



CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

Retired Men's Association of Greenwich, Inc.
37 Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT 06830



www.greenwichrma.org
Chair/Editor: **Joe Mancinelli**

Scribes: **Av Rivel, Arnold Gordon, Ed Farrell, Gerry Lessuk, George Stockbridge, Joe Mancinelli, Chet Risio, Frank Scarpa, Tim Brooks**
Archivist: **Tad Larrabee** Format: **Jack Cuff, Andrzej Mazurek, Len Carusi**
Print/Distribution: **Joe Mancinelli**

VOLUME 68 NUMBER 3 JULY 29, 2020
SCRIBE: AV RIVEL

“Everything is changing. People are taking their comedians seriously and their politicians as a joke “

Will Rogers

At 10 am the stars and the electrons were in alignment as President **RUSS HARDEN** gave the downbeat for a rousing round of the RMA Marching Song. **HORST TEBBE** recited the pledge while a screen-size image of Old Glory was displayed, beautiful!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARNOLD GORDON led off with a couple of announcements.

1. Remember to complete and submit your census form.

2. Still time to obtain an absentee ballot for the August 11th CT primary. To obtain a

ballot, go to: <https://greenwichrma.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=053716f9c54f7992fd5ff0675&id=0d06a96e98&e=e9caa1be3a> or call the Town Clerk

He then threw out a couple of ideas for the Council of Elders, aka “The Board” to consider.

3. Attendance at our Zoom business meetings and talks is not as robust as it could or should be. We need to induce more members to participate. We need to gather intelligence! I suggest that a poll of all members be taken to determine if they attend, and if not, why. At the same time, ask how many do or do not read the CBB, which does highlight useful information regarding our programs.

4. Can we jazz up our meetings with a special new feature that we can call RMA Breaking News. There is enough time during our Zoom business meetings to accommodate 5-10 minutes for a quick update by invitation from key officials, e.g., such as Fred Camillo, our police chief, etc., on key issues. A specific time could be set for the outsider to join the meeting.

BOB CAREY, making his Zoom debut as corresponding secretary told a knee slapper about inventive fund raising by an order of Nuns.

PETER STERN then brought us up to date on the membership stats and data.

Attendance: 86

Birthdays:

SAL	DEANGELO	97	7/26/1923
CHARLIE	MARSHALL	90	7/23/1930
TONY	RIGGI	88	7/24/1932
JOHN	KAVANAGH	74	7/24/1946
BOB	MEANY	73	7/28/1947

HAPPY NATAL DAY to all and a special shout out to **SAL** and **CHARLIE!**

Guests: Bruce Socket guest of **GEOFFREY BURGE**.

Treasurer **JEFF JUNKER** recounted that the number of paid members is now 196. There are still 32 members who have not yet paid their dues. The VP Cohort will be reaching out on a one-too-one basis to attempt to clear the backlog. He also reported that there was an on-going effort to recoup deposits from various vendors, made in anticipation of now cancelled special events.

PROGRAMS

This week: **PETER STERN** gave the heads' up on this week's speaker Brian Desrosier, President of Computer SuperCenter and Lighthouse Technology Partners in Greenwich. Starting in 1981 as a clerk in a Radio Shack Store he is now President of Lighthouse Technology Partners, Microsoft's "Cloud Partner of The Year," and Computer SuperCenter, one of Apple's top Authorized Service Providers. His talk is titled "Surviving 35 years in the IT business in our changing world."

Next week: **HOLLISTER STURGES** previewed next week's speaker, Robert Gallucci, American diplomat, and distinguished professor in the practice of diplomacy at Georgetown University, who will present "Conversations on America's Place in the World". This promises to be an informative and stimulating "Conversation."

FUN AND GAMES

GOLF -**PAUL CAMPION** got lost in the rough when his computer went down. Scores are lost, but there is a very important notice: **Tee time starting August 4, will be 8:00 am.**

Email **PAUL** to sign up paulcampion1@optonline.net

INDOOR TENNIS- **PETER DODGE** served up the W's and L's: Winners on Court 1 were **DON BREISMEISTER** and **MIKE SMITH**. The winners on Court 2 were **JOHN KNIGHT** and **BRIAN MAHONEY**. Next week's captain will be **DON BREISMEISTER**.

OUTDOOR TENNIS – **JOHN KNIGHT** drove the info into our court. There will be no outdoor tennis next week. The Town has 1 opening for pickleball on Wednesdays and 3 on Saturdays for the balance of the season to 8/29. Contact John Knight at Johnknight@Gmail.Com for details.

TAI-CHI- **WILL MORRISON** -calmly reported "We don't keep score; we just get limber." His Zoom sessions continue each Monday and Wednesday at 3:00. Y'all come.

WALKERS -**TAD LARRABEE** ambled up to his mike and camera to announce that the RMA Walkers had a nice walk last Thursday in the Montgomery Pinetum. This Thursday we are walking in the Mianus River Park. If you want to add you name to the Walker's email list, please email **TAD LARRABEE** at tadlarra@optimum.net

HEARTS-**DON CONWAY** dealt up the results. The foursome of **TOM HEALY, MIKE AMBROSINO, ANDY HOLMES & DON CONWAY** played Hearts Tuesday July 28th. Both **ANDY** and **TOM** split the first four games, with **MIKE** winning the fifth game and **DON** winning the sixth game. Moon shots -- **TOM** and **DON** in the second game. **ANDY** In game 3 and **TOM** had 2 moon shots in game 6.

During the open comment's session at the end of the meeting **STEPHEN MARINO** recalled that on yesterday's date, July 27 in 1953 the Korean War Armistice was signed. On that date in 1953, **STEPHEN** was serving as a Signal Officer in General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters in Japan.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Brian Desrosier, President of Computer SuperCenter and Lighthouse Technology Partners in Greenwich. Desrosier's talk centered on two narratives. How a \$3.50 an hour clerk at Radio Shack became the President of two technology companies which have been honored by both Microsoft and Apple as outstanding "partners". And, how, working from California he was able to not only preserve, but grow his business in the face of the Coronavirus pandemic, while "playing by all the rules and then some.

In both narratives he attributed his success to hard work, planning ahead and putting his customer's needs first and being ahead of the curve in his products and services. A spirited RMA Q&A followed the talk.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Robert Gallucci, American diplomat, and distinguished professor at Georgetown University

"Conversations on America's Place in the World."

NOTE TO CBB CONTRIBUTORS: next week's CBB scribe will be **FRANK SCARPA**. Please send a copy of any remarks you want included in the CBB to **FRANK** at frankscarpa@gmail.com

Retired Men's Association of Greenwich, Inc. · 37 Lafayette Place · Greenwich, CT 06830 · USA
Visit our website at www.greenwichrma.org.