



CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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"There is always a well-known solution to every human problem - neat, plausible, and wrong." (H. L. Mencken)

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After two prior meetings at Christ Church's Parish Hall, we returned to our meeting place in the First Presbyterian Church for the first meeting of the new year. President TAD LARRABEE opened the meeting at 10:00AM.

PETER STERN led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. JERRY SCHWENDEMAN opened the singing with the *Star-Spangled Banner* and followed with *Don't Fence Me In* and *Anytime*. BOB MORGAN accompanied on the piano.

PETER STERN was mentor for the day. Treasurer WAYNE DeVRIES was assisted by SAL DeANGELO.

Corresponding Secretary JERRY SCHWENDEMAN related the story regarding the overuse of "dumb blonde jokes" by comics. On this occasion a ventriloquist's use of such jokes resulted in a loud complaint by a blonde woman in the audience. The dialogue between the two showed that all such jokes were not always inappropriate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. There were two returnees; JOEL BLUMBERG from Los Angeles, California and GERRY BOYLE from Ludlow, Vermont.
2. In view of the upcoming tax season, MARTIN WAINE reported that the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program is in need of volunteers. Prior experience or knowledge of tax law is not expected. Tax work begins in February and runs until April 15th. The program has helped nearly 50 people million annually. In Greenwich, about 700 returns are prepared and submitted each year. Training is

provided at the Senior Center during January on Tuesday and Friday mornings in the basement computer room. If interested, please contact MARTIN WAINE at 203-326-1722 or mwaine@optonline.net.

3. Beginning January 2nd, Tai Chi Walking classes will resume their normal schedule - Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:00PM at the Senior Center.

COMMITTEES

VISITING: No information was available.

PROGRAMS: This week's speaker is David Hudson, a research scientist at The Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk. Mr. Hudson will discuss the challenges facing the Long Island Sound ecosystem. Next week's speakers will be Lori Contadino and Steven Katz, co-chairs of the initiative to make the town of Greenwich an age and dementia friendly community. This initiative was established by the Commission on Aging for the town of Greenwich.

MEMBERSHIP: As reported by HORST TEBBE, there were in attendance 88 members and three guests - Peter Junius, g/o PETER BERG; David Kelley, g/o SAM MARASSO, and Keith Roe, g/o RUSS HARDEN.

Happy Birthday wishes were extended to DOUG FRANCEFORT 90, KEATING HAGMANN 73, ARNOLD GORDON 81, GEORGE STOCKBRIDGE 87, JOHN STAUUNAS 78, BILL EDIC 82, LYNTON KAUFMAN 92, STEVE BOIES 77, JIM FAHY 81 and JOHN CRAINE 82.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: These hours were reported by LOU TROVATO. For the last three weeks, there were 463 outside hours by 28 members, and 112 Inside hours by 19 members. Top RMA member hours went to HORST TEBBE with 60 Hours.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Full details are set forth below.

FUN AND GAMES

BRIDGE: Four members played. KURT SCHAFFIR reported that the three highest scores were MARTIN WAINE with 4030, TONY COCCHI with 3140, and KURT SCHAFFIR with 2640.

HEARTS: Four players played on one table. PETER STERN said three games were played. PETER won one game, and LOU TROVATO won two games. Shooting the moon once was LOU TROVATO and twice was JOHN KNIGHT. This week's captain is GRANT PERKINS.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Special Events are open to all members, guests, candidates and spouses. Checks should be made out to RMA and must be received within two weeks or the reservation will be cancelled. Contact MIKE FERRARESE

(myagentmike@yahoo.com or 203-554-0678) or ABBEY SMOLER
(abbeysmoler@gmail.com or 203-531-0235).

ABBIEY announced a trip to Westchester Dinner Theater on Feb 14, 2019, to see *Ain't Misbehavin*. Cost is \$95 and includes lunch at the theater. Six seats are open.

GERRY LESSUK announced that he will lead a trip to the NY Philharmonic for a rehearsal of Janacek's *The Cunning Little Vixen Suite*, Prokofiev's *Piano Concerto No. 3*, and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade* on Jan 10, 2019. Tickets are \$115.00 with lunch at the Atlantic Grill. Bus departs from St. Catherine's at 9:00am. Call GERRY AT 203-698-9451. Wait listed.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

David Hudson maintains that the impact of climate change on oceans will affect temperatures, currents, sea levels and the ocean's ecology. Climate change together with other local factors will affect Long Island Sound's ecosystem. Those other factors involve high population counts in the coastal areas and high nutrient loading brought about by extensive use of fertilizers, septic tanks and sewage treatment, all of which find their way into the 69 streams and water ways that empty into Long Island Sound. Efforts are being made to manage the Sound's aquaculture and coastal resources to protect water quality. Long Island Sound harbors food resources such as Atlantic Salmon, Blue fish, and Stripped Bass, as well as Dolphins, Pilot Wales, Harbor and Grey Seals, and multiple species of Sea Turtles.

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