



CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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At approximately 10 AM, PRESIDENT PETER UHRY shook the bell and called the meeting to order.

LARRY SCHMITZ led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by TOM HEALY displaying his helpful conducting style while leading the members through *God Bless America*, *When You're Smiling*, and *Auld Lang Syne*. JIM SANTORA served as the able accompanist on the piano.

The Corresponding Secretary GERRY SCHWENDEMAN noted that he has received a note from PETER ARTURI who pointed out that his 90th birthday this past November was not recognized. GERRY also related a story about a sexy way to search for a remote. President Peter advised that the news of the passing of BOB HORTON recently appeared in a local paper

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. PRESIDENT UHRY introduced **Dario Schworer** for a brief talk. Dario represents Top to Top, a Swiss non-profit organization of volunteers under the patronage of the United Nations Environmental Program, which sponsors global climate expeditions. Dario, his wife and five children traversed the seven seas in a fifty-foot vessel using only wind and solar for energy.
2. President Peter advised that the news of the passing of BOB HORTON recently appeared in a local paper.

3. CHET RISIO, CBB Editor, welcomed two new scribes to the group of scribblers: GERRY LESSUK and STEVE ELLIOT. CHET also thanked ARNOLD GORDON for serving as Acting Editor these past few weeks. CHET resumes as Editor in the New Year.

COMMITTEES

VISITING: None mentioned.

MEMBERSHIP: JIM FAHY counted the number attending at 81 members, 2 candidates, and two guests - Dario Schworer, a guest of STEVE MARINO, and Bruce Pantano, a guest of GERRY MAYFIELD. [Happy Birthday](#) was sung for JIM FAHY 79, STEVE BOIES 75, and JOHN CRAINE 80. BURLESON, 85; GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE, 85; JOHN GALVIN, 82; and ARNOLD GORDON, 79.

VOLUNTEERS: RUSS HARDEN presented the following hours: 266 outside hours by 30 men; 173 inside hours by 32 men; top RMA member hours 26 by STEVE MARINO.

PROGRAMS: This week's speakers are **Mike and Sally Harris** whom ARNOLD GORDON referred to as Cultural Photographers. They will present views of Mennonite and Hutterite communities.

JOHN DECSEPEL said next week's speaker will be **Amy Siebert**, Public Works Commissioner. Details are covered below.

SPECIAL EVENTS: ABBEYN SMOLER covered the three events scheduled for the first three months of 2017; [NY Philharmonic Open Rehearsal in New York City](#); [Mark Twain Museum in Hartford, CT](#) which was highly recommended by a member, and the [Lamont Earth Observatory in Palisades, N.Y.](#) Details are set forth below.

THE SCOREBOARD

BRIDGE: KURT SCHAFFIR reported that 9 members played, with the following three having the highest scores - BRUNO SCHRAGE 3660, KURT SCHAFFIR, 3580, and MARTY WAINE 3070.

TENNIS: PETER STREICH reported that the winners were JOHN KNIGHT and PETER ORBANOSKI, and the runners up RANDY MOTLAND and BILL FAKUNDINY.

OUTRAGEOUS TIE CONTEST: Nine contestants competed in the contest mc'd by

LOU CHIAPPETTA: the two finalists were MIKE HARRIS and DAN FREDBORN. A tie was declared.

TODAY'S SPEAKERS

Mike and Sally Harris, cultural photographers, have made a study of Mennonite and Hutterite communities. The differences between the two are not religious but social.

Both observe Christianity, believe in pacifism and live these beliefs in daily life, the Anabaptist way of life - the simplicity, the emphasis on family and the traditions. Hutterites live in colonies of between 50 and 150 persons, and colonies that grow larger are split up. There is a division of labor; men do the heavy work such as farming and construction while the women take care of cooking, cleaning and making clothing. Meals are taken in a communal dining room with men and women eating separately.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to members, spouses, candidates and guests. For reservations contact Trip Coordinators ABBY SMOLER (203-531-0236) and MIKE FERRARESE (203-554-0678). Checks should be made out to RMA. In the future, checks must be received within two weeks or reservation will be cancelled.

January 26, 2016: New York Philharmonic Rehearsal. Cost \$100.00 per person. Bus transportation – early departure from St. Catherine's at 8:00 a.m. Lunch at Atlantic Grill. Wait Listed.

February 23, 2017: Mark Twain Museum in Hartford, CT. Cost \$76 per person. Box Lunch. Bus transportation - departure from St. Catherine's at 9:00 a.m. Status – 20 openings.

MARCH 30, 2017: Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. Cost p/p \$60. Lunch at Lamont. Bus leaves St. Catherine's 9a.m. Spaces available: 32.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Amy Siebert, Commissioner of Public Works, will be discussing the whole gamut of public services, such as, road and bridge upkeep and repair, timing of traffic lights, garbage disposal and waste disposal through the sewer system and anything else dealing with public works.

Gerry Lessuk -Scribe of the Week

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