

CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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He that cannot bear with other People's Passions, cannot govern his own.

(Benjamin Franklin)

First Vice President RALPH VIGGIANO introduced STEVE MARINO as Pledge Leader. CHUCK STANDARD as Song Master accompanied by PETER RYAN on the piano, led us in *The Star Spangled Banner*, *Grand Old Flag* and *Yankee Doodle Dandy*. BOB LUCE told us the humorous incident of the cowboy explaining to St. Peter his intervention with a motorcycle gang.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JOHN CRAINE explained the basics of the Fire Drill Plan, mentioned that a diagram will be on the back bulletin board and that a drill will take place, shooting for a goal of completion in 2 minutes or less. AV RIVEL referred to the availability of the opera, *La Traviata* at the Greenwich movie theater on June 25th; two hours long starting at 7 pm for only \$10.00. RALPH VIAGGIANO introduced Susan Ryan who presented a short video on the young mariners Foundation; the video covered teaching young mariners safe boating and the basics of charting, knots, etc. TIM NOLAN let us know that the approaching "Romeo" luncheon at Stanwich Club on June 25th remains at \$40.00 per person. JIM DANIEL then noted that the Chamber Players are performing at 5:00 PM on June 8th at the Audubon Center. The cost is \$ 100.00 for 75 minutes of lovely music.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Visiting: CHUCK STANDARD reported that STEVE PIERSON was available for visiting and that we could welcome back JOHN CALABRO.

Membership: JIM FAHY reported that 145 members, 3 candidates and 5 guests were present. Candidates present were HERB JOHNSON, GIL RAKER and WAYNE DeVRIES; guests present were: BURT EHRLICH guest of BOB RUBBINS, DARWIN SODER guest of SAM MARASSO, MIKE WARNER guest of DENNIS APROVET, BRUNO SCHRAGE guest of KURT SCHAFFIR, DAN HERMAN guest of GARY KRAUT. Birthday celebrations occurred for: JOHN deCESPEL (78), JOHN HARRIS (80), DOUG CAMPBELL (85), RALPH VIGGIANO (68), RALPH FREYDBERG (76), HARRY LEIGH (83), JOE "HAPPY" IMM (85), and ERF PORTER (78).

Volunteer Hours: BOB CURTIS indicated that 665 hours were reported for outside agencies by 69 RMA members and 94 hours of activities were put in for RMA by 25 members. T. LARABEE had reported the highest number with 43 hours.

Special Events: were detailed by GERRY LESSUK and are listed below.

Returns: RALPH VIGGIANO from Camden, Maine, FRANK ZAVATTARO from Cancun, Mexico, SAM MARASSO from Naperville, Illinois, JOE RAE from Naples, Florida and JOE COLPM from France.

Today's **Program:** FRANK ANDERSON was to be introduced by BOB STONE to review C.I.A. history and operations for the Near East.

FUN & GAMES:

Bridge: KURT SCHAFFER stated that 11 players were present last week. Top scorers were: LEN SAARI, 4160; RON FRIEDMAN, 2980, DON DWORKIN, 2940. For those interested, there is bridge tutoring at the YMCA, 2nd floor on Wednesdays at approximately 2:30 pm. \$10.00 will be collected and donated to the Y. **Golf:** GRANVILLE BURGESS reported GERRY LESSUK was closest to the pin on #7 with GRAN BURGESS closest at #15. KIP SCHALZE hit the longest drive and the lowest score was submitted by RALPH VIGGIANO. **Tennis:** TED SPOLL reported that summer tennis continues on Mondays and Thursdays between 9 and 11 at the outdoor courts in Cos Cob.

TODAY'S PROGRAM:

FRANK ANDERSON, former CIA Bureau Chief for the Near East and for Afganistan spoke to a record audience of 233 RMA members, ladies, candidates and guests touching on the increased complexity of operations from the 20th to the 21st century. Joining the organization in 1969, FRANK underwent postings to Libya and Yemen. He touched on strategies and operations in the Near East including the 1980 joint operation on the U.S.S. Nimitz for rescue of hostages in Iran. Later in his career he became Chief of Staff for the Deputy Director of Operations and Director of Technical Services.

JIM BUTLER -Editor

SPECIAL EVENTS

Checks are to be made out to the RMA. Open to all members, their ladies, candidates and guests.

On June 12th (Thursday) at Belmont Raceway, buffet lunch at the Belmont Room (jacket) with tickets for \$70.00 (waiting list but no tickets available). The bus leaves from St Catherine's at 10:30 AM.

July 27th (Sunday). *[Last week's CBB had a different incorrect date]* **Tanglewood. Lunch at the Apple Tree Inn;** tickets at \$102.00 (waiting list only) with the bus leaving the Eastern Civic Center at 9:30 AM.

August 7th (Thursday). **Goodspeed Opera. Fiddler on the Roof. Lunch at the Gelston House;** 7 tickets at \$112.00 per person are still available.

September 25th (Thursday). **A trip to The 9/11 MEMORIAL** For \$99.00. The departure time will be at 8:45 AM. The restaurant status was open.

For more information contact Rich Limbacher 531-9515 or Gary Lessuk 698-9451.

NEXT WEEK

Our former Senator LOWELL WEICKER will be presented to us by JOHN deCESPEL.

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