



# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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After **KURT SCHAFFIR** led the pledge to the flag, **TAD LARRABEE** asked for a moment of contemplation of the deeper significance of the pledge and of silence for those affected by recent hate crimes and violent events.

**JACK SWEGER**, with **BOB MORGAN** on the keyboard, led the singing of *God Bless America, You Got to Have Heart, and We are the RMA.*

Corresponding Secretary **AV RIVEL** regaled with a story about a priest, a minister and a rabbi engaged in a contest of conversions.

**ARNOLD GORDON** discovered that the state of Connecticut is holding \$888 million in unclaimed funds from a variety of sources. He found several hundreds of dollars due members of his family. To search this account, go to

<https://www.ctbiglist.com/index.asp#SearchResults> and enter your name.

**PETER UHRY** reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 6th.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **TAD LARRABEE** reported that **DON CONWAY'S** wife passed away early Tuesday morning. Also, **TIM NOLAN** is in Nathaniel Witherell and would welcome visitors.

2. **TAD** also took the occasion to recognize **HORST TEBBE** for his long service to the RMA. We just celebrated our seventh year of posting videos of our speakers on the internet. These videos have been viewed 29,300 times and seen in embedded versions 52,100 times. There were an additional four years before that when our speakers were seen on GCTV. Congratulations for **HORST** and all those who have helped make this amazing record possible!
3. **MICHAEL AMBROSINO** said that contributions to the food drive sponsored by the RMA to benefit the New Covenant Center in Stamford will be received at the First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, November 7th, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
4. **JERRY SCHWENDEMAN** reminded members that the fee of \$60 per person for the luncheon on November 14th is due. The Woman's Club of Greenwich needs help in giving parking directions on Friday, November 9th and Saturday, November 10th at its Holiday Boutique at 89 Maple Avenue. Volunteers should contact Mrs. Klaus H. Jander at 203-629-8198.

### COMMITTEES

**MEMBERSHIP** **ED FARRELL** reported attendance of 88 members and one guest – Jeff Junker, guest of **MIKE AMBROSINO** and **JOE MANCINELLI**. The birthday boys were **DON SARGEAN** 73, and **FRANK SCARPA** 77.

**VOLUNTEER HOURS:** **JOHN CRAINE** reported 260 outside hours by 33 members, and 158 inside hours by 25 members. **HORST TEBBE** was top volunteer with 40 hours.

**PROGRAM:** **HOLLISTER STURGES** announced that next week's speaker will be Ms. **Chandra Bozelko**, author, poet, and former prison inmate, on the topic *From Princeton to Prison: Lessons in Mass Incarceration*. She was incarcerated for non-violent crimes that remain on appeal.

### FUN AND GAMES

**BRIDGE:** There were eight players. **ANDRZEJ MAZUREK** was first with 3590 points, **GRANT PERKINS** second with 3380, and **KURT SCHAFFIR** third with 2890.

**TENNIS:** On Court 1, Match 1 the winners were **ANDRZEJ MAZUREK** and **ANDREW HOLMES**, and the Match 2 winners were **GERRY GIBIAN** and **ANDRZEJ MAZUREK**. On Court 2, Match 1 the winners were **MIKE SMITH** and **GERRY GIBIAN** and the Match 2 winners were **MICHAEL AMBROSINO** and **GEOFFREY BURGE**. **BOB FRISHMAN** will be next week's captain.

**HEARTS :** Winners were **ANDREW HOLMES** and **RALPH VIGGIANO** on Table 1, **MIKE AMBROSINO** (twice) and **JACK SWEGER** on Table 2, and **PETER BERG** and **TOM HEALY** on Table 3. **TOM HEALY** and **JACK SWEGER** made a moon shot once, and **MIKE AMBROSINO** three times.

**WALKERS: DON HERMANN** described the routes followed last week and to be followed next week.

**GOLF: JOHN CRAINE** reported that there were 14 players on a beautiful but crisp morning. Nearest to the pin on hole seven was **GRANVILLE BURGESS**. On hole fifteen, **GEOFFREY BURGE** was closest to the pin and he also made the longest drive on hole 17. He capped his trifecta day with the lowest score at 94. Four players shot under 100. This was the final round of this year's RMA golf season.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Special Events are open to all members, guests, candidates and spouses. Checks should be made out to RMA and must be received within two weeks or the reservation will be cancelled. **Contact MIKE FERRARESE** ( [myagentmike@yahoo.com](mailto:myagentmike@yahoo.com) or 203-554-0678) or **ABBEY SMOLER** ( [abbeysmoler@gmail.com](mailto:abbeysmoler@gmail.com) or 203-531-0235).

**ABBEY** announced a trip to Westchester Dinner Theater on Feb 14, 2019, to see *Ain't Misbehavin'*. Cost is \$95 and includes lunch at the theater. 9 places remain open.

**GERRY LESSUK** announced that he will lead a trip to the NY Philharmonic for a rehearsal of Janacek's *The Cunning Little Vixen Suite*, Prokofiev's *Piano Concerto No. 3*, and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade* on Jan 10, 2019. Tickets are \$115.00 with lunch at the Atlantic Grill. Bus departs from St. Catherine's at 9:00am. Call **GERRY AT** 203-698-9451. Thirteen places remain open.

### TODAY'S SPEAKER

Prior to his speaker introduction, **HORST TEBBE** asked for a moment of silence for all those who have recently been victims of hatred and violence throughout our nation. **HORST** then introduced Dr. C. Griffith Mann, a graduate of Greenwich High School. He is now the Michael David-Weill Curator in Charge of the Department of Medieval Art, at both the Cloisters and at the main collection at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The history of the collection at Fifth Avenue goes back to the 1870's and to a donation by J.P. Morgan, an avid collector of European decorative art and of medieval art. The Cloisters, located in Fort Tryon Park in upper Manhattan, was constructed on land owned by the Rockefeller family, and its original collections were the gift of John D. Rockefeller. Dr. Mann presented an excellent illustrated description of the artistic highlights and history of the collections at both locations and of the beautiful gardens and facilities of the Cloisters. His presentation was greatly appreciated.

### NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

**Chandra Bozelko**-Nationally syndicated columnist with Creators Syndicate, will be discussing: *From Princeton to Prison: Lessons in Mass Incarceration*

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