



CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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Once again **PETER UHRY** brought the unruly group to order and invited **CHUCK STANDARD** to lead us in reciting the pledge. **JERRY SCHWENDEMAN**, with **PETER RYAN** on the keyboard, led us in "It's a Grand Old Flag," "You Made Me Love You," and "Once in Love with Amy." Corresponding Secretary **ARNOLD GORDON** regaled us with (old) Italian humor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PETER UHRY reported on returnees: **BOB MORGAN** from Bermuda and **HARRY TWITCHELL** from Springfield, MA.

SERGE GABRIEL asked for donations to search for and eliminate cluster bomblets and land mines left over in Laos from the Vietnam War era.

PETER UHRY called our attention to the November 13, 2016 Gateway Orchestra concert at 7:00 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church. The program includes Johann Strauss and Bizet's Carmen Fantasy.

DON CONWAY reminded us that the **RMA lunch/dinner** will be held at the Tamarack Country Club on November 9, 2016, from 10:30 to 2:30 pm. The cost will be \$60 for members, \$30 for widows. There will be a cash bar. This is our annual opportunity to meet other RMA members and their spouses. Those who plan to attend should be sure to contact their table hosts promptly. He also asked for volunteers to arrive early to serve as greeters.

HORST TEBBE urged members to sign up for a **new Applicant Mentor program**. Mentors will meet with applicants for RMA membership, introduce them to our

many activities and guide them through the application process. The objective is to assure their successful transition to active and fulfilling membership. There will be training sessions for new Mentor volunteers. Those interested should contact **HORST** (tebbe@alum.rpi.edu) or **KLAUS JANDER** (khjander@gmail.com).

COMMITTEES

VISITING: CHUCK STANDARD told us that JOE MALARA is home and will welcome telephone calls at 203-869-7564. WAYNE WRIGHT is out of the hospital and recovering from pneumonia. We welcome back TIM NOLAN. Sadly, DAVE ALBERT died last Saturday. An RMA eulogy will be given at the October 2 meeting.

PROGRAM: STEVE MYERS announced that this week's speaker (see below) would be **Andrew Bramante**, who directs Greenwich High School's Research Teaching program. Next week we will hear from professional photographer **Daryl Hawk** on "Exploring the Himalayas and Ladakh."

MEMBERSHIP: HORST TEBBE reported 111 attendees, including three candidates: Joel Blumberg, Tom Moroney and Tom Plumber; and two guests: Ron Platt, guest of PAUL BRADY, and Michael Ross, guest of WALKER COLLINS. We wished a happy birthday to GEORGE SHADDOCK, GERARD BERRAFATI, and DON HELLER -- all 87.

VOLUNTEERS: PETER STERN told us that 50 men reported 466 hours for outside agencies, and 35 members reported 103 hours for RMA activities. The greatest number reported by an individual member was 40 hours, by BOB RIMMER.

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

BRIDGE: KURT SCHAFFIR reported 9 players. JAMES CHUNG was first with 4530 points, WALKER COLLINS was second with 3440, and DICK CASE was third with 3050. **GOLF:** It was a beautiful Indian summer day. PETER RYAN reported that 15 men took part – 13 played the full 18 holes. MIKE SMITH was closest to the pin on #7. RALPH VIGGIANO was closest on #15 and also hit the longest drive on #17. Seven players had scores in the 80's and 90's. PETER RYAN had the lowest score – 84. Golfers are reminded that next week will be the final RMA golf outing for this year. The **annual golf luncheon** will be held next Wednesday, October 26, 1916, at the Field Club on Lake Avenue. **TENNIS:** RALPH VIGGIANO reported that PETER STREICH and RON FRIEDMAN were the winners on court 1; and JOHN KNIGHT and BILL FAKUNDINY won on court 2. PETER ORBANOWSKI will be next week's Captain.

ARNOLD GORDON wrapped up the session by asking RMA members whom he had invited to compose four-line Clerihews to recite them. The **nine poets** were AV RIVEL, ROBERT WHITBY, GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE, PETER UHRY, DOUG TAYLOR, DON HERMANN, JERRY SCHWENDEMAN, BOB LUCE, and ARNOLD himself. The three judges, GRAN BURGESS, ROGER PISANI and HOLLITER STURGES, awarded first prize to JERRY SCHWENDEMAN, with ARNOLD GORDON as runner-up. A copy of all the verses presented is available from ARNOLD GORDON (ajgordon@verizon.net).

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Mr. **Andrew Bramante** is a Greenwich High School science teacher who mentors and inspires students to carry out research and original science projects. Each year seventy students apply and compete for fifty places in his programs. Students enter into state, national and international research competitions, and have consistently won some of the highest prizes. Prize money helps to secure equipment and supplies for their projects. Mr. Bramante maintains contacts with, and provides his students with access to local scientific institutions. He described a number of projects which require both advanced scientific knowledge and intense commitment to the practice of scientific research. His work is a truly valuable asset for the Greenwich school system.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to members, spouses, candidates and guests. Checks to be made out to RMA. Trip coordinators MIKE FERRARESE (203-554-0678) and ABBY SMOLER (203-531-0236).

October 27, 2016: [Goodspeed Opera House](#). "Chasing Rainbows." **The story of Judy Garland**. Bus transportation – departure from St. Catherine's at 10:00 a.m. Lunch at Gelston House Restaurant. \$115 per person. Status: There is a waiting list.

January 26, 2017: [New York Philharmonic rehearsal](#). Bus transportation – departure from St. Catherine's at 8:00 a.m. (performance starts at 9:30). Lunch at Atlantic Grille \$100 per person. Status: Open.

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Kurt Schaffir, Scribe of the Week