



# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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“We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.”

~Aesop~

Following a rendition of the RMA anthem, President **RUSS HARDEN** opened the meeting at 10:00 AM and called on **DON CONWAY** to lead us in the pledge.

**ARNOLD GORDON** provided updated information on the process for voting in Greenwich in the November election. A registration form may be obtained here:

[\*\*CLICK HERE TO REQUEST VOTER REGISTRATION FORM\*\*](#)

You can register online if you have a driver's license; if not, mail the form to Town Hall, Registrar of Voters, with other proof of identity and residence. Although by mid-September the State will be sending out application forms for all CT residents to request a mail-in ballot, the form is available now:

[\*\*CLICK HERE TO REQUEST A MAIL-IN BALLOT\*\*](#)

Print it and you can either mail the completed form to Town Hall or place it in one of the two drop-off boxes in Greenwich. One near the entrance to the Town Hall parking lot and the other just inside the main entrance of the Police Headquarters building (around the corner from the Senior Center). The former place is more convenient relative to parking ability. Please note that although it only says Ballot, according to the Town Clerk the drop-boxes are also for Applications (the boxes are from 2 years ago; they just have not updated them to also say Applications). The actual ballot will be sent to you by the Town starting in early October and it can then be either mailed or placed in one of the drop-off boxes. FYI, CT does NOT require or

use signature verification to match your ballot signature with a reference signature on file (e.g., driver's license, voter registration form).

**ARNOLD** appealed to members to think about offering a human-interest story that may enliven our meetings (see **RUSS HARDEN'S** story below), and then, in his capacity as today's joke teller, offered a medley of Rodney Dangerfield quips.

**ALAN GUNZBURG** announced that the Town of Greenwich has embarked on a program to make town facilities universally accessible. He is working on this project, and he urges anyone who sees an opportunity to improve access to town facilities to contact him.

Visiting: **MICHAEL AMBROSINO** said that **BILL SALZMAN'S** wife, Mary Sue, passed away recently, as did **BILL MCDONALD'S** wife, Patricia. **MICHAEL** asked members to notify him of any illness, passing, hospital stays, etc. so that he can keep members informed.

Membership: **PETER STERN** noted that 66 members were in attendance, and that, surprisingly, there were no guests or birthdays to celebrate.

Treasurer: **JEFF JUNKER** noted that, as of yesterday, August 25th, he had received dues payments from 209 members including the 3 new members that we had inducted on zoom. Eleven members had requested to move to inactive status. That leaves about 16 members that the officers would be reaching out to in person. Telephone calls seem to work best. He is sure that people appreciate talking to another member in this time of pandemic inspired isolation. **Note that you are current with RMA dues unless you receive a call from a Board member.**

**JEFF** also noted that the seasonal flu vaccine has arrived @ CVS pharmacies. He received his shot last Thursday @ CVS on 644 West Putnam Ave.

**JEFF** suggested that, if you have an interest in outdoor concerts, there are two tonight @ 7 PM in the Greenwich backcountry. One at the Greenwich Land Trust at the corner of Round Hill Road and Old Mill Road. The other at North Greenwich Congregational Church at the corner of Riversville Road and John Street. Bring a lawn chair and wear a face mask if you plan to attend.

Human Interest: **RUSS HARDEN** recalled a recent day trip to Hudson, NY, where he and his wife met a young couple who were close to completing what they described as The Great Loop, a 5 to 7 thousand mile 13 month trip by boat from their home in Cleveland, OH, through 2 Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence river, down the Mississippi, around the tip of Florida and up to New York. Aside from meeting new friends, Russ learned of the Great Loop, which caused him to reflect on how much he would have enjoyed such an adventure had he known of it when he was a little younger. [CLICK HERE TO READ RUSS'S FULL ACCOUNT](#)

Program: **ARTHUR STAMPLEMAN** mentioned that today's speaker will be Adam Clayton Powell III, who leads the University of Southern California Cybersecurity Initiative. Mr. Powell will discuss *Tools and information to Protect the 2020 Election from Cyber Attack*. **STEVE BOISE** announced that next week's speaker will be Evan Osnos, author of "Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth and Faith in the New China." Mr. Osnos will speak on *The Future of US-China Relations*.

### **FUN AND GAMES**

**PAUL CAMPION** ran down the list of top performers in this week's golf outing. **PAUL** noted that **RICH BARTHOLOMEW** scored his age: 83. He particularly called out **JIM SANTORA**, who he said sparkled as the best dressed golfer on the course. **PAUL** noted that beginning next week RMA starting time at the Griff will be around 11 am. He also noted that an end-of-season tournament is being considered, and that he would welcome suggestions regarding its structure and timing.

**ANDY HOLMES** announced that the 2019/2020 indoor tennis season has officially ended, as the group finished making up all the dates missed while the courts were closed this past spring due to the coronavirus. A big thank you goes out to **PETER ORBANOWSKI** for making the courts available to us this summer. As for the results from Friday, the winners on Court 1 were **ANDRE MAZUREK** and **PETER DODGE** and the winners on Court 2 were **GEOFFREY BURGE** and **JOHN KNIGHT**. The indoor tennis group now has a couple of weeks off before the 2020/2021 indoor tennis season begins on September 11th.

**JOHN KNIGHT** announced the indoor tennis season will launch on September 11.

**WILL MORRISON** noted that ZOOM based Tai Chi classes are held on Mondays and Fridays at 3 PM. He said a new "raise hands" exercise has been introduced that may be particularly of interest to golfers.

**TAD LARRABEE** announced that, in addition to tomorrow's regularly scheduled walk, a bike ride is planned for Friday. All interested in the bike ride should let **TAD** know.

**DON CONWAY** revealed that there were two Hearts games last week, and that he, **MICHAEL AMBROSINO**, **TOM HEALY**, **ANDY HOLMES**, and **GRANT PERKINS** participated. The group is looking to recruit more on-line players. Interested parties should contact **DON** or **MICHAEL**.

### **TODAY'S SPEAKER**

**ARTHUR STAMPLEMAN** introduced Adam Clayton Powell III, who leads the University of Southern California Cybersecurity Initiative (USCCI). The USCCI was founded about five years ago to focus on how election and political campaign officials can counteract the flow of disinformation and misinformation aimed at undermining U.S. elections. Eight USC schools participate in the initiative, which researches how adversarial agencies (e.g. Russia, China,

Iran) are working to destroy confidence in our elections, and to share their findings with government and others responsible for securing those election. Their work is sponsored by the National Governors Association and Hi-Tech companies, including GOOGLE. Their work products are presentations to state and other agencies, as well as web-based information. Their goal is to present their findings to every state's election management organization, and to-date presentations of their findings have been given to 40 state organizations and over 4,000 participants. Under the motto, "Our Candidate is Democracy," the USCCL is working to inform our election officials of the dangers of cyberspace attempts to disrupt our elections, and to help them counter such attempts. More information about Mr. Powell and/or the USSI program can be found at [www.electionsecurity.usc.edu](http://www.electionsecurity.usc.edu).

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

On September 2nd, the RMA will welcome Evan Osnos, author of "Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth and Faith in the New China." Mr. Osnos will speak on *The Future of US-China Relations*.

**NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS:** next week's CBB scribe will be **ARNOLD GORDON**. Please send any remarks you want included in the CBB to **ARONOLD** at [ajgordo@verizon.net](mailto:ajgordo@verizon.net).

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