

CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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President **BOB PHILLIPS** called the meeting to order. **CHUCK STANDARD** led us in the Pledge. Song master **GRANVILLE BURGESS**, assisted by **TAD LARRABEE**, and **GEORGE UBOGY** on the ivories, led us in rounds of two rowing songs: *Row, Row Row, Your Boat*, and *Our Paddles Keen and Bright*, in anticipation of the day's program related to rowing. Corresponding Secretary **HARRY TWITCHELL** entertained us with his dry wit and élan. **RETURNEES: NICKY ACHIWA** (Japan), **BOB MORGAN** (Bermuda) and **JOHN ROMANS** (China).

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Amy Fleishman of Greenwich Reads Together thanked the RMA, and particularly **PETER UHRY**, for arranging the special program today regarding the book "*The Boys In The Boat*", and speakers relating to rowing. **AV RIVEL** announced that Senionet had become Tech Lounge, offering short one-day courses (2 ½ hours, morning or afternoon) focusing on new technologies (Ipad, Iphone, Apple TV, Facebook, Skype, and some old friends). **GRANT PERKINS** reminded members that the RMA Annual Dinner (our 60th) will take place on November 12 at the Burning Tree Country Club. The cost is \$50 per person. **MARTIN WAINE** requested volunteers for the AARP Tax Assistance Program, which is administered by the RMA in Greenwich. Training will be provided. **PETER RYAN** announced that the annual Golf Luncheon will be held on October 22 at the Field Club, following the RMA meeting. **GENE SCHWARTZ** and **GERRY BOYLE** solicited volunteers for the United Jewish Federation's Reading Tutor Program for elementary and middle school students. **JEFF PARKER** announced the November 7 a capella concert at 7:30 pm sponsored by the Off Sounders at the Belle Haven Club, with two groups from Trinity College, the Pipes and the Accidentals. Tickets are \$20, and arrangements for a buffet at 6pm can be made with the Club (approximately \$45 per person).

COMMITTEE REPORTS: MEMORIAL: **BILL DYNAN** delivered a eulogy for **ERIC KNUTSEN**, a retired IBM executive who contributed much to the RMA as a member of the Melody Men and to the Greenwich community as a member of the Greenwich Historical Society. **DOUG FRANCEFORT** delivered a eulogy for **MICHAEL J. PALFE**, a retired Pitney-Bowes executive. **VISITING: CHUCK STANDARD** noted that **STEVE PIERSON** was with his daughter in Weston, and that **MANNY BONVENUTO** is still recovering. **WELCOME BACK to WALT KIRKMAN. PROGRAM: PETER UHRY** announced today's program on rowing: Greenwich Rows Together. **MEMBERSHIP:** Chairman **JIM FAHY** reported attendance at 138: 130

members, 2 candidates (Ted Ewing and Don Hermann) and 6 guests (Jim Fishbein, guest of **BOB WYLIE**; Don Minini, guest of **ED FARRELL**; Phillip Smith, guest of **GERRY FOX**, Charles Shibetti, guest of **BOB BISHOP**, Harvey Bozzi, guest of **TOM DUFFY**, and Charles Land, guest of **PETER UHRY**). **BIRTHDAY BOYS**: **BOB BARNUM** (93) and **BILL GETTLER, JR.** (93). **VOLUNTEER**: **TOM WOOLEY** reported that, for the week ending October 15: 548 outside hours by 67 men, and 155 RMA hours by 36 men. **DICK CASE** reported 33 hours. **FUN AND GAMES**: **TENNIS**: **BERNARD SCHNEIDER** and **MIKE WARNER** won on Court 1; Ron Friedman and Allan Bernard won on Court 2. **BRIDGE**: Per **KURT SCHAFFIR**, the game on October 8 had 13 players. Top three scores – **BOB UNDERWOOD**, 3860, **GRANT PERKINS**, 3,840, and **FRANK LEE**, 2730. **GOLF**: **PETER RYAN**. On a lovely, sunny day, with 14 players: **PETER RYAN** had the lowest score (87); closest to pin on #7, **VIN MASI**; closest to pin on #15, **PETER UHRY**; longest drive on #17, **PETER UHRY**.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: GREENWICH READS TOGETHER- *The Boys In The Boat*
Master of Ceremonies: **PETER UHRY**. (1.) Welcoming remarks. **AI KNIGHT**, who rowed at Harvard, and knew two members of the University of Washington crew. (2.) Rowing sing along. **GEORGE UBOGY**, **GRANVILLE BURGESS**, **TAD LARRABEE**. (3.) History of rowing by **PETER UHRY**. (4.) Thomas Eakins' 1871 painting, *Max Schmitt in a Single Shell on the Schuylkill River*. **HOLLISTER STURGES** explained the importance of the painting. (5.) Lee Paine, Greenwich Branch of the National League of American Pen Women, discussed the literary and historical importance of the book. (6.) Film clip of the 1936 Olympic race. (7.) The evolution of rowing in Greenwich in the last 30 years. Syd Williams, Dartmouth rower and Director of the Greenwich Alumni Sprints. (8.) Rowing, a sport for all ages. Paul Pugliese (President of the Greenwich Land Company) who started rowing in his 40's. Special thanks to **MIKE SPRINGALL** for his able technical assistance.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all Members, guests, candidates and spouses. Checks are made out to the RMA.

Holiday Inn, at the Goodspeed Opera House. Thursday, October 30; lunch at Gelston House. Cost is \$112 per person. 5 tickets still available. Departs by bus from St. Catherine's Church at 9:45am.

Metropolitan Opera Tour at Lincoln Center. Thursday, January 22; lunch at Le Rivage. Cost is \$80 per person. Departure time is 10:15 am, for Noon luncheon before tour. No bus; individual transportation.

NY Philharmonic at Lincoln Center: Thursday, February 5, 2015. Rehearsal, featuring Rachmaninoff's 2nd Symphony; lunch at Atlantic Grill. Cost is \$98 per person. Departure by bus from St. Catherine's Church at 8am (open event seating; bus must leave on time). 1 ticket available.

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NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

BERNARD SCHNEIDER announced next week's speaker, **David Isenberg**, on the topic of Net Neutrality—whether the Internet would remain open, or be further under the control of large corporations like Verizon, Comcast.

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