

# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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*“A friend is someone who will help you move. A real friend is someone who will help you move your body.” Anonymous*

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President **RALPH VIGGIANO**, in the absence of President **BOB PHILLIPS**, called this meeting to order. **BOB BISHOP** guided us in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by **WIN ADKINS**, accompanied by **BOB MORGAN** in sharing “America The Beautiful”, “Me And My Gal”, plus “There’s No Business Like Show Business”. Corresponding Secretary **ARNOLD GORDON** then entertained the Members with stories about signs at church and one tale of a line, two coffins and a dog. **GRAN BURGESS**, Recording Secretary, spoke briefly on the need for volunteers; **STEVE BOIES** was present as Treasurer.

**RETURNEES:** **RALPH VIGGIANO** from Lake Placid, N.Y.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** **RALPH VIGGIANO** stated that we are looking forward to the Annual Dinner on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Places are still available for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at the Burning Tree Country Club: sign up lists are available on the bulletin board. **RALPH VIGGIANO** also announced the fine efforts of **NICK MECCA** and **LARRY SCHMITZ** in helping produce the **CBB** printing and production over the past 20 years is coming to an end. Volunteers are needed to step in, receive the two page e-mail of the CBB, run off 35 copies at Kinko’s or elsewhere and bring these copies to the next meeting. The CBB is our window to the community. Volunteers should meet with **GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE** at the break. In conclusion, **DAVID NOBLE** then spoke on the Greenwich Women’s Club Fundraiser event on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of November asking for volunteers to assist with traffic control.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** **Visiting:** **CHUCK STANDARD** greeted everyone and told us that **MANNY BONVENUTO** could be visited at Osborne in the afternoon. **REID McINTYRE** was recovering with the placement of 5 stints. **Membership:** **CHAIRMAN JIM FAHY** reported that 119 members, 3 candidates ( Jim Fishbein, Rick Holz and Don Hermann) and 4 guests ( Richard Feder, guest of **JIM FAHY**, Charles Shibetti, guest of **BOB BISHOP**, John Curtis, guest of **DICK BERGSTRESSER** and Connie Pappas, guest of **CHARLIE MOSHER**. **BIRTHDAY BOYS:** **GEORGE SHADDOCK** (85), **GERARD ( Jerry) J. BERRAFATI** (85), **MANUEL (MANNY) BONVENUTO** (93), **DON HELLER** (85), **STEPHEN PIERSON** (83), and **ROBERT STONE** ( 77).

**Inductee:** Sponsored by **GARY KRAUT** and **STEVE MYERS**, **DON HERMANN** was

unanimously elected as our newest member. **Program: BERNARD SCHNEIDER** previewed the day's program with a preview of the address on "Network Neutrality And The Future Of The Internet" by David Eisenberg. **WIN ADKINS** then followed by announcing the presentation "Confessions of an Urban Archeologist" by Greg Van Antwerp on October 29<sup>th</sup>. **Volunteer: STEVE MARINO** reported that for the week ending October 22<sup>nd</sup>, a total of 514 hours were completed outside by 73 men, 166 inside hours given by 34 men. A high of 34 individual hours were accumulated by **HOLLISTER STURGIS**.

**FUN AND GAMES: Bridge: KURT SCHAFFIR** advised us that 12 players participated with the top three scores of 5010 by **AL HARTIG**, 3810 by **LEN SAARI** and 3310 by **TOM McEVOY**, **Tennis: RANDY MOTLAND** told us that winners were **MIKE SMITH** and Bill Fasunding on Court 1 as well as Mike Warner and **GEORGE DAVIS** on Court 2. Next week's Captain is **MIKE SMITH**. **Golf: PETER UHRY** reminded us that the **RMA** Golf luncheon took place after the meeting.

### **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<sup>th</sup>, lunch at the Gelston House. Cost is \$112 per person. 1 ticket is still available. Departs by bus from St Catherine's Church at 9:45 am.

**Metropolitan Opera Tour at Lincoln Center.** Thursday, January 27, 2015; lunch at Le Rivage. Cost is \$50 per person. Departure time is 10:15am before tour.

**NY Philharmonic at Lincoln Center:** Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Rehearsal, featuring Rachmaninoff's 2<sup>nd</sup> Symphony; lunch at Atlantic Grill. Cost is \$98 per person. Departure by bus from St. Catherine's Church at 8:00am (open event seating, bus must leave on time !) 22 tickets available.

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### **THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER**

**David Isenberg** told us, "If we lose neutrality, we lose ways to solve and survive."

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

**Greg Van Antwerp** in "CONFESSIONS OF AN URBAN ARCHEOLOGIST" will tell us about his passion for research, restoration and storytelling in odd and interesting items.

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