



CIGAR BOX BULLETIN



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President, PETER UHRY, rang the opening bell at 10:00 AM and introduced LOU CHIAPPETTA to lead us in the Pledge. Accompanied by GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE on the piano. PETER cautioned all to be respectful of a memorial event scheduled to take place in the church during the time of our meeting. CHUCK STANDARD led us in spirited singing of The Star Spangled Banner, God Bless America and You're a Grand Old Flag. HARRY TWITCHELL drew hearty laughs with a story about a blind man in a blonde women's biker bar who was relieved not to have to explain a blonde joke to some to very scary ladies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. JERRY SCHWENDEMAN and ARNOLD GORDON brought us up-to-date on the status of tomorrow's picnic.
 - a. ARNOLD urged all to "bring money" to actively participate in the raffle of prizes valued at more than \$2,000.
 - b. He noted that there would be a silent auction for a painting donated by DAN GRIMSICH, which was displayed during today's meeting.
 - c. ARNOLD also reminded us that the proceeds from the picnic raffle would go to offsetting the cost of the picnic.
2. JOHN FEBLES announced that there is a new schedule for recorders of volunteer hours, and that it is posted on the bulletin board.
3. RECOGNITION: PETER called BILL SALTSMAN to the dais to be recognized upon his retirement as RMA Historian following eleven years of service to the RMA in that position. BILL earned a well-deserved round of applause.
4. RETURNEES: PETER welcomed back STEVE BOIES (Portland, OR), AL KNIGHT (Cape Cod & Quebec) and GERRY BOYLE (Nantucket).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

VISITING: CHUCK STANDARD told us that JOE MALARA is showing little improvement and remains in rehab at Waveny. TED SPOOL will be undergoing treatment for newly discovered leukemia. CHUCK welcomed back DOUG FRANCEFORT from successful knee surgery.

MEMBERSHIP: HORST TEBBE reported 113 members present along with three candidates and 1 guest, Ted Thaxter, guest of JOHN VECCHIONE. JOHN DECSEPEL and CHARLIE JENSEN presented James Boardman for membership in the RMA. JAMES was unanimously welcomed as a member.

This week's **birthday boys** are: NICHOLAS TOURNILLON (83); JERRY SCHWENDEMAN (87); LOUIS MILANI (84); BILL CAPORIZZO (70).

PROGRAM: Today's speaker will be **Sharon Vos**, who will share her experiences as a long distance runner. Next week, our speaker will be **Phil McKnight** of Williams College, who will discuss the evolution of election law in the United States.

VOLUNTEERS: JOHN FEBLES reported that, for the week ending September 7, 2016, 38 men volunteered 288 hours on behalf of outside agencies and 27 men volunteered 172 hours on behalf of the RMA. TAD LARRABEE led the RMA this week with 28 volunteer hours.

FUN AND GAMES

BRIDGE: KURT SCHAFFIR said that the August 31 game drew 16 players. High scorers were: JAMES CHUNG (4220); DICK CASE (3720); DAVID DOWNS (3290).

GOLF: PETER TUNLEY noted that on September 6 19 players "came to play." Five players shot in the 90s and four in the 80s Low scorer was RALPH VIGGIANO (82). JOHN AWDZIEWICZ was closest to the pin on 7 and RALPH VIGGIANO was closest on 15. RUSS HARDEN had the longest drive on 17.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Sharon Vos, who has participated in marathons in the U.S. and abroad, told members of how her long experience in long distance running began as one of three siblings who, as young women, watched the New York City Marathon from Central Park, and decided they could do that. Since her first marathon in 1985, Sharon has participated in 47 marathons. She said the goal of marathoners is to run the 26.2 miles in less than three hours, and her disappointment in finishing in 3 hours, one minute in the Marine Corps Marathon in 1993. But she persevered, and shortly thereafter achieved her goal by running a 2:58 marathon. One of Sharon's most memorable events was the 2011 NYC marathon in which, at age 56, she placed first in the 55-59 age group.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all Members, Spouses, Candidates and Guests. Checks payable to the RMA.

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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.

MEMBER PROFILE

This is the fourth in a series of Member Profiles intended to allow members to get to know one another beyond a face and a name tag. Members are invited to write their own profiles and submit them for publication in the CBB. Send to Chet Risio at chetris@optonline.net

BOB BISHOP was born in Rego Park, Long Island as one of five siblings. He moved several times with his family and eventually settled in Greenwich after a twelve-year stint in Port Chester. A graduate of Fordham University, he studied Business Administration with a major in Personnel Management. Bob's entire business career was in Human Resources as HR Director for several large corporations including Standard Brands, Life Saver Corp, Henry Schein, Inc., and the Roper Organization. He served in the US Navy 1957 to 1959 assigned to the Naval Exam Center at Great Lakes, IL.

While on leave he met a lovely lady from Greenwich. Ellie and Bob were married shortly after his discharge in 1960. They joyfully shared life with their children, Lauren and Keith, in their home in Byram. Three grandchildren added to the wonderful marriage. Ellie passed away in 2011.

Now retired, his activities beyond RMA (his favorite) include board member of the Friends of the Byram Shubert Library, reader to patients at the Nathaniel Witherell Nursing Home, member of the Byram Seniors and Parking Ticket hearing officer for the Town of Greenwich. These activities are in addition to those pursuing all maintenance requirements at home (painting, gardening and indoor house maintenance).

Bob joined the RMA in 2000 and volunteered to help set up and break down all the props and items necessary to run the meetings. These are slightly more complicated now with the intro of power point presentations. It also means he has to arrive earlier and leave later than most members. Occasional naps keep him going...

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Phil McKnight: The Evolution of Election Law in the United States.

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