



## CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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*"The other day I was thinking, 'I just overthink things'. And then I thought, 'Do I, though?'" (Comedian -Demetri Martin)*

**Today's meeting, the RMA holiday meeting**, took place in the Parish Hall of Christ Church. Wives and other guests had been welcomed to attend the entire event. It was also advertised that entertainment would be provided by the Melody Men, lots of humorous stories and jokes and two surprise performers, and that special refreshments would be served.

It had also been noted that the usual reports by the various committees and member games would not be announced but would be included in this CBB.

ED FARRELL estimated that those in attendance were 123 members, wives and other guests, one of which was Bruce Martin, ED's guest.

President DON CONWAY called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. RICK HOLZ led the Pledge of Allegiance and TOM HEALY led the singing of the National Anthem. PETER RYAN provided the piano accompaniment. There followed a plethora of humorous stories, jokes and one liners that brought on laughter or applause. Contributing to the merriment were BOB CAREY, AV RIVEL, TOM HEALY, JERRY SCHWENDEMAN and ARNOLD GORDON.

Master of Ceremonies TOM HEALY introduced the two surprise performers: the first was Jake Bellissimo, grandson of CHARLEY JENSEN. Jake sang a song he had composed and accompanied himself on the piano. The other surprise performer was guitarist Justin Honigstein, grandson of ARNOLD GORDON, who sang two popular ballads, *Don't Know Much* and *Wonderful World*, and concluded with an Israeli song, *Hava Nagila*.

Today's program concluded as TOM HEALY, with PETER RYAN on the piano, led the Melody Men in eight songs, one of which included a soft shoe routine by JERRY SCHWENDEMAN. The songs were: *We Need a Little Christmas*, *Winter Wonderland*, *The Christmas Song*, *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*, *Joy to the World*, *Hark the Herald Angeles Sing*, *Come All Ye Faithful*, and *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*.

**PROGRAMS:** This week's Holiday Program was planned by President DON, ARNOLD GORDON and TOM HEALY. Next week's Special Program was planned by HOLLISTER STURGES, ARNOLD GORDON and PETER UHRY and will be highlighted by the personal stories of three members of events that helped shape their lives.

**BRIDGE:** Eight players took part. KURT SHAFFIR reported that the highest three scorers were GRANT PERKINS with 3770, JOHN FEBLES with 3240 and MARTIN WAINE with 3080.

**HEARTS:** Twelve members played at three tables. MICHAEL AMBROSINO reported the winners as follows: Table One, two games, winners were LOU TRAVATO, and MICHAEL AMBROSINO; Table Two, three games, winners were ANDY HOLMES, TOM HEALY and RALPH VIGGIANO; Table Three, Two Games, winners were JACK SWEGER and GEORGE DIPPY. Shooting The Moon once were MICHAEL AMBROSINO, RALPH VIGGIANO and JAY SCHONDORF, and twice was TOM HEALY. Next week's captain is JACK SWEGER.

**TENNIS:** BILL HOWLAND wrote that the winners were ANDY HOLMES and RALPH VIGGIANO. Consolation - JOE MANCINELLIE and BILL HOWLAND. Captain for the next court date is BILL HOWLAND.

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

*Open to all members, spouses, candidates and guests. For reservations contact ABBEY SMOLER (203-531-0236) and MIKE FERRARESE (203-554-0678). Checks should be made out to the RMA and must be received within two weeks following the making of the reservation(s) or they will be cancelled. All buses depart from the St.Catherine's Church parking lot.*

- **NY Philharmonic Open Rehearsal - January 11, 2018**, cost \$110, lunch at the Atlantic Grill, departs 7:45AM, Status - Wait Listed.
- **Elmsford Dinner Theater musical, A Chorus Line - February 22, 2018**, cost \$95 includes dinner, departs 10:00AM, status - Wait Listed.
- **Bruce Museum, two exhibits - March 22, 2018**, lunch at the Milbrook Club, Cost \$60, self transportation, meet at the Museum at 9:45AM, status - 26 places open.
- **West Point Tour - April 19, 2018**, lunch at the Thayer Hotel, cost \$85, departs 8:45AM, status - 8 places open.
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