette," (a group of American volunteer aviators who played an important role in World War I in France) to be held tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. at the Byram Library.
2. ARNOLD GORDON advised that the Moderator of the Greenwich RTM will be next week's speaker.
3. GERRY SCHWENDEMAN told us that the RMA picnic on September 8 is ready to go, and thanked the members who had helped to organize it.
4. JOHN CRAINE advised that the raft-up had to be postponed due to weather. New date is to be announced.
5. JOHN FEBLES is looking for an old lap top computer which would make recording and analyzing volunteer hours much easier.
6. The week's only returnee was BILL SALTSMAN, from Emerald Lake, N.C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

VISITING: WAYNE WRIGHT reported that TED SPOOL is recuperating at home, JOE MALARA is at Waveny (203-594-5389), and RON KLINGNER is resting at Greenwich Woods (203-347-1688).

MEMORIAL: FRANCES D. AUGER died August 6, 2016. A native of Vermont and a graduate of the University of Vermont, he served in the U.S. Air force. He had a long career as an executive of the Mobil Corporation's world-wide real estate division. He played an important role in the building of Hill House. A long-term member of the RMA, he served as volunteer for Meals on Wheels and Call a Ride. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, five children and seven grandchildren.

MEMBERSHIP: HORST TEBBE welcomed three candidates: Steve Elliott, Lou Rothman, and Tom Necinovich; and four guests: Marshall Toppo, guest of CHET RISIO, Jerry Carivo, guest of BILL CAPORIZZO, Bob Kurzman, guest of GERRY GIBIAN, and Joe Dowlive, guest of WAYNE WRIGHT. The **birthday boys** were NICK MECCA, 88; BRUNO SCHRAGE, 78; RICHARD BARTHOLOMEW, 79; RUSSEL PERKINS, 73; GENE SCHWARTZ, 83 and EDWARD BLOOM, 86. JIM and CATHERINE MACKAY celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary.

VOLUNTEERS: ED BLOOM reported that 41 men reported 372 hours for outside agencies, and 25 members reported 123 hours for RMA activities. The greatest number reported by an individual member was 56 (accumulated) hours, by BOB CAREY.

FUN AND GAMES

TENNIS: For winter tennis please contact MICHAEL AMBROSINO (203-629-1897). Play will be Fridays, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., September 6, 2016, to May 5, 2017. Approximate cost: \$550.

BRIDGE: KURT SCHAFFIR advised that the YMCA room is temporarily unavailable. JAMES CHUNG has made arrangements for use of the Greenwich Baptist Church Meeting Hall at 10 Indian Rock Lane, opposite the Central Middle School, starting at 1:15 p.m. for the next few weeks. Last week there were 15 players: JAMES CHUNG was first with 3740; WAYNE DeVRIES was second with 3630, and KURT SCHAFFIR was third with 2800.

GOLF: KURT SCHAFFIR reported that – perhaps due to sweltering conditions – only six members played golf and only five completed 18 holes. JAY SCHONDORF and JOHN AWDZIEWICZ scored below 100. JAY SCHONDORF was closest to the pin on #7 and JACK WEIR on #15. ROZ CURTIS hit the longest drive on #17. Jack Ryan will host next week.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Dr. Joonun (Chris) Choi, Head of Cardiology at Stamford Hospital, explained seven basic factors to watch: blood pressure – the most significant risk factor; cholesterol level; blood sugar level; level of activity; healthy diet; weight control; and abstinence from smoking. Heart disease accounts for one of three deaths in the U.S. American culture is the underlying cause of obesity -- a major problem. Awareness of unusual debilities is key to early detection of a stroke.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all Members, Spouses, Candidates and Guests. Checks payable to the RMA. Contact MIKE FERRARESE 203 554-0678, myagentmike@yahoo.com or ABBEY SMOLER 203 531-0236 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 / 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

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Your Humble Scribe: KURT SCHAFFIR

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