



CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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In the absence of President PETER UHRY, First Vice President DON CONWAY rang the opening bell at 10:00 AM and introduced CHUCK STANDARD to lead us in the Pledge. Accompanied by JIM SANTORA on the piano, TOM HEALY led us in spirited singing of *America the Beautiful*, *No Business Like Show Business* and *Toot Toot Tootsie Goodbye*. TOM then drew laughs with a story about a young Italian lad, who found the confessional a great source of potential "dates."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

For the first time in the memory of this scribe there were no announcements.

RETURNEES: None

COMITTEE REPORTS:

Visiting: CHUCK STANDARD told us that JOE MALARA remains wheelchair bound at home and seems to be making little improvement. Chuck also noted that GEORGE PATTERSON is doing well following shoulder surgery and expects to return to the RMA in about three weeks, and that TONY PELLICANO has returned home from Stamford Hospital following a stroke and is having difficulty ingesting and swallowing food. Finally, CHUCK was happy to report that WAYNE WRIGHT told him he had successfully recovered from a bout of forgetfulness.

Program: JIM FISHBEIN explained that today's speaker will be **Draggan Mihailovich**, a CBS 60 Minutes producer. JOHN DECSEPEL announced that next week's speaker will be **Christopher Kabala**, organist at Round Hill Community Church, who will present a program on the music of J.S. Bach.

Membership: JIM FAHY reported 97 members present along with 4 candidates and 4 guests: Peter Berg, guest of DON CONWAY; Bruce Pantano, guest of GERRY MAYFIELD; Alan Ginzburg, guest of PAUL SETTELMEYER; Bob Jamieson, guest of PETER BAUSE.

LES CHEIKIN was introduced by sponsors MAURICE KROHN and ED FARRELL and was unanimously elected to membership in the RMA.

This week's lone **birthday boy** is DOUG TAYLOR (90). Note: the RMA will celebrate DOUG'S 90th with a cake at the next meeting.

Volunteers: HAROLD KUPLESKY noted that for the week ending January 18, 45 men reported 377 volunteer hours for outside agencies, and 26 men reported 94 volunteer hours for the RMA. TAD LARRABEE had the most hours for the week (24).

FUN AND GAMES:

Bridge: KURT SCHAFFIR said that the January 11 game drew 12 players. High scorers were: FRANK LEE (4520); KURT SCHAFFIR (3960); RON FRIEDMAN (3900).

Tennis: RALPH VIGGIANO announced last week's winners were PETER ORBANOWSKI on court 1; BILL HOWLAND and MIKE AMBROSINO on court 2.

TODAY'S SPEAKER:

JIM FISHBEIN introduced **Draggan Mihailovich**, who has been a producer for CBS 60 Minutes for about 19 years. Mr. Mihailovich described the process by which 60 Minute segments are proposed, selected and aired. He initially covered sports for CBS and has reported on six Olympiads. However, he held the RMA spellbound with his recollection of what he said was his most exciting production: the story of locating and interviewing Louis Zamperini prior to the release of the book and movie entitled *Unbroken*, which is the story of Zamperini's experience as a WWII prisoner of war. What made Mihailovich's presentation all the more fascinating was his recollection of finding and interviewing the brutal Japanese prison guard known as The Bird, who was Zamperini's torturer – and how he came close to bringing Zamperini and The Bird together in the late 1990s

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open to all Members, Guests, Candidates and Spouses. Checks should be made out to RMA.

New York Philharmonic, Thursday, January 26, 2017. Lunch: Atlantic Grill. Cost: \$100.00. Bus leaves St. Catherine's at 8:00 AM. Status: 1 opening. Contact MIKE FERRARESE (myagentmike@yahoo.com / 203-554-0678) or ABBEY SMOLER (abbeysmoler@gmail.com / 203-531-0236) for information.

Mark Twain House, Thursday, February 23, 2017. Lunch: Box Lunch. Cost: \$76.00. Bus leaves St. Catherine's at 9:00 AM. Status: 8 openings. Contact MIKE FERRARESE (myagentmike@yahoo.com / 203-554-0678) or ABBEY SMOLER (abbeysmoler@gmail.com / 203-531-0236) for information.

Lamont Earth Observatory, Thursday, March 30, 2017. Lunch: At Lamont. Cost: \$60.00. Bus leaves St. Catherine's at 9:00 AM. Status: 7 openings. Contact MIKE FERRARESE (myagentmike@yahoo.com / 203-554-0678) or ABBEY SMOLER (abbeysmoler@gmail.com / 203-531-0236) for information.

NEXT WEEK

Next week the RMA will welcome:

Christopher Kabala, organist at Round Hill Community Church

Respectfully Submitted -Ed Farrell

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