



CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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Our jovial President PETER UHRY brought the unruly group to order and introduced Pledge leader RICK HOLTZ.

Song leader JERRY SCHWENDEMAN, with BOB MORGAN on the keyboard, led us in spirited renditions of "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "For Me and My Girl" and "Hello Dolly."

BOB WILEY provided the obligatory joke – something about a bouncy topless blonde at the gambling table.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. PETER UHRY:
 - a. introduced Julio –our facilities major domo – and we expressed our appreciation for his services;
 - b. reported on the solitary returnee: BOB PHILLIPS from a visit to Germany and Austria;
 - c. commented that the RMA needs publicity, and we are looking for audio/visual support for our web site; and
 - d. commended JACK CUFF for getting an article about our bridge group, and its financial contribution to the YMCA, published in the /Greenwich Time/.
2. JIM SANTORA delivered a memorial for BOB HORTON and shared his memories of BOB'S enthusiasm for Cape Cod, sailing, and particularly golf.
3. RALPH VIGGIANO called our attention to a Cancer Wellness Program, to be presented on two Thursdays, January 19 and January 28, by the Greenwich Hospital. For details call Diane DeMain at [203-863-3786](tel:203-863-3786).

COMMITTEES

VISITING: CHUCK STANDARD learned that GEORGE PATTERSON and TONY PELLICANO were admitted to Greenwich Hospital. JOE MALARA has been ill for some time, and could not be contacted.

MEMBERSHIP: HORST TEBBE reported 116 attendees, including three candidates, Tom Moroney, Ron Platt, and Andre Mazurek; and two guests: Jason Paik and Bob Tamieson, both guests of JACK WEIR. Andre Mazurek was inducted by sponsors KURT SCHAFFIR and ED FARRELL. Born in Poland, ANDRE came to the States as a young man. He was educated at New York City University and had a career as Director, Information Technology, with the Metropolitan Transit Authority. He is a man of diverse interests, and an active member of the RMA bridge group.

There were no birthdays to be celebrated this week.

VOLUNTEERS: GRANT PERKINS told us that 50 men reported 387 hours for outside agencies, and 25 members reported 140 hours for RMA activities. The greatest number reported by an individual member was 30 hours, by GERRY MAYFIELD.

PROGRAMS: HOLLISTER STURGES announced this week's speaker (see below).

PETER UHRY told us that next week's speaker, **Draggan Mihailovich**, is one of the producers of CBS 60 Minutes. He will tell us what it takes to create a successful program.

THE SCOREBOARD

BRIDGE: BRUNO SCHRAGE reported 10 players: JAMES CHUNG was first with 4170 points, BRUNO SCHRAGE was second with 3390, and PETER STERN was third with 3150.

TENNIS: BILL FAKUNDINY and SAM MARASSO were the winners on court 1; and JOE MANCINELLI and MICHAEL AMBROSINO won on court 2. RALPH VIGGIANO will be next week's Captain.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

DICK BERGSTRESSER introduced Greenwich Chief of Police **James Heavey**, who recently completed an intensive program of training at the National FBI Academy. This program is offered to national and international experienced police officers. Admission is by invitation only, based on a competitive exam. It involves both physical training and classroom work on diverse subjects of local law enforcement, identification of terrorist threats, constitutional law, crisis negotiation, and other contemporary issues. Chief Heavey found the program of great benefit.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Events are open to all members, spouses, candidates and guests. For reservations contact trip coordinators ABBEY SMOLER (203-531-0236) and MIKE FERRARESE (203-554-0678). Checks for payment are to be made out to the RMA, and must be received within two (2) weeks following the making of the reservations or the reservations will be cancelled.

- **NY Philharmonic Open Rehearsal - January 26, 2017**; Lunch at the Atlantic Grill; Cost per person, \$100; Bus departs from St. Catherine at 8 AM; one place available.
- **Mark Twain Museum - February 23, 2017**; Box Lunch; Cost \$76 per person; Bus departs from St. Catherine at 9 AM. 12 places available.
- **Lamont Earth Observatory - March 30, 2017**; In House Lunch; Cost \$60 per person; Bus departs from St. Catherine at 9 AM. Places available.

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Kurt Schaffir -Scribe of the Week

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