

# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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PREXY RALPH is back! After a sojourn to Lake Placid, where we would guess he was anything but, our esteemed leader rocketed up the energy level in the room and got us underway.

PAUL BRADY led us in the pledge of Allegiance. ERF PORTER led us in song, ably assisted by GEORGE UBOGY on the 88's. We sang "America, The Beautiful," "Whole World in His Hands," and "Little Light of Mine."

On the last song, Erf challenged us to wag our fore-finger back and forth in time to the music. Judging by the number of men who wagged, most of us have either forgotten which one is our fore-finger or don't have the muscle strength to wag it any more.

BOB CAREY gave us two jokes for the price of one: the first involved a complicated dialogue between Socrates and Diogenes, but we all recognized the punchline; the second was a grammatical joke explaining why a preposition could leave one with a dangling participle.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **PETER UHRY** begged our indulgence for his tardiness in dealing with the hosts for the annual dinner-luncheon, then went on to request that hosts turn in their checks to him and to urge anyone who hasn't been asked to join a table to see him or contact him at [uhry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:uhry@sbcglobal.net) or 203-637-9482.
2. **JERRY SCHWENDEMAN** said we need greeters for the dinner-luncheon. Any member who can say "Hello, how are you?" is encouraged to see Jerry.
3. **PREXY** explained that the Greenwich Hospital Pharmacy needs volunteers. He also asked that anyone who's found a lost cellphone to please bring it to him.
4. **RETURNEES:** ARTO SZABO from a safari in Tanzania and RALPH VIGGIANO from Lake Placid.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**VISITING:** CHUCK STANDARD reported that MANNY BONVENUTO has moved to Brookfield and you may write or call him at: The Village of Brookfield Common, 246A Federal Road, Brookfield, CT 06804/ 203-740-1054. Goodbye, Manny, and fare thee well. BILL EUSTIS is in rehab at Nathaniel Witherell with pneumonia. No visitors or phone calls, please. HOLLISTER STURGIS has recovered from his broken ankle and will probably be joining us next week.

**MEMBERSHIP:** HORST TEBBE reported 120 members, 1 candidate, Rick Holz, and 2 guests: Bill Caporizzo, g/o BOB BISHOP and Bill Fakundiny, g/o JEFF PARKER.

The **BirthDay Boys** are: GERRY MAYFIELD (80), PETE MCSPADDEN (85), RAY SLOAN (89), and ROGER PIERCE (86).

**VOLUNTEERS:** STEVE MARINO tallied 868 hours for Outside Agencies by 48 members and 190 hours by members for RMA activities. Helping boost those numbers was the 350 hours reported by ARTO SZABO, which means Arto either didn't sleep for the last six months or these are his hours over the last couple of years.

**PROGRAM:** BOB WYLIE prepped us for the talk by George Jepson, our state Attorney General.

GEORGE UBOGY prepared us for next week's speaker, Evie Salomon, who will speak about the mental health crisis in the U.S. today.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** GERRY LESSUK told us "A Wonderful Life" on October 22 at Goodspeed is Wait List only (\$115). The rehearsal at the N.Y. Philharmonic on January 14 has 12 places available and costs \$98.

## **FUN AND GAMES**

**BRIDGE:** KURT SCHAFFIR reported that 16 players dealt the cards with BRUNO SCHRAGE totaling 5430, LEN SAARI 4090, and KURT 3700.

Proving that **GOLF** is no less popular than bridge, PETER RYAN reported 16 players also valiantly chased the little white ball, with BOB PHILLIPS nestling it closest on #7 and MIKE SMITH somehow winning closest on #15 even though he was about 30 feet from the pin. YHS, ever humble, launched a prodigious drive on #17 that signaled that either he has returned as one of the bombers or, more likely, that the adage that even a blind squirrel finds a nut every once in a while holds true. PETER RYAN had a very respectable 88. TOM "HIT 'EM" HEALY will captain next week.

MIKE SMITH invited even non-golfers to the annual golf luncheon at the Field Club on October 28 after our meeting. Cost is \$35 for either chicken or cobb salad but includes great companionship. See MIKE SMITH or MIKE RYAN to sign up.

**TENNIS:** JEFF PARKER backhanded the following: RANDY MOTLAND and RANDY FRIEDMAN were winners on Court 1 and PETE STREICH and JOHN KNIGHT triumphed on Court 2.

## **TODAY'S SPEAKER**

George Jepson grew up in Greenwich and graduated from GHS in 1972. As a Democrat, however, he thought it best to leave town to pursue his political career, and ended up friends with Dan Malloy and, subsequently, as Attorney General for Connecticut. His office hires 210 lawyers and handles 54,000 cases and that's only civil cases.

George said maintaining the office's credibility was his most important task and that is why he always tries to work with both parties to achieve a solution without having to go public with a press conference about indictments.

He believes a culture change is the only way to solve the scourge of gun violence in our country, citing the example of a woman saying she would not go out with a man unless he locked up his guns or otherwise made them safe and secure.

Numerous questions from the membership from gas prices to capital punishment enlivened the talk.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Open to all members, spouses, candidates, and guests. Checks made out to RMA.

- **October 22: Goodspeed Opera House, "A Wonderful Life,"** \$115, lunch at Gelston House, bus leaves St. Catherine's at 10 am. Wait List.
- **January 14, 2016: New York Philharmonic rehearsal,** \$98, lunch at Atlantic Grill. 12 places available.

## **.NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER**

Next week's speaker: **Evie Salomon**, who will speak about Mass Shootings and the Mentally Ill

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