

# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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President BOB PHILLIPS called on LARRY SCHMITZ to lead the assembled group in the pledge to the flag, promptly followed by BOB MORGAN who, with PETER RYAN on the piano, conducted *The Star Spangled Banner, Side by Side*, and a rousing rendition of the RMA marching song *We Are the RMA*. BOB advised us of passing of long-term member MIKE PALFE. Corresponding Secretary CHUCK STANDARD regaled the group with a story about getting names confused. We warmly welcomed back our returnees.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. ROBIN PASTORE reminded us to review our Medicare Supplementary Insurance options which are up for renewal. She and other consultants will be on hand to help and advise at the Senior Center. GRANT PERKINS and DON CONWAY told us of rewarding opportunities to join the RTM. RALPH VIGGIANO reminded table hosts for our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner on November 12 at the Burning Tree Country Club to get their tables filled and return their sheets with checks and meal choices promptly. He reminded us about the *Senior Health Fair* at the *Eastern Civic Center* on October 2, and the need for a volunteer to help out for two hours. KLAUS JANDER reported that the Women's Club needs volunteers to help with traffic control at their annual benefit on November 14 and 15. WIN ADKINS told us about important political debates sponsored by the League of Women Voters to be held Monday, October 6, at Town Hall. JEFF PARKER invited us to a concert by two college a capella groups at the Belle Haven Club on Friday, November 7, at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20. Preceding the concert, the Club offers a buffet dinner. BERNARD SCHNEIDER explained the special significance of our *RMA Recognition Day* meeting on October 8.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Visiting:** CHUCK STANDARD reported that MANNY BONVENUTO, WALTER COUPE and WALT KIRKMAN are at the Osborn House recuperating from injuries resulting from a fall. JOHN PAUL is at Norwalk Hospital, following a visit to the intensive care unit.

**Membership:** JIM FAHY reported there were 130 members present, as well as four guests: Phillip Smith, guest of GERRY FOX, Kerry Kamainsly, guest of HARRY LEIGH, Charles Shisettl, guest of BOB BISHOP, and Dick Roberts, guest of BOB WYLIE; and two candidates: Rick Holz and Don Hermann. The **birthday** boys are GORDON McDONALD, 86, BILL HORN, 81, GARY MILLER, 76, and GERRY MAYFIELD, 79.

Volunteer Hours: HOLLISTER STURGES reported 796 hours for outside agencies by 73 members and 187 hours for RMA activities by 36 men.

## FUN AND GAMES

Bridge: With 7 players, JOE ROE was first with 3560, GRANT PERKINS second with 3200, and HOLLISTER STURGES third with 3120. Golf: On a cool day, four foursomes completed 18 holes, and one did nine holes. Two members scored in the 90's. REID McINTYRE was closest to the pin on #7, LEON FREEMAN was closest to the pin on #15, and GRAN BURGESS had the longest drive on #17. For the Golf Luncheon on October 26, please bring checks for \$32 to next week's meeting. If you have a trophy, bring it to the luncheon. Tennis: BERNARD SCHNEIDER and MIKE WARNER won on Court 1; PETER STREICH and JEFF PARKER on Court 2. JEFF PARKER will be next week's captain.

## TODAY'S SPEAKER

AL KNIGHT introduced **Stephen Forman**, entrepreneur and author. After creating a seafood distribution company, starting in Boston in 1963, and building it into a multinational multimillion dollar business, he turned the management of the business over to others in 1992. He and his wife moved to Boca Raton, Florida where he decided to start a new, very different and successful career as a writer of comic thrillers, selling his books to major publishers. Using the internet, he explained, makes researching background material for a book much easier than it used to be. His message to RMA members is that seniors who get involved in new things are transformed, and it is never too late to start on something new and different.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

9/11 Memorial Museum – Thursday, October 2, 2014. Bus departure 8:30. \$104 per person; Blue Water Grill lunch; wait list.

Goodspeed Opera Holiday Inn – Thursday October 30, 2014. Bus departure 9:45. \$112 per person; Gelston House lunch; 5 places available.

New York Philharmonic – Thursday, February 5, 2015. Bus departure 8:00. \$98 per person, Atlantic Grill lunch; 7 places available.

Events open to members, their ladies, candidates and guests. Contact: Rich Limbacher (531-9515) or Gerry Lessuk (698-9451).

## NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

RMA's 60th Anniversary Celebration; Peter Tesei, 1st Selectman – Proclamation

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