



# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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*"Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly and applying the wrong remedies."*

Groucho Marx

At 10 am, after failed attempts by **JERRY** (with a **J**) **SCHWENDEMAN** to bring the assembled to order by ringing the bell, Pledge Person **RALPH VIGGIANO** blew a police whistle bringing instant silence. This was followed by a more conventional musical performance by **DON CONWAY** and **JIM SANTORA** who led a rousing *God Bless America*, followed by old reliables, *Sunny Side of the Street* and *Side by Side*. Corresponding Secretary **AV RIVEL** regaled the group with two humorous stories about events at the Pearly Gates.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **JERRY SCHWENDEMAN** notified everyone, that there is a request from the Junior League asking for volunteers to help with parking at their annual *Little Enchanted Forrest* on Saturday and Sunday, November 23 & 24 from 10-4 on Saturday and 9-3 on Sunday. Reward beyond accumulated hours is free admittance for volunteers and their families. Contact: Joy Rendahl [rndhl@aol.com](mailto:rndhl@aol.com)
2. **TONY COCCHI** reminded pickleballers of the annual luncheon at the Milbrook Club on Thursday, November 21 at Noon. Dress Code: No Jeans
3. **GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE** trumpeted the Shakespeare Group's viewing of *Two Gentlemen of Verona* at **KEITH SMITH's** house later this day.
4. **JOHN FEBLES** made his annual plea for support of the Salvation Army's annual Kettle Drive. Stations will be at the ACME Store in Riverside and on Greenwich Avenue. ACME dates are each Friday and Saturday from December 6 to

21. Greenwich Avenue dates are Friday, Saturday and Sunday November 29 to December 22. Hours at both locations are 10 – 5. **JOHN** is asking for volunteers for one- or two-hour gigs. To volunteer, please call or write **JOHN** at 203-550-5049 or [jfebles13@gmail.com](mailto:jfebles13@gmail.com).

5. **JAY SCHONDORF** solicited volunteers to help with Tax Preparation for seniors this tax season. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

#### VISITING

**MICHAEL AMBROSINO** welcomed back **JOHN KNIGHT** who continues to heal after a second hip replacement.

#### RETURNEES

**STEPHEN MARINO** from San Diego, **PETE UHRY** from Portugal and Morocco, and **RON MURRAY** from New Zealand and Australia. Welcome home guys!

#### MEMORIAL

**PETER SCHIEFERDECKER** memorialized **LEENDERT (LANE) GRIJNS** who died on November 4 in New Orleans. **LANE** was born in the Netherlands, attended university in his homeland and the US and practiced law before moving to the banking industry where he held many high-level positions in banks in London, Holland and the US. He was a 40-year resident of Greenwich and a member of the RMA since September 2006. His friend **PETER** said he would be remembered as a humble man with a sharp mind and a good sense of humor.

#### RMA ANNUAL AWARDS – MEETING VERSION

**PETE UHRY** recalled that at the banquet last week certain members were recognized with certificates for service and volunteer hours. For those members who were not at the banquet, they were recognized from the podium.

**PETE** recognized the two awardees for the Outstanding Service award:

**ARNOLD GORDON** - who has in addition to serving on the Board, been a member of the Program Committee, a CBB scribe and an Hours Recorder has served as unofficial Entertainment Chairman, organizing the Corresponding Secretary/Weakly (sic) Jokester effort, the Limerick Contest and Christmas meeting entertainment.

**CHET RISIO** – who was once the CBB Editor and introduced graphics to the CBB. He then created and has Edited (managed) the Member Profiles program, giving members a better chance to know one another. There have been 33 to date, and more on the way. His latest contribution, Human Interest Stories created another path for getting to know each other.

**PETER STERN**, Interim Chair of the Volunteer committee Introduced the top volunteer hours performers. But before naming names he announced that in the past year, 141 members contributed a total of 28,750 hours to outside agencies and 9,449 hours in support of RMA activities. This is a 2,000 hour increase over last year and represents participation by 70% of the membership.

Top 3 hours were submitted by: **TAD LARRABEE** 1,103 hours, **MICHAEL AMBROSINO**, 967 hours and **BOB RIMMER**, 885 HOURS.

The next ten members are: **MIKE AMOROSO**, 885, **JEFF JUNKER**, 847, **ALAN GUNZBURG**, 735, **MIKE FERRARESE**, 684, **CHET RISIO**, 671, **MAURICE KROHN**, 637, **JOHN TONER**, 633, **BOB BISHOP**, 583, **JACK CUFF**, 582, and **RICH BISK**, 579.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Program:** **BOB ROBINS** announced that this day's speaker Henry Dorochoovich, who will address Climate Change and America's National Security. Dorochoovich is a 31-year veteran of the CIA's Science and Technology Office and is now active in NGO's dealing with climate change.

**HOLLISTER STURGES** gave a heads' up on next week's speaker, John Hamilton who will speak on *How to Strengthen Resiliency in Families* (facing drug or alcohol addiction in a family member). Mr. Hamilton is recognized in the field as an expert on addiction treatment and prevention and serves in several capacities in government and the NGO world.

**Membership:** **HORST TEBBE** reported 103 members and 2 guests present at today's meeting. Guest were Mark Geimer guest of **JIM BOARDMAN** and **WAYNE DEVRIES** and Al Strak guest of **MICHAEL AMBROSINO**.

Birthday celebrants were: **FRANK LEE**, 89, **DERYCK DUNCALF**, 93, **CORY DUNHAM**, 92, **ARNOLD STANCELL**, 83, **JIM STEEN**, 79, **DAVID NOBLE**, 85, and **ROGER PISANI**, 84. Keep up the good work men.

**Volunteers:** **JOHN CRAINE** enumerated that for the week ending November 20, 2019, 45 members reported 515 volunteer hours for outside agencies and 31 members reported 163 volunteer hours for the RMA.

#### **SCORE BOARD**

**Bridge:** **RON MURRAY** dealt the scores from November 6, **RON FRIEDMAN** (3440), **ED MASTOLONI** (3290), and **ANDRZEJ MAZUREK** (2780.)

**Tennis:** **GEOFF BURGE** served up the scores. November 6 - Round 1 winners were **ANDRZEJ MAZUREK & GEOFF BURGE** and **DON BREISMEISTER & RALPH NEWITTER**. Round 2 winners: **ANDRZEJ MAZUREK & RALPH NEWITTER** and **SAM MARASSO & ANDY HOLMES**. November 15 - Court 1 winners: **ANDRZEJ MAZUREK & RON FRIEDMAN**, COURT 2 **BOB GRAYSON & GEOFF BURGE**.

**Hearts:** **PETER BERG** reported 8 players played 8 games on November 6. Winners were: **GRANT PERKINS** (2), and **LOU TROVATO** (2). Moon Shooters were, **LOU TROVATO** (2), **GRANT PERKINS** (2). **LOU TROVATO** (2) and **JOHN STANKUNAS** (1).

**Tai Chi:** **WILL MORRISON** announced one more class in November, Monday 25. In December 1 and 29 all at the Senior Center at 3:00 pm

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**DON CONWAY** announced that the Westchester Broadway Theater program for mid-January has been cancelled. The committee is working on a trip to the Big Apple Circus in the same time period. Stay tuned.

#### **TODAY'S SPEAKER**

Henry Dorochoovich gave a very sobering talk on climate change. He cited a statistic that we are pouring 110 million tons of man-made pollutants into the atmosphere every 24 hours. He showed that the rate of world-wide temperature rise and CO2 in the atmosphere since the 1940's has far outstripped the rates of the previous almost 800,000 years. Some interesting science involved there. The military seems to be the only government agency that is taking all of this seriously. They are concerned about sea-rise at naval facilities and the effects of extreme storms, which are becoming more common on military installations of all kinds.

He introduced the idea that one of the implications of climate change could affect the "hospitality for human inhabitation" of areas of the world that would suffer from famine and drought due to climate change. This would lead to the need for mass migration to find climate friendlier places to live, putting a strain on less-affected regions.

His talk centered on the issues, impacts, and implications of climate change. He didn't talk much about "what can be done" to stop or slow climate change. That's another talk for another day. His talk was followed by a spirited RMA Q&A.

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

On November 27, the RMA will welcome **John Hamilton**  
Subject: "How to Strengthen Resiliency in Families"

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### **RMA 2019/2020 Calendar**

<b>Weekly Repetitive Activities</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mondays	3:00 to 4:00	Tai Chi Beginner	Greenwich Sr. Center
Wednesdays	10:00am to 11:00am	RMA Weekly Meeting	First Presbyterian Church, One West Putnam Ave., Greenwich CT
Wednesdays	1:00 to 3:00pm	Hearts	Greenwich Civic Ctr. 90 Harding Road, Old Greenwich
Wednesdays	3:00 to 4:00	Tai Chi Advanced	Greenwich Sr. Center
Wednesdays	1:00 to 4:00pm	Bridge	Greenwich YMCA
Thursdays	9:00 AM	RMA Walking	Various TBD
Thursday Nov. 14	2:30pm	Melody Men	Edgehill, Stamford
Friday Nov. 15	2:00pm	Melody Men	Nathaniel Witherell
Fridays	1:30pm to 3:00pm	Indoor Tennis	Old Greenwich Tennis Academy
<b>RMA Special Events</b>			
February, 2020	TBD	Five Guys Named Moe	Westchester Broadway Dinner Theater
February, 2020	TBD	South Pacific	GoodSpeed Opera House

