

# CIGAR BOX BULLETIN

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*Would the good Lord the gift give us, to see ourselves as others see us. Robert Burns*

President **BOB PHILLIPS** called the meeting to order. **TONY DIROLLO** led us in the Pledge. **DON CONWAY** as Songmaster, and **JIM SANTORA** on the ivories, led us in *God Bless America, Hello Dolly and My Wild Irish Rose*. Corresponding Secretary **BILL DYNAN** explained the humorous consequences that can arise when a restaurant menu is ambiguous.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** **BOB PHILLIPS** announced that he had been contacted by Liz Menten ([elizabethmenten@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethmenten@gmail.com)) who was looking for an RMA volunteer to take charge of the distribution of second-hand hockey equipment that had been donated, by finding appropriate charitable uses. **BERNARD SCHNEIDER** announced that during 2015 there would be several events commemorating the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Greenwich Connecticut, including a gala parade down Greenwich Avenue on September 27. Further information can be found at [www.greenwich375.org](http://www.greenwich375.org), and the members of the RMA will be kept up-to-date as to opportunities to participate. Currently, the organizing group is looking for docents to lead tours of neighborhoods throughout Greenwich. **RETURNEES:** **GERRY BOYLE** (Japan, Korea and Thailand); **JOE COLEMAN** (Florida).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** **VISITING:** **CHUCK STANDARD** noted that no one is in the hospital. Welcome back to **MIKE ROSS**. **PROGRAM:** **JIM FISHBEIN** announced Richard Koch, speaking on *Custom Home Building—Concept to Occupancy: How to Make It Fun*.

**INDUCTEE:** Sponsors **ED FARRELL** and **GERRY MAYFIELD** introduced candidate Don Minini, who has resided in Greenwich for 40 years. A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., he was a graduate of Cornell University. He has had a long career in the field of Information Technology (Director of Control Data Corporation's National Time Service Sharing Center; Director of Clearance and Settlement for SIAC, a joint subsidiary of the NYSE and AMEX, Manager of American Airlines' Sabre Reservation System). He was voted in.

**MEMBERSHIP:** **HORST TEBBE** reported attendance at 111: 105 members, 4 candidates (Don Minini, Rick Holz, Philip Smith and Charlie Land) and 2 guests (Dick Ford, guest of **WIN ADKINS** and Peter Orbandowski, guest of **MIKE**

SMITH). **BIRTHDAY BOYS:** JAMES MACKAY (94); BERT KLEBANOW (91); DOUG TAYLOR (88); ABBEY SMOLER (84); PETER STREICH (84); LEN SAARI (77).  
**VOLUNTEER:** DOUG FRANCEFORT reported, for the week ending September 24: 613 outside hours by 42 men and 93 RMA hours by 23 men.

**FUN AND GAMES:** **TENNIS:** ERF PORTER reported: SAM MARASSO and GEORGE DAVIS won on Court 1. MIKE SMITH and guest, won on Court 2. **BRIDGE:** Per KURT SCHAFFIR, the game on January 14 had 8 players. Top three scores: GRANT PERKINS, 4,490, NEVILLE SARGEANT, 4330 and MARTIN WAINE, 3960,

**TODAY'S SPEAKER:** JIM FISHBEIN introduced Richard Koch, co-owner of Davenport Contracting, Inc. of Stamford Connecticut, which has been building and renovating major homes in Fairfield and Westchester Counties for over 25 years. He walked us through the process—what is unique about a custom project, what can go wrong, the best client and the typical client. He provided us with numerous war stories of fantastic clients versus nightmares, his favorite projects, and what happens, as a practical matter, when unexpected problems arise.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Open to all Members, guests, candidates and spouses. Checks are made out to the RMA.

**NY Philharmonic at Lincoln Center: Thursday, February 5, 2015.** Rehearsal, featuring Rachmaninoff's Symphony #2; lunch at Atlantic Grill. Cost is \$98 per person. Departure by bus from St. Catherine's Church at **8am—note departure time**. Wait list.

**Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory, Thursday, March 19, 2015.** Cost is \$50 per person; lunch at the Observatory. Departure by bus from St. Catherine's Church at 9AM. Wait List.

**Guys and Dolls, Goodspeed Opera House, Thursday, May 28, 2015.** Announcement only; details to follow.

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

**Mark Albertson**, the historical research editor at Army Magazine, and author of several books, will speak to us on *The Great Patriotic War, the Titanic Clash between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union*. Hitler invaded Russia in June, 1941, and this epic campaign would decide the course of the land campaign for the entire Second World War. On the War's most brutal front, the vaunted German army was destroyed by the Soviet Army—with Russian leadership, Russian tactics, primarily Russian weapons and, most importantly, Russian manpower.

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