



## CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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***The difference between politics and baseball? In baseball when you are caught stealing, you're out!***

The start of the meeting was delayed while president UHRY searched for the errant bell, which was found by BOB BISHOP.

Picking up the slack, BOB lead the pledge and TOM HEALY and JIM SANTORA led the singing of *God Bless America, Bye-Bye Blackbird and For Me and My Gal*.

Corresponding secretary and general gad-about ARNOLD GORDON then approached the podium and read a very humorous letter from MILES MCDONALD whose age had been erroneously increased by seven years in the birthday announcements two weeks previous.

ARNOLD then introduced JOHN KNIGHT who was making his debut as Jokester of the week. JOHN, speaking in a well-practiced Cockney, told a story that combined history and sex in a very funny way; I see a great future for this rookie.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 1. PETER UHRY

- a. Reported on returnees: TOM HEALY from Salt Lake City and DON BREISMEISTER from Keane, NH.
- b. Asked for volunteers to be CBB Editors, contact ARNOLD GORDON-[ajgordon@verizon.net](mailto:ajgordon@verizon.net). Acting CBB editor in CHET RISIO's absence.
- c. Reported that NICKY ACHIWA was returning to his home in Japan, thanked him for his service to the RMA and wished him Bon Chance (don't know how in Japanese).
- d. Announced a bow-tie tying challenge by LOU CHIAPPETTA at the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Challengers should bring a bow tie and collared shirt and at the bell all would start tying with the goal of finishing before LOU. NO clip-ons permitted.

2. MARTIN WAINE described the RMA/AARP community effort to aid seniors in preparing their income taxes. He was looking for a few good men, not necessarily CPA's to volunteer. Training would be provided and good students would be certified by the IRS, much better than being audited by the IRS – [mwaine@optonline.net](mailto:mwaine@optonline.net).
3. 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. Seating requests or problems, call him at 203-869-3448.
4. 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](mailto:tebbe@alum.rpi.edu)) or KLAUS JANDER ([khjander@gmail.com](mailto:khjander@gmail.com)).
5. JOHN FEBLES pitched the good work of the Salvation Army in Greenwich. A list of Army activities is on the bulletin board. JOHN also spoke of an RMA signature project, bell ringing to collect funds for the SA between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Recruitment for bell ringers has started. JOHN is also looking for a captain for one weekend and a captain to handle High School outreach. Contact him 203-869-5343 ([jfebles13@gmail.com](mailto:jfebles13@gmail.com)).
6. RALPH VIGGIANO recruited volunteers for the gig of a lifetime; telling a bunch of women where to go. Actually, it is parking lot duty at the Women's Club of Greenwich, November 11 and 12. Two hour shifts. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or call Deborah Jander at 203-629-8198 or 203-661-3232.

## MEMORIAL

ARNOLD GORDON reported on the passing of three RMAers in the past two weeks.

- ROBERT BARNUM died at home on October 22nd; a memorial will be given by PETER SCHIEFERDECKER next week.
- DICK ROBERTS passed away at Edgehill on October 21st; a memorial will be given by DAN FREDLAND soon.
- DAVID ALBERT passed away on October 15th. ARNOLD delivered the memorial. DAVID, an RMA member since 2013 died at age 88 on October 15. He was a Cos Cob resident and founding partner in the law firm of Albert Pastore and Ward in Greenwich. He was very active in community affairs and charities and a regular attendee at RMA meetings. His wife Ruth predeceased him. He is survived by three daughters and their families including four Grandchildren.

## COMMITTEES

**VISITING:** CHUCK STANDARD, sans calendars reported that WAYNE WRIGHT should be at our meeting next week and HARRY LEIGH was in rehab at Greenwich Woods, he would appreciate visits or phone calls, Room 134.

**PROGRAM:** BOB PHILLIPS gave the heads-up on today's speaker and AL KNIGHT touted next week's speaker Michael J. Fitzpatrick "one of Connecticut's foremost defense attorneys". He will talk about some of his more interesting cases, including the Michael Skakel trial to overturn his conviction (decision pending).

**MEMBERSHIP:** HORST TEBBE reported of 132 attendees, the highest in recent times, including two candidates and four guests: Ron Platt, guest of PAUL BRADY, Michael Ross, guest of WALKER COLLINS, Robert Comnoshie, guest of DON SARGEANT and Bill Crusoe, guest of HORST TEBBE. Birthday celebrants were: ANTHONY DIROLLO 89, JOHN KNIGHT 76, RON FRIEDMAN 82, LARRY SCHMITZ 86, DON SERGEANT 71, and FRANK SCARPA 75.

**VOLUNTEERS:** GRANT PERKINS added up that 49 men reported 420 hours for outside agencies, and 31 members reported 193 hours for RMA activities. The greatest number reported by an individual member was 41 hours, by BOB LUCE.

## THE SCOREBOARD

**BRIDGE:** KURT SCHAFFIR reported 15 players. #1 JOHN FEBLES with 4010 points, #2 PETER STERN with 3980, and #3 RALPH VIGGIANO 3080.

**GOLF:** ROGER PISANI putted the numbers; closest to the pin on 7 JOHN AWDZIEWICZ and the rest of the honors went to triple-threat RALPH VIGGIANO, closest to the pin on 17, longest drive, and best score 87! The annual Golf Lunch was held right after the meeting at the Field Club.

**TENNIS:** MIKE AMBOSINO served the scores: Court 1 PETER ORBANOWSKI and RON FRIEDMAN, Court 2: MIKE SMITH AND SAM MARASSO-Next week's Capt.: PETER STREICH

## TODAY'S SPEAKER

**Daryl Hawk** is an explorer with a camera. A documentary photographer he specializes in visiting remote, primitive places to record the people, places and culture of these out-of-the-way locations before modernity catches up to them. His presentation was unique. While telling the story of his trek in the Himalayas pictures flashed on the screen overhead. Only occasionally would he comment on a specific image. He showed 400 images while telling us about his adventure where he saw no snow leopards but did ascent to the highest motorable road and met the king of a small

kingdom in the mountains. As an “advanced beginner” photographer I found much to enjoy and to learn from his images. Not only about the people and places he visited, but also about how to take better pictures. A spirited RMA Q&A followed.

### 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: WAIT 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.

### NEXT WEEK’S SPEAKER

Attorney **Michael J. Fitzpatrick**, interesting cases he’s defended including Michael Skakel’s bid to overturn his conviction.

**Av Rivel**, Scribe of the Week

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